

Cinema Heritage, the new international film festival initiated by Audrey Azoulay under the patronage of UNESCO, unveils the poster for its 1st edition.



Initiated by **Audrey Azoulay**, Director-General of UNESCO, and co-founded by **Sadyk Sher-Niyaz**, Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic to France and Permanent Delegate of Kyrgyzstan to UNESCO, and producer **Kuban Toichubayev**, Cinema Heritage IFF will open its doors for the first time from 28 November to 02 December in Paris.

"In politics, we sometimes build walls, but people of culture build bridges between peoples, states, generations and eras". Sadyk Sher-Niyaz

Organized by the association **AITYSH France**, Cinema Heritage IFF aims to facilitate access to works and preserve the world's cinematographic heritage in order to give concrete expression to the ideals of UNESCO. The event has the dual aim of **promoting new talent** and introducing the general public to **emerging filmmakers** whose works are now considered to be part of the **world's cinematic heritage**.

The Selection Committee is made up of **Eva Peydro, Barbara Lorey de Lacharrière** and **Philip Cheah**.

The festival can also count on its honorary members:

- American artistic director festivals organizer and programmer Peter Scarlet,
- American scriptwriter and producer David Franzoni,
- Kazakh stunt coordinator Zhaidarbek Kunguzhinov,
- Georgian director Nino Kirtadze,
- Istanbul foundation director Gorgun Taner,

as well as François d'Artemare (Filmes do Tejo, Portugal), Asel Sherniyazova (Asian World Film Festival, USA, Kyrgyzstan), Julia Benetti (UNESCO, France), Ihsan Kabil (critic, Turkey), Guillaume Rat (composer, France). The festival has an international team headed by Diana Ashimova, executive director, producer, NETPAC member and artistic director of international film festivals in Kazakhstan. All are committed to this message of tolerance and openness, which aims to preserve **cultural diversity**. The festival will award 6 prizes. The international competition and Jury will be announced shortly.

Cinema Heritage, an international film festival dedicated to showcasing the world's cinematic heritage under the patronage of UNESCO, will be held in Paris from 28 November to 02 December 2023, at the Mac-Mahon and Lincoln cinemas.

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