

The 17th Cinematik festival starts in two months. It will once again be the biggest Slovak film event of the year

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This year, the Cinematik International Film Festival will open its doors to fans of quality film for the seventeenth time. The six-day film marathon in Piešťany starts on September 13, and its visitors can look forward to almost a hundred exceptional film titles. Cinematik will confirm its position of the largest Slovak film event with two prestigious film competitions, numerous premieres and a varied lineup of Slovak and foreign guests.

Unforgettable moments with friends, inspiring experiences, a unique festival atmosphere, but above all, a rich selection of great film titles, among which everyone will find their favorites. There are more than enough reasons not to miss Cinematik this year. What can you look forward to in its programme?

During its 17th year, for example, Cinematik will also focus on extraordinary French cinematography. It will also provide a retrospective of the French-Bosnian filmmaker, screenwriter and producer Lucile Hadžihalilović. Not one of her films has yet been seen by Slovak viewers in the conceptual profile section.

The unique *Cult & Beyond* night section also promises extraordinary experiences. This time, the central theme of the section titles is family: Sometimes dysfunctional, bizarre, crooked, but nevertheless always extremely important.

Several exclusive Slovak premieres are traditionally held in the sections *Paths of Glory* and the *Artistic Director's Selection*. Many of the films have already won awards from the prestigious Sundance, San Sebastián, Locarno, Berlinale, Cannes and Venice festivals, and they often do not reach classical distribution in our cinemas until months after their release at Cinematik, or they do not make it to our cinemas at all.

This year, nearly twenty important new films also made it into the *Meeting Point Europe* and *Cinematik.doc* competition categories. There will be high-quality feature films and documentaries made by European and domestic filmmakers. Again, there will be several exclusive festival pre-premieres among them.

IFF Cinematik will gradually reveal more details from its program in the upcoming weeks.

Accreditations for the 17th edition of the Cinematik International Film Festival are on sale on the festival's official website www.cinematik.sk.

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