

International Film Festival Rotterdam

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FEATURE FILMS PRODUCED BEFORE 2022

Loglines from IFFR Catalogue

In order of country

Austria

Persona Beach

Programme section: Cinema Regained Director(s): Georg Tiller Prod. Countries: Austria, Sweden Prod. Year: 2011 Length: 138 Company: Subobscura Films Contact: Georg Tiller Email: info@subobscurafilms.com Logline: Georg Tiller sets out to Fårö in search of the spiritual residue of Swedish filmmaker Ingmar Bergman. He finds those who were, like Bergman, also once strangers to the island and strikes a bond with a stone quarry worker who will play the lead.

Overnight Flies

Programme section: Cinema Regained Director(s): Georg Tiller Prod. Countries: Austria, Sweden Prod. Year: 2016 Length: 97 Company: Subobscura Films Contact: Georg Tiller Email: info@subobscurafilms.com Logline: Edward Weki walks the island of Fårö with a video camera and records his surroundings. Together with Georg Tiller they create their very own Fårö Document. An essay on time passing through spaces and the beauty found in its contemplation.

Canada

Il n'y a pas d'oubli

Programme section: Focus: Chile in the Heart Director(s): Jorge Fajardo, Rodrigo Gonzáles, Marilú Mallet Prod. Countries: Canada Prod. Year: 1975 Length: 99 Company: National Film Board of Canada Contact: Guillaume Collin Email: G.Collin@nfb.ca Logline: Three stories about the daily lives of Chilean exiles living in Quebec: Rodrigo González Roja, Marilú Mallet and Jorge Fajardo.

Chile

Venían a buscarme

Programme section: Focus: Chile in the Heart Director(s): Alvaro de la Barra Prod. Countries: Chile, Venezuela, France Prod. Year: 2017 Length: 84 Company: Ávila Films Contact: Alvaro de la Barra Email: adelabarra1@gmail.com Logline: A dialogue between two generations of exiles whose memories of and feelings about the past are completely different – one remembers while the other discovers their history through documents.

The Battle Of Chile (Part 1): The Insurrection of the Bourgeoisie

Programme section: Focus: Chile in the Heart Director(s): Patricio Guzmán Prod. Countries: Chile, Cuba Prod. Year: 1975 Length: 97 Company: Equipe Tercer Ano Contact: Sébastien Fouque Email: sfouque@pyramidefilms.com Logline: Part 1 of a documentary trilogy chronicling events in Chile between 1972 and September 1973, including the violent counter revolution against the democratically elected government of Salvador Allende. Directed by filmmaker Patricio Guzmán, it's one of the last black and white documentaries made in Chile.

Dialogue d'exilés

<u>Programme section</u>: Focus: Chile in the Heart <u>Director(s)</u>: Raúl Ruiz <u>Prod. Countries</u>: Chile <u>Prod. Year</u>: 1974 <u>Length</u>: 100 <u>Company</u>: Capital Films <u>Contact</u>: Matthieu Grimault <u>Email</u>: m.grimault@cinematheque.fr <u>Logline</u>: The first Chilean exile feature, *Dialogue d'exilés* remains one of the most equivocal works of Chilean exile cinema – an unheroic and ironic film in which things usually unsaid are said.

Night Over Chile

Programme section: Focus: Chile in the Heart Director(s): Sebastián Alarcón, Aleksandr Kosarev Prod. Countries: Chile, Soviet Union Prod. Year: 1977 Length: 90 Company: Mosfilm Cinema Concern Contact: Elena Orel Email: orel@mosfilm.ru Logline: In this hard-hitting, relentless early vision of Chile right after the coup, the politically disinterested architect Manuel is arrested and imprisoned in the National Stadium. An engaging and effective film.

Colombia

Pura sangre

Programme section: Cinema Regained Director(s): Luis Ospina Prod. Countries: Colombia Prod. Year: 1982 Length: 90 Contact: Amanda Garay Sarasty Email: agsarasty@gmail.com Logline: A rich man has his cronies stalk the seedier parts of town for kids whose blood will cure his ailments. Luis Ospina takes up the real crimes of a never identified and caught serial killer and turns it into a class politics-dense pulp masterpiece.

Czech Republic

Murdering the Devil

Programme section: Cinema Regained Director(s): Ester Krumbachová Prod. Countries: Czechoslovakia Prod. Year: 1969 Length: 72 Company: Národní filmový archív Contact: Linda Hammelová Email: linda.hammelova@nfa.cz Logline: In her forties or near them, life isn't what she expected. She takes a trip down memory lane and finds the young man she once fancied. The sole directorial effort of costume designer and art director Ester Krumbachová. Sold territories: North America – (Arbelos Films)

Estonia

Somnambulance

Programme section: Cinema Regained Director(s): Sulev Keedus Prod. Countries: Estonia Prod. Year: 2003 Length: 129 Company: F-Seitse OÜ Contact: Kaie-Ene Rääk Email: kaie@fseitse.ee Logline: A lighthouse keeper named Gottfried cares for his daughter Eetla as war rages and the Red Army advances on Estonia. A pendant to his earlier Georgica, Sulev Keedus again manages to craft a work of pure beauty and spiritual depth. Sold territories: Benelux (Hubert Bals Fund, 2002–2012), Finland (Kinotar)

Georgica

Programme section: Cinema Regained Director(s): Sulev Keedus Prod. Countries: Estonia Prod. Year: 1998 Length: 109 Company: Q Film Contact: Kaie-Ene Rääk Email: kaie@fseitse.ee Logline: Jakub is the sole person on a barren island in newly Soviet Estonia, until the mute Maecenas arrives to keep him company. They wrestle with their visions and dreams of the past. An extraordinarily physical, even sensual piece of deeply contemplative cinema.

<u>Sold territories</u>: Benelux (Hubert Bals Fund, 1999–2004), France (ASC Distribution, 1999–2009)

Germany

Der Übergang

Programme section: Focus: Chile in the Heart Director(s): Orlando Lübbert Prod. Countries: DDR Prod. Year: 1978 Length: 97 Contact: Diana Kluge Email: dkluge@deutsche-kinemathek.de Logline: Several months after the putsch Carlos meets and joins forces with two fellow refugees as he tries to flee Chile via the Andes. A quietist and humble style fable about human nature in extraordinary circumstances.

Tristan and Isolde – Director's Cut

Programme section: Cinema Regained Director(s): Veith von Fürstenberg Prod. Countries: West Germany, Ireland Prod. Year: 1981 Length: 90 Company: DNS-Filmproduktion GmbH, Popular-Film GmbH, Von Fürstenberg Filmproduktion Contact: Veith von Fürstenberg Email: vmf@vfuerstenberg.de Logline: Veith von Fürstenberg's lyrical retelling of the mediaeval romantic legend was often overlooked in favour of more extravagant takes on Arthuriana, but this is entertaining, restrained and a true lost treasure from the twilight years of the New German Cinema.

Die Fäuste vor der Kanone

Programme section: Focus: Chile in the Heart Director(s): Orlando Lübbert, Gastón Ancelovici Prod. Countries: West Germany, Chile Prod. Year: 1975 Length: 80 Company: Grupo Lautaro Contact: Luis Horta Email: cinetecaudechile@gmail.com Logline: As one of the first feature-length Chilean exile documentaries, Ancelovici and Lübbert's work remembers the desperate origins of Chile's labour movement around the turn of the century.

Ardiente paciencia / Mit brennender Geduld

Programme section: Focus: Chile in the Heart Director(s): Antonio Skármeta Prod. Countries: West Germany, Portugal Prod. Year: 1983 Length: 80 Contact: Diana Kluge Email: dkluge@deutsche-kinemathek.de Logline: Antonio Skármeta's fiction feature debut about Pablo Neruda and his postman, released a decade before the story found fame with Michael Radford's II postino (1994).

Greece

Topos

Programme section: Cinema Regained Director(s): Antoinetta Angelidi Prod. Countries: Greece Prod. Year: 1985 Length: 91 Company: Greek Film Centre Contact: Rea Wallden Email: rwallden@yahoo.com Logline: Experimental filmmaker Antoinetta Angelidi restages the canons of Western art as tableaux vivants, making us question the way we see the depiction of women's bodies. There's little in cinema quite like *Topos* and little else that looks at Western art in a similar critical style.

Hong Kong

Thirty Years of Adonis

Dutch Premiere Programme section: Focus: Scud Director(s): Scud Prod. Countries: Hong Kong Prod. Year: 2017 Length: 87 Contact: Annie Lau Email: siu sheep@yahoo.com.hk Logline: A young actor dreaming of stardom and love exposes himself to the world of the male sex industry. Thirty Years of Adonis pushes the boundaries of art, raw sexuality and perverse desires in a quest for the meaning of life. Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oJvM i <u>o5Yb4</u>

Voyage

Dutch Premiere Programme section: Focus: Scud Director(s): Scud Prod. Countries: Hong Kong Prod. Year: 2012 Length: 100 Contact: Alessandro Lombardo Email: alessandro@mindjazz-pictures.de Logline: Voyage is a cinematic excursion into the depths of the human mind, offering up different perspectives on depression, as a young psychiatrist embarks on a sailing trip and his reflections on former patients take the form of short stories. Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gZdTlg

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City Without Baseball

Dutch Premiere Programme section: Focus: Scud Director(s): Scud, Lawrence Lau Kwok-Cheong Prod. Countries: Hong Kong Prod. Year: 2007 Length: 100 Contact: Annie Lau Email: siu sheep@yahoo.com.hk Logline: Sexuality, urban alienation, uncertainty and suppressed emotions of the Hong Kong Baseball team in a city where baseball culture is non-existent. City Without Baseball fictionalises the lives of the players navigating personal struggles in a society that often sidelines individuality.

Amphetamine

Dutch Premiere <u>Programme section</u>: Focus: Scud <u>Director(s)</u>: Scud <u>Prod. Countries</u>: Hong Kong <u>Prod. Year</u>: 2009 <u>Length</u>: 97 <u>Contact</u>: Annie Lau <u>Email</u>: siu_sheep@yahoo.com.hk <u>Logline</u>: Fitness trainer, martial artist and delivery boy Kafka hopes to heal the wounds of his lonesome past and set free his doubtful mind in the arms of a charming young executive, Daniel. Will their love prevail or only become another addiction?

Utopians

Dutch Premiere Programme section: Focus: Scud Director(s): Scud Prod. Countries: Hong Kong Prod. Year: 2016 Length: 87 Contact: Annie Lau Email: siu sheep@yahoo.com.hk Logline: Love and Death meet again and this time in the open, in Scud's Utopians, as a dreamy student with a passion for literature and a thirst for knowledge, Hins, finds himself overwhelmed by a charismatic teacher. Antonio. There will be naked people and explicit sex. Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nmpJY wyfmTc

Permanent Residence

Dutch Premiere Programme section: Focus: Scud Director(s): Scud Prod. Countries: Hong Kong Prod. Year: 2008 Length: 115 Contact: Annie Lau Email: siu_sheep@yahoo.com.hk Logline: Handsome and brilliant Ivan contemplates life, love, death and belonging while coming to terms with his sexuality in Scud's second feature. A brazen celebration of male bodies and confirmation of the birth of the new type of Hong Kong queer film.

Love Actually... Sucks!

Dutch Premiere Programme section: Focus: Scud Director(s): Scud Prod. Countries: Hong Kong Prod. Year: 2010 Length: 83 Contact: Annie Lau Email: siu_sheep@yahoo.com.hk Logline: Inspired by six real-life court cases in Hong Kong, Love Actually... Sucks! is a unique existential romance about love that has gone sour. A film whose candour and uncanny eye for singular imagery crackles with unexpected humour.

Hungary

Nobody's Daughter

Programme section: Cinema Regained Director(s): László Ranódy, Gyula Mészáros Prod. Countries: Hungary Prod. Year: 1976 Length: 83 Company: Játékfilmstúdió Budapest Contact: Clara Giruzzi Email: clara.giruzzi@nfi.hu Logline: A postscript to the Judit Elek retrospective during IFFR 2023. Made during Elek's Silentium period when she was forbidden to direct features, Nobody's Daughter is Elek's autobiographical screenplay about her lonely and humiliating year as a powerless and nameless farm servant.

India

Parama

Programme section: Cinema Regained Director(s): Aparna Sen Prod. Countries: India Prod. Year: 1985 Length: 131 Company: Usha Enterprises, Channel B Contact: Bajrang Lal Agarwal Email: channelbindia@hotmail.com Logline: Aparna Sen's second feature, delivers a powerful commentary on the challenging societal expectations of women in India. Depicting Parama's quest for individuality, as she's betrayed and chastised by her family for deviating from their expectations. Sold territories: The film is free of rights, as

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Israel

Amazing Grace

Programme section: Cinema Regained Director(s): Amos Guttman Prod. Countries: Israel Prod. Year: 1992 Length: 89 Company: Amazing Grace Films Ltd Contact: Gil Sima Email: boshes87@gmail.com Logline: Whilst dying of AIDS, filmmaker Amos Guttman began to think about the meaning of human existence. With a fabulous use of colour and light, Guttman reveals the ordinary life of two gay men and their families as a sphere of wonder and forgiveness.

Italy

Die Vogelpredigt

Programme section: Cinema Regained Director(s): Clemens Klopfenstein Prod. Countries: Italy, Switzerland Prod. Year: 2005 Length: 88 Contact: Clemens Klopfenstein Email: clemens@klopfenstein.net Logline: Max and Polo, the protagonists of Das Schweigen der Männer (1997), go on a quest to find vanished filmmaker Clemens Klopfenstein in hopes of acting in a new thrilling film.

Ammore e malavita

Programme section: Focus: Manetti Bros. Director(s): Antonio Manetti, Marco Manetti Prod. Countries: Italy Prod. Year: 2017 Length: 133 Company: Madeleine Film, Manetti bros. Film Contact: Marco Manetti Email: marcomanetti68@gmail.com Logline: Ciro, a Neapolitan underworld gun for hire is assigned to kill Fatima, but when they reunite, their adolescent love comes flashing back. The ultimate example of the Manetti Bros. genre-bend, shrewdly blending Italian popular culture from the golden years of crime, comedy and musicals.

Mi fanno male i capelli

Dutch Premiere Programme section: Limelight Director(s): Roberta Torre Prod. Countries: Italy Prod. Year: 2003 Length: 83 Company: Stemal Entertainment Contact: Diana Collepiccolo Email: dianastemal@gmail.com Logline: In Roberta Torre's playful, witty and engaging love letter to cinema, Alba Rohrwacher excels as a woman with no memory who embraces the on-screen characters of Italian screen icon Monica Vitti as a way of finding meaning in her life. Trailer: https://youtu.be/-E86FCH7aGo

Zora la vampira

Programme section: Focus: Manetti Bros. Director(s): Antonio Manetti, Marco Manetti Prod. Countries: Italy Prod. Year: 2000 Length: 105 Company: Cecchi Gori Group, Virginia Produzioni Contact: Marco Manetti Email: marcomanetti68@gmail.com Logline: This Manetti Bros. debut takes one of the most sleazy erotic horror comics of the 1970s and a blaxploitation classic, and transforms them into a generational tale. A perfect balance between horror and humour, produced by the master of Italian comedy, Carlo Verdone.

Piano 17

Programme section: Focus: Manetti Bros. Director(s): Antonio Manetti, Marco Manetti Prod. Countries: Italy Prod. Year: 2005 Length: 105 Company: Gamp Produzioni, Gamp Produzioni Contact: Marco Manetti Email: marcomanetti68@gmail.com Logline: A thriller set in a broken lift, a race against time in which three perfect strangers risk losing their lives. The film that introduced the world to the Manetti Bros.' talent. A low-budget film that gives big action productions a run for their money.

L'arrivo di Wang

Programme section: Focus: Manetti Bros. Director(s): Antonio Manetti, Marco Manetti Prod. Countries: Italy Prod. Year: 2011 Length: 80 Company: Manetti bros. Film Contact: Marco Manetti Email: marcomanetti68@gmail.com Logline: L'arrivo di Wang is a science-fiction film with an ingenious premise: an alien who has landed on Earth speaks only Mandarin because, according to his calculations, the most widely spoken language here is Mandarin. A surprising film that has fun playing with genres.

L'ispettore Coliandro: Black

Mamba

Programme section: Focus: Manetti Bros. Director(s): Antonio Manetti, Marco Manetti Prod. Countries: Italy Prod. Year: 2016 Length: 100 Contact: Marco Manetti Email: marcomanetti68@gmail.com Logline: L'ispettore Coliandro: Black Mamba encapsulates the philosophy of one of the most innovative Italian crime series. A blend of action, comedy and twists featuring an eccentric and carefree inspector who, unwittingly, manages to unmask a ruthless international killer, only to end up falling in love.

Song'e Napule

Programme section: Focus: Manetti Bros. Director(s): Antonio Manetti, Marco Manetti Prod. Countries: Italy Prod. Year: 2013 Length: 114 **Company: Devon Cinematografica** Contact: Marco Manetti Email: marcomanetti68@gmail.com Logline: A homage to the Neapolitan screenplays of the 1970s, draped in the sounds, tastes and grit of the South. Song e *Napule* is an action comedy in classic Manetti Bros. style: a light-hearted rhythm, gags, shootouts and a modern slice of colourful Naples.

Torino Boys

Programme section: Focus: Manetti Bros. Director(s): Antonio Manetti, Marco Manetti Prod. Countries: Italy Prod. Year: 1997 Length: 90 Company: Filmalbatros, Radio Televisione Italiana (RAI) Contact: Marco Manetti Email: marcomanetti68@gmail.com Logline: The surprising debut feature by the Manetti Bros., after making hundreds of music videos for the biggest Italian artists. A love story in a surreal and rundown Rome, seen through the down-but-not-out eyes of migrants, complete with a legendary cult soundtrack.

Diabolik

Dutch Premiere Programme section: Focus: Manetti Bros. Director(s): Antonio Manetti, Marco Manetti Prod. Countries: Italy Prod. Year: 2019 Length: 133 Company: Mompracem, Beta Cinema GmbH Contact: Sofia Sklavou Email: sofia.sklavou@betacinema.com Logline: An adaptation of Italy's most famous noir comic series about ruthless thief. Diabolik and his lover Eva Kant. A true anti-hero and a welcome tonic to the comic book superheroes in popular cinema a box-office hit in Italy starring international star Luca Marinelli.

Japan

The Great White Tower

Programme section: Cinema Regained Director(s): Yamamoto Satsuo Prod. Countries: Japan Prod. Year: 1966 Length: 150 Company: Daiei Studios Contact: Miki Zeze Email: zeze-m@kadokawa.jp Logline: Grandmaster of Japanese cinema, Yamamoto Satsuo sweeps us up into university politics. Will it be the community-conscious humanist or the selfish careerist who will succeed as head of the medical department? A singular and multi-dimensional black and white masterpiece.

Mexico

El recurso del método

Programme section: Focus: Chile in the Heart Director(s): Miguel Littin Prod. Countries: Mexico, Cuba, France Prod. Year: 1978 Length: 164 Company: Conacite Uno, Audiovisuales ICAIC <u>Contact</u>: Gabriela Alejandra Camacho Reyes Email: gcamacho@cinetecanacional.net Logline: The president of a fictitious country returns home to quell an uprising in this splendid, visually luscious and stunning parable on the Latin American socio-political environment, based on the eponymous 1976 novel by Alejo Carpentier.

Actas de Marusia

Programme section: Focus: Chile in the Heart Director(s): Miguel Littin Prod. Countries: Mexico Prod. Year: 1975 Length: 110 Company: P. C. Arturo Feliú Contact: Gabriela Alejandra Camacho Reyes Email: gcamacho@cinetecanacional.net Logline: In this veritable drama of groups, Miguel Littin turns his attention to the 1925 strike of saltpetre miners, which was violently ended by president Arturo Alessandri's army, leading to what became known as the Marusia Massacre.

Portugal

Low-Flying Aircraft

Programme section: Cinema Regained Director(s): Solveig Nordlund Prod. Countries: Portugal, Sweden Prod. Year: 2002 Length: 81 Company: Filmes do Tejo Contact: Joana de Sousa Email: joana.sousa@cinemateca.pt Logline: In a version of the world to come, Judith is pregnant for the sixth time, but her previous children were never born. Determined to protect this unborn child she goes against state protocol and escapes to a nameless city by the sea with her husband.

Spain

La triple muerte del tercer personaje

Programme section: Focus: Chile in the Heart Director(s): Helvio Soto Prod. Countries: Spain, France, Belgium, Chile Prod. Year: 1979 Length: 99 Contact: Regina De Martelaere Email: regina.demartelaere@cinematek.be Logline: After surviving incarceration and torture in a Latin American dictatorship, journalist Arturo writes a book about his experience – unwittingly unveiling information that leads to a killing spree. An enigmatic and suspenseful film from one of the most famous Chilean directors to go into exile.

Taiwan

Emperor's Adventures in Hsi Hu

Programme section: Cinema Regained Director(s): Liu Yi-hung Prod. Countries: Taiwan Prod. Year: 1994 Length: 108 Company: Taiwan Film and Audiovisual Institute (TFAI) Contact: Rita Yun Email: ritayun@tfai.org.tw Logline: This deeply enchanting fusion of puppet theatre and cinema tells the story of frivolous and lecherous emperor Qianlong's search for a morally upstanding person. A splendid piece of glove puppet cinema history.

United States

Fresh Kill

Programme section: Cinema Regained Director(s): Shu Lea Cheang Prod. Countries: United States Prod. Year: 1994 Length: 80 Company: The airwaves project Contact: Shu Lea Cheang Email: shulea@earthlink.net Logline: A Staten Island lesbian couple take on the corporations in order to save their poisoned daughter, using cyber-criminal tactics that for all their 90s funky aura strike just the same toxic green chord today.

Naked Acts

Programme section: Cinema Regained Director(s): Bridgett M. Davis Prod. Countries: United States Prod. Year: 1995 Length: 88 Company: Kindred Spirit Productions Contact: Dennis Doros Email: milefilms@gmail.com Logline: Cicley is cast in an indie film, one she considers much more tasteful than the Blaxploitation films her mother made. But when she's suddenly supposed to appear nude, she must confront the same problems. Bridgett Davis' sole fiction feature: a legend of Black US cinema.

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