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Tune in to the Voices of Youth at the 19th European Film Festival in India!

As the global youth population reaches a historic high hearing the youth becomes more important than ever. When young people aren't recognized for who they are, don't have their talents and views acknowledged, they may act out or collapse inward. Or they may just give you an odd grin and carry on having the best time of their lives.

Do you remember those days? In its last year of being a teenager, the 19th European Film Festival invites you to do that through a collection of 19 award-winning movies showcasing different stories of youth and the young. It's a collection of dreams and passion, fear and frustration, fun and joy, mistakes and recognition - all things old and young for both the young and not-so-young.

All films will be screened in the national languages of member states of the European Union, with English subtitles. Among them there are languages like Hungarian, Irish, Danish and Lithuanian - many of which you may hear for the first time. Better than anything, all films portray Europe's fascinating diversity and its rich cinema tradition.

Brought to you by the Delegation of the European Union to India, embassies of member states of the European Union and organised with the helping hand of many local partners, the festival will travel from February until July 2014 to New Delhi, Bangalore, Chandigarh, Chennai, Goa, Jodhpur, Hyderabad, Pune, Mumbai and Kolkata.

Enjoy it whilst it lasts!





Austria



Breathing | Atmen

Directed by Karl Markovics



2011 - Col - 93mn

Producer Dieter Pochlatko, Nikolaus Wisiak

Cast Thomas Schubert, Georg Friedrich, Gerhard Liebmann, Karin Lischka



Eighteen-year-old Roman Kogler is serving time in a juvenile detention center. He has already served half of his sentence, and could be released on probation, but his chances are poor: he doesn't have a family, and he seems incapable of coping with society. After many failed attempts, Roman finds a probation job at the municipal morgue in Vienna.

One day, Roman is faced with a dead woman who bears his family name. Even though it soon turns out that she is not his mother, Roman wonders about his past for the first time and starts looking for his mother. Of all things, it is this job dealing with the death that shows him the path back to life.

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On the Sly | A Pas de Loup

Directed by Olivier Ringer



Belgium



In a world and in a time not so faraway lived a little girl who had the feeling to be invisible in her parents eyes. To be sure, she decided to disappear.

- "A poetic mixture of fantasy and reality that reflects a child's confused sense of time and place."

-(Philip French, The Observer)

2012 - Col - 77mn

Producer Ring Prod, Les Films d'Antoine

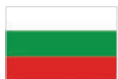
Cast Wynona Ringer, Olivier Ringer, Macha Ringer



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Bulgaria



Sneakers | Kecove

Directed by Ivan Vladimirov, Valeri Yordanov



2011 - Col - 110mn

Producer Gala Film Ltd., Sofilm Ltd.

Cast Philip Avramov, Valeri Yordanov, Ivan Barnev, Vassil Draganov, Ivo Arakov, Ina Nikolova

In the beginning of summer six young people try to escape from their own failures connected with their families, love, ambitions, money making etc. They escape from the aggression of the city invaded by the "different". Each of them flees East of Hell... as far as possible and to the seacoast. A deserted beach brings them together and helps them find hope again. But is such an escape possible at all?

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Snowboarders

Snowboardáči

Directed by Karel Janák



Czech Republic



»Snowboarders«, the fast-paced teen comedy, full of suspense, romance and action thrills, explores the playful aspects of the new millennium's younger generation life.

Jáchym and Rendy are friends who really like snowboarding. And they're champions at it — although only on computer simulators. They're 16 and determined to change their lives. The first step is a fabulous trip to the mountains and their plan was to have a blast — on the slopes and off.

Great soundtrack, funny teen gags and charming winter atmosphere at the mountains made the film win the Czech Lion Audience Award of 2004 and made it the most popular Czech teen comedy for many years.



2004 - Col - 99mn

Producer Pavel Melounek, Magdalena Sedláková, Jan Nejedlý, Jiří Sirotek

Cast Vojtěch Kotek, Jiří Mádln, Ester Geislerová, Jiří Langmajer, Pavla Tomicová, Lucie Vondráčková, Barbora Obozněnková, Braňo Polák, Martin Písařík



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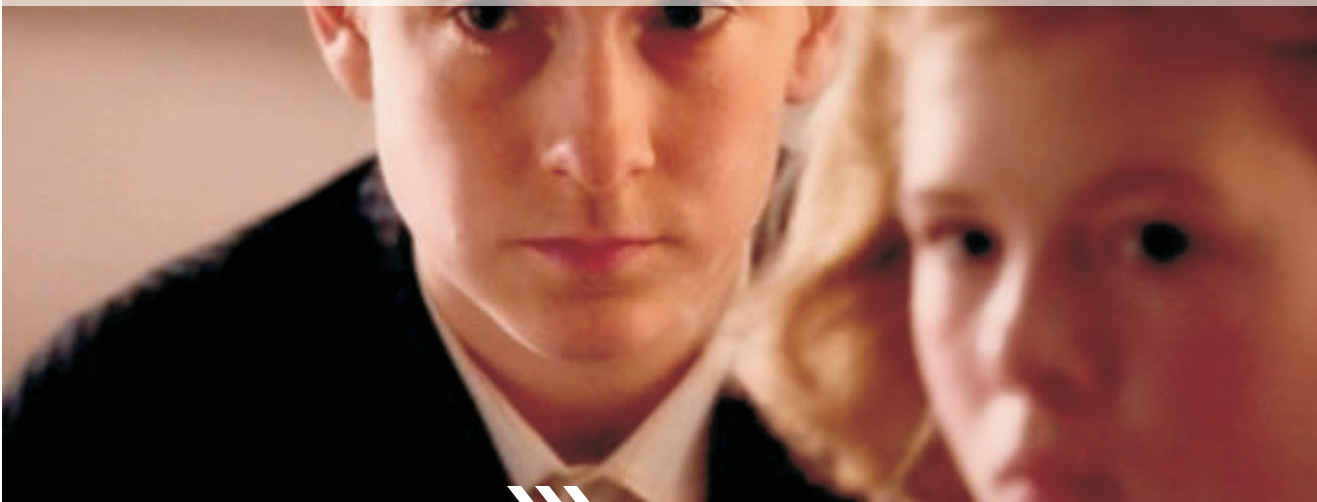
Denmark



Aching Hearts

Kærestesorger

Directed by Nils Malmros



2009 - Col - 125mn

Producer Thomas Heinesen

Cast Thomas Ernst, Simone Tang, Søren Pilmark, Andrea Vagn Jensen, Finn



Set in the early 1960s, the story evolves around highschool sweethearts Jonas and Agnete, their friendships and families, trials and tribulations. Jonas fails to give Agnete the kind of attention she craves, and when she decides to start a new romance, he feels for the first time a cold stab of jealousy. Their rocky relationship takes Jonas through the spectrum of emotions that arises with an aching heart.

»Aching Hearts« is shot over a period of three years, taking into account the development of the young actors, some of whom are amateurs from the actual milieus Malmros is depicting.

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Garbage Prince

Roskisprinssi

Directed by Raimo O. Niemi



Finland



Nineteen-year-old Jed walks out on his former life, without destination, without explanation, and gets on a train. He ends up by happenstance in a small eastern town where he soon comes face to face with the daily rigors of independent life. Coping becomes a challenge for him almost to the point of being an obsession. Of all the people in town, Jed seems to constantly run across the prickly and quick-witted seventeen-year-old Lulu. Gradually, without either of them admitting it, their relationship changes from bickering, picking on each other and a battle of wills to friendship, and as can happen, finally to love.

2011 - Col - 100 mn

Producer Markku Flink

Cast Jon-Jon Geitel, Pihla Maalismaa, Kristiina Elstelä, Heikki Silvennoinen, Milla Kaitalahti



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France



Love Like Poison

Un Poison Violent

Directed by Katell Quillévéré



2010 - Col - 92 mn

Producer Les Films du Bélier

Cast Clara Augarde, Lio, Michel Galabru,
Stefano Cassetti, Thierry Neuvic



Anna, a young teenager, comes home from her Catholic boarding school for the holidays and discovers her father has left. Her mother is devastated and confined in the company of the local priest, who is also a childhood friend. Anna clings to her beloved grandfather. She also grows close to Pierre, a free-spirited teenager who cares little about God. Anna is preparing for her confirmation, but her budding desire for Pierre shakes her faith. She longs to give herself over, body and soul... but doesn't know if it is to God, or something else?

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Lessons of a Dream

Der ganz große Traum

Directed by Sebastian Grobler



Germany



Based on real events, »Lessons Of A Dream« tells the story of young teacher Konrad Koch, who starts working in a preppy school in Braunschweig in 1874. Koch is teaching English, but the subject doesn't interest his pupils at first. In order to gain their attention, he introduces them to a popular sport, which is the craze in England, but unknown in Germany – football. His new approach works with the youngsters, but causes dismay among his conservative colleagues and the elitist parents. They try to get rid of the unorthodox educator, but have underestimated the commitment of the schoolboys.

2011 - Col - 113mn

Producer Anatol Nitschke, Raoul B. Reinert

Cast Daniel Brühl, Burghart Klaußner,
Thomas Thieme



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Greece



The Brides

Νύφες

Directed by Pantelis Voulgaris



2004 - Col - 123 mn

Producer Hellenic Film Center

Cast Damien Lewis, Victoria Charalambidou, Andrea Ferreol, Evi Saoulidou



With the Greco-Turkish War and Russia Civil War still unfolding in 1922, many women from these countries attempt to find husband in the United States through correspondence. When the bride Eleni returns from the United States to Samothrace, Greece, since she has not adapted to the life in America, her sister Niki Douka is assigned as her replacement. She travels aboard the SS King Alexander to New York to marry the Greek immigrant Prodrimos in Chicago. She becomes a leader of the brides and discovers the scheme of the crook Karabulat from Georgia with the Russian brides. She also falls in love with the American photographer Norman Harris from Detroit. But Nikki is committed with Prodrimos and she knows about the consequences if she runs away with Norman.

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Fresh Air | Friss Levegő

Directed by Ágnes Kocsis



Hungary



Viola lives quietly with her daughter Angela in a tidy flat. Though they seldom talk to one another and both are possessed of nearly obsessive domestic behavioural patterns. Viola wants to find a new man, while Angela has ambitions to become a fashion designer. Both women want to escape their humdrum lives to find something different. Another life. Fresh air.

2006 - Col - 109 mn

Producer Ferenc Pusztai

Cast Izabella Hegyi, Juli Nyakó, Anita Túróczi, Zoltán Kiss



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Ireland



Bright Vision

Aisling Gheal

Directed by Dónal Ó Céilleachair



2010 - Col - 119 mn
Producer Anú Pictures

This documentary focuses on ten-year-old Shahira Apraku, who has a German mother and a Ghanian father and who attends the local Irish speaking school. Shahira embodies an entire new generation of Irish speakers and sean-nós singers.

Sean-nós, a type of traditional Irish signing, is considered to be the holy grail of Irish traditional music and the Sean-nós singer is the living embodiment of a tradition that stretches far into Gaelic history.

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Easy | Scialla

Directed by Francesco Bruni



Italy



This debut feature film from celebrated screenwriter Francesco Bruni is a touching comedy about two broken men who help each other find their way.

A ghost writer for sports and television celebrities, he is currently writing the biography for former adult star Tina, while also tutoring privately to make ends meet. One of his students is Luca, a drifting and despondent teenager who is on the brink of failure at school.

Luca's mother takes a six-month job in Mali, and asks Bruno to look after her son while she's away. Confused by the request, Bruno's world is turned upside down when she reveals he is Luca's father.

A poignant yet fresh story about a man learning to become a father, and a son choosing to become a man.



2011 - Col - 97 mn

Producer IBC Movie, Rai Cinema, Pupkin Production

Cast Fabrizio Bentivoglio, Filippo Scicchitano, Barbara Bobulova, Vinicio Marchioni



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Lithuania



You Am I | Aš Esi Tu

Directed by Kristijonas Vildžiūnas



2006 - Col - gonn

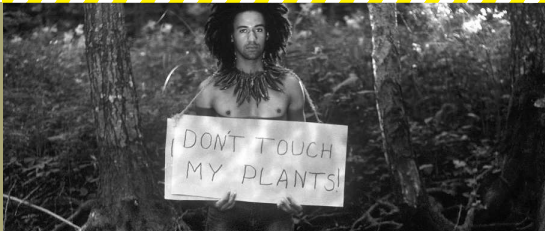
Producer Studio Uljana Kim together with 'pandora Film Production'

Cast Daiva Jovaišienė, Silvia Ferreiri, Renata Vėberytė Loman, Mykolas Vildžiūnas, Jurga Jutaitė, Andrius Bialobžeskis



A contemporary tale about an architect-dreamer building a futurist house in a tree, within a gloomy forest. His determination to create a new model of life has to go through various trials. Courage, sincerity and simplicity help him to acquire "Half a kingdom and a princess' heart" like in fairy tales; in other words, maturity and love. Happiness is not lost until the dream about it is alive.

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Blind Spot

Doudege Wenkel

Directed by Christophe Wagner



Luxembourg



The mysterious and charismatic Inspector Hastert takes on one final case before he retires: the death of a fellow cop. He is helped by Oliver Faber, who is also the brother of the dead cop. Corruption and deceit are on the menu, and that's just for starters...

2012 - Col - 96mn

Producer Samsa Film Claude Waringo

Cast Jules Werner, André Jung, Da Silva-Brigitte Urhausen, Luc Feit, Gilles Soeder, Nicole Max, Mickey Hardt, Patrick Descamps, Stefan Weinert, Irina Lavrinovic, Gintare Parulyte, Nicole Colchat



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The Netherlands



Shocking Blue

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Directed by Marck de Cloe



2010 - Col - 82mn

Producer Waterland Film & TV

Cast Ruben van Weelden, Jim van der Panne,
Niels Gomperts and Lisa Smit



William, Jack and Chris have been friends for as long as they can remember - until that day in April when Jack ends up under the wheels of a tractor, his body crushed, William at the wheel. Suddenly nothing is left of the boys' friendship. Chris tries his best, but William is one lump of impenetrable rock, secretly wondering if the events of the night before, when Jack went off with fifteen-year old Marianne, had anything to do with the accident...

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Hope is a Strange Place

A Esperança Está Onde Menos Se Espera

Directed by Joaquim Leitão



Portugal



Lourenço is the son of Francisco Figueiredo, a soccer coach at the beginning of a very promising career. Everything goes well: Francisco's team is in the Portuguese Cup final and Lourenço is going to be class valedictorian in a very prestigious private high school. But everything starts to collapse. Francisco is fired and Lourenço is transferred to a public high school whose students are predominantly from a ghetto near Lisbon. While Lourenço is fighting to fit into a new and harsh reality, he also helps his father find his lost dignity.

2009 - Col - 115mn

Producer Tino Navarro

Cast Ana Padrao, Alcídia Vaz, Virgílio Castelo, José Carlos Cardoso, Carlos Nunes



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Slovakia



Love Me or Leave Me

Miluj ma alebo odíď

Directed by Mariana Čengel Solčanská



2013 - Col - 95mn

Producer Milan Stráňava

Cast Éva Bandor, Marko Igonda, Diana Pavlačková, Elena Podzámska, Anikó Varga

Sixteen-year-old Mira cannot forgive her mother for getting married after her father's death and finding happiness alongside a new husband and a child. Left-out daughter will revenge for mother's lack of interest by her escapes from home and provocative behaviour.

However, her biggest trump will be to take over the mother's husband. Mira, in her attempts for incestuous relationship with her stepfather, is plunging into a self-destructing gamble and does not realize that her desperate effort is in fact a call for mother's love.

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Don't Be Afraid

No tengas miedo

Directed by Montxo Armendáriz



Spain



Silvia is a young girl marked by a dark childhood. At the age of 25 she decides to rebuild her life and face the people, feelings and emotions that keep her bound to the past. In her struggle against adversity and against herself, she learns how to control her fears and becomes an adult woman, taking control of her own actions.

»Don't Be Afraid« it is Montxo Armendáriz's approach to the very difficult and sometimes taboo subject of child abuse.

2011 - Col - gonn

Producer Oria Films

Cast Michelle Jenner, Luís Homar, Belén Rueda, Nuria Gago, Rubén Ochandiano, Cristina Plazas, Javier Pereira, Irantzu Erro, Ainhoa Quintana, Irene Cervantes, Maider Salas



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United Kingdom



Killing Bono

Directed by Nick Hamm



2011 - Col - 114mn

Producer Ian Flocks, Mark Huffam, Piers Tempest

Cast Ben Barnes, Robert Sheehan, Krysten Ritter

Two brothers attempt to become global rock stars but can only look on as old school friends U2 become the biggest band in the world. The film loosely recreates the story of young Irish rocker McCormick and his younger brother, Ivan, who attempt to become rock stars but can only look on as their secondary school friends form U2 and become the biggest band in the world. The film stars Ben Barnes as Neil McCormick, Robert Sheehan as Ivan McCormick, and Martin McCann as Irish singer Bono. It also features Pete Postlethwaite in his final film role.



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Screening Schedule

City	Date
Delhi	28 February – 11 March
Bangalore	14 March – 23 March
Chandigarh	28 March – 6 April
Chennai	2 April – 11 April
Goa	20 April – 30 April
Mumbai	8 May – 15 May
Jodhpur	16 May – 31 May
Kolkata	13 June – 19 June
Hyderabad	3 July – 13 July
Pune	17 July – 27 July

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"Youth has no age."

- Pablo Picasso, *Spanish painter and poet*

"It is all that the young can do for the old, to shock them and keep them up to date."

- George Bernard Shaw, *Irish writer*

"The arrogance of age must submit to be taught by youth."

- Edmund Burke, *British political writer*

"Education is the best friend. An educated person is respected everywhere. Education beats the beauty and the youth."

Chanakya, *Indian teacher and philosopher*

"There is a fountain of youth: it is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of people you love. When you learn to tap this source, you will truly have defeated age."

- Sophia Loren, *Italian actress*

"Good habits formed at youth make all the difference."

- Aristotle, *Greek philosopher*

"Age is a very high price to pay for maturity."
- Tom Stoppard, *Czech-born British playwright*

"In youth we learn; in age we understand."
- Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach, *Austrian novelist*

"Age considers; youth ventures."
- Rabindranath Tagore, *Bengali poet, writer, philosopher*

"If youth knew; if age could."
- Sigmund Freud, *Austrian neurologist*

"But youth smiles without any reason. It is one of its chiefest charms."
- Oscar Wilde, *Irish writer and poet*

"Youth is happy because it has the ability to see beauty. Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old."
- Franz Kafka, *Czech writer*

"Keep true to the dreams of your youth."
- Friedrich Schiller, *German, poet, historian, playwright*



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