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	19h30	Äideistä parhain (Mother of Mine) (FIN)
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	19h30	Nordrand (Northern Skirts) (AUS)
Fri. 27	17h30	Kochankowie Roku Tygrysa (POL)
		(Love in the year of the tiger)
	19h30	Eksperimentet (The Experiment) (DEN)
Sat. 28	15h00	La Rafle (The Round-Up) (FRA)
	17h30	Puskás Hungary (The Real Puskas) (HUN)
	19h30	Un novio para Yasmina (A fiancé for Yasmina) (ESP)
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	19h30	Motel Nana (SER)

MARKING 20 YEARS

The European Film Festival celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. Initiated by the French Cultural Centre in 1992, the Festival began with the participation of the four European cultural institutions in Nairobi: the French Cultural Centre, British Council, Goethe-Institut and the Italian Institute of Culture; and the Embassies of Spain and Belgium. This first two-week Festival proved to be very popular which led to the creation of a fully fledged 'European Film Festival' as we know it today, organized under the auspices of the Delegation of the European Union to Kenya, with the participation of the European Union member state Embassies represented in Kenya as well as guest countries from Europe.

Over a period of a few years 1998 – 2000, the Festival committee organized poster design competitions and the winning designed was used for the promotional material.



The Festival used to take place in the month of October, preceding the annual African Cine-Week which has given way to the Kenya International Film Festival. In 2005, the Festival dates were brought forward to the historic month of May which saw the European Union undergo its biggest enlargement ever in 2004, when 10 new European countries joined the European Union on 1st May. It also coincides with the celebration of Europe Day on 9th May.

Since 2006, a mini-Festival has been taking place in Mombasa at the Alliance Française. A first mini-Festival took place in Kisumu last year and the Festival is being extended to Eldoret this year.

The European Film Festival continues to command a central place in the cultural agenda of Nairobi with rich, diverse and refreshing content from the European continent that reflects a multi-cultural and an interactive 21st century Europe, while preserving distinguishing features and historical depth.

AUSTRIA

NORDRAND

- 1999 (Northern Skirts)

director: **Barbara Albert**
running time: **103 min**
starring: **Nina Proll, Edita Malovcic, Michael Tanczos**



Set in 1995 against the backdrop of the Bosnian conflict in a city that serves as Central Europe's crossroads between East and West, the film follows five young people from different backgrounds whose lives intersect in the bleak industrial outskirts of working-class north Vienna.

Best Directorial Debut and Marcello Mastroianni Award: Venice Film Festival 1999
FIPRESCI Prize and Vienna Film Award: Viennale 1999

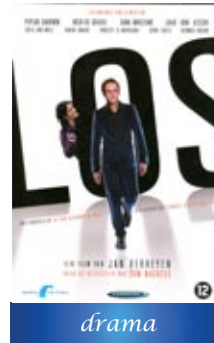
Sun. 15 at 15h00
Thu. 19 at 17h30
Thu. 26 at 19h30

BELGIUM

LOS

- 2008 (Cut Loose)

director: **Jan Verheyen**
running time: **110 min**
starring: **Chayb Abdeslam, Sougaipov Abouezed, Raisa Akijeva**



Tom, a young and idealistic journalist, finds himself on the brink of commitment to a long-term girlfriend when his world is suddenly turned upside down by the beautiful, free-spirited Nadia, a Pakistani refugee. A funny, heartfelt and emotional film about love, work, euthanasia and racial integration.

Tue. 17 at 19h30

SI LE VENT SOULÈVE LES SABLES

- 2006 (Sounds of Sand)

director: **Marion Hänsel**
running time: **96 min**
starring: **Isaka Sawadogo, Asma Nouman Aden, Carole Karemera**

Heat eats away the land of Africa. The dry season endures and most of the villagers depart for the South. Rahne and his wife decide to flee eastward with their family despite the impending dangers. Sounds of Sand is a tale of exodus, quest, hope and fatality.

C.I.C.A.E Award – Special Mention: San Sebastian International Film Festival 2006

Alice Award: Copenhagen International Film Festival 2007

Best International Feature: Planet in Focus Film Festival, Toronto, 2007



drama

Wed. 25 at 17h30
Sun. 29 at 15h00

CZECH REPUBLIC

BOBULE

- 2008 (Grapes)

director: **Tomás Barina**
running time: **95 min**
starring: **Krystof Hádek, Lukas Langmajer, Lubomír Lipský**



The story of a small-time crook who returns to the landscape of his childhood in search of happiness.

Audience Award for Best film: Pilsen Film Festival 2008
Golden Real Award for Best Comedy: Tiburon International Film Festival 2009

Sat. 14 at 19h30
Fri. 20 at 19h30

parental guidance



DENMARK

EKSPERIMENTET

- 2010 (The Experiment)

director: **Louise Friedberg**
running time: **89 min**
starring: **Tanja Kielsen, Laura With Bødker, Julia Naamansen**



EKSPERIMENTET

drama

In 1952, Danish government officials select 16 Greenlandic children to participate in an experiment. They are removed from their families and accommodated in a children's home in Nuuk. Here, the headmistress is put in charge of turning them into good Danish citizens in a long-term effort to bring Greenland out of its current state of destitution. This becomes an uphill battle.

not suitable for persons under **16**

Fri. 27 at 19h30

FLUGTEN

- 2009 (The Escape)

director: **Kathrine Windfeld**
running time: **114 min**
starring: **Iben Hjejle, Lars Mikkelsen, Faigh Zamani**

Danish journalist Rikke Lyngvig is taken hostage in Afghanistan by a terror group. With help from the young Afghan Nazir, Rikke successfully escapes and returns home. Nazir flees from Afghanistan too and ends up in Denmark. When Rikke meets Nazir she is torn. Is she willing to help the man who saved her life, even though he held her captive and threatened to kill her?



drama

not suitable for persons under **16**

Tue. 17 at 17h30

FINLAND

ÄIDEISTÄ PARHAIN - 2005 (Mother of Mine)

director: Klaus Härö
running time: 111 min
starring: Topi Majaniemi, Marjaana Maijala, Maria Lundqvist



During World War II, 70,000 Finnish children were shipped off to Swedish families who had agreed to shelter them for their own protection until the end of the war. The film tackles the painful patch of history in a tale of 9-year old Eero, a child who increasingly feels abandoned by his biological Finnish mother and yet not attached to his Swedish surrogate mom.

drama

Audience award for Best Film: Viareggio EuropaCinema 2006
Best Actress, Best Cinematography and Best Set Design: Jussi Awards 2006
International Jury Award: São Paulo International Film Festival 2006

Thu. 12 at 19h30
Sat. 21 at 15h00
Sun. 29 at 17h30

FRANCE

LA RAFLE - 2010 (The Round -Up)

director: Roselyne Bosch
running time: 125 min
starring: Jean Reno, Mélanie Laurent, Gad Elmaleh



drama

This is a true story depicting tragic events in recent French history. Based on meticulous research, the film portrays the few weeks in July 1942 when more than 13,000 Parisian Jews were rounded up and taken to the Velodrome d'Hiver before being moved to concentration camps. It offers one of the most effective dramas of recent years to deal with the human cost of Vichy's collaboration with the Nazis.

Mon. 16 at 19h30
Sat. 28 at 15h00

GERMANY

THE INTERNATIONAL - 2009

director: **Tom Tykwer**
running time: **118 min**
starring: **Clive Owen, Naomi Watts, Armin Mueller-Stahl**



In this gripping thriller, Interpol Agent Louis Salinger and Manhattan Assistant District Attorney Eleanor Whitman are determined to bring to justice one of the world's most powerful banks. Uncovering myriad and reprehensible illegal activities, Salinger and Whitman follow the money from Berlin to Milan to New York to Istanbul.

Sun. 15 at 17h30
Wed. 25 at 19h30

HUNGARY

SZABADSÁG, SZERELEM - 2006 (Children of Glory)

director: **Krisztina Goda**
running time: **123 min**
starring: **Kata Dobó, Iván Fenyő,
Sándor Csányi**



Budapest, 1956. A young waterpolo star, Karcsi, becomes embroiled in the anti-Soviet Revolution that is brewing in the streets. At first, he is only out for adventure, but a fiery student, Viki, catches Karcsi's eye. And in following her steps he finds himself right at the heart of the uprising.

Thu. 19 at 19h30

PUSKÁS HUNGARY - 2009 (The Real Puskás)

director: **Tamás Almási**
running time: **116 min**
starring: **József Gyabronka, Franz
Beckenbauer, György Bodnár**

A spectacular, exciting and emotional portrayal of Ferenc Puskás, the kid from Kispest, who became the brightest star in the footballing galaxy. He created a legend in his youth as captain of the famous Golden Team but adoration turned to persecution when he fled his homeland in 1956. He went on to travel with his soccer skills and achieved almost all that can be reached on a football pitch.

Best Documentary: Hungarian Film Critics Awards 2010
Best Documentary: Valladolid International Film Festival 2009



Sat. 28 at 17h30

SUPPORTERS



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NETHERLANDS

DE HEL VAN '63

- 2009 (The hell of '63)

director: **Steven de Jong**
running time: **108 min**
starring: **Willeke van Ammelrooy, Chantal Janzen,
Pierre Bokma**



drama

Wed. 18 at 17h30
Sun. 22 at 19h30

A historical drama based on the Eleven Cities Skating Race of 1963, a 200km skating marathon that takes place on frozen ice over canals, rivers and lakes in Friesland, in the north of the Netherlands. Four stories typify the spirit of the 10,000 skaters on that fateful day in 1963 when, due to plunging temperatures and rough terrain, thousands of skaters suffered frostbite and shocking injuries. Only a small number would cross the finish-line, but for those who did, it was to be a life-changing event.

POLAND

WSZYSTKO CO KOCHAM

- 2009 (All that I love)

director: **Jacek Borcuch**
running time: **95 min**
starring: **Mateusz Kosciukiewicz, Olga Frycz,
Andrzej Chyra, Jakub Gierszal**



drama

Set in Poland in the early '80s, this is a beautiful film about love, rebellion and coming of age. Janek, 18, is the lead singer in a punk band and Basia is the girl he falls for. But when her socialist father is arrested by the police, she wants nothing more to do with Janek, whose father is part of the oppressive regime that imprisoned him. Struggling with his own growing rebellious spirit and the duties of being a son, Janek makes a decision with huge implications for the people he loves.

*Nominated for Grand Jury Prize: Sundance Film Festival 2010
Audience Award and the Eagle for Best Screenplay:
Polish Film Festival 2009*

Mon. 16 at 17h30
Sat. 21 at 17h30

KOCHANKOWIE ROKU TYGRYSA

- 2006 (Love in the Year of the Tiger)

director: **Jacek Bromski**
running time: **100 min**
starring: **Michał Żebrowski, Li Min,
Sun Ji Feng, Wu Fen Xia**



romantic drama

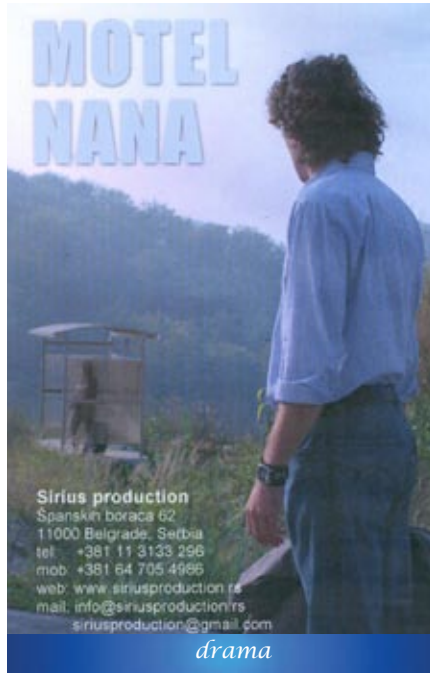
Fri. 27 at 17h30

The year is 1913. A Polish political prisoner escapes exile in Siberia by crossing over to China where he finds refuge and love with a hunter's family.

SERBIA

MOTEL NANA - 2010

director: **Predrag Velinovic**
running time: **92 min**
starring: **Nikolina Jelisavac, Dragan Micanovic, Mladen Nelevic**



The unraveling of love and social drama of two people. Ivan teaches history in a Belgrade high school. Provoked by a student, he ends up slapping him on the face. Ivan's presence in school is no longer welcomed. He finds a temporary job opportunity in a war-scarred mountain village in Bosnia. On his way there, he meets Yasmina, a young Muslim woman returning to Germany after the war. A lone kiss in a stormy night, in a village still lying in ruins, will bring Yasmina and Ivan closer together in a joint escape from reality.

Sat. 21 at 19h30
Sun. 29 at 19h30

not suitable for persons under **16**

SPAIN

YO, TAMBIÉN - 2009 (Me Too)



director: **Antonio Navarro & Álvaro Pastor**
running time: **103 min**
starring: **Lola Dueñas, Pablo Pineda, Isabel García Lorca**

Thirty-four-year-old Daniel is the first European with Down Syndrome to have graduated from university. He starts a social services job in Seville, where he meets free-spirited co-worker Laura. They become fast friends, drawing the attention of both their co-workers and families. Their unique relationship becomes problematic when Daniel falls in love with her.

Best Actress: Goya Awards 2010
Best Actor, Actress: San Sebastian Film Festival 2009

Sat. 14 at 17h30
Tue. 24 at 19h30

UN NOVIO PARA YASMINA - 2008 (A fiancé for Yasmina)

director: **Irene Cardona**
running time: **92 min**
starring: **Sanaa Alaoui, José Luis García Pérez, Luisa Borrueil**

Lola loves weddings, but her marriage is going into a crisis because she suspects that Jorge, her husband, has fallen in love with Yasmina. Yasmina wants to marry Javi as soon as possible, but Javi, a police officer, prefers to take it slower. Un novio para Yasmina is a summer tale on marriages of convenience, the social commitment and life as a couple.

Nominated, Best New Director: Goya Awards 2009
Best Actress, Best Film: Málaga Spanish Film Festival 2008



parental guidance



Fri. 20 at 17h30
Sat. 28 at 19h30

SWEDEN

FARSAN

- 2010 (Balls)

director: Joseph Fares
running time: 98 min
starring: Jan Fares, Hamadi Khemiri, Juan Rodriguez



A sweet comic tale of an immigrant widower, Aziz. Life is good, or at least better than for his co-workers, Juan and Jörgen, and he is expecting to become a grandfather for the first time. However, his son and daughter-in-law, unable to conceive naturally, have faked their pregnancy. In order to divert his attention, the couple suggests that Aziz starts dating again. Aziz jubilantly plunges into the local singles' scene.

Thu. 12 at 17h30
Sun. 22 at 15h00

parental guidance



SWITZERLAND

GIULIAS VERSCHWINDEN

- 2009 (Julia's Disappearance)

director: Christoph Schaub
running time: 87 min
starring: Corinna Harfouch, Bruno Ganz, Stefan Kurt



A romantic comedy about getting older. The closer Julia gets to arriving at a fancy Zurich restaurant for her 50th birthday party, the less she wants to go. Instead she goes for some late-night shopping and meets John, a charming stranger from Hamburg. Wondering what has happened to the birthday girl, Julia's guests while away the time with some soul-searching of their own.

Best Screenplay: Festival International du Film d'Amour de Mons 2010
Audience Award UBS: Festival del film Locarno 2009
Filmposium of the city of Zürich: Zurich Film Awards 2009

Sun. 15 at 19h30
Wed. 18 at 19h30
Tue. 24 at 17h30

TURKEY

TATIL KITABI

- 2008 (Summer Book)

director: **Christoph Schaub**
running time: **92 min**
starring: **Taner Birsel, Tayfun Günay, Harun Özüag**



Mustafa is a hard-working and ambitious agricultural merchant who is cold and austere towards his family. One day he has a brain hemorrhage on a business trip and goes into a coma after the operation. Hasan, Mustafa's younger brother, chose to live a life in solitude after getting a divorce, and has always been an outsider to the family. But now, with his brother in coma, he finds himself involved in family affairs...

Best Turkish Film: Istanbul International Film Festival 2008

Bronze Zenith for the First Fiction Feature Film: Montreal Film Festival 2008

Sat. 14 at 15h00
Sun. 22 at 17h30
Thu. 26 at 17h30

NAIROBI

Venue:

Alliance Française de Nairobi

Participating countries:

Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Netherlands, Poland, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey.

Shows:

Monday to Friday: 5.30 & 7.30pm
Saturday, Sunday: 3.00, 5.30 & 7.30pm

Films:

Films in English or with English subtitles.

Film ratings:

Kenya Film Censorship Board ratings where indicated. Please check the Alliance Française noticeboard for ratings for the rest of the films.

Tickets:

KShs. 30/- per person.

Availability of tickets:

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