

INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL SCHEDULE
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Atlanta Women Of Color Film Festival: www.iyalodeproductions.com USA				23		20 - 22								The Women of Color Arts & Film Festival celebrates, exhibits and distributes the artistic creations of women of color visual and performance artists. The film festival features films and videos from across the globe by and about women of color.
Abuja International Film and Video Festival: www.nffo.org Nigeria		TBA												The Festival aims to expose the Nigerian movie industry to the international market with a view of top film from Nigeria, Africa and around world.
Bahamas International Film Festival www.bintlffilmfest.com Nassau, Bahamas			4-11											This year, both Bahamian and Caribbean filmmakers have a fantastic opportunity to get funding for their dream project, whether it be a big budget spectacle or a small independent work.
Barbados International Film Festival : www.barbadosfilmfestival.com Barbados W.I			3-7											The festival brings together the best of the world's cinema and international film culture. The goal is to provide a major showcase for the exhibition of Latin America, Caribbean and world wide independent film.
Berlin International Film Festival: www.berlinale.de Germany		15			7-17									More than 19,000 film professionals from 120 countries, including 4,000 journalists, are accredited for the Berlin International Film Festival every year. The Berlinale is truly a mega event. At the same time, it is a festival of encounters and discussions.
Bermuda International Film Festival: www.bermudafilmfest.com Bermuda		TBA				20 -28								This festival screen more than 70 films over nine days in four theatres and have been recognised by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences as a Qualifying Festival for the Short Film Academy Award.

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Black Filmmaker Film Festival, UK: www.bfmmedia.com London, England		7-17												BFM International Film Festival is the largest black world cinema event in the UK. This year's festival takes a new direction, reflecting predominantly British work and a high proportion of UK premiers. The festival will also showcase films from across the globe featuring strands of African Cinema, Caribbean Cinema, foreign language, historical titles and short films.
Bradford Film Festival http://www.bradfordfilmfestival.org.uk/ West Yorkshire, England		21				3 - 28								Bradford Film Festival has gone from strength to strength, presenting new and classic films from around the world. The Festival includes the Shine Awards, highlighting the work of new and up-and-coming European directors as well as the ever-popular Widescreen Weekend which draws large format enthusiasts from around the world with the Museum's ability to show every film format up to and including Cinerama and IMAX.
Black International Cinema - Berlin: www.black-internationalcinema.com Germany			31					TBA						The Festival focuses on presenting works of an artistic, cultural or political nature coinciding with the general educational, social, artistic and economic interest of people from Africa, the African Diaspora and people with an interest in participating in intercultural communication and the resultant interfacing and sharing of educational, social, artistic and economic resources.
Cannes Film Festival: www.festival-cannes.com France		TBA						13-24						The Festival hosts around 35,000 film professionals and over 4,000 international journalists coming together for the world's biggest film event, representing the entire spectrum of the motion-picture industry.
Cape Town International Film Festival: www.filmfestivalworld.com www.sithengi.co.za South Africa		TBA												The Festival aims to promote the development of and trade in African film and television products; to expose African film and television products to the international arena; and to provide development and training support in the areas of marketing and selling these products to potential buyers.
Caribbean International caribbeaninternationalfilmfestival.com Barbados		TBA												The Caribbean International Film Festival ("CIFF") intends to bring the most talented, creative, innovative and cutting edge filmmakers together to celebrate "THE ART OF FILMMAKING" in the beautiful, culturally rich Islands.

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Chicago International Film Festival: www.chicagofilmfestival.org USA		TBA											8-21	At the Festival, more than 25 free screenings of films and sneak previews take place each year. Volunteers participate in outreach programs designed to give the deaf and hard-of-hearing persons, local high school and jr. high school students an up close and personal film experience.
Durban International Film Festival: www.ukzn.ac.za/cca South Africa		TBA								22-31	Aug 1-2			The festival is a valuable meeting place for filmmakers and industry personnel and for the forging of partnerships necessary for the cohesive emergence and development of a film industry in KwaZulu-Natal. Central to the challenge is to access new creative talent into the industry.
Edinburgh International Film Festival www.edfilmfest.org.uk Scotland					16			18-29						Every year Edinburgh International Film Festival welcomes hundreds of Filmmaker guests and Industry delegates. The EIFF environment and the consistency of its critically acclaimed programme of films and events attract a wide range of film industry professionals.
Feminale e.V. www.feminale.de Germany		TBA												The two International Women's Film Festivals Feminale in Cologne and femme totale in Dortmund have been merged.the latest in short and long films of all genres made by women directors. The festival awards the debut prize HORIZONTE, presents special programs on specific themes and provides a platform for discussing current topics. It is one of the top international forums for women directors, expert audiences and film lovers.
FESPACO(Ouagadougou) http://www.fespaco.bf/index_en.html Africa		TBA			28	Mar 1-7								A biennial film festival with a competition of exclusively African films.
Festival de Films de Femmes www.filmsdefemmes.com France		TBA				13-22								the Festival screens 150 films from all over the world, 50 unreleased films by young women filmmakers and introduce 10 international actresses.

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Hollywood Black Film Festival www.hbff.org USA					20				2-7					This Festival is an annual 6-day celebration of black cinema, drawing together established filmmakers, popular film and TV stars, writers, directors, industry executives, emerging artists and new audiences from Southern California and around the world.
Hollywood Film Festival hollywoodawards.com USA		TBA												The Festival was created to bridge the gap between established Hollywood, indie filmmakers and the global creative community, as well as to honor excellence in the art of filmmaking.
Hong Kong International Film Festival www.hkiff.org.hk China		16				22	13							The Festival is one of Asia's most reputable platforms for filmmakers, film professionals and filmgoers from all over the world to launch new works and experience outstanding cinema
Images of Black Women Film Festival, UK www.ibwff.com			31							TBA				A festival where the accomplishments, talents, creativity and filmmaking skills of Black women could be celebrated, featured and fairly represented. The festival brings original, exciting, and innovative cinema featuring Black women in prominent roles and lets them present their own stories in their own voices.
Input International Public Television Forum www.input-tv.org/ Warsaw, Poland.				15				10-15						The Festival exists to encourage the highest quality television programming worldwide; to support television as a service to the public; to promote discussion and debate about the television craft; and to serve as a global meeting point for those who make television.
International Film Festival of India http://iffi.gov.in/ India		22-30	DEC 1-2											The Festival is a vehicle of cultural exchange, promotes international friendship, provides access to new trends in world cinema, generates healthy competition and, in the process, helps to improve the standards of Indian Cinema.

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International Film Festival Rotterdam www.filmfestivalrotterdam.com Holand		1		21	1									The Festival offers a quality selection of worldwide independent, innovative and experimental cinema as well as a series of film-related visual arts exhibitions and live performances. Devoted to actively support independent filmmaking from around the globe, IFFR is the essential hub in Holland for discovering film talent, for catching premieres, and for exploring its competitions, main sections of recent feature films, short films and documentaries, visual arts exhibitions, theme sections and debates
Flashpoint Film Festival, Negril www.flashpointfestival.com Jamacia W.I		TBA												Flashpoint is the forum for the emerging Caribbean film and TV production industry. The festival seeks to attract new, experienced and aspiring film makers. It is a place where local film and TV professionals have the opportunity to meet international film industry professionals, and be kept up to date on developments in the global film industry.
Karlovy Vary International Film Festival www.kviff.com Czech Republic							17		3 - 11					Every year there are several films appearing in the official competition which later achieve significant international success or which are announced to be the best domestic film of the year. A number of films from Eastern Europe introduced in an international or world premiere gained well-deserved international attention in Karlovy Vary
Locarno International Film Festival www.pardo.ch Italy		14									15 -15			Every August, around 180,000 cinema-goers, 1,100 journalists, and 3,400 professionals converge on the small Swiss-Italian town of Locarno, right in the heart of Europe, which becomes the world capital of auteur cinema for eleven days.
London Film Festival www.bfi.org.uk England														Showcasing the best new films from around the world,with strong and eclectic programmes of feature films, shorts, artists' film and video and experimental work, as well as a whole host of discussions and special events.
Los Angeles Women in Film Festival/ Reel Women International Film Festival http://reelwomenfest.com/01about.htm USA		TBA				26-29								Reel Women International Film Festival founded by Diana Means was established to honor and advance the careers of accomplished and emerging women filmmakers by providing them a forum to showcase their films in the heart of the entertainment industry. Our goal is to help increase opportunities for women of diverse backgrounds to share their stories with the world.

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Madcat Women’s Film Festival www.madcatfilmfestival.org San Francisco, CA USA				25				TBA						<p>This is a highly acclaimed festival that exhibits independent and experimental films and videos directed by women from around the globe. The Festival emphasizes work that is inventive and visionary.</p>
Marthas Vineyard African American Film Festival www.mvaaff.com NYC, USA								31			5 - 8			<p>The Festival's primary goal is to provide a positive environment where filmmakers can share their thoughts, ideas and aspirations. The film festival serves as a vehicle through which Run And Shoot Filmworks can support the efforts if emerging and established African-American screenwriters, as well as aid in their artistic development.</p>
Melbourne International Film Festival www.melbournefilmfestival.com.au Australia						13				24	9			<p>MIFF is Australia's largest film festival with over 400 films shown from more than 50 different countries, as well as the largest showcase of new Australian cinema</p>
Montreal International Festival of New Cinema and New Media www.nouveaucinema.ca Canada				TBA										<p>During its most recent installment, the Festival affirms its commitment to developing high quality Quebec and Canadian programming. The Festival also offers a new home to the New Media section by forming a relationship with the Society for Arts and Technology [SAT]. Works deriving from new technologies can henceforth benefit from an environment conducive to digital production.</p>
Montreal World Film Festival www.ffm-montreal.org Canada				TBA										<p>The goal of the Montreal World Film Festival (Montreal International Film Festival) is to encourage cultural diversity and understanding among nations, to foster the cinema of all continents by stimulating the development of quality cinema, to promote filmmakers and innovative works, to discover and encourage new talents, and to promote meetings between cinema professionals from around the world.</p>
Moscow International Film Festival http://www.moscowfilmfestival.ru/eng/ Russia				TBA										<p>To promote cultural exchanges and mutual understanding among nations and to develop further cooperation among filmmakers of the world, the 30th International Film Festival (MIFF) will be held in Moscow in the period of June 19-28, 2008. The Moscow International Film Festival is recognized by the International Federation of Film Producers Associations (FIAPF).</p>

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New York African Diaspora Film Festival: www.nyadff.org USA		28-30	1- 14											ADFF features the work of emerging and established filmmakers of color. Most important, ADFF distinguishes itself through its presentation of outstanding works that shine a different or comprehensive light on African Diaspora life and culture --no matter what the filmmaker's race or nationality.
New York Film Festival http://www.filmlinc.com/nyff/nyff.html USA				TBA										The 17-day Festival is an unparalleled showcase of inspiring and provocative cinema by emerging talents and first-rank international artists whose films are often recognized as contemporary classics. A special section of the Festival is the Views from the Avant-Garde which premieres non-narrative, experimental film and video.
NYC Picturestart Film Festival www.picturestartfilmfestival.com USA				TBA										Submissions of short films are sought from filmmakers of all backgrounds and levels of experience and entries are accepted year-round. Films are selected for Festival screenings on the basis of artist excellence and viewers determine the winners of the Best Actor, Best Actress and Best Short Film Awards. Names and bios of award winners are posted on the HFF website and filmmakers are interviewed by Indieville, the television voice of independent film in N.Y.
Pan African Film Festival www.paff.org LA, USA		26			5-16									Over One Hundred (100) quality films from the United States, Africa, the Caribbean, Latin America, Europe, the South Pacific and Canada, all showcasing the diversity and complexity of people of African descent.
ReelWorld Film Festival www.reelworld.ca/ Toronto, Canada			5			TBA								Every year in April, cineastes, filmmakers, and industry flock to ReelWorld for five days of the best features, documentaries, animations, shorts, and music videos from Canadian and international filmmakers - in the heart of downtown Toronto. The celebration of diverse cinema kicks off with the Opening Night Screening and Gala attended by film stars, government officials, leading corporate executives and international media.
Rendez Vous with Madness film fest www.rendezvouswithmadness.com Canada		6-15												Rendezvous with Madness Film Festival is an annual film festival that presents features and shorts touching upon the facts and mythology surrounding mental health and addiction. Each program focuses on a different theme. Post-screening panel discussions involve filmmakers, artists and people with professional and personal experience with mental illness and addiction.

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Rocky Mountain Women's Film Festival www.rmwfilmfest.org Colorado, USA		7-9												The RMWFF prides itself on offering the "best of the best" in documentary films by and about women. Films that provide a window to the world, that touch not only on issues specifically affecting women but global issues that affect all of us living together on this planet.
Roma Independent Film Festival (RIFF) http://www.riff.it/ Italy			15			19-27								RIFF is a seven-day celebration of new European and international independent films. As well as offering the chance for young filmmakers to present their work to the general public at film screenings,
San Francisco International Film Festival fest08.sffs.org USA			TBA											Held each spring for two weeks, the International is an extraordinary showcase of cinematic discovery and innovation in the country's most beautiful city, featuring some 200 films and live events with more than 100 filmmakers in attendance and nearly two dozen awards presented for cinematic excellence. The Festival attracts an annual audience of more than 80,000.
San Sebastian International Film Festival www.sansebastianfestival.com Spain				25		26-27								Conceived as an International Film Week for the purpose of screening and marketing films, it was not long before the IFFPA granted it B status (non-competitive), thanks to the success of its first edition. A year later it was called the International Film Festival, and in 1955 the IFFPA recognised the festival as competitive, specialising in colour films. In other words, it could now grant official prizes. This marked the emergence of the "Concha", or shell - at the time only awarded in silver - determined by an international jury.
São Paulo International Film Festival http://www.mostra.org/ Brazil														The Festival is the leading event for short films in Latin-America and a very special meeting place where filmmakers can exchange esthetics, political and economic experiences related to shorts. Bringing an expressive selection of films in the international program, a showcase of Latin American shorts and the largest annual display for the Brazilian production,
Seattle International Film Festival www.seattlefilm.com USA					2			21	14					SIFF is seeking features, documentaries, short films, and animations for the 35th Seattle International Film Festival. With screenings of more than 200 features and 150 shorts over 25 days, SIFF is the largest film festival in the United States. Attracting audiences exceeding 140,000, SIFF is a great way to get your film noticed

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Seoul Women's Film Festival www.wffis.or.kr South Korea			31				9-16							The objective of the Festival is to raise the visibility of film/Videos of and about women and support new women Asian directors on the basis of the alliance crossing boundaries of different regions, generations and disciplines
Shanghai International Film Festival www.siff.com China		TBA							13-21					The Shanghai International Film Festival embraces diverse films of different cultural backgrounds and trends with enthusiasm. Up till now, the film festival has already attracted 4569 films from more than 60 countries and regions, from which, 1210 films were screened. The Shanghai International Film Festival is a yet to be opened Chinese Film Market, the only parade of world films within a year.
Sithengi Film Festival www.sithengi.co.za/ South Africa			TBA											The idea behind this festival is to create a niche for "World Cinema" that will attract cutting edge product from Africa, Asia, South America and the Middle East.
Sundance Film Festival festival.sundance.org Utah, USA				15-25										Each year the Sundance Film Festival selects 200 films for exhibition from more than 9,000 submissions. More than 50,000 people attend screenings in twelve theatres in Park City, Salt Lake City, Ogden, and Sundance, Utah. In addition to discovering filmmaking's newest talent through the Festival's program of documentary, dramatic, and short film, Festivalgoers experience live music shows, panel discussions with leading filmmakers and industry figures, parties celebrating the Festival community, and more
SABC Africa on Screen Film Festival entertainment.bizcommunity.com Johannesburg, Africa			TBA											Africa on Screen is a celebration of African film and culture. The festival aims to showcase the best in new and quality African films within mainstream cinema environments, while also reaching out to audiences with educational and classic African films.
San Diego Black Film festival www.sdbff.com USA				29-31	1									The San Diego Black Film Festival, originally known as the Noir Film Festival, was established in 2004. The San Diego Black Film Festival features the best in independent black films

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Telluride Film Festival telluridefilmfestival.org CA, USA		TBA										4-7		The Festival is a celebration of the best in film — past, present and future — from all around the world. This is one weekend immersed in an unabashed carnival of film: viewing, breathing, eating, and talking cinema. This is The SHOW.
Tribeca Film Festival www.tribecafilm.com NYC, USA			15				22	3						Robert De Niro, Jane Rosenthal and Craig Hatkoff founded the Tribeca Film Festival in 2001 following the attacks on the World Trade Center to spur the economic and cultural revitalization of lower Manhattan through an annual celebration of film, music and culture. The Festival's mission focuses on assisting filmmakers to reach the broadest possible audience, enabling the international film community and general public to experience the power of cinema and promoting New York City as a major filmmaking center.
Trinidad and Tobago Film Festival www.trinidadandtobagofilmfestival.com Trinidad W.I				TBA										This is a celebration of the best films from and about the Caribbean, its Diaspora, and Latin America, TTFF 2008 seeks to highlight excellence in filmmaking and to expose Trinidad and Tobago audiences to films from throughout the region. The Festival accepts films made by Caribbean people, by persons of the Diaspora and by international filmmakers who have made films about the Caribbean in the Caribbean spirit.
UrbanWorld Film Festival www.urbanworld.org NYC, USA				TBA										The five-day festival includes feature, documentary, short film and music video screenings, as well as panel discussions, live staged screenplay readings and the celebrated Actor's Spotlight. The Urbanworld Film Festival is an initiative of the Urbanworld Foundation Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to redefining the role of multicultural constituents in contemporary cinema by implementing programs and events that support the development and success of the urban filmmaking community.
The Other Venice Film Festival www.othevenicefilmfest.com/ LA, USA				TBA										As if Los Angeles needed another film festival! many historians suggest the film making in Los Angeles was born in Venice, We call it The Other Venice Film Festival, well, because there already is a Venice Film Festival - in Venice, Italy. We are a regional festival and have screened films from all over the world, also feature live music, DJs and other art forms.

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Vues D'Afriques Montreal / Pan African International www.vuesdafrique.org Canada				TBA			16-26							Vues d'Afrique puts together large-scale events highlighting African and Creole cultures. The organization's goal is to open up African and Creole cinema, art and music to the Canadian public and stimulate cultural partnership.
Ziff: Festival of the Dhow Countries, Zanzibar www.ziff.or.tz Tanzania Island , East Africa							1		27	4				The Festival aims to promote internationally and to develop film and other relevant cultural industries as tools for social and economic growth in the region, as exemplified in Zanzibar