

# OFF — ODENSE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

## FACTS OFF23

- OFF – Odense International Film Festival is Denmark’s oldest and only short film festival qualifying for both Academy Award, the EFA Award and the Danish Robert Award. The festival started in 1975.
- OFF is located in Odense – in the heart of Denmark. The festival is held every year in the last week of August – this year from the 28th of August – 3th of September. Filmmakers from Denmark and all over the world, industry guests and local film lovers all celebrate short films at OFF.
- All competition screenings are 35 DKK per. person and other programmes outside the competitions are 70 DKK pr. person. Screenings are free for accredited filmmakers, OFFs volunteers and for schools and institutions.
- A record-breaking number of 4129 short films have been submitted to OFF23. 129 films from 45 countries have been selected for this years’ competition programme.
- Festival director is Birgitte Weinberger since 2009
- The selection jury members are animator Sara Koppel, screenwriter Christian Gamst Miller-Harris and festival director Birgitte Weinberger.
- The selected films will be shown in venues in Odense and for two weeks on our streaming service, OFFstream.dk. OFFStream will be geo-blocked and limited to streaming in Denmark and all films will be password protected behind a payment wall.

## COMPETITIONS, AWARDS AND QUALIFICATIONS

- The competition programme for OFF23 consists of four central competitions: International Competition, Danish Competition, Animation Competition and Documentary Competition. All four competitions have Academy Award-Qualifying categories.
- In addition to the four central competitions, OFF has a Youth Competition, a Danish pitching contest called “Pitch Me Baby” and in 2022 OFF introduced a prize for the Best Danish Actor.
- At the end of the festival, OFF presents an Audience Award to the short film in competition that receives the most audience votes during the festival.
- OFF is an EFA-Qualifying short film festival. This means that one eligible film from the International Competition will be given the chance to compete for a European Film Award.