

Man khod, man ham miraghsam (*And Me, I'm Dancing Too*)

by Mohammad Valizadegan

Iran / Germany / Czechia 2023

Generation 14plus | World premiere

In her native country of Iran, Saba is not free to express herself through dance. When she rebels against the rigid rules in a poetic act of defiance, the lines between documentary and fiction begin to blur. A powerful and moving directorial debut.

Mimi (*She - Hero*)

by Mira Fornay | with Rozmarína Willems, Cyprián Šulej, Veronika Kořínková, Roman Lipka, Bohuslav Zárýchta
Slovakia 2023

Generation Kplus | World premiere

While searching for her budgie Mimi, Romy roams alone through the forest on the outskirts of town, makes exciting discoveries and meets people full of mysteries. Under her curious and critical gaze, the real and the fantastic merge.

Míng tian bi zuo tian chang jiu (*Tomorrow Is a Long Time*)

by Jow Zhi Wei | with Leon Dai, Edward Tan, Jay Victor, Julius Foo, Lekheraj Sekhar

Singapore / Taiwan / France / Portugal 2023

Generation 14plus | World premiere | Debut film

Acts of violence bring repercussions for pest exterminator Chua and his son Meng, who has been under pressure from bullies. Military service offers Meng an escape into the jungle, an unknown world which could bring him closer to understanding his own nature.

Mirror Mirror

by Sandulela Asanda | with Luhle Macanda, Buhle Ngaba, Mpumi Sizani

South Africa 2022

Generation 14plus | European premiere

Luthando is determined to sensually explore her body. However, her voyage of discovery threatens to fail between Internet research, magazine tips and FaceTime. A coming-of-age comedy about female sensuality and self-determination.

Mise à nu (*Catching Birds*)

by Lea Marie Lembke, Simon Maria Kubiena | with Anna Stanic, Fethi Aidouni, Marin Judas

Germany / Austria / France 2023

Generation 14plus | World premiere | Festival distribution: Lemonade Films

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When Theo awakens her sense of desire, Anouk, the only girl on the wrestling team, starts seeing the sparring sessions in a different light. A quietly intimate film, in which relationships between bodies, gazes and feelings are negotiated anew.

Mutt

by Vuk Lungulov-Klotz | with Lío Mehiel, Cole Doman, MiMi Ryder, Alejandro Goic, Jasai Chase Owens

USA 2023

Generation 14plus | International premiere | Debut film

Within the space of 24 hours, Feña is swept through the extremes of human emotion when people who seemed to disappear when he transitioned are suddenly back in his life. What counts are not just the things that change, but also those that stay the same.

My ne zgasnemo (*We Will Not Fade Away*)

by Alisa Kovalenko

Ukraine / France / Poland 2023

Generation 14plus | World premiere | Documentary Form

For five teenagers living in the conflict-ridden Donbas region of Ukraine, a Himalayan expedition provides a brief escape from reality. A portrait of a generation that, in spite of everything, is able to recognise and celebrate the fragile beauty of life.

Nanitic

by Carol Nguyen | with Kylie Le, Van Pham, Ly Pham, Dam Nguyen, Eve Sevigny

Canada 2022

Generation Kplus | International premiere

Nine-year-old Trang and her family take care of her dying grandmother. As in an ant colony, each member has an important function. Carol Nguyen sensitively provides insights into the construct of family as a microcosm.

Le Paradis (*The Lost Boys*)

by Zeno Graton | with Khalil Gharbia, Julien de Saint Jean, Eye Haïdara, Jonathan Couzinié, Samuel Di Napoli
Belgium / France 2023

Generation 14plus | World premiere | Debut film

In a youth correctional facility, Joe is preparing for his return to society. But William's arrival turns his desire for freedom into desire of another kind. Behind fences and cell walls, passions begin to play havoc with the need for liberty.

Le proprietà dei metalli (*The Properties of Metals | Die Eigenschaften der Metalle*)

by Antonio Bigini | with Martino Zaccara, Edoardo Marcucci, David Pasquesi, Antonio Buil Pueyo, Enzo Vetrano
Italy 2023

Generation Kplus | World premiere | Debut film

The idyllic beauty of the landscape belies the toughness of life in a small Italian village, where word has it that young Pietro has psychokinetic powers. A tender portrait of a young boy, and an allegory of the science of invisible forces.

Ramona

by Victoria Linares Villegas | with Camila Santana, Estrellita Ynoa, Yarisel Ynoa, Maite Ynoa, Rocío Pineda
Dominican Republic 2023

Generation 14plus | World premiere | Documentary Form

Feeling unprepared for her role as a pregnant teenager from the outskirts of Santo Domingo, actor Camila decides to sit down with pregnant young girls for inspiration. Yet *Ramona* unexpectedly moves into uncharted territory when the teens take centre stage.

Shen Hai (*Deep Sea | Tiefe See*)

by Tian Xiaopeng | with Wang Tingwen, Su Xin, Teng Kuixing, Yang Ting, Ji Jing
People's Republic of China 2023

Generation Kplus | International premiere | Animation

Shenxiu has felt a deep sadness since her mother left. A storm plunges her into a dreamlike, 3D world of swirling colour. Led by the Hyjinx, and joined by inventive underwater chef Nanhe, she embarks on a quest to find solace in the Eye of the Deep Sea.

Sica

by Carla Subirana | with Thais García Blanco, Núria Prims, Marco Antonio Florido Añón, María Villaverde Ameijeiras, Lois Soaxe
Spain 2023

Generation 14plus | World premiere

Waiting for answers that don't seem to come, Sica stares at the waves crashing against the coastal rocks. Her father, a fisherman, drowned at sea. In an isolated corner of the world, Sica doesn't lose hope. Even if she needs to go against the current.

Simo

by Aziz Zoromba | with Basel El Rayes, Seif El Rayes, Aladeen Tawfeek
Canada 2022

Generation 14plus | European premiere

Simo secretly takes over his big brother's gaming live stream. Suddenly, the number of viewers explodes - and brings an unexpected opponent onto the scene. This nuanced film illuminates the dynamics in a family that moves closer together through detours.

Somni

by Sonja Rohleder
Germany 2023

Generation Kplus | World premiere | Animation

When sleep comes, the monkey glides gently from leaf to leaf and into a mysterious dream world which becomes darker, more colourful and wilder. Sonja Rohleder's cinematic lullaby floats through the phases of sleep and their various hues and shapes.

Spin & Ella (*Spinne & Ella*)

by An Vrombaut | with Max Schram, Umi Schram
Belgium 2023

Generation Kplus | International premiere | Animation

A house here, a harp there - with their whimsical webs, Ella the fairy and her spider friend bring joy to all the inhabitants of the tree. But when the two start to quarrel in An Vrombaut's animated short, the threads go flying all over the place.

Sværdrage (*The Shift | Umbruch*)

by Amalie Maria Nielsen | with Anna Charlie Zerbib Streizt, Niklas Herskind, Petrine Agger, Isabella Møller Hansen
Denmark 2023

Generation Kplus | World premiere

In a home for struggling girls, young Milo is transitioning with the support of care worker Nicki. One day, through the thin walls of the institution, Milo hears something they wish they hadn't. They push the emergency button.

Sweet As

by Jub Clerc | with Shantae Barnes-Cowan, Mark Coles Smith, Tasma Walton, Carlos Sanson Jr
Australia 2022

Generation Kplus | European premiere | Debut film

During a short but intense photo excursion through her Aboriginal homeland, fifteen-year-old Murra has life-changing experiences. She discovers her love for photography and the importance of telling her own story in a world that is constantly changing.

Szemem sarka (*From the Corner of My Eyes*)

by Domonkos Erhardt
Hungary 2023

Generation 14plus | World premiere | Animation

A bus rattles and creaks through the night. With a style reminiscent of expressionist woodcuts, in daydreamy colours and loving detail, this animated short captures the magic of a chance encounter that brings two people together for a fleeting moment.

Timis (*Dusk | Dämmerung*)

by Awa Moctar Gueye | with Binta Traoré, Mouhamed Aw, Abdou Camara, Djiby Camara, Ndèye Thioro Camara
Senegal 2023

Generation Kplus | World premiere

At dusk, the spirit world grows bolder. The darkness of the Dakar market where the solitary, slender figure of Pa Kong-Kong dwells, is considered no place for children to venture. But Binta must prove to her peers that girls have the bravery to lead.

To Write From Memory

by Emory Chao Johnson
USA 2023

Generation 14plus | World premiere | Documentary Form

A young person's transition is steadily progressing, despite their mother's vocal objections. *To Write From Memory* is an essay on moving forward, and the inevitability of confronting one's own past in the process.

Tümpel (*Pond*)

by Lena von Döhren, Eva Rust
Switzerland 2023

Generation Kplus | World premiere | Animation

A fish gets lost in a tidal pool and must win over the sea creatures that dwell there. A fart creates goodwill, and a strong community quickly develops. An underwater adventure painted with the colours and sounds of the sea.

Waking Up in Silence (*Im Stillen erwachen*)

by Mila Zhluktenko, Daniel Asadi Faezi
Germany / Ukraine 2023

Generation Kplus | World premiere | Documentary Form

A summer's day in a former German military barrack: children forced to flee Ukraine have found refuge here. In their games, they discover military symbols from the past and link them to their experiences.

Wann wird es endlich wieder so, wie es nie war (*When Will It Be Again Like It Never Was Before*)

by Sonja Heiss | with Arsseni Bultmann, Laura Tonke, Devid Striesow, Pola Geiger, Camille Loup Moltzen
Germany 2023

Generation 14plus | World premiere

Between quarrelling parents, mocking brothers and psychiatric patients, Josse grows up in an unusual environment. No wonder he struggles with feelings of being overwhelmed. A tragicomic celebration of life and its absurdities.

Xiaohui he ta de niu (*Xiaohui and His Cows | Xiaohui und seine Kühe*)

by Xinying Lao | with Jinhao Wei, Yuanmo Wei, Yamiao Tang
People's Republic of China 2023

Generation Kplus | World premiere

Far away from his parents, Xiaohui lives with his grandfather in the mountains. When a calf is to be sold, the witty nine-year-old does everything in his power to prevent the separation of mother and child. A soulful cry for love in times of capitalism.

Yi shi yi ke (*Now.Here*)

by Hao Zhao | with Qi Lu, Yuxuan Liu, Huiying Zhu, Xun Liu
People's Republic of China 2023

Generation 14plus | World premiere

Wen Hui believes he was born to be a goalkeeper, even though nobody remembers how he first got into football. The odds of saving a penalty are against him, but he knows that when confusing events happen, there is comfort in the structure of the game.

Zeevonk (*Sea Sparkle* | *Meeresleuchten*)

by Domien Huyghe | with Saar Rogiers, Dunia Elwaleed, Sverre Rous, Valentijn Dhaenens, Hilde De Baerdemaeker
Belgium / Netherlands 2023

Generation Kplus | World premiere | Debut film

When her father dies at sea, Lena starts desperately looking for the cause, convinced a sea monster is to blame. Her relentless push against the tide reveals a tale of anger and grief, yet also of the strength and comfort the ocean provides.