

After

by Anthony Lapia | with Louise Chevillotte, Majd Mastoura, Natalia Wiszniewska, Killian Briot, Olivier Chantreau

France 2023

Panorama | World premiere | Debut film

A club in Paris. Driving techno beats sweep everyone away. People dance, consume and talk. Félicie meets Saïd and takes him to her place for an afterparty. On the cusp between night and day, different lives and views collide.

All the Colours of the World Are Between Black and White

by Babatunde Apalowo | with Tope Tedela, Riyo David, Martha Ehinome Orhiere, Uchechika Elumelu, Floyd Anekwe

Nigeria 2023

Panorama | World premiere | Debut film

Bambino and Bawa meet in Lagos and hit it off immediately. During their long trips around the city, they develop a deep affection for each other. But in a society which considers homosexuality taboo, they feel the pressure of social norms.

Al Murhaqoon (The Burdened)

by Amr Gamal | with Khaled Hamdan, Abeer Mohammed, Samah Alamrani, Awsam Abdulrahman, Shahd Algonfedey

Yemen / Sudan / Saudi Arabia 2023

Panorama | World premiere

During the civil war in Yemen, Isra'a becomes pregnant again and, together with her husband, she decides to have an abortion. But this creates enormous problems, including in their relationship. A moving story from an all-too-often forgotten crisis region.

And, Towards Happy Alleys

by Sreemoyee Singh | with Jafar Panahi, Nasrin Soutodeh, Jinous Nazokkar, Farhad Kheradmand, Aida Mohammadkhani

India 2023

Panorama Dokumente | World premiere | Debut film | Documentary Form

A passionate declaration of love for the cinema and poetry of Iran, which also offers a frank view of the precarious situation for critics of the regime and shows the uncompromising daily struggle of Iranian women against their oppression.

Au cimetière de la pellicule (The Cemetery of Cinema)

by Thierno Souleymane Diallo

France / Senegal / Guinea / Saudi Arabia 2023

Panorama Dokumente | World premiere | Debut film | Documentary Form

Thierno Souleymane Diallo sets out with his camera in search of the birth of filmmaking in Guinea. Charming and determined, he traces his country's film heritage and history and reveals the importance of film archives.

La Bête dans la jungle (The Beast in the Jungle)

by Patric Chiha | with Anaïs Demoustier, Tom Mercier, Béatrice Dalle, Martin Vischer, Sophie Demeyer

France / Belgium / Austria 2023

Panorama | World premiere

The club as a place of endless (im)possibilities. A man and a woman wait here together for 25 years for a mysterious, all-changing event to occur. From 1979 to 2004: from disco to techno. A love story and an obsession.

El castillo (The Castle)

by Martín Benchimol | with Justina Olivo, Alexia Caminos Olivo

Argentina / France 2023

Panorama | World premiere

The inheritance from her former boss is a poisoned chalice for Indigenous housekeeper Justina: a huge, derelict mansion in the back of beyond. Justina's daughter Alexia would much prefer to return to Buenos Aires and work as a car mechanic. A dark fairy tale.

Drifter

by Hannes Hirsch | with Lorenz Hochhuth, Cino Djavaid, Gustav Schmidt, Oscar Hoppe, Marie Tragousti

Germany 2023

Panorama | World premiere | Debut film

Moritz has moved to Berlin to be with his boyfriend, but their relationship soon ends. The 22-year-old embarks on a journey filled with kinks, metamorphoses and self-discovery into the depths of Berlin's party scene.

The Eternal Memory

by Maite Alberdi | with Paulina Urrutia, Augusto Góngora

Chile 2023

Panorama Dokumente | European premiere | Documentary Form

When Chilean journalist Augusto Góngora is diagnosed with Alzheimer's, his wife begins to document his advancing disease on video. The film hints at the tragedy and sadness that his slide into oblivion brings for them both.

Femme

by Sam H. Freeman, Ng Choon Ping | with George MacKay, Nathan Stewart-Jarrett

United Kingdom 2023

Panorama | World premiere | Debut film

Jules is a drag artist in London. After a performance, he is brutally attacked and, traumatised, withdraws into himself. Months later, he recognises his assailant in a gay sauna and begins an affair with him, incognito. A gripping revenge thriller.

Ghaath (Ambush)

by Chhatrapal Ninawe | with Jitendra Joshi, Milind Shinde, Janardan Kadam, Dhananjay Mandaokar, Suruchi Adarkar

India 2023

Panorama | World premiere | Debut film

An unsparing psychological portrait of the civil war that has been raging in central India for over 50 years. Set in the middle of the jungle, we see what happens to perpetrators and victims whose lives are marked by a constant proximity to violence and death.

Green Night

by Han Shuai | with Fan Bingbing, Lee Joo Young, Kim Young Ho

Hong Kong, China 2023

Panorama | World premiere

Two lone female fighters who have learned to rely on no one but themselves venture into Seoul's underworld. In search of the big hit that could mean liberation from their useless husbands, these disparate women grow closer.

Hello Dankness

by Soda Jerk

Australia 2022

Panorama | International premiere | Debut film

Assembling hundreds of film clips and media images, artist duo Soda Jerk creates a startling narrative about the changes undergone by American society since Trump, while relishing in reflecting on contemporary cultural values.

Heroico (Heroic)

by David Zonana | with Santiago Sandoval Carbajal, Fernando Cuautle, Mónica del Carmen, Esteban Caicedo, Isabel Yudice

Mexico / Sweden 2023

Panorama | European premiere

Luis, 18, sees only one way to be able to provide for himself and his mother: training at Mexico's national military academy. The rigid system of violence designed to turn him into the perfect soldier pushes him to his limits.

Inside

by Vasilis Katsoupis | with Willem Dafoe, Gene Bervoets, Eliza Stuyck

Greece / Germany / Belgium 2023

Panorama | World premiere

After a robbery goes wrong, art thief Nemo finds himself trapped in a swanky New York penthouse. Locked in by the high-end security system and surrounded by nothing but priceless works of art, he must fight to survive.

Iron Butterflies

by Roman Liubiyi | with Danylo Shramenko, Ivan Zavertalyuk, Anton Ovchinnikov, Sofiya Gakh, Olha Kebas

Ukraine / Germany 2023

Panorama Dokumente | European premiere | Documentary Form

This lesson in political revelation focuses on the shooting down of the Malaysian passenger jet MH17 over eastern Ukraine in 2014. A meticulous, investigative exposé that lays bare the mechanisms of Russian warfare.

Joan Baez I Am A Noise

by Karen O'Connor, Miri Navasky, Maeve O'Boyle | with Joan Baez, Mimi Farina, Bob Dylan, David Harris

USA 2023

Panorama Dokumente | World premiere | Documentary Form

This intimate and candid portrait of American music legend and civil rights activist Joan Baez interweaves images from her farewell tour with previously unseen footage and highly intimate insights into her life and emotions. Not just for Baez fans.

Kokomo City

by D. Smith | with Daniella Carter, Koko Da Doll, Liyah Mitchell, Dominique Silver
USA 2023

Panorama Dokumente | International premiere | Debut film | Documentary Form

A series of moving interviews and encounters with four Black trans sex workers from New York and Georgia in which they talk frankly about their experiences. Questions of belonging and identity within the Black community are candidly addressed.

Das Lehrerzimmer (The Teachers' Lounge)

by İlker Çatak | with Leonie Benesch, Leonard Stettinisch, Eva Löbau, Michael Klammer, Anne-Kathrin Gummich
Germany 2023

Panorama | World premiere

When one of her students is suspected of theft, teacher Carla Nowak decides to get to the bottom of the matter. Caught between her ideals and the school system, the consequences of her actions threaten to break her.

Matria

by Álvaro Gago | with María Vázquez, Santi Prego, Soraya Luaces, E.R. Cunha "Tatán", Susana Sampedro
Spain 2023

Panorama | World premiere | Debut film

A vibrant portrait of a woman in a Galician fishing village who is struggling to get by with hard work and rough charm. With her 18-year-old daughter now ready to stand on her own two feet, Ramona begins to question her life up to this point.

Motståndaren (Opponent)

by Milad Alami | with Payman Maadi, Marall Nasiri, Björn Elgerd, Ardan Esmaili, Arvin Kananian
Sweden 2023

Panorama | World premiere

Iman, an Iranian, lives with his family in Sweden in an ever-changing succession of refugee hostels. To increase his chances of obtaining residence permits for them all, he resumes his career as a wrestler – and is confronted with the reason he had to flee.

Passages

by Ira Sachs | with Franz Rogowski, Ben Whishaw, Adèle Exarchopoulos
France 2023

Panorama | European premiere

On the last day of his shoot in Paris, film director Tomas sleeps with a woman and proudly tells his husband about it. A passionate, jealous and narcissistic relationship unfolds between Tomas, Agathe and Martin.

Perpetrator

by Jennifer Reeder | with Kiah McKirnan, Alicia Silverstone, Christopher Lowell, Melanie Liburd, Ireon Roach
USA / France 2023

Panorama | World premiere

On her 18th birthday, tough-girl Jonny eats a cake baked by her aunt according to a magical family recipe and undergoes a radical metamorphosis. As several classmates go missing, a bloody coming-of-age story takes its course.

Propriedade (Property)

by Daniel Bandeira | with Malu Galli, Zuleika Ferreira, Tavinho Teixeira, Samuel Santos, Edilson Silva
Brazil 2022

Panorama | International premiere

When rebelling workers occupy Teresa's family estate, she flees at the last minute into an armoured car. She is trapped, but refuses to negotiate. A thriller about the extreme disparities between social classes in Brazil.

Reality

by Tina Satter | with Sydney Sweeney, Josh Hamilton, Marchánt Davis
USA 2023

Panorama | World premiere | Debut film

Director Tina Satter presents a snapshot of recent US history and, using unedited original dialogue from an FBI recording, re-enacts the 2017 search of whistle-blower Reality Winner's home as a tense chamber piece.

Sages-femmes (Midwives)

by Léa Fehner | with Khadija Kouyaté, Héloïse Janjaud, Myriem Akheddiou, Quentin Vernede, Tarik Kariouh
France 2023

Panorama | World premiere

Sofia and Louise are newly qualified midwives. They quickly encounter the challenges of everyday hospital life. A sensitive and searing exposé of a key profession and the ramifications of a broken health system for the individual.

Silver Haze

by Sacha Polak | with Vicky Knight, Esmé Creed-Miles, Charlotte Knight, Archie Brigden, Angela Bruce
Netherlands / United Kingdom 2023

Panorama | World premiere

Franky comes from a gritty East London borough and works as a nurse. When she falls head over heels in love with her patient Florence, her life changes profoundly. A film about coming to terms with the past, social origins and the need to belong.

Sira

by Apolline Traoré | with Nafissatou Cissé, Mike Danon, Lazare Minoungou, Nathalie Vairac, Ruth Werner
Burkina Faso / France / Germany / Senegal 2023

Panorama | World premiere

After a brutal attack, a young nomad named Sira refuses to surrender to her fate without a fight and instead takes a stand against Islamist terror. A feminist counterpoint to current reporting from the Sahel region.

La Sirène (The Siren)

by Sepideh Farsi

France / Germany / Luxembourg / Belgium 2023

Panorama | World premiere | Animation

Iran, 1980. After an Iraqi missile strike, the oil metropolis of Abadan descends into chaos. Fourteen-year-old Omid, who works as a food delivery boy, is searching for his missing brother – and for an escape route out of the besieged city.

Sisi & Ich (Sisi & I)

by Frauke Finsterwalder | with Sandra Hüller, Susanne Wolff, Georg Friedrich, Stefan Kurt, Sophie Hutter

Germany / Switzerland / Austria 2023

Panorama | World premiere

In this wild reinterpretation of the “Sisi” myth, the focus is on Austrian Empress Elizabeth’s close friendship with her last lady-in-waiting, Irma Countess von Sztáray, who falls in love with the charismatic Sisi and is captivated by her modern ideas.

Stams

by Bernhard Braunstein | with Sophia Waldauf, Martina Ambrosi, Eva-Maria Kofler, Pascal Mair, Kevin Kirchebner
Austria 2023

Panorama Dokumente | World premiere | Documentary Form

The ski boarding school in Stams in the Tyrolean Alps is considered a training ground for the very best. The goal: the Olympics. Over the course of one academic year, the film closely follows the young skiing elite in their meticulous daily training regimen.

Stille Liv (The Quiet Migration)

by Malene Choi | with Cornelius Won Riedel-Clausen, Bjarne Henriksen, Bodil Jørgensen, Clara Thi Thanh Heilmann Jensen, Dawid Ściupidro

Denmark 2023

Panorama | World premiere

Carl is expected someday to take over his parents’ agribusiness in a rural backwater of Denmark. But, as an adopted child, he also longs to learn more about his South Korean heritage. A film about otherness and finding your own place in life.

Transfariana

by Joris Lachaise

France / Colombia 2023

Panorama Dokumente | World premiere | Documentary Form

An unexpected love story between a trans former sex worker and a FARC rebel begins in a Colombian prison and leads to an alliance in solidarity between trans activists and FARC militants who have laid down their arms.

Ty mene lubysh? (Do You Love Me?)

by Tonia Noyabrova | with Karyna Khymchuk, Maksym Myhayilychenko, Natalia Lazebnikova, Oleksandr Zhyla, Daria Palagnyuk
Ukraine / Sweden 2023

Panorama | World premiere

Ukraine at the time of the collapse of the Soviet Union. Vivacious 17-year-old Kira witnesses her family and the country she lives in falling apart. The transformations in her life arrive gradually but are sweeping. The whole world is shaking.

Under the Sky of Damascus

by Heba Khaled, Talal Derki, Ali Wajeih

Denmark / Germany / USA / Syria 2023

Panorama Dokumente | World premiere | Documentary Form

Experiencing violence is commonplace for Syrian women but they do not discuss the prevalence of – often sexual – exploitation for fear of revenge. A collective of young women want to break the taboo with a theatre project. But how free are they themselves?