

20.000 especies de abejas (*20,000 Species of Bees*)

by Estibaliz Urresola Solaguren | with Sofía Otero, Patricia López Arnaiz, Ane Gabarain, Itziar Lazkano, Sara Cózar
Spain 2023

Competition | World premiere

An eight-year-old is suffering because people keep addressing the child in ways that cause discomfort. During a summer in a village house linked to beekeeping, the child and mother experience revelations that will change their lives forever.

Art College 1994

by Liu Jian

People's Republic of China 2023

Competition | World premiere | Animation

China in the 1990s: a group of young people prepare to face a world caught between tradition and modernity. Filmmaker and painter Liu Jian returns to the Berlinale *Competition* with an animated film dedicated to a passion for art and life.

Bai Ta Zhi Guang (*The Shadowless Tower* | *Der schattenlose Turm*)

by Zhang Lu | with Xin Baiqing, Huang Yao, Tian Zhuangzhuang, Nan Ji, Wang Hongwei

People's Republic of China 2022

Competition | World premiere

Divorced food critic Gu Wentong finds out where the father he had lost contact with as a child is now living. Meanwhile, he begins a relationship with a younger colleague. People come close and move away, but the images and sounds remain to bear witness.

Bis ans Ende der Nacht (*Till the End of the Night*)

by Christoph Hochhäusler | with Timocin Ziegler, Thea Ehre, Michael Sideris, Ioana Iacob, Rosa Enskat

Germany 2023

Competition | World premiere

Undercover cop Robert is supposed to gain the trust of an Internet drug dealer by faking a relationship with Leni. But true love is also at play in this clever contrivance of a film. A smart, subtle blend of genre and auteur cinema.

BlackBerry

by Matt Johnson | with Jay Baruchel, Glenn Howerton, Matt Johnson, Cary Elwes, Saul Rubinek

Canada 2023

Competition | World premiere

Adapted from the bestselling book "Losing the Signal", *BlackBerry* tells the story of the spectacular rise and meteoric fall of the world's first Smartphone. A humorous but unforgiving modern-day tale of big business and the relentless need to stay on top.

Disco Boy

by Giacomo Abbruzzese | with Franz Rogowski, Morr Ndiaye, Laëtitia Ky, Leon Lučev, Matteo Olivetti

France / Italy / Belgium / Poland 2023

Competition | World premiere | Debut film

Following a long journey across Europe, Aleksei reaches Paris to enlist in the French Foreign Legion. In the Niger Delta, Jomo fights against the oil companies that threaten his village. Beyond borders, and life and death, their destinies will intertwine.

Le grand chariot (*The Plough*)

by Philippe Garrel | with Louis Garrel, Damien Mongin, Esther Garrel, Lena Garrel, Francine Bergé

France / Switzerland 2022

Competition | World premiere

Three siblings - played by director Philippe Garrel's real-life children - are the latest generation in a family of puppeteers. Will this be the last? A tragic event tests their desire to continue the troupe, calling into question the very notion of vocation.

Ingeborg Bachmann - Reise in die Wüste (*Ingeborg Bachmann - Journey into the Desert*)

by Margarethe von Trotta | with Vicky Krieps, Ronald Zehrfeld, Tobias Resch, Basil Eidenbenz, Luna Wedler

Switzerland / Austria / Germany / Luxembourg 2023

Competition | World premiere

Ingeborg Bachmann meets Max Frisch in 1958, falls in love, breaks up, falls ill and escapes first to the desert and then to Italy. Von Trotta does not focus on Bachmann's fatal end, but on her aspirations for love and respect - in literature and in life.

Irgendwann werden wir uns alles erzählen (*Someday We'll Tell Each Other Everything*)

by Emily Atef | with Marlene Burow, Felix Kramer, Cedric Eich, Silke Bodenbender, Florian Panzner

Germany 2023

Competition | World premiere

In the summer of 1990, Maria and Johannes create a refuge in the attic of a farm on the border that is no more. The future seems clear until Maria meets Henner and loves him in a sensual, raw and merciless way. A surprising dose of German romanticism.

Limbo

by Ivan Sen | with Simon Baker, Rob Collins, Natasha Wanganeen, Nicholas Hope, Mark Coe

Australia 2023

Competition | World premiere

Travis Hurley reopens the case of an Aboriginal woman murdered 20 years ago. The people in the victim's small outback town and her family are silent because the cop is white and the truth is complex. A First Nation film as a bleakly nostalgic "desert noir".

Mal Viver (*Bad Living*)

by João Canijo | with Anabela Moreira, Rita Blanco, Madalena Almeida, Cleia Almeida, Vera Barreto

Portugal / France 2023

Competition | World premiere

Five women are running an old hotel. A long-standing, perhaps irreparable conflict weighs down on them. When the young Salomé arrives, old wounds are reopened. Her mother Piedade makes a drastic decision.

Manodrome

by John Trengove | with Jesse Eisenberg, Adrien Brody, Odessa Young, Sallieu Sesay, Philip Ettinger

United Kingdom / USA 2023

Competition | World premiere

Ralphie is about to become a father but his job and his personal situation fail to make him happy. When he is inducted into a libertarian masculinity cult, this awakens repressed desires and he loses his grip on reality.

Music

by Angela Schanelec | with Aliocha Schneider, Agathe Bonitzer, Marisha Triantafyllidou, Argyris Xafis, Frida Tarana

Germany / France / Serbia 2023

Competition | World premiere | in association with Heretic, Athens

A cinematic riddle, mirror, dream or puzzle in which the Oedipus myth is transposed to a period from the 1980s to the present, from the beaches of Greece to the lakes of Berlin. An austere, baroque work with occasional drops of blood. Perfectly elliptical.

Past Lives

by Celine Song | with Greta Lee, Teo Yoo, John Magaro

USA 2022

Competition | International premiere | Debut film

In this heartrending modern romance, Nora and Hae Sung, two childhood friends, are separated from each other when Nora's family emigrates from South Korea. Two decades later, they are reunited in New York where Nora now lives with her American husband.

Roter Himmel (*Afire*)

by Christian Petzold | with Thomas Schubert, Paula Beer, Langston Uibel, Enno Trebs, Matthias Brandt

Germany 2023

Competition | World premiere

Four young people in a holiday home on the Baltic coast. Three are having fun but one – a writer – is struggling. The forest burns, the sky turns red. Petzold's latest waking dream is a tragicomic relationship drama that shimmers but is also down-to-earth.

Sur l'Adamant (*On the Adamant*)

by Nicolas Philibert

France / Japan 2022

Competition | World premiere | Documentary Form

The Adamant, a unique floating day-care centre located on the Seine in the heart of Paris, welcomes adults with mental disorders. This film invites us to step on board and meet the patients and caregivers who are inventing a way to be together.

The Survival of Kindness (*Das Überleben der Freundlichkeit*)

by Rolf de Heer | with Mwajemi Hussein, Deepthi Sharma, Darsan Sharma

Australia 2022

Competition | International premiere

In a cage on a trailer in the middle of the desert, BlackWoman is abandoned. Not ready to die, BlackWoman escapes, and walks through pestilence and persecution, from desert to canyon to mountain to city, on a quest that leads her to find solace in her beginnings.

Suzume

by Makoto Shinkai | with Nanoka Hara, Hokuto Matsumura, Eri Fukatsu, Shota Sometani, Sairi Ito
Japan 2022

Competition | International premiere | Animation

Suzume, 17, lost her mother as a little girl. On her way to school, she meets a mysterious young man. But her curiosity unleashes a calamity that endangers the entire population of Japan, and so Suzume embarks on a journey to set things right.

Tótem

by Lila Avilés | with Naíma Sentíes, Monserrat Marañón, Marisol Gasé, Saori Gurza, Teresita Sánchez
Mexico / Denmark / France 2023

Competition | World premiere

In a large house, friends and family meet for a dual ritual: it is the birthday of young father and painter Tona, but also a farewell ceremony. A humanist miniature with a twin soul: spontaneous and frenetic, archaic and spiritual.