Internationale Filmfestspiele Berlin

Allegro Pastell
by Anna Roller | with Sylvaine Faligant, Jannis Niewöhner, Haley Louise Jones, Luna Wedler, Martina Gedeck
Germany 2026
Panorama | World premiere | German audio description offered
Novelist Tanja and web designer Jerome, both in their thirties, have perfected a balance of intimacy and separation in their long-distance relationship. When Tanja catches a glimpse of a settled future together, she wonders if it is really what she wants.

Árru
by Elle Sofe Sara | with Sara Marielle Gaup Beaska, Simon Issát Marainen, Ayla Gáren Nutti, Mikkel Gaup
Norway / Sweden / Finland 2026
Panorama | World premiere | Debut film
Sámi reindeer herder Maia fights to protect her ancestral lands from a looming mining project. Amid the growing protests, she is also confronted with deeply buried family traumas. Maia is forced to make a decision.

Bucks Harbor
by Pete Muller
USA 2026
Panorama Dokumente | World premiere | Debut film | Documentary form
Boys in Downeast Maine are shaped by the brutal winters, their harvesting of the ocean's bounty and the rigid codes of their fathers. *Bucks Harbor* explores growing up in a community where a man's worth is often defined by the strength of his back.

Douglas Gordon by Douglas Gordon
by Finlay Pretsell | with Douglas Gordon
United Kingdom / France 2026
Panorama Dokumente | World premiere | Documentary form
An intimate portrait of the celebrated artist. As the boundary between reality and performance blurs, the shifting relationship between filmmaker and subject calls into question who is actually making the film.

El jardín que soñamos (*The Garden We Dreamed*)
by Joaquín del Paso | with Nehemie Bastien, Faustin Pierre, Kimaëlle Holly Preville, Ruth Aicha Pierre Nelson, Carlos Esquivel
Mexico 2026
Panorama | World premiere
In a land not their own, amid a dwindling forest, a family carves out a fragile bubble of tenderness – a fleeting garden of hope where love can still take root.

Enjoy Your Stay
by Dominik Locher | with Mercedes Cabral, Alexis Manenti, Anna Luna, Hasmine Killip
Switzerland / France / Philippines 2026
Panorama | World premiere
To avoid losing custody of her six-year-old daughter in Manila, Luz, an undocumented Filipina cleaner working in a luxury Swiss ski resort, must earn money at any cost – even if it means transgressing her own moral limits.

Geunyeoga doraon nal (*The Day She Returns*)
by Hong Sangsoo | with Song Sunmi, Cho Yunhee, Park Miso
South Korea 2026
Panorama | World premiere
She has just finished the shoot of an independent film and now has to give three interviews about it. Afterwards, in her acting class, her teacher asks her to reenact the interviews. But for some reason, she is unable to remember them.

Ich verstehe Ihren Unmut (*I Understand Your Displeasure*)
by Kilian Armando Friedrich | with Sabine Thalau, Nada Kosturin, Werner Posselt, Sadibou Diabang, Nigyar Velagic
Germany 2026
Panorama | World premiere
Heike, a customer service manager at an understaffed cleaning company, must secure more working hours and revenue for a subcontractor after she is caught trying to poach an employee from his company.

Im Umkreis des Paradieses (*Around Paradise*)
by Yulia Lokshina
Germany 2026
Panorama Dokumente | World premiere | Documentary form
In Caazapá, the “city of magic and legends”, two Paraguayan students are searching for happiness, gold and a magic bird. Their European dropout neighbours are hoping for freedom, healing and salvation from Armageddon. Everything has its price.

Isabel
by Gabe Klinger | with Marina Person, Caio Horowicz, John Ortiz
Brazil / France 2026
Panorama | World premiere
Isabel, a sommelière in São Paulo, dreams of escaping her boss and opening her own bar. When plans do not go as expected, she must decide whether to halt everything or take bold steps to uncork her fate on her own terms.

Iván & Hadoum
by Ian de la Rosa | with Silver Chicón, Herminia Loh
Spain / Germany / Belgium 2026
Panorama | World premiere | Debut film
In a greenhouse in southern Spain, Iván falls in love with his newly hired co-worker, Hadoum. But his long-awaited promotion interferes with their relationship, forcing Iván to decide what kind of person he wants to be.

Jaripeo
by Efraín Mojica, Rebecca Zweig
Mexico / USA / France 2026
Panorama Dokumente | International premiere | Debut film | Documentary form
A journey to the hypermasculine rodeos of Michoacán state in Mexico delves into the subconscious of memory, queer desire and longing, leading to a reckoning with the wounds and beauty of a home left behind.

Lady
by Olive Nwosu | with Jessica Gabriel's Ujah, Amanda Oruh, Tinuade Jemisey, Agu Ghineye Esthyraph, Precious Agu Eke
United Kingdom 2026
Panorama | European premiere | Debut film
In the sprawling African metropolis of Lagos, a fiercely independent young female taxi driver meets a band of flamboyant sex workers whose sisterhood pulls her into both danger and joy, setting her on a journey toward her own transformation.

La Face cachée de la Terre (*The Hidden Face of the Earth*)
by Arnaud Alain | with Dimitri Jean, Pierre Marragou
France 2026
Panorama Dokumente | World premiere | Debut film | Documentary form
Dimitri loves photographing friends, strangers, lovers. Over the years, images have slipped away from his sight. Behind his camera, he gathers light and bodies, inviting us to gaze toward the hidden face of the Earth.

Lali
by Sarmad Sultan Khoosat | with Mamya Shajaffar, Channan Hanif, Rasti Farooq, Farazeh Syed, Mehar Bano
Pakistan 2026
Panorama | World premiere
Lali is a darkly comic tale of Zeba and Sajawal, bound by an inherited union. As desire and superstition surface, fate tightens its grip, their bodies and lives begin to shift, and the story turns red.

London
by Sebastian Brameshuber | with Bobby Sommer
Austria 2026
Panorama | World premiere | German audio description offered
Bobby drives back and forth between Vienna and Salzburg, giving lifts to strangers on the way, sharing conversations that drift from the mundane to the deeply personal. In this tender portrait of today’s Europe, anonymity and warmth still go hand in hand.

Mouse
by Kelly O’Sullivan, Alex Thompson | with Sophie Okonedo, Katherine Mallen Kupferer, Chloe Coleman, Tara Mallen, Iman Vellani
USA 2026
Panorama | World premiere
Callie and Minnie’s relationship is suddenly upended at the start of the summer before their senior year of high school. Left rudderless without her charismatic best friend, Minnie starts to form a complicated friendship with Callie’s mother.

Narciso
by Marcelo Martinessi | with Diro Romero, Manuel Cuenca, Arturo Fleitas, Margarita Irun, Mona Martinez
Paraguay / Germany / Uruguay / Brazil / Portugal / Spain / France 2026
Panorama | World premiere
Paraguay, 1959. The charismatic Narciso returns from Buenos Aires with rock 'n' roll in his veins. Under the suffocating military dictatorship, he becomes a music sensation and a symbol of freedom while the regime consolidates its power.

Only Rebels Win
by Danielle Arbid | with Hiam Abbass, Amine Benrachid, Shaden Fakih, Charbel Kamel, Alexandre Paulikevitch
France / Lebanon / Qatar 2026
Panorama | World premiere
Suzanne and Osmane meet in crisis-ridden Beirut. Osmane is a young Sudanese man without papers, searching for a better future; Suzanne is a widow with Palestinian roots more than twice his age. Against all odds, they fall in love.

Paradise
by Jérémy Comte | with Daniel Atsu Hukporti, Joey Boivin Desmeules, Evelyne de la Chenelière
Canada / France / Ghana 2026
Panorama | World premiere | Debut film
The enigmatic captain of a burning cargo ship binds together the fates of two families; one in the bustling Ghanaian city of Accra, the other in a quiet Canadian town.

Roya
by Mahnaz Mohammadi | with Melisa Sözen, Maryam Palizban, Hamidreza Djavdan, Mohammad Ali Hosseinalipour, Bacho Meburishvili
Germany / Czechia / Luxembourg / Iran 2026
Panorama | World premiere
Roya, an Iranian teacher imprisoned for her political beliefs, is faced with a choice: make a forced televised confession, or remain confined to her three-square-metre cell.

Rumaragasa (*Raging*)
by Ryan Machado | with Elijah Canlas, Ron Angeles, Reynald Raissel Santos, Glenn Sevilla Mas, Rodney Galicha
Philippines 2025
Panorama | International premiere
The mid-1990s on the Filipino island of Sibuyan. After he has been raped, a young man retreats into a world of silence and isolation. Then he witnesses a plane crash and embarks on a quest for justice.

Safe Exit
by Mohammed Hammad | with Marwan Waleed, Noha Foad, Hazem Essam
Egypt / Libya / Tunisia / Qatar / Germany 2026
Panorama | World premiere
A psychological thriller following Samaan, a young security guard who, like many of his generation, is struggling with trauma. His parents were murdered in the religious and ethnic violence that has been unfolding in the Arab region for decades.

Se eu fosse vivo... vivia (*If I Were Alive*)
by André Novais Oliveira | with Conceição Evaristo, Norberto Novais Oliveira, Jean Paulo Campos, Tainá Evaristo
Brazil 2026
Panorama | World premiere
Gilberto and Jacira promised to grow old together – for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health. Till death them do part.

Shanghai Daughter
by Agnis Shen Zhongmin | with Liang Cuishan
People's Republic of China 2026
Panorama | World premiere | Debut film
A Shanghai woman journeys alone to a rubber plantation in southwest China, where her late father was sent during the Cultural Revolution. As she searches for a mysterious woman, some strangers unexpectedly drift into her path.

Shibire (*Numb*)
by Takuya Uchiyama | with Takumi Kitamura, Rie Miyazawa, Tsukasa Enomoto, Anji Kato, Masatoshi Nagase
Japan 2025
Panorama | International premiere
A boy who no longer speaks, shaped by a tyrannical father and a mother he both resents and loves, grows up on Japan's northern coast. With nowhere to belong, he returns to seek his father and sets his fate in motion.

Siri Hustvedt – Dance Around the Self
by Sabine Lidl | with Siri Hustvedt, Paul Auster, Sophie Auster, Katerina Fotopoulou, Liv Hustvedt
Germany / Switzerland 2026
Panorama Dokumente | World premiere | Documentary form
Sabine Lidl presents Siri Hustvedt's journey from her first novel to being a leading voice in contemporary literature – a film about feminist perspectives, Hustvedt's soulmate Paul Auster, and the power of thought.

Staatsschutz (*Prosecution*)
by Faraz Shariat | with Chen Emilie Yan, Julia Jentsch, Alev Irmak, Arnd Klawitter, Sebastian Urzendowsky
Germany 2026
Panorama | World premiere
After surviving a racist attack, state prosecutor Seyo Kim takes her own case to court – confronting both the perpetrators and a justice system that turns a blind eye to right-wing extremism.

The Education of Jane Cumming
by Sophie Heldman | with Flora Nicholson, Clare Dunne, Mia Tharia, Fiona Shaw, Sadie Shimmin
Germany / Switzerland / United Kingdom 2026
Panorama | World premiere | English audio description offered
Edinburgh, 1810. Two female teachers find themselves at the centre of a scandal when one of their pupils accuses them of having a love affair. A drama about prejudice, survival and the courage to stand up for the truth.

The Moment
by Aidan Zamiri | with Charli xcx, Rosanna Arquette, Kate Berlant, Jamie Demetriou, Hailey Benton Gates
USA 2026
Panorama | International premiere | Debut film
A mockumentary about the highs and lows of success. Charli xcx does battle with immense expectations – both from others and herself ... Aidan Zamiri presents the musician in her most personal role yet.

The Other Side of the Sun
by Tawfik Sabouni | with Tawfik Sabouni, Mahmoud Alqadah, Abdelkafi Alhaj, Mohammad Hamki, Abdelhamid Jadoue
Belgium / France / Saudi Arabia 2026
Panorama Dokumente | World premiere | Debut film | Documentary form
After the fall of Assad's regime, five survivors return to the former torture prison of Saidnaya to reenact what they experienced there during their incarceration. They reclaim their voices and bear witness for those who can no longer speak for themselves.

Traces
by Alisa Kovalenko, Marysia Nikitiuk | with Iryna Dovhan, Tetiana Vasylenko, Liudmyla Mefodiivna, Galyna Tyshchenko, Olha Cherniak
Ukraine / Poland 2026
Panorama Dokumente | World premiere | Documentary form
Despite the deep traces of trauma caused by sexual violence and torture at the hands of Russian troops, Ukrainian women survivors are uniting to break stigma and silence, transforming their testimonies into a powerful form of resistance.

Tristan Forever
by Tobias Nölle, Loran Bonnardot | with Loran Bonnardot, Martin Green, Glenda Rogers
Switzerland 2026
Panorama Dokumente | World premiere | Documentary form
For 30 years, a doctor from Paris has maintained a friendship with a fisherman on Tristan da Cunha, the most isolated inhabited island in the world. Now he travels back one more time, with the plan to stay there for good.

Trop c'est trop (*Enough Is Enough*)
by Elisé Sawasawa | with Eliane Feza, Moses Sawasawa, Francis Zihindula Milindwa
France / Democratic Republic of the Congo 2026
Panorama Dokumente | World premiere | Debut film | Documentary form
Thirty years of war, seven million displaced, ten million dead. *Trop c'est trop* is a plunge into the chaos of the city of Goma, capital of North Kivu in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Two Mountains Weighing Down My Chest
by Viv Li | with Viv Li
Germany / Netherlands 2026
Panorama Dokumente | World premiere | Debut film | Documentary form
A Chinese wannabe artist drifts between Berlin's overwhelming alternative scene and her traditional family in Beijing. With wit and insight, the film follows her search for identity and belonging in a globalised but polarised world.

Un hiver russe (*A Russian Winter*)
by Patric Chiha
France 2026
Panorama Dokumente | World premiere | Documentary form
After the invasion of Ukraine in 2022, Margarita, Yuri and their friends are pushed into exile from Russia as they refuse to comply with the regime. Suspended between countries, they have nowhere to return, and nowhere they feel truly welcome.

Vier minus drei (*Four Minus Three*)
by Adrian Goiginger | with Valerie Pachner, Robert Stadlober, Stefanie Reinsperger, Hanno Koffler, Margarethe Tiesel
Austria / Germany 2026
Panorama | World premiere | German audio description offered
Barbara and Heli are professional clowns, living out their dream of an alternative, joy-filled life with their two children. But when Heli and the children die in a car crash, Barbara’s faith in humour, hope and humanity is put to the ultimate test.