Film Festival on Diversity

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Film Festival on Diversity 2026
8 – 15 May 2026 | Cyprus

The **Film Festival on Diversity (FFD) 2026** returns for its 5th edition as a dynamic international cultural initiative promoting diversity, inclusion, and intercultural dialogue through cinema and cultural exchange.

The festival is organized by the **Center for Social Innovation (CSI)** and is held under the auspices of the **Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union (First Half of 2026)**, the **Municipality of Nicosia**, the **European Union National Institutes for Culture (EUNIC)**, the **Commissioner for the Protection of the Rights of the Child**, and the **Cyprus Diversity Charter**.

The Festival will take place from **8 to 15 May 2026**, featuring screenings and activities across various locations in the districts of **Nicosia and Larnaca**.

The aim of the Festival is to highlight multilingualism and diverse cultural expressions, strengthen intercultural dialogue, and create open spaces for encounter, where cinema serves as a starting point for reflection, exchange, and understanding.

This year's edition is implemented through collaborations with embassies, cultural institutes, and organizations, further strengthening international cultural cooperation and cultural diplomacy through the arts. Participating partners include the **Embassy of Greece**, the **Embassy of Spain**, the **Embassy of France**, the **Embassy of Sweden**, the **High Commission of India in Cyprus**, the **Ukrainian Cultural Center "Obiimy"**, as well as the organizations **RESET** and **MITRA**. The Festival is also supported by the **Limassol International Book Fair**.

The **Opening Day** of the Festival will take place on **8 May 2026 at 19:30**, at **ARTos House (Nicosia)**, featuring the screening of *Fonissa*, directed by Eva Nathena, Greece's official submission to the Academy Awards.

The Festival maintains a warm, accessible, and community-oriented character, encouraging active audience participation through screenings often accompanied by discussions. Its philosophy is rooted in collaboration and co-creation, highlighting how cultural action can grow through ideas, people, and synergies.

Admission to all screenings and events is free, with prior reservation required here: https://forms.office.com/e/b3KGxCGQJ0

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FULL PROGRAMME

8 May – ARTos House (Nicosia)

(64 Agion Omologiton, 1010)

- 19:30 Opening by the Ambassador of Greece to Cyprus, H.E. Mr. Konstantinos Kollias
- 19:45 Welcome by the Mayor of Nicosia, Mr. Charalambos Prountzos
- 20:00 *Murderess*, directed by Eva Nathena
- Intermission with wine & light bites

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9 May – ARTos House (Nicosia)

(64 Agion Omologiton, 1010)

- 19:30 Welcome by the High Commissioner of India to Cyprus, H.E. Mr. Manish Manish
- 19:45 *Dangal*, directed by Nitesh Tiwari
- Indian buffet

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10 May – Eleftheria Square Amphitheatre (Nicosia)

- 19:45 Welcome by the Ambassador of Spain to Cyprus, H.E. Ms. Mercedes Alonso Frayle
- 20:00 *Campeones*, directed by Javier Fesser

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11 May – The Cyprus Institute (Nicosia)

(20 Konstantinou Kavafi, 2121, Aglantzia)

- 18:30 Welcome by the Ambassador of France to Cyprus, H.E. Ms. Clélia Chevrier Kolačko
- 18:40 Welcome by the Ambassador of Sweden to Cyprus, H.E. Mr. Martin Hagström
- 18:45 *Fanon*, directed by Jean-Claude Barny

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- 21:00 *Historjá – Stitching for Sápmi*, directed by Thomas Jackson
- Intermission with wine & light bites

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12 May – Kaskanter (Lympia)

(6 Olympias, 2566)

- 20:00 *Pause*, directed by Tonia Misiali
- 21:40 Discussion with director Tonia Misiali
- Drinks and snacks

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13 May – Ukrainian Cultural Center "Obiimy" (Larnaca)

(12 Grigori Afxentiou, 6016)

- 19:00 *Cuba and Alaska*, directed by Yegor Troyanovsky
- Intermission with wine & light bites

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14 May – CSI Terrace (Nicosia)

(62 Rigenis, 1010)

- 20:00 *Shadows*, directed by Rand Beiruty
- 20:15 *Tug of War*, directed by Amil Shivji
- Intermission with snacks

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15 May – CSI Terrace (Nicosia)

(62 Rigenis, 1010)

- 20:00 *Our Bread*, directed by Oleksandra Fogh

- Workshop introducing different types of bread from around the world

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- **School screenings will take place from 11 to 15 May. Schools can register (free of charge) here:**
  https://forms.office.com/e/fPpsgnJrcr

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