



27TH PRAGUE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
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Press release

The 27th edition of the Prague International Film Festival – Febiofest is happening. It begins tomorrow with meticulous attention to the maintenance of hygiene requirements.

The 27th edition of the Prague International Film Festival – Febiofest gets underway tomorrow at Cinema City Slovanský dům. The popular cinema showcase, which was forced to move from its traditional dates in March to autumn dates of 18–25 September, promises viewers a range of exceptional films that have done well at the major festivals in Berlin, Cannes and Venice, as well as meticulous attention to the maintenance of hygiene requirements. With each ticket purchased viewers will receive **free of charge** two face masks, the wearing of which is compulsory in interior spaces. In addition, safe distances will be ensured in all screening halls and halls will be disinfected after each screening. The recent edition of the Venice IFF showed that it is possible in the present situation to organise a safe, calm and stimulating cultural event and the Prague IFF – Febiofest wishes to bring a similar experience to the Czech Republic.

The opening ceremony of the 27th edition will kick off on Friday 18.9 at 18:00 on the red carpet in front of Slovanský dům, when moderator and actor Vlasta Korec will accompany a show that is open to the public. The evening will begin with a closed screening of the new documentary **Karel**, in which Olga Malířová Špátová delivers a unique insight into the private life and soul of the singer Karel Gott. This will be followed by the presentation of **Kristián** awards for contribution to cinema. This year they will go to two greats of the Czech silver screen, **Iva Janžurová** and **Milan Lasica**.

Earlier, at 17:30, a screening of the zany Israeli film **Mossad** will get the new Comedy Competition underway at Cinema City Slovanský. The competition is being judged by a jury of 33 film buffs from the ranks of the public, headed by actress Dana Morávková. On Saturday the Main Competition will get underway with a screening of the Slovak-Czech-Irish-Romanian drama **Servants** attended by director Ivan Ostrochovský. The Main Competition jury comprises the directors and Slávek Horák and Beata Parkanová and actress Anna Polívková, who has stood in at the last moment for Jiří Mádľ who has work commitments.

Saturday will see the arrival in Prague of Danish star **Ulrich Thomsen**. The actor, known for Scandinavian and world films and TV series, including *Festen*, *In a Better World*, *Brothers* and *The New Pope* will show off his skills as a director to the audience at the PIFF – Febiofest with **Gutterbee**, an idiosyncratic social satire about sausages, friendship and intolerance.

Tickets to individual screenings are available online and at the box offices of the cinemas Cinema City Slovanský dům, Kino Ponrepo, Edison Filmhub and Kino Pilotů. Viewers can purchase festival passes for three, five or eight days at the box office at Cinema City Slovanský dům.

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