



72. Pula  
Pula film festival

10-17 July 2025

**FILM UNDER THE STARS**

One light, thousands of memories. Jedno svjetlo, tisuće uspomena.

## SUSTAINABILITY IN PRACTICE

Pula Film Festival continues to systematically develop measures to reduce its ecological footprint. Special attention is given to reducing single use plastic, waste separation, use of sustainable materials, and raising awareness of shared responsibility. The key partners in the implementation of sustainable measures are the city companies **Pulapromet** and **Herculanea**, the association **Zelena Istra** (Green Istria), and sponsors who promote sustainability through their own practices: **Monte kava**, who use compostable packaging and **JYSK**, who are replacing paper flyers and are exclusively using QR codes to inform customers. This year, the Festival is again implementing a range of concrete measures to actively invite the audience for cooperation:

**Sustainable mobility:** Tickets for screenings at the Arena can be used as bus tickets on the day of the screening on all Pulapromet city lines from 7 p.m. to 4 a.m. Make use of this benefit and choose public transport.

**Digital tickets:** Please do not print your tickets unless absolutely necessary - digital tickets on your mobile device are sufficient.

**Reusable cups:** We are continuing with the good practice of reusable washable polypropylene cups that can be returned with deposit refund or kept as a souvenir (exclusively at the bar at the Arena). Reusable cups can be purchased at the Arena and the Info Point at Giardini.

**Waste separation:** Bins for waste separation have been placed at each of the festival locations. Thank you for recycling!

**Pocket ashtrays:** Our portable pocket ashtrays can be purchased at the Arena and the Info Point. These practical ashtrays will allow you to dispose of cigarette butts properly - please use them at all locations and at all times!

**Reduced use of plastic:** The Festival is switching to more sustainable materials in visual communications: a share of the printed materials uses recycled paper, and printing on banners has been replaced with environmentally friendly solutions.

The Festival has also reaffirmed its commitment to sustainability by working with the local beekeeping company **STARI DUB**, owned by Filip Raponja. Leasing bee hives supports traditional beekeeping and biodiversity conservation, and the resulting natural and untreated honey has been chosen as the exclusive festival souvenir - a gift for guests, authors, and partners.



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## **LOCATIONS**

**ARENA** / Flavijevska

**VALLI CINEMA** / Giardini 1

**HOME OF CROATIAN VETERANS** / Leharova 1

**INK - ISTRIAN NATIONAL THEATRE** / Laginjina 5

**GIARDINI** / Giardini 1

**MAKINA GALLERY** / Kapitolinski trg 1

**NOVO GALLERY** / Laginjina 7

**ECPD – REGIONAL CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES** / Flacijusova 18

**HUIU GALLERY** / Zagrebačka 27

**YOUTH CENTRE** / Giardini 2

**AMBRELA BEACH** / Verudela 5

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## TICKET PRICES

**Individual film evenings at the Arena: €6**

**Set of tickets for all evenings at the Arena: €40**

### Discounts for students and pensioners

**Students** can purchase a ticket for a single screening at the Arena at a discounted price of €5 if they show proof of being a student.

**Pensioners** can purchase a ticket for a single screening at the Arena at a discounted price of €3 if they show proof of pension.

All information regarding ticket sales can be received via: [ulaznice@pulafilmfestival.hr](mailto:ulaznice@pulafilmfestival.hr)

Use public city transport! Your ticket on the day of the screening is also valid for free bus rides from 7:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. Night bus lines provided by Pulapromet that operate after 11:00 p.m. are 71, 72, and 73.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE!

**There will be no privileged or free tickets for the screening of *Smurfs*. Children and adults pay the full price of the ticket at 6 EUR.**

**Film programmes at VALLI CINEMA, ISTRIAN NATIONAL THEATRE AND AMBRELA - free entry.**

All international films will be screened with Croatian subtitles and all international films in languages other than English will be screened with English subtitles as well. All Croatian films in the Arena will be screened with English subtitles.

## POINTS OF SALE

### FESTIVAL INFO POINT at Giardini

5 to 18 July 2025 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Tickets and souvenirs sale

### OUTSIDE THE ARENA

9-18 July 2025  
Tickets sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to midnight  
Souvenirs sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
Online: [www.pulafilmfestival.hr](http://www.pulafilmfestival.hr)



5 July 2025 / **SATURDAY**



## **HOLY ELECTRICITY**

GE, NL • 2024 • 104'  
drama  
DIRECTOR  
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VALLI CINEMA • 7 p.m.

**GREATER ADRIA**

6 July 2025 / **SUNDAY**



## **THE MARCHING BAND**

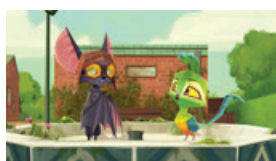
FR • 2024 • 102'  
comedy  
DIRECTOR  
**Emmanuel Courcol**

Acclaimed conductor Thibaut has leukaemia and needs a bone marrow donor. Learning he was adopted, he finds an older brother, a musician and factory worker. Their reunion sparks a fraternal, musical journey amidst the town's factory closure.

VALLI CINEMA • 7 p.m.

**GREATER ADRIA**

7 July 2025 / **MONDAY**



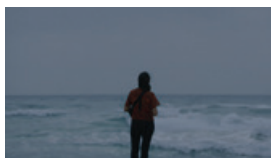
## **BENJAMIN BAT**

NL, LU • 2024 • 75'  
animated, musical  
DIRECTOR  
**Patrick Raats**

Benjamin Bat is afraid of the dark. When he falls in love with a bird, he becomes an outcast of his family. Can love help him conquer his fear and help him stand for who he truly is?

VALLI CINEMA • 10 a.m.

**PULICA**



## **HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

PO, DE, FR, IT, QA • 2024 • 124'  
drama  
DIRECTOR  
**Scandar Copti**

Leaving the warm but strict family fold, college student Fifi has only just gotten a taste of independence, but her newfound freedom is already under threat. When she wakes up in the hospital after a minor accident, Fifi will quickly have to decide how much of her new life she wants her family to know.

VALLI CINEMA • 8 p.m.

**GREATER ADRIA**

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8 July 2025 / **TUESDAY**

### THE CHAOS SISTERS FEAT. PENGUIN PAUL

DE, BE • 2024 • 100'  
family, comedy  
DIRECTOR  
**Mike Marzuk**

Four chaotic sisters have to save a dancing penguin from evil magicians who want to use him for their comeback show in Las Vegas.

VALLI CINEMA • 10 a.m.

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### SIRÂT

ES, FR • 2025 • 115'  
drama  
DIRECTOR  
**Oliver Laxe**

A man and his son arrive at a remote rave in the arid, ghostly mountains of southern Morocco. They search for Mar, their daughter and sister, who disappeared months ago at one of these never-ending parties.

VALLI CINEMA • 8 p.m.

GREATER ADRIA

9 July 2025 / **WEDNESDAY**

### TALES FROM THE MAGIC GARDEN

CZ, SK, SI, FR • 2025 • 71'  
animated  
DIRECTORS  
**David Sūkup, Patrik Pašš, Leon Vidmar, Jean-Claude Rozeck**

The film tells the story of three children who spend the night at their grandfather's house for the first time since the passing of their grandmother, a master storyteller. Unable to fall asleep without a bedtime story, the children decide to make up their own stories and embark on a journey that shows them that storytelling can help them cope with life's challenges.

VALLI CINEMA • 10 a.m.

PULICA



### MADLY

IT • 2025 • 97'  
romantic comedy  
DIRECTOR  
**Paolo Genovese**

The story follows a first date between Piero and Lara, revealing the dynamics they employ to connect, understand each other, perhaps make love, and start a relationship.

VALLI CINEMA • 8 p.m.

GREATER ADRIA

10 a.m.

**FEARLESS**

VALLI CINEMA

7 p.m.

**PAVILION 6**

INK

9:15 p.m.

**OPENING  
CEREMONY**

ARENA

9:15 p.m.

**SOUTH  
WIND**

ARENA

**FEARLESS**

BR, IT, ES, FR • 2023 • 77'  
documentary  
DIRECTOR  
Luciano Toriello

Pierfrancesco lives in Brazil and at 12 he is a rising star of kitesurfing. In ten years of filming, the documentary follows his childhood, from when he takes his first steps in the water at the age of 3 to when, at the age of 11, he will compete in the World Championships.

VALLI CINEMA • 10 a.m.

PULICA

**PAVILION 6**

HR • 2024 • 69'  
documentary  
DIRECTOR  
Goran Dević

As the long-awaited COVID-19 vaccine brings a glimmer of hope, through candid conversations with people waiting in line for vaccination, this globally relatable film reveals the disorientation and scepticism that permeate our collective experience.

INK • 7 p.m.

CROATIAN FILM

**ARENA**

9:15 p.m.

**OPENING CEREMONY**HOSTS: **Dijana Vidušin, Nika Ivančić****SOUTH WIND**

HR, RS • 2025 • 82' • comedy  
DIRECTOR **Ante Marin**

CROATIAN FILM

**WORLD PREMIERE**

As the intense Južina wind rattles Split, the lives of tenants in a four-story building unravel. A suspended teacher, a paranoid old lady, a manipulative Catholic mother, a failing rapper, and a dangerous ex-boyfriend collide in a darkly comedic chain of misunderstandings, schemes, and chaos.



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11 July 2025 / **FRIDAY**

10 a.m.

**I ACCIDENTALLY  
WROTE A BOOK**

VALLI CINEMA

12 p.m.

**HIGH NOON  
CRITICS' DUEL**HOME OF CROATIAN  
VETERANS

12 p.m.

**PAVILION 6**

INK

2 p.m.

**SOUTH  
WIND**

INK

4 p.m.

**FAMILY  
THERAPY**

VALLI CINEMA

6:20 p.m.

**VUD, YOU  
HAVE WON!**

VALLI CINEMA

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IS SO GREEN  
OUT HERE?**

INK

8 p.m.

**ANYWHERE  
ANYTIME**

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**BUMBLEBEE'S  
SUMMER**

ARENA

9:30 p.m.

**NATIONAL CLASS  
CATEGORY UP  
TO 785 CCM**

AMBRELA

10 p.m.

**HOLY  
ELECTRICITY**

VALLI CINEMA

11:00 p.m.

**SUPERMAN**

ARENA





## I ACCIDENTALLY WROTE A BOOK

HR, NL • 2024 • 95'  
coming-of-age, family film  
DIRECTOR  
**Nóra Lakos**

Nina dreams of becoming a writer. While her novelist neighbour helps her to achieve that, Nina suddenly realises that her life is actually becoming a novel...

VALLI CINEMA • 10 a.m.

PULICA



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documentary  
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INK • 2 p.m.

CROATIAN FILM



## FAMILY THERAPY

SI, HR, IT, RS, NO • 2024 • 122'  
black, comedy, drama  
DIRECTOR  
**Sonja Prosenc**

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VALLI CINEMA • 4 p.m.

MINORITY CO-PRODUCTIONS



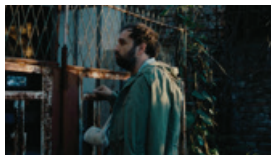
## VUD, YOU HAVE WON!

HR, ME • 2025 • 70'  
documentary  
DIRECTOR  
**Senad Šahmanović**

This powerful documentary film brings a story about the rise and fall of the only Yugoslavian Oscar winner, Dušan Vukotić, providing deep insight into the phenomenon of the Zagreb School of Animated Film.

VALLI CINEMA • 6:20 p.m.

TIME MACHINE



## HOW COME IT IS SO GREEN OUT HERE?

RS, HR, BG • 2025 • 113'  
road movie, biography  
DIRECTOR  
**Nikola Ležaić**

Nikola is a film director who learns from his parents about the possibility of finally bringing home the remains of his late grandmother, who fled Croatia during the war and died in Serbia in the early 2000s.

INK • 7 p.m.

MINORITY CO-PRODUCTIONS



## ANYWHERE ANYTIME

IT • 2024 • 85'  
drama  
DIRECTOR  
**Milad Tangshir**

Issa is a young undocumented immigrant struggling to survive in a big city in Italy. Thanks to a friend who lends him his identity, he starts to work as a delivery rider. The slippery balance collapses when his bike gets stolen.



VALLI CINEMA • 8 p.m.

REGIONAL PROGRAMME



**NATIONAL CLASS**  
**CATEGORY UP TO**  
**785 CCM**  
YU • 1979 • 105'  
comedy  
DIRECTOR  
**Goran Marković**

Branko, alias Floyd, is a young man who still lives with his parents in the suburbs of Belgrade. His favourite pastimes are racing cars and women. Floyd dreams of getting promoted to a higher class in racing, which means he has to win in the race on Saturday.

AMBRELA • 9:30 p.m.



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DIRECTOR **Daniel Kušan**

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CROATIAN FILM

**WORLD PREMIERE**



11:00 p.m.

## SUPERMAN

US • 2025 • 122' • action, adventure, SF  
DIRECTOR **James Gunn**

The film explores Clark Kent / Superman's journey to reconcile his Kryptonian heritage with his adoptive human family in Smallville, Kansas.



POPULAR PULA

9:30 a.m.

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VALLI CINEMA

6 p.m.

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VALLI CINEMA

7 p.m.

**PEACEMAKER**

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**PONTON'S  
HEART**

VALLI CINEMA

9:15 p.m.

**FIUME O  
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ARENA

9:30 p.m.

**ZAGREB  
EQUINOX**

AMBRELA

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**THE MARCHING  
BAND**

VALLI CINEMA

11:45 p.m.

**THAT'S IT  
FOR TODAY**

ARENA



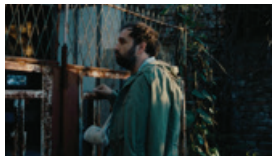
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CROATIAN FILM



## LITTLE TROUBLE GIRLS

SI, IT, HR, RS • 2025 • 89'  
coming-of-age drama  
DIRECTOR  
**Urška Djukić**

Introverted 16-year-old Lucia joins her Catholic school's all-girls choir, where she befriends Ana-Maria, a popular third-year student. But when the choir travels to a countryside convent, Lucia's interest in a restoration worker tests her friendship with other girls.

**CROATIAN PREMIERE**

VALLI CINEMA • 4 p.m.

MINORITY CO-PRODUCTIONS



## FUNK YU

HR, ME • 2024 • 81'  
documentary  
DIRECTOR  
**Franko Dujmić**

A reluctant vinyl collector Franko finds himself on an adventure across former Yugoslavia to find the only vinyl record missing from his collection – the Ulica Jorgovana / Zlatokosa single, one of the finest examples of Yugoslav funk.

VALLI CINEMA • 6 p.m.

TIME MACHINE



## PEACEMAKER

HR • 2025 • 100'  
documentary  
DIRECTOR  
**Ivan Ramljak**

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INK • 7 p.m.

CROATIAN FILM



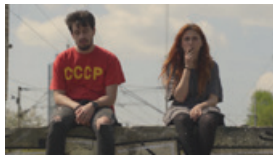
## PONTON'S HEART

ME • 2024 • 97'  
romantic comedy  
DIRECTOR  
**Senad Sahmanović**

A slightly asocial man, with a specifically rude demeanour with his clients, falls in love. With a completely wrong person. She is a talented young actress, a rising star with two college degrees.

VALLI CINEMA • 8 p.m.

REGIONAL PROGRAMME



## ZAGREB EQUINOX

HR • 2019 • 94'  
comedy  
DIRECTOR  
**Svebor Mihael Jelić**

Six young friends decide to use the 2015 spring equinox as an excuse to throw a big party in Zagreb. As they assign the tasks, set the time and decide on the place, numerous obstacles arise.

AMBRELA • 9:30 p.m.



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GREATER ADRIA

# ARENA

9:15 p.m.

## FIUME O MORTE!

HR, IT, SI • 2025 • 112' • documentary feature

DIRECTOR **Igor Bezinović**

Citizens of Rijeka, which Italians call Fiume, retell, reconstruct and reinterpret the bizarre story about the 16-month occupation of their city in 1919 by the Italian poet Gabriele D'Annunzio.



CROATIAN FILM

11:45 p.m.

## THAT'S IT FOR TODAY

RS, BA • 2024 • 105' • drama

DIRECTOR **Marko Đodević**

It is the start of summer and there is a mixture of carefreeness and nostalgia in the air – a perfect time for reunions. Vaso returns from Belgrade to his native Kragujevac to visit his brother, sister, and little niece, who happen to live together. But the initial joy is dampened by the news that their acting teacher Kika has passed away.



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VALLI CINEMA

7 p.m.

**PRASLOVAN**

INK

8 p.m.

**78 DAYS**

VALLI CINEMA

9:15 p.m.

**MY LATE  
SUMMER**

ARENA

9:30 p.m.

**BLOCK 5**

AMBRELA

10 p.m.

**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS**

VALLI CINEMA

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**MATERIALISTS**

ARENA





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**DOG OF A FAMOUS PERSON** 19' 10" (d. J. Schmuck)  
**THE BREAD OF MOTHER TRADITION** 14' 33" (d. M. Pejić)  
**FROM PETER TO AIDA** 6' 32" (d. P. Pavetić Kranjčec)  
**GREEK APRICOTS** 19' 58" (d. J. Krevatin)  
**THIS IS NOT MY FLAT ANYMORE** 12' 20" (d. S. Hribar - out of competition)

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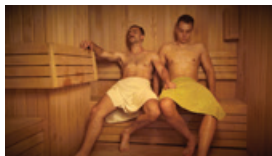
ME, IT, FR, HR, RS • 2025 • 93'  
history drama  
DIRECTOR  
**Ivan Salatić**

In 19<sup>th</sup> century Montenegro, the dying poet and ruler Morlak travels to Italy seeking a cure while his loyal servant Djuko wrestles with jealousy, homesickness, and the looming shadow of loss.

**CROATIAN PREMIERE**

VALLI CINEMA • 4 p.m.

MINORITY CO-PRODUCTIONS



## WARM FILM

RS • 2024 • 92'  
hybrid documentary  
DIRECTOR  
**Dragan Jovičević**

Inspired by the strong reaction of the tabloids to the filming of a Serbian film with a gay theme, two actors start exploring the topic of LGBTIQ characters through the history of Yugoslavian, and later Serbian cinema.

VALLI CINEMA • 6 p.m.

TIME MACHINE



## PRASLOVAN

SI, HR • 2024 • 112'  
documentary  
DIRECTOR  
**Slobodan Maksimović**

This documentary film follows the life and career of one of the most important singer-songwriters of the former Yugoslavia, Zoran Predin. The film reveals his journey from his youth in Maribor, where he started playing music, to the height of his fame with the band Lačni Franz and his solo career, which made him an icon of the music scene.

INK • 7 p.m.

MINORITY CO-PRODUCTIONS



## 78 DAYS

RS • 2024 • 82  
drama  
DIRECTOR  
**Emilija Gašić**

After their father was conscripted during the Kosovo War and the 1999 NATO bombing of Serbia, three sisters start recording a Hi8 video diary in their home in Vrnjačka Banja. The fragile, intimate world of the teenagers' everyday life is the only thing protecting them from the harsh external reality of bombs, sirens and war.

VALLI CINEMA • 8 p.m.

REGIONAL PROGRAMME

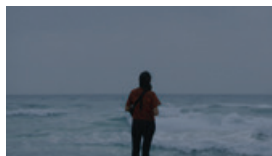


## BLOCK 5

SI, RS, HR, CZ • 2024 • 79'  
children's film  
DIRECTOR  
**Klemen Dvornik**

When 12-year-old Alma discovers that her father's company plans to demolish the nearby playground and turn it into a parking lot, she has no choice but to join forces with her adversary Luna and Luna's skate gang.

AMBRELA • 9:30 p.m.



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

PO, DE, FR, IT, QA • 2024 • 124'  
drama  
DIRECTOR  
**Scandar Copti**

Leaving the warm but strict family fold, college student Fifi has only just gotten a taste of independence, but her newfound freedom is already under threat. When she wakes up in the hospital after a minor accident, Fifi will quickly have to decide how much of her new life she wants her family to know.

VALLI CINEMA • 10 p.m.

GREATER ADRIA

# ARENA

9:15 p.m.

## MY LATE SUMMER

HR, BA, RO, SI, RS • 2024 • 98' • drama, comedy

DIRECTOR **Danis Tanović**

The story of a young woman who, in search of her roots on a small island, experiences an unexpected romance in late summer, which evolves into a tale of acceptance, forgiveness, and love towards others, towards the island, and most importantly, towards herself.

CROATIAN FILM



11:15 p.m.

## MATERIALISTS

US • 2025 • 110' • romantic comedy

DIRECTOR **Celine Song**

A young, ambitious New York City matchmaker finds herself torn between the perfect match and her imperfect ex.

POPULAR PULA



72

14 July 2025 / **MONDAY**

10 a.m.

**WONDROUS IS  
THE SILENCE OF  
MY MASTER**

INK

12 p.m.

**HIGH NOON  
CRITICS' DUEL**HOME OF CROATIAN  
VETERANS

12 p.m.

**PRASLOVAN**

INK

2 p.m.

**STUDENT  
PROGRAMME**

VALLI CINEMA

2:20 p.m.

**MY LATE  
SUMMER**

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GODS**

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6 p.m.

**VIRGINA**

VALLI CINEMA

7 p.m.

**ALL OPERATORS  
ARE CURRENTLY  
UNAVAILABLE**

INK

8 p.m.

**BLUM –  
MASTERS OF  
THEIR OWN  
DESTINY**

VALLI CINEMA

9:15 p.m.

**SANDBAG  
DAM**

ARENA

9:30 p.m.

**MARTIN IN  
THE CLOUDS**

AMBRELA

10 p.m.

**SIRÂT**

VALLI CINEMA

11:05 p.m.

**THE  
PHOENICIAN  
SCHEME**

ARENA



## WONDROUS IS THE SILENCE OF MY MASTER

ME, IT, FR, HR, RS • 2025 • 93'  
history drama  
DIRECTOR  
**Ivan Salatić**

In 19<sup>th</sup> century Montenegro, the dying poet and ruler Morlak travels to Italy seeking a cure while his loyal servant Djuko wrestles with jealousy, homesickness, and the looming shadow of loss.

INK • 10 a.m.

MINORITY CO-PRODUCTIONS



## PRASLOVAN

SI, HR • 2024 • 112'  
documentary  
DIRECTOR  
**Slobodan Maksimović**

This documentary film follows the life and career of one of the most important singer-songwriters of the former Yugoslavia, Zoran Predin. The film reveals his journey from his youth in Maribor, where he started playing music, to the height of his fame with the band Lačni Franz and his solo career, which made him an icon of the music scene.

INK • 12 p.m.

MINORITY CO-PRODUCTIONS



**SPOT** 21' 36" (d. S. Alavanić)  
**COFFEE WITH JOVANKA** 13' 7" (d. I. Bistровić)  
**GOOD LUCK, ŠARAI!** 21' 15" (d. I. Ratković)  
**DRY CLOTHES** 9' 15" (d. T. Jelenić)  
**THE LAST BET** 14' 22" (d. M. Wüstenberg)

VALLI CINEMA • 2 p.m.

STUDENT PROGRAMME



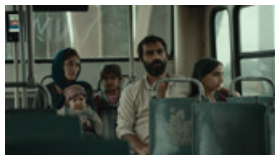
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INK • 2:20 p.m.

CROATIAN FILM



## DWELLING AMONG THE GODS

RS, IT, HR • 2024 • 100'  
drama  
DIRECTOR  
**Vuk Ršumović**

A young Afghan woman comes to Belgrade at the height of the migrant wave – her struggle begins when she learns that her younger brother drowned in the river there, and she is determined to bury him under his full name.

**CROATIAN  
PREMIERE**

VALLI CINEMA • 4 p.m.

MINORITY CO-PRODUCTIONS



## VIRGINA

YU • 1991 • 98'  
drama  
DIRECTOR  
**Srdan Karanović**

In the backwater surrounding the city of Knin, families without a male heir were considered cursed and doomed. To save themselves from damnation, such families proclaimed one of their daughters "a virgina", or a man, hiding the truth about the child's real gender as their most precious secret.

VALLI CINEMA • 6 p.m.

TIME MACHINE



## ALL OPERATORS ARE CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE

HR • 2025 • 109'  
psychological thriller  
DIRECTOR  
**Dalibor Barić**

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**WORLD  
PREMIERE**

INK • 7 p.m.

CROATIAN FILM



## BLUM – MASTERS OF THEIR OWN DESTINY

BA • 2024 • 76'  
documentary  
DIRECTOR  
**Jasmila Žbanić**

Starting in a devastated, rural country with a largely illiterate population, right after World War II, Emerik Blum created a large and successful global company, Energoinvest, which ran on a globally unique business model based on workers' participation in both management and profit-sharing.

VALLI CINEMA • 8 p.m.

REGIONAL PROGRAMME



## MARTIN IN THE CLOUDS

YU • 1961 • 110'  
comedy  
DIRECTOR  
**Branko Bauer**

The film tells the story of the fortunes and mishaps of Martin and his girlfriend Zorica, both students and subtenants, as they try to get a flat of their own in the then modern Zagreb, shown as a dynamic, modern city that has an international fair, music evenings, jazz, fashion, and sport events. Of course, the city has its own challenges...

AMBRELA • 9:30 p.m.



## SIRÂT

ES, FR • 2025 • 115'  
drama  
DIRECTOR  
**Öliver Laxe**

A man and his son arrive at a remote rave in the arid, ghostly mountains of southern Morocco. They search for Mar, their daughter and sister, who disappeared months ago at one of these never-ending parties.

VALLI CINEMA • 10 p.m.

GREATER ADRIA

72

14 July 2025 / **MONDAY**

# ARENA

9:15 p.m.

## SANDBAG DAM

HR, LT, SI • 2025 • 88' • drama  
DIRECTOR **Čejan Černić Čanak**

As a rising river threatens to flood his village, high school senior Marko's seemingly stable life is disrupted by the return of Slaven, his former childhood friend and forbidden first love. While the villagers work tirelessly to build sandbag walls around their homes, Marko is building a wall of his own - one meant to keep his emotions at bay.

CROATIAN FILM



11:05 p.m.

## THE PHOENICIAN SCHEME

US, DE • 2025 • 105' • espionage black comedy  
DIRECTOR **Wes Anderson**

Wealthy businessman Zsa-za Korda appoints his only daughter, a nun, as sole heir to his estate. As Korda embarks on a new enterprise, they soon become the target of scheming tycoons, foreign terrorists and determined assassins.

POPULAR PULA



72

15 July 2025 / **TUESDAY**

10 a.m.

**DWELLING  
AMONG THE  
GODS**

INK

12 p.m.

**HIGH NOON  
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VALLI CINEMA

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**GOOD  
CHILDREN**

INK

8 p.m.

**EIGHTY  
PLUS**

VALLI CINEMA

9:15 p.m.

**DRAŽEN**

ARENA

9:30 p.m.

**THE ELUSIVE  
SUMMER OF  
'68**

AMBRELA

10:30 p.m.

**MADLY**

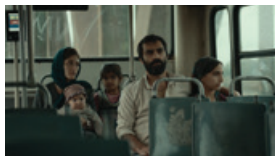
VALLI CINEMA

11:15 p.m.

**BRING HER  
BACK**

ARENA





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INK • 12 p.m.

CROATIAN FILM



**MY HUSBAND, THE IDIOT** 18' 32" (d. L. Galešić)  
**SPINE** 4' 22" (d. M. Margetić)  
**GRAPES** 10' 27" (d. J. Lazin)  
**SHADOWS OF CRIME** 15' 17" (d. G. Lovrenšćak)  
**YET ANOTHER ONE** 29' 17" (d. K. Jelić)

VALLI CINEMA • 2 p.m.

STUDENT PROGRAMME



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INK • 2:15 p.m.

CROATIAN FILM



## WISHING ON A STAR

IT, SK, AT, CZ, HR • 2024 • 99'  
documentary  
DIRECTOR  
**Péter Kerekes**

Luciana is an Italian astrologer; she believes that life is affected by the position of the constellations at the moment of our birth. Many people contact Luciana about their problems, the film follows their stories and birthday trips.

VALLI CINEMA • 4 p.m.

MINORITY CO-PRODUCTIONS



## ALPE-ADRIA UNDERGROUND!

SI • 2024 • 99'  
dokumentarni  
DIRECTORS  
**Matevž Jerman, Jurij Meden**

Between 2013 and 2023, Slovenian Cinematheque preserved and digitised 179 short films created in the period of socialism, but mostly outside the prevailing state production. Today, we belatedly recognize these films as experimental and as an important, innovative part of the Slovenian film heritage, visible again for the first time after decades.

VALLI CINEMA • 6 p.m.

TIME MACHINE



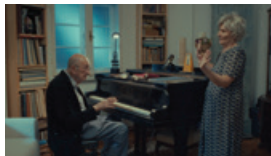
## GOOD CHILDREN

HR, FR • 2024 • 76'  
drama  
DIRECTOR  
**Filip Peruzović**

After the death of their mother, a middle-aged brother and sister who haven't seen each other in years spend three days cleaning up their family home, as well as their relationship.

INK • 7 p.m.

CROATIAN FILM



## EIGHTY PLUS

SI, RS • 2025 • 118'  
drama  
DIRECTOR  
**Želimir Žilnik**

After six decades of living and working in Germany, elderly jazz-pianist Stevan Arsin returns home to Serbia to bring to an end a lengthy legal process of restitution of his family estate - fertile land and a dilapidated mansion left to him by his parents.

VALLI CINEMA • 8 p.m.

REGIONAL PROGRAMME



## THE ELUSIVE SUMMER OF '68

YU • 1984 • 91'  
comedy  
DIRECTOR  
**Goran Paskaljević**

In the summer of 1968, a high school graduate dreams of the woman of his life, falls in love with several women, mostly married and taken, which puts him in a number of delicate and comical situations. This annoys his father, a municipal judge, who believes children should be raised "with a firm hand".

AMBRELA • 9:30 p.m.



## MADLY

IT • 2025 • 97'  
romantic comedy  
DIRECTOR  
**Paolo Genovese**

The story follows a first date between Piero and Lara, revealing the dynamics they employ to connect, understand each other, perhaps make love, and start a relationship.

VALLI CINEMA • 10:30 p.m.

GREATER ADRIA

# ARENA

9:15 p.m.

## DRAŽEN

HR, SI, RS • 2024 • 99' • biopic, family, drama  
DIRECTOR **Danilo Šerbedžija, Ljubo Zdjelarević**

The story of Dražen Petrović shifts the focus away from his well-known sports achievements and delves deeper into the personal side of his life and his unique character. It explores the complex relationship between Dražen and basketball, his greatest passion and personal religion - his one true love, yet also his curse.

CROATIAN FILM



11:15 p.m.

## BRING HER BACK

AU • 2025 • 104' • supernatural horror  
DIRECTORS **Danny Philippou, Michael Philippou**

A brother and sister uncover a terrifying ritual at the secluded home of their new foster mother.

POPULAR PULA



7/2

16 July 2025 / **WEDNESDAY**

10 a.m.

**WISHING  
ON A STAR**

INK

12 p.m.

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CRITICS' DUEL**HOME OF CROATIAN  
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2 p.m.

**GOOD  
CHILDREN**

VALLI CINEMA

4 p.m.

**DRAŽEN**

VALLI CINEMA

6 p.m.

**THREE**KINO  
VALLI

7 p.m.

**AWARD  
CEREMONY**  
HOST:  
**Dušan Bučan**

INK

8 p.m.

**NINETEEN**KINO  
VALLI

9:15 p.m.

**THE LOST  
DREAM TEAM**

ARENA

9:30 p.m.

**THEN I SEE  
TANJA**

AMBRELA

# ARENA

9:15 p.m.

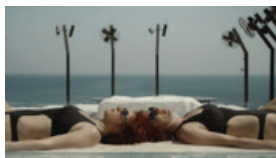
## THE LOST DREAM TEAM

HR, RS, IT, SI • 2025 • 85' • drama  
DIRECTOR **Jure Pavlović**

The story of the Yugoslav national basketball team that won the gold medal in 1991, stood on the podium, and watched their flag rise—all for the glory of a country that ceased to exist three days earlier.

CROATIAN FILM

**WORLD PREMIERE** / OUT OF COMPETITION



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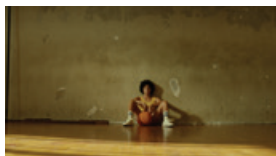
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VALLI CINEMA • 2 p.m.

CROATIAN FILM



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VALLI CINEMA • 4 p.m.

CROATIAN FILM



## THREE

YU • 1965 • 80'  
war drama  
DIRECTOR  
**Aleksandar Petrović**

Three stories are set at the beginning, middle and the end of WW2. In all three of them the hero of the movie must witness the death of people he likes.

VALLI CINEMA • 6 p.m.

TIME MACHINE



## NINETEEN

IT, UK • 2024 • 108'  
coming-of-age drama  
DIRECTOR  
**Giovanni Tortoric**

A curious student embarks on a journey of self-discovery, learning that the path, no matter how unfamiliar or daunting, is worthwhile.

VALLI CINEMA • 8 p.m.

REGIONAL PROGRAMME



## THEN I SEE TANJA

HR • 2010 • 33'  
short feature film  
DIRECTOR  
**Juraj Lerotić**

Željko and his younger brother have been living on their own since their mother ended up in hospital. Željko has set his mind on two things: he has to finally take the initiative to meet Tanja and earn some money to buy his Mum a wig.

AMBRELA • 9:30 p.m.

KINO 15+

72

17 July 2025. / **THURSDAY**

6 p.m.

**AWARDED  
FILMS**

VALLI CINEMA

7 p.m.

**SLAVKO KOPAČ:  
BARBARIC  
REFINEMENT**

INK

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VALLI CINEMA

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**GRAND PRIX  
OF EUROPE**

ARENA

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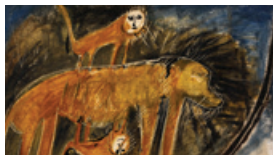
DE, UK • 2025 • 90' • animated  
DIRECTOR **Waldemar Fast**

Edda, a young mouse, dreams of becoming a race car driver. Ahead of the 50th anniversary of the European Grand Prix, Edda gets the opportunity to meet her idol, racing star Ed, and to help her father save his failing business. But to do so, she'll have to get behind the wheel herself.

POPULAR PULA



The schedule of screenings of awarded films will be available in the evening of July 16 at [www.pulafilmfestival.hr](http://www.pulafilmfestival.hr)

**SLAVKO KOPAČ:  
BARBARIC  
REFINEMENT**HR • 2025 • 110'  
documentary  
DIRECTOR  
**Dražen Majić**

A biographical insight into the legacy of one of the greatest Croatian artists and the first cura-tor of the Art Brut collection on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of his death. Prominent art connoisseurs and intellectuals like Annie Le Brun, Michel Thevoz and Lucienne Peiry talk about the life and work of Slavko Kopač.

INK • 7 p.m.

SPECIAL SCREENING

TIME MACHINE

72

18 July 2025. / **FRIDAY**

# ARENA

9:15 p.m.

## SMURFS

US, BE • 2025 • 90' • animated comedy, musical  
DIRECTOR **Chris Miller**

When Papa Smurf is mysteriously taken by evil wizards, Razamel and Gargamel, Smurfette leads the Smurfs on a mission into the real world to save him. With the help of new friends, the Smurfs must discover what defines their destiny to save the universe.

POPULAR PULA



HOME OF CROATIAN VETERANS  
START: 11 p.m.

10 July

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11 July

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12 July

**NIPPLEPEOPLE**

13 July

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15 July

**RUNDEK EKO KVARTET**

16 July

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4 July 2025 / VALLI CINEMA

**JERNEJ JELEN:**

**SHADOW OF A CHARACTER**

**– INTIMATE PORTRAITS OF TRUTH**

9 July 2025 / MAKINA GALLERY / 9 p.m.

**PAVEL POSAVEC:**

**PANORAMAS OF THE EVERYDAY**

10 July 2025 / HUIU GALLERY / 8 p.m.

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11 July 2025 / NOVO GALLERY /

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**BEHIND THE TIDE: SEA OF IMAGES**

12 July 2025 / ECPD / 8 p.m.

**72 FRAMES – A JOURNEY THROUGH**

**THE HISTORY OF THE PULA FILM FESTIVAL**

11 July 2025 / HOME OF CROATIAN VETERANS

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BY CROATIAN PUBLISHERS**

2 p.m.

**ZLATKO VIDAČKOVIĆ:  
CROATIAN NEWSPAPER CRITICISM AND  
CONTEMPORARY NATIONAL CINEMATOGRAPHY**

2:30 p.m.

**VELJKO KRULČIĆ: TOMISLAV ČEGIR – TIME OF  
REDEMPTION AND OTHER FILM AND TELEVISION  
SCREENPLAYS**

3 p.m.

**LUKAS NOLA MONOGRAPH**

3:30 p.m.

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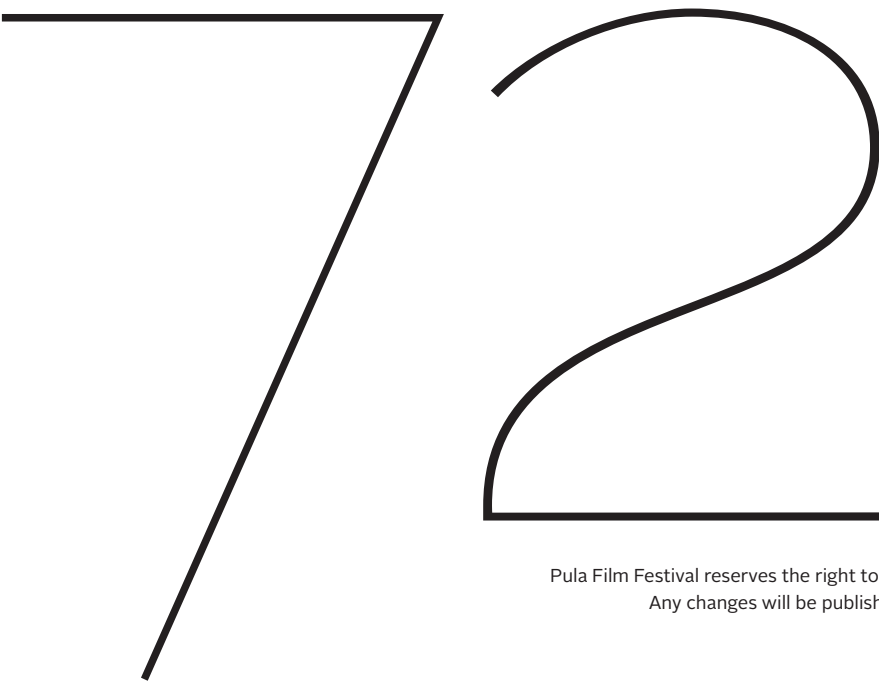
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