

# Annonay International First Feature Film Festival

**41st edition - 2nd to 12th February, 2024**



Initiated in 1984, the cinema festival has become, year after year, a major noteworthy cultural event whose reputation has been spreading all over the Rhône-Alpes region. It is now one of the most important Rhône-Alpes cinema Festivals.

Since 1988 the competition section only consists of first full length feature films. The Festival intends to promote the work of young film-makers from all over the world and to be a convivial

meeting-place where every one can exchange ideas and impressions. At Annonay everything is done to make these exchanges as rewarding as possible. All through the Festival guests, organizers and the public are expected to meet on equal terms and straight-forwardness is our common rule.

## PRESENTATION

It is currently made up of five sections :

- ▶ The first one concerns nine “First full-length feature films” which, in order to be selected for competition, must not have been distributed commercially or shown on television in France.
- ▶ The second one concerns the first long feature films already distributed in France. These films are non competitive.
- ▶ The third one is a panorama about young and talented actors.
- ▶ The fourth one is a selection of films for a young audience
  
- ▶ The fifth one concerns young directors who have presented their first features in Annonay.

## The 40th awards (Prize List)

### – Jury Prize :

THE QUIET GIRL by Colm Bairead (Ireland)

### – Special Jury Prize :

NOÉMIE DIT OUI by Geneviève Albert (Quebec)

### – Public Prize :

THE QUIET GIRL by Colm Bairead (Ireland)

– **Prize of High School** : NOÉMIE DIT OUI by Geneviève Albert (Quebec)



## PRIZES

– **The Jury Prize** : Prize in cash (3500 €) granted to the international seller or French distributor who will distribute the film in France before December 31st, 2024 and Prize in cash (2000 €) granted to the director.

– **The Special Jury Prize** : Prize in cash (1200 €) granted to the director.

– **The Public's Choice** : Prize in cash (1700 €) granted to the director.

– **The Young Jury Prize** : Prize in cash (1000 €) granted to the director.



## **Registration rules for films in the competition**

1/ In February 2024, for the 41st year consecutively, Annonay's M.J.C. will organize a cinema Festival. One of the sections of this Festival is an international selection of first feature films.

2/ In order to be selected for the competition, films must last at least 60 minutes, they should not have been made before 2022, and must be the first feature by their director distributed in France. The directors will not have completed a second film by the time of the screening of their work at the Festival.

3/ Only fiction films can be selected for the competition.

4/ DCP or Bluray with French subtitling are the only screenings format that will be accepted.

5/ The selection cannot include films which have benefited from commercial diffusion in France prior to the Festival (either in cinemas or on television).

6/ All the films must be seen by the Festival selection committee. The viewing might be done while attending other Festivals (please, let us know the dates and places of screening as early as you can). If this is not possible, DVD or Bluray or screening links should be sent to the selection committee before November 15th 2023.

7/ Films will not be officially registered until the Festival receives the application form. A signature on this form implies a total agreement with the regulation of the Annonay International Film Festival. The registration period will be closed on November 15th 2023.

8/ A list of the selected films can be consulted online on the Festival Website around December 15th 2023. Please note that the results will not be given on the telephone. If your film has not been selected and you wish to have the tape sent back, please ask for it by the end of April 2024.

9/ The Festival will bear the costs of a DCP journey to and from Annonay, as well as the custom fees. The Festival will not pay any rental or screening fees.

10/ The selected films will be screened in their original version with French subtitles. The making of the subtitles is up to the candidats.

11/ Each one of the ten films selected for the competition will be screened three to four times during the Festival.

12/ All selected film directors will be invited over to the Festival (only one invitation per film). The festival will bear the costs of every guest's journey, meals and accommodation.

13/ For press and communication purposes, every selected candidate must provide by December 8th 2023 :

- a short summary of the plot
- several portfolios of pictures from the film
- a photo and a biography of the director mentioning his former works
- two large posters and some smaller ones
- a dozen of press kits (in French if possible).

14/ For technical reasons linked to subtitling problems, the prints of all ten selected films for the competition must be delivered to the cinema Les Nacelles (Annonay) by January 15th 2024. Please make sure there are no technical problems before sending the print.

15/ Four prizes will be awarded :

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16/ Taking part in the Festival implies a total agreement with the present regulation by the producer or his (her) representative.

