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18th Pornfilmfestival Berlin – We've Come of Age!

The Pornfilmfestival Berlin (PFFB) returns for its 18th edition on October 24-29, 2023. Movimiento cinema and Babylon Kreuzberg will once again be the two venues.

With 24 feature-length films, including seven documentaries and 17 features, as well as 23 short film programs, the Pornfilmfestival Berlin 2023 celebrates its coming-of-age anniversary! Founded in 2006 as an independent, non-commercial and non-publicly-funded film festival, the PFFB annually presents films around the themes of sexuality, politics, feminism, gender diversity, post-porn and body politics.

Opening and closing films confirmed: "Pornomalancholia" and "A mes amour"



Pornomalancholia by Manuel Abramovitch (© Manuel Abramovitch)

The 18th edition opens with Manuel Abramovitch's **Pornomalancholia** (2022), in which sex-influencer Lalo posts photos of his naked body and homemade porn videos for thousands of followers on social media networks. His life becomes a digital production, while in reality he is stuck in a permanent melancholy that upsets him. Where does desire go when life becomes a sex show? Abramovitch takes pornography as a starting point to reflect on the relationship between sexuality and work, on publicity and the feelings of isolation, on the characters we create to show – or hide – ourselves from the world. Awarded the Grand

Prize in the International Feature Film Competition at the Festival International du Film Indépendant de Bordeaux 2022.



A mes amours by Anoushka (© Anoushka)

The closing film will be **A mes amours** (2022) by Anoushka. It focuses on Elisa and Samuel, a couple in love enjoying a vacation at their home in the south of France. Samuel is a film director and sees the time away as an opportunity to work on his next film in peace and quiet. Elisa is going through a difficult phase. Traumatized after a bad experience on a film set, she has put her acting career on hold to refocus on herself. The couple decides to take in a sociology student for the summer. Lola, who has just arrived from San Francisco, wants to spend a few weeks with the artistic couple to further her research on gender norms and sex in heterosexual, monogamous relationships. She soon discovers that there is a multi-layered complexity behind the seemingly happy couple.

Thematic focus: more mainstream porn. focus on Turkey & Poland. new short film programs

The concept and understanding of **mainstream porn**, pornographic films for the masses, is and remains a topic of discussion among the various international porn film festivals. Absurd plot lines, unrealistic body ideals, or a skewed perception of sexual pleasure and desire are just a few negatively charged associations with the porn film industry. The PFFB wants to show that the mainstream has more to offer than mere stimulus output and will show 2023 productions that are both accessible and bring deeper approaches with them.

Audiences can also look forward to new formats within the short film series. Two country-focused programs will be shown: **Focus Turkey** with two short film programs consisting of classic and contemporary films. In addition, there will be a lecture with an in-depth look at the Turkish porn scene. There will also be **Focus Poland**, a short film program in collaboration with the [Post Pxn Festival Warsaw](#). The final titles of the focus programs will be announced soon. There will also be more new short film series in 2023 with **Eco Porn**, **Horror Porn**, and a program on age (exact title to follow). This year's guest curators are from Turkey, Poland and Chile.

Well-known short film programs such as the **Competition Porn Shorts**, **Gay Porn Shorts**, **Queer Porn Shorts**, **BDSM Porn Shorts** and **Fun Porn Shorts** will also be shown in 2023.

In addition, there will be shorts programs on **Body Politics, Lesbian Drama, Fetish, Art & Experimental** and more.

2nd Networking Event AIO - Adult Industry Only

As part of the festival, AIO (Adult Industry Only) will take place for the second time on Oct. 27-28, 2023. The B2B networking event for the porn industry bridges the gap between the alternative and mainstream scene and covers topics around ethical industry standards, production and political goals.

Further confirmed points from the supporting program 2023

PFFB Party: Friday, 27-10-2023 from 23:00 at Gretchen Club (Obentrautstraße 19-21)

PFFB Lounge: 24 / 25 / 26 / 28-10-2023 from 22:00 at Ficken3000 (Urbanstraße 70)

PFFB Award Ceremony: Sunday, 29-10-2023 from 23:00 at Monarch (Skalitzer Str. 134).

The full program will be published online on October 1, 2023 along with the start of ticket pre-sales. For more information about this year's festival, feel free to follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), Instagram ([@pff_berlin](#), [@pff_berlin2](#)) and of course on our website: pornfilmfestivalberlin.de.

The Pornfilmfestival Berlin would like to thank its sponsors [Erotic Lounge](#), [Blue Movie](#) and [Clips4Sale](#) for their support.

About the festival

The Pornfilmfestival Berlin is an independent, non commercial, not publicly funded film festival centered around the topics of sexuality, politics, feminism, gender diversity, post porn and body politics. Founded in 2006, the festival is the first of its kind in Germany.

The festival program includes an average of 25 to 30 feature-length films as well as around 100 short films, which engage with questions of sexual ethics, identities, body norms, conceptions of morality around the world and the artistic-alternative approach to the genre of pornography, in a wide variety of thematic program blocks. The average annual audience of 8000 visitors – slightly more than half of which are female – identify as a mix of hetero-, homo-, bi-, trans*, non-binary and queer and, with almost 50 percent of the visitors from all over the world, is incredibly international. Additionally, the film festival includes panel discussions, lectures, readings, workshops, performances, and presentations around the topic of sexuality today. The numerous festivals with a similar focus that have emerged in various cities and countries after the founding of PFF Berlin prove that a discourse on an empowering approach to sexuality and sex work is still relevant and that networking, not just for the community, is important.

The festival was founded by filmmaker and producer Jürgen Brüning. Today, it is organized on a voluntary basis in Berlin by a dedicated international team of six people, consisting of filmmakers, film theorists, film producers and journalists, and takes place in the last week of October in Germany's oldest cinema, Moviemento, in Berlin-Kreuzberg as well as Babylon Kreuzberg.

The accreditation portal for press is open from 15.08.23.

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