

THE DIRECTOR'S CIRCLE

Play a leading role in enabling film to push boundaries and change mindsets.



CIFF2023 Opening Gala 'Poor Things' at Cork Opera House (Credit Jed Niezgoda)

ABOUT CORK INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Cork International Film Festival is Ireland's first and largest film festival and one of Cork's most significant and popular annual cultural events, celebrating its 70th edition in 2025.

Harnessing the power of storytelling since 1956, the Festival's mission is to present Ireland's most exciting, diverse and ambitious annual film festival, linking Cork audiences and artists to the world, and bringing the world to Cork through a carefully curated selection of the best films. Our education and outreach programmes create opportunities for young people to access the arts, develop their creativity, and be empowered to tell their own stories.

The Festival is one of a handful of film festivals worldwide to host three awards with Oscar® accreditation. The Festival is a registered charity.



THE POWER OF FILM

"At its best, cinema retains a remarkable ability to speak to people of every age, from every background, and in ways that almost any other art form in popular culture struggles to compete with."

Film can be a great force for good, and film festivals create a unique space for shared experience, to entertain and provoke, to inspire and delight, and to promote thought and action.

Cork International Film Festival plays a vital role in the cultural life of Cork, maximising participation for audiences and artists in a shared creative experience."

Oscar®-winning producer and CIFF Patron,
Lord David Puttnam

THE DIRECTOR'S CIRCLE

As a charity, we rely on the support of our donors and partners to deliver our programmes and positively impact communities.

The Director's Circle brings together a passionate group of social investors committed to our mission. As well as opportunities to attend events throughout the year, Director's Circle members will convene annually to help the Festival unlock the potential of film storytelling.

Through the Director's Circle you will gain a closer relationship with us while providing vital philanthropic support that will shape the future of our Festival, film, Cork and society.



CIFF Intinn Youth Film & Mental Health Programme - Still from screening of 'I Used to Live Here' and interactive workshop with TY students

JOIN THE DIRECTOR'S CIRCLE

By joining the Director's Circle, you will provide vital philanthropic support as well as creative insights that will impact the Festival's work and our communities. Members of the Director's Circle will receive unique benefits that bring you closer to the Festival. There are four levels to choose from:

Individual/Dual Patron*: €3,000 per annum

You will receive:

- Invitations to special events, including Festival Opening Gala, exclusive receptions and screenings
- Invitation to an annual exclusive Director's Circle gathering with fellow philanthropists, CEOs and creative leaders
- Personal and focused involvement with the Director & CEO and the Development team

*Dual membership available

Tax benefit: At €3K, the Festival can avail of a tax benefit of 31%, making your support worth €3,930

Corporate Patron**: €5,000

All the benefits of the individual level, designed for founders and entrepreneurs who would like to get closer to the Festival while strengthening your company's commitment to ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) priorities.

**Tax benefit: At €5K, your company can avail of corporation tax relief of 12.5%

Project Patron: €15,000 per annum

- All the benefits of the individual level
- Align with a cause you are passionate about by supporting one of our key strategic projects in education, sustainability, EDI, mental health or heritage

For example:

- **Aeráid** - a youth climate action and film project
- **Intinn** - our acclaimed youth film and mental health programme
- **Look@Me** - a film and primary school education outreach project
- **CIFF Digital Archive** - a unique treasure trove of precious materials tracking the history of modern film and Cork

Bespoke Visionary: €50,000

- All the benefits of the individual level
- Align with a cause you are passionate about by enabling the Festival to develop a new landmark strategic project and deliver a positive impact in your key focus area
- Speak to our team to explore this opportunity further

Talk to us about joining The Director's Circle at any of these levels. We invite you to gain a closer relationship with Cork International Film Festival whilst providing vital philanthropic support.

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CIFF2023 Premiere of 'All of Us Strangers' with Andrew Scott and Paul Mescal, directed by Andrew Haigh



CIFF2022 Premiere of 'Aisha' with Letitia Wright, directed by Frank Berry

CELEBRATING THE BEST OF FILM

Cork International Film Festival has always been more than just an important platform for showcasing films. It is a testament to the power of storytelling, the magic of film and the role cinema plays in reflecting and shaping our ever-evolving world.

Film is a powerful medium that can ignite ideas, encourage mindset change, and connect us through memorable shared experiences.

Our Festival provides a space where people can come together and better understand urgent societal themes, such as climate change, mental health, inclusivity and belonging. It is also a space for them to enjoy being transported to other worlds and experience pure joy.

You see it first in Cork - over 90% of our programme will be in Premiere. In 2023, we premiered *Poor Things* (Oscar® winner, Golden Globes winner), *The Holdovers* (Oscar® nominee, Golden Globes winner), *The Eternal Memory* (Oscar® nominee) and *All of Us Strangers* (Golden Globes & BAFTA nominee).

The Irish film industry is thriving and our Festival is a rewarding and meaningful way to support its sustained development.



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