



THE DIRECTOR'S CIRCLE

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



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.

Harnessing the power of storytelling since 1956, the Festival 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,

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 supporters who champion Cork International Film Festival's ambition to present bold, diverse and ambitious cinema, creating shared cultural experiences that are rooted in Cork and open to the world.

By supporting the Festival, the Director's Circle helps nurture filmmakers and film lovers of the future, ensuring CIFF remains a welcoming home for new voices, creative discovery, and transformative experiences through film.



Look@Me Filmmaking Education Project in partnership with Cork Migrant Centre and supported by Rethink Ireland Impact for Munster Fund 2024, CIFF2025

JOIN THE DIRECTOR'S CIRCLE

By joining the Director's Circle, you will provide vital philanthropic support 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 exclusive Director's Circle gathering with fellow philanthropists and Festival supporters
- 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 PER ANNUM

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 youth 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 PER ANNUM

- 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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CIFF2025 premiere of 'A Private Life' featuring Jodie Foster, directed by Rebecca Zlotowski



CIFF2025 premiere of 'Sentimental Value' featuring Stellan Skarsgård and Elle Fanning, directed by Joachim Trier

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. The Festival has premiered *Poor Things* (Oscar® winner. Golden Globes winner), *The Brutalist* (Oscar® winner. Golden Globes winner), *All of Us Strangers* (Golden Globes & BAFTA nominee), *Sentimental Value* (Oscar® nominee. Golden Globes winner), *Shoot the People* (BIFA winner) and *Blue Road: The Edna O'Brien Story* (IFTA 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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