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CANAL+ TO BE AN OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF THE 83RD VENICE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL - LA BIENNALE DI VENEZIA AND BROADCAST THE EVENT EXCLUSIVELY IN FRANCE AND FRENCH-SPEAKING TERRITORIES



CANAL+, the leading partner of film creation in France and a major player in European cinema, is strengthening its commitment to the 83rd Venice International Film Festival by becoming an Official Sponsor, as part of an agreement concluded with La Biennale di Venezia.

The group is also renewing its partnership with RAI, providing exclusive broadcasting of the 83rd Venice International Film Festival - La Biennale di Venezia to its subscribers in France, French overseas departments and territories, Monaco, Andorra, Switzerland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Mauritius and French-speaking Africa.

With this dual agreement, CANAL+ is reinforcing its position as a key partner of European cinema and reaffirming its long-standing commitment to creativity and major events in the world of cinema.

CANAL+ will provide special coverage at the heart of the Venice Film Festival, with exclusive access to its highlights : the red carpet, opening and closing ceremonies produced by RAI, as well as special editorial and digital coverage, bringing its subscribers all the latest news from this prestigious event in world cinema.

For the occasion, a selection of films presented or receiving awards at previous editions of the Festival will also be available on the CANAL+ App. This special programming will allow viewers to extend their Festival experience and rediscover some of the most outstanding works unveiled in Venice.

Maxime Saada, CEO of CANAL+, said :

" The Venice International Film Festival supports major developments in world cinema and each year reveals films that will leave a lasting mark on their times. We're delighted to strengthen our ties with this iconic event, whose artistic standards and international reach reflect CANAL+'s long-standing commitment to filmmaking."

Founded in 1932, The Venice International Film Festival - La Biennale di Venezia is the oldest film festival in the world and one of the most prestigious. Each year, it brings together the greatest talents in international cinema and provides an essential showcase for contemporary creativity. Its awards have in particular recognised major filmmakers such as Luchino Visconti, Agnès Varda, Darren Aronofsky, Sofia Coppola, Guillermo del Toro, Chloé Zhao and Audrey Diwan, whose films have shaped the history of European and world cinema.

Now in its 83rd edition, the Venice International Film Festival will run from 2 to 12 September 2026. Maggie Gyllenhaal will preside over the Jury. George Clooney will receive the Golden Lion for Lifetime Achievement.

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ABOUT CANAL+

CANAL+ is a global media and entertainment company with leading positions in Europe and Africa. Over 40 million subscribers enjoy the CANAL+ entertainment platform, which brings together the best local and global films, live sport, TV series and much more. CANAL+ operates in over 70 countries and has approximately 15,000 employees.

CANAL+ operates across the entire audio-visual value chain, including production, broadcast, distribution and aggregation. In addition to its Pay-TV and streaming operations in Europe, Africa and Asia, the combined group includes: **MultiChoice Group**, Africa's leading entertainment platform; **STUDIOCANAL**, Europe's leading film and television studio, with worldwide production and distribution capabilities; **Dailymotion**, a major international video platform powered by cutting-edge proprietary technology for video delivery, advertising, and monetisation; **CANAL+ Distribution**, a production and distribution company specialising in creating and distributing diverse content and channels; telecommunication services, through **CANAL+ Telecom Africa** in Africa and **CANAL+ Telecom** in the French overseas jurisdictions and territories.

CANAL+ also has minority stakes in **Viaplay** (Scandinavia's leading entertainment provider), **Viu** (a leading OTT provider in Southeast Asia), and **UGC**, a leading French cinema group.

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