



INTERNATIONAL SOUND & FILM MUSIC FESTIVAL



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2-6  2025

OCTOBER VARAŽDIN





2/10/25/THURSDAY

UNIVERSITY NORTH, VARAŽDIN
11:00 - 13:00

● **INDUSTRY PANEL: Collaboration in Sound** | Panelists: Mark Ulano, Michael Minkler, Simon Clark, Chris Munro | **Moderator:** Carolyn Giardina



3/10/25/FRIDAY

CINESTAR CINEMAS VARAŽDIN
10:00 - 15:00

12:00 - 13:00 coffee break

CROATIAN NATIONAL THEATRE VARAŽDIN, CONCERT HALL
19:30

● **ISFMF Shorts: Official Competition Program**

SURVIVAL France, 25 min **Director:** Philippe Sfez · **KUMARAN** India, 16 min **Director:** Rajesh KR Radhakrishnan
Composer: Ajit Chandran · **BEYOND THE PLAQUES** UK, 10 min **Directors:** Joeley Anne, Amy Groves, Hannah George, Catherine Sleeman | **Composer:** Sofia Roubati · **THE REACH** Italy, 28 min **Director:** Luca Caserta
Composer: Lorenzo Tomio · **WITH STRINGS AND ACCORDION** Mexico, 13 min **Director:** Luis Sánchez
STAY ALIVE France, 27 min **Director:** Emilien Marret | **Composer:** Baptiste Lagrave · **RUPS** Netherlands, 23 min
Director: Susanne Hagen | **Composer:** Jurrian Steman · **ALL HAIL THE DUCK KING** UK, 6 min
Director: Tommy Howlett | **Composer:** Sam Rothera · **A SIN DE FELLA STORY** UK, 15 min **Director:** Sheryn Yidi
Composer: Joe Galuszka · **ILLOGICAL** Croatia, 15 min **Directors:** Nimai Kolega, Edi Erceg | **Composer:** Luka Žufika
HEARTS OF STONE Croatia, Belgium, 30min **Director:** Tom Van Avermaet | **Composer:** Marko Jukić

● **CONCERT: Jean-Michel Bernard plays Lalo Schifrin**
Special guest: Kimiko Ono-Bernard, vocal



4/10/25/SATURDAY

CINESTAR CINEMAS VARAŽDIN
10:00 - 15:00

12:00 - 13:00 coffee break

CROATIAN NATIONAL THEATRE VARAŽDIN
18:00

CROATIAN NATIONAL THEATRE VARAŽDIN, CONCERT HALL
20:00

CROATIAN NATIONAL THEATRE VARAŽDIN, SCENA & BAR ROGOZ
23:00

● **ISFMF Shorts: Official Competition Program**

FRAYED UK, 19 min **Directors:** Ben Silver, Nadine Iskandar | **Composers:** Tom Nettleship, Daisy Coole
Sound Designer: Alex Bird · **TEA TRAVEL** France, USA, 17 min **Director:** Julien Jean-Zayat
Composer: Émilie Springer · **ALL THAT LIES BENEATH** Czech Republic, 26 min **Director:** Jules Roux
Music: Michael Andrew Burt | **Sound:** Mikuláš Pekárek · **SOUNDS LIKE A FAIRYTALE** Estonia, 28 min
Director: Eva Kübar · **COME AND FIND ME** Switzerland, 20 min **Director:** Carmine Carpenito
Composers: Raphael Sommer, Björn Pankratz · **REVIVED** Israel, 16 min **Director:** Uriya Hertz
Composer: Gal Lev · **BOUND – MOUNTAIN EYES** Serbia, 4 min **Director:** Marina Uzelac | **Producer:** Ana Krstajić
JUST SAMI Finland, 16 min **Director:** Max Fernandez **Composer:** Oguz Sehiralti · **SOMETIME, SOMEWHERE**
UK, 17 min **Director:** Logan Findlay **Sound Designer:** Odinn Ingibergsson · **MY DAD IS DEAD** Sweden, 10 min
Director: Alva van Niekerk **Composer:** Isak Lundberg · **POLICED MIND** Netherlands, 9 min **Director:** Laury Hooghuis
RAY THE RUG Thailand, 6 min **Director:** Mohammad Ali Shakeri | **Sound Designer:** Sebastian Vaskio
A STRANGE TALE FROM BUDAPEST Hungary, 20 min **Director:** Terri Potoczna
BEFORE THE DAWN Canada, Poland, Portugal, Swaziland, Ukraine, 7 min **Director:** Alexander Denysenko

● **RED CARPET & Cocktail Reception**

● **CRYSTAL PINE AWARDS GALA CEREMONY**

● **ISFMF After Party**



5/10/25/SUNDAY

Park Boutique Hotel, Varaždin,
CONFERENCE HALL LILIJA
10:00 - 11:30

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CONFERENCE HALL LILIJA
12:00 - 13:00

GROFICA MARICA CAFÉ, KING TOMISLAV SQUARE, VARAŽDIN
18:00

● **Workshop: Dialogue Between Sound & Music in Film**

● **PANEL: From Stage to Screen: Beyond Talent – Building a Sustainable Career in Music and Film**
Featuring: Chris Munro *Production Sound Mixer*, Bruno Coulais *Composer*, Kathy Kelly *Singer, Composer* **Moderator:** Marijana Glaser *ISFMF Executive Director*

● **Film Quiz Night**



6/10/25/MONDAY

PARK BOUTIQUE HOTEL, VARAŽDIN
10:00

● **Coffee with Oscar Winners**
featuring Academy Award-winning sound mixer Mark Ulano and singer Kathy Kelly (*Kelly Family*)



2/10/25/THURSDAY

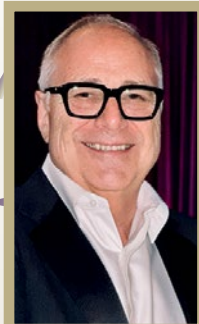
INDUSTRY PANEL: Collaboration in Sound

11:00 - 13:00 UNIVERSITY NORTH, VARAŽDIN

The ISFMF program opens with a special industry panel hosted at the University North, Varaždin. This two-hour discussion brings together some of the most respected names in production sound:



MARK ULANO
Academy Award-winning
Production Sound Mixer



MICHAEL MINKLER
Three-time Academy
Award-winning Re-recording Mixer



SIMON CLARK
BAFTA
Winning Sound Mixer



CHRIS MUNRO
Two-time Academy Award-winning
Production Sound Mixer

The panel will be moderated by **CAROLYN GIARDINA**
(*The Hollywood Reporter, Variety*).

Panel topic: "Collaboration in Sound"

The conversation will explore how a clear understanding of the different roles within sound recording and mixing can support the filmmaking process. The panelists will also highlight how effective communication and soft skills not only shape creative collaboration but also contribute to smoother productions and stronger storytelling.



3/10/25/FRIDAY

ISFMF SHORTS: Official Competition Program

10:00 - 15:00 CINESTAR CINEMAS VARAŽDIN

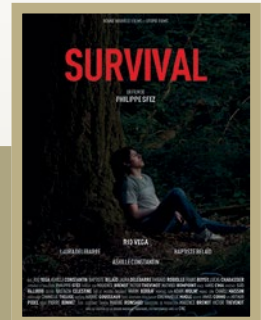
12:00 - 13:00 coffee break

Shuttle pick up at 8:45 (location TBA)

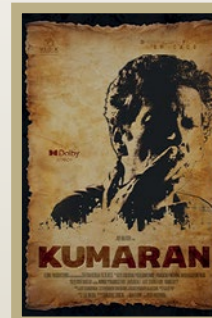
This year's ISFMF Shorts selection showcases a diverse lineup of stories told through unique voices, perspectives, and cultural backgrounds. Filmmakers and composers will be present to engage with the audience during Q&A sessions, offering deeper insights into their creative processes.

The screening program includes:

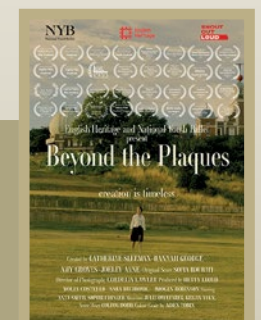
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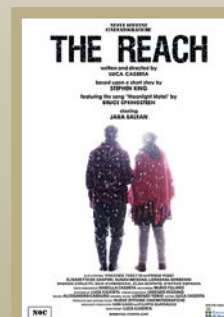
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Composer: Karim Berraf



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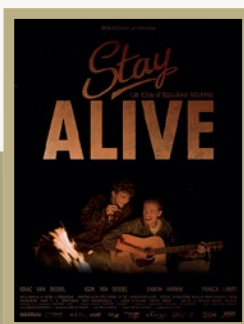
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Mexico, 13 min

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CONCERT: Jean-Michel Bernard plays Lalo Schifrin

19:30 CROATIAN NATIONAL THEATRE VARAŽDIN,
CONCERT HALL

The evening program opens in the grand concert hall of the Croatian National Theatre Varaždin with a tribute to one of cinema's legendary composers – **LALO SCHIFRIN**, whose music shaped classics such as *Mission: Impossible*, *Bullitt*, and *Dirty Harry*.

French pianist and film composer **JEAN-MICHEL BERNARD**, celebrated worldwide for his artistry and collaborations across film and jazz, will present a *concert dedicated to Schifrin's iconic themes and timeless film music*. This special performance invites the audience to rediscover the energy, sophistication, and rhythm of one of the most influential figures in film scoring, interpreted by one of France's most versatile and passionate musician.

Special guest: **KIMIKO ONO-BERNARD**, *vocal*.



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BOUND
– **MOUNTAIN EYES**

Serbia, 4 min

Director: Marina Uzelac

Producer: Ana Krstajić



POLICED MIND

Netherlands, 9 min

Director: Laury Hooghuis



JUST SAMI Finland, 16 min

Director: Max Fernandez

Composer: Oguz Sehiralti



RAY THE RUG Thailand, 6 min

Director: Mohammad Ali Shakeri

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A STRANGE TALE
FROM BUDAPEST

Hungary, 20 min

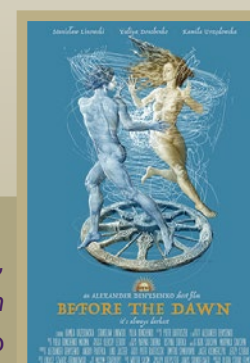
Director: Terri Potoczna



MY DAD IS DEAD Sweden, 10 min

Director: Alva van Niekerk

Composer: Isak Lundberg



BEFORE THE DAWN Canada, Poland,

Portugal, Swaziland, Ukraine, 7 min

Director: Alexander Denysenko

Red Carpet & Cocktail Reception

18:00 CROATIAN NATIONAL THEATRE VARAŽDIN

The evening begins with a glamorous red carpet and cocktail reception at the Croatian National Theatre Varaždin. Festival guests, filmmakers, and international artists will gather to celebrate cinema, meet the press, and enjoy a festive atmosphere before the Gala.

Red Carpet & Cocktail Reception

20:00 CROATIAN NATIONAL THEATRE VARAŽDIN,
CONCERT HALL

The highlight of ISFMF 2025: an evening dedicated to **celebrating excellence in film sound and music**. The Crystal Pine Awards honor outstanding achievements in original score, sound design, and sound editing across feature films, shorts, and animation. Hosted in the elegant concert hall of the Croatian National Theatre Varaždin, the Gala combines live performances of film music, distinguished international guests, and the reveal of this year's winners.



ISFMF After Party

23:00 CROATIAN NATIONAL THEATRE VARAŽDIN, SCENA & BAR ROGOZ

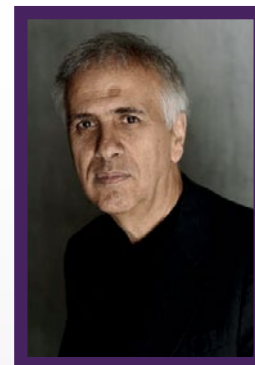
The celebration continues late into the night! Following the Crystal Pine Awards Gala, you are invited to join the official ISFMF After Party, an evening of music, dancing, and networking with filmmakers, composers, and industry professionals.



2025 ISFMF Lifetime Achievement



This year, ISFMF is proud to present the **Lifetime Achievement Honorary Crystal Pine Awards** to two masters of their craft:



BRUNO COULAIS

– Renowned French composer, nominated for an *Academy Award for Les Choristes (The Chorus)*. With a career spanning over four decades, his evocative scores (*Coraline, Microcosmos, The Chorus*) have captivated audiences worldwide and redefined the role of music in film.



CHRIS MUNRO

– Acclaimed Production Sound Mixer and *two-time Academy Award winner (Gravity, Black Hawk Down)*, whose career has set the benchmark for excellence in sound recording.

With these awards, ISFMF celebrates their extraordinary contributions and honors their lifelong dedication to the art of film sound and music.



2025 ISFMF Honorary Crystal Pine Awards



The **Honorary Crystal Pine Awards** are dedicated to artists whose exceptional talent and lifelong dedication have shaped the worlds of film, sound, and music.



KATHY KELLY

– Celebrated singer, composer, and long-time member of the legendary *Kelly Family*, whose voice and artistry have touched generations of audiences across Europe. Her contribution to music as both a performer and creator continues to inspire and transcend borders.



5/10/24/SUNDAY

WORKSHOP: Dialogue Between Sound and Music in Film

10:00 - 11:30 PARK BOUTIQUE HOTEL, VARAŽDIN,
CONFERENCE HALL LILIJA

Led by **ANA KRSTAJIĆ** and **NATALIJA STRAHINIĆ**, this 90-minute workshop explores the crucial role of collaboration between the composer and the sound designer in film post-production. Through case studies, examples, and hands-on exercises, participants will discover how music and sound design complement each other, where they overlap, and how they jointly shape the emotional and narrative experience of a film.

Designed as an interactive session, *the workshop highlights practical approaches to building a shared creative language between composers and sound designers, offering valuable insights for filmmakers, musicians, and sound professionals alike.*

PANEL: From Stage to Screen: Beyond Talent – Building a Sustainable Career in Music and Film

12:00 - 13:00 PARK BOUTIQUE HOTEL, VARAŽDIN,
CONFERENCE HALL LILIJA

Featuring **CHRIS MUNRO** (*Production Sound Mixer*), **BRUNO COULAIS** (*Composer*), **KATHY KELLY** (*Singer, Composer*)
Moderator: **MARIJANA GLASER** (*ISFMF Executive Director*)

What does it take to build and sustain a successful career in the world of film, music, and performance? This unique conversation brings together three distinguished ISFMF award winners from very different backgrounds: **Chris Munro**, **Bruno Coulais** and **Kathy Kelly**.

From navigating the business side of art to developing the soft skills essential for collaboration, the panel will explore how to handle success, overcome challenges, and find balance between public recognition and private life. With their diverse experiences across sound, composition, and performance, our guests will share candid insights and practical advice on what it truly means to grow, adapt, and thrive in creative industries.

FILM QUIZ NIGHT

18:00 GROFICA MARICA CAFÉ,
KING TOMISLAV SQUARE, VARAŽDIN

An entertaining evening for festival guests, filmmakers, and local audiences alike. Gather your team and put your film knowledge to the test in a *lively quiz at the charming Grofica Marica Café, right on Varaždin's main square.* The Film Quiz offers a relaxed setting to enjoy cinema trivia, music, and community spirit, a perfect way to wrap up the festival weekend.



6/10/24/MONDAY

COFFEE WITH OSCAR WINNERS: Mark Ulano and Kathy Kelly

10:00 PARK BOUTIQUE HOTEL, VARAŽDIN

Start your morning with an intimate coffee talk featuring *Academy Award-winning sound mixer* **MARK ULANO** and *singer* **KATHY KELLY** of the legendary Kelly Family. In this relaxed setting, they'll share stories from their creative journeys, insights into music and film, and take questions in an open, friendly conversation.



WELCOME TO ISFMF IN VARAŽDIN

* Program subject to change.



For more than a decade, the **International Sound & Film Music Festival (ISFMF)** has celebrated the art of film sound and music, bringing together world-renowned creators, rising talents, and passionate audiences in different cities.

This year, for the very first time, ISFMF takes place in **Varaždin, a city of culture, history, and creativity**. From October 2 to 6, 2025, Varaždin becomes the stage where sound meets story, where film music resonates in concert halls, and where dialogue between artists and audiences shapes new perspectives.

A special focus of this year's edition is on conversations **that bring together different professions within the film industry: composers, sound designers, and filmmakers**, to explore how collaboration can be strengthened. By opening space for dialogue across disciplines, ISFMF seeks to inspire new ways of working together and to highlight the importance of shared creativity in shaping cinematic experiences.

The program brings together **Academy Award, BAFTA, and Emmy winners**, alongside distinguished composers, sound designers, and filmmakers. Through screenings, concerts, panels, and masterclasses, ISFMF offers a unique chance to experience film sound and music not just as a background to cinema, but as its beating heart.

We warmly invite you to explore the program, meet our distinguished guests, and join us in celebrating creativity, innovation, and collaboration.

Varaždin welcomes you – and so do we.



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