



PRESS RELEASE

AmiCorti International Film Festival 2025: Jury Preview, Official Awards, and Full Program Announced

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From **June 23 to 28, 2025**, the town of **Roccaraso (AQ), Italy**, will host the **7th edition of the AmiCorti International Film Festival**, an event that celebrates **independent cinema as a tool for social, cultural, and human transformation**.

This year's edition is **dedicated to director Ken Loach**, an international icon of social commitment through film.

With more than **80 selected works from over 25 countries**, the festival reaffirms its **global and inclusive spirit**, welcoming films, filmmakers, and guests who explore urgent topics such as **human rights, social justice, the environment, identity, mental health, and freedom of expression**.

International Juries 2025

The 2025 edition features outstanding **international juries**, composed of directors, actors, philosophers, producers, and artists from **Italy, Greece, Iran, Argentina, India, the United Kingdom, the USA, Austria, and Mexico**.

Main Competition Sections and Juries:

- **Short Films – National and International**

President: *Liliana Mele (Italy)*

Members: Vicky Bafataki, Víctor González, Saša Gedeon, Evangelos D. Protopapadakis

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• International Feature Films

President: *Andrea Del Boca (Argentina)*

Members: Rajniesh Duggall, Hossein Soleimani, Joshua Anthony Jones

• International Documentaries

President: *Enrique Torres (Argentina/USA)*

Members: Carlos Mata, Alessandro Vantini, Joelle Westwood

• International Animation

President: *Sara Ferranti (Italy)*

Members: Mia Lastrella, Shireenah Ingram

• International Videomusic

Members: Fariman Jabbarzadeh, Klaus Fuxjäger

Guests of Honor & Awards

Special guests participating in talks, panels, and masterclasses include:

- Paul Haggis
- Evgeny Afineevsky
- Al Sapienza
- Deborah Rennard
- James Edward
- Zoe Poppenga
- Darko Perić

The **Golden Aurora Career Achievement Award** will be presented during the **Opening Ceremony** to **Carlos Mata** and **Enrique Torres**.

Events, Workshops & Cinema Education

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Alongside the competition, AmiCorti 2025 will present:

- **Masterclasses and talks** with filmmakers, actors, and scholars
- The **Cinema Education** program for students, including creative labs, educational screenings, and training sessions
- **Industry meetings** with producers and co-production professionals
- **Roundtable discussions** on ethics, human rights, gender equity, and sustainability

Festival Program – Highlights

Venues: Cinema Roma and Municipal Auditorium, Roccaraso (AQ)

Dates: June 23–28, 2025

Monday, June 23

- 6:30 PM: Red Carpet & Opening Ceremony
- 7:00 PM: Golden Aurora Award Presentation
- 9:00 PM: Opening Film – *Return to Planet Underground* (Netherlands)

Tuesday, June 24 – Saturday, June 28

- Official screenings from over 25 countries
- Cinema Education sessions with Liliana Mele, Joshua A. Jones, Rajnesh Duggall, Milad Mansouri
- Masterclasses with Paul Haggis and Evgeny Afineevsky
- Panels on culture, territory, industry, ethics, and the future of cinema
- **Award Ceremony** on Saturday, June 28, at 6:30 PM

Institutional Support & Patronage

- High Patronage of the Region of Abruzzo

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