



**WELCOME  
TO THE 44<sup>TH</sup> OULU INTERNATIONAL  
CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH FILM  
FESTIVAL 15–23 NOVEMBER, 2025**

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### **FESTIVAL CHECK-IN AND VENUES**

Check-in can be done at the festival info desk, located at the entrance hall of Cultural Centre Valve (Hallituskatu 7). The info desk is open during 17-23 November, on Monday till Friday from 8.30, and on Saturday from 10.00, and on Sunday from 10.30 until the beginning of the last screening of the day. Screenings will take place in Valvesali Hall and Studio Cinema.

If you want to see films on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>, please contact Marja Seppänen at [producer@oufilmcenter.fi](mailto:producer@oufilmcenter.fi) and you can pick up a festival pass under your name at the Valve info desk or at the Oulu Film Centre office.

### **WELCOMING MATERIAL**

Upon check-in, you will receive a pass with access to all screenings that have not been sold out, and the schedule of screenings for schools and kindergartens. The info package also contains a map and other information about Oulu.

**Note: You're welcome to check the availability of each screening from the info desk staff in advance, as some of the screenings may be sold out.**

All guest-materials, as this info letter, event schedule as well as a timetable of school- and public screenings will be found soon at <https://www.oulufilmfestival.fi/guest-info/>, where we also will update any possible changes.

### **THE OPENING FILMS**

The Children's Film Competition will be launched by *Superpowers for your mind* in Studio on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> at 12.00, while the Youth Film Competition will start with *The Secret Delivery* in Studio on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> at 14.00.

### **FILMMAKERS AT THE SCREENINGS:**

<b>Guest</b>	<b>Movie</b>	<b>Time and Place</b>
Director Margit Lillak	BECOMING ROOSI	Monday 18.30 Studio Wednesday 13.00 Studio
Producer and screenwriter Annalisa Schmuckli and editor, VFX Pierre-Louis Umdenstock	FEET UP	Tuesday 10.30 Studio
Director Anna Lena Höhne,	NOVEMBER FOG	Tuesday 16.00 Valvesali Hall

distributer Patrick Büchting		
Director Maija Hirvonen	NEUROTYPES	Wednesday 11.30 Studio Wednesday 16.00 Studio Thursday 11.30 Studio
Director Visa-Koiso Kanttila and producer Tiina Pesonen	DEFIANT	Wednesday 13.00 Valvesali Hall
Filmmakers are present	2ND DEGREE ZONE	Wednesday 16.00 Valvesali Hall
Main character Peter van Maaren	HONESTLY	Wednesday 18.00 Studio
Director Sigrid Klausmann	GIRLS DON'T CRY	Thursday 18.00 Studio
Director Nóra Lakos	I ACCIDENTALLY WROTE A BOOK	Thursday 9.00 Valvesali Hall Thursday 17.45 Valvesali Hall
Director Henry Lindgren and filmmakers	SHADOWS AND LIGHT	Thursday 20.00 Valvesali Hall
Producer Outi Rousu, actors Vili Järvinen, Joni Kehusmaa, other filmmakers	VALO	Sunday 13.00 Valvesali Hall

### AWARD CEREMONY

The Festival Award Ceremony will take place in Valvesali Hall on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> of November at 14.00-15.00. The following awards and prizes will be distributed: The Children's Film Competition Award, presented by the children's jury; the ECFA Award and ECFA Short Film Award, presented by an international jury; The Global Future Prize, presented by the Youth Jury; and The Look at Me... Award presented by the jury of Finnish Competition. Better World Award will be given to a person, organization or a community of merit the field of children's and youth films.

### VIDEO BAR

The Video Bar allows you to watch the festival films. It is open during the festival week as follows: Mon-Thu 10-20 and Fri 10-16. The Video Bar is located at the Oulu Film Centre's Library on the second floor of Cultural Centre Valve. Ask directions from the info desk!

### 5<sup>TH</sup> OULU CHILDREN'S FILM FORUM

The 44<sup>th</sup> Oulu International Children's and Youth Film Festival will organize the fifth Children's Film Forum on Tuesday November 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday November 19<sup>th</sup> 2025. It will be a unique international event for film professionals and public audiences in Finland, addressing the state and future of children's and youth cinema. The forum will be moderated by Aino Isojärvi, a Film PhD, animation researcher, and Head of Film and Creative Medias at the University of Oulu.

#### Tuesday 18.11. 10-12 Finnish section

Producer and screenwriter Annalisa Schmuckli and editor and VFX-artist Pierre-Lois Umdenstock reveal the secrets about making of their film. Director Maija Hirvonen explain how the documentary Neurotypes was born and Producer Tiina Pesonen tells the story behind the film Defiant.

#### Wednesday 19.11. 13-16 International section

Mikk Rand from Estonian Film Institute presents Estonian children and youth film classics, which have been recently digitalized. Directors Margit Lillak (BECOMING ROOSI) from Estonia and Sigrid Klausmann (GIRLS DON'T CRY) from Germany present their films and discuss together about the joys and sorrows of

making documentaries. Both films are full of girl power. Director Anna Lena Höhne and distributor Patrik Büchting present their powerful film and talk about distributing children's and youth film in Germany.

Registration here: <https://www.oulufilmfestival.fi/en/film-forum-registration/>

More information about the forum here: <https://www.oulufilmfestival.fi/en/childrens-film-forum/>

## **EXHIBITIONS**

### **Glorious, flying winged ones**

Valvesali Hall lobby 17.–23.11.

Artworks by students of Oulu Art School.

### **Classic fairy tales in pictures: Babar the Little Elephant, The Travels of Babar, and Babar and His Family**

Pudasjärvi Library, December 1.–31.12.

**Changes in programme are possible.**

## **FREE WI-FI CONNECTION**

Free wireless broadband connection is available both at the festival hotel and the Cultural Centre Valve (panOULU).

## **RESTAURANT VALVEEN PALJETTI**

Cultural Centre Valve, Hallituskatu 7

Open:

Monday-Friday                    9.00–19.00

Saturday                            10.00–18.00

Lunchtime Mon-Fri 11.00–14.00 and Sat 12.00–15.00 The lunch menu can be found online (in Finnish):

<https://www.makujenpaljetti.com/valveen-paljetti/>

## **CONTACT**

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