



Dear guests and friends,

Almost fifty and still full of the devil !

That's because the Thessaloniki Film Festival keeps a live line open to all creators around the world who are genuinely tuned in to the Present, the one unfailing source of youth. And this year, once again, the harvest is exceptional.

The spirits are already brewing as we are gathering around the docks of Thessaloniki's proud and weathered harbour. Now, the festivities can begin !

Like potent wines, the films, the encounters, the public discussions, the concerts and exhibitions will go straight to our heads and hearts.

We will get high and contemplate how strong and fragile, how generous and greedy, how funny and absurd, and ultimately, just how polymorphous we all really are. And, last but not least, how we're all made of the very same stuff, no matter where we come from.

Our hearts will open wide with radiant waves of love. We'll discover new horizons, choose new directions, find new beginnings. Yes, the festival is intoxicating and when it's over everybody is feeling a bit of an orphan, but, every year, we come away truly enriched with the overwhelming experience of our real family : humanity. All of it. Every year a little richer, bolder, deeper, more tolerant, more connected and free spirited.

Let us all then be very very present and celebrate this 49th edition!

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