

#### WHERE WILL THE CIFF FILM DAYS BE HELD?

The festival will take place at one central location: The Movies Otrobanda at Renaissance Mall, Otrobanda. Please visit the website [TheMoviesCuraçao.com/Otrobanda](http://TheMoviesCuraçao.com/Otrobanda) to verify that there are no changes in the timeframe.

#### THE MOVIES OTROBANDA BOX OFFICE

Ticket sales starts on Monday 10 April 2023. Tickets can be purchased at the Box Office of The Movies Otrobanda as of 16:00. Online ticket purchase possible all day long. Please visit the website of The Movies Otrobanda for more information and guidance.

#### OPENING HOURS THE MOVIES OTROBANDA BOX OFFICE

Monday until Thursday from 16:00 PM • Friday 21/4 from 15:30 PM • Saturday 22/4 and Sunday 23/4 from 14:00 PM • The Central Box Office closes 15 minutes after the start of the last screening of the day.

#### ADMISSION FEE

Regular ticket price is ANG 18.50.

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## INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

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# FILM DAYS

# 21 – 23 APRIL 2023

## THE MOVIES • WILLEMSTAD OTROBANDA

### THE WHALE

Darran Aronofsky

United States | 2022 | 117 minutes | English spoken with Dutch subtitles

FRI 21 APR 16:00 • SAT 22 APR 18:30 • SUN 23 APR 18:15

Hinging on a career-defining performance from Brendan Fraser, *The Whale* is by turns funny and devastating. Fraser plays Charlie, a reclusive English teacher suffering from severe obesity. It's clear Charlie doesn't want to live anymore and he's slowly eating his way to death. When his health issues escalate, he reconnects with his long-estranged teenage daughter for one last chance at redemption.

### L'INNOCENT

Louis Garrel

France | 2022 | 96 minutes | French spoken with English subtitles

FRI 21 APR 21:00 • SAT 22 APR 16:15 • SUN 23 APR 16:15 & 19:00

A film about fantasy and reality, in which the director, Louis Garrel, incorporated aspects of his own life and that of his mother into the story. When Abel (played by Garrel) discovers that his mother wants to marry an ex-con she met in prison, he freaks out. Abel takes on the role of private detective and sets about shadowing the new husband in a rather amateurish fashion.

### GOOD LUCK TO YOU, LEO GRANDE

Sophie Hyde

United Kingdom | 2022 | 97 minutes | English spoken with Dutch subtitles

FRI 21 APR 16:15 • SAT 22 APR 21:00 • SUN 23 APR 21:00

After decades of mediocre sex, retired teacher and widow Nancy wants to experience adventurous and good sex for once. With trepidation, she meets with sex worker Leo Grande in the privacy of a hotel room. As Nancy embarks on a sexual awakening and Leo draws on his skills and charm, together they find, with pointed dialogues, a surprising human connection. Emma Thompson is very natural in one of her best roles!

### HOLY SPIDER

Ali Abbasi

Denmark | 2022 | 115 minutes | Persian spoken with English subtitles

FRI 21 APR 16:30 • SAT 22 APR 20:15 • SUN 23 APR 22:15

Based on a true story. Even before the most recent protests erupted in Iran, Ali Abbasi made this thrilling film noir about a killer of women in the holy city of Mashad. The sleazy killer who takes prostitutes' lives in particular is a war veteran who can no longer ground himself to civilian existence. His goal: "to cleanse the streets of immorality."

### AFTERSUN

Charlotte Wells

United Kingdom | 2022 | 102 minutes | English spoken with Dutch subtitles

FRI 21 APR 17:00 • SAT 22 APR 22:00 • SUN 23 APR 17:00

Sophie is reliving a vacation at a Turkish seaside resort that she had with her father twenty years ago, as an 11-year-old girl. The father Calum, who does his utmost to be loving with his daughter, struggles with the heaviness of life out of Sophie's sight. With fine use of cinematic stylistic devices, director Charlotte Wells sets heart-breaking scenes. An intimate father-daughter portrait.

### ORPHEA IN LOVE

Axel Ranisch

Germany | 2022 | 107 minutes | German/English/Estonian spoken with English subtitles

FRI 21 APR 19:00 • SAT 22 APR 19:15 • SUN 23 APR 16:30

An ode to the opera, love and the power of music. A young call center agent falls in love with a petty criminal street dancer. She is Orpheus. He is Eurydice. She expresses herself through singing, he articulates himself through his dance. For her great love, she descends into the underworld, faces her old demons, and learns to trust again.

### CIELO ABIERTO

Felipe Esparza Pérez

Peru | 2023 | 65 minutes | Spanish/English spoken with English subtitles

FRI 21 APR 18:45 • SAT 22 APR 21:30 • SUN 23 APR 19:45

In a white, rough landscape, a craftsman performs his labor in an open pit mine. Labor as has been performed for centuries. His son works in the digital world with drones and cameras, capturing a weathered cathedral in a computer model. Father and son relate to each other with difficulty. The film meanders between light and dark while capitalizing on the contradictions and sensitivities between generations.

### VERA

Tizza Covi, Rainer Frimmel

Austria | 2022 | 115 minutes | Italian spoken with English subtitles

FRI 21 APR 21:30 • SAT 22 APR 17:00 • SUN 23 APR 21:15

Vera Gemma, daughter of a 1960s famous Italian actor, plays herself in this quasi-fiction film. Tired of her superficial life, she forms an unlikely friendship with a small boy and his family. Although they live in a world vastly different from the one she is accustomed to, she opens her heart to them with understanding, compassion, and generosity that defies good judgement.

### EO

Jerzy Skolimowski

Poland | 2022 | 86 minutes | Polish spoken with English subtitles

FRI 21 APR 20:30 • SAT 22 APR 18:15 • SUN 23 APR 20:30

Winner of the Cannes Jury Prize 2022, *Eo* is a road movie starring a donkey with melancholic eyes and a curious spirit, who begins his life as a circus performer before escaping on a trek across the Polish and Italian countryside. During his travels he encounters an eclectic cast of characters, including a countess, a young Italian priest and a riotous Polish football team.

### THE BLUE CAFTAN

Maryam Touzani

Morocco | 2022 | 118 minutes | Arabic spoken with English subtitles

FRI 21 APR 18:30 • SAT 22 APR 19:30 • SUN 23 APR 21:30

"A work of handcrafted beauty". Tenderness, desire and emotional intrigue are elegantly woven into the fabric of Touzani's Moroccan drama. *The Blue Caftan* is set in the medieval town Salé, where Mina runs a small shop selling traditional caftans created by her husband Halim. Complications arise when Halim, secretly gay, finds himself attracted to the shop's new apprentice Youssef.

### GODLAND

Hlynur Pálmason

Denmark | 2022 | 143 minutes | Danish/Icelandic spoken with English subtitles

FRI 21 APR 18:15 • SAT 22 APR 16:30 • SUN 23 APR 16:00

The acclaimed new film from Iceland's award-winning director is a breathtaking historical epic inspired by true events. In the late 19th century, a young Danish priest travels to a remote part of Iceland to build a church and photograph its people. But the deeper he goes into the unforgiving landscape, the more he strays from his purpose, his mission and morality.

### NO BEARS

Jafar Panahi

Iran | 2022 | 107 minutes | Farsi/Azerbaijani/Turkish spoken with English subtitles

FRI 21 APR 21:15 • SAT 22 APR 16:00 • SUN 23 APR 19:15

Maestro Panahi has spent the past decade in and out of house arrest, but all the while has continued to find ways to make films. In *No Bears*, he plays himself, a filmmaker trying to direct a film crew in Turkey, who is forced to remain in an Iranian village. An intelligent and playful film about filmmaking, village life, and images as evidence.

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## FRIDAY 21 APRIL

THE MOVIES	15:30	16:00	17:00	18:00	19:00	20:00	21:00	22:00	23:00	0:00
THE MOVIES 1 Otrobanda		16:00 THE WHALE		18:30 THE BLUE CAFTAN		21:00 L'INNOCENT				
THE MOVIES 3 Otrobanda			17:00 AFTERSUN		19:00 ORPHEA IN LOVE		21:30 VERA			
THE MOVIES 4 Otrobanda	16:15 GOOD LUCK TO YOU, LEO GRANDE		18:15 GODLAND			21:15 NO BEARS				
THE MOVIES 5 Otrobanda	16:30 HOLY SPIDER		18:45 CIELO ABIERTO		20:30 EO					

## SATURDAY 22 APRIL

THE MOVIES	15:30	16:00	17:00	18:00	19:00	20:00	21:00	22:00	23:00	0:00
THE MOVIES 1 Otrobanda		16:00 NO BEARS		18:30 THE WHALE		21:00 GOOD LUCK TO YOU, LEO GRANDE				
THE MOVIES 3 Otrobanda			17:00 VERA		19:15 ORPHEA IN LOVE		21:30 CIELO ABIERTO			
THE MOVIES 4 Otrobanda	16:15 L'INNOCENT		18:15 EO		20:15 HOLY SPIDER					
THE MOVIES 5 Otrobanda	16:30 GODLAND		19:30 THE BLUE CAFTAN		22:00 AFTERSUN					

## SUNDAY 23 APRIL

THE MOVIES	15:30	16:00	17:00	18:00	19:00	20:00	21:00	22:00	23:00	0:00
THE MOVIES 1 Otrobanda		16:00 GODLAND		19:00 L'INNOCENT		21:00 GOOD LUCK TO YOU, LEO GRANDE				
THE MOVIES 3 Otrobanda	15:30 CIFF SHORTS 1 Dreams & 1.83	16:30 ORPHEA IN LOVE		18:45 CIFF SHORTS 2 Mi Lucha & Fol chiki un sofo grandi	19:45 CIELO ABIERTO		21:15 VERA			
THE MOVIES 4 Otrobanda			17:00 AFTERSUN		19:15 NO BEARS		21:30 THE BLUE CAFTAN			
THE MOVIES 5 Otrobanda	16:15 L'INNOCENT		18:15 THE WHALE		20:30 EO		22:15 HOLY SPIDER			