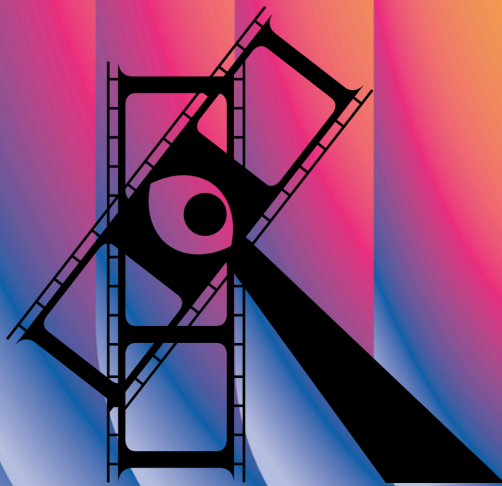




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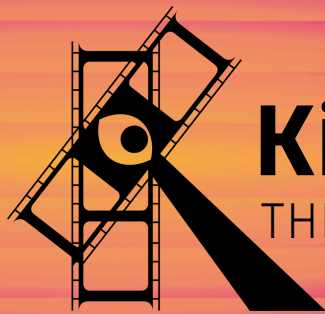
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KinoFest

THE GERMAN FILM FESTIVAL



WHAT: Kinofest, the German Film Festival

WHEN: October 16-19, 2025

WHERE: Shangri-La Plaza, Red Carpet Cinemas, Cinema 3 & Premiere Cinema

“GERMAN FILM FESTIVAL RETURNS: KINOFEST 2025 PROMISES POWERFUL STORIES IN MANILA”

MANILA, PHILIPPINES – The Goethe-Institut proudly presents the fourth edition of its annual German film festival, KinoFest, taking place across Southeast Asia and the Pacific from October to November 2025. This year's program brings the newest German films to audiences in the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, New Zealand, Thailand, Vietnam, and Timor Leste.

KinoFest 2025 offers a diverse line-up spanning documentary, adventure, drama, comedy, animation, and thriller. In Manila, screenings will be held **October 16-19, 2025** at **Shangri-La Plaza Red Carpet Cinemas (Cinema 3 & Premiere Cinema)**.

This year's festival showcases **eight (8) contemporary German films and five (5) Filipino short films**, fostering a vibrant exchange between two dynamic cinema cultures. The selections revolve around themes of memory, reimagining, and the confrontation of perspectives, while also exploring family, belonging, and care. Together, they invite audiences to reflect on personal ties, collective histories, and the power of cinema to connect communities across borders.

The **Manila opening night on October 16, 6:00 PM** presents the 2024 release **Riefenstahl**, a provocative documentary that revisits the controversial life and enduring legacy of filmmaker Leni Riefenstahl. Blending rare archival material with contemporary perspectives, the film confronts the tensions between artistic brilliance and political propaganda, asking how cinema

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can both shape and distort history.

The screening will be followed by a hybrid Q&A with renowned producer **Sandra Maischberger**, offering audiences the chance to reflect on one of the most debated figures in film history. Riefenstahl is presented in German with English subtitles.

A special highlight of the Manila program is **KinoFest Special: Stories Across Continents on October 18, 2025**, which brings together five Filipino short films engaging with climate change. These works imagine the climate crisis not only as an ecological challenge but also as a lived reality interwoven with love, myth, displacement, and grief. After the screenings, writer and transfeminist artist Jaya Jacobo will moderate a discussion with the filmmakers, including **Krystahl Guina and Miko Reyes (Baradiya)**, **Carl Joseph Lara (Rumbles of the Earth)**, and **Whammy Alcazaren (Water Sport)**.

The Manila screenings will conclude with another international exchange on **October 19, 5:00 PM**, when **Svenja Vanhoeff**, producer of the German film Vena, joins audiences for an in-person talkback session following the screening. She will share her insights on the making of Vena and on contemporary German cinema.

KinoFest 2025 is jointly organized by eight Goethe-Instituts in Southeast Asia and New Zealand and made possible in Manila through the partnership with Shangri-La Plaza Red Carpet Cinemas under the Culture in Focus program, with support from the Film Development Council of the Philippines.

For full program details, visit: www.goethe.de/manila/kinofest



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Screening Schedule

16
OCT

6:00 PM

Riefenstahl

*OPENING FILM FOLLOWED BY AN HYBRID-TALK WITH
THE PRODUCER OF THE FILM, SANDRA MAISCHBERGER

Cinema 3

17
OCT

1:00 PM

Vena

Cinema 3

3:30 PM

From Hilde, with Love

Cinema 3

6:00 PM

Köln 75

Cinema 3

8:30 PM

The Light

Cinema 3

18
OCT

1:00 PM

Giants of La Mancha

Cinema 3

3:00 PM

Another German Tank Story

Premiere Cinema

3:30 PM

Woodwalkers

Cinema 3

5:15 PM

From Hilde, with Love

Premiere Cinema

6:00 PM

KinoFest Special

FILM SCREENING FOLLOWED BY A FILM TALK

Water Sports

Ngatta Naddaki y Nuang?
Sa Ilalum sa Balabal sa Alitaptap
Rumbles of the Earth
Baradiya

Cinema 3

7:00 PM

Köln 75

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Vena

FILM SCREENING FOLLOWED BY AN IN-PERSON TALK
WITH PRODUCER OF THE FILM, SVENJA VANHOEFFER

Cinema 3

8:15PM

Riefenstahl

Cinema 3



Cinema 3 & Premiere Cinema
Red Carpet Cinemas
Shangri-La Plaza



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Another German Tank Story

2024 | Comedy | 95 mins | **Rating: PG**



October 18 (Saturday)
3:00 PM | Premiere Cinema

While Hollywood is filming a series about the Second World War in the small village of Wiesenwalde, the villagers are chasing their personal dreams - until a sudden power outage risks ruining all their plans and a tank appears in front of the mayor's house.



From Hilde, with Love

2024 | Drama | 124 mins | **Rating: R16**



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October 17 (Friday)
3:30 PM | Cinema 3

October 18 (Saturday)
5:15 PM | Premiere Cinema

Berlin, 1942: Hilde is in love. With Hans. Their passion often makes them forget the dangers of war. They become involved with the anti-Nazi resistance group “Red Orchestra” until they are arrested. Hilde, 8 months pregnant, develops a quiet inspirational strength.



Giants of La Mancha

2023 | Animation, Adventure | 87 mins | **Rating: PG**



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October 18 (Saturday)
1:00 PM | Cinema 3

October 19 (Sunday)
1:00 PM | Cinema 3

Alfonso Quixote is an 11-year-old boy with a huge imagination. As the rightful descendant and legitimate heir to Don Quixote and just like his great, great, great, great grandfather, he is constantly protecting his beloved town in La Mancha from monsters, which no one else can see.



Köln 75

2024 | Drama, Music-Biopic | 115 mins | **Rating: R13**



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October 17 (Friday)
6:00 PM | Cinema 3

October 18 (Saturday)
7:00 PM | Premiere Cinema

KÖLN 75 tells the rousing true story of 18-year-old Vera Brandes who risks everything to bring Keith Jarrett to the Cologne Opera House in 1975—leading to the legendary “Köln Concert”, the best-selling solo jazz and piano album of all time.



Riefenstahl

2024 | Documentary | 115 mins | **Rating: R16**



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October 16 (Thursday)
6:00 PM | Cinema 3
Followed by a Film Talk

October 19 (Sunday)
8:15 PM | Cinema 3

Exploring possibilities of truths of the filmmaker who supports the Nazi regime and got away with it through archival materials of interviews. Ambiguity appears here in its darker tone.



The Light

2025 | Drama | 162 mins | **Rating: R13**



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**October 17 (Friday)
8:30 PM | Cinema 3**

THE LIGHT tells the haunting story of the fractured Berlin-based Engels family, who are set on a journey into the unknown by the arrival of the mysterious housekeeper Farrah.



Vena

2024 | Drama | 116 mins | **Rating: R16**



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October 17 (Friday)
1:00 PM | Cinema 3

October 19 (Sunday)
5:00 PM | Cinema 3

VENA is the story of Jenny, a reluctant soon-to-be mother with a pending jail sentence. Living co-dependently with her boyfriend Bolle, the two live in a drug-fueled bubble. That is until she meets Marla - her midwife - who supports Jenny in her growth in self-acceptance.



First Steps Awards



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Woodwalkers

2024 | Animation, Adventure | 100 mins | **Rating: PG**



October 18 (Saturday)
3:30 PM | Cinema 3

October 19 (Sunday)
3:30 PM | Cinema 3

Carag is not a typical 13-year-old: he can shapeshift into a puma. At a secret school for shapeshifters, he soon learns to control his powers and, together with his friends, must protect the world of the Woodwalkers.



KinoFest S P E C I A L

Stories Across Continents

KinoFest Special 2025 shines a light on Filipino stories of climate, love, and survival. This year's special program gathers five short films that reimagine climate change not just as crisis, but as lived experience – woven into memory, myth, displacement, and grief. Here, the environment is more than backdrop: it becomes an inheritance, an archive, and a space where survival and storytelling meet.

Following the screenings, a post-show talk moderated by writer and transfeminist artist Jaya Jacobo will feature filmmakers in dialogue: Krystahl and Miko Reyes (Baradiya), Carl Joseph Lara (Rumbles of the Earth), and Whammy Alcazaren (Water Sport). The discussion invites audiences to reflect on how cinema engages with ecology, storytelling, and cultural memory.



KinoFest Special: Stories Across Continents



October 18 | 6:00 PM onwards

Film Screenings

Panel Discussion

Kinofest Special: Stories Across Continents

Baradiya

2025 | Drama | 30 mins | **Rating: PG**



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October 18 (Saturday)
6:00 PM | Cinema 3
Followed by a Film Talk

A young Filipino indigenous trans woman faces her destiny and her spiritual past amid the discrimination and destruction of her ancestral land in the Philippines.

Director: Gab Mejia | Binukid, Bisaya with English Subtitles



Kinofest Special: Stories Across Continents

Ngatta Naddaki y Nuang?

2022 | Social Realism, Eco-Cinema | 21 mins | **Rating: R13**



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October 18 (Saturday)
6:00 PM | Cinema 3
Followed by a Film Talk

With memories of a flood and sights of industrialization, Oyo returns to his hometown in Cagayan in search of a carabao, before he finally migrates to another country.

Director: Austin Tan | Ibanag with English Subtitles



Kinofest Special: Stories Across Continents

Rumbles of the Earth

2024 | Sci-Fi, Drama | 13 mins | **Rating: PG**



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October 18 (Saturday)
6:00 PM | Cinema 3
Followed by a Film Talk

Mysterious disappearances of people rise as earthquakes shake Mindanao. 13-year-old Munya investigates the strange phenomenon after her mother goes missing during a solar eclipse. Fantasy and reality blur as the mythical serpent dragon “Bakunawa”, devours a seemingly tranquil world.

Director: Carl Joseph Lara | Cebuano with English Subtitles



Kinofest Special: Stories Across Continents

Sa Ilalum sa Balabal sa Alitaptap

2024 | Drama | 20 mins | **Rating: PG**



© Juvy Ann Clarito

October 18 (Saturday)
6:00 PM | Cinema 3
Followed by a Film Talk

In a remote community, a girl named Joy faces a menacing land grabber, Rommel, who violently coerces her grandfather into selling their ancestral land, culminating in a dramatic and harrowing confrontation that threatens their future.

Director: Juvy Ann Clarito | Cebuano with English Subtitles



Kinofest Special: Stories Across Continents

Water Sports

2024 | Comedy, Romance, Sci-Fi | 19 mins | **Rating: R13**

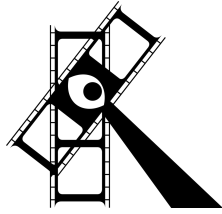


October 18 (Saturday)
6:00 PM | Cinema 3
Followed by a Film Talk

Sad boys Jelson and Ipe harness the power of their love in an attempt to survive a world devastated by climate change.

Director: Whammy Alcazaren | Tagalog with English Subtitles





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Every film you watch at the festival gives you a chance to win exclusive Goethe-Institut Loot Bags and Adidas gift certificates worth up to PhP 5,000. The more films you watch, the more chances you have to win. Plus, we're giving away KinoFest loot bags to three lucky winners at every film screening!

Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity—join the fun, immerse yourself in great cinema, and you might just walk away with some fantastic rewards!

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