

# EUROPEAN FIRST FILM FESTIVAL PREMIERS PLANS // FESTIVAL D'ANGERS

## THE FESTIVAL PREMIERS PLANS D'ANGERS REINVENTS ITS 2021 EDITION

The 33<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Festival Premiers Plans d'Angers will take place in an unprecedented format, the current health situation means that we will not be able to welcome the 80,000 spectators of previous editions in the spirit of the festival, which is the hallmark and a source of success of the event.

The competition for European first films will be screened for audiences **from 25 to 31 January** at the 400 Coups and Pathé cinemas in Angers.

There will be a professional jury, and there will also be awards.

Part of the 2021 selection **will be decentralised** from the city of Angers to several cinemas in the suburbs, the department and the whole Pays de la Loire region. This means that the films will reach new audiences, particularly with young spectators in schools who will be able to see screenings in local cinemas.

Further events will be organised starting in the spring, and particularly towards the end of August with the **Ateliers d'Angers**, which will include premières, readings of screenplays, masterclasses, encounters with professionals and practical workshops.

In January, the Festival will be working with several **partner platforms** to bring you a selection of films online as part of the tributes to Chantal Akerman, Federico Fellini and Christian Petzold.

Christian Petzold will also be invited to Angers in the coming months to present several films and meet with audiences at screenings.

**Professionals** will have online access to the whole of the selection, with the proviso that the holders of the rights to the films are in agreement.

The Association and the team of Premiers Plans are particularly confident of the success of this exceptional formula for a festival which will confirm its commitment to displaying demanding discernment for the benefit of films, young directors and audiences.

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