

CROSSING EUROPE Filmfestival Linz

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Invigorated by the success of the anniversary year 2023, and despite a challenging financial environment, the Crossing Europe team is focusing on and eagerly awaiting the **2024 festival edition** that will take place from **April 30 to May 5** at the venues **Movimiento, City-Kino** and **Central** and around the **Upper Austrian Cultural Quarter**. Well-filled cinemas, a festival flair throughout the entire city center of Linz and positive feedback by the audience, press, and film guests at the 20th edition of Crossing Europe in the spring of 2023 provided impressive evidence that young European cinema is sociopolitically and artistically more relevant than ever and deserves the biggest stage possible to be viewed and discussed.

For the 21st Crossing Europe, hundreds of entries from throughout Europe hold the promise of another film program marked by **courageous, unconventional and artistically ambitious perspectives** rounded off by **outstanding Upper Austrian works of filmmaking**. It is the fifth time already for the **YAAAS! Youth Program** with its comprehensive offering for young film enthusiasts and, adding to the collective film experience in the social space that is cinema, the side event program offers various **talk and cooperation events**.

The **first film and festival highlights** will be announced in **January 2024** while **early-bird festival passes** will already be available **from December 15**. The film submission period for Crossing Europe Film Festival Linz 2024 runs until **January 8, 2024**. For the European program sections, entry is open for feature-length fiction and documentary films (above 60 min) from the production year 2023 or 2024. For submission to the section Local Artists, which provides recent works by the domestic Upper Austrian film scene with an international platform, films and videos of all genres, formats, lengths, and music videos are welcome. All further information on rules & regulations can be found at: <https://www.crossingeurope.at/filmeinreichung>

Salzkammergut 2024: Joint Project of Kino Ebensee & Crossing Europe

The cultural year 2024 in Upper Austria will be shaped to a significant extent by the program of the European Capital of Culture Bad Ischl Salzkammergut, which includes around 200 cultural projects throughout the year.

Cooperating with the cultural association KINO EBENSEE (project responsibility), Crossing Europe will be represented with a project in September 2024: Titled "Let's Live Together! Communities and Culture on Screen", Ebensee will be the venue of a multi-day international film festival with film guests at the only remaining arthouse theater of the Salzkammergut region as well as a practice-oriented educational program for youths from the region between the ages of 15 and 20. Reflecting current sociopolitical and geopolitical realities and



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transformation processes, the festival's handpicked European films are to provide insights into different European communities, present different models of coexistence as well as ask about the relevance of individual and collective cultural models to that end. On the educational level, a video project offers participating youths the chance to deal artistically, via their own short video works, with questions in line with the topic. Further info on the project can be found at: www.salzkammergut-2024.at/projekte/lets-live-together/

Festival dates: [April 30 to May 5, 2024](#)

Festival impressions: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/crossingeurope/>

Logo & festival motif: <https://www.crossingeurope.at/xe-presse/logos>

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