

Alpin Film Festival 2026 announces its official selection: 40 mountain documentaries from over 18 countries, in Braşov, Râşnov and Buşteni

21 - 27 September 2026 · Banff 2025 winner IRON WINTER, the most acclaimed French documentary of the last twenty years, THE SONG OF THE FOREST, and an exceptional Romanian competition in this year's programme

Alpin Film Festival, Romania's largest international festival dedicated to mountain film and culture, returns from 21 to 27 September 2026 in Braşov, Râşnov and Buşteni. The official selection of the 2026 edition includes over 40 documentary films with mountain themes, from more than 18 countries, brought together in a collector's selection.

The programme brings audiences titles that have been selected and awarded at the world's most important genre and documentary festivals – Cannes, IDFA, Sheffield DocFest, Visions du Réel, Banff, Trento, Kathmandu and Bilbao – alongside the most spectacular Romanian mountain-themed productions of the past two years.

Must-see titles in the International Competition

Iron Winter, the Australian production directed by Kasimir Burgess, comes to Braşov straight from winning the Grand Prize at the Banff Festival 2025.

The Song of the Forest (*Cântecul pădurii*), by the celebrated photographer and filmmaker Vincent Munier, is considered by critics the best French nature documentary of the last 20 years.

Old Man Lightning, directed by Dawn Kish, is one of the most awarded climbing films of the moment.

Sherpa, the landmark film by director Jennifer Peedom, will be presented in a special screening organised in partnership with the International Alliance for Mountain Film (IAMF).

Romanian Mountain Film Competition

This year, the section dedicated to domestic productions brings a series of exceptional titles: **Wanderers in the Mountains** (*Hoinari prin munţi*), Cosmin Dumitrache's film about Marlene and Dinu Mititeanu; **Şona, a Story Written in Stone** (*Şona, o poveste scrisă în piatră*), a cinematic poem from the world of painter Ştefan Câlţia, directed by Mircea Gherase; the portraits made by **Ruxandra Hurezeanu** of ultramarathon runner Tibi Uşeriu and mountaineer David Neacşu; as well as **Scăriţa Belişoara** (Dan Cureau) and **Safety on Via Transilvanica** (*Siguranţa pe Via Transilvanica*, Alex Dima).

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INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION - "Alpiniada" Section

- Old Man Lightning - USA - 60 min - dir. Dawn Kish
- Sustraiak / Lost Roots - Spain - 73 min - dir. Luis Arrieta Etxeberria
- Cruel Way - Bulgaria - 109 min - dir. Deyan Bararev
- Courma and Courmayeur - Italy - 79 min - dir. Elettra Gallone
- The Extra Miles - Brazil - 52 min - dir. Rafael Duarte
- Untamed - Switzerland - 60 min - dir. Fabio Minnig and Zimy Da Kid
- 4000 m from Home - France - 64 min - dir. Pierre Cadot
- K2 mon amour - France - 40 min - dir. Mathieu Rivoire
- The Bride of Mont Blanc - United Kingdom - 28 min - dir. Grace T.S.P.
- Papsura / The Devil's Peak - United Kingdom - 35 min - dir. Morgan Shields
- The Five Treasures of the Snow - United Kingdom - 27 min - dir. John Porter
- The Artists' Mill - France - 25 min - dir. Pierre Cadot
- Sud - Italy - 32 min - dir. Alberto Storti
- Eternal Longing - Czech Republic - 24 min - dir. Tomáš Galásek
- The Flight - Switzerland - 26 min - dir. Nicolas Falquet
- Nix - Andorra - 21 min - dir. Jessone Morillon Sanz, Eric Rossell Vela, Oscar Julià
- Mountain of the Moon - USA - 90 min - dir. Chris Benchetler
- The Wind Blows Wherever It Wills - Georgia - 69 min - dir. Ivan Boiko

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION - "The Magic Mountain" Section

- The Song of the Forest - France - 95 min - dir. Vincent Munier
- Music of the Apuseni Mountains 2 - Hungary - 85 min - dir. Balázs Szendőfi
- Iron Winter - Australia - 89 min - dir. Kasimir Burgess
- Blood and Mud - Belgium - 90 min - dir. Jean-Gabriel Leynaud
- Kumotry / The Godmothers - Poland - 69 min - dir. Emilia Sniegoska
- Wild East - Romania / Australia / Sweden - 36 min - dir. Maia Wilker

IAMF SPECIAL SCREENING

- Sherpa - Australia - 96 min - dir. Jennifer Peedom

ROMANIAN COMPETITION

- Wanderers in the Mountains (Hoinari prin munți) - 90 min - dir. Cosmin Dumitrache
- Șona, a Story Written in Stone (Șona, o poveste scrisă în piatră) - 90 min - dir. Mircea Gherase
- Scărița Belișoara - 50 min - dir. Dan Cureau
- Safety on Via Transilvanica (Siguranța pe Via Transilvanica) - 35 min - dir.

Alex Dima

- Tibi Ușeriu – dir. Ruxandra Hurezeanu
- David Neacșu – dir. Ruxandra Hurezeanu

SHORT FILM COMPETITION

- Archaic – France – 14 min – dir. Mathieu Le Lay
- The Dance of Nature – Austria – 13 min – dir. Henri Bentheim
- Grade A Bulls*t – USA – 13 min – dir. Gareth Lea
- Vol céleste – France – 12 min – dir. Éric Briche
- Kronoschock – Spain – 12 min – dir. Ignasi Lopez

A MOUNTAIN OF STORIES – with a programme whose details will be announced soon

About Alpin Film Festival: ALPIN FILM FESTIVAL is an international cultural event dedicated to film, books and photography, promoting mountain civilisation in all its dimensions – heritage, tourism, ecology, economy, education and sport. Born in the heart of the country, at the gateway to Transylvania, in Braşov, the festival has become a landmark on the map of international mountain cultural events. Since 2020, it has been a member of the prestigious **International Alliance for Mountain Film (IAMF)**, alongside 27 festivals from 20 countries on 5 continents.

The screening schedule is available at www.alpinfilmfestival.ro and on the Facebook page facebook.com/alpinfilmfestival.