

# The Museum of Modern Art

## THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART ANNOUNCES DATES FOR ITS 2025 FILM FESTIVALS AND ANNUAL SERIES

### MoMA's Department of Film to Present Celebrated Festivals of Film Preservation, Nonfiction Films, and Films by Emerging Directors, and Annual Series Featuring Recent Silent Film Restorations and Picks for Most Important Films of 2025

**NEW YORK, NY, September 12, 2024**—The Museum of Modern Art announces dates for its film festival lineup for 2025. **To Save and Project** returns for its 21st year to present newly preserved and restored films from around the world, from January 9 to 30, 2025; **Doc Fortnight** will highlight the next crop of innovative nonfiction films in its 24th year, from February 20 to March 6, 2025; and the 54th edition of **New Directors/New Films**, co-presented by MoMA and Film at Lincoln Center, brings new work by emerging directors to the silver screen from April 2 to 13, 2025. Returning for its third year, **Silent Movie Week** brings seven silent-film restorations to MoMA over the course of one week, from July 30 to August 5, 2025. The popular annual film series **The Contenders** will return on November 6, 2025, and continue into January 2026, with the Department's picks for the year's standout films. All lineups to be announced.

#### *To Save and Project: The 21st MoMA International Festival of Film Preservation*

January 9–30, 2025

As the first cultural institution to collect film as an art form, The Museum of Modern Art has long been at the forefront of the preservation and restoration of moving-image material. Founded in 2003, MoMA's annual To Save and Project festival has become the Museum's showcase for presenting new restorations from its archive as well as work from colleagues around the world—archives, foundations, studios, and others—engaged in maintaining and presenting this precious audiovisual heritage.

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#### *Doc Fortnight 2025: MoMA's Festival of International Nonfiction Film and Media*

February 20–March 6, 2025

Established in 2001, MoMA's annual festival of nonfiction film celebrates important new discoveries in documentary cinema, bringing adventurous voices and thought-provoking perspectives from around the world to New York audiences. Highlighting emerging and established directors working across the nonfiction field and addressing urgent issues of our time, Doc Fortnight showcases the enduring vitality of the documentary art form. Now in its third decade, the festival has premiered films by Chantal Akerman, Kevin Jerome Everson, William Greaves, Barbara Hammer, Barbara Kopple, Sergei Loznitsa, Stanley

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Nelson, Anand Patwardhan, Laura Poitras, Lynne Sachs, Trinh T. Minh-ha, Nanfu Wang, and among many other artists and filmmakers.

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### ***New Directors/New Films 2025***

April 2–13, 2025

Founded in 1972, the New Directors/New Films festival is jointly presented by MoMA and Film at Lincoln Center, showcasing a wide-ranging group of films by emerging directors working at the vanguard of cinema. Throughout its history, the festival has presented works by Pedro Almodóvar, Souleymane Cissé, Guillermo del Toro, Luca Guadagnino, Ryusuke Hamaguchi, Michael Haneke, Agnieszka Holland, Hou Hsiao-Hsien, Jia Zhangke, Spike Lee, Euzhan Palcy, Lynne Ramsay, Kelly Reichardt, Wong Kar Wai, and over a thousand others.

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### ***Silent Movie Week 2025***

July 30–August 5, 2025

As a commercial medium, silent film lasted for only about 30 years, but those 30 years represented a creative explosion with few parallels in the art world. It's estimated that only 20 percent of the films made between 1895 and 1930 survive, and yet the work of preserving and restoring the remaining films continues. MoMA is one of several archives around the world with significant silent film holdings, and this program is an attempt to catch up with some of the recent restoration work done by MoMA and colleagues around the world.

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### ***The Contenders 2025***

November 6, 2025–January 2026

For this annual series, the Department of Film combs through major studio releases and the top film festivals in the world, selecting influential, innovative films made in the past 12 months that MoMA's curators believe will stand the test of time. Every year there are films that resonate far beyond a theatrical release—if they manage to find their way to a commercial screen at all—or film festival appearance. Their significance can be attributed to a variety of factors, from structure to subject matter to language, but these films are united in their lasting impact on the cinematic art form. Whether bound for awards glory or

destined to become a cult classic, each of these films is a contender for lasting historical significance. Many screenings will be followed by a discussion with the filmmaker.

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