

A Historical Tapestry: From Soviet Era to Modern

- Founded in 1935, MIFF was initially held every two years.
- Early editions showcased Soviet films alongside international productions.
- Was suspended during World War II, resuming regularly in 1959.
- Embraced a more open and competitive format since the 1990s.

The president of the festival is Nikita Mikhalkov

Soviet and Russian film director, screenwriter, producer, film actor



Unusual facts about MIFF

- The second oldest film festival in the world
- At least 12 full-length films take part in the main competition
- Has FIAPF accreditation
- In 2022, FIAPF suspended the accreditation of the festival
- Until 1989, gold and silver medals were awarded.