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Festival des 3 Continents Unveils *The Life of Ghosts*, the Thematic Programme of Its 48th Edition

Festival des 3 Continents today reveals the thematic programme for its 48th edition, which will take place in Nantes from November 20 to 28, 2026: **The Life of Ghosts**.

To film is always, in some way, to bring something back.

This is the idea that Festival des 3 Continents has chosen to explore this year. **From Tokyo to Dakar, from Hong Kong to the Amazon, this selection examines what ghosts reveal about our imaginations, our fears, and our memories.**

Acclaimed works such as *Dark Water* by Hideo NAKATA *Atlantics* by Mati DIOP, and *Spirited Away* by Hayao MIYAZAKI mark a journey in which ghosts constantly change form: spirits, the departed, memories, traces, or lingering presences.

“From its very invention, cinema has recorded bodies destined to disappear. It preserves gestures, faces, and voices that continue to appear long after those who carried them have aged or passed away. Every shot thus contains a fascinating contradiction: it captures the living while transforming them into a trace, a deferred presence, an apparition.” says Jérôme Baron, Artistic Director of Festival des 3 Continents.

Through *The Life of Ghosts*, Festival des 3 Continents invites audiences to rediscover this unique power of cinema: giving shape to what continues to haunt us and challenge our understanding.



Films in the Programme

Atlantics - Mati Diop (Fiction · France, Senegal, Belgium · 2019 · 1h44)

Dark Water - Hideo Nakata (Fiction · Japan · 2002 · 1h37)

The Witch's Mirror - Chano Urueta (Fiction · Mexico · 1962 · 1h16)

Rouge - Stanley Kwan (Fiction · Hong Kong · 1987 · 1h33)

Los Silencios - Beatriz Seigner (Fiction · Colombia, Brazil, Peru · 2019 · 1h29)

Spirited Away - Hayao Miyazaki (Animation · Japan · 2002 · 2h05)

Additional titles will be announced during our press conference on October 30.

Audiences are already invited to save the dates: **November 20 - 28, 2026.**

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Festival des 3 Continents showcases films from Africa, Asia, and Latin America. It highlights distinctive filmmakers and contributes to new ways of seeing the world. The festival has been held in Nantes, Loire-Atlantique, since 1979.

Organised by the non-profit Association Les 3 Continents, the festival is committed to making culture accessible to all, promoting accessibility for audiences with disabilities, supporting sustainable development, and fostering equality and diversity within the film industry.

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