

# Inffinito Brazilian Film Festival Expands Screenings and Announces Full Program

From August 29 to September 26, the event will showcase over 60 Brazilian films to American audiences, honor actor Reginaldo Faria, and feature performances by IZA, Ilê Aiyê, Evandro Fióti, Silvia Brazil & NovaSoul Band, DJ Lupa, and Miamibloco's Bateria Saideira



"Malu," "Cancer with Virgo Rising," "A Wolf Among the Swans," "The Best Mother in the World," "Bijupirá,"
"Nhandê," "Crossing," and "A Girl, A River" are among the feature-length and short films selected for the
Competitive Showcase. (Photos: Courtesy)

Inffinito has just announced the official selection for the Inffinito Brazilian Film Festival, the largest Brazilian film festival held abroad. From August 29 to September 26, more than 60 films will be



screened for North American audiences across six thematic sections (full list below), with in-person events taking place in Broward (Deerfield Beach and Hallandale), Miami Dade (Coral Gables, Miami Beach, and Downtown Miami). The festival will also honor 88-year-old actor *Reginaldo Faria*, who will attend to receive the *Crystal Lens – Lifetime Achievement Award* on the awards night (September 13). His latest film, "The Closer to the Sun, the Brighter", directed by his son Regis Faria, will make its international premiere at the event.

The music lineup features artists such as *IZA*, *Ilê Aiyê*, *Silvia Brazil & NovaSoul Band*, *DJ Lupa and Miamibloco's Bateria Saideira*. The festival kicks off in person with the **18th edition in New York** and the **29th edition in Miami**, and audiences across the U.S. – from Puerto Rico to Alaska – can also access the festival via the Inff.online streaming platform, which is available in Brazil as well.

**Feature Films Competition:** "Everyone (Still) Has Problems With Sex", by Renata Paschoal; "The Best Mother in the World", by Anna Muylaert; "Malu", by Pedro Freire; "Mangrove Sons", by Eliane Caffé; "Cancer with Virgo Rising", by Rosane Svartman (attending the screening actress Suzana Pires); "A Wolf Among the Swans", by Marcos Schechtman and Helena Varvaki (Q&A with ballet dancer Thiago Soares after the screening);

**Short Film Competition:** "A Girl, A River", by Renata Martins; "Crossing", by Karol Felicio; "Pavilhão", by Victoria Fiore; "Bijupirá", by Eduardo Boccaletti; "Sankofa", by Anna Parisi; "Nhandê", by Elisa Telles and Begê Muniz; "Jaz", by Liza Gomes (attending the screening).

Founded and directed by producers Adriana L. Dutra, Cláudia Dutra, and Viviane B. Spinelli since 1997 in 14 cities (Miami, New York, Vancouver, Barcelona, Madrid, London, Rome, Frascati, Milan, Bogotá, Montevideo, Buenos Aires, Shanghai, and in Brazil, in Canudos), the Inffinito Brazilian Film Festival has held 102 editions worldwide and is the main gateway for Brazilian films into the North American and Latin American markets.

# 18th Inffinito Brazilian Film Festival - New York August 29 - 31





IZA and Ilê Aiyê will take the stage at SummerStage in Central Park, NYC, for the first time. (Photos: Courtesy)



The 18th edition opens August 29 in partnership with SummerStage – Central Park, New York Parks, and sponsors such as Garcia Family Foundation, Minas Production, and Embratur, with support from the Brazilian Consulate in NY, City Parks Foundation, and NYC Parks.

Opening night features the documentary "Brasiliana: The Black Musical That Presented Brazil to the World", by Joel Zito Araújo, at **Thomas Jefferson Park**, East Harlem – free admission. With a strong Latino, Caribbean, and African American community, East Harlem is one of the areas where Inffinito is expanding its programming.

On August 31, rapper **Evandro Fióti** kicks off the evening, followed by screenings of two award-winning shorts: "A Girl, A River", by Renata Martins, and "Neon Phantom", by Leonardo Martinelli. Then comes a performance by legendary group **Ilê Aiyê**, Brazil's first Afro group, founded in 1975, and singer **IZA**, known for fusing pop, R&B, reggae, and Afro-Brazilian rhythms. The event takes place at **SummerStage Central Park**, known for featuring top-tier global talent in free concerts.

# 29th Inffinito Brazilian Film Festival - Miami September - 3 - 13

The 29th edition lands in Florida with screenings in **Deerfield Beach**, **Coral Gables**, **Miami Beach**, and **Downtown Miami**. The opening film is "A Brilliant Lawyer", by Ale McHaddo, screening at **Paragon Theaters Deerfield**, with lead actor **Leandro Hassum** in attendance for a post-screening talk. On **September 7**, Brazil's Independence Day, *DJ Lupa and Silvia Brazil & NovaSoul Band* will perform at **Carousel Club Gulfstream Park**, Hallandale Beach - free admission.

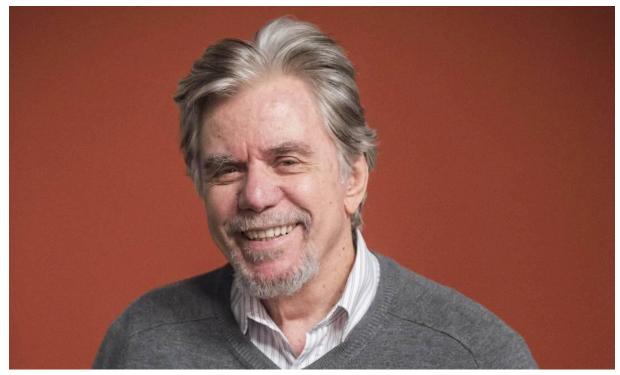
### Highlights include:

- Florida premiere of "Os Afro-Sambas: The Brazil of Baden and Vinicius", by Emílio Domingos, on September 4 at Coral Gables Art Cinema.
- "Kati Ranpari Kin Are You Listening? I Want You to Listen", by Sérgio Gag, on September 5 at Miami Dade College Wolfson Auditorium, in partnership with the Miami Film Festival.

**O Cinema South Beach**, in Miami Beach, hosts the **Feature and Short Films in Competition** from September 8–12. Winners will be selected through both a public vote and an official jury in the following categories: *Best Film, Best Director, Best Screenplay, Best Cinematography, Best Actor, and Best Actress*.

On **September 13**, the awards ceremony will be held at **Silverspot Cinemas Downtown Miami**, home to Florida's largest movie screen. The night includes the **world premiere** of *"The Closer to the Sun, the Brighter"*, directed by **Regis Faria**, starring and honoring **Reginaldo Faria**.





At 88 years old, actor Reginaldo Faria will be honored at the 29th edition of the Inffinito Brazilian Film Festival in Miami. Photo: Courtesy.

# Inffinito Brazilian Film Festival on streaming September - 14 - 26

To further promote Brazilian cinema globally and highlight the country's diversity, the festival will stream a wide selection of Brazilian films across the U.S. via its online platform: <a href="www.inff.online">www.inff.online</a>.

This edition features four curated theaters:

- Reginaldo Faria Theater Tribute Screenings (available free in the U.S. and Brazil)
- Laura Fernandes Theater Panorama Brazil
- **Diversity Theater** RioLGBTQIA+ Screenings
- Garcia Family Foundation Theater Panorama Shorts

The tribute to Reginaldo Faria includes seven films he starred in, directed, or wrote: "Cidade Ameaçada" (1960), "Assault on the Pay Train" (1962), "Go Ahead, Brazil!" (1982), "Tragic Jungle" (1963), "Lucio Flavio" (1977), "Posthumous Memories" (2001), and "Fish in a Barrel" (1977).

**Festival Curators:** Adriana L. Dutra, Laura Fernandes, Liliana Kawase, Ricardo Cota, Viviane B. Spinelli, and Alexander Mello.

For the film material, tribute, venues, and full program access the link below: <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1mlirlsgTplGS7CbnVSQp8CuDnJ2FRDUM?usp=drive\_link">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1mlirlsgTplGS7CbnVSQp8CuDnJ2FRDUM?usp=drive\_link</a>



#### 18th Inffinito Brazilian Film Festival - New York

**Sponsors:** Minas Production, Garcia Family Foundation, Embratur – Visit Brasil

Ambassadors: Laura Fernandes, Liliana Kawase, and Renata Garcia

Media Sponsor: GloboPlay

Support: Consulate General of Brazil in New York, SummerStage City Parks Foundation, NYC Parks,

Titanio Films and Conquest Marketing.

#### <u>29th Inffinito Brazilian Film Festival – Miami and Inff.online</u>

**Sponsors:** The Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council, the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County Tourist Development Council; the City of Miami Beach Cultural Affairs Program and Cultural Arts Council (CAC), and the Miami Beach Mayor and City Commissioners; Arthur F. & Alice E. Adams Charitable Foundation; Garcia Family Foundation; Minas Production; Casa Cine Brasil, and the Broward County Cultural Division.

Ambassadors: Alexei Waichenberg, Laura Fernandes, Liliana Kawase, and Renata Garcia.

Official Hotel: Dream South Beach.

**Support:** Consulate General of Brazil in Miami, Miami DDA, and Titanio Films.

Media Sponsor: GloboPlay

Media Support: Achei USA Media Group, Acontece Magazine, and Radio Florida Brazil.

Friends of the Festival: Centro Cultural Brasil-USA, Brazilian-American Chamber of Commerce FL (BACCF), Paragon Theaters Deerfield, Miami Beach Bandshell, Coral Gables Art Cinema, Culturalista, ATC Cargo, Bodega Santa Julia, Sagrado Café, Piola Italian Restaurant, Carousel Club Gulfstream Park, Silvia Brazil, Mansur Law, Talita Pinheiro – Compass, Miami Film Festival, Festival Curta de Cinema, Rio LGBTQIA+ Festival Internacional de Cinema, Festvote.

## **Press Office in the United States:**

Raquel Aranha – Cell/Whats: +55 11.98106.9377

Email: raquel.aranha@hotmail.com



www.palavra.inf.br @palavra.assessoria

**Direção** André De Biase Cristina Rio Branco

Coordenação Julia Moura julia@palavra.inf.br

Atendimento
Julia Bruce
(21) 99947-6918
juliabruce@palayra.inf.br



