



NOTA DE PREMSA

SUNCINE Program Available Online Until November 23 on Digital Platforms

SUNCINE Honors Its Golden Sun Awards, Calls for Action at a Critical Climate Summit

Barcelona, November 13, 2024 - With the conclusion of in-person screenings for the 31st edition of SUNCINE, the Festival's program will remain accessible throughout Spain until November 23 via the SUNCINE APP, CaixaForum+, 3CAT, and La Xarxa platforms. This year's award-winning documentaries tackle a range of issues, from the destruction of tropical forests in Central America to air pollution and the human toll of devastating floods in Pakistan. Climate change's impacts are a central theme of this year's festival, underscoring widespread concern over our escalating environmental crisis.

The 29th Conference of the Parties (COP29) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change recently began in Baku, Azerbaijan. This year's Special Golden Sun was awarded to celebrated French filmmaker, thought leader, and activist Cyril Dion, who expressed deep skepticism about the summit's potential outcomes: *"I don't expect anything from this summit... For nearly 30 years, we've been saying we need to act, to save the climate, but they refuse... As long as political leaders and governments follow the dictates of big corporations and the power of money, we can hold as many global summits as we like—nothing will change,"* said Dion.

In addition to this special award, the winners of the 31st edition of SUNCINE are:

- **Golden Sun for Best Documentary:** *Patrol* by Camilo de Castro and Brad Allgood. This film showcases the heroic efforts of indigenous communities to protect tropical forests in Nicaragua.
- **Golden Sun for Best Ñ Documentary:** *Breathe, Mama* by Meri Collazos. A mother's fight for the right to clean air.
- **Miradas Award:** *When the Floods Come* by Nyal Mueenuddin. A 3,000-km journey along the Indus River explores the human impact of Pakistan's 2022 floods.
- **Monarca Award for Best Documentary:** *The Art of Giving* by Mickael Couturier. An impactful story about child waste pickers in Bali.
- **Monarca Award for Animation:** *Greenwash* by Andres Bronnimann. A powerful critique of the commercial manipulation within the green movement.

Jaume Gil, SUNCINE's director, noted, *"This edition has been very special. We had an excellent reception from the public, and new platform partners enabled us to reach audiences across Spain with outstanding programming. I am most gratified by the joy of our filmmakers who presented their works, shared their experiences, and inspired our audience toward the change we urgently need in the face of the climate crisis."*

SUNCINE President Claudio Lauria added, *"Bringing together Cyril Dion and Unai Canela on the same stage captures the essence of this Festival: talent, experience, environmental awareness, and a love for nature. That's what SUNCINE stands for, and this year's awards ceremony reflects it. With the world premiere of Alone in Greenland by Unai Canela and the Special Golden Sun awarded to Cyril Dion, this edition has been truly remarkable."*

Lauria concluded, “*Seeing theaters full again, the growth in views on our platform, and the fact that SUNCINE films rank among the most-watched on other national platforms brings me great satisfaction, both personally and for all the filmmakers at the Festival. Though we haven’t yet reached the halfway mark, SUNCINE remains available on screens everywhere until November 23. I dare say this edition may be our most unforgettable yet.*”

Floods, droughts, and increasingly intense fires are the dire consequences we are already experiencing from climate change. Today, SUNCINE calls on COP29 to go beyond words and prioritize immediate action. Only by phasing out fossil fuels, prioritizing renewable energy, increasing energy efficiency, and financing support for the most vulnerable countries can we finally see hope for our planet and humanity—29 years and countless climate summits later.

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