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The İstanbul Film Festival (April 5-15) has unveiled the programme for its 36th edition.

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Despite intensive political campaigning ahead of the Turkish constitutional referendum on April 16 and an ongoing state of emergency in the country following last year's July putsch, festival director Kerem Ayan revealed the line-up at a relatively relaxed press conference in Istanbul.

The festival will host a total of 203 films in 21 categories from 61 countries in nine venues on both sides of the Bosphorous. Among those are 13 Turkish features getting their world premieres.

Among films to compete in the international competition are Toronto hit [Lady Macbeth](#) and French immigration drama [This is Our Land](#).

While the number of international guests set to attend the festival is expected to be down on previous years due to a series of terror attacks in the city, notable guests »

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