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**The 18th edition of the Arcs Film Festival
will take place from December 12 to 19, 2026!**

As it approaches its 18th edition, the **Arcs Film Festival** is set to bring the Savoyard resort to life with the best of European cinema. This year's festival will celebrate humanity, all set against the backdrop of an exceptional Alpine landscape!

Unveiling the poster for the 18th edition!

Twilight or dawn? Whether looking at it from top to bottom or the other way round, **the poster of the 18th edition of the Arcs Film Festival** depicts a moonrise or a moonset behind the snowy French Alps. In uncertain times, when day and night blend into twilight for some and dawn for others, it tells the story of a moment warmed up by the sun tinting the sky with its very first or last rays.

End of a cycle, promise of a new day? The answer depends on our own perception of the spirit of the shifting times we are experiencing. The moon symbolizes the white screen of a dark theater, while the starry sky represents the mind drifting off into infinity – presented in a sequence reminiscent of the images that follow one another to create an animation.

It is a call to get together in our mountains, an invitation to escape for a magical and enchanted week.



The poster was designed by Virginie Foubert.

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The 2026 Fil Rouge: AI, Humans, and Living Beings

For its 2026 edition, the Les Arcs Film Festival is dedicating its overarching theme to **the connections between artificial intelligence, humans, and living beings, as seen through the lens of cinema.**

In the face of the accelerating pace of technological change we are experiencing, the festival aims to create – between blind fascination and nostalgia for a bygone world – a space for collective reflection on our place, as humans, in this changing world, and on our relationship with living things.

This theme will run throughout the program, featuring a **selection of films** that explore our relationship with living things and the changes brought about by AI, as well as **professional events** focused on the practical applications of AI in the film industry and the sovereignty issues they raise – all complemented by **discussions with AI thought leaders.**

Screenings under the “Déplacer les Montagnes” banner, roundtables, workshops, and film discussions will bring together filmmakers, researchers, and experts.

Country of Honour: Spain

This year, **Spain is in the spotlight** at the Festival through a selection of films that will showcase the richness and diversity of Spanish cinema. The **Industry Village** will also welcome professionals from the film and music video industries, as well as prominent figures from Spain’s cultural scene.

The Festival in a Nutshell

Every year, the **Arcs Film Festival** celebrates European cinema through more than 120 films, meetings with leading figures in the film industry, discussions, and festive events. The week brings together nearly **25,000 attendees** to celebrate cinema, culture, and the mountains.

It is also a leading industry event, featuring the **Industry Village** and the **Sommet Distribution-Exhibition**, which bring together more than 900 European professionals to discuss the creation, financing, and distribution of tomorrow’s films.

The Arcs Première

In partnership with the Les Arcs ski resort and ADS, **special packages** including lodging, a ski pass, an unlimited movie pass and a subscription to the Sooner platform will be offered for all ski enthusiasts and movie lovers. Exceptional rates for the most festive week of the season! These offers will be available starting **mid-October.**

More information at www.lesarcs-filmfest.com