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Countdown continues to the oldest film festival on LGBTQI+ issues in Europe and third in the world (Turin, Cinema Massimo – 16/21 April 2024)
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Maria Grazia Cucinotta will be the patroness of Lovers 2024



The **countdown** to the **Lovers Film Festival** continues, which will raise the curtain on Tuesday **April 16th** (press conference on **April 10th, at 12** at the Cinema Massimo, via Verdi 18, Turin, invitation attached).

The oldest Italian festival on LGBTQI+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer and intersex) topics directed by **Vladimir Luxuria** and founded by **Giovanni Minerba** and **Ottavio Mai** is glad to announce the patroness of its 39th edition: **Maria Grazia Cucinotta**. Internationally renowned actress, producer and director, she has always been close to the LGBTQI+ community and very committed to many social issues; she is a world ambassador for the World Food Programme (full biography in the downloadable file at the link below).

"This year, like the previous ones, I wanted a friend to be our patroness. Someone who has always been close to us, even in moments when it was not easy to speak up and support us and our battles. For example, I am thinking of the year 2000: that year there was the



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World Pride in Rome at the same time as the Jubilee, and it was difficult to find show business people who wanted to participate and take sides for fear of repercussions on their careers. She chose, instead, to attend the opening of the World Pride and the ribbon-cutting ceremony. She has always stood up for our battles and I could call her a militant artist. She also produced and strongly supported the film *Viola di Mare*, which deals with transgender and gender identity. I am really happy that she has enthusiastically accepted our invitation", declares **Vladimir Luxuria**, artistic director of the **Lovers Film Festival**.

The **Lovers Film Festival** is powered by the **National Museum of Cinema** in Turin and takes place with the contribution of the **MiC**, the **Piedmont Region** and the **City of Turin**.

Images and press materials can be downloaded at this link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Rp5nVzssiPUrV5DA0Lk5FQNRXKtRwxt?usp=sharing>

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