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Donatella Finocchiaro patroness of the 41° Lovers Film Festival
The longest-running LGBTQI+ Film Festival in Europe and third in the world
directed by Vladimir Luxuria

(Turin, april 16-21, Cinema Massimo – National Museo of Cinema)

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Lovers Film Festival, the historical film festival that explores the LGBTQI+ (Lesbians, gay, bisexual, trans, queer and intersexual) topics, directed by **Vladimir Luxuria** and founded by **Giovanni Minerba** and **Ottavio Mai**, will come back in Turin from the **16th** to the **21st April 2026** at the Cinema Massimo, the multiplex of the **National Museum of Cinema**.



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The poster image and the claim

A **Dario Gazziero**'s shoot will be the cover of the 2026 edition of Lovers: a picture that aims to represent the 2026's claim: "**Chi guarda chi – Who's whatching who**", a clear reference to different levels of looking. Because looking does not always mean seeing. *"Three people, each of them with their own device, who fix their gaze on the viewer through the lens – said **Vladimir Luxuria** Lovers Film Festival's director – Those who find themselves in front of this image can feel observed with that healthy unease that one feels when the fourth wall is broken down in cinema, like Giulietta Masina's eyes in "Le notti di Cabiria" which stare straight into the camera and into the eyes of the viewer. Who's watching is also watched, Who despise and discriminate could be despised and discriminated as well. With a positive message: trying to feel like you are being filmed helps you recover from selfishness, prejudice, and the presumption of superiority."*

Donatella Finocchiaro patroness of the festival

The notorious actress from Catania who has worked in movies with Roberto Andò, Giuseppe Tornatore, Marco Bellocchio, Mimmo Calopresti, Edoardo Winspeare, Roberta Torre, Emanuele Crialesi and Pupi Avati and, at the theater, with Luca Ronconi, Gigi Dall'Aglio, Ninni Bruschetta, Giampiero Ciccì and Andrea De Rosa, will be the patroness of the festival's opening night. Enthusiastic about the invitation from Vladimir Luxuria, **Donatella Finocchiaro** says: *"I'm so honored to be the patroness of the Lovers Film Festival this year! In a time when rights and identities still need to be protected and seen, this festival represents a place where it can happen. Celebrating the LGBTQI+ cinema means celebrating all kinds of love, breaking all stereotypes down and building a community free from judgements. I'm glad to share this journey with the audience and with all the people who make this festival possible"*.

The **Lovers Film Festival** is powered by the **National Museum of Cinema** of Turin and it's possible thanks to the contribution of the **MiC**, The **Regione Piemonte** and the **Comune di Torino**.

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