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PRESS RELEASE

Nadia Meflah Appointed Artistic Director of the Algiers International Film Festival

Algiers, August 12, 2026 — The Algiers International Film Festival (AIFF) announces the official appointment of Nadia Meflah as its new Artistic Director.

A film critic and author, Nadia Meflah brings to her new position extensive experience in film criticism, programming and education. She is the author of *Chaplin et les femmes* (Philippe Rey) and of the documentary *Oum Kalthoum, la voix du Caire*, broadcast on Arte. A member of FIPRESCI, she also served as a programmer for the *Semaine de la Critique* at the Cannes Film Festival.

Deeply committed to contemporary Algerian cinema, Nadia Meflah has contributed to the development of emerging national talents through the Bejaia Lab. She has also served on the “Aide aux Cinémas du Monde” committee of the CNC and the Institut français. Her teaching experience, notably at Columbia University in New York, together with her international network, are valuable assets that will contribute to the festival’s artistic development and international outreach.

As Artistic Director, Nadia Meflah intends to pursue a vision of cinema that is open to the world, attentive to the issues of its time and committed to freedom of creation.

“A cinema that does not turn away from the world, but chooses to look it in the face, question it and, perhaps, contribute to transforming it.” This vision also reflects the ambition to make Algiers a major meeting place for filmmakers and artists from around the world.

“It is this legacy that we have a responsibility to carry forward and take further: to make Algiers a major centre of world cinema, a place where artists from all horizons, committed to freedom, justice and solidarity, can come together.”

The Festival Commission also wishes to acknowledge the work accomplished by Nabila Rezaig, who previously served as the festival’s Artistic Director, and extends its sincere thanks for her commitment and contribution to the development of the event, together with its best wishes for continued success in her professional journey.

The entire festival team is delighted to welcome Nadia Meflah and to embark with her on a new chapter in the history of the Algiers International Film Festival. Under her artistic direction, **the 13th edition of the Algiers International Film Festival will take place in Algiers from December 5 to 12, 2026.**

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