



LEOPARD CLUB

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**Locarno
Film Festival**

6–16.8.2025

Since 2008, the Leopard Club has offered its donors privileged access to one of the world's top ten film festivals.

By supporting the Locarno Film Festival, Leopard Club Donors enjoy exclusive experiences together with their guests, allowing them to expand their network of contacts and share in unforgettable moments.

LOCARNO: THE CROSSROADS OF TRADITION AND INNOVATION

Given how vital their support is, the Locarno Film Festival puts a premium on making the experience of its Leopard Club Donors an unforgettable one. Their generosity in a world constantly in motion enables the Festival to boldly explore new cinematic languages that speak to today's challenges while shaping the cinema of tomorrow.

They are not simply patrons – they are those who instinctively understand the Festival's potential as a powerful catalyst for social change and cultural transformation.

Through their contributions, Donors become an integral part of Locarno's story. They enable unique dialogues:

- Between **art and society**,
- Between **established masters and emerging voices**,
- Between **tradition and innovation**,
- Between **the public and the private spheres**,
- Between **academia and the global film industry**.

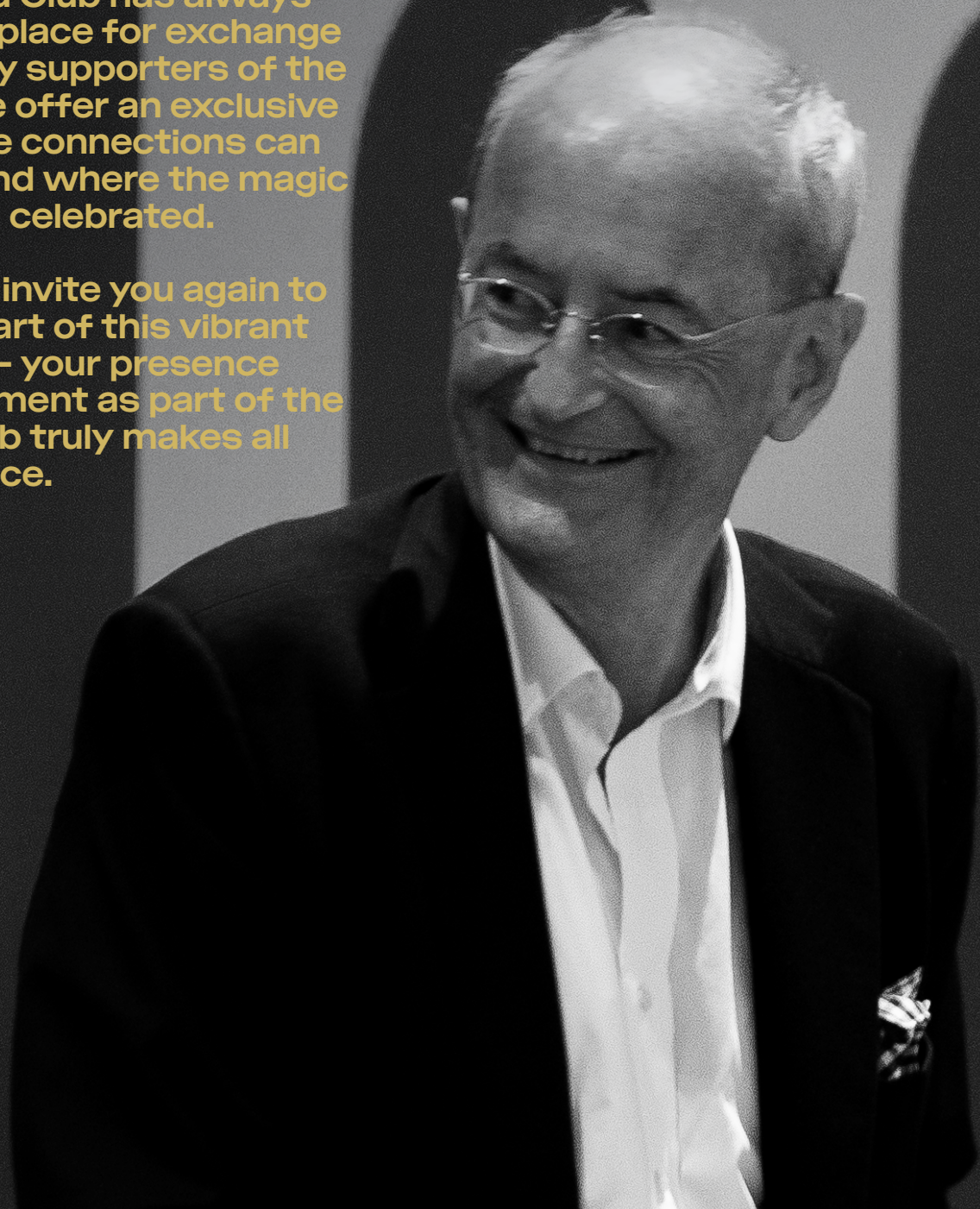
The Leopard Club brings this vision to life. Its support has been instrumental in restoring the iconic GranRex cinema, a centerpiece of Locarno's heritage, and creating unforgettable moments such as the spectacular Opening Concert with the Orchestra della Svizzera italiana, where live music brings silent masterpieces from the history of cinema to life.

Join us. Be part of this journey. Together, let's shape the future of cinema.



The Leopard Club has always been a vital place for exchange between key supporters of the Festival. We offer an exclusive oasis, where connections can be forged and where the magic of cinema is celebrated.

In 2025, we invite you again to become a part of this vibrant community - your presence and engagement as part of the Leopard Club truly makes all the difference.



Felix R. Ehrat
Leopard Club President



Giona A. Nazzaro with Irène Jacob



JOINING THE LEOPARD CLUB

Contribute either **CHF 5,000** (Silver) or **CHF 10,000** (Gold), with special discounts applying for members under the age of 35.

What's the difference between the levels of membership? Gold Donors enjoy 5 admissions, compared to 2 for Silver Donors, to both screenings and the Leopard Club Lounge.

DONOR BENEFITS: EXCLUSIVE EVENTS

Each year, the Leopard Club Award honors the leading lights of contemporary cinema, from Mia Farrow to Andy Garcia, Meg Ryan to Irène Jacob.

The award is traditionally given on stage in the Piazza Grande on the first Friday of the Festival, preceded by a gala dinner attended by the honored guest.

Leopard Club Gala @ PalaCinema

Friday, August 8, 2025, 5:15 pm

You will receive the invitation by mail by mid-May – for an RSVP by June 4, 2025.

As of 2025, Donors also have access to two exclusive breakfasts and an apéritif for networking purposes and to meet other Donors:

Breakfast @ Al Borgo Bistrot

Thursday, August 7, 2025, 10:30 am

Sunset Apero by the Lake @ Hotel Eden Roc

Sunday, 10th August, 2025, 06:00 pm

Offered by the Hotel

Breakfast @ Leopard Club Lounge

Saturday, August 16, 2025, 10:30 am

Patrons can also access the Leopard Club Lounge, an oasis of calm that is perfect for networking, relaxing, and recharging social batteries amidst the bustle of one of the world's major cultural events.

Further Donor Benefits: Year-Round Events

The Locarno Film Festival regularly organizes events at other film festivals or at institutions abroad. Donors are invited to the following events:

JANUARY

Reception @ Solothurner Filmtage – An exclusive Aperitif at the film festival in Solothurn following a screening of *Electric Child*, a world premiere in Piazza Grande at Locarno77. Gilles Marchand, a new member of the Board of Directors, will give a speech at the Aperitif and be present for networking.

FEBRUARY

Aperitif @ Berlinale – The Locarno Aperitif at the Berlin Film Festival is one of the most exclusive networking events of the entire festival, a collegial meeting point for Locarno lovers of all stripes during the winter months.

MARCH

Los Angeles Reception – The Academy Museum hosts the Locarno Film Festival each year for a presentation of its historical program, whether from the restorations it supports or from the Retrospektiva. Afterwards, this is followed by an exclusive luncheon at Fanny's Restaurant, an LA institution.

MAY

Meet&Greet @ Cannes Film Festival – Like the Berlin Aperitif, the Cannes Cocktail is a chance for film-lovers and industry professionals to touch base and enjoy a drink amidst the hectic atmosphere of the world's largest film festival.

JULY

Rome Reception – A traditional pre-festival encounter and dinner at the Residence of the Swiss Ambassador to Italy, in the presence of His Excellency the Ambassador.

SEPTEMBER

Locarno @ Toronto Film Festival – In the wake of Locarno78, the films that found their first success at the Festival begin to travel around the world. Toronto is often the first point on that calendar and thus is also the first post-festival party at which international admirers of Locarno can meet and network.

All Donors may be accompanied to all events by one person.



Benefits for Leopard Club Donors: Events During the Festival

Donors are invited to the following official events during the Festival.



Maja Hoffmann with Shah Rukh Khan



6.8.25 | 03:30 PM

Opening Concert by OSI – Orchestra della Svizzera italiana. Locarno78 will begin with another of the beloved cine-concerts with live music by the virtuosic majesty of the OSI.

6.8.25 | 06:00 PM

Opening Reception – The official kick-off of the Locarno Film Festival, a reception at which all dignitaries and invited guests gather to be welcomed by the Festival President and to socialize and network over drinks and finger food.

6.8.25 | 11:00 PM

Opening Party by Campari – The Festival's spectacular opening party by Campari, starting the Locarno Film Festival in style. A chance to network and socialize right at Locarno78's peak moment of celebration, when the infectious joy of the arrival of another edition is in the air. This immediately follows the opening screening in Piazza Grande, itself preceded by the awarding of the prestigious Excellence Award Davide Campari.

13.8.25 | 06:00 PM

Gran Consiglio Reception – A special evening during Locarno78 at which the Grand Council of the Canton Ticino is honored, providing an opportunity for Leopard Club Donors to connect with decision-makers within the region that supports the Locarno Film Festival.

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Donor Benefits During the Festival

		SILVER CHF 5'000*	GOLD CHF 10'000*
Transferable VIP Pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To access all screenings 	2	5
Leopard Club Lounge Dinner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 06:45 pm – 08:45 pm 3 course dinner menu (drinks included) <p>By reservation, subject to availability. A flat rate of CHF 70 will be charged to the Donor for each additional guest.</p>	Included for 2 people	Included for 5 people
Leopard Club Lounge After-dinner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 08:45 pm – 02:00 am Drinks and finger food <p>Drinks and dishes are charged to the Donors (small appetizers excluded). These extra purchases will be invoiced to Donors at the end of the Festival.</p>	2 vouchers each for one complementary drink	5 vouchers each for one complementary drink
Discounted Film Tickets and Passes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Premium Tickets CHF 75 Day Pass Premium CHF 110 	✓	✓
Piazza Grande Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red Carpet Access until 20:45 VIP Entrance until 21:15 Reserved seating in the VIP section Service provided by an Accompanying Host <p>With VIP Pass only</p>	✓	✓
Priority Screening Theaters Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skip the queue at all cinemas Access to the Leopard Club theater (PalaCinema) for the evening screening in parallel with the Piazza Grande screening <p>With VIP Pass only</p>	✓	✓
Concierge service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance with table reservations within Locarno and activity suggestions. Upon request, facilitation of limited behind-the-scenes access for those interested in the workings of the Festival. 	✓	✓

* Special discounts applying for members under the age of 35

Any donation in excess of CHF 100.00 to the Leopard Club may be tax deductible in accordance with Swiss tax law by virtue of the charitable purpose of the Association. A different tax practice by some cantonal authorities is possible.

Donors of the Leopard Club automatically become members of the General Assembly of the Locarno Film Festival.

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