

The 20th edition of the Verzió International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival returns with a revamped visual identity and new program elements

This year we bring you 20th edition of the Verzió International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival! On 22–29 November, Verzió will present an exceptionally rich program, with more than 80 films and a fresh visual identity that aligns with this year's theme: *Where are We Headed?*

Verzió has presented human dignity and common social issues through international and Hungarian documentary films for twenty years in Hungary.

The 20th anniversary edition of Verzió offers an incredibly diverse program, taking viewers on a virtual journey through more than 40 countries, with the help of 80 films. Alongside the latest award-winning films, Verzió presents experimental works that showcase the diversity of genres within documentary filmmaking. The Vector VR 2023 program is a perfect example of this with the way in which it delves into modes of sensory perception, understanding, and interaction.

This special anniversary has provided an opportunity for Verzió to undergo a visual identity makeover. Verzió's original logo has been combined with new font structures to create a modern, powerful symbol — one which dynamically changes from a camera stand, to a faucet, to Verzió's iconic "V". Hungarian type designer Katyi Ádám's (Hungarumlaut) font "Mohol," provided the base element for this revamp.

The new 2023 visual identity alludes both to Verzió's rich offering and ongoing changes in the world. This year's films continue the tradition of provoking contemplation about the future, the human values we wish to preserve, and things we would like to change. Hence, Verzió's fresh visual identity is built on the triad of the past-present-future. It places us on a timeline and poses the question: *Where are we headed?*

"Documentary films heighten our emotional engagement with their protagonists, and help us reflect on the many ways of seeing the world. Knowing the past and understanding the present, we can better grasp where we are headed and contribute to navigating the path" - says Oksana Sarkisova, festival director.

Verzió's selection of films have provided valuable insight for 20 years. They have invited us to explore different layers of reality, and to become closer to the diversity and unity of our world, both globally and locally. They have helped us understand our position in the world and where we are headed. This year will prove no different, with more than 80 films in 5 competition categories and 7 thematic sections.

The Verzió International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival will be held in Budapest on 22–29 November, with Corvin Cinema joining our longtime partner, Toldi Cinema. Screenings will also be held throughout Hungary, in cities like Szeged, Szombathely, Debrecen, Kecskemét, Miskolc, and Pécs. The festival's online film library, Verziótéka, will be open from 30 November to 10 December for those who prefer to join the 20th Verzió online.

Detailed program and ticket information coming soon!

For more information, visit www.verzio.org.

The Verzió Film Festival is organized by the nonprofit Verzió Film Foundation, with the support of the Creative Europe MEDIA program and Blinken OSA Archives.