

Rai Main Broadcaster of the 83rd Venice International Film Festival – La Biennale di Venezia

Rai returns to Venice as Main Broadcaster of the Biennale Cinema 2026, and Rai Cultura is the official broadcaster of the Festival, and will follow the event with extensive daily coverage on Rai Movie and Rai 3. The Opening Ceremony will air live on Rai Movie and stream on RaiPlay on Wednesday, September 2nd at 6:45 PM, while the live broadcast of the Closing Ceremony, with the announcement of the winners, will be on Rai 3 on Saturday, September 12th from 8:00 PM (also streaming on RaiPlay). Coverage of the Festival will also be enriched by official press junkets, red carpet interviews, and the daily segment "Venezia Daily," featuring updates, trivia, and behind-the-scenes content, airing from September 3rd to the 11th in late-night slots on Rai Movie and in the late-night schedule on Rai 3. Mattia Carzaniga will follow the Festival through footage and interviews with the protagonists, exclusive red carpet statements, and coverage of the films in the Venice lineup as well as press conferences.

All Rai news outlets will cover the Biennale Cinema 2026. For Tg1, Paolo Sommaruga, Caterina Proietti, and Virginia Volpe will provide reports, live connections, social media content, and a Special Tg1 broadcast, airing Sunday, September 13th in late-night programming. For Tg2, Carola Carulli and Laura Sansavini will be on the Lido, while for Tg3, Luciana Parisi and Anna Frangione will also cover "Fuori Linea" and "Linea Notte." For RaiNews24, correspondents Lorenzo di Las Plassas, Alessandro Stefanoni, Francesco Gatti, and Laura Squillaci will report, with Squillaci connecting live from the Red Carpet every evening at 7:00 PM for a special segment, alongside Giancarlo Usai in the studio. RaiNews will also dedicate two episodes of the segment "Tuttifrutti" to the event. All news will also be available on Rainews.it. Tgr Veneto will follow the Festival with live coverage and reports on its Tg and Gr news programs. For Rai Radio, correspondent Miriam Mauti will report on the protagonists and films in the Gr news bulletins across all three networks, while Radio3 will follow the Festival from the opening through the awards ceremony, every evening at 7:00 PM, with "Hollywood Party": broadcast live from the "Glass Studio" — Rai's set located in front of the Palazzo del Cinema — audiences will be able to watch live interviews with guests hosted by Alberto Crespi and Enrico Magrelli.

During the Film Festival, Rai 3 will present a selection of auteur films from past editions. On September 4th, in prime time, the channel will broadcast the Italian television premiere of "Finalement" by Claude Lelouch, which had its world premiere at the Biennale Cinema 2024. On Monday, September 7, in prime time, another television premiere will feature "I'm Still Here" by Brazilian director Walter Salles, winner of the Best Screenplay award at the 2024 Venice Film Festival and the 2025 Academy Award for Best International Feature Film. On Saturday, September 12th, following the awards ceremony on Rai 3, the channel will air "Vermiglio" by Maura Delpero, which won the Silver Lion – Grand Jury Prize at the 2024 Festival and seven David di Donatello awards in 2025, in addition to representing Italy at the Oscars. Dedicated programming will also be featured on Rai Movie and Rai 5.

On RaiPlay, starting September 2nd, viewers will be able to watch all press conferences and red carpet events, along with exclusive interviews with the protagonists. The offering will also include the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, available in Italian Sign Language (LIS) version as well. Also available exclusively will be "E i figli dopo di loro" – winner of the Marcello Mastroianni Award in 2024 – along with a selection of films from previous editions. On RaiPlay Sound, a special Wikiradio feature will explore the history of the Festival since 1932, alongside a selection of Golden Lion-winning films and interviews with this year's protagonists. Every evening at 7:00 PM, "Hollywood Party" will provide live coverage from the Lido of films, events, and protagonists of the Biennale Cinema. On the social media front, daily coverage of the Venice Film Festival — including exclusive content and video clips — will be shared across the network of Rai social profiles involved (RaiPlay, Rai Cultura, Rai Movie, and others) and on all social platforms (X, Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, and WhatsApp). The Rai Cultura website will feature a dedicated special section, while Rai Cultura's social channels will amplify coverage of the event. The promotional spot created by Rai's Creative Direction team for the Biennale Cinema 2026 will begin airing on Rai networks starting mid-August. Finally, Rai will make the Festival accessible to everyone thanks to the efforts of Rai Pubblica Utilità, which will broadcast the Opening and Closing Ceremonies on Rai Movie with subtitles and audio description. At the same time, a parallel production streaming live on RaiPlay will cover the ceremonies with Italian Sign Language (LIS) interpreters and subtitles.