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28TH GIFF: SPOTLIGHT ON THE 2022 EDITION'S TOP SERIES

With a few days to go before the release of its full program, the Geneva International Film Festival (GIFF, November 3 to 14) is putting the spotlight on out-of-competition series. The only event in Switzerland to dedicate a large part of its program to serial production, the works presented testify to the incredible diversity in the field both in Switzerland and internationally: Maestro Marco Bellocchio's Italian blockbuster *Esterno Notte*, Swiss-German hit *Tschugger's* new opus as a full-length feature, the Silver Anniversary of the illustrious Inspector Barnaby (*Midsomer Murders*), and Michael Winterbottom's series *This England!* The competition program and the guests of the edition will be revealed at the press conference on October 13.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES EVENT

A prescient dystopia, an explosive medical series, a political drama or a historical blockbuster, this is the Highlights section! At the heart of the current challenges faced around the world by the healthcare profession, *The Shift* (Lone Scherfig, 2022, DK) explodes the codes of the medical drama thanks to Danish showrunner Lone Scherfig and a magnetic performance by Sofie Gråbøl. Maestro Marco Bellocchio will revisit the ghosts of Italy's political past in the historical blockbuster *Esterno Notte* (Marco Bellocchio, 2022, IT, FR). *This England*, co-written and directed by Michael Winterbottom is based on Boris Johnson's tumultuous first months as Prime Minister, and traces the impact on the country of the first wave of the Coronavirus pandemic

Esterno Notte (S1, ep. 1-6) | Marco Bellocchio | 2022 | IT, FR | 6×52' | World Sales: Fremantle | ARTE Broadcast: 2023 | **Swiss Premiere**

The Shift (*Dag & Nat*, S1, ep. 1-2/8) | Lone Scherfig | 2022 | DK | 8×42' | World Sales: Beta Films | TV2 Denmark First Broadcast: May 2022 | **Swiss Premiere**

In the presence of **Lone Scherfig** (creator)

This England (S1, ep. 1-2/6) | Michael Winterbottom | 2022 | UK | 6×52' | World Sales: Fremantle | Sky Atlantic First Broadcast: 28.09.2022 | CANAL+ French Broadcast: Soon | **Swiss Premiere**

SWISS SERIES SHINE ON THE SELECTION

Faithful to its tradition, the GIFF honors the innovative Swiss serial production. The Festival will celebrate the return of Switzerland's most famous cop by screening the new season of *Tschugger* as a full-length feature, after it was a great hit with the public last year at its world premiere. *The Life ahead*, created by comedian Frédéric Recrosio, and the animated series *Les Enquêtes de Maëlys*, an adaptation of the famous children's book, complete this program, which is a breath of fresh air for the local industry.

Tschugger II (S.2, ep. 1-5/5) | David Constantin, Mats Frey | 2022 | CH | 5×30' | World Sales : SRF | Sky Broadcast: 15.09.22 | Play Suisse Broadcast: 18.12.22 | **Swiss Premiere**

In the presence of **David Constantin** (creator), **Sophie Toth** (producer), **Dragan Vujic** (actor) and other members of the team

The Life ahead (La vie devant, S.1, ep. 1-2/6) | Frédéric Recrosio, Klaudia Reynicke Candeloro | 2022 | CH | 6×45' | Sales: RTS | RTS Broadcast: 8.11.22 | **Swiss Premiere**

In the presence of **Frédéric Recrosio** and **Klaudia Reynicke Candeloro** (creators), **Jean-Marc Fröhle** (producer), **Audrey Dana, Léon Boesch, Alexis Loret, Amy Lally** (actors) and other members of the team

Les Enquêtes de Maëlys (S.1, ep. 1-7/26) | Jean-Marc Duperrex | 2022 | CH | 26×11' | Sales: RTS | RTS Broadcast: TBC | **World Premiere**

In the presence of **Jean-Marc Duperrex** (creator) and **Christine Pompéï** (author of ***Les Enquêtes de Maëlys***)

POP TV: THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE SMALL SCREEN

At a time when people are speculating about the future of linear television, the POP TV retrospective invites us to dive into the history of the small screen through legendary series. These popular series infuse our daily lives as well as current audiovisual production. The cult anthology ***Midsomer Murders***, aka Inspector Barnaby, will celebrate its 25th anniversary with the world premiere of its new season attended by its iconic cast. ***Les Babibouchettes***, a true cathode-ray "madeleine de Proust", will also mark its comeback with the screening of several restored and never-before-seen episodes.

Midsomer Murders (S.23, ep.1) | Based on the books by Caroline Graham | 2022 | UK | 4×90' | World Sales: All3media | **World premiere**

In the presence of **Neil Dudgeon, Nick Hendrix, Fiona Dolman, Annette Badland** (actors)

Les Babibouchettes | Jean-Claude Issenmann | 1981-1999 | CH | World Sales : RTS | **Restored episodes**

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The full line-up will be revealed during the press conference on October 13.

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