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Treat your taste buds to a sugary escape, and dive into a lively weekend in Amsterdam with community cleanups, film festivities, fabulous drag bingo, uproarious comedy shows, and energetic live concerts across the city!

1+1 culture in November!

Calling all local residents. Sign up for our [1+1 \(buy one, get one free\) promotion](#) for Amsterdam's cultural offerings, including film, music, theatre and museums. The promotion is for all residents of Amsterdam (with a local postcode).

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SUGARBAR by Tudy's Kitchen



Image from Giovanni van de Groep

Quench your sugar cravings at Tudy's - a pastel-hued palace for handmade ice cream, freshly baked treats, and creative desserts. For a decadent drink, try one of the milkshakes, ice cream floats or a sumptuous *affogato* with coffee. Founded by Nekeia, this new pudding hotspot was lovingly inspired by her grandmother Tudy's legendary fried chicken recipe - and yes, that means there's chicken and waffles on the menu, too!

Read on for more [unique dessert spots in Amsterdam](#).

[SUGARBAR by Tudy's Kitchen](#) | Thursday - Friday: 11:00 - 20:00, Saturday: 10:00 - 20:00, Sunday - Monday: 12:00 - 19:00 | De Clercqstraat 48, Oud-West

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Amsterdam Clean Up Day



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Many hands make light work for the new initiative 'Clean Up Your City', which takes place this Friday on Amsterdam Clean Up Day! Set up by local residents and business owners, it's the perfect occasion to work together on making our beloved downtown Amsterdam shine. Want to participate, find out more about the project, or simply just meet new sustainable-minded locals? Register [here](#). The event starts at Café40 (Oudebrugsteeg 40) and lasts for an hour.

[Clean Up Day](#) | Friday, 10 November, 14:30-15:30 | Café40

The Maker Market, Haarlem



[Image from The Maker Market Haarlem]

The Marker Market is coming to Haarlem! Get a head start on your Christmas shopping as you hunt for handmade clothing, jewellery, artworks and plenty of organic delicacies straight from their makers. With the creators right there, the market offers a unique chance to get to know the behind-the-scenes and learn all the stories of the products you buy.

Here are some more [things to do in Haarlem](#) if you're planning to make a day of it.

[The Maker Market, Haarlem](#) | Saturday, 11 November, 12:00 - 17:00 | De Koepel, 1 Koepelplein Haarlem

CINEMA & FILM

International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam (IDFA)



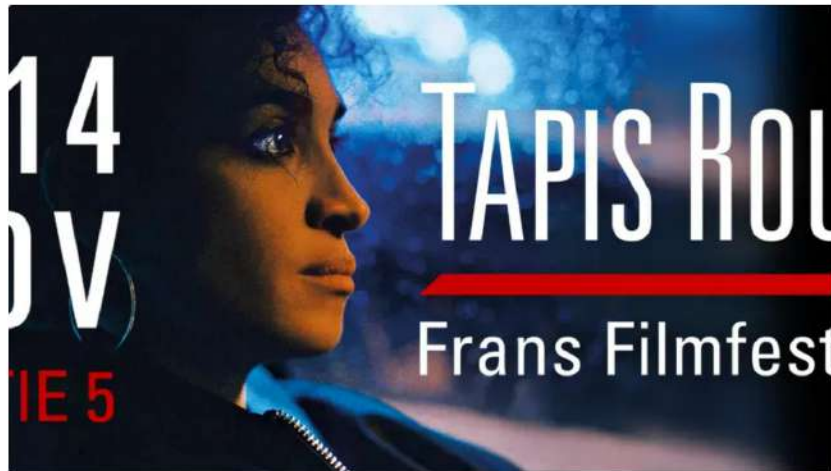
[Image from Roger Creemers]

Amsterdam's much anticipated IDFA returns with another solid documentary selection. Expect films tackling life, love, politics and society, along with a trend-setting programme of talks, performances, and interactive and immersive projects. Screenings will take place at cinemas around the city, including at the festival's new permanent location dedicated to all things non-fiction: the monumental Vondelpark Pavilion.

Read our round-up of [documentary tips](#) for the best flicks to check out this festival.

[IDFA](#) [📅](#) | 8-19 November | various locations

Tapis Rouge French Film Festival



Dedicated to all film lovers in the Netherlands, *Tapis Rouge* showcases the best of contemporary French cinema. Offering a varied selection, from mainstream films to more niche works, the festival also features special events such as meetings with filmmakers. Pierre-Pascal Bruneau, founder of the festival and owner of Le Temps Retrouvé in Amsterdam, has introduced the Prix Tapis Rouge for the second edition in 2020. Chaired by Pierre Assouline of the Académie Goncourt, the jury, made up of French and Dutch directors, writers and journalists, will reward the best adaptation of a book in French.

[Tapis Rouge](#) [📅](#) | 10-15 November | De Filmhallen

MUSIC & COMEDY

Drag Bingo & Show with Topsy Patron



|Image from Topsy Patrón

Grab your bingo card and join the dazzling Queen Topsy Patrón on stage as she calls out numbers. But beware! Calling a false bingo will result in a special surprise from the Queen. The excitement begins with a chance to win fabulous prizes and €250 in cash from our regal host. Amsterdam-based Queen extraordinaire Topsy Patrón will also treat you to electrifying performances, known for her high-energy shows and sharp wit.

[Drag Bingo](#) | Saturday 11 November, 19:00 - 22:00 | [CREA](#) [🔗](#)

Powerpints



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ave a drink and expand your knowledge at PowerPints, the unique comedy show where eight presenters get five minutes each to present a PowerPoint on their chosen topic. Past topics have ranged from a beginner's guide to hypnotism to the Boston Molasses Flood, the 2002 Olympic ice-skating scandal, and even Sonic the Hedgehog's dietary needs. Curious about this month's subjects? Join in to discover the lineup!

[Powerpints](#) [🔗](#) | Friday 10 November, from 22:30 | [Boom Chicago](#)

Concerts



There really never is a bad night for a gig, and this weekend's roster of acts across the capital's venues means all tastes are catered for. Up for a dance? The xx's Romy is in town Friday night. Looking for a little classical escapism instead? Try the Muziekgebouw for the official preview of the Cello Biennale. How about some organic techno? Barry Can't Swim is at Bitterzoet (try your luck on TicketSwap as it's set to sell out). Or in the mood for some disco-tinged indie? Then London's Girl Ray at Paradiso on Sunday is a dreamy closer to what's set to be a melodic weekend.

[Romy](#) | Friday 10 November, 19:00-23:00 | [Paradiso](#)

[Preview Cello Biennale](#) [🔗](#) | Friday 10 November, 20:15 - 22:30 | [Muziekgebouw](#)

[Barry Can't Swim](#) [🔗](#) | Saturday 11 November, 19:30-23:00 | [Bitterzoet](#)

[Girl Ray](#) [🔗](#) | Sunday 12 November, 19:00-22:00 | [Paradiso](#)

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