

The 77th annual Cannes Film Festival took place from 14 to 25 May 2024.[1][2] American filmmaker and actress Greta Gerwig served as jury president for the main competition.[3] French actress Camille Cottin hosted the opening and closing ceremonies.[4] American filmmaker Sean Baker won the Palme d'Or, the festival's top prize, for the comedy-drama film *Anora*.^[5]

The official poster for the festival featuring a still image from the movie *Rhapsody in August* (1991) by Akira Kurosawa, selected for the 1991 edition, was designed by Hartland Villa.^[6]

During the festival, three Honorary Palme d'Or were awarded: the first was awarded to Meryl Streep during the festival's opening ceremony;^[7] the second was awarded to Studio Ghibli;^{[8][9]} and the third was awarded to George Lucas during the festival's closing ceremony.^{[10][11]}

Few days before the opening ceremony, festival workers called for a general strike. The Broke Behind the Screens (Sous les écrans la dèche) collective made public a complaint about the precarious nature of film festival work.^[12]

Following the official announcement of *The Seed of the Sacred Fig*'s selection for the main competition, Iranian filmmaker Mohammad Rasoulof was sentenced to eight years in prison as well as flogging, a fine, and confiscation of his property, on the charge of "propaganda against the regime." Cast and crew were interrogated and pressured to convince Rasoulof to withdraw the film from the festival.^{[13][14]} Shortly after, Rasoulof and some crew members managed to flee from Iran to Europe, and attended the film's world premiere on 24 May 2024.^[15] On the red carpet, Rasoulof held up images of stars Soheila Golestani and Missagh Zareh, who were unable to leave Iran for the premiere, and had their passport confiscated. The film received a 12-minute standing ovation, while cast and crew protested in solidarity with Iranian women fight for rights.^[16]

The festival opened with French comedy-film *The Second Act* directed by Quentin Dupieux.^[17]