

Film Markets

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Major film markets are industry-focused events where distribution deals are negotiated and films are bought and sold, unlike film festivals which are primarily public-facing competitions. The table below details the world's biggest film market events.

Market Event	Associated Festival / Location	Key Characteristics & Deal Volume
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American Film Market (AFM)	Santa Monica, California, USA	One of the largest markets; \$1+ billion in production/distribution deals closed annually.
Marché du Film	Cannes Film Festival, France	Largest international community of film professionals; key for financing, production, and distribution.
European Film Market (EFM)	Berlin International Film Festival, Germany	Top-three international meeting place; platform for innovation and trading film/audiovisual content.
Asian TV Forum & Market (ATF)	Singapore	Largest film and television market in Asia; key for distribution and sales agents in the Asian market.
Baltic Event	Black Nights Film Festival, Tallinn, Estonia	Co-production and film market linking Asian and American industry players with regional professionals.
Banff Media Festival	Banff, Canada	International conference and marketplace for TV, film, and digital media; major co-production hub.
Film London Production Finance Market (PFM)	BFI London Film Festival, UK	Two-day financing event building relationships between producers and financiers.
MIPCOM	Cannes, France	World's largest entertainment content market for television and digital media.

How to Approach Film Markets

To make the most of these opportunities, keep these points in mind:

- **Distinguish Between Markets and Festivals:** While major festivals like **Toronto (TIFF)** and **Sundance** have strong industry elements and are key for acquisitions, their primary focus is public screenings and competition. Film markets are purely business-to-business events dedicated to buying, selling, and financing.
- **Leverage Online Tools:** The landscape is evolving, and online platforms like **Vuulr** now offer virtual film markets, making it easier to connect with a global audience of buyers and sellers from anywhere.

I hope this overview helps you navigate the global film business. Are you interested in learning more about the specific types of deals made at any of these markets?