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The Human Lens: Cinema as a Mirror of Compassion and Coexistence

August 29th & 30th, 2025

at Cipriani Hotel



“The better world to which we all aspire is within our reach. Deeply humanitarian, I am convinced that together we can move mountains by providing concrete solutions to tomorrow’s challenges. In 2016, driven by the desire to take part in this movement of awareness, I launched the Better World Fund. **Yes, there is hope.**

Everywhere in the world, women and men are creating, innovating, and taking action for climate change, social inequalities, culture, and education. The Better World Fund’s ambition is to highlight and financially support these actions that give hope. The power of art seemed to me an obvious way to raise awareness and inspire global world citizens to act for the future of our planet.”

Manuel Collas de La Roche  
President & Founder of the Better World Fund

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Through this event BWF is supporting

## NGO «La Princesse MURAT»



LA PRINCESSE  
— M U R A T —

Founded in 2017 in Paris, the "La Princesse MURAT" association is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting access to health, education, nutrition, first aid, and fair justice for women and children in distress, extreme poverty, or exposed to health risks worldwide. This mission is supported by a commitment to sustainable development and ecology, ensuring that all forms of help can be sustainable in the long term.

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"Promoting access to health, education,  
and justice around the world"

HI&RH The Princess Murat



## History of the Family

The NGO was built on the foundations and objectives of an organization created in 1991 in Peru by the father of La Princesse MURAT, under the name DSD ("Development, Solidarity, and Democracy"). With this continuity, both the French and Peruvian versions of the association pursue the same goals, demonstrating a transnational commitment to the well-being of vulnerable populations.

HI&RH La Princesse MURAT herself belongs to a prestigious family, a member of the Imperial Family of France and the royal family of Naples, which has left its mark on world history. She has adapted to contemporary challenges by integrating this responsibility into her humanitarian actions.

## A Commitment to Women and Children

With her life experience in an emerging country, as well as being a mother and a professional, La Princesse MURAT has dedicated her efforts to improving access to healthcare for the most modest and empowering women. These efforts are accompanied by concrete initiatives for social development and reducing inequalities.

## An Exceptional Contribution to Health

HI&RH La Princesse MURAT also collaborated with Professor Ameisen on a complex campaign aimed at gaining recognition from the French Health Authority of the therapeutic qualities of Baclofen, an innovative treatment. This involvement in therapeutic research and health system reforms reflects the association's concern for priority medical issues.

## The "La Princesse MURAT" Award

In order to extend its actions, the NGO has established the "La Princesse MURAT" Award, with its first edition dedicated to women's health. In accordance with the objectives outlined in the association's statutes, this award recognizes a project completed or on its way to completion. Through this initiative, the organization aims to stimulate and honor significant contributions to targeted social improvements.

## Conclusion

With its ambitious projects and dedication to women and children in distress, the "La Princesse MURAT" NGO embodies a holistic and sustainable approach to essential social change and exemplifies a remarkable humanitarian commitment



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# The better world awards are created by the great Italian artist Dante Mortet

## Hands of Personalities Sculpted by Dante Mortet:

- Robert De Niro
- Scorsese
- Dustin Hoffman
- Quentin Tarantino
- Samuel L Jackson
- Kurt Russell
- Bruce Dern
- Tim Roth
- Walton Goggins
- Lou Ferrigno
- Oprah Winfrey
- Frankye Valli
- Kirk Douglas
- Anjelica Huston
- Jennyfer Jason Leigh
- Ennio Morricone
- Kevin Spacey
- Andrea Bocelli
- Pelé
- Ibrahimovic
- Zanetti
- Thiago Silva
- Hugo Sanchez
- Julio Cesar
- Drogba
- Cavani
- Patrick Doherty
- Keni Silva



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## THE MAGNIFICENT 7, MASTERFUL HANDS THE SOUL OF CINEMA IN BRONZE Sculptures by Dante Mortet

On the occasion of the 82nd Venice International Film Festival, the Hotel Nani Mocenigo Palace opens its doors to the art of sculpture with a unique exhibition dedicated to the work of Dante Mortet, artist and master chaser who has been telling the stories of the icons of our time through their hands for years. The Magnificent 7, Masterful Hands is an intimate and powerful journey into the universe of cinema, narrated through the ancient art of sculpture.

Dante Mortet, artist and master chaser from a historic Roman workshop now in its fifth generation, has created something truly unique: the hands of cinema greats, molded from original casts and transformed into works of art that capture not only gestures, but also emotion, memory, and identity. Each sculpture is born from direct contact with the artist—through a conversation, a shared moment—translated into details added to the bronze surface: a crease, a tension, an object, a symbol. The hands are not just tools, but inner portraits.

This exhibition focuses on some of the most iconic figures in the world of cinema, whom Dante Mortet met in person and immortalized: Martin Scorsese, Robert De Niro, Anjelica Huston, Kirk Douglas, Ennio Morricone, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Kurt Russell, and Quentin Tarantino. Hands that have written, directed, performed, played music. Hands that have created worlds.

Alongside these leading figures, Mortet's complete collection is a true atlas of contemporary cinema: Dustin Hoffman, Tim Roth, Walton Goggins, Kevin Spacey, Michael Madsen, Samuel L. Jackson, Bruce Dern, and many others. A bronze firmament destined to endure.

Masterful Hands offers a fresh perspective: viewing cinema's great personalities from another point of view—that of sculpture. A deeply Italian language, sculpture continues to speak to both the present and the future. With the enduring power of bronze, these hands do more than withstand time: they become living memory, iconic gestures, and eternal witnesses of an era and its creative soul.

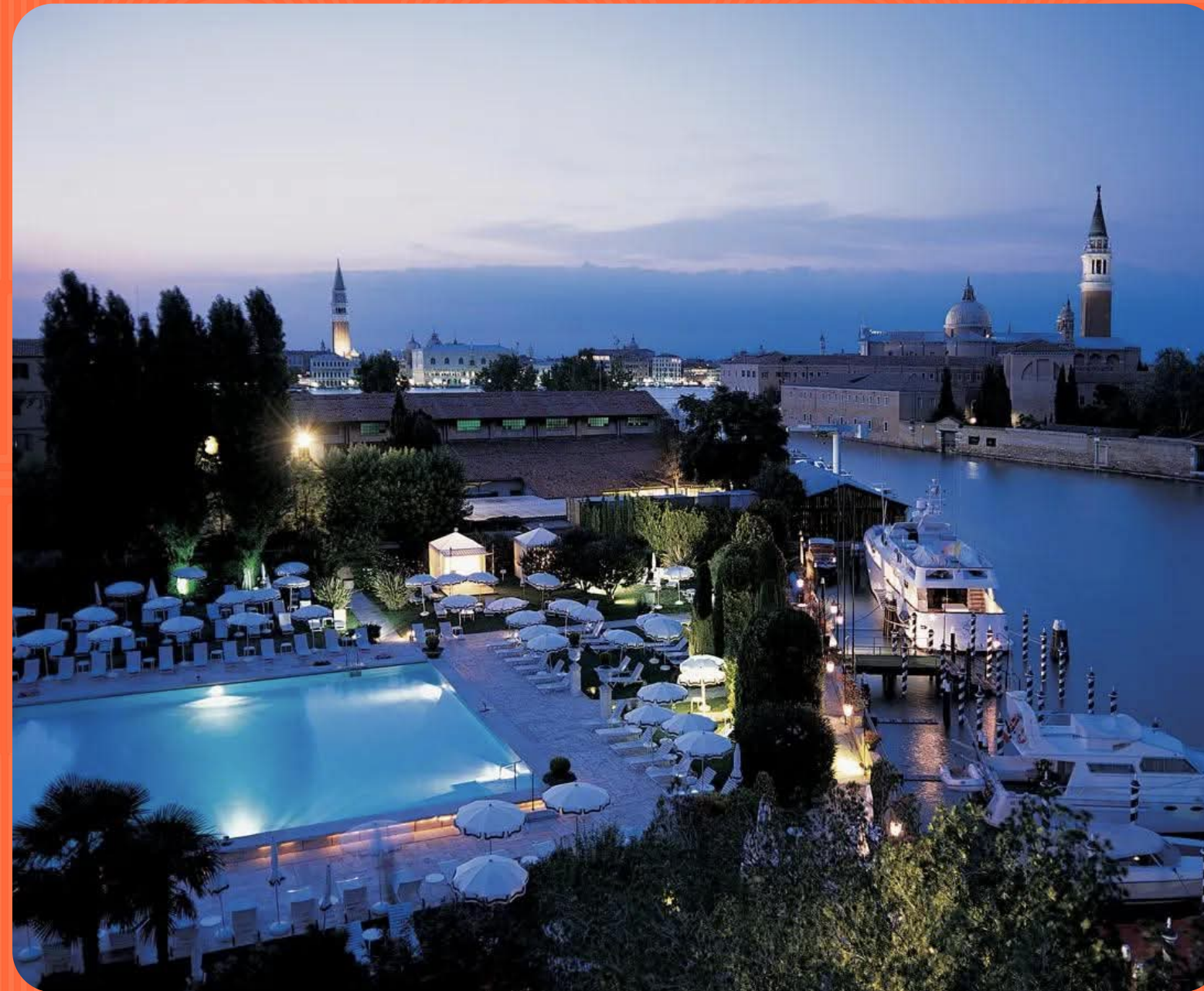
Dante's is a craft-driven way of thinking, rooted in tradition, that tells the story of passion, love, and creativity through the hands of each individual. His works are now featured in international collections and prestigious institutions.



Venue

# Hotel Cipriani, A Belmond Hotel, Venice

Gliding on the water in the slow ballet of boats, any arrival at Hotel Cipriani carries a cinematic mystery. We gaze across the lagoon at St Mark's Square, enjoying all the intimacy of our island perch. With Michelin-star dining and unrivalled views of Venice, this is indulgence that knows no bounds. By day, take in the poolside scene while enjoying a Bellini, an emblem of our refined rituals. Or find calm in nature, as you wander through our sprawling private gardens. A serene home from home, our careful blend of relaxation and artistry is why our Venice hotel is a true legend.





# PROGRAM

At Hotel Mocenigo, Venice

August 29th 2025

During the Venice  
Film Festival

at Cipriani Hotel

August 30th 2025

#BWF in Venice



August 29th 2025

At Hotel Nani Mocenigo Palace, Venice

7 pm

## Exhibition Opening

THE MAGNIFICENT 7, MASTERFUL HANDS  
THE SOUL OF CINEMA IN BRONZE  
Sculptures by Dante Mortet

August 30th 2025

at Cipriani Hotel

11 am to 2 pm

## Forum

The Human Lens: Cinema as a Mirror of  
Compassion and Coexistence

*A light cocktail will be served around 1:30 pm*

7:30 pm to 12 am

## Gala for Humanity

- Better World Awards •Red Carpet
- Auction •Concerts



11 AM TO 2 PM

# International Forum

The Human Lens: Cinema as a Mirror of Compassion and Coexistence

A session examining the power of film to reflect, inspire, and mobilize humanity through storytelling, emotion, and shared experiences.



# International Forum: The Human Lens – Cinema as a Mirror of Compassion and Coexistence

- The Higher Committee of Human Fraternity (HCHF) will open the session with a keynote address grounded in the values of the Abu Dhabi Document on Human Fraternity. Their intervention will explore how storytelling through cinema can support intercultural understanding and universal fraternity.
- A renowned international celebrity will speak on the role of public figures in shaping global awareness. The session will delve into the concept of celebrity diplomacy, reflecting on how visibility can lead to responsibility and action in times of conflict and division.
- Joel Soler, award-winning documentary filmmaker and President of the Magos Foundation, will contribute a cinematic and historical perspective. He will highlight how socially engaged film has helped advance human rights, raise awareness, and shift public consciousness toward compassion and unity.
- This Forum invites participants to reflect on the transformative potential of storytelling, and to consider cinema not only as art, but as a force for coexistence and change.

**A session examining the power of film to reflect, inspire, and mobilize humanity through storytelling, emotion, and shared experiences.**

Cinema holds the power to spark empathy, challenge perspectives, and promote peaceful coexistence. This Forum brings together voices from diplomacy, culture, and the arts to explore how film can serve as a tool for connection, dialogue, and social impact.



H.E. TAMARA VUČIĆ  
First Lady of Serbia



# International Forum: The Human Lens – Cinema as a Mirror of Compassion and Coexistence

The Forum will be moderated by Enzo Di Taranto, former United Nations diplomat. His expertise in international diplomacy and intercultural cooperation will guide the session and ensure that each intervention contributes to a coherent and impactful exchange.

To celebrate and reinforce this message, the Forum will culminate in a gala dinner and award ceremony, during which the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity of the United Arab Emirates will present the Better World Fund Award. This recognition will honor outstanding commitment to the values of coexistence, peace, and intercultural understanding.



Susan Sarandon  
Forum Venice 2024



Kevin Costner  
Forum Venice 2024





## FORUM CONDUCTED BY ENZO DI TARANTO

Former Campaign-Manager of the United Nations Secretary-General in New York & President of XZEN Technologies Inc. (USA)

Graduated at the Diplomatic Institute of the Italian Foreign Ministry, with specialization at Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA) in Paris, Enzo di Taranto is a former diplomat and senior United Nations official with 40 years of experience in global diplomacy and sustainable development.

Father of the concept of "Celebrity-Diplomacy", he's the President of XZEN Technologies Inc. – a leading climate tech company based in USA – and hosts "PLANET GOLD": the world leading eco-podcast to reengineer the global climate agenda at the horizon 2030.

A recipient of the "Better World Fund Award for Best Sustainability Commitment" at Cannes Film Festival, Enzo di Taranto conducts world-class masterminds during UN Climate Summits (NY, Paris, Geneva and Dubai), Art and Fashion Weeks (Miami and Milano), Film Festivals (Venice and Cannes), and Formula 1 Grand Prix. He is the author of award-winning books, videos, websites and essays on international affairs, including "Planetology" and "World Peace 2050". More info at: [xzen.tv](https://xzen.tv)







## JOEL SOLER

Joel Soler is an award-winning documentary filmmaker whose works have been screened in over 80 countries and broadcast on major international networks such as HBO (US), Channel 4 (UK), ZDF (Germany), TF1 (France), and Rai Uno (Italy). His films, often focused on terrorism and dictatorship, led to his detention by Al-Qaeda in southern Yemen and a 50-day incarceration in Maltepe prison, Turkey. After residing in the United States for 14 years, he was at one point under FBI protection.

With roots in Andalusia and a family heritage combining both Christian and Muslim traditions, Soler has a profound personal and intellectual commitment to the history of coexistence and East-West dialogue. He is the founder of the Magos Foundation, supported by Nobel Peace Prize laureate Shirin Ebadi, and dedicated to promoting intercultural and interfaith understanding. The foundation also serves as custodian of a major art collection focused on these themes.

Soler is currently working on a new film exploring the historical roots of brotherhood between Christians and Muslims, continuing his lifelong commitment to fostering coexistence and cultural dialogue.



# Gala for Humanity

7:30 PM TO 12 AM



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# PRIVATE AUCTION

In support of the NGO La Princesse Murat

Auction led by Mel Gee Henderson

August 30th 2025



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Mel Gee Henderson is the Creator, Executive Producer and Journalist Host of ESCAPESEEKER, a public television travel series showcasing the greatest destinations in the world, telling each story uniquely through the eyes of the local inhabitants from various walks of life. For inveterate globetrotter Mel and her indefatigable talented film crew, travel is like air. They cannot live without it. Together, they capture the world's most amazing dream destinations. Mel thrives on the serendipitous unexpected encounters along the way, embraces the “bucket list” must do before you die kinds of adventures, and charms locals everywhere. Mel's background as a seasoned journalist, film documentarian, and Washington Congressional staffer, led her to a transcontinental lifestyle—from the French Riviera, to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, to the bottom of the world, Antarctica, (Mel's 7th continent), to the Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan, the “Land of Happiness” to Patagonia's southern ice fields, and exploring what lies beneath Tahiti's sapphire blue waters, and beyond.



Mel Gee Henderson,  
Creator, Executive  
Producer and  
Journalist Host of  
Escapeseecker



# Better World Awards

Awards for Commitments, Engagements & Achievements

## Best Commitment Award

Honors individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to a specific cause.

- S.A.S Prince Albert II of Monaco
- Hon. Senator Simon Stiell
- Chief Raoni
- David Lynch
- Arisa
- Patrick Doherty
- Jeremy Piven
- Keni Silva
- Elisabeth Moreno Former Minister French Government
- H.E Eliza Reid, First lady of Iceland
- Kevin Costner
- Catherine Deneuve
- Enzo Di Taranto

## Best Achievement Award

Rewards concrete actions taken as part of social and humanitarian initiatives.

- Mary J Blidge
- Joanna Plafsky
- Dr Tani Al Zeyoudi, Former Minister of environment UAE
- Nadine Labaki
- Sonia Guajajara, Minister of Indigenous Peoples of Brazil
- Euzhan Palcy
- Susan Sarandon
- H.E Tamara Vučić, First Lady of Serbia
- Isabelle Huppert
- H.R.H Vacharaesorn Vivacharawongse
- Mark Peine & Christian Vosseler
- David Wood

## Best Engagement Award

Recognizes people who have engaged, inspired and mobilized for a cause.

- H.E Dominique Ouattara, First Lady of Ivory Coast
- H.E Sheikh Ahmed Bin Faisal Al Qassimi
- Kevin Spacey
- Amruta Fadnavis
- Lang Lang
- Sharon Stone
- Mira Nair
- Nandita Das
- Chiara Tilesi



