



34) MICHAEL JACKSON REVEALS HIS "GHOSTS"

In 1997, the King of Pop made his first and only appearance in Cannes for a short film; essentially an extended music video called "Ghosts". The bizarre, 39-minute effort, which was co-written by horror maestro Stephen King and directed by makeup wizard Stan Winston, saw Jackson playing multiple parts, including a mysterious figure with supernatural powers called the Maestro and a chubby small town mayor.

35) THE CONTROVERSIES

"Irreversible" had France's 'it' couple Monica Bellucci and Vincent Cassel in 2002 Cannes Competition entry. The back-to-front revenge drama featured some of the most disturbing scenes ever put on screen, including a 10-minute rape scene. People were outraged at the film, but the scandal ultimately worked in the film's favor. It was a huge hit both home and abroad.

36) JERRY SEINFELD FLIES OVER THE CROISSETTE DRESSED AS A BEE

The most talked-about marketing stunt in the history of the festival was done by Seinfeld, star of DWA's "Bee Movie", when he flew off from the Carlton roof in May 2007 fully clad in a bumblebee suit.

37) FOR ITS 60TH EDITION, 35 AUTEUR SHORT FILMS ARE PREMIERED

The 60th anniversary of Cannes was marked as an influential and powerful festival by 35 directors who made three-minute short films based on the theme of going to the cinema. The 35 directors also included Roman Polanski, Lars von Trier, Ken Loach, David Cronenberg, the Coen brothers, Jane Campion, Gus Van Sant and Alejandro González Iñárritu.

38) LINDSAY LOHAN PARTIES DESPITE BEING ON PROBATION

Despite being due in court for a probation progress report, Lindsay Lohan skipped her flight back to the states claiming her passport to be stolen and attended the festival instead. An arrest warrant was then

issued by a judge in L.A. which attracted a lot of attention to Lindsay Lohan from the paparazzi.

39) CLINT GOES LATE-NIGHT BARHOPPING ON CROISSETTE

The appearance of "Pale Rider" in 1985 meant that Clint Eastwood had become the biggest movie star in the world. In the midst of all the tight security and paparazzi, Clint went out for a walk in town at midnight, hopping from one place to the next, and finally ending up in the Carlton lobby very late at night.

40) THE YEAR OF JEWEL THEFTS AND GUNFIRE

2013 was a year of crime for Cannes; a safe broken through from the wall of the Novotel that had \$1 million in jewelries, a group of burglars outwitting 80 Hotel du Cap security to set free a \$2.6 million De Grisogono necklace, a man rushing onstage, and firing a gun while Christoph Waltz was being interviewed live. So much chaos!

41) PRESENTER SHOCKS WOODY ALLEN WITH RAPE JOKE

Host Laurent Lafitte surprised Allen when she said, "It's very nice that you've been shooting so many movies in Europe, even if you are not being convicted for rape in the US." The host claimed that she didn't know Woody Allen had allegations of sexual abuse against him and that her line was directed at Roman Polanski.

42) RYAN GOSLING DOES MOUTH-TO-MOUTH ON HIS DIRECTOR

During the 2011 festival, filmmaker Nicolas Winding Refn referred Ryan Gosling as his favorite "alter-ego". Later at



the photo call, Gosling grabbed Refn and gave him a big smooch on the lips.

43) A DIRECTOR WINS GOLD AND INSULTS THE CROWD

The press screening of "Under the Sun of Satan" by Mauric Pialat was heavily criticized by left-wing French journalists. Pialat and his wife Sylvie left the show early only to be recalled by the festival PR. The film received the Palme d'Or prize and when Pialat took the stage to receive the prize, he was greeted by a chorus of boos at which point Pialat said, "If you don't like me, I can tell you, I don't like you either."

44) DAVID CRONENBERG'S DIVISIVE "CRASH" EARNS SPECIAL AWARD FOR 'AUDACITY'

"Crash" is a film which talks about a subculture that finds erotic satisfaction in car wrecks. As weird as it sounds, the film received so many controversies that the Cannes organizers in 1996 opened a new one-time-only award for this film (a panel of Jury Award for 'daring and audacity').

45) PRANKSTER SNEAKS UNDER AMERICA FERRERA'S DRESS

In 2014, Ukrainian Vitalii Sediuk snuck onto the red carpet for "How to Train Your Dragon 2" and put his head up actress Ferrera's dress. Sediuk was later dragged off by security.

46) BUSINESSMAN IS ACCUSED OF RUNNING A PROSTITUTION RING

In August 2007, police broke into the hotel room of the Lebanese businessman Elie Nahas in Carlton and arrested him on charges of being involved in undertaking a



prostitution ring.

47) SOCIALITE IS KICKED OFF THE CARPET

At the presentation of "Blood Ties" in 2013, Lady Victoria Hervey had an altercation with the security because she was irritated that the socialite was taking too long to pose in the fest's fast-paced red carpet. "You're not allowed to walk down just doing one side and go back and do the other, so I will not attempt that again", she says.

48) WARREN BEATTY AND NATALIE WOOD DRIVE THE PRESS CRAZY

Beatty and his then-girlfriend Woody were considered as the most glamorous couple at the festival during the premiere of "All Fall Down" in 1962. However, the couple rarely left their room at Carlton which lead to one gossip columnist to make the remark, "Elle est au lit Wood", which means, "She is Hollywood", or "Wood is in bed."

49) CLAUDIA CARDINALE KISSES A REAL LEOPARD

While endorsing the 1963 Palme d'Or winning film "The Leopard" by Luchino Visconti, the actress tried to kiss a leopard. "This is not a cat. Are you crazy?" she recalled.

50) THE CAST OF "EXPENDABLES 3" ROLLS DOWN THE CROISSETTE IN THREE TANKS

In order to get three tanks into the festival, producer Avi Lerner had to sign an affidavit to the government of France. "I had to sign an affidavit to the Government of France that we're not going to take over the country. It was the biggest stunt, I think, Cannes ever had," Lerner had said.

51) MENAHEM GOLAN DRIVES A HARD BARGAIN

Todd McCarthy worked at Golan-Globus in 1978 soliciting ads for the French trade "Le Film Francais". Golan owed tens of thousands of dollars, however. Golan knew how to put on a good vanishing act. When confronted later by a persistent Todd McCarthy, Golan agreed to pay 50% of what he owed.

