



Thursday, Icelandic Day; Friday, French Cinema & Ukrainian Cinema Day at GFF

(Winnipeg, Manitoba; July 21, 2016) – Electricity was in the air yesterday, as the Gimli Film Festival kicked off its 16th year with a dynamic Opening Night Reception held in Johnson Hall, Gimli. The event was attended by dignitaries, festival sponsors and friends of the festival.

THURSDAY AT GFF: ICELANDIC DAY

The town of Gimli is known as ‘New Iceland’, and Thursday’s Icelandic day reflects Gimli’s roots.

Films in this year’s series include:

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<h1>ICELANDIC FILM SERIES</h1> <p>Gimli's Iceland roots have shaped this beautiful lakefront community, and so once again the Gimli Film Festival is proud to present the best contemporary cinema from Iceland. Generously sponsored by Icelandair and supported by the Icelandic Film Centre and Consulate General of Iceland Winnipeg.</p>			
 <p>RAMS (HRÜTAR) Grinnur Hákonarson Iceland 2015 Drama 93 min In a remote Icelandic farming valley, two brothers who haven't spoken in 40 years have to come together in order to save what's dearest to them - their sheep.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY 20 JULY 2016 7 PM ► Lady of the Lake Theatre</p> <p>THURSDAY 21 JULY 2016 5 PM ► Gimli Unitarian Church - Aspire Theatre</p>	 <p>VIRGIN MOUNTAIN (FÚSI) Dagur Kári Iceland 2015 Drama/Comedy 94 min Fúsi, a 43 years old man still lives with his mother. His daily life is characterized by one of the monotonous routine. The appearance of vibrant Alma and young Hera will upset his old bachelor habits.</p> <p>THURSDAY 21 JULY 2016 12:30 PM ► Gimli Theatre</p> <p>SUNDAY 24 JULY 2016 5:30 PM ► Lady of The Lake Theatre</p>	 <p>SPARROWS Rinnar Rúnarsson Iceland 2015 99 min Drama A coming-of-age story about the 16-year old boy Ari, who has been living with his mother in Reykjavik and is suddenly sent back to the remote Westfjords to live with his father Gunnar. There, he has to navigate a difficult relationship with his father, and he finds his childhood friends changed in these hopeless and declining surroundings. Ari has to step up and find his way.</p> <p>**rated R for Explicit Sexual Content, Nudity and Substance Abuse. 18+ only admitted.</p> <p>THURSDAY 21 JULY 2016 8 PM ► Lady of The Lake Theatre</p> <p>FRIDAY 22 JULY 2016 8 PM ► Gimli Lutheran Church Theatre</p>	
<p>FOR MORE ICELANDIC FILMS, PLEASE SEE OUR 'SÓLVEIG ANSPACH RETROSPECTIVE' ON PAGE 41</p>			

Thursday RBC Sunset Beach Screening: Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind, by Michel Gondry. Michel Gondry (whose film *Microbe & Gasoil* is making its Western Canadian festival premiere at this year’s GFF on Friday) finds the filmmaker reteaming with screenwriter Charlie Kaufman (*Anomalisa*) for this off-the-wall romantic comedy. Jim Carrey stars as Joel Barish, a man who is informed that his ex-girlfriend Clementine (Kate Winslet) has had her memories of their relationship erased from her brain via an experimental procedure.

FRIDAY AT GFF: FRENCH CINEMA DAY & UKRAINIAN CINEMA DAY

Tomorrow, two vibrant cultures of Manitoba are in the spotlight!

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Parler français

French language cinema
A series of French-language films, primarily from France and Quebec.

BORIS SANS BÉATRICE
Canada | 2016 | Drama | 93 min | French w/ English subtitles
A man begins having an extramarital affair to deal with his emotional and companionship needs while caring for his terminally ill wife.

THURSDAY 21 JULY 2016 | 8:00 PM
FRIDAY 22 JULY 2016 | 8:00 PM
► Gimli Lutheran Church Theatre

BY RATING ☆☆☆☆☆

MICROBE & GASOIL
Michel Gondry | France | 2016 | Adventure | 105 min | French w/ English subtitles
Microbe, a shy, aspiring artist, has trouble making friends at school until he meets Gasoline, a likeminded outcast. Together they hatch a plan to build a car to tour across France. This charming adventure from Michel Gondry has been called his "most satisfying movie since Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind". Also starring Audrey Tautou.

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SUNDAY 24 JULY 2016 | 12:30 PM
► Gimli Theatre

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HEART OF MADAME SABALIE, THE (LE COEUR DE MADAME SABALIE)
Ryan McKenna - in attendance | Canada | 2015 | Drama / Comedy | 79 min | French w/ English subtitles
Jeannette has a severe heart condition that keeps her trapped in a suburb of Montreal. After receiving her new heart, Jeannette begins to have strange visions of her donor's former life. Soon after, she is befriended by her donor's son, a Malian teenager, who believes she is his mother reincarnated.

FRIDAY JULY 22 | 8:00 PM
SATURDAY JULY 23 | 8:00 PM
► Gimli Unitarian Church - Aspire Theatre

BY RATING ☆☆☆☆☆

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LONG WAY NORTH
France/Denmark | 2015 | 82 min | French w/ English subtitles
In 1982, a young Russian aristocrat goes on an epic adventure to find out what happened to her grandfather and save her family's reputation.

SUNDAY JULY 24 | 10AM
► Gimli Theatre

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BY RATING ☆☆☆☆☆

ICE AND THE SKY
Luc Jacquet | France | 2015 | 89 min | Documentary
Ice and the Sky is a French documentary film directed by Luc Jacquet about the work of Claude L. Orús, who began studying Antarctic ice in 1957, and, in 1965, was the first scientist to be concerned about global warming.

THURSDAY 21 JULY 2016 | 10 AM
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SÓLVEIG ANSPACH RETROSPECTIVE
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We are very honoured to highlight the films of Sólveig Anspach, an acclaimed Icelandic/French filmmaker who left us far too early in 2015 after a long battle with breast cancer.

LULU IN THE NUDE (LULU FEMME NUE)
Sólveig Anspach | France | 2013 | Drama | 84 min | French w/ English subtitles
Following a botched job interview, Lulu decides not to return home, leaving her husband and their three children in the lurch. Three decisive encounters will help Lulu rediscover an old acquaintance she's not seen for years: herself.

FRIDAY 22 JULY 2016 | 12 PM
► Lady of The Lake Theatre

BY RATING ☆☆☆☆☆

QUEEN OF MONTREUIL
Sólveig Anspach | France | 2010 | Drama | 87 min | French/Icelandic w/ English subtitles
It's early summer and Agathe is back in France, at home in Montreuil. She has to get over her husband's death and return to her work as a film director.

FRIDAY 22 JULY 2016 | 3:00 PM
► Lady of The Lake Theatre

BY RATING ☆☆☆☆☆

Ukrainian Film Series

Gimli Film Fest is proud to announce a brand new film series this year, that takes aim at one of Manitoba's most vibrant cultures: the Ukrainian community!



MANITOBA PREMIERE

ALMOST HOLY

Steve Hoover

Ukraine | 2015 | Documentary | 100 min
Ukrainian w/ English subtitles

Gennadiy calls himself "Pastor Crocodile." He's known throughout Ukraine for his years working to rehabilitate drug-addicted kids. But he's also a vigilante who uses any force necessary to carry out his moral vision. Directed by Steve Hoover and executive-produced by Terrence Malick, Almost Holy is an engrossing personal chronicle.

MY RATING ☆☆☆☆☆

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SUNDAY 24 JULY 2016 | 10 AM

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MANITOBA PREMIERE

UNDER THE SUN

Vitaly Mansky

Russia | 2015 | Documentary | 105 min
Korean w/ English subtitles

Over the course of one year, this film follows the life of an ordinary North Korean family whose daughter was chosen to take part in one of the famous Korean "Spartakiada". The ritualized explosions of color and joy contrast sharply with pale everyday reality, which is not particularly terrible, but rather quite surreal.

MY RATING ☆☆☆☆☆

FRIDAY 22 JULY 2016 | 5:30 PM

SATURDAY 23 JULY 2016 | 5:30 PM

► Gimli Lutheran Church Theatre



WORLD PREMIERE

UKRAINE STORIES: RESISTING AND REBUILDING IN A TIME OF WAR

A series of short documentaries made in the Ukraine over the past year will be having their World premiere as part of GFF 2016! Wayne Sharpe - Ukraine Director at Internews will be in attendance to introduce this series of Ukrainian produced short social justice documentaries and speak about his work.

MY RATING ☆☆☆☆☆

THE MAURO FAMILY
FOUNDATION INC.

The Choreographer | 15 min

Crimean Tatars | 15 min

Volunteer | 20 min

The Fighter | 15 min

FRIDAY 22 JULY 2016 | 3:00 PM

► Gimli Lutheran Church Theatre

FRIDAY RBC SUNSET BEACH SCREENING: RAIDERS SWEEPS THE BEACH!

(10pm) RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK In this classic adventure by Steven Spielberg, archaeologist and adventurer Indiana Jones is hired by the US government to find the Ark of the Covenant before the Nazis.

(112am) RAIDERS! THE STORY OF THE GREATEST FAN FILM EVER MADE In 1982, three 11-year-old boys in Mississippi decided to film a shot-for-shot remake of their favorite blockbuster, Raiders of the Lost Ark. Over the course of seven summers, they risked their lives and their mother's house, finishing all but one scene. Years later, blood brothers reunite to shoot that scene they could never nail: the airplane sequence. Uproariously funny and achingly sweet, three grown men risk everything to achieve their childhood dream.

DON'T MISS TONIGHT, THURSDAY JULY 21TH:

- RBC Sunset Beach Screening: *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, by Michel Gondry – 10:00pm.
- **Quiz Night at the Ship & Plough Gastropub:** – 7:00pm. A special film themed trivia night at Gimli's favorite watering hole.

FESTIVAL PASSES & TICKETS

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Box Office phone: 204-642-7790

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Lakeview Conference Centre, 10 Centre St., Gimli (Tara`s Corner, Room J)

HOURS: JULY 19-24, 9AM-7PM DAILY

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41 Centre St., Gimli (beside Pharmasave)

HOURS: JULY 19-24: 9AM-3PM (FOR PASS HOLDERS / PASS PICKUP ONLY)

We invite you to experience our incredible festival in 2016! ...See you under the stars July 20-24, 2016 for the 16th edition of GFF.

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