

The 17th Gimli Film Festival runs July 26 - 30, 2017



## **SPOTLIGHT ON CANADIAN CINEMA: OPENING DAY OF THE 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GIMLI FILM FESTIVAL**

**Gimli – July 26, 2017** – Manitoba’s largest film festival returns for its 17<sup>th</sup> year today. The 2017 annual Gimli Film Festival kicks off with a full day of programming and a special opening reception. A spotlight will shine on great Canadian cinema, with many classic Canadian films screening throughout the day.

The Festival opens with *Goin' Down the Road*, a realist dramatic portrait of two young men from Canada's Maritime Provinces who come to the big city, Toronto, looking for good jobs and good times. The 1970 film is widely regarded as the marker for the beginning of the film industry in English Canada, and is often referred to as one of the best Canadian films of all time. In 2016, it was named one of 150 essential works in Canadian cinema history by the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF).

In the afternoon, discover the work of fearless Canadian filmmaker Frank Cole, who entered the Guinness Book of World Records as the first man to cross the Sahara on foot. On November 29, 1989, Cole began another tormenting journey across Sahara by camel, filming his experiences in the dangerous climate and region. In *Life Without Death* the filmmaker as he confronts his fascination with dying. *Life Without Death* was the filmmaker’s final film before his 2000 murder by bandits on a return trip to the Sahara.

For family fun for all ages, join us for a curated retrospective of films from legendary award-winning Canadian filmmaker, Norman McLaren. McLaren was a pioneer in several areas of animation and filmmaking, including hand-drawn animation, drawn-on-film animation, visual music, abstract film, pixilation and graphical sound. His awards included an Oscar for the Best Documentary in 1952 for *Neighbours*, and a 1969 BAFTA Award for Best Animated Film for *Pas de deux*.

Super Pass holders will have the added opportunity to attend a special opening reception at 7 pm at Johnson Hall. Mingle with Film Festival staff and board as well as some visiting filmmakers and community representatives. Sponsored by Catherine Filmon and Elsebeth and Andre Kriening, the opening reception will feature appetizers from Bergmann's on Lombard, Sugar Me Cookies dessert and Icelandic vinarterta from Afi's Baking, wine from De Luca Fine Wines and beer from Brazen Hall. To preserve the memory, guests will be treated to caricature artist drawings, courtesy of RBC.

### **Wednesday Films**

#### **Goin' Down the Road**

July 26, 2017 from 10am to 11:30am  
Lady of The Lake Theatre

#### **The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz**

July 26, 2017 from 10am to 12pm  
Gimli Theatre

#### **Life Without Death**

July 26, 2017 from 12:30pm to 1:52pm  
Lady of The Lake Theatre

#### **Crime Wave**

July 26, 2017 from 12:30pm to 1:50pm  
Gimli Theatre

#### **The Happiest Day in the Life of Olli Maki**

July 26, 2017 from 3pm to 4:32pm  
Gimli Lutheran Church Theatre

#### **The Man Who Skied Down Everest**

July 26, 2017 from 3pm to 4:26pm  
Lady of The Lake Theatre

#### **Norman McLaren: 8 Films**

July 26, 2017 from 3pm to 4:07pm  
Gimli Theatre

#### **Léolo**

July 26, 2017 from 5:30pm to 7:17pm  
Lady of The Lake Theatre

#### **My Winnipeg**

July 26, 2017 from 5:30pm to 6:50pm

Gimli Lutheran Church Theatre

**Opening Reception**

**July 26, 2017 from 7pm to 10pm**

**Johnson Hall**

**The Fly**

July 26, 2017 from 8pm to 9:36pm

Gimli Lutheran Church Theatre

**Picture of Light**

July 26, 2017 from 8pm to 9:23pm

Lady of The Lake Theatre

**Fantastic Mr. Fox**

July 26, 2017 from 10pm to 11:27pm

Gimli Beach - RBC Sunset Screenings

\*News Bulletin: Please be respectful of the RCMP's continued investigation of the tragic incident on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue yesterday. Access to the Gimli Theatre parking lot is currently reserved to the back entrance, off the alley. The front street will re-open by noon today.

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**Tickets and passes are now on sale. Guarantee Your Seat – 50% of tickets to all films will be available in advance up to 5 pm the day before the screening. The remaining 50% will be rush seating on a first come first served basis at the door.**

**Super Pass - \$100**

Access to all films plus the hospitality events.

100 Super Passes available.

**Film Pass - \$75**

Access to films only.

150 Film Passes available.

**Filmmakers Pass - \$75**

Access to all films and filmmakers networking events, including Filmmakers Reception on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.

50 Filmmakers Passes available.

**Individual Film Tickets - \$10**

**Canada 150 Programming - \$5**

**Tickets and Passes can be purchased:**

- Online at [Eventbrite](#).
- By Telephone (204) 642-8846.
- At the GFF Box Office: 41 Centre Street

**Twitter: @Gimlifilm**

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**Facebook: [facebook.com/Gimlifilmfestival](https://facebook.com/Gimlifilmfestival)**

**Hashtag: #Gimlifilm2017**

*The Gimli Film Festival is the largest film festival in Manitoba. Over the past sixteen years, our audience, sponsors and partners have supported and shaped the festival into what it is today. We showcase fiction feature films, documentaries and short films from Manitoba, Canada and the world, that promise informative, fascinating and riveting entertainment.*

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