

The 18th Gimli Film Festival runs July 25 - 29, 2018



OPENING DAY OF THE 18TH ANNUAL GIMLI FILM FESTIVAL

Gimli – July 26, 2018- After a fantastic and well attended first day the 18th Gimli Film Festival is excited to commence its second day of showcasing world-class cinema. As always many of our advance tickets have already sold out but rush seating is set aside for walk ups at each screening.

Over 180 people attended last night's opening reception which included sponsors, GFF Board members, staff and volunteers. At the reception, the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba The Honourable Janice C. Filmon gave a few words on what the Gimli Film Festival brings to Manitoban Cinema. Chair of the Gimli Film Festival The Honourable Janis Johnson also spoke of the growth of Gimli Film Festival over the last eighteen years and recognized Festival Director Leona Johnson for her four years with the Festival.

Opening film *Shirkers* was well attended with local filmmaker Guy Maddin introducing the film. Following that *690 Vopnafjörður* was at full capacity with Icelandic filmmaker Karna Sigurðardóttir in attendance. Last night's RBC Sunset Screening was a home run hit with an attendance of 109 people despite the rainy weather.

Day two opens with a 10 a.m. screening of *Bachman*, the documentary of rock royalty Randy Bachman who achieved success many decades ago, and now in his 70s is still performing, hosting radio shows, and mentoring young musicians. This film has sold out of pre-reserved tickets, but walk-ups are still available on a first-come first-served basis. **If you missed your chance to see this film, *Bachman* will be screening again 8 p.m. Saturday at the Gimli Theatre.** Following *Bachman*, local film co-operative the Winnipeg Film Group will have its origin story told from being a stubborn band of independent filmmakers to becoming one the most highly respected film centres in Canada. *Tales from the Winnipeg Film Group* is packed with exclusive footage from the archives, dynamic interviews, and film excerpts. Dave Barber, the co-director, will be in attendance.

A 3 p.m. screening of the documentary directed by Simon Plouffe on Indigenous languages faced with extinction in Quebec, *Those Who Come, Will Hear*, reveals the cultural importance of these declining traditional languages and the impact on those who speak them. **If you missed today's screening, there is another screening on Saturday at 8 p.m.**

Part of our "Northern Lights" Circumpolar Film Series, *Archangel* directed by Guy Maddin who is in attendance will screen at 8 p.m. at the Aspire Theatre. This film is of an amnesiac soldier who arrives in

Russia to help fight against the Bolsheviks unaware that the Great War has already ended, screens exclusively today.

Tonight, closes out at 10 p.m. with our popular RBC Sunset Screening of the 1974 feature film *Phantom of the Paradise*, directed by Brian De Palma. When a disfigured composer sells his soul to have the woman he loves perform his music he is betrayed by an evil record tycoon who steals his music and opens up rock palace, The Paradise.

Thursday Films

Bachman

July 26, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.
Aspire Theatre (Gimli Unitarian Church)

The Miseducation of Cameron Post

July 26, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Gimli Lutheran Church Theatre

Tales from the Winnipeg Film Group

July 26, 2018 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.
Gimli Lutheran Church Theatre

Ava

July 26, 2018 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:13 p.m.
Aspire Theatre (Gimli Unitarian Church)

Scotty and the Secret History of Hollywood

July 26, 2018 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:08 p.m.
Lady of The Lake Theatre

Under the Tree

July 26, 2018 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:59 p.m.
Gimli Theatre

Western

July 26, 2018 from 3 p.m. to 4:59 p.m.
Gimli Lutheran Church Theatre

Those Who Come, Will Hear

July 26, 2018 from 3 p.m. to 4:17 p.m.
Lady of The Lake Theatre

The Swan (Svannurin)

July 26, 2018 from 3 p.m. to 4:31p.m.
Gimli Theatre

The King

July 26, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:28 p.m.
Gimli Lutheran Church Theatre

A Song for John Ramsay

July 26, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:32 p.m.
Lady of The Lake Theatre

Mankiller

July 26, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:54 p.m.
Aspire Theatre (Gimli Unitarian Church)

Roll Red Roll

July 26, 2018 from 8 p.m. to 9:20 p.m.
Gimli Lutheran Church Theatre

690 Vopnafjörður

July 26, 2018 from 8 p.m. to 8:57 p.m.
Lady of The Lake Theatre

Archangel

July 26, 2018 from 8 p.m. to 9:36 p.m.
Aspire Theatre (Gimli Unitarian Church)

Phantom of the Paradise

July 26, 2018 from 10 p.m. to 11:32 p.m.
Gimli Beach - RBC Sunset Screenings

Aftermath

July 26, 2018 from 10 p.m. to 11:15 p.m.
Lady of The Lake Theatre

Terror Nullius

July 26, 2018 from 10 p.m. to 10:57 p.m.
Aspire Theatre (Gimli Unitarian Church)

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Access to all films plus special events.

Film Pass - \$80

Access to films only.

Filmmakers Pass - \$90

To purchase a Filmmaker Pass you must be a practicing Filmmaker and you must show your membership to a local film organization

Individual Film Tickets - \$10

You can purchase your pass online at gimlifilm.com/passes

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Open 10 am to 5 pm everyday throughout the festival.

73 1st Ave – Lakeview Resort

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