

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



2017 GIMLI FILM FESTIVAL WRAPS WITH STELLAR OVERALL ATTENDANCE

Gimli – July 30, 2017 – The 2017 Gimli Film Festival (GFF) wrapped up today after five full days of diverse and audience-friendly cinema. From July 26th – 30th GFF welcomed filmmakers and film fans to experience our 17th edition, featuring over 100 screenings, out-of-province guests, special events, unique industry and emerging talent programs, and all of the beautiful charm that Gimli has to offer. In total, over 10,800 attended this year’s films and events, with indoor screening attendance up 12% from 2016.

“The Gimli Film Festival is very pleased with the increase in attendance for the indoor screenings,” said Leona Johnson, Festival Director of the Gimli Film Festival. “The additional day of screenings on Wednesday to celebrate Canada 150 not only recognized the exceptional work of Canadian filmmakers that forged the way for the film industry in Canada, but also highlighted these brilliant classic productions that were so well received by the GFF audiences. The contemporary films from Manitoba, Canada, and around the world continue to draw large crowds to GFF. I am always amazed by the buzz and conversations in Gimli due to the power of film. Films inspire, engage, and empower.”

Highlights from this year’s Festival:

A number of films and events were at or near capacity at this year’s Festival, including the 48 Hour Film Competition; the Directing and Acting Workshop with Sean Garrity; *The Salesman*; *Becoming Bond*; *A Better Man*; and *RUMBLE: The Indians Who Rocked the World*.

The 2017 Gimli Film Festival Audience Award - Best of the Fest - went to Raoul Peck’s *I Am Not Your Negro*. The Social Justice Film Series fan-favourite profiles the impact of literary treasure James Baldwin and his Civil Rights contemporaries. Each feature-length film in the Gimli Film Festival is eligible to receive the Audience Award. The Festival-going public casts their vote to choose the most popular film in each year’s festival.

2017 Awards Reception:

A number of awards were handed out at the GFF Closing Reception, held at the Gimli Pavilion on Saturday. GFF was happy to once again congratulate RBC \$10,000 Emerging Filmmaker Competition winners Miles Crossman and Nicola Baldwin; and 48 Hour Film Contest Audience Award-winning project *As We Are* from director Julie Epp. The Film Festival's Founder and Chair The Honourable Janis Johnson presented the Alda Award to celebrated Manitoba director Norma Bailey. And Derek Mazur and Joan Scott were this year's recipients of The Jack Clements "Livin' the Dream" Lifetime Achievement Award.

A Thank you to our Sponsors and Volunteers:

The Gimli Film Festival would like to take a moment to thank our tirelessly dedicated volunteers. A team of nearly 100 volunteers contributed over 1,400 hours of time to support the Festival's success.

The Gimli Film Festival is supported by The Burns Family Foundation, RBC Royal Bank, Telefilm Canada, the Province of Manitoba, the Canadian Government, the RM of Gimli, The Asper Foundation, BellMTS, ChangeMakers, Gimli Pharmasave, IBAM, and William F. White International.

**We look forward to seeing everyone next year for the 18th annual
Gimli Film Festival, July 25 – 29, 2018.**

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Full List of Sunday Films & Events

In The Name of All Canadians FREE

July 30, 2017 from 10am to 12pm

Lady of The Lake Theatre

Graduation (Baccalaureate)

July 30, 2017 from 10am to 12:08pm

Gimli Theatre

MTYP's Movie Magic Camp – Premiere Screenings

July 30, 2017 from 10am to 11am

Gimli Unitarian Church - Aspire Theatre

BellMTS Stories From Home 3: Beyond the Limelight

July 30, 2017 from 12pm to 1:22pm

Gimli Unitarian Church - Aspire Theatre

Directing and Acting Workshop with Sean Garrity FREE

July 30, 2017 from 12:30pm to 4:30pm

Johnson Hall

Dim the Fluorescents

July 30, 2017 from 12:30pm to 2:38pm

Lady of The Lake Theatre

A Better Man

July 30, 2017 from 12:30pm to 1:49pm

Gimli Theatre

BellMTS Stories From Home 4: Concerto

July 30, 2017 from 2pm to 2:46pm

Gimli Unitarian Church - Aspire Theatre

Canada 150 Manitoba Short Films - Winnipeg Film Group

July 30, 2017 from 3pm to 4:14pm

Lady of The Lake Theatre

Lovesick

July 30, 2017 from 3pm to 4:31pm

Gimli Theatre

Acts and Intermissions w/ More Dangerous Than a Thousand Rioters

July 30, 2017 from 3:30pm to 4:27pm

Gimli Unitarian Church - Aspire Theatre

More Dangerous Than a Thousand Rioters w/ Acts and Intermissions

July 30, 2017 from 3:30pm to 3:37pm

Gimli Unitarian Church - Aspire Theatre

Canada 150 Manitoba Short Films - Video Pool

July 30, 2017 from 5pm to 5:49pm

Lady of The Lake Theatre

A Ghost Story

July 30, 2017 from 5:30pm to 6:57pm

Gimli Theatre

Reykjavík

July 30, 2017 from 5:30pm to 7:02pm

Gimli Unitarian Church - Aspire Theatre

Canadian Short Films

July 30, 2017 from 6:30pm to 7:40pm

Lady of The Lake Theatre

Best of Fest

July 30, 2017 from 8pm to 10pm

Gimli Theatre

RUMBLE: The Indians Who Rocked The World w/ Apples and Indians

July 30, 2017 from 8pm to 9:30pm

Gimli Unitarian Church - Aspire Theatre

Out of Thin Air

July 30, 2017 from 8:30pm to 9:55pm

Lady of The Lake Theatre

The Neverending Story

July 30, 2017 from 10pm to 11:42pm

Gimli Beach - RBC Sunset Screenings

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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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