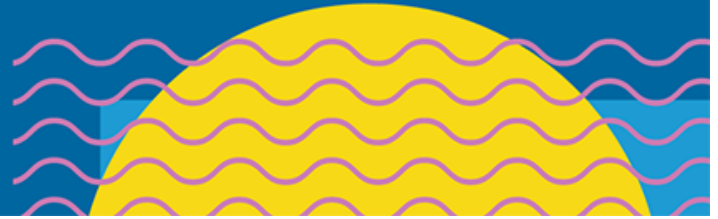


JULY 25-29 2018

GIMLI FILM FESTIVAL



GIMLI FILM FESTIVAL RELEASES ITS 2018 PROGRAM

WINNIPEG - June 21, 2018 - Today, the Gimli Film Festival announced its 2018 lineup of 111 diverse and acclaimed films at their media conference at Manitoba Theatre for Young People.

This year, Gimli Film Festival is celebrating 18 years of showcasing critical, engaging and entertaining cinema. The 2018 Festival will host six world premieres, five Canadian premieres, ten Western Canadian premieres and 21 Manitoba premieres. The films are presented through eight distinct film series including The Future is Female, DOC35 Retrospective, Indigenous, Icelandic, LGBTTQ*, Northern Lights, Manitoba and Social Justice.

GFF is proud to announce that 46 per cent of this year's program is made-up of films written or directed by women!

To celebrate this achievement, the Festival will kick off on Wednesday, July 25 with a double feature opening night screening of two women-directed films, *Shirkers* and *690 Vopnafjörður*. Sandi Tan's *Shirkers* is the winner of Sundance Film Festival's World Cinema Documentary Award and follows Tan's lost film she made as a teenager in 1992 to its rediscovery 20 years later. *690 Vopnafjörður* presents an intimate look at a remote Icelandic fishing community and will be the film's Canadian premiere. The film's director Karna Sigurðardóttir is one of two featured Icelandic guests attending the 2018 Festival, along with Ása Hjörleifsdóttir for her film *The Swan* (TIFF 2017).

This year's festival also includes the Western Canadian premiere of the 2018 Sundance Grand Jury winner, *The Miseducation of Cameron Post*. Attending the festival will be Canadian filmmaker Kathleen Hepburn whose film *Never Steady, Never Still* garnered eight Canadian Screen Award nominations this year, and Simon Plouffe, whose 2018 film *Those Who Come Will Hear* recently won awards at Ann Arbor Film Festival and DOXA Documentary Film Festival 2018.

GFF will be presenting six awards this year. At Saturday night's award reception, the *Alda Award* will be presented to Guy Maddin for his outstanding contributions to the art of cinema as a filmmaker working in the circumpolar nations. Local filmmaker Elise Swerhone will receive the *Jack Clements "Livin' the Dream" Lifetime Achievement Award* for her long-term contributions to the local film industry. New this year is an award for *Best Manitoba Director* presented by Directors Guild of Canada and Manitoba Shorts in Competition's *Best Female and Male lead performance* presented by ACTRA Manitoba.

Saturday evening will also host a *Rock & Roll Movie Night*. The event will feature Juno & Polaris-prize nominated Saskatoon rock band *Shooting Guns* performing their live soundtrack to F.W. Murnau's classic 1922 vampire film *Nosferatu*. Local favourites Doreen Girard and Marie-France Hollier will also perform a live expanded cinema performance, alongside an installation by Manitoba filmmaker Scott Fitzpatrick. This event is free for Super Pass holders, filmmakers, sponsors and volunteers, and tickets are available to the general public.

The full festival schedule is now live on gimlifilm.com. Visit the Gimli Film Festival website and app for all Festival news, schedules, ticket sales, volunteer registration and merchandise.

RBC Sunset Screenings:

The RBC Sunset Screenings take place each night at 10 p.m. on the Gimli Beach with the scenic open water as a backdrop.

WEDNESDAY, July 25th – A League of Their Own (Penny Marshall)

Two sisters join the first female professional baseball league and struggle to help it succeed amidst their own growing rivalry.

THURSDAY, July 26th – Phantom of the Paradise (Brian De Palma)

A disfigured composer sells his soul for the woman he loves so that she will perform his music. However, an evil record tycoon betrays him and steals his music to open his rock palace, The Paradise.

FRIDAY, July 27th - DOUBLE FEATURE

Dazed and Confused (Richard Linklater)

The adventures of high school and junior high students on the last day of school in May 1976. An American coming-of-age comedy film written and directed by Richard Linklater.

The Big Lebowski (Joel & Ethan Coen) – MIDNIGHT

“The Dude” Lebowski, mistaken for a millionaire Lebowski, seeks restitution for his ruined rug and enlists his bowling buddies to help get it.

SATURDAY, July 28th – Stand by Me (Rob Reiner)

After learning that a stranger has been accidentally killed near their rural homes, four Oregon boys decide to go see the body. Just a lark at first, the boys’ adventure evolves into a defining event in their lives.

SUNDAY, July 29th – The Great Outdoors (dir. Howard Deutch, writer John Hughes)

A Chicago man’s hope for a peaceful family vacation in the woods is shattered when the annoying in-laws drop in.

2018 Special Events:

- The Future is Female* Mentorship Program – Friday, July 27
- DOC Day Afternoon – Friday, July 27
- RBC Beach Boardwalk – 6:30 – 9:30 p.m., Friday, July 27 & Saturday, July 28 (Free)
- \$10,000 RBC Emerging Filmmaker Competition – 10 a.m., Saturday, July 28 (Free)
- Winnipeg Film Group 48 Hour Film Contest – 3 p.m., Saturday, July 28
- MB Short Films in Competition: Audience Choice presented by MFM – 12:30 p.m., Saturday, July 28
- Filmmakers Meet & Greet – 5:30 p.m., Saturday, July 28 sponsored by HUB International Insurance Brokers
- Awards Reception – 7 p.m., Saturday, July 28 sponsored by Gled Vid Investment Company
- Rock n’ Roll Movie Night – 9 p.m., Saturday, July 28
- Best of Fest – 8 p.m. Sunday, July 29 – sponsored by Outlet Collection Winnipeg
- Screening of Young Filmmakers from MTYP Movie Magic Camp – 10 a.m., Sunday, July 29

Passes are on sale now!

Super Pass - \$110

Access to all films plus special events.
100 Super Passes available.

Film Pass - \$80

Access to films only.
150 Film Passes available.

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.
50 Filmmakers Passes available

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

Individual Film Tickets - \$10

GFF Box Office:

Guarantee your seat. On June 30, our GFF Box Office opens sponsored by Red River Co-op! Individual film tickets will go on sale through the GFF Box Office and online. Pass holders will be able to order tickets to secure their seats.

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Located in Tara's Corner, entrance on 1st Ave.

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The Gimli Film Festival is the largest film festival in Manitoba. Over the past seventeen 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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