

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



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GFF WILL SCREEN OVER 59 MANITOBA-MADE FILMS

GIMLI– July 18, 2018 - The 18th annual Gimli Film Festival (GFF) is gearing up to go in one week! This year, GFF will screen 59 Manitoba films that showcase the amazing talent coming out of the prairies.

“The film community in Manitoba is extremely supportive and consistently produces captivating and dynamic cinema that we can’t wait to share with our film fans,” says GFF Festival Director Leona Johnson. “With the Festival only a week away, we’re looking forward to welcoming all of our guests to Gimli.”

Many local filmmakers will be in attendance including Guy Maddin whose film *Archangel* will be screening on Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Aspire Theatre. Maddin will receive the Alda Award this year recognizing his dynamic career that started with the release of *Tales from the Gimli Hospital* in 1988. Elise Swerhone will receive the Jack Clements “Livin’ the Dream” Award for her outstanding contributions to the Manitoba film industry.

Other Manitoba filmmakers in attendance include director Andy Blicq for his film *A Song for John Ramsay*, and Cam Patterson director of *Aboard the Namao*, a documentary on the state of Lake Winnipeg. John Barnard director of *Bachman*, Shelagh Carter director of *Before Anything You Say*, Katharina Stieffenhofer director of *From Seed to Seed*, and Dave Barber co-director of *Tales from the Winnipeg Film Group* will also be in attendance.

This year, GFF will present two new distinct awards celebrating Manitoba film excellence. The first award for Best Manitoban Director is presented by the Directors’ Guild of Manitoba and will be announced at the Awards Reception on Saturday evening. Nominees include Shelagh Carter for her feature-length film, *Before Anything You Say*, Erin Hembrador for her short-film *Piece of Mind*, and Ryan Steel for his short film *The Birdwatcher*.

Also new this year is an award for Best Performance for male and female actors presented by ACTRA Manitoba during the Manitoba Short Films in Competition program alongside Manitoba Film & Music’s Audience Choice award for best Manitoba short film.

GFF continues to be a destination for filmmakers. This year, the festival welcomes two Icelandic filmmakers: Karna Sigurðardóttir (*690 Vopnafjörður*) and Ása Helga Hjörleifsdóttir (*The Swan*). Canadian directors Kathleen Hepburn (*Never Steady, Never Still*), Simon Plouffe (*Those Who Come, Will Hear*) and Christy Garland (*What Walaa Wants*) will also be attending the festival to introduce their films along with *Transformer* producer Paul Kemp. All of these filmmakers will be on hand to introduce their films and answer audience Q & As.

Film fans can purchase their passes and tickets online at gimlifilm.com, through the GFF APP or at the GFF Box Office. The GFF Box Office is open next on Saturday, July 21 and will be open for the duration of the festival.

RBC Sunset Screenings:

Wednesday, July 25 @ 10 p.m. – A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN

dir. Penny Marshall

Two sisters join the first female professional baseball league and struggle to help it succeed amidst their own growing rivalry.
Rated PG – Drama – 1992 – 2 hr 8 min

Thursday, July 26 @ 10 p.m. – PHANTOM OF THE PARADISE

dir. 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.
Rated PG – fantasy/musical – 1974 – 1 hr 32 min

Friday, July 27 @ 10 p.m. – DAZED AND CONFUSED

dir. 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.
Rated 14A – comedy – 1993 – 1 hr 42 min

Friday, July 27 @ Midnight – THE BIG LEBOWSKI

dirs. Joel & Ethan Coen

“The Dude” Lebowski, mistaken for a millionaire Lebowski, seeks restitution for his ruined rug and enlists his bowling buddies to help get it.
Rated 18A – comedy – 1998 – 1 hr 57 min

Saturday, July 28 @ 10 p.m. – STAND BY ME

dir. 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.
Rated PG – adventure/family – 1986 – 1 hr 29 min

Sunday, July 29 @ 10 p.m. – 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.
Rated PG – comedy/family – 1988 – 1 hr 31 min

2018 Special Events:

- **Opening Ceremony** – Wednesday, July 25
- **Trivia/Quiz Night at Ship & Plough** – Thursday, July 26
- **Future is Female Mentorship Program** – Friday, July 27
- **Women in View Panel** – Friday, July 27
- **DOC Day Afternoon** – Friday, July 27
- **RBC Beach Boardwalk** - Friday, July 27 and Saturday, July 28 from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
- **\$10,000 RBC Emerging Filmmaker Competition – FREE** – Saturday, July 28
- **WFG 48 Film Fest** - Saturday, July 28
- **MB Short Films in Competition: Audience Choice presented by MFM**
- **Filmmaker Meet & Greet** – Saturday, July 28
- **Awards Reception** – Saturday, July 28
- **Rock n’ Roll Movie Night** – Saturday, July 28
- **Karaoke at the Ship & Plough** – Saturday, July 28
- **Best of Fest presented by Outlet Collection Winnipeg** – Sunday, July 29
- **Movie Magic for Kids Film Screening** – Screening of films by aspiring young filmmakers involved in the Movie Magic Camp in Gimli with MTYP! – **Sunday, July 29**

Passes and Tickets:

Passes on sale now!

Super Pass - \$110

Access to all films plus special events.

Film Pass - \$80

Access to films only.

150 Film Passes available.

***Only 29 left!**

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

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

Individual Film Tickets - \$10

GFF Box Office:

Guarantee your seat. Individual film tickets are on sale through the GFF Box Office, GFF APP and online. Pass holders can reserve their tickets to secure their seats.

73 1st Ave – Lakeview Resort

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