

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



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### **GIMLI FILM FESTIVAL WILL KICK-OFF WITH THREE WOMEN-DIRECTED FILMS**

**GIMLI – July 24, 2018** – On Wednesday, Manitoba’s largest film festival opens with a double feature screening. The evening starts at 6 p.m. with Sandi Tan’s *Shirkers*. Sandi Tan revisits work she made as a teenager in 1992 with her friend and their mentor, Georges Cardona. The trio set out to make Singapore’s first indie road movie, but the original footage was lost along with her American mentor. Twenty years later the footage is rediscovered, and Tan, now a novelist in America, sets out across continents to find out what happened. *Shirkers* is the winner of the Sundance 2018 Documentary World Cinema Award.

Karna Sigurðardóttir’s documentary, *690 Vopnafjörður*, will follow. This documentary follows the daily lives of the 645 inhabitants of a small village in Iceland where underpopulation puts pressure on the community. The film explores the societal reasons people stay or leave Vopnafjörður. Sigurðardóttir will be in an attendance and will introduce her film.

Both films’ pre-reserved tickets are sold out. Half of the tickets are reserved for rush seating and will be available for purchase at the door. Films fans are encouraged to line-up early to get a seat.

Super Pass holders will have the added opportunity to attend the Opening Reception at 7 p.m. in Johnson Hall. The event will include a mix and mingle with Film Festival staff and board as well sponsors, visiting filmmakers and community representatives. The Opening Reception will feature appetizers and dainties provided by Bergmann’s on Lombard and Afi’s Baking, wine by De Luca Fine Wines and beer provided by Nonsuch Brewing Co.

The day closes out at 10 p.m. with Penny Marshall’s *A League of Their Own*. This is the first of six RBC Sunset Screenings on Gimli Beach. This women-directed feature tells the story of two sisters playing in the first women’s professional baseball league, while facing their own growing rivalry.

The first day of the Festival highlights GFF’s initiative to bolster women-driven cinema. GFF is excited to celebrate the work of women filmmakers by opening the Festival with three women-directed films. Forty-six per cent of this year’s program is made up of films written or directed by women.

### **Wednesday Films**

#### **Shirkers**

July 25, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 7:38 p.m.  
Lady of The Lake Theatre

#### **690 Vopnafjörður**

July 25, 2018 from 8 p.m. to 8:57 p.m.  
Lady of The Lake Theatre

#### **A League of Their Own**

July 25, 2018 from 10 p.m. to 12:08 a.m.  
Gimli Beach – RBC Sunset Screening

### **Passes and Tickets:**

#### **Super Pass - \$110**

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**

#### **GFF Box Office:**

Guarantee your seat. Individual film tickets are on sale through the GFF Box Office and online.

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