



The 19th Gimli Film Festival runs July 24 - 28, 2019

## GIMLI FILM FESTIVAL RELEASES THE 2019 PROGRAM

**WINNIPEG - June 26, 2019** - Today, the Gimli Film Festival announced its 2019 lineup of over 120 diverse and acclaimed films at the GFF Media Conference at Nonsuch Brewing Co.

This year, the Gimli Film Festival is celebrating 19 years of showcasing critical, engaging and entertaining cinema. The films are presented through a variety of distinct film series and special events; The Future is Female\*, Indigenous, Icelandic, Northern Lights, Manitoba, and Social Justice along with nine short film programs.

GFF is proud to screen 69 women-initiated projects in this year's program. GFF works to reflect gender parity in its programming.

The Festival will kick off on Wednesday, July 24, and it all begins with the documentary *For Sama*, an incredible and intimate story of war and family told from the perspective of a woman living through the Syrian war. The documentary picked up awards at Cannes, Hot Docs, and SXSW.

Next is the Canadian premiere of *Jawline* – winner of the Special Jury Prize at Sundance 2019. This intimate documentary follows a down-and-out teenager in rural Tennessee as he struggles to escape his hometown by becoming a social media celebrity in the post-millennial digital world of “live broadcast”.

A special focus of the 2019 Festival is “Cinema Outside the Box,” a special showcase of cinematic performances, video installations and virtual reality experiences that seek to reimagine film & video outside of the traditional theatre setting. As part, GFF is presenting a special Saturday Night Event featuring live projections and music from Mexico City, the United Kingdom, Saskatoon and Winnipeg.

GFF will present a number of annual and new awards at Saturday night's GFF Awards Reception. The Alda Award will be presented to famed Canadian actress with Winnipeg roots Wendy Crewson. This award recognizes the outstanding achievements of a filmmaker or actor from circumpolar nations. Manitoba Film & Music's CEO & Film Commissioner Carole Vivier will receive the Jack Clements “Livin' the Dream” Lifetime Achievement Award for her outstanding contributions to the local film industry.

New this year, APTN will present the Indigenous Spirit Award to the most deserving Indigenous filmmaker. The Directors Guild of Canada will be presenting the Best Manitoba Director Award for the second year. GFF audience members will vote for the Best of Fest Audience Choice Award, presented by Outlet Collection Winnipeg. And GFF will present the Grand Jury Prize as the top prize of the Festival.

The full festival schedule is now live on [gimlifilm.com](http://gimlifilm.com). Visit the Gimli Film Festival [website](#) for all Festival news, schedules, ticket sales and how to make the most of your festival experience.



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### **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. This year, GFF introduced thematic programming and this year's theme is Summer School –classic high school coming of age stories from the '80s to '00s.

WEDNESDAY, July 24th– Clueless (Amy Heckerling)

A rich high school student tries to boost a new pupil's popularity but reckons without affairs of the heart getting in the way.

THURSDAY, July 25th– Rushmore (Wes Anderson)

The extracurricular king of Rushmore Preparatory School is put on academic probation.

FRIDAY, July 26th –Mean Girls (Mark Waters)

Cady Heron is a hit with The Plastics, the A-list girl clique at her new school, until she makes the mistake of falling for Aaron Samuels, the ex-boyfriend of alpha Plastic Regina George.

SATURDAY, July 27th –School of Rock (Richard Linklater)

After being kicked out of his rock band, Dewey Finn becomes a substitute teacher of an uptight elementary private school, only to try and turn them into a rock band.

SUNDAY, July 28th –The Breakfast Club (John Hughes)

Five high school students meet in Saturday detention and discover how they have a lot more in common than they thought.

### **2019 Special Events:**

- The Future is Female\* Mentorship Program – Friday, July 26
- RBC Beach Boardwalk – Friday, July 26 & Saturday, July 27 | 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
- \$10,000 RBC Emerging Filmmaker Pitch Competition – Saturday, July 27
- Winnipeg Film Group 48 Hour Film Competition - Saturday, July 27
- Manitoba Short Films in Competition: Audience Choice presented by MFM – Saturday, July 27
- Filmmakers Meet & Greet – Saturday, July 27
- Awards Reception – Saturday, July 27
- Cinema Outside of the Box – Saturday, July 27
- Best of Fest – Sunday, July 28 – sponsored by Outlet Collection Winnipeg

### **Passes are on sale now!**

Super Pass - \$110

Access to all films plus special events.

Film Pass - \$80

Access to films only.



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Film Community Pass - \$90

To purchase a Film Community Pass you must be a practicing filmmaker and possess a membership to a local film organization.

Individual Film Tickets - \$10

**GFF Box Office:**

Guarantee your seat. On June 29, our GFF Box Office is fuelled by Red River Co-op and 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.

73 1st Ave – Lakeview Resort

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 last eighteen years, our audience, sponsors and partners have supported and shaped the festival into what it is today. Join us for critical, engaging and entertaining cinema from the most promising Manitoban and Canadian filmmakers and an exceptional selection of feature films and documentaries from around the world!*

- *Four indoor venues and the popular RBC Sunset Screenings: Free on-the-beach movies!*
- *Local and Canadian premieres of award-winning films from around the world*
- *Over \$11,000 awarded in pitch competitions & film competitions*
- *Q & As with filmmakers*
- *Workshop and panels for aspiring filmmakers*
- *Special Events*

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