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Songs of Earth

MARGRETH OLIN, NORWAY, 2023, 90 MIN.

FROM FRI MAY 24

VCT

Some films are photographed and edited with such care and skill, you feel like you can breathe the air, smell the spring growth, feel the ground beneath your feet. Such a film is *Songs of Earth*, a visually stunning ode to the fjords, glaciers, lakes and mountains of Norway, where 84-year-old Jorgen has lived his entire life in the home where filmmaker Margreth Olin was born. Executive produced by Wim Wenders and Liv Ullmann, the film is as much a sensory experience as any Hollywood spectacular. But it's also much more than that, a profound meditation on being in — and of — nature, a love letter from a daughter to her father, and a rueful reflection on mortality.

In Norwegian with English subtitles.

FEAT Jørgen Mykle, Magnhild Mykløen



Sweetland

CHRISTIAN SPARKES, CANADA, 2023, 105 MIN.

FRI MAY 17

2:00PM

VCT

SAT MAY 18

7:15PM

VCT

SUN MAY 19

4:00PM

VCT

TUE MAY 21

6:10PM

LOC

THU MAY 23

8:00PM

VCT

The government is ready to resettle the far-flung fishing community of Sweetland, Newfoundland with a healthy pay-out — but only if the entire community signs up for the move. Retired fisherman Moses is one of the last hold-outs. He's lived here his entire life, and he's not ready to put his ghosts behind him. This sensitive adaptation of a novel by Michael Crummey is distinguished by its beautiful cinematography and a formidable central performance from Mark Lewis Jones.

CAST Mark Lewis Jones, Sara Canning, Mary Walsh



Mother's Day Deal

Two tickets

\$15

Mothers Day Movie: Lady Bird

GRETA GERWIG, USA, 2017, 94 MIN.

SUN MAY 12

12:00PM

VCT

Ask anyone about their relationship with their mother, you never get a short answer. Greta Gerwig's first film as writer-director is a delightful, painful comedy about "Lady Bird" McPherson (Saoirse Ronan), a Sacramento teen on the point of swapping high school for college, and her hard-working mom, Marion (Laurie Metcalf). If Lady Bird can't wait to reinvent herself, Marion agrees there is plenty of room for improvement. But they're more alike than either fully appreciates.

"Big-screen perfection ... exceptionally well-written, full of wordplay and lively argument.... You will almost certainly love it." AO SCOTT, *NEW YORK TIMES*

CAST Saoirse Ronan, Laurie Metcalf, Tracy Letts, Lucas Hedges, Timothée Chalamet, Beanie Feldstein



The Concierge

YOSHIMI ITAZU, JAPAN, 2023, 70 MIN.

SUN MAY 12

2:15PM

VCT

SAT MAY 18

9:30PM

VCT

MON MAY 20

4:30PM

VCT

For Akino it's a big step: measuring up to the impeccable customer service standards at the prestigious Hokkyakko Department Store, where she is their newest concierge, tasked with ensuring that each client leaves the building satisfied, no matter how demanding his/her expectations. And one more thing, the store's caters exclusively to animals, including (the VIPs) extinct species... Yoshimi Itazu's lighthearted anime is a wry look at the best—and worst—aspects of a career in the service industry.

In Japanese with English subtitles.

CAST Natsumi Kawaida, Takeo Otsuka, Kenjiro Tsuda



Terrestrial Verses

ALIREZA KHATAMI, ALI ASGARI, IRAN, 2023, 77 MIN.

SUN MAY 12

3:00PM, 7:00PM

LOC

THU MAY 16

9:00PM

LOC

Adopting a formally rigorous, single-take aesthetic which places the audience in the position of authority figures across nine interrogation scenes, *Terrestrial Verses* builds to a powerful cumulative effect, painting an overwhelming portrait of everyday life under an authoritarian theocratic regime. "A thoroughly modern work of bracing concision, elegance and blistering deadpan humor, one that pulses with sorrow and outrage." *HOLLYWOOD REPORTER*

"Devastating" RYAN LATTANZIO, *INDIEWIRE*

In Persian with English subtitles.

CAST Bahram Ark, Arghavan Shabani, Servin Zabetian, Sadaf Asgari, Faezeh Rad, Hossein Soleymani



The Three Musketeers - Part II: Milady

MARTIN BOURBOULON, FRANCE, 2023, 115 MIN.

SUN MAY 12

6:30PM

VCT

MON MAY 13

8:40PM

VCT

FRI MAY 17

2:20PM

LOC

SUN MAY 19

12:00PM

LOC

Picking up right on the heels of Part I (the two films were shot at the same time), this is the second half of the seminal Alexandre Dumas swashbuckler, shot through with wit, swagger and spectacularly dynamic action scenes. Although Milady (the perfectly cast Eva Green) appeared to perish at the end of the previous installment, you can't keep a bad woman down, apparently, and she's back to seduce D'Artagnan even as war breaks out and Athos, Porthos and Aaramis are sent to the front...

In French with English subtitles.

CAST Eva Green, Vincent Cassel, Louis Garrel, Romain Duris, François Civil, Vicky Krieps



The Last Stop in Yuma County

FRANCIS GALLUPPI, USA, 2023, 90 MIN.

SUN MAY 12

8:40PM

LOC

MON MAY 13

8:25PM

LOC

THU MAY 16

5:00PM

LOC

It's the last gas for 200 miles. Except this morning, the fuel truck hasn't shown up, so there's no gas. Half a dozen travellers have no choice but to wait it out in the diner next door: a salesman (Jim Cummings), an elderly couple on vacation, a local who likes to shoot the shit with the waitress... and two bank robbers just itching to get the hell out of Yuma. Francis Galluppi's sun-baked neo-noir harks back to *Reservoir Dogs* and *Red Rock West*: it's clammy (the air-con is out), mean, and it takes no prisoners.

"It's a film you won't forget for a long, long time." JENNIE KERMODE, *Eye for Film*

CAST Jim Cummings, Jocelin Donahue, Sierra McCormick, Nicholas Logan, Michael Abbott Jr., Connor Paolo



La Chimera

ALICE ROHRWACHER, ITALY/FRANCE/SWITZERLAND, 2023, 130 MIN.

FRI MAY 17

4:20PM

VCT

SAT MAY 18

5:30PM

LOC

SUN MAY 19

7:00PM

LOC

TUE MAY 21

8:10PM

LOC

Rohrwacher's first feature since *Happy As Lazzaro* is an exhilaratingly wild, mysterious, rough and tumble tale of a disheveled English tomb raider living with a roisterous group of Italian bohemians. Arthur (Josh O'Connor) has the gift of divination: he sniffs out ancient Etruscan graves and the treasures within. This spirited movie is rooted in the rude, earthy traditions of Pasolini and Rossellini; it's an authentic film of the land and the people who live on it, not to mention those buried underneath.

In Italian and English with English subtitles.

CAST Josh O'Connor, Isabella Rossellini, Alba Rohrwacher, Carol Duarte, Vincenzo Nemolato

Best Screenplay, Grand Prize of the Jury Cannes 2023



Wilfred Buck

LISA JACKSON, CANADA, 2024, 96 MIN.

FRI MAY 17

7:15PM

LOC

SAT MAY 18

5:15PM

VCT

SUN MAY 19

6:15PM

VCT

MON MAY 20

5:50PM

LOC

THU MAY 23

5:50PM

LOC

"The star guy", Wilfred Buck is our guide to the ancient astrology of the First Nations, who have their own constellations and associated myths and legends. The film is also an account of his own deeply troubled youth, as recounted in his memoir, *I Have Lived Four Lives* (and staged in re-enactments here). But it's the force of his generosity, curiosity and community spirit which makes this such an uplifting movie, as well as a fascinating glimpse into a whole new (old) way of understanding the cosmos.

In English and Cree with English subtitles.

FEAT Brandon Alexis, Raymond Chartrand, Ed Azure, Ethan Neckoway, Caine Robinson, Moe McGillivray



They Shot the Piano Player

FERNANDO TREUBA, JAVIER MARISCAL, SPAIN/FRANCE, 2023, 103 MIN.

FRI MAY 17

9:30PM

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SAT MAY 18

8:10PM

LOC

SUN MAY 19

4:50PM

LOC

MON MAY 20

7:50PM

LOC

WED MAY 22

6:30PM

LOC

Chico & Rita team Fernando Trueba and animator Javier Mariscal return with another animated musical docu-fiction, this time the story of Francisco Tenório Jr, a brilliant Brazilian pianist murdered while touring Argentina in 1976, at the age of 35. Jeff Goldblum voices the American writer who becomes obsessed with finding everything about Tenório: his part in the Bossa Nova explosion which also brought us João Gilberto, Caetano Veloso, Gilberto Gil and so many other greats; Why he was killed, and by whom?

In English, Portuguese, and Spanish with English subtitles.

CAST Jeff Goldblum, Gilberto Gil, Caetano Veloso, Joao Gilberto, Vinicius de Moraes



Pantheon, The Greatest Films of All Time: Daisies

VERA CHYTILOVA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, 1966, 76 MIN.

SUN MAY 19

11:00AM

VCT

TUE MAY 21

5:50PM

VCT

This programme highlights two landmarks in feminist film. Maya Deren's surrealist 14-minute *Meshes of the Afternoon* (1943) prefigures the work of Kenneth Anger, David Lynch and many others, and was voted the 16th greatest film of all time in *Sight & Sound's* 2022 poll. Vera Chytilová (born 1929) was the first woman to study directing at the famous Czech film school FAMU. Her second feature, the radically confrontational satire *Daisies*, was promptly banned in her home country. In the *Sight & Sound* poll, *Daisies* came 28th.

In Czech with English subtitles.

CAST Jitka Cerhova, Ivana Karbonava



Indigo Girls: It's Only Life After All

ALEXANDRIA BOMBACH, USA, 2023, 123 MIN.

MON MAY 20

8:30PM

VCT

THU MAY 23

5:30PM

VCT

Blending 40 years of home movies, raw film archive, and intimate present-day verité, this is a poignant reflection from Amy Ray & Emily Saliers of Indigo Girls – the iconic folk rock duo. Fans will be amazed at the wealth of archival material from the 1980s and 90s, but what's fascinating about the film is hearing how these two very different, complimentary personalities see their story, and in particular how they navigated being gay at a time when homophobia was a kneejerk reaction in the culture.

FEAT Amy Ray, Emily Saliers

VIFF Live

Raagaverse Plays Bollywood

THU MAY 16

8:00PM

VCT

\$30



THE INFIDELS JAZZ

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Melding ancient and rich Hindustani melodies with dense and dynamic Jazz harmonies, Raagaverse is an exciting Indo-Jazz fusion project spearheaded by Shruti Ramani (voice) in a collaboration with the award-winning Jodi Proznick (bass), the supremely talented Noah Franche-Nolan (piano, Nord), and the fiery Nicholas Bracewell (drums). For this special show, Raagaverse will be delving into the vibrant world of Bollywood, from Lata Mangeshkar to AR Rahman. Shruti will share clips from the legendary Bollywood musicals which inspire her, complemented by the band's unique take on these songs.

VCT Vancity Theatre

First Look Fridays

LOC Lochmaddy Studio Theatre

We are proud to announce that the Studio Theatre is now called the Lochmaddy Studio Theatre.

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Evil Does Not Exist

RYŪSUKU HAMAGUCHI, JAPAN, 2023, 106 MIN.

SUN MAY 12	4:10PM, 8:55PM	VCT
MON MAY 13	6:20PM	VCT
THU MAY 16	4:20PM	VCT
THU MAY 16	6:50PM	LOC
FRI MAY 17	4:45PM	LOC
SAT MAY 18	3:15PM	LOC
SUN MAY 19	8:15PM	VCT
WED MAY 22	6:00PM	VCT

After the international success of the Oscar-winning *Drive My Car*, writer-director Ryūsuke Hamaguchi turned away from the noise and quietly made this small-scale independent film, a work of simplicity and grace about a rural community and the developers who want to build a “glamping” retreat. His hero, Takumi, is a taciturn woodsman whose natural authority the developers seek to co-opt, but things don’t quite work out that way. This is a measured, patient movie that asks us to watch, absorb, and reflect.

In Japanese with English subtitles.

CAST Hitoshi Omika, Ryo Nishikawa, Ryuji Kosaka, Ayaka Shibutani, Hazuki Kikuchi



Ryuichi Sakamoto | Opus

NEO SORA, JAPAN, 2023, 102 MIN.

SUN MAY 12	4:45PM	LOC
WED MAY 22	8:45PM	LOC

Filmed across a week at his home just a few months before he died from cancer, this simple, pensive, poignant concert film comprises 20 pieces selected and performed by Ryuichi Sakamoto from across his long and prolific career, from his popstar Yellow Magic Orchestra period, to his magnificent film scores (*The Last Emperor*; *Merry Christmas Mr Lawrence*), to music from his meditative final album, *12*. A celebration of an artist’s life in the purest sense, *Ryuichi Sakamoto | Opus* is the definitive swan song of the beloved maestro.

“A glorious final performance.” *VARIETY*

In Japanese with English subtitles.



July Rhapsody

ANN HUI, HONG KONG, 2002, 103 MIN.

FRI MAY 17	7:00PM	VCT
SAT MAY 18	3:00PM	VCT
SUN MAY 19	1:45PM	VCT
MON MAY 20	6:20PM	VCT
TUE MAY 21	7:50PM	VCT
THU MAY 23	7:45PM	LOC

Jacky Cheung plays Lam Yiu-kwok, a high school teacher facing a midlife crisis. Relations with his wife (Anita Mui in her last screen performance) are strained—not least when an ex-lover, the father of her first child—reaches out from his sick bed, wanting to reconcile before he dies. And then there’s Choi-lam (Karen Lam), a precocious student who has a crush on him and won’t let him forget it. (A Vancouverite by birth, Lam won multiple awards at both the Hong Kong and Golden Horse Awards for her performance.)

New 4K Restoration

In Cantonese with English subtitles.

CAST Jacky Cheung, Anita Mui, Karen Lam



Perfect Days

WIM WENDERS, JAPAN/GERMANY, 2023, 123 MIN.

MON MAY 13	5:50PM	LOC
SUN MAY 19	2:20PM	LOC
WED MAY 22	8:15PM	VCT

Widely acclaimed as Wim Wenders’ best (fiction) film since his glory days in the 1980s, *Perfect Days* is a humanist character study steeped in the director’s admiration for the cinema of Yasujiro Ozu and, as British critic Mark Kermode suggested, an exercise in mindful moviemaking. Koji Yakusho (*Shall We Dance*; *Cure*; *Tokyo Sonata*) stars as Hirayama, whose menial work cleaning public toilets is off-set by his rich interior life; his appreciation for music (Lou Reed; The Kinks; Van Morrison), literature and nature.

In Japanese with English subtitles.

CAST Koji Yakusho, Yumi Asō, Tokio Emoto, Sayuri Ishikawa, Tomokazu Miura, Min Tanaka