



**Wallace & Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl** Best of 2024 Bong Joon-Ho  
 Retrospective Citizen Artist Activist... Lino Brocka New Spanish Cinema  
 The Count of Monte Cristo Vermiglio A New Kind of Wilderness VIFF  
 Live: Victor Noriega's Kuyatet So Surreal: Behind the Masks Bribe, Inc. AND MORE



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The Count of Monte Cristo • VC  
1:00pm  
The End • LOC  
1:30pm  
Wallace & Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl • VC  
4:30pm  
Oh, Canada • LOC  
5:00pm  
Wallace & Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl • VC  
6:20pm  
The End • LOC  
7:00pm  
Who by Fire • VC  
8:10pm

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Wallace & Gromit ... • VC  
11:30am  
The End • LOC  
12:00pm  
Wallace & Gromit ... • VC  
1:30pm  
Oh, Canada • LOC  
3:00pm  
Wallace & Gromit ... • VC  
3:30pm  
It's a Wonderful Life • LOC  
5:00pm  
Wallace & Gromit ... • VC  
5:30pm  
The Count of Monte Cristo • VC  
7:30pm  
The Holdovers • LOC  
7:50pm

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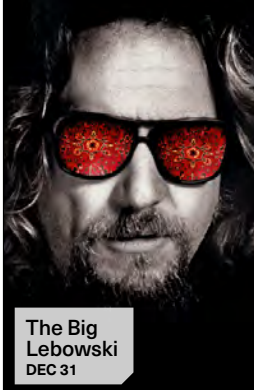
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The Count of Monte Cristo • VC  
3:30pm  
Relaxed Screening: Flow • LOC  
4:00pm  
The Holdovers • LOC  
6:00pm  
Who by Fire • VC  
7:00pm  
Nobody's Fool • LOC  
8:35pm

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Wallace & Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl • VC  
11:30am  
Wallace & Gromit ... • VC  
1:30pm  
Gremlins (40th Anniversary) • LOC  
2:45pm  
The Count of Monte Cristo • VC  
3:30pm  
Nobody's Fool (30th Anniversary) • LOC  
5:00pm  
Who by Fire • VC  
7:00pm  
The Holdovers • LOC  
7:30pm

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Wallace & Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl • VC  
11:30am  
It's a Wonderful Life • LOC  
12:30pm  
The Count of Monte Cristo • VC  
1:30pm  
Flow • LOC  
3:00pm



The Big Lebowski  
DEC 31

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Wallace & Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl • VC  
11:30am  
My National Gallery • LOC  
12:00pm  
The Count of Monte Cristo • VC  
1:30pm  
The Holdovers • LOC  
2:00pm  
Nobody's Fool (30th Anniversary) • LOC  
5:15pm  
Flow • LOC  
7:30pm  
Challengers • VC  
8:10pm

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Wallace & Gromit ... • VC  
11:30am  
My National Gallery • LOC  
12:00pm  
The Count of Monte Cristo • VC  
1:30pm  
So Surreal: Behind ... • LOC  
2:00pm  
Flow • LOC  
4:00pm  
Challengers • VC  
5:00pm  
The Adventures of Robin Hood • LOC  
6:00pm  
The Monk and the Gun • VC  
7:45pm

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Wallace & Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl • VC  
11:00am  
The Count of Monte Cristo • VC  
1:00pm  
My National Gallery • LOC  
3:30pm  
The Monk and the Gun • VC  
4:30pm  
So Surreal: Behind the Masks • LOC  
5:20pm  
About Dry Grasses • VC  
7:00pm  
My Favourite Year • LOC  
7:30pm

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Wallace & Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl • VC  
11:00am  
My National Gallery • LOC  
12:00pm  
Who by Fire • VC  
1:00pm  
Flow • LOC  
2:00pm  
My Favourite Year • LOC  
4:00pm  
About Dry Grasses • VC  
4:15pm  
The Adventures of Robin Hood • LOC  
6:00pm  
Good One • VC  
8:00pm  
So Surreal: Behind the Masks • LOC  
8:15pm

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Wallace & Gromit ... • VC  
11:00am  
My National Gallery • LOC  
12:00pm  
The Count of Monte ... • VC  
1:00pm  
Flow • LOC  
2:00pm  
So Surreal: Behind ... • LOC  
4:00pm  
Good One • VC  
4:30pm  
My Favourite Year • LOC  
6:00pm  
Love Lies Bleeding • VC  
6:30pm  
The Adventures of Robin Hood • LOC  
8:00pm  
I Saw the TV Glow • VC  
8:45pm

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Wallace & Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl • VC  
11:00am  
My National Gallery • LOC  
12:00pm  
The Count of Monte Cristo • VC  
1:00pm  
I Saw the TV Glow • LOC  
4:00pm  
Do Not Expect Too Much From the End of the World • VC  
4:30pm  
Love Lies Bleeding • LOC  
6:00pm  
The Big Lebowski • VC  
7:45pm

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Close Your Eyes • VC  
1:00pm  
Wallace & Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl • LOC  
1:30pm  
My National Gallery • LOC  
3:30pm  
Who by Fire • VC  
4:30pm  
Thelma • LOC  
5:30pm  
The Count of Monte Cristo • VC  
7:45pm  
All We Imagine as Light • LOC  
8:00pm

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Who by Fire • VC  
1:00pm  
Wallace & Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl • LOC  
1:30pm  
Close Your Eyes • LOC  
3:30pm  
Thelma • VC  
4:30pm  
All We Imagine as Light • VC  
6:40pm  
Do Not Expect Too Much From the End of the World • LOC  
7:00pm  
The Silence of the Lambs (4K Restoration) • VC  
9:00pm

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Vermiglio • VC  
2:00pm  
My National Gallery • LOC  
2:30pm  
Living Together • VC  
4:30pm  
Theater of Thought • LOC  
5:00pm  
New Spanish Cinema Opening Gala: The Teacher Who Promised the Sea • VC  
7:00pm

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New Spanish Cinema: Little Loves • VC  
2:30pm  
All We Imagine as Light • LOC  
3:00pm  
New Spanish Cinema: I Am Nevenka • VC  
4:30pm  
Theater of Thought • LOC  
5:00pm  
New Spanish Cinema: They Will Be Dust • VC  
7:00pm  
Living Together • LOC  
7:15pm  
The Silence of the Lambs (4K Restoration) • VC  
9:15pm

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The Sound of Music • VC  
11:00am  
So Surreal: Behind ... • LOC  
12:00pm  
All We Imagine as Light • LOC  
2:00pm  
New Spanish Cinema: The Teacher Who Promised the Sea • VC  
3:00pm  
Living Together • LOC  
4:30pm  
New Spanish Cinema: Rioja, Land of a Thousand Wines + Wine Tasting • VC  
5:30pm  
Theater of Thought • LOC  
6:15pm  
New Spanish Cinema: Little Loves • VC  
7:45pm  
Emilia Pérez • LOC  
8:30pm

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The Sound of Music • VC  
3:00pm  
Theater of Thought • LOC  
3:30pm  
So Surreal: Behind ... • LOC  
5:45pm  
New Spanish Cinema: They Will Be Dust • VC  
6:20pm  
Living Together • LOC  
7:45pm  
New Spanish Cinema: I Am Nevenka • VC  
8:40pm



The Sound of Music  
JAN 5 & 6

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Emilia Pérez • VC  
3:00pm  
Theater of Thought • LOC  
5:30pm  
New Spanish Cinema: Rioja, Land of a Thousand Wines • VC  
6:20pm  
All We Imagine as Light • LOC  
7:45pm  
New Spanish Cinema: The Teacher Who Promised the Sea • VC  
8:30pm

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Vermiglio • VC  
3:00pm  
All We Imagine as Light • LOC  
3:30pm  
So Surreal: Behind the Masks • VC  
5:30pm  
Theater of Thought • LOC  
6:00pm  
Vermiglio • VC  
7:30pm  
Living Together • LOC  
8:15pm



Emilia Pérez  
JAN 5, 7, 9

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Emilia Pérez • VC  
3:20pm  
Vermiglio • VC  
6:00pm  
Living Together • LOC  
6:30pm  
Theater of Thought • LOC  
8:10pm  
Vermiglio • VC  
8:30pm

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A New Kind of Wilderness • VC  
2:00pm  
Bob Dylan: Don't Look Back • LOC  
2:20pm  
Vermiglio • VC  
4:00pm  
Signed: Lino Brocka • LOC  
4:30pm  
Bona • VC  
6:30pm  
A New Kind of Wilderness • LOC  
7:00pm  
Vermiglio • VC  
8:30pm  
Bob Dylan: Don't ... • LOC  
9:00pm

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Vermiglio • VC  
1:30pm  
Arthur Erickson: Beauty Between the Lines • LOC  
3:30pm  
A New Kind of Wilderness • VC  
4:00pm  
Signed: Lino Brocka • LOC  
5:30pm  
VIFF Live: Victor Noriega's Kuyatet + Manila in the Claws of Light • VC  
7:15pm  
Bob Dylan: Don't Look Back • LOC  
8:00pm

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Vermiglio • VC  
1:30pm  
Signed: Lino Brocka • LOC  
2:30pm  
A New Kind of ... • VC  
4:00pm  
National Anarchist: Lino Brocka • LOC  
4:30pm  
Insiang • VC  
6:00pm  
Bob Dylan: Don't ... • LOC  
6:20pm  
Bona • VC  
8:00pm  
A New Kind of Wilderness • LOC  
8:20pm

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Vermiglio • VC  
5:00pm  
A New Kind of Wilderness • LOC  
5:30pm  
Signed: Lino Brocka • LOC  
7:15pm  
Vancouver Opera presents: The Terminal • VC  
7:30pm

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Arthur Erickson: Beauty Between the Lines • LOC  
5:00pm  
Bona • VC  
6:30pm  
Bob Dylan: Don't Look Back • LOC  
7:00pm  
Manila in the Claws of Light • VC  
8:30pm  
A New Kind of Wilderness • LOC  
9:00pm

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Vermiglio • VC  
4:30pm  
Arthur Erickson: Beauty Between the Lines • LOC  
5:00pm  
Bribe, Inc. + Q&A • VC  
7:30pm

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A New Kind of Wilderness • VC  
6:00pm  
Insiang • LOC  
6:30pm  
Vermiglio • VC  
8:00pm  
Bona • LOC  
8:30pm

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Bong 1-7  
Memories of Murder • VC  
6:20pm  
Mother • VC  
9:00pm

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Barking Dogs Never Bite • VC  
11:00am  
Memories of Murder • VC  
2:30pm  
The Host • VC  
6:00pm  
Snowpiercer • VC  
9:15pm

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PANTHEON: Parasite • VC  
11:00am  
Mother • VC  
3:00pm  
Okja • VC  
6:30pm  
Tokyo! • VC  
9:15pm

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Memories of Murder • VC  
6:20pm  
Tokyo! • LOC  
6:45pm  
Okja • VC  
9:00pm

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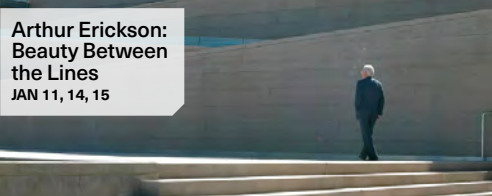
PANTHEON: Parasite • VC  
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Barking Dogs Never Bite • VC  
8:45pm



The Terminal  
JAN 13

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The Host • VC  
6:20pm  
Snowpiercer • VC  
8:45pm



Arthur Erickson: Beauty Between the Lines  
JAN 11, 14, 15



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Wallace & Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl

NICK PARK, MERLIN CROSSINGHAM, UK, 2024, 79 MIN.

WED DEC 18	6:30PM	VC
THU DEC 19	6:30PM	VC
FRI DEC 20	4:30PM, 6:20PM	VC
SAT DEC 21	11:30AM, 1:30PM, 3:30PM, 5:30PM	VC
DEC 22 - JAN 2	ADDITIONAL SCREENINGS	VC

Aardman Animation's handcrafted mix of dad jokes, slapstick, mock dramatics and understated emotion makes this return for the claymation odd couple a constant delight. The villainous Feathers McGraw is back to no good, com-mandering Norbot the robot.

**CAST** Ben Whitehead, Reece Shearsmith, Peter Kay, Lenny Henry, Diane Morgan, Adjoa Andoh



PG | \$10 Youth Tickets

The Count of Monte Cristo

MATTHIEU DELAPORTE, ALEXANDRE DE LA PATELLIERE, FRANCE, 2024, 178 MIN.

FRI DEC 20	1:00PM	VC
SAT DEC 21	7:30PM	VC
SUN DEC 22	3:30PM	VC
MON DEC 23	3:30PM	VC
DEC 24 - JAN 1	ADDITIONAL SCREENINGS	VC

You can't beat this evergreen Alexandre Dumas tale for adventure, intrigue and romance. This lavish French blockbuster from the writers of the recent *Three Musketeers* movies pulls you in from the first scene and doesn't let off for the next three hours.

*In French, Italian, English with English subtitles.*

**CAST** Pierre Niney, Anais Demoustier, Vassili Schneider, Anamaria Vartolomei, Laurent Lafitte



Lino Brocka: Bona (New 4k Restoration)

LINO BROCKA, PHILIPPINES, 1980, 88 MIN.

FRI JAN 10	6:30PM	VC
SUN JAN 12	8:00PM	VC
TUE JAN 14	6:30PM	VC
THU JAN 16	8:30PM	LOC

Philippine superstar Nora Aunor plays against type as Bona, a schoolgirl infatuated with a hunky supporting actor (Phillip Salvador as the noxious Gardo) in this kicky rediscovered Lino Brocka classic.

*In Tagalog with English subtitles.*

**CAST** Nora Aunor, Phillip Salvador, Marissa Delgado, Raquel Monteza



VIFF | Live: Victor Noriega's Kuyatet + Lino Brocka's Manila in the Claws of Light

LINO BROCKA, PHILIPPINES, 1975, 200 MIN.

SAT JAN 11	7:15PM	VC
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To celebrate our spotlight on Filipino director Lino Brocka, we are pairing a screening of *Manila in the Claws of Light* with an hour of jazz interpretations of Filipino music led by Victor Noriega, with his band Kuyatet ("Kuya" means "Brother" in Tagalog).

*In Tagalog with English subtitles.*

**CAST** Rafael Roco Jr (aka Bembol Roco), Hilda Koronel, Lou Salvador Jr.

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FRI 3 JAN, 2:00PM



FRI 10 JAN, 2:00PM

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Challengers

LUCA GUADAGNINO, USA, 2024, 131 MIN.  
THU DEC 26 8:10PM VC  
FRI DEC 27 5:00PM VC

Luca Guadagnino (*Queer; Call Me By Your Name*) snaps back into gear with this sexy, fun screwball comedy masquerading as a sports film. Frenemies Mike Faist and Josh O'Connor compete for the favours of Zendaya, on and off the tennis court.

"*Challengers* goes by in a flash. Its ending is an erotic thunderclap. By the time it's over, you don't know what smacked you, but it felt like love." STEPHANIE ZACHEREK, TIME

CAST Zendaya, Mike Faist, Josh O'Connor



About Dry Grasses

NURI BILGE CEYLAN, TURKEY/FRANCE/GERMANY, 2024, 197 MIN.  
SAT DEC 28 7:00PM VC  
SUN DEC 29 4:15PM VC

The latest from Turkish master Ceylan (*The Wild Pear Tree*) is a complex, multi-layered and ultimately lacerating portrait of an art teacher stuck in a rural backwater he can't wait to escape, accused of inappropriate behaviour by his favourite pupil.

In Turkish with English subtitles.

CAST Deniz Celloğlu, Merve Dizdar, Ece Bağcı, Musab Ekici



Love Lies Bleeding

ROSE GLASS, UK/USA, 2024, 104 MIN.  
MON DEC 30 6:30PM VC  
TUE DEC 31 6:00PM LOC

A pumped Kristen Stewart is our touchstone in this sexy queer neo-noir from Rose Glass (*Saint Maud*). Don't miss one of the wildest endings you will ever see.

CAST Kristen Stewart, Katy O'Brian, Jena Malone, Anna Barryshnikov, Ed Harris, Dave Franco



Do Not Expect Too Much From the End of the World

RADU JUDE, ROMANIA/LUXEMBOURG/FRANCE/CROATIA, 2023, 163 MIN  
TUE DEC 31 4:30PM VC  
THU JAN 2 7:00PM LOC

Radu Jude takes two days in the life of a stressed Romanian p.a. and gives us an urgent, pissed off, sourly funny polemic on the state of late capitalism. Exploitation, discrimination and hypocrisy are his targets; dialectics are his dynamite.

CAST Ilina Manolache, Ovidiu Pirșan, Nina Hoss, Dorina Lazăr, Katia Pascariu, Uwe Boll



Thelma

JOSH MARGOLIN, USA, 2024, 97 MIN.  
WED JAN 1 5:30PM LOC  
THU JAN 2 4:30PM VC

We've seen geriatric vigilante movies before but June Squibb, who recently turned 95, is definitely pushing the envelope. Squibb is a delight as a still independent senior scammed into posting bail for her beloved slacker grandson. Comedy of the year.

CAST June Squibb, Fred Hechinger, Richard Roundtree, Clark Gregg, Parker Posey, Malcolm McDowell



The Monk and the Gun

PAWO CHOYNING DORJI, BHUTAN/FRANCE/USA/TAIWAN, 2023, 107 MIN.  
FRI DEC 27 7:45PM VC  
SAT DEC 28 4:30PM VC

A monk sends his disciple on a surprising mission in this gentle, joyful Bhutanese comedy offering shrewd reflections from a culture far-removed from our own.

"A droll, shrewdly satirical fable, in which Western values crash against a seemingly intransigent (but potentially more enlightened) South Asian culture." PETER DEBRUGE, VARIETY

In Dzongkha and English with English subtitles.

CAST Tandin Wangchuk, Deki Lhamo, Pema Zangmo Sherpa, Tandin Sonam, Harry Einhorn



Good One

INDIA DONALDSON, USA, 2024, 89 MIN.  
SUN DEC 29 8:00PM VC  
MON DEC 30 4:30PM VC

This movie feels like a perfect short story. 17-year-old Sam (Lily Collias) gamely heads out on a camping weekend with her recently remarried dad (James LeGros) and his newly divorced buddy, Matt (Danny McCarthy). They bitch. She absorbs.

CAST Lily Collias, James LeGros, Danny McCarthy



I Saw the TV Glow

JANE SCHOENBRUN, USA, 2024, 100 MIN.  
MON DEC 30 8:45PM VC  
TUE DEC 31 4:00PM LOC

Two misfits are sucked into the deranged world of a supernatural TV show. Trans filmmaker Jane Schoenbrun taps into something deeply disquieting in ways that reverberate long after viewing.

CAST Justice Smith, Helena Howard, Brigitte Lundy-Paine, Ian Foreman, Fred Durst



Close Your Eyes

VICTOR ERICE, SPAIN, 2023, 169 MIN.  
WED JAN 1 1:00PM VC  
THU JAN 2 3:30PM LOC

Twenty years after the film he was directing fell apart when the leading man disappeared, Miguel (Manolo Solo) agrees to reopen the mystery for a TV show... He needs the money, and he's ready for a reckoning. A late masterpiece from Victor Erice.

In Spanish with English subtitles.

CAST Manolo Solo, José Coronado, Ana Torrent, Petra Martínez, María León, Mario Pardo, Helena Miquel, Antonio Dechent, José María Pou



All We Imagine as Light

PAYAL KAPADIA, INDIA/FRANCE, 2024, 115 MIN.  
WED JAN 1 8:00PM LOC  
THU JAN 2 6:40PM VCT  
SAT JAN 4 3:00PM LOC  
SUN JAN 5 2:00PM LOC  
TUE JAN 7 7:45PM LOC  
WED JAN 8 :30PM LOC

What Wong Kar-wai did for Hong Kong, Payal Kapadia does for Mumbai: the Cannes Grand Prix winner is a romantic heartbreaker about three nurses at different stages of life. It's a future classic.

In Malayalam and Hindi with English subtitles.



Who by Fire

PHILIPPE LESAGE, CANADA/FRANCE, 2024, 162 MIN.  
FRI DEC 20 8:10PM VC  
SUN DEC 22 7:00PM VC  
MON DEC 23 7:00PM VC  
SUN DEC 29 1:00PM VC  
WED JAN 1 4:30PM VC  
THU JAN 2 1:00PM VC

Jeff, a 17-year-old aspiring filmmaker, goes on vacation with his friend Max and his family to an isolated lodge. Philippe Lesage's film is a tense, mesmerizing tour de force that is both agonizing and cathartic. A Berlinale award winner.



My National Gallery, London

PHIL GRABSKY, ALI RAY, UK, 2024, 90 MIN.  
THU DEC 26 12:00PM LOC  
FRI DEC 27 12:00PM LOC  
SAT DEC 28 3:30PM LOC  
SUN DEC 29 12:00PM LOC  
MON DEC 30 12:00PM LOC  
TUE DEC 31 12:00PM LOC  
WED JAN 1 3:30PM LOC  
FRI JAN 3 2:30PM LOC

This is a lovely premise for a film. The *Exhibition on Screen* team look at the National Gallery in London through the eyes of the art lovers who pass through its doors. Each interviewee gets a few minutes to tell us about their favourite painting...

FEAT Jonathan Conlin, Michael Palin, Claudia Winkleman, Terry Gilliam



The Holdovers

ALEXANDER PAYNE, USA, 2023, 133 MIN.  
SAT DEC 21 7:50PM LOC  
SUN DEC 22 6:00PM LOC  
MON DEC 23 7:30PM LOC  
THU DEC 26 2:00PM LOC

Destined to become a seasonal staple, this bittersweet comedy reunites Sideways director and star Alexander Payne and Paul Giamatti in the portrait of a surly classics teacher forced to babysit five "orphans" at boarding school over the holidays.

CAST Paul Giamatti, Dominic Sessa, Da'Vine Joy Randolph, Tate Donovan, Carrie Preston



So Surreal: Behind the Masks

NEIL DIAMOND, JOANNE ROBERTSON, CANADA, 2024, 88 MIN.  
FRI DEC 27 2:00PM LOC  
SAT DEC 28 5:20PM LOC  
SUN DEC 29 8:15PM LOC  
MON DEC 30 4:00PM LOC  
SUN JAN 5 2:00PM LOC  
MON JAN 6 5:45PM LOC  
WED JAN 8 5:30PM VC

In the early 20th century many traditional Indigenous masks ended up in Europe, in museums and art collections, and, as this entertaining doc reveals, in the hands of surrealist artists like Max Ernst, André Breton, and Joan Miró...

FEAT Neil Diamond, Bill Cranmer, Juanita Johnston, Chuna McIntyre, John McIntyre



Bong Joon-ho and VIFF go back a long way: we were the first international festival to showcase his short films. Since then all seven of Bong's features have screened at the festival, barring *Snowpiercer*, which we ran at the VIFF Centre. It's been gratifying to see him establish himself not only as the preeminent South Korean director of his era but as one of the key filmmakers of our time, an artist keenly attuned to the forces around us—class inequality, institutional failure, corporate and individual avarice and arrogance, environmental crises, the sheer, terrifying stupidity of the world—but who isn't about to let any of us off the hook. His movies are sharply satirical, violent, high concept, and irrefutably human.

Our complete retrospective of all seven of Bong's features also includes a symposium across the weekend, January 18-19, with presentations from half a dozen expert speakers. **Weekend symposium pass \$99.**



Mother

BONG JOON-HO, SOUTH KOREA, 2009, 128 MIN.  
FRI JAN 17 9:00PM VC  
SUN JAN 19 3:00PM VC

Dominated by a remarkable performance from veteran Kim Hye-Ja as a quack herbalist who will stop at nothing to clear her son of a murder charge, this is Bong's most under-rated movie, a fascinating companion piece to *Memories of Murder*.

In Korean with English subtitles.

CAST Kim Hye-Ja, Won Bin, Jin Goo, Yoon Jae-Moon, Jun Mi-Sun, Song Sae-Baek, Kim Byoung-Soon



The Host

BONG JOON-HO, SOUTH KOREA, 2006, 119 MIN.  
SAT JAN 18 6:00PM VC  
THU JAN 23 6:20PM VC

Bong's monster movie (inspired by a real-life pollution scandal and carrying a prophetic viral load of its own) is his most purely fun entertainment. It's the most successful Korean movie ever made.

In English and Korean with English subtitles.

CAST Song Kang-Ho, Byun Hee-Bong, Park Hae-Il, Bae Doona, Goh Ah-Sung



Pantheon: Parasite

BONG JOON-HO, SOUTH KOREA, 2019, 132 MIN.  
SUN JAN 19 11:00AM VC  
TUE JAN 21 6:00PM VC

South Korean master filmmaker Bong Joon-ho delivers an unpredictable comic suspense thriller with his Palme d'Or and Academy Award-winning film, *Parasite*—which cracked the top 100 in *Sight & Sound's* Greatest Films list in 2022.

In Korean with Korean subtitles.

CAST Song Kang-ho, Lee Sun-kyun, Cho Yeo-jeong



Tokyo!

BONG JOON-HO, LEOS CARAX, MICHEL GONDRIY, FRANCE/JAPAN/SOUTH KOREA, 2008, 112 MIN.  
SUN JAN 19 9:15PM VC  
MON JAN 20 6:45PM LOC

As a bonus to our Bong Joon-ho series, a side trip to *Tokyo!* This 2008 anthology film features three mid-length films by Michel Gondry, Leos Carax, and (the best of the bunch) Bong.

In English, French, and Japanese with English subtitles.

CAST Ayako Fujitani, Ryô Kase, Ayumi Ito, Nao Ômori, Satoshi Tsumabuki, Ken Mitsuishi



Memories of Murder

BONG JOON-HO, SOUTH KOREA, 2003, 132 MIN.  
FRI JAN 17 6:20PM VC  
SAT JAN 18 2:30PM VC  
MON JAN 20 6:20PM VC

*Parasite* director Bong Joon-ho's police procedural is the centrepiece of our retrospective and arguably his masterpiece. Certainly, among serial killer movies this one is on a par with *Zodiac* and *The Silence of the Lambs*, but more politically astute.

"One of the greatest films of the last 15 years." LUKE BALDOCK, THE HOLLYWOOD NEWS (2018)

In Korean with English subtitles.

CAST Kang-ho Song, Sang-kyung Kim



Barking Dogs Never Bite

BONG JOON-HO, SOUTH KOREA, 2000, 108 MIN.  
SAT JAN 18 11:00AM VC  
TUE JAN 21 8:45PM VC

Bong's first film is a genial black comedy involving the deaths—accidental and otherwise—of several dogs in a Seoul apartment complex. Saturday's screening will be followed by a talk by Distinguished Professor Dal Yong Jin.

In Korean with English subtitles.

CAST Lee Sung-Jae, Bae Doona, Kim Ho-Jung, Byun Hui-Bong



Snowpiercer

BONG JOON-HO, SOUTH KOREA/USA/FRANCE, 2014, 126 MIN.  
SAT JAN 18 9:15PM VC  
THU JAN 23 8:45PM VC

In a future where a failed global-warming experiment kills off most life on the planet, a class system evolves aboard the *Snowpiercer*, a bullet train that travels around the globe via a perpetual-motion engine.

In English, Korean, Japanese, and French with English subtitles.

CAST Chris Evans, Tilda Swinton, Jamie Bell, Ed Harris, John Hurt, Song Kang-ho, Octavia Spencer, Ewen Bremner, Ko Ah-sung



Okja

BONG JOON-HO, SOUTH KOREA/USA, 2017, 121 MIN.  
SUN JAN 19 6:30PM VC  
MON JAN 20 9:00PM VC

Bong #6: his wackiest movie, centered on a genetically modified super pig the size of a hippo. Raised by a Korean peasant farmer, prize specimen Okja is called to New York to launch its new food product. But animal liberationists mean to disrupt the show.

In English and Korean with English subtitles.

CAST Tilda Swinton, An Seo Hyun, Jake Gyllenhaal, Byun Heebong, Paul Dano, Steven Yeun



Bribe, Inc. + Q&A

PETER W KLEIN, AUSTRALIA, 2024, 93 MIN.  
WED JAN 15 7:30PM VC

Exposing one of the most audacious and lucrative bribery schemes in modern history, *Bribe, Inc* is a disturbing chronicle of corruption, bureaucratic bungling and impunity.

"Filled with the kind of cloak-and-dagger developments one associates with potboilers and airport novels – clandestine meetings, coded emails and secret-filled hard drives." THE GUARDIAN

FEAT "Figaro", Nick McKenzie, Alexandra Wrage



Nobody's Fool (30th Anniversary)

ROBERT BENTON, USA, 1994, 110 MIN.  
SUN DEC 22 8:35PM LOC  
MON DEC 23 5:00PM LOC  
THU DEC 26 5:15PM LOC

Paul Newman brings a seasoned, irascible charm to this wintery gem from director Robert Benton, based on Richard Russo's novel.

CAST Paul Newman, Jessica Tandy, Melanie Griffith, Bruce Willis, Dylan Walsh, Pruitt Taylor Vince, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Gene Saks, Josef Sommer, Philip Bosco



A New Kind of Wilderness

SILJE EVENSEN JACOBSEN, NORWAY, 2024, 84 MIN.  
FRI JAN 10 2:00PM VC  
FRI JAN 10 7:00PM LOC  
SAT JAN 11 4:00PM VC  
SUN JAN 12 4:00PM VC  
SUN JAN 12 8:20PM LOC  
MON JAN 13 5:30PM LOC  
TUE JAN 14 8:00PM LOC  
THU JAN 16 6:00PM, VC

An idyllic life on a family farm in Norway becomes an impossible task when Nik's wife dies from cancer. This quietly affecting film follows his struggles to do right by his kids, himself, and his late wife's wishes.

In Norwegian and English with English subtitles.



# New Spanish Cinema

Presented with



A new teacher arrives in a conservative village in northern Spain in 1935. He removes the crucifix from the classroom wall. He teaches the children to waltz... Shows them plants and flowers... Instead of parroting their ABCs he has them setting up a printing press. The children are enraptured. Their parents, dismayed.

This is the opening act of *The Teacher Who Promised the Sea* (*El maestro que prometió el mar*), Patricia Font's debut feature, and our Opening Night attraction for the 2025 edition of New Spanish Cinema (January 3–7). Opening Night includes tapas, flamenco demonstration, and a glass of wine.

In collaboration with our friends at Ibero-American Images, we've pulled together five films touching on some challenging subject matter: assisted death, sexism, the civil war, mothers... But doing so with hope, heart, song, dance, and a side serving of fine red wine. *Salud!*

## Teacher Who Promised the Sea

PATRICIA FONT, SPAIN/France, 2023, 105 MIN.

SUN JAN 3	7:00PM	VC
SUN JAN 5	3:00PM	VC
TUE JAN 7	8:30PM	VC

Based on a true story, Patricia Font's drama excavates a dark period in Spanish history. Antoni Benaiges takes up a village teaching position in 1935. But his new-fangled ideas about learning outrage the local priest.

*In Spanish with English subtitles.*

**CAST** Enric Auquer, Laia Costa

## Little Loves

CELIA RICO, SPAIN/France, 2024, 95 MIN.

SAT JAN 4	2:30PM	VC
SUN JAN 5	7:45PM	VC

Teresa (María Vázquez) is compelled to change her holiday plans to help her proudly independent mother (Adriana Ozores), who has had a fall. Mother and daughter will spend a stifling summer disagreeing on everything — but finding each other again.

*In Spanish with English subtitles.*

**CAST** Adriana Ozores, María Vázquez

## I Am Nevenka

ICIAR BOLLAIN, SPAIN, 2024, 112 MIN.

SAT JAN 4	4:30PM	VC
MON JAN 6	8:40PM	VC

Bollain's film is based on the true story of a young city councillor who reported the mayor for sexual misconduct, and faced a barrage of sexist innuendo and criticism—but refused to back down.

*In Spanish with English subtitles.*

**CAST** Mireia Oriol, Urko Olazabal, Ricardo Gómez, Carlos Serrano, Lucía Veiga, Luis Moreno

## They Will Be Dust

CARLOS MARQUES-MARCET, SPAIN/ITALY/SWITZERLAND, 2024, 106 MIN.

SAT JAN 4	7:00PM	VC
MON JAN 6	6:20PM	VC

When stage veteran Claudia decides she doesn't want to wait out her terminal illness, longtime partner and director Flavi calls the family together to break the news... Fantastic musical numbers and comedy offset scenes of wrenching emotion.

"A brave, almost foolish, volcanic, pretentious, vociferous, passionate work, which, despite everything, deserves a leisurely watch." *EL PAIS*

*In Spanish and English with English subtitles.*

**CAST** Ángela Molina Molina, Alfredo Castro, Mònica Almirall

## Rioja, Land of a Thousand Wines + Wine Tasting (Sunday)

JOSÉ LUIS LOPEZ-LINARES, SPAIN, 2024, 90 MIN.

SUN JAN 5	5:30PM	VC
TUE JAN 7	6:20PM	VC

Directed by multiple Goya award winner José Luis Lopez-Linares, this lip-smacking tour of Spain's best known wine region dives into the push and pull between tradition and innovation in an industry that is led by family dynasties.

*In Spanish with English subtitles.*