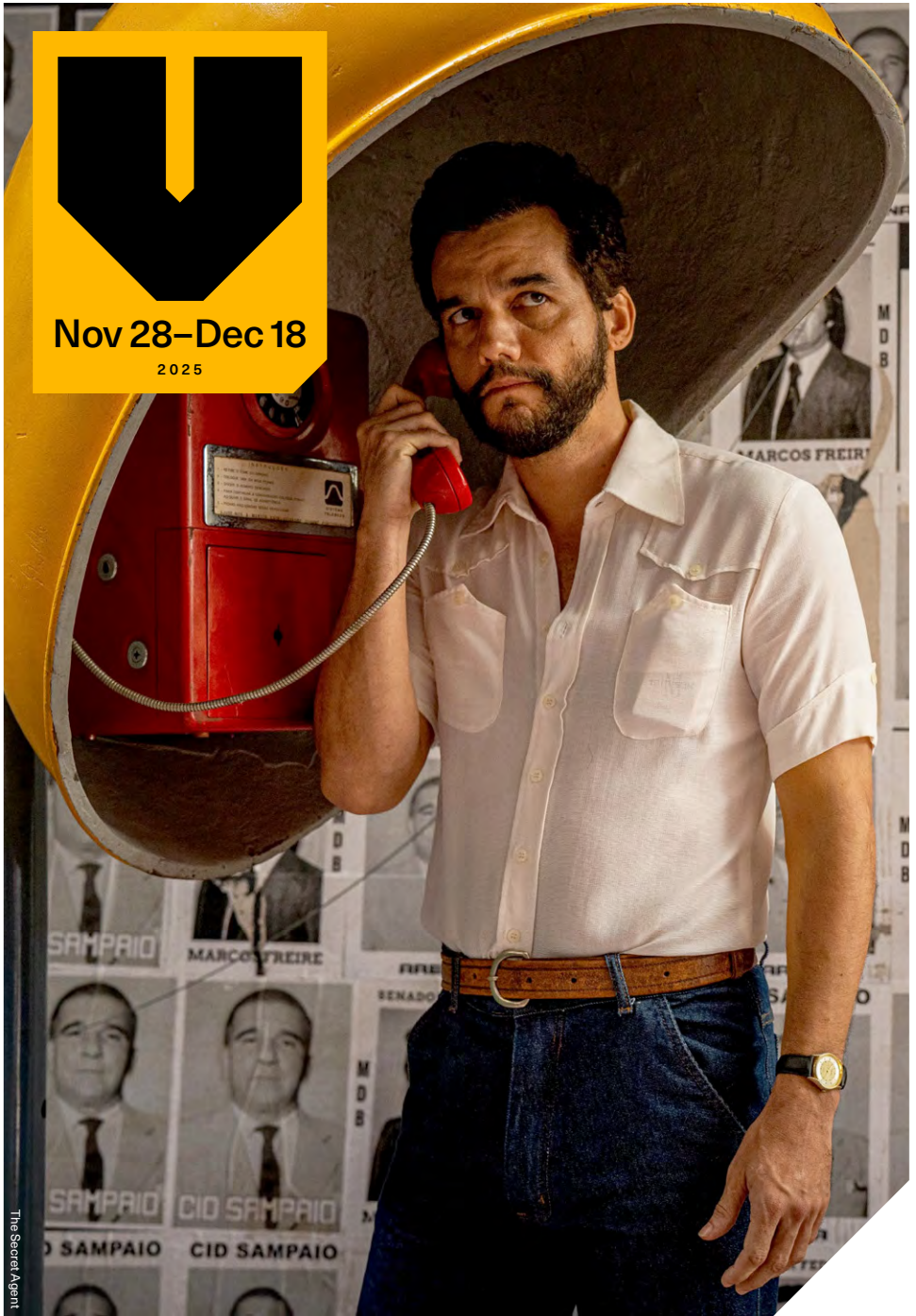




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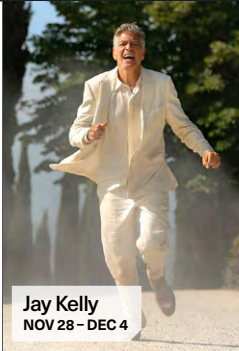

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FRI 28 NOV, 1:30PM



FRI 05 DEC, 12:15PM



FRI 12 DEC, 1:45PM



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Ju Dou

ZHANG YIMOU, CHINA, 1990, 95 MIN.

FRI DEC 5	2:30PM	VC
SUN DEC 7	3:00PM	VC
MON DEC 8	5:45PM	VC
TUE DEC 9	5:30PM	VC
WED DEC 10	2:00PM	VC
THU DEC 11	6:30PM, 8:30PM	VC
DEC 12-16	ADD'L SCREENINGS	LOC

A landmark film in Chinese cinema, Zhang Yimou's second feature brought a new eroticism to the screen, and made an international star of his discovery, Gong Li—but it's the film's ravishing colour cinematography that's unforgettable. Set in a dye factory in 1920s China, *Ju Dou* is a melodrama about the extra-marital affair of the factory owner's young wife (Gong Li) and his adopted son. The lovers' passion challenges patriarchal tradition and conventional morality, a resonant message in the face of the authoritarian crackdown that culminated in Tiananmen Square in 1989.

In Mandarin with English subtitles.
CAST Gong Li, Baotian Li

The Secret Agent

KLEBER MENDONÇA FILHO, BRAZIL/France/NETHERLANDS/Germany, 2025, 158 MIN.

FRI DEC 12	1:45PM	VC
FRI DEC 12	4:55PM, 8:00PM	VC
SAT DEC 13	11:45AM, 2:50PM, 5:55PM, 9:00PM	VC
SUN DEC 14	8:30PM	VC
MON DEC 15	2:50PM, 5:55PM, 9:00PM	VC
TUE DEC 16	3:00PM, 9:00PM	VC
WED DEC 17	2:50PM, 5:55PM, 9:00PM	VC
DEC 18-26	ADDITIONAL SCREENINGS	VC



Having run afoul of an influential bureaucrat in Brazil's military dictatorship circa 1977, Marcelo (Wagner Moura) decamps to Recife to live under an assumed name and reconnect with his young son. Epic in scope, rich in allegory, and ambitious in structure (the narrative nimbly shifts between multiple time periods), Kleber Mendonça Filho's sophisticated and engross-

ing neo-noir not only recalls classic 70s paranoid political thrillers but gives them a run for their money.

In Portuguese with English subtitles.

CAST Wagner Moura, Gabriel Leone, Maria Fernanda Candido



Measures for a Funeral

SOFIA BOHDANOWICZ, CANADA/NORWAY/UK, 2024, 142 MIN.

SAT NOV 29	12:30PM	VC
SUN NOV 30	6:45PM	LOC
MON DEC 1	2:10PM	LOC
WED DEC 3	3:45PM	LOC

When a young academic discovers a personal connection to legendary Canadian violinist Kathleen Parlow, she is compelled to dig deeper. Her investigations lead her on the trail of an elusive concerto, Opus 28, dedicated to Parlow and lost for over a century, but which she is determined to bring to light—no matter the cost to her personal life. At once a ghost story, detective yarn, and archival investigation, Sofia Bohdanowicz's latest docu-fiction is a testament to the mysterious power of music to move us.

CAST Deragh Campbell, Melanie Scheiner, María Dueñas, Maxim Gaudette, Eileen Davies



Clairtone + Q&A with filmmaker Ron Mann

RON MANN, CANADA, 2025, 73 MIN.

SUN DEC 7	1:00PM	VC
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Join acclaimed filmmaker Ron Mann for a lively slice of arcane Canadiana, the rise and fall Clairtone, the home-grown electronics company founded by Peter Munk and David Gilmour in the 1960s. Renowned for their high-end stereos and color televisions that epitomized iconic mid-century design, Clairtone soared to international acclaim, becoming a symbol of Canadian ingenuity and modernity. However after six years of spectacular growth, the company's failure to navigate economic challenges led to a dramatic decline (shades of Blackberry).



You Got Gold: A Celebration of John Prine

MICHAEL JOHN WARREN, USA, 2025, 90 MIN.

SUN DEC 7	4:00PM	LOC
TUE DEC 9	3:40PM	VC
TUE DEC 9	8:40PM	LOC
THU DEC 11	8:10PM	LOC
FRI DEC 12	8:45PM	LOC

John Prine was a songwriter's songwriter, someone who expressed complex emotions through simple, truthful words. In October of 2022, a remarkable array of artists came together at Prine's favourite venue, the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, to pay tribute to the late, great man through song and story. They include Brandi Carlile, Kacey Musgraves, Lucinda Williams, Steve Earle, Bonnie Raitt, Dwight Yoakam, Jason Isbell, Kurt Vile, Lyle Lovett, Allison Russell & JT Nero, Valerie June, Nathaniel Rateliff.

FEAT Brandi Carlisle, Lucinda Williams, Steve Earle, Bonnie Raitt, Dwight Yoakam, Jason Isbell



Pantheon: Fantasia

VARIOUS, USA, 1940, 126 MIN.

SUN DEC 14	11:00AM	VC
TUE DEC 16	6:30PM	VC

Comprising eight musical pieces conducted by Leopold Stokowski and animated by different teams at the Disney company, overseen by Ben Sharpsteen and Walt himself, with a little light live action featuring the Philadelphia Orchestra in between, *Fantasia* gives us a fulsome and eclectic program: from Bach's Toccata and Fugue and Stravinsky's Rite of Spring to Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony and Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite. This was groundbreaking on many levels, not least that of sound recording.

Sunday's PANTHEON screening will feature a 20 minute introduction and talk-back.

"One of the strange and beautiful things that have happened in the world." OTIS FERGUSON



Meadowlarks

TASHA HUBBARD, CANADA, 2025, 91 MIN.

FRI NOV 28	1:30PM	VC
FRI NOV 28	6:30PM	LOC
SAT NOV 29	2:30PM, 6:35PM	LOC
SUN NOV 30	2:20PM	LOC
MON DEC 1	12:00PM, 7:30PM	LOC
DEC 2-4	ADDITIONAL SCREENINGS	LOC

Fifty years after being separated during the Sixties Scoop, four Cree siblings reunite on a long weekend trip to Banff. Over scenic backdrops of forest trails, snow-capped mountains, and crystalline lakewater, Connie, Marianne, Gwen, and Anthony tend to their wounded family history as they seek to connect with their Indigenous culture and one another. Based on her 2017 documentary *Birth of a Family*, Tasha Hubbard's sensitive family drama relates a life-affirming story of kinship and belonging.

Q&A with producer Tyler Hagen on Fri Nov 28, 1:30pm.

In English and French with English subtitles.

CAST Michael Greyyeyes, Michelle Thrush, Carmen Moore, Alex Rice



Mistress Dispeller

ELIZABETH LO, CHINA/USA, 2024, 94 MIN.

FRI NOV 28	2:00PM	LOC
SAT NOV 29	4:30PM	LOC
SUN NOV 30	4:30PM	LOC
MON DEC 1	5:15PM	LOC
THU DEC 4	4:00PM, 6:00PM	LOC
SUN DEC 7	6:15PM	LOC
MON DEC 8	4:00PM	LOC

An accomplished businessman of advancing years, Mr Li is having an affair with a much younger woman, Fei Fei. Li's wife is aware, but instead of confronting her husband, she avails herself of the services of "mistress dispeller" Teacher Wang, who insinuates herself into Li and Fei Fei's romance to make them see the error of their ways. It's a jaw-dropping subterfuge, but a strategy that throws this very familiar marital dynamic into sharp relief. Indeed, watching Elizabeth Lo's non-fiction film is often a surreal experience, but a fascinating experiment all the same.

In Mandarin with English subtitles.

FEAT Wang Zhenxi



The Baltimorons

JAY DUPLESS, USA, 2025, 101 MIN.

FRI DEC 5	12:15PM	VC
SUN DEC 7	1:30PM	LOC
MON DEC 8	3:30PM	VC
MON DEC 8	6:10PM	LOC
TUE DEC 9	6:30PM	LOC
WED DEC 10	2:15PM	LOC
THU DEC 11	6:00PM	LOC
SUN DEC 14	4:00PM	LOC
WED DEC 24	4:10PM	VC

Here's your early Xmas present: an endearing indie comedy with a 90s vibe, this is the best rom-com of the year. Newcomer Michael Strassner (who also wrote the screenplay) plays Chris, a genial but somewhat aimless stand up comedian whose career has stalled. It's the afternoon of December 24 and a dental emergency throws off his plans. Divorced dentist Didi (Liz Larson) agrees to fix him up, but then finds there's no getting rid of him—especially when he realizes he's been towed.

CAST Michael Strassner, Liz Larson, Olivia Luccardi, Chris Strassner



Cover-Up

LAURA POITRAS, MARK OBENHAUS, USA, 2025, 117 MIN.

FRI DEC 5	2:00PM	LOC
SUN DEC 7	8:30PM	LOC
MON DEC 8	1:30PM, 8:30PM	LOC
TUE DEC 9	4:00PM	LOC
SUN DEC 14	8:15PM	LOC
MON DEC 15	3:10PM	LOC
TUE DEC 16	1:40PM	LOC
WED DEC 17	1:30PM	LOC

Oscar-winner Laura Poitras and Emmy-winner Mark Obenhaus turn the camera on legendary journalist Seymour Hersh. Known for uncovering stories governments wanted buried—from My Lai to Abu Ghraib—Hersh refuses to play into a nostalgic biography, challenging the filmmakers as they dig into his decades-long pursuit of truth. What unfolds is not a tribute but an urgent reflection on the price of reporting, the paranoia of power, and the fragility of trust.

In English with English subtitles.

FEAT Seymour Hersh

VIFF Live



Beatlemania! Get Back Unplugged + A Hard Day's Night

RICHARD LESTER, UK, 1964, 190 MIN.

SUN DEC 7	7:00PM	VC
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Get Back Unplugged - The Beatles Reimagined, aims to revisit some of the best loved songs of late-period Beatles, and to deliver them with the joy and spontaneity of friends singing around a kitchen table. Bringing together six stellar singers and players who, between them, span the worlds of folk, Celtic, blues, jazz, and classical music, this intimate and engaging performance does not try to imitate the Fab Four, but rather seeks to present renditions that are authentic to the musicians' own unique voices. After their set, enjoy the Beatles' zany box office smash, *A Hard Day's Night*.

CAST John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison, Ringo Starr



The Leading Ladies perform Duke Ellington's The Nutcracker Suite + The Nutcracker at Wethersfield

ANNIE SUNDBERG, USA, 2025, 180 MIN.

SUN DEC 14	5:00PM	VC
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Experience *The Nutcracker* as it's never been experienced before! First up: Casey Thomas-Burns' Leading Ladies jazz band perform The Nutcracker Suite, Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn's swinging reimagining of the classic Tchaikovsky ballet. After the Ladies' set, enjoy the Vancouver premiere of Annie Sundberg's latest documentary, the inspiring tale of how choreographer Troy Schumacher defied Covid and all the odds to mount *The Nutcracker* at the Wethersfield estate in Hudson Valley in December 2020. It's the ultimate "We'll do the show right here" move, a celebration of artistic verve and invention, and the community that comes together to support it.



Dean Thiessen plays Vince Guaraldi + A Boy Named Charlie Brown

BILL MELENDEZ, USA, 1969, 180 MIN.

SAT DEC 20	1:30PM	VC
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The great Vince Guaraldi is best known for his iconic compositions and performance from Charles M Schultz's beloved Peanuts TV specials of the 1960s and 70s, as well as the score for Chuck's first feature length movie: *A Boy Named Charlie Brown*. The Dean Thiessen 5-tet is paying homage to the Christmas-spirit origins of his career as well as the most catchy ear-worms in the years that followed. After the set, there will be a brief intermission, then enjoy the first feature length Peanuts movie (85 min).

"A practically perfect screen equivalent to the quiet joys to be found in almost any of Charles M. Schulz's Peanuts comic strips." VINCENT CANBY, *NEW YORK TIMES*

CAST Peter Robbins, Pamelyn Ferdin, Glenn Gilger, Andy Pforsich, Sally Dryer



The Apartment

BILLY WILDER, USA, 1960, 125 MIN.

MON DEC 8, 7:45PM	VC
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Billy Wilder's 1960 Best Picture winner is one of those movie landmarks where you can see America growing up and smelling the coffee. It's a bitter, pungent film—a "comedy" in name only—about "the takers and the ones who get took". Jack Lemmon is CC Baxter, an insurance clerk at Consolidated Life. His bachelor pad has a revolving door—only he's never in it.

Our Premium Pick series affords VIFF+ Premium members the opportunity to share a movie of their choice with their friends and our audience. This month's film was requested by both Alessandro de Feo and Marc Staehling.

"There is a melancholy gulf over the holidays between those who have someplace to go, and those who do not. *The Apartment* is so affecting partly because of that buried reason." ROGER EBERT

CAST Jack Lemmon, Shirley Maclaine, Fred MacMurray



Cutting Through Rocks

SARA KHAHI, MOHAMMADREZA EYNI, IRAN/NETHERLANDS/
USA/GERMANY/QATAR/CHILE/CANADA, 2025, 95 MIN.

FRI DEC 12	2:15PM	LOC
SAT DEC 13	4:15PM	LOC
SUN DEC 14	12:00PM	LOC
MON DEC 15	7:20PM	LOC
TUE DEC 16	4:10PM	LOC
WED DEC 17	8:15PM	LOC
THU DEC 18	4:30PM	LOC
FRI DEC 19	6:00PM	LOC

Winner of Sundance's World Cinema Documentary Grand Jury Prize, *Cutting Through Rocks* follows Sara Shahverdi: motorcyclist, midwife, and first-ever councilwoman elected in her village in northwestern Iran. Fighting for women's freedoms, Sara sparks a fire that stirs admiration—but also opposition. Co-directed by Sara Khaki and Mohammadreza Eyni, this vérité triumph captures one woman's fierce pursuit of freedom as well as the response it provokes.

"A dynamic slice-of-life portrait of the lives of women in rural Iran." AVIVA DOVE-VIEBAHN, MS MAGAZINE

In Azeri Turkish and Farsi with English subtitles.



The Tale of Silyan

TAMARA KOTEVSKA, NORTH MACEDONIA, 2025, 81 MIN.

FRI DEC 12	4:30PM	LOC
SAT DEC 13	2:20PM, 6:20PM	LOC
SUN DEC 14	2:00PM	LOC
MON DEC 15	1:00PM	VC
MON DEC 15	5:30PM	LOC
TUE DEC 16	6:15PM	LOC
WED DEC 17	6:15PM	LOC
THU DEC 18	6:30PM	LOC
FRI DEC 19	2:00PM	LOC
SUN DEC 21	6:45PM	LOC
MON DEC 22	4:00PM	LOC

From Oscar-nominee Tamara Kotevska (*Honeyland*), this is a poetic, curious and enchanting non-fiction fable about a farmer's son who turns into a stork. Well, maybe "non-fiction" is a stretch, but Kotevska deftly weaves together folklore, observational film techniques, and a melancholy study of the plight of traditional family farmers in her native Macedonia. When a stork injures a wing, lonely patriarch Nikola takes care of it almost as if it were his own son.

"An enchanting experience of love and healing, and ultimately, an emblem of resilience." POV MAGAZINE

In Macedonian with English subtitles.



VIFF Kids Club: The Muppet Christmas Carol

BRIAN HENSON, USA, 1992, 155 MIN.

SUN DEC 7	10:00AM	VC
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Join us for VIFF Kids Club—our monthly family matinee series with film-inspired crafts, photo booth and special concession snacks before the show! Doors open at 10 am for activities, with the film screening at 11 am. Sir Michael Caine delivers one of his very finest performances as Ebenezer Scrooge in this surprisingly faithful, funny, charming, and downright irresistible musical Muppet version of the Dickens yuletide favourite! Age 7+

"A wonderful festive story, enchantingly told."

DAILY TELEGRAPH



Talking Pictures

Maudie

AISLING WALSH, CANADA/IRELAND, 2016, 115 MIN.

TUE DEC 16	11:00AM	VC
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Aimed at film lovers 55+ (but open to all), Talking Pictures offers audience-friendly festival films, refreshments, and an open invitation to chat about our shared experience of the movie. Tickets are just \$10. Bring a buddy and get two tickets for \$16! In this VIFF 2016 Audience favourite, Sally Hawkins plays the legendary Nova Scotia artist Maud Lewis, with Ethan Hawke as her husband.

"This film shows instead of tells, and what it shows is sad, disturbing, beautiful, and moving, sometimes all at once."

GLENN KENNY, ROGEREBERT.COM

CAST Sally Hawkins, Ethan Hawke, Kate Ross, Zachary Bennett, Gabrielle Rose, Keri Matchett