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Best of 2025

Best of 2025 New Spanish Cinema Hal Hartley Hundreds of Beavers: A Northwoods Christmas It's a Wonderful Life The Nutcracker at Wethersfield Strange Days (30th Anniversary) Rebuilding La Grazia Auction La venue de l'avenir The Musicians The Ice Tower The Wizard of Oz Tokyo Godfathers AND MORE

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THE NUTCRACKER AT WETHERSFIELD

FRI 26 DEC, 2:00PM

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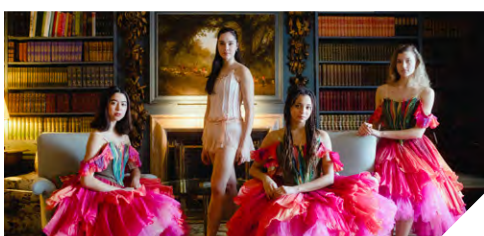
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The Nutcracker at Wethersfield
 ANNIE SUNDBERG, USA, 2025, 83 MIN.

FRI DEC 19	1:30PM	VC
SAT DEC 20	2:00PM, 6:00PM	LOC
SUN DEC 21	12:40PM, 4:45PM	LOC
MON DEC 22	3:30PM	VC
TUE DEC 23	1:30AM	LOC
SUN DEC 28	1:10PM	LOC

Back in the long, dark Covid winter of 2020, there was no way the New York City Ballet could mount their traditional Christmas production of Tchaikovsky's fairytale. But choreographer Troy Schumacher had a dream to save the show—reimagining a classic.

FEAT Troy Schumacher, Sara Mearns, Ashley Laracey



Rebuilding
 MAX WALKER-SILVERMAN, USA, 2025, 95 MIN.

FRI DEC 26	12:30PM, 5:10PM	LOC
SAT DEC 27	2:45PM	VC
SAT DEC 27	8:15PM	LOC
SUN DEC 28	8:00PM	LOC
MON DEC 29	3:50PM	LOC
DEC 30-JAN 1	ADDITIONAL SCREENINGS	LOC

The western gets climate changed in this gentle, pensive portrait of a modern cowboy (Josh O'Connor) picking up the pieces after losing his Colorado homestead to a wildfire.

CAST Josh O'Connor, Lily La Torre, Meghann Fahy, Kaili Reis, Amy Madigan



Strange Days (30th Anniversary)
 KATHRYN BIGELOW, USA, 1995, 145 MIN.

WED DEC 31	7:00PM	VC
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Written by James Cameron and directed by Kathryn Bigelow (*House of Dynamite*), this futuristic film noir, set on the last two days of the millennium, was way ahead of its time.

"Marvellously weird... it could very well have been written by Philip K. Dick." K AUSTIN COLLINS, *THE RINGER*

CAST Ralph Fiennes, Angela Bassett, Juliette Lewis, Tom Sizemore, Michael Wincott



La Grazia
 PAOLO SORRENTINO, ITALY, 2025, 133 MIN.

MON JAN 5	12:45PM	VC
WED JAN 7	3:00PM	VC
THU JAN 8	8:40PM	VC
FRI JAN 9	4:30PM	LOC
JAN 10-14	ADDITIONAL SCREENINGS	LOC

A contemplative, mournful but richly imagined movie about a retiring Italian President (Toni Servillo from *The Great Beauty*) facing two thorny ethical decisions that may define his legacy.

In Italian with English subtitles.

CAST Toni Servillo, Anna Ferzetti



Auction
 PASCAL BONITZER, FRANCE, 2024, 91 MIN.

FRI DEC 26	2:00PM	VC
FRI DEC 26	7:15PM	LOC
SAT DEC 27	3:00PM	LOC
SUN DEC 28	3:00PM	VC
MON DEC 29	1:00PM	VC
DEC 29-JAN 6	ADDITIONAL SCREENINGS	LOC

Inspired by a true story, writer-director Pascal Bonitzer has crafted an inquiring, witty drama about the art market. When a long-lost Egon Schiele masterpiece reemerges, art appraiser Alex is initially skeptical. And yet...

In French with English subtitles.

CAST Alex Lutz, Léa Drucker, Nora Hamzawi



La venue de l'avenir
 CÉDRIC KLAPISCH, FRANCE/BELGIUM, 2025, 124 MIN.

SAT DEC 27	12:00PM	VC
SAT DEC 27	5:15PM	LOC
SUN DEC 28	5:15PM	LOC
MON DEC 29	6:00PM	LOC
TUE DEC 30	12:30PM	VC
DEC 31-JAN 5	ADDITIONAL SCREENINGS	LOC

Four cousins are tapped to investigate an abandoned house that is their joint inheritance. As they explore, they learn their story of their ancestor Adele (Suzanne Lindon) and her foray into Paris in the age of Impressionism.

In French with English subtitles.

CAST Suzanne Lindon, Vas



The Musicians
 GRÉGORY MAGNE, FRANCE, 2024, 102 MIN.

SUN DEC 28	12:45PM	VC
MON DEC 29	3:00PM	VC
TUE DEC 30	3:15PM	VC
WED DEC 31	12:45PM	VC
SAT JAN 3	12:30PM	VC
WED JAN 7	8:00PM	VC

Brought together to perform a specially commissioned piece, a string quartet of virtuoso musicians descends into squabbling and animosity in this classy French comedy.

In French with English subtitles.

CAST Valérie Donzelli, Frédéric Pierro, Mathieu Spinosi, Emma Ravier, Daniel Garlitsky, Marie Vialle



The Ice Tower
 LUCILE HADŽIHALIOVIĆ, FRANCE/GERMANY, 2025, 118 MIN.

FRI JAN 2	12:30PM	VC
SAT JAN 3	2:50PM	VC
SUN JAN 4	8:00PM	LOC
JAN 6-8	ADDITIONAL SCREENINGS	VC/LOC

In Lucile Hadžihaliović's spellbinding fantasy drama, an orphan (Clara Pacini) becomes enthralled by a movie star (Marion Cotillard) playing the Snow Queen in a fairy tale film adaptation. Winner of the Silver Bear for Outstanding Artistic Contribution.

In French with English subtitles.

CAST Marion Cotillard, Clara Pacini, August Diehl, Gaspar Noé, Marine Gesbert

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The Secret Agent
KLEBER MENDONÇA FILHO, BRAZIL/FRANCE/NETHERLANDS/GERMANY, 2025, 158 MIN.

FRI DEC 19	5:30PM, 8:40PM	VC
SAT DEC 20	2:15PM	VC
SUN DEC 21	5:30PM, 8:40PM	VC
MON DEC 22	5:30PM, 8:40PM	VC
TUE DEC 23	5:30PM, 8:40PM	VC
WED DEC 24	1:00PM	VC
FRI DEC 26	4:00PM	VC
THU JAN 8	5:30PM	VC

Having run afoul of an influential bureaucrat in Brazil's military dictatorship circa 1977, Marcelo decamps to Recife to live under an assumed name—but he'll soon come to understand precisely how rampant the country's corruption has become.

In Portuguese with English subtitles.

CAST Wagner Moura, Gabriel Leone, Maria Fernanda Candido



Best of 2025

Sinners
RYAN COOGLER, USA, 2025, 137 MIN.

FRI DEC 26	7:30PM	VC
SAT DEC 27	5:00PM	VC

This year's unexpected box office sleeper is that rare beast, a genre movie full of bold invention and surprise. We are in Mississippi in the early 1930s, and the opening of a new blues joint on the edge of town is the signal for all hell to break out.

"A passionate, effusive praise song about life and love, including the love of movies. Set in Jim Crow Mississippi, it is a genre-defying, mind-bending fantasia overflowing with great performances, dancing vampires and a lot of ideas about love and history." MANOHLA DARGIS, *NEW YORK TIMES*

CAST Michael B Jordan, Hailee Steinfeld, Miles Caton, Jack O'Connell, Wunmi Mosaku, Delroy Lindo



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Weapons
ZACH CREGGAR, USA, 2025, 128 MIN.

SAT DEC 27	8:00PM	VC
SUN DEC 28	5:00PM	VC

Why did a whole class of pre-teens (barring one kid) simultaneously disappear in the middle of the night? In what has been a banner year for horror films, Zach Cregar's *Weapons* is a film of outstanding originality and flair.

CAST Julia Garner, Josh Brolin, Alden Ehrenreich, Benedict Wong, Amy Madigan, Austin Abrams



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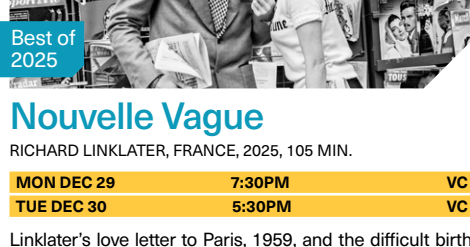
Universal Language
MATTHEW RANKIN, CANADA, 2024, 89 MIN.

SUN DEC 28	7:45PM	VC
MON DEC 29	5:30PM	VC

This distinctly odd Canadian movie is a delightful deadpan comedy about the kindness of strangers, and as such a profound film about what constitutes home in a globalized age.

In Farsi and French with English subtitles.

CAST Rojina Esmaeli, Saba Vahedyousefi, Pirouz Nemati, Mani Soleymanlou, Matthew Rankin, Ila Firozabadi



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Nouvelle Vague
RICHARD LINKLATER, FRANCE, 2025, 105 MIN.

MON DEC 29	7:30PM	VC
TUE DEC 30	5:30PM	VC

Linklater's love letter to Paris, 1959, and the difficult birth of Jean-Luc Godard's first feature, *Breathless*, channels the auteur's blithe self confidence and an era of all-encompassing cinephilia. It's the next best thing to being there.

"Charming and delightful... suffused with intoxicating glamour." MANOHLA DARGIS, *NEW YORK TIMES*

In French with English subtitles.

CAST Zoëy Deutch, Guillaume Marbeck, Aubry Dullin



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Endless Cookie
SETH SCRIVER, PETER SCRIVER, CANADA, 2025, 97 MIN.

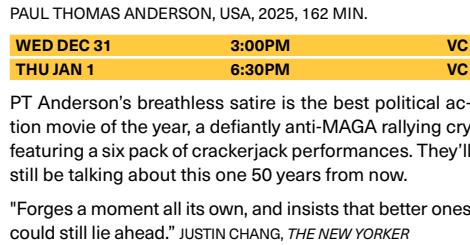
TUE DEC 30	7:50PM	VC
TUE JAN 6	5:45PM	VC

The less you know about *Endless Cookie* beforehand, the better you will be prepared. Seriously.

"There's one truth to a whackadoodle odyssey like this one: you will definitely have a story to tell afterwards." *POV MAGAZINE*

In English and Cree with English subtitles.

CAST Seth Scriver, Peter Scriver, Kristin "Cookie" Scriver, Dezray "Dez" Scriver, Ada Scriver, Simone "Simmy" Scriver



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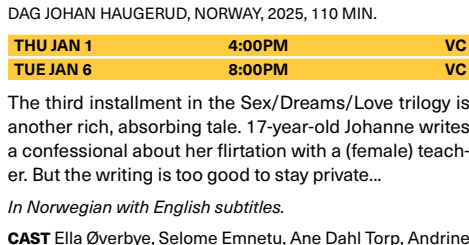
One Battle After Another
PAUL THOMAS ANDERSON, USA, 2025, 162 MIN.

WED DEC 31	3:00PM	VC
THU JAN 1	6:30PM	VC

PT Anderson's breathless satire is the best political action movie of the year, a defiantly anti-MAGA rallying cry featuring a six pack of crackerjack performances. They'll still be talking about this one 50 years from now.

"Forges a moment all its own, and insists that better ones could still lie ahead." JUSTIN CHANG, *THE NEW YORKER*

CAST Leonardo DiCaprio, Sean Penn, Benicio del Toro, Chase Inffiniti, Regina Hall, Teyana Taylor



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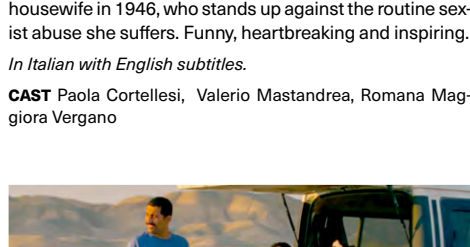
Dreams
DAG JOHAN HAUGERUD, NORWAY, 2025, 110 MIN.

THU JAN 1	4:00PM	VC
TUE JAN 6	8:00PM	VC

The third installment in the *Sex/Dreams/Love* trilogy is another rich, absorbing tale. 17-year-old Johanne writes a confessional about her flirtation with a (female) teacher. But the writing is too good to stay private...

In Norwegian with English subtitles.

CAST Ella Øverbye, Selome Emnetu, Ane Dahl Torp, Andrine Sæther, Ingrid Gæver, Lars Jacob Holm



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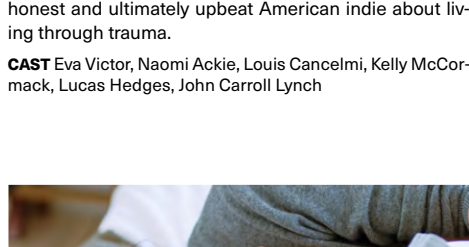
There's Still Tomorrow
PAOLA CORTELLESI, ITALY, 2023, 118 MIN.

THU JAN 1	1:30PM	VC
FRI JAN 2	7:50PM	VC

A critical and box office sensation in Italy, Paola Cortellesi's triumphant directorial debut is the tale of a Roman housewife in 1946, who stands up against the routine sexist abuse she suffers. Funny, heartbreaking and inspiring.

In Italian with English subtitles.

CAST Paola Cortellesi, Valerio Mastandrea, Romana Maggiora Vergano



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Sorry, Baby
EVA VICTOR, USA, 2025, 103 MIN.

FRI JAN 2	5:30PM	VC
SAT JAN 3	7:50PM	VC

Sometimes bad things happen to good people. Writer-director-star Eva Victor has made a funny, engaging, honest and ultimately upbeat American indie about living through trauma.

CAST Eva Victor, Naomi Ackie, Louis Cancelmi, Kelly McCormack, Lucas Hedges, John Carroll Lynch



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It Was Just an Accident
JAFAR PANAH, IRAN/FRANCE/LUXEMBOURG, 2025, 105 MIN.

SAT JAN 3	5:30PM	VC
MON JAN 5	8:10PM	VC

Having offered some late-night assistance to a stranger in the wake of an auto accident, a mechanic grows convinced that he recognizes the supposed stranger's voice as that of his torturer during a grueling prison spell.

"A drama about retribution, a comedy about collective action (and action in general), a low-mileage road movie and a slow-boiling ethical thriller. It's a cry from the heart, a comic howl in the dark and one of the year's essential movies." MANOHLA DARGIS, *NEW YORK TIMES*

In Farsi with English subtitles.

CAST Vahid Mobarresi, Ebrahim Azizi, Madjid Panahi, Maryam Afshari, Hadas Pakbaten, Mohamad Ali Elyasmehr



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Sentimental Value
JOACHIM TRIER, NORWAY/FRANCE/DENMARK/GERMANY/SWEDEN, 2025, 135 MIN.

SUN JAN 4	7:30PM	VC
MON JAN 5	5:20PM	VC

A once-revered director crashes back into his family's lives, eager to recruit his daughter for a film role. When she declines, he finds a new muse in an eager but unpolished Hollywood star, sending his botched reconciliation spiraling into chaos.

"A story about home, inheritance, and fiction's ability to reveal truths capable of bringing alienated individuals together, it's a turn-of-events, moving triumph." *DAILY BEAST*

In English and Norwegian with English subtitles.

CAST Renate Reinsve, Stellan Skarsgård, Elle Fanning, Inga Ibsdotter Lilleaas

NEW SPANISH CINEMA



The Captive (New Spanish Cinema Opening Gala)
ALEJANDRO AMENÁBAR, SPAIN/ITALY, 2025, 134 MIN.

FRI JAN 9	7:00PM	VC
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Join us for tapas, wine, and the West Coast premiere of a sweeping historical epic about the young Miguel de Cervantes, held for ransom in Algiers in 1575 and hitting on his gift for storytelling as a survival tactic.

"Delightfully subversive." OLIVIA POPP, *CINEUROPA*

In Spanish, Arabic and Italian with English subtitles.

CAST Alessandro Borghi, Julio Peña, César Sarachu, Roberto Álamo



The Blue Star
JAVIER MACIPE, SPAIN/ARGENTINE, 2024, 129 MIN.

FRI JAN 9	1:30PM	VC
TUE JAN 13	5:50PM	VC

In crisis, a popular singer quits Spain to backpack in Argentina. There he comes under the spell of a veteran musician, who teaches him the art of chacareras, zambas and vidalés. It's a journey of musical kinship and spiritual reawakening.

"Macipe's film is built like a braid in which fiction passes through document and document through fiction, creating a path in which cinema and life will meet in the end." ELSA FERNÁNDEZ-SANTOS, *EL PAÍS*

In Spanish with English subtitles.

CAST Pepe Lorente, Cuti Carabajal, Mariela Carabajal, Noelia Verence López



Forastera
LUCÍA ALEÑAR IGLESIAS, SPAIN/ITALY/SWEDEN, 2025, 97 MIN.

SAT JAN 10	1:00PM	VC
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In this mysterious and subtle coming of age drama, teenager Cata is soaking up the sun, smoking furtive cigarettes, and enjoying a summer break with her grandparents and her younger sis in Mallorca. That is, until Cata's beloved *abuela* collapses...

In Catalan, English, and Spanish

CAST Zoe Stein, Lluís Homar, Núria Prims, Nonni Ardal, Martina García



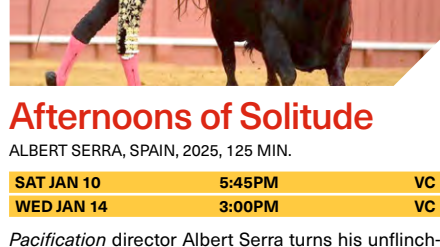
Deaf
EVA LIBERTAD, SPAIN, 2025, 100 MIN.

SUN JAN 11	4:00PM	VC
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Writer-director Eva Libertad has made a revealing, compassionate film about the fears and anxieties of a deaf woman (played by Libertad's sister, deaf actress Miriam Garlo) who is about to have a baby.

In Spanish and Spanish Sign Language with English subtitles.

CAST Miriam Garlo, Álvaro Cervantes, Elena Irureta, Joaquín Notario



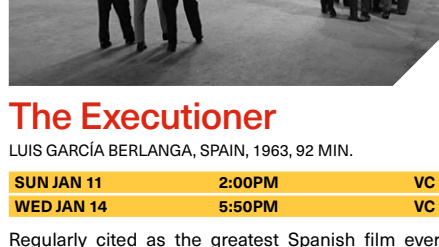
Afternoons of Solitude
ALBERT SERRA, SPAIN, 2025, 125 MIN.

SAT JAN 10	5:45PM	VC
WED JAN 14	3:00PM	VC

Pacification director Albert Serra turns his unflinching gaze on the subject of bullfighting, and in particular the famous young matador Andrés Roca Rey. The film challenges us to look its subject square in the eye and draw our own conclusions.

In Spanish with English subtitles.

FEAT Andrés Roca Rey



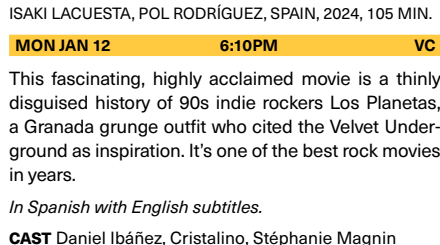
The Executioner
LUIS GARCÍA BERLANGA, SPAIN, 1963, 92 MIN.

SUN JAN 11	2:00PM	VC
WED JAN 14	5:50PM	VC

Regularly cited as the greatest Spanish film ever made, Berlanga's masterpiece is a pitch black comedy about an undertaker lined up by the state executioner to marry his beautiful daughter <Ox2014> but he'll also have to inherit the old man's job.

In Spanish with English subtitles.

CAST Nino Manfredi, Emma Penella, José Isbert, José Luis López Vázquez



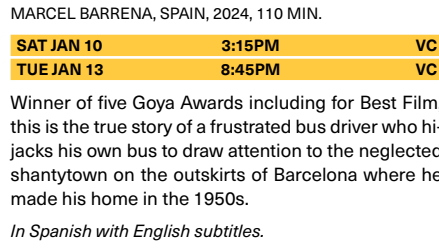
Saturn Return
ISAKI LACUESTA, POL RODRÍGUEZ, SPAIN, 2024, 105 MIN.

MON JAN 12	6:10PM	VC
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This fascinating, highly acclaimed movie is a thinly disguised history of 90s indie rockers Los Planetas, a Granada grunge outfit who cited the Velvet Underground as inspiration. It's one of the best rock movies in years.

In Spanish with English subtitles.

CAST Daniel Ibáñez, Cristalino, Stéphanie Magnin



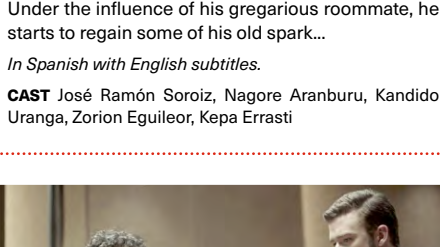
El 47
MARCEL BARRENA, SPAIN, 2024, 110 MIN.

SAT JAN 10	3:15PM	VC
TUE JAN 13	8:45PM	VC

Winner of five Goya Awards including for Best Film, this is the true story of a frustrated bus driver who hijacks his own bus to draw attention to the neglected shantytown on the outskirts of Barcelona where he made his home in the 1950s.

In Spanish with English subtitles.

CAST Eduard Fernández, Clara Segura, David Verdaguer, Zoe Bonafonte, Salva Reina



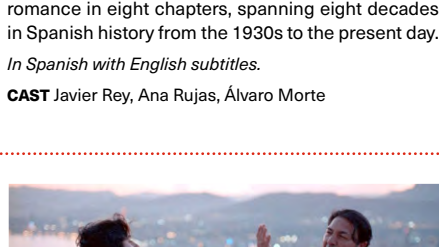
Maspalomas
AITOR ARREGI, JOSE MARI GOENAGA, SPAIN, 2025, 115 MIN.

SAT JAN 10	8:30PM	VC
MON JAN 12	3:30PM	VC

Vincente came out of the closet late in life. But elects to go back in it when he's sent to a nursing home. Under the influence of his gregarious roommate, he starts to regain some of his old spark...

In Spanish with English subtitles.

CAST José Ramón Sorozio, Nagore Aranburu, Kandido Uranga, Zorion Eguileor, Kepa Errasti



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JULIO MEDEM, SPAIN, 2025, 126 MIN.

WED JAN 14	8:00PM	VC
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The always stylish, idiosyncratic Basque auteur Julio Medem is back with one of his most ambitious films (and our closing night gala), a sweeping historical romance in eight chapters, spanning eight decades in Spanish history from the 1930s to the present day.

In Spanish with English subtitles.

CAST Javier Rey, Ana Rujas, Álvaro Morte



VIFF | Live: Coffee House Folk + Inside Llewyn Davis
ETHAN COEN, JOEL COEN, USA, 2013, 180 MIN.

SUN JAN 4	2:00PM	VC
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The Coens' catty portrait of the 60s Greenwich Village scene is the best movie about folk music, bar none. Before the movie, enjoy solo sets from four local singer-songwriters: Rodney DeCroo, Tim Readman, LJ Mouteney and Andy Hillhouse.

"One of the Coens' richest, strangest and most potent films." ANDREW O'HEHIR, *SALON*

CAST Oscar Isaac, Carey Mulligan, John Goodman, Garrett Hedlund, Justin Timberlake



VIFF | Live: The Flamenco Guitar of Yeraí Cortés + Por Derecho (On Their Own Right)
ANTÓN ÁLVAREZ, SPAIN, 2024, 95 MIN.

SUN JAN 11	7:30PM	VC
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Winner of the Goya Award for Best Documentary, this is an exquisite and surprisingly intimate portrait of the brilliant young guitarist Yeraí Cortés, preceded by an hour of passionate flamenco music, song and dance performed by Por Derecho.

In Spanish with English subtitles.

FEAT Yeraí Cortés, María Merino de Paz, Miguel Cortés, Tania García

CHRISTMAS CLASSICS AT THE VIFF CENTRE



Hundreds of Beavers: A Northwoods Christmas
MIKE CHESLIK, USA, 2022, 102 MIN.

SUN DEC 21	3:00PM	VC
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The funniest, and certainly the funniest movie you will see this year, *Hundreds of Beavers* channels the zany slapstick shtick of Buster Keaton, Charlie Chaplin and Bugs Bunny through a videogame quest narrative to retell the eternal saga of Man v Nature.

CAST Ryland Brickson Cole Tews



It's a Wonderful Life
FRANK CAPRA, USA, 1946, 130 MIN.

SUN DEC 21	12:15PM	VC
TUE DEC 23	5:45PM	LOC
WED DEC 24	1:30PM	LOC

Every time a bell rings, an angel gets its wings. This Christmas classic is whimsical, sure, but it has the depth to stand up to multiple watches, and it really should be a communal experience, because that is what it's about.

CAST James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore, Thomas Mitchell, Henry Travers, Beulah Bondi



The Wizard of Oz
VICTOR FLEMING, USA, 1939, 102 MIN.

TUE DEC 23	3:00PM	VC
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Judy Garland is Dorothy, a Kansas farm girl swept by a tornado to the Technicolor world of Oz, where she is befriended by a cowardly lion, a brainless scarecrow and a tin man without a heart.

CAST Judy Garland, Frank Morgan, Ray Bolger, John Lahr



Tokyo Godfathers
SATOSHI KON, JAPAN, 2003, 92 MIN.

WED DEC 24	11:00AM	VC
FRI DEC 26	12:00PM	VC

Shinjuku, Tokyo, Christmas Eve. Middle-aged has-been Gin, aging transvestite Hana, and teenage runaway Miyuki are three homeless friends who stumble across an abandoned baby and do their best to care for the infant over the course of a long and perilous night.

In Japanese with English subtitles.



Where to Land

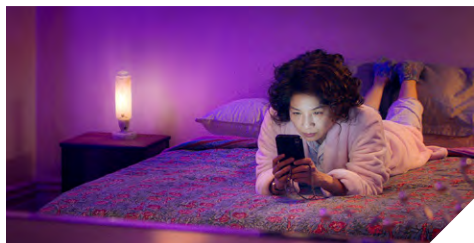
HAL HARTLEY, USA, 2025, 75 MIN.

FRI JAN 2	1:00PM	LOC
SAT JAN 3	5:15PM	LOC
SUN JAN 4	3:45PM	LOC
MON JAN 5	3:30PM	VC
TUE JAN 6	7:30PM	LOC
WED JAN 7	8:20PM	LOC
THU JAN 8	8:25PM	LOC

Indie auteur Hal Hartley's first film in a decade is a melancholy farce about mortality. Bill Sage is a semi-retired filmmaker who isn't dying faster than the rest of us but behaves like he might be. We're also showing HH's 1994 cult favourite *Simple Men* and *Ned Rifle*, from 2014, with Aubrey Plaza, Parker Posey, Bill Sage et al.

"What a beautiful movie is *Where To Land*, crisp, brisk, wry—a comedy that's taut yet discursive. Discernibly and distinctively a Hal Hartley movie... The diction is immaculate, the delivery impeccable, philosophical musings flow like water. Hartley's better than ever." RAY PRIDE, *NEW CITY FILM*

CAST Bill Sage, Kim Taff, Katelyn Sparks, Robert John Burke, Edie Falco, Kathleen Chalfant



The Mother and the Bear

JOHNNY MA, CANADA/CHILE, 2024, 100 MIN.

FRI JAN 9	2:00PM	LOC
SAT JAN 10	4:30PM, 8:50PM	LOC
SUN JAN 11	4:30PM	LOC
MON JAN 12	6:30PM	LOC
TUE JAN 13	7:15PM	LOC
WED JAN 14	3:15PM	LOC

Johnny Ma's film stars Kim Ho-jung as a Korean woman who flies to Winnipeg when her immigrant daughter is hospitalized there. This crowd-pleaser plays up cultural differences to hilarious effect and offers a touching take on mother-daughter tension.

In English and Korean with English subtitles.

CAST Kim Ho-Jung, Won-Jae Lee, Jonathan Kim, Susan Hanson, Samantha Kendrick, Amara Pedroso Saquel



Pantheon: Breaking the Waves

LARS VON TRIER, DENMARK, 1996, 158 MIN.

SUN JAN 18	11:00AM	VC
TUE JAN 20	8:00PM	VC

Kicking off our 2026 Pantheon series of the greatest films ever made, Lars von Trier's 1996 masterpiece is a devastating melodrama featuring an indelible performance from Emily Watson as the woman whose love for her husband knows no bounds.

Sunday's screening will include a 15 minute introduction by Christine Evans.

"This epic melodrama about love, faith, suffering and redemption is emotionally overwhelming. Its raw power is assured not only by the forthright performances and the increasingly cruel, violent events of the last hour, but by Robby Müller's edgily realist 'Scope camerawork.'" GEOFF ANDREW, *TIME OUT*

CAST Emily Watson, Stellan Skarsgaard, Katrin Cartlidge, Jean Marc Barr, Udo Kier



North of Ourselves

MARIE-FRANCE L'ECUYER, CANADA, 2025, 89 MIN.

FRI DEC 19	4:00PM	LOC
SAT DEC 20	4:00PM	LOC
SUN DEC 21	2:40PM	LOC
MON DEC 22	8:00PM	LOC
TUE DEC 23	3:30PM	LOC

In the depths of winter, two adventurers set out to cross Quebec from one end to the other on bike and skis, exploring its staggering geography and meeting its inhabitants (human and otherwise) along the way.

In French, English, and Inuktitut with English subtitles.

CAST Samuel Lalande-Markon, Simon-Pierre Gonneau, Jean Désy, Zebedee Nungak, Noah Sheshamush, Davidee Nivaxie