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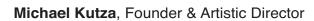
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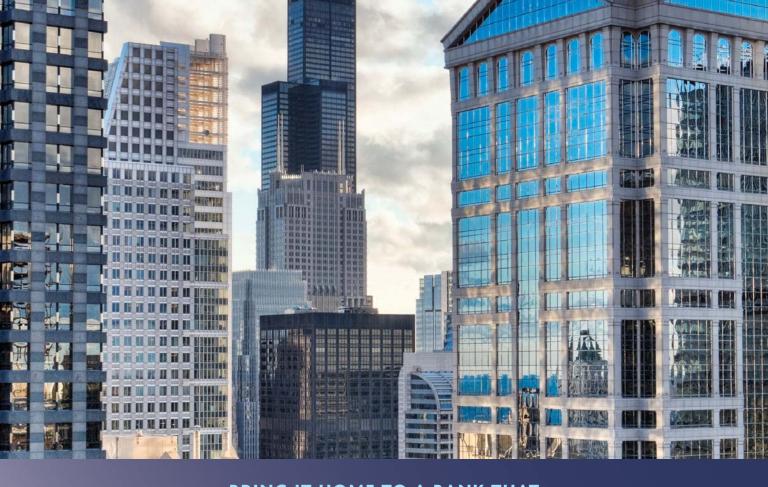












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#### **OPENING NIGHT: Thursday, October 13**

#### La La Land

Dir. Damien Chazelle • U.S.

Join us as we celebrate the magic of movies and musicals at Opening Night of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Chicago International Film Festival with a special screening of *La La Land*!

Written and directed by Academy Award®-nominee Damien Chazelle (Best Adapted Screenplay, *Whiplash* – 2014), *La La Land* tells the story of Mia (Emma Stone), an aspiring actress, and Sebastian (Ryan Gosling), a dedicated jazz musician, who are struggling to make ends meet in a city known for crushing hopes and breaking hearts. Set in modern day Los Angeles, this original musical about everyday life explores the joy and pain of pursuing your dreams. *128 min*.

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Dir. Denis Villeneuve • U.S.

When mysterious spacecraft touch down across the globe, an elite team—led by expert linguist Louise Banks (Amy Adams)—is brought together to investigate. As mankind teeters on the verge of global war, Banks and the team race against time for answers—and to find them, she will take a chance that could threaten her life, and quite possibly humanity.

THUR 10/27 7:00PM EFARRIV



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## International Competition



**24 Weeks** · *24 wochen*Dir. Anne Zohra Berrached **Germany** 

A popular stand-up comedian finds herself in a decidedly unfunny situation when her doctors inform her, several months into her pregnancy, that her unborn child will likely have both Down syndrome and a serious heart condition. As she and her husband face the life altering choice of whether or not to have an abortion, the media goes public with her private dilemma. This poignant, compelling drama approaches its difficult subject with honesty and sensitivity. *German with subtitles. 102 min.* 

FRI 10/14 8:30 PM EF241 SAT 10/15 3:45 PM EF242 TUE 10/25 3:30 PM EF243



The Commune · Kollektivet
Dir. Thomas Vinterberg
Denmark

Communal living: utopian ideal, or delusional hippie fantasy? One Danish family in the 1970s will find out the hard way after they invite friends and strangers alike to move into their sprawling family mansion. If the political and philosophical rifts don't put friendships and marriages to the test, the illicit romances certainly will. The director of *The Hunt* and *The Celebration* plumbs his own communal upbringing for a freewheeling drama about messy human lives. *Danish with subtitles*. 112 min.

FRI 10/14 8:30 PM EFCOMM1 SAT 10/15 1:00 PM EFCOMM2



After the Storm

*Umi yori mo mada fukaku* Dir. Kore-eda Hirokazu I **Japan** 

Ryota is a deadbeat private detective and struggling novelist who would grift his mother for a quick buck (and does). But when he's forced to wait out a typhoon in her tiny apartment, alongside his alienated ex-wife and son, the broken family confronts their grandest dreams and deepest failures over the course of one night. Kore-eda Hirokazu (Still Walking), the master of domestic drama, renders an intimate, compassionate family portrait.

Japanese with subtitles. 117 mins.

WED 10/19 8:15 PM EFSTORM1 THUR 10/20 5:45 PM EFSTORM2



Graduation · Bacalaureat
Dir. Cristian Mungiu
Romania/France

Dr. Romeo has long prided himself on his personal and professional ethics. When his daughter, on the verge of earning a scholarship to study abroad and escape Romania, is attacked before her final exams, he must decide to what lengths he is willing to go to ensure her success. The latest masterwork from the visionary behind 4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days is a searing look at the social and personal costs of corruption. Romanian with subtitles.

SAT 10/15 8:30 PM EFGRAD1 SUN 10/16 7:45 PM EFGRAD2



**Christine**Dir. Antonio Campos

U.S.

In 1974, Florida newscaster Christine Chubbuck shot herself during a live TV broadcast. Dramatizing the events that led to her death, this deeply riveting drama is propelled by a stunning performance from Rebecca Hall (*Vicky Christina Barcelona*) as a wounded soul struggling with depression, unrealized ambition, and the bloodthirsty landscape of TV news. Devastating and intelligent, *Christine* is a portrait of a woman's downward spiral and a culture incapable of stopping it. *120 min*.

SAT 10/15\* 5:45 PM EFCHRIS1 SUN 10/16 8:15 PM EFCHRIS2

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The Last Family
Ostatnia rodzina
Dir. Jan P. Matuszyński I Poland

An unsettling and wryly subversive portrait of Polish surrealist painter Zdzisław Beksiński, his wife, and their neurotic DJ son, *The Last Family* is like no biopic you've seen before. Less interested in Beksiński's surrealist art and more in his combustible family dynamics, the film patiently traverses the years from 1977 to 2005 as the parents try to cope with their unhinged son against a backdrop of funerals, near-death experiences, and changing trends in pop music. *Polish with subtitles. 123 min.* 

SUN 10/16 8:00 PM EFFAM1 MON 10/17 5:45 PM EFFAM2 TUE 10/25 12:30 PM EFFAM3

## International Competition



Layla M.
Dir. Mijke de Jong
Netherlands/Belgium

A Dutch-Moroccan teen living in Amsterdam, fed up with the discrimination she and other Muslims face on a daily basis, decides to take action. Street protests and online activism are only the beginning of her unsettling journey into fanaticism. Nora El Koussour delivers a riveting performance as the headstrong rebel Layla, in this empathic and incendiery exploration of the causes and consequences of radicalization. *Dutch, Arabic, Moroccan with subtitles. 98 min.* 

SUN 10/16 2:30 PM EFLAYLA1 TUE 10/18 8:15 PM EFLAYLA2 THUR 10/20 2:00 PM EFLAYLA3



Paradise · Rai
Dir. Andrei Konchalovsky
Russia/Germany

The lives of three different souls intertwine in Nazi Europe: a Russian member of the French resistance arrested for hiding Jews; the French collaborator who entraps her; and an idealistic if naïve aristocratic SS officer assigned to root out corruption in the concentration camps. Each recounts their stories, as we flash back to the moments when their lives fatefully intersected. In luminous black-and-white, this striking period drama from the director of *Runaway Train* chillingly recounts the costs exacted by loyalty to one's convictions. *German, Russian, French with subtitles.* 131 min.

SUN 10/16 2:45 PM EFPARA1 TUE 10/18 8:30 PM EFPARA2 WED 10/19 3:00 PM EFPARA3



Like Crazy · La pazza gioia Dir. Paolo Virzì Italy/France

Two unstable women—a prattling pathological liar and a quiet depressive—break free from a mental institution and take Tuscany by storm. One fancies herself a member of the upper crust, while the other is still nursing a devastating breakdown from years ago. Celebrate life outside the box with this edgy, hysterical dark comedy that pokes fun at contemporary Italian values and questions what it means to be truly sane. Italian with subtitles. 116 min.

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The Salesman · Forushande
Dir. Asghar Farhadi
Iran

After a Tehran couple barely escapes their crumbling apartment building, they think the worst is over. But a world of trouble unfolds when they move into their new home and are mistaken for the previous tenant. From the Academy Award®-winning director of *A Separation*, this multi-layered, wildly suspenseful drama reveals deep domestic and social fissures in the wake of a personal tragedy. *Persian with subtitles*. 125 min.

SUN 10/16 5:45 PM EFSALES1 WED 10/19 6:00 PM EFSALES2



Neruda Dir. Pablo Larraín Chile/Argentina

Forget everything you know about Pablo Neruda. In this fanciful "anti-bio," the legendary Communist poet and senator goes on the lam after the Chilean government issues a warrant for his arrest. Across Chile, Neruda eludes a fictional, self-important Clouseau-like detective (Gael García Bernal), a Pinochet lackey determined to bring him to justice. The director of Festival Silver Hugo winner *The Club* reveals profound truths about one of this century's finest writers. *Spanish, French with subtitles.* 108 min.

SUN 10/16 7:30 PM EFNERU1 MON 10/17 8:15 PM EFNERU2



Sieranevada Dir. Cristi Puiu Romania

In Romania, Lary and his wife travel to his mother's crowded, dark apartment to attend a memorial service for his recently deceased father. Dark truths of the family's past slowly emerge as everyone wrestles with the patriarch's complicated legacy. The talk of this year's Cannes Film Festival, the latest uncompromising drama from the acclaimed director of *The Death of Mr. Lazarescu* deftly captures a family in pain, with a cast of deeply sympathetic characters. *Romanian with subtitles*. 176 min.

FRI 10/14 5:45 PM EFSIERA1 SAT 10/15 2:45 PM EFSIERA2 MON 10/24 2:45 PM EFSIERA3

## **International Competition**



The Student · Uchenik
Dir. Kirill Serebrennikov
Russia

Righteous fundamentalism is the weapon of choice for Venya, a disturbed teenager hellbent on exposing hypocrisy within Russian society. Brandishing a Bible, he challenges his mother, classmates, and teachers about moral decadence up to (and, in some cases, beyond) their breaking points. In Kirill Serebrennikov's provocative, pitch-black satire, few institutions—secular or religious—are spared from savage criticism. Russian with subtitles. 119 min.

SAT 10/15 8:30 PM EFSTUD1 SUN 10/16 12:15 PM EFSTUD2 MON 10/17 2:30 PM EFSTUD3



Things to Come · L'avenir Dir. Mia Hansen-Løve France/Germany

Isabelle Huppert stars as Nathalie, a renowned philosophy professor whose life unexpectedly falls apart: her husband leaves her for another woman, while her publisher decides to stop printing her once field-defining textbook. Instead of giving up, Nathalie embraces the freedom to reinvent herself, matching wits with a former student and following a group of young idealists. This profoundly humanist drama is a gentle rebuke to fatalism. *English, French, German with subtitles.* 100 min.

SUN 10/16 5:00 PM EFTHING1 WED 10/19 5:45 PM EFTHING2



United States of Love

Zjednoczone stany miłości

Dir. Tomasz Wasilewski I Poland

As the Soviet bloc dissolves, four women in 1990s Poland attempt to find their place in a rapidly changing society. Despite the promise of unification, these women are lonely and adrift in lives of lost affections and unrequited, obsessive love. In this senstive drama, impassioned performances and frosty cinematography portray a landscape where love seems to always be just out of reach. *Polish with subtitles*. 104 min.

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# **New Directors Competition**



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Dir. Yan England
Canada

High school science geek Tim (Antoine-Olivier Pilon, *Mommy*) goes out of his way to avoid provoking the local bullies. But when his only friend and crush Francis (Robert Naylor, TV's *Arthur*) meets tragedy at their hands, Tim decides to take his own revenge. He joins the track team, gunning for the head bully in the 800-meter dash—but all does not go as planned. Academy Award®-nominated director Yan England mixes a thrilling sports saga with a dark drama of adolescent angst. *French with subtitles*. *106 min*.

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Alba
Dir. Ana Cristina Barragán
Ecuador/Mexico

In this affecting emotional drama, Alba, a curious if withdrawn 11-year-old girl, is thrown for a loop when her mother falls seriously ill. Against her wishes, the preteen moves in with her reclusive father, a man she's never met before. She must build a relationship with him while navigating the perils of adolescence, from school cliques to first love. We go inside Alba's world through a series of quiet, powerfully felt scenes. Spanish with subtitles. 94 min.

WED 10/19 8:15 PM EFALBA1 THUR 10/20 8:15 PM EFALBA2 TUE 10/25 1:15 PM EFALBA3



Amerika Square
Dir. Yannis Sakaridis
Greece

An unemployed, disgruntled Greek nationalist in Athens has his world turned upside-down when his beloved city becomes a home and resting stop for migrants in transit across Europe. There, refugees must navigate the seedier elements of Greek society to survive. Mixing a kinetic visual style and ripped-from-the-headlines storytelling, *Amerika Square* is an unflinching look at the mass migration economy—where "borders are business." *English, Greek, Arabic with subtitles. 87 min.* 

MON 10/17 1:00 PM EFSQUA1 SAT 10/22 8:15 PM EFSQUA2 SUN 10/23 8:30 PM EFSQUA3

### **New Directors Competition**



Are We Not Cats
Dir. Xander Robin
U.S.

This offbeat, engrossing romance follows a 20-something New Yorker with a curious grooming habit. When he meets an eccentric bald beauty, the two form a strange, inextricable bond, expressing their affections with behavior that gradually becomes more animal-like. With a distinct visual style, which shifts from gritty to magical realism, this raw expression of young love is as sweet as it is bizarre. 78 min.

FRI 10/14 9:30 PM EFCATS1 SAT 10/15 12:45 PM EFCATS2 SAT 10/22 12:15 PM EFCATS3



The Dreamer • El sonador Dir. Adrian Saba Peru

Sebastian, a young lockpicker, survives the streets with a group of petty thieves, while drifting into his imagination at every opportunity. When gang infighting threatens his life, he dreams of escaping with a newfound love, but is delayed by the promise of one last big job. *The Dreamer* blends powerfully understated performances and beguiling landscapes in a world of crime, courage, and regret. *Spanish with subtitles. 80 min.* 

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Fado
Dir. Jonas Rothlaender
Germany

A young doctor named Fabian departs Berlin for Lisbon to reignite a failed relationship, only to experience an intense, unshakeable jealousy upon arrival. Soon, Fabian is stalking his girlfriend to uncover the truth, though in his frenzied state, he finds it increasingly difficult to distinguish delusion from reality. A twisted love story and a white-knuckle nail-biter, Fado marks the arrival of a striking new cinematic talent. English, German, Portuguese with subtitles. 100 min.

SUN 10/16 12:00 PM EFFADO1 MON 10/17 6:00 PM EFFADO2 WED 10/26 12:30 PM EFFADO3





Finals
Dir. Adel Yaraghi
Iran

In this tightly conceived drama co-written by the late, great Abbas Kiarostami, Farhad, a respected math teacher, is engaged to the mother of one of his pupils. Rather than embrace his new father figure, the angry young student spends his days riding a motorcycle with his rebellious friend, refusing to study—or even sit—for his big final exam. Adel Yaraghi crafts an intricate domestic drama where layers of class and generational conflict always simmer at the surface. Farsi with subtitles. 94 min.

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The Happiest Day in the Life of Olli Mäki • Hymyilevä mies
Dir. Juho Kuosmanen I Finland

This fresh spin on the underdog sports film, winner of a top prize at the Cannes Film Festival, centers on Olli Mäki, a champion Finnish boxer in the 1960s. After winning the lightweight title in his early 20s, the mildmannered Mäki becomes an unlikely cultural figure when he's given the opportunity to go head-to-head in the ring with an undefeated American champion. The film's inventive style mimics a vintage black-and-white newsreel. Finnish with subtitles. 92 min.

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Heartstone • Hjartasteinn
Dir. Guðmundur Arnar Guðmundsson
Iceland

Observed over the course of two years in a small Icelandic fishing town, best teenage friends Thor and Christian make mischief while one hides his growing feelings for the other. Relying on each other to escape difficult family lives, they find their friendship tested by small-town prejudices and the pains of growing up. *Heartstone* is an alternately sensitive and exacting story of sexual awakening. *Icelandic with subtitles*. 129 min.

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#### **New Directors Competition**



**Hedi** • *Inhebbek Hedi*Dir. Mohamed Ben Attia **Tunisia/France** 

A dependable worker and good son, Hedi has spent his life doing exactly what's expected of him. But when he meets a free-spirited dancer at a beach hotel a week before his arranged marriage, Hedi is ready to give up everything he knows. Can he keep up with what the "new Tunisia" holds for him? Produced by the Dardenne brothers (*Rosetta*), this social-realist drama follows one man's struggle to find his place in a maelstrom of social change. *Arabic with subtitles. 86 min.* 

FRI 10/14 5:45 PM EFHEDI1 SAT 10/15 3:30 PM EFHEDI2 MON 10/17 3:00 PM EFHEDI3



Santa & Andrés · Santa y Andrés
Dir. Carlos Lechuga
Cuba/Colombia

Cuba, 1983. Banned from writing, a dissident gay author has been forced to live in impoverished isolation in the countryside. When officials visit the region, an earnest partisan is assigned to monitor his activity. As she dutifully keeps watch, the two adversaries develop an unlikely friendship that is tested by the time and place in which they live. This unconventional love story beautifully underscores the power of compassion and the value of personal freedom. *Spanish with subtitles.* 105 min.

TUE 10/18 8:45 PM EFSANTA1 WED 10/19 8:00 PM EFSANTA2 WED 10/26 12:15 PM EFSANTA3



Kills on Wheels • Tiszta szívvel
Dir. Atilla Till
Hungary

In this wildly original dark comedy, two teenage boys living in a facility for kids with disabilities are looking for a way out. When they befriend a gruff firefighter-turned-hitman who enlists them to be his accomplice wheelchair assassins, the lines between reality and fantasy begin to blur. With stellar cinematography, a mix of live action with graphic animation, and a dark sense of humor, Kills on Wheels successfully blends genres as it rolls on to exciting, offbeat places. Hungarian with subtitles. 105 min.

SAT 10/15 5:45 PM EFKILLS1 SUN 10/16 8:00 PM EFKILLS2 TUE 10/18 2:30 PM EFKILLS3



Where I Grow Old
A Cidade onde envelheço

Dir. Marilia Rocha I Brazil/Portugal

Teresa, a young and adrift Portuguese woman, moves to the inland Brazilian city of Belo Horizonte looking for adventure. Her best friend Francisca has already settled happily into her new life in the Americas. But Teresa's visit prompts an unexpected bout of homesickness, and soon both women must decide where home really is. This debut narrative feature captures the small interactions and the melancholy of young adulthood with delicacy and naturalism. Portuguese with subtitles. 99 min.

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Mara'akame's Dream

El sueño del mara'akame

Dir. Federico Cecchetti I Mexico

This evocative portrait of Mexico follows Niere, a young Huichol Indian caught between his traditional culture and his youthful ambitions. On a trip to Mexico City with his father, a shaman (or Mara'akame) training his son in the art of spiritual healing, Niere only wants to perform with his rock band. But the young man's dreams guide him down a more spiritual path of self-awakening, as the urban realities of city life blend with the mysticism of his people. Huichol, Spanish with subtitles. 88 min.

FRI 10/14 8:15 PM EFMARA1 SAT 10/15 12:30 PM EFMARA2 THUR 10/20 11:45 AM EFMARA3



Wolf and Sheep
Dir. Shahrbanoo Sadat
Denmark/Afghanistan

Growing up in a rural Afghan farming village has its charms and challenges. Tasked with herding their clans' livestock, the children find ways to amuse themselves: the girls play-negotiate wedding dowries, while the boys wield slingshots. But a mythical beast haunts the hilltops and threatens their sheep. Guiding an appealing cast of non-professional actors with an assured hand, the 26-year-old Shahrbanoo Sadat blends naturalism and surrealism in captivating fashion. Hazaragi with subtitles. 86 min.

FRI 10/14 8:00 PM EFWOLF1 SAT 10/15 1:15 PM EFWOLF2 THUR 10/20 1:45 PM EFWOLF3

### **Documentary Competition**



Among Wolves
Dir. Shawn Convey
U.S./Germany

From Chicago's own Shawn Convey comes this empathetic, beautifully shot profile of a humanitarian biker gang. Convey's skilled eye captures the Balkan community of Livno and its Wolves Motorcycle Club in the aftermath of the region's civil war. Clad in patched leather uniforms, the Wolves keep busy with a not-so-average mission: protecting the endangered wild horses of Bosnia and Herzegovina, all the while grappling with their communal trauma. Croatian, Bosnian with subtitles. 87 min.

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Karl Marx City
Dir. Petra Epperlein, Michael Tucker
U.S./Germany

A personal documentary and paranoid thriller rolled into one, *Karl Marx City* follows director Petra Epperlein's investigation into her father's suicide and the rumor that he may have worked as a spy for the Stasi in East Germany. Uncovering the truth— as fictionalized in *The Lives of Others*— through Stasi archives and former agents, Epperlein takes us on a haunting trip back to the GDR, peppered with dark ironies and the enduring legacy of the surveillance state. *English, German with subtitles. 89 min.* 

THUR 10/20 6:00 PM EFKARL1 FRI 10/21 3:00 PM EFKARL2



Forever Pure • Tehora la'ad Dir. Maya Zinshtein Israel/U.K.

Beitar Jerusalem, an intensely nationalist soccer team in the Israeli Premier League, inspires as much extreme fandom as it does controversy. The powderkeg erupted in 2013, when the team owner, a provocative Russian arms trafficker, signed two Chechen Muslim players. The hires pushed Beitar over the edge, pitting lifelong fans and longtime players against each other in this eye-opening account of the intersection between politics, racism, and sports. Hebrew, Russian, Chechen with subtitles. 87 min.

TUE 10/18 6:30 PM EFFORE1 WED 10/19 2:00 PM EFFORE2



A Mere Breath · Doar o rasuflare
Dir. Monica Lazurean-Gorgan
Romania

Dobrin Sicrea is a devoutly religious father who prays for a miracle to heal his youngest daughter, Denisa, who was born with spina bifida. Dobrin dutifully attends church and hopes for divine intervention, but will his love and devotion save his family, or destroy it? This exquisitely crafted documentary charts seven years in the life of Dobrin and his family as their faith—in God and each other—is profoundly tested. *Romanian with subtitles. 67 min.* 

SAT 10/15 2:45 PM EFMERE1 WED 10/19 4:00 PM EFMERE2



Girls Don't Fly Dir. Monika Grassl Germany/Austria

An uplifting story of female empowerment? Not quite. This engrossing documentary captures the complex relationship between Jonathan Porter, a British man who dreams of teaching young Ghanaian women to be pilots, and his pupils, who discover his aviation academy isn't all it's cracked up to be. A story of goodwill gone awry, where charity and education meet exploitation, *Girls Don't Fly* reveals the blurry line between colonialism and modernization. *English, Ewe, Twi, Krobo with subtitles.* 90 min.

SUN 10/16 2:15 PM EFGIRLS1 TUE 10/18 3:00 PM EFGIRLS2



Random Acts of Legacy Dir. Ali Kazimi Canada

A rare and illuminating glimpse of midcentury American life, this touching documentary introduces us to a unique Chicago family. From the 1930s on, first-generation Chinese immigrant Silas Fung captured his family's bourgeois life in copious 16mm home movies. The Fungs fervently embraced their adopted home, from fried-chicken picnics to an obsession with the 1933 World's Fair. The American family, the film implies, fits no single image. 77 min.

WED 10/19 8:15 PM EFRAND1 THUR 10/20 2:00 PM EFRAND2



# **Documentary Competition**



Samuel in the Clouds
Dir. Pieter Van Eecke
Belgium/Netherlands

On one of the highest ski slopes in the world atop a Bolivian glacier, Samuel has tirelessly worked for decades as a lift operator. Every day he walks miles up the mountain to cater to tourists from all over the world. But now the glacier is melting, and with it, an entire way of life. More than a vivid snapshot of climate change, Samuel in the Clouds is a sublime, haunting study of a man who longs for a sacred past. English, Spanish, Aymara with subtitles. 70 min.

THURS 10/20 6:15 PM EFSAM1 FRI 10/21 12:00 PM EFSAM2



The Swedish Theory of Love
Dir. Erik Gandini
Sweden

In the 1970s, the Swedish government promoted a manifesto titled "The Family of the Future," calling for a shift away from traditional households toward personal independence. In this inquisitive documentary, Erik Gandini (*Videocracy*) explores the troubling outcomes of this utopian effort; for example, one-quarter of Swedes now die alone. Through alluring cinematography and shocking anecdotes, Gandini offers a cautionary tale for our modern world. *English, Swedish with subtitles. 76 min.* 

SUN 10/16 4:30 PM EFSWED1 MON 10/17 3:45 PM EFSWED2



Where You're Meant to Be Dir. Paul Fegan U.K.

Touring the bonnie Scottish countryside, pop-rocker Aidan Moffat has a musical mission: To update classic folk ballads with bawdy modern lyrics. But Sheila Stewart, a 79-year-old wayfaring balladeer and Scotland's unofficial queen of national folk anthems, doesn't approve. And she's not alone, as Moffat discovers on the road from Loch Ness to Falkirk in this humorous and tender ode to national heritage and the resilience of tradition. *76 min.* 

TUE 10/18 7:45 PM EFMEANT1 WED 10/19 12:00 PM EFMEANT2

## **Documentary**



Abacus: Small Enough to Jail Dir. Steve James U.S.

From acclaimed Chicago filmmaker Steve James (*Hoop Dreams, The Interrupters*) comes a saga of the Chinese immigrant Sung family, owners of Abacus Federal Savings Bank in New York's Chinatown. Accused of mortgage fraud, the Sungs must defend themselves and their dignity, even as the true architects of the 2008 financial crisis walk free. This high-stakes courtroom documentary screens as part of Kartemquin Films' 50th anniversary. *English, Mandarin, Cantonese with subtitles.* 88 min.

TUE 10/18 6:00 PM EFABAC





American Anarchist
Dir. Charlie Siskel
U.S.

From the co-director of the Academy Award®-nominated Finding Vivian Maier comes another captivating portrait of a private subject: William Powell, who at 19 authored the infamous militant manifesto The Anarchist Cookbook. Now an educator in his 60s, Powell is deeply haunted by his own creation. In this cautionary tale of rebellion and its unintended effects, Chicago native Charlie Siskel catches up with a man caught between regret and responsibility. 80 min.

SAT 10/15 5:45 PM EFANARC1 SUN 10/16 12:15 PM EFANARC2



The B-Side: Elsa Dorfman's Portrait Photography
Dir. Errol Morris I U.S.

Academy Award®-winner Errol Morris (*The Fog of War*) offers his most intimate work yet: a profile of his friend, Elsa Dorfman. A prominent photographer of such '60s icons as Allen Ginsberg and Bob Dylan, Dorfman was one of the first artists to utilize large-format Polaroid cameras. But with her preferred film stock nearly extinct, Dorfman decides to retire. Morris captures her past and present as he examines the fragility and perishability of traditional photography—and our lives. *76 min.* 

SAT 10/15 3:45 PM EFBSIDE1 MON 10/17 12:15 PM EFBSIDE2

## **Documentary**



**Bright Lights: Starring Debbie Reynolds and Carrie Fisher** 

Dir. Fisher Stevens, Alexis Bloom I U.S.

Screen icons Debbie Reynolds (Singin' in the Rain) and Carrie Fisher (Star Wars) make for one of the most memorable mother-daughter pairs in Hollywood history. But two generations of showbiz life is enough to warp any family dynamic. In this fantastically entertaining warts-and-all portrait, these legendary female leads radiate wit and deep-rooted dysfunction as they battle with aging, the whims of celebrity, and each other. 94 min.

WED 10/19 6:00 PM EFBRIG1 THUR 10/20 1:00 PM EFBRIG2



Do Not Resist

Dir. Craig Atkinson **U.S.** 

Urgent and engrossing, this award-winning documentary is a provocative investigation of police militarization in America. From witnessing military-style protest crackdowns in Ferguson, Missouri to riding along with a South Carolina S.W.A.T. team, director Craig Atkinson captures our current policing policies with blunt and visually stunning force. With post-screening panel discussion. 73 min.

MON 10/24 6:30 PM EFDONOT



The Eagle Huntress
Dir. Otto Bell

U.S./Mongolia

The Eagle Huntress follows Aisholopan, a 13-year-old girl, as she trains to become the first female in twelve generations of her Kazakh family to become an eagle hunter, and rises to the pinnacle of a tradition that has been handed down from father to son for centuries. Set against the breathtaking expanse of the Mongolian steppe, the film features some of the most awe-inspiring cinematography ever captured in a documentary. English, Kazakh with subtitles. 87 min.

SAT 10/22 5:15 PM EFEAG



Fire at Sea • Fuocoammare
Dir. Gianfranco Rosi
Italy/France

This top prizewinner at the Berlin Film Festival transports us to the Mediterranean island of Lampedusa, where scores of refugees from Africa and the Middle East end up in overcrowded boats trying to reach the mainland. While migrants struggle to survive, and sing their tragic stories in detention centers, an innocent Italian boy lights firecrackers on the beach and tries to prepare for a fisherman's way of life. Powerful, lyrical filmmaking bridges the gap between both worlds with poeticism and urgency. *Italian with subtitles.* 108 min.

SAT 10/22 7:30 PM EFFIRE1 TUE 10/25 6:15 PM EFFIRE2



**Futures Past** 

Dir. Jordan Melamed **U.S.** 

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange and its prickly pioneer, Leo Melamed, anchor this poignant documentary about a father, a son, and the struggle for success. Director Jordan Melamed, Leo's son, skillfully portrays his competitive relationship with his dad alongside the CME's recent period of momentous technological change. Nearly 10 years in the making, *Futures Past* deftly examines the importance of human contact, whether in families or in "the pits." *91 min*.

FRI 10/14 6:30 PM EFFUTU1 TUE 10/18 3:30 PM EFFUTU2 MON 10/24 8:45 PM EFFUTU3





# Insatiable: The Homaro Cantu Story

Dir. Brett A. Schwartz I U.S.

From childhood homelessness to international recognition, Chicago chef and molecular gastronomist Homaro Cantu was a turbine of creativity, business savvy, and scientific prowess. Using intimate interviews with friends, associates, and Cantu himself, *Insatiable* cooks up an in-depth picture of a tragic figure feeding Chicago's foodies with extravagant concoctions, while attempting to tackle world hunger and obesity with his passion project: the miracle berry. *98 min*.

Reception to follow. See chicagofilmfestival.com for tickets and information

MON 10/17 8:30 PM EFCANTU1 MON 10/24 6:15 PM EFCANTU2



### **Documentary**



The Last Laugh
Dir. Ferne Pearlstein
U.S.

Can the Holocaust be funny? In this witty and moving documentary, spanning decades of humor on the most taboo of subjects, button-pushing comics like Mel Brooks and Sarah Silverman discuss why and how they joke about the genocide of their own people, from "Springtime for Hitler" to stand-up zingers. Meanwhile, Holocaust survivors and Jewish community leaders try to decide when they can laugh and when they draw the line. 85 min.

WED 10/19 8:30 PM EFLAUGH1 THU 10/20 3:30 PM EFLAUGH2



One Day Since Yesterday: Peter Bogdanovich & the Lost American Film Dir. Bill Teck | U.S.

Peter Bogdanovich, one of the preeminent directors of '70s New Hollywood (*The Last Picture Show*), receives a poignant tribute in this look at his storied career. Pivoting around his 1981 screwball detective yarn *They All Laughed*, Bill Teck's film examines the personal tragedy that haunted his misunderstood masterpiece: the murder of his star and lover, Dorothy Stratten. Bogdanovich will attend the screening and receive a Tribute and Lifetime Achievement Award (pg. 40). *120 min*.

SUN 10/16 5:00 PM EF1DAY



My Journey Through French Cinema

Voyage à travers le cinema français

Dir. Bertrand Tavernier I France

From the celebrated director of A Sunday in the Country comes this loving tribute to the history of Gallic film. While Truffaut and Godard get their due, Bertrand Tavernier's exquisitely edited montage focuses more on his own personal "movie godfathers" (Jean-Pierre Melville, Claude Sautet) and other kinsman in craft (Jacques Becker, Marcel Carné). A masterclass in the art of the moving image, this impassioned compendium of French classics is also an ode to the universal power of cinema. French with subtitles. 195 min.

SAT 10/15 11:45 AM EFMY



Raising Bertie
Dir. Margaret Byrne
U.S.

Three young African American men enter adulthood over a period of six years in Bertie County, North Carolina, a community that lives in the shadow of the 27 prisons that exist within a 100-mile radius. Here, local youth are faced with a stark choice: either get their education in the classroom, or in jail. This latest longitudinal gem from Kartemquin Films coincides with the historic Chicago documentary studio's 50th anniversary. 102 min.

SUN 10/23 3:30 PM EFRAIS





# Olympic Pride, American Prejudice

Dir. Deborah Riley Draper I U.S.

Jesse Owens wasn't the only black athlete who drew Adolf Hitler's ire. In this enlightening story of glory in the face of racial oppression, director Deborah Riley Draper profiles the 18 black athletes, including Chicago's own Ralph Metcalfe and Tidye Pickett, who competed in the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin. Intimate archival footage illuminates how these "Black Eagles" defied bigotry and hatred through their athletic prowess. Narrated by Blair Underwood. 80 min.

SUN 10/23 5:45 PM EFOLYM



### Starless Dreams Royahaye dame sobh

Dir. Mehrdad Oskovei I **Iran** 

One of the year's most acclaimed documentaries, *Starless Dreams* plunges us into the lives of teenage girls at a juvenile detention center on the outskirts of Tehran. As the New Year approaches, the innocent-seeming youngsters reveal, with surprising candor, the circumstances behind their incarceration, from patricide to bank robbery. With incredible empathy, startling access, and visual assuredness, this heartbreaking film delivers an unforgettable cinematic portrayal of innocence lost and found. *Farsi with subtitles. 76 min.* 

FRI 10/14 6:15 PM EFSTAR1 MON 10/24 3:45 PM EFSTAR2

## **Documentary**



# Strike a Pose Dir. Ester Gould, Reijer Zwaan Netherlands/Belgium

Go behind the curtains of Madonna's controversial 1990 "Blonde Ambition" tour to meet the pop star's backup dancers, whose lives were changed forever by their time in the spotlight. While some privately struggled with H.I.V. diagnoses, they became sensational symbols of sexual freedom. This electrifying look at celebrity uses amazing archival footage and emotional testimony to craft a stirring, intimate chronicle of fame in the shadow of the A.I.D.S. crisis. 83 min.

WED 10/19 12:30 PM EFSTRIK1 SAT 10/22 2:15 PM EFSTRIK2 SUN 10/23 6:15 PM EFSTRIK3



Two Trains Runnin'
Dir. Sam Pollard
U.S.

In 1964, two different groups of music fans set off to find the lost titans of blues in Mississippi. Meanwhile, activists worked tirelessly in the state trying to register African Americans to vote. Through its vivid mix of interviews, animated re-enactments, and new music performances, *Two Trains Runnin'* shows how these parties converged on one fateful summer day. The venerable Sam Pollard (*Eyes on the Prize*) and narrator Common play us the soundtrack to a revolution. 82 min.

FRI 10/21 8:00 PM EFTWO1 SAT 10/22 11:45 AM EFTWO2



Who's Gonna Love Me Now?

Dir. Barak Heymann, Tomer Heymann
Israel

Saar Maoz is a 39-year-old Israeli man who has found his adopted home and voice as a member of the London Gay Men's Chorus. But after being diagnosed with H.I.V., he longs to make amends with his estranged family back in Israel. To find their love and acceptance, this proud gay man must confront their fears and prejudices. An Audience Award winner at the Berlin Film Festival, this inspiring true story finds harmony in family and forgiveness. *English, Hebrew with subtitles. 86 min.* 

MON 10/17 8:30 PM EFWHO1 TUE 10/18 12:45 PM EFWHO2



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93 Days
Dir. Steve Gukas
Nigeria

When a feverish Liberian-American ambassador collapses in a hospital in Lagos, it's clear the long-dreaded 2014 Ebola outbreak has finally arrived at Nigeria's door. Over 93 gut-wrenching days, health officials rush to prevent the disease's spread. At ground zero of the exposure is the hospital team (including co-star Danny Glover), whose lives and families are at stake in this compelling drama of sacrifice and courage. *124 min*.

THU 10/20 8:15 PM EF93D1 FRI 10/21 5:45 PM EF93D2 TUE 10/25 3:00 PM EF93D3



**Being 17** • Quand on a 17 ans Dir. André Téchiné **France** 

A bitter rivalry between two high school boys cools when circumstances force one to stay with the other's family over Christmas. But close quarters breed unexpected emotions, as violence gives way to passion. In the heat of adolescent confusion, each boy tries to work out what kind of a man he will become. The picturesque French Pyrenees play home to a delicate coming-of-age drama from a veteran auteur. French with subtitles. 114 min.

SUN 10/23 3:15 PM EFBEING1 MON 10/24 8:30 PM EFBEING2



**Apprentice**Dir. Boo Junfeng **Singapore** 

In this seething social justice drama, a young prison worker studies under the head executioner in preparation to take his job. But the worker has other, vengeful reasons for this most unsettling of career paths. With an oversaturated green-and-yellow color scheme and a captivating lead performance, this intense, stylish film depicts a complicated portrait of Singapore's longstanding addiction to capital punishment. *English, Malay with subtitles. 96 min.* 

MON 10/17 8:45 PM EFAPP1 TUE 10/18 3:30 PM EFAPP2



Camera Buff • Amator Dir. Krzysztof Kieslowski Poland

This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Krzysztof Kieślowski, the Polish cinema auteur (*Dekalog, Three Colors*) and one of the greatest directors in film history. Celebrate his legacy with this restored version of his career-defining early film, the Gold Hugo winner at the Festival in 1980, about an obsessive amateur filmmaker in Communist Poland who attracts the attention of Party officials. A critique of censorship, and a love letter to filmmaking itself. *Polish with subtitles. 113 min.* 

SAT 10/15 12:00 PM EFCAM



Arctic Heart
Le secret des banquises
Dir. Marie Madinier I France

With the help of penguins, two humans march toward love in this unique subzero romantic comedy. To get closer to her professor, who studies the flightless coldweather birds, a graduate student injects herself with the penguin's genetic material, giving herself up wholeheartedly to science. The sealed research environment generates chemistry between stars Charlotte Le Bon (*The Walk*) and Guillaume Canet (*Tell No One*). French with subtitles. 81 min.

SUN 10/23 3:30 PM EFARC1 TUE 10/25 8:30 PM EFARC2 WED 10/26 3:00 PM EFARC3





The Confessions

Le confessioni

Dir. Roberto Andò I Italy/France

When a powerful economist turns up dead during a secret G8 summit in a remote German coastal resort, the chief suspect is a mysterious Italian monk (Toni Servillo, *The Great Beauty*) on hand for an unusual confession request. The attending world leaders are also wary of other surprise guests—a rock star and a famous children's author, whose presence could upset the fragile facade of power and order. Italian master Roberto Andó (*Viva la Liberta!*) skewers the state of European politics in this engrossing, satirical whodunit. *English, Italian, French with subtitles. 100 min.* 

FRI 10/14 6:00 PM EFCON1 MON 10/17 6:00 PM EFCON2



Crosscurrent · Chang jiang tu Dir. Yang Chao China

A visually stunning odyssey traversing China's Yangtze River, Crosscurrent follows a boat captain who sails upstream to the famed waterway's source. Over repeated encounters with a beautiful woman who appears younger at each port, it becomes clear the shipman's journey is taking him back in time through Chinese history. Shot on 35mm film by the celebrated cinematographer of The Assassin, this painterly masterpiece won a top prize at the Berlin Film Festival.

Mandarin with subtitles. 116 min.

MON 10/24 8:45 PM EFCROSS1 WED 10/26 5:30 PM EFCROSS2



Glory · Slava Dir. Kristina Grozeva, Petar Valchanov | Bulgaria / Greece

When Tsanko, a steadfast if simple railway worker, finds bags of cash on the tracks, he does the right thing and calls the authorities. But despite his best intentions, he unwittingly gets caught in a maelstrom of bureaucracy and media agendas. The simple premise of Glory unfolds into a Kafkaesque tale full of arch humor, deep emotion, and confounding personalities: a savvy dissection of class and power in contemporary Bulgaria. Bulgarian with subtitles. 101 min.

3:45 PM EFGLORY1 FRI 10/14 MON 10/24 6:00 PM EFGLORY2 TUE 10/25 8:45 PM EFGLORY3



The Daughter · La Hija Dir. Luis Sampieri **Argentina** 

The Amado family, their fortunes dwindling, gathers at their country estate to say farewell to a home that represents a vanishing way of life. When their maid unexpectedly gives birth to a daughter, the family's fragile façade comes crashing down. Long-simmering resentments, closely guarded secrets, and suppressed rivalries boil to the surface in this engrossing Bergman-esque story, which shrewdly unfolds to expose the cracks at the hearts of its characters. Spanish with subtitles. 89 min.

MON 10/17 6:00 PM EFDAUG1 WED 10/19 6:00 PM EFDAUG2 THUR 10/20 4:30 PM EFDAUG3



The Handmaiden · Agassi Dir. Park Chan-wook South Korea

When the infamous director of Oldboy helms an erotic period thriller, all bets are off. In Japan-colonized Korea, two thieves pose as a handmaiden and a count to swindle a Japanese heiress out of her fortune and dump her in the madhouse. But nothing proves simple once the maid and the heiress fall madly in lust. Shocking twists and feverish pacing ensure there's never a dull moment in this lavish bodice-ripper. Korean with subtitles. 145 min.

SUN 10/23 8:15 PM EFHAND1 TUE 10/25 8:30 PM EFHAND2





Dog Days · San fu tian Dir. Jordan Schiele China

In an impoverished Chinese suburb, nightclub dancer Lulu returns home to find her boyfriend and their infant child have gone missing. Stopping at nothing to find her son, she enlists the help of a drag queen at a local cabaret who knows more than he's letting on. Lulu traverses the dark underbellies of modern Chinese society in her desperate search to recover her child in this bold, harrowing debut feature. Mandarin, Changsha with subtitles. 95 min.

TUE 10/25 6:15 PM EFDOG1 WED 10/26 8:00 PM EFDOG2



Harmonium • Fuchi ni tatsu Dir. Kôji Fukada Japan

Winner of the Un Certain Regard Jury Prize at the Cannes Film Festival, this wry, existential drama focuses on a middleclass family of three, who graciously invite a stranger to live with them. Quiet tensions and suspicions arise as their unusual quest, hauntingly played by Tadanobu Asano (Ichi the Killer), settles into their home and insidiously upsets the delicate balance of the household. Japanese with subtitles. 120 min.

SUN 10/23 5:30 PM EFHARM1 MON 10/24 8:45 PM EFHARM2



I Promise You Anarchy

Te prometo anarquía Dir. Julio Hernández Cordón I Mexico

Erotic and transfixing, I Promise You Anarchy takes a voyeuristic look at the street and gang cultures of Mexico City. A young skateboarder pays for an endless summer of drugs and sex by running a black-market blood bank on behalf of drug cartels. Meditative scenes merge with dreamy cinematography and gritty naturalism to create a stunning, cautionary love letter to lives and romances that drain the blood in more ways than one. Spanish with subtitles. 88 min.

WED 10/19 1:00 PM EFPROM1 FRI 10/21 8:45 PM EFPROM2 SAT 10/22 12:00 PM EFPROM3





In the Last Days of the City

Akher ayam el madina

Dir. Tamer El Said I Egypt

This requiem for a lost Cairo follows Khalid, a filmmaker trying to piece together footage of his ailing mother, his neighborhood, and his colleagues on the sidelines of an approaching revolution. In this profound, melancholic portrait, workers' strikes alternate with Islamist marches and building demolitions, while prophetic conversations hint at the political and social upheaval on the horizon. For Khalid and his compatriots, life will never be the same. Arabic with subtitles. 118 min.

FRI 10/14 2:00 PM **EFCITY1** TUE 10/18 5:45 PM EFCITY2 WED 10/19 5:45 PM **EFCITY3** 



Illegitimate · Illegitim Dir. Adrian Sitaru Romania/Poland

This riveting, unconventional morality play revolves around the Anghelescus: family patriarch and obstetrician Victor and his four adult children. When Victor's activist daughter discovers that her father informed on women seeking illegal abortions under Ceausescu's regime, the revelation sends the already dysfunctional family into a scandalous downward spiral. Fastpaced and superbly acted, Illegitimate is a compelling family drama that blurs the lines between conviction and hypocrisy. Romanian with subtitles. 89 min.

MON 10/24 6:00 PM FFILL FG1 WED 10/26 8:15 PM **EFILLEG2** 



Kaleidoscope Dir. Rupert Jones U.K.

Rehabilitated ex-con Carl Byrne (Toby Jones) tries to return to the dating game while adjusting to life on the outside. A hopeful date night is shattered by the unwelcome appearance of his dreaded mother, whose mere presence sends Carl into a psychological tailspin-with deadly consequences. This twisted, Hitchcockian tale of mother and son gleefully explores how just the right push can send anyone over the edge. 100 min.

10/21 8:45 PM **EFKALE1** SUN 10/23 1:00 PM **EFKALE2** 



In Bed With Victoria · Victoria Dir. Justine Triet **France** 

A vibrant romantic comedy buoyed by irresistible lead performances, In Bed with Victoria stars Virginie Efira as a highpowered criminal lawyer trying to juggle her career, kids, and love life without much success. While defending a former friend on assault charges (with the victim's Dalmatian the only witness), Victoria finds herself caught in a whirlwind of personal and professional chaos. Will she eventually find love again and rediscover herself? Find out in this hilarious and tender tale. English, French with subtitles. 98 min.

SUN 10/23 6:00 PM FFVIC1 TUE 10/25 3:45 PM EFVIC2



Kati Kati Dir. Mbithi Masya Kenya/Germany

Kaleche, a young woman, wanders into the otherwordly village of Kati Kati, not knowing who she is or how she got there. She finds a community of eccentrics led by the charismatic Thoma, to whom she is inexplicably drawn. As the residents begin to discover what is keeping them there, the film's spiritual world-where living and dead ominously intersect-becomes a magicalrealist reflection on the legacy of violence and survival in Kenya. English, Swahili with subtitles. 75 min.

10/22 3:15 PM EFK ATI1 SUN 10/23 3:00 PM EFK ATI2 TUE 10/25 1:15 PM **EFKATI3** 



**Kékszakállú**Dir. Gastón Solnicki **Argentina** 

A group of young women inch toward adulthood in this masterfully wrought impressionistic portrait inspired by the Béla Bartók opera *Bluebeard's Castle*. It's summertime in modern-day Argentina and the lithe and languid young women spend their days lounging by the pool, working in factories, experiencing first love, and reflecting on their futures. Excerpts from the opera fade in and out as a patchwork of vignettes create a melancholic glimpse of lives in transition. *Spanish with subtitles*. 72 min.

FRI 10/21 6:15 PM EFKEK1 SAT 10/22 3:45 PM EFKEK2 TUE 10/25 8:45 PM EFKEK3



**Malaria** Dir. Parviz Shahbazi **Iran** 

A young woman elopes with her boyfriend to Tehran. To cover her tracks, she tells her father she's been kidnapped. With her family in hot pursuit, the couple takes up with a band of bohemian street musicians and forms an elaborate plan for a more permanent escape. Mixing real-life on-the-streets footage with a tense lovers-on-the-run drama, Festival alum Parviz Shahbazi crafts a lively look at the cultural clashes that exist deep within Iranian society. Farsi with subtitles. 90 min.

MON 10/24 8:45 PM EFMALA1 TUE 10/25 6:00 PM EFMALA2



Lost in Paris · Paris pieds nus
Dir. Dominique Abel, Fiona Gordon
France/Belgium

From the dynamic comedy duo of Dominique Abel and Fiona Gordon (*The Fairy, Rumba*) comes a quirky, utterly charming comedy that follows the antics of a hapless Canadian (Gordon) who journeys from her remote winterland to the French capital on a mission to save her aunt (Academy Award® nominee Emmanuelle Riva) from a nursing home. As one mishap leads to another, she becomes entangled with a fleet-footed homeless man (Abel) in a world of Tati-esque deadpan sight gags, class commentary, and brightly colored sets. *English, French with subtitles. 84 min.* 

MON 10/24 8:30 PM EFLOST1 TUE 10/25 6:00 PM EFLOST2



Ministry of Love • Ministarstvo ljubavi Dir. Pavo Marinković Croatia/Czech Republic

A hapless biologist-turned-bureaucrat lands the least desirable government job in Croatia: spying on war widows in order to cut off their pensions should they find new partners. But what his bosses, including his father-in-law, don't know is that he just may be romance's unlikeliest champion. *Ministry of Love* is a quirky, sardonic, blisteringly funny road trip through the idiosyncrasies of finding one's passion in the unlikeliest of places. *Croatian with subtitles.* 103 min.

SAT 10/15 6:00 PM EFMINI1 SUN 10/16 8:15 PM EFMINI2 THU 10/20 3:00 PM EFMINI3



Love is Thicker than Water
Dir. Ate de Jong, Emily Harris
U.K./Netherlands

Arthur is a poor Welsh student. Vida is an affluent Jewish cellist. Together, they're an inseparable pair of lovers. Yet when the fates of their two families converge, their differences push the relationship past its breaking point. Punctuated by quirky animated sequences, *Love is Thicker than Water* is a whimsical modern-day *Romeo & Juliet*, a sexy, heartwarming tale of upstairs-downstairs love. 105 min.

FRI 10/14 6:00 PM EFLOVE1 SAT 10/15 8:45 PM EFLOVE2 THU 10/20 3:00 PM EFLOVE3



Moon in the 12<sup>th</sup> House Yareach bebayit 12 Dir. Dorit Hakim I Israel

Sisters Mira and Lenny, separated at youth by traumatic circumstances, are young women when they finally meet again. The older and wilder Mira, who works in a hip Tel Aviv nightclub, unexpectedly returns to their childhood home, where the dutiful Lenny has stayed to care for their father. This reunion leads them on an emotional journey of healing and reconciliation. Commanding performances and hypnotic cinematography elevate this moving meditation on family ties and lost youth. Hebrew with subtitles. 109 min.

FRI 10/14 3:00 PM EFHOUSE1 TUE 10/18 8:15 PM EFHOUSE2 WED 10/19 5:45 PM EFHOUSE3



Night of a 1000 Hours

Die nacht der 1000 stunden

Dir. Virgil Widrich | Luxembourg/Austria

When the Ullrichs gather at their Vienna palace to determine who will inherit the family business, the matriarch drops dead just as she's about to sign on the dotted line. But much to everyone's surprise, she reappears. And she's not the only one. Generations of befuddled, deceased ancestors also rise up, bringing with them long-buried family secrets, including unsavory ties to Austria's fascist history. This inventive, Clue-like mystery-cum-love-story comes to terms with the past—as it's happening. German with subtitles. 92 min.

FRI 10/21 6:00 PM EFNIGHT1 SAT 10/22 12:45 PM EFNIGHT2 MON 10/24 3:45 PM EFNIGHT3



**Ordinary People** 

*Pamilya ordinaryo*Dir. Eduardo W. Roy Jr. I **Philippines** 

In this gritty, hard-knock drama, teenagers Jane and Aries run with a group of street kids who navigate the chaos of Manila working as pickpockets and petty thieves. The young couple's lives take a radical turn when they become teenage parents. Desperate to care for her newborn, Jane falls prey to a cross-dressing con artist, who kidnaps and then sells their child. With nothing left to lose, the two resort to desperate measures to reunite their family. Tagalong with subtitles. 107 min.

SAT 10/22 5:45 PM EFORD1 MON 10/24 5:45 PM EFORD2 WED 10/26 1:00 PM EFORD3



The Oath • Eiðurinn Dir. Baltasar Kormákur Iceland

After a string of Hollywood action hits (2 Guns, Everest), Baltasar Kormákur returns to his native Iceland to direct and star in this tense, intimate thriller. A celebrated surgeon and devoted family man sees his daughter slipping away from him at the hands of a sleazy drug dealer. The drastic measures he takes to save her trigger a profound ripple effect that will change his family forever. Icelandic with subtitles. 110 min.

THUR 10/20 6:00 PM EFOATH1 SAT 10/22 7:15 PM EFOATH2



Panamerican Machinery

Maquinaria Panamericana

Dir. Joaquin del Paso I Mexico

Panamerican Machinery may be the happiest place in the world to work. Factory hands and management get along like one tight-knit family as they celebrate birthdays with cake and are encouraged by daily motivational messages. But when the company president suddenly dies, the façade quickly crumbles. Refusing to let go of the dream, the workers lock themselves in the factory, vowing to do whatever it takes to uphold their boss's legacy. This endearingly quirky, devilishly dark satire tips its cap to Luis Buñuel. Spanish with subtitles. 86 min.

FRI 10/21 6:00 PM EFPANA1 SAT 10/22 1:00 PM EFPANA2 MON 10/24 1:15 PM EFPANA3



One Week and a Day Shavua ve yom Dir. Asaph Polonsky I Israel

The Shiva, the weeklong Jewish grieving period for the dead, has ended. But for one older Israeli couple mourning their son, the "fun" (if you can call it that) is just beginning. Disputes over pot and grave plots, the antics of a neighbor's slacker son, and one wild air guitar session are all part of the healing process in this black comedy that convinces us to stare down death with a smile. Hebrew with subtitles. 98 min.

MON 10/17 8:30 PM EF1WEEK1 TUE 10/18 6:00 PM EF1WEEK2



Paris 05:59 • Théo et Hugo dans le même bateau
Dir. Olivier Ducastel, Jacques Martineau
France

At a crowded bathhouse, sparks fly between two young men who meet, have sex, and spend the rest of the night walking around Paris, trying to determine whether their instant connection goes beyond the physical. A raw, emotionally charged hybrid of Richard Linklater's *Before* trilogy and Andrew Haigh's *Weekend*, *Paris* 05:59 transpires in (mostly) real time over the course of one memorable evening in the City of Lights. *French with subtitles.* 97 min.

SAT 10/15 7:30 PM EFPARIS1 SUN 10/16 6:30 PM EFPARIS2





Dir. Barış Kaya, Soner Caner **Turkey** 

An impressionable young boy learns about love and death in the rugged conflict zone of Eastern Turkey. Amid the sounds of rockets exploding just beyond his Kurdish village, Rauf apprentices with a busy coffin maker and sets out on a quest to find pink fabric for the object of his affections. Wonderful characters and evocative cinematography blend to create a wistful story of coming-ofage in a time of war. Turkish, Kurdish with subtitles. 94 min.

TUE 10/25 8:15 PM EFRAUF1 WED 10/26 6:00 PM **EFRAUF2** 



Staying Vertical · Rester vertical Dir. Alain Guiraudie France

From the director of the highly acclaimed Stranger by the Lake comes a bizarre, sexy portrait of a frustrated artist. Searching for inspiration in the remote French countryside, filmmaker Leo impregnates a shepherdess. When she abandons him and their newborn son, he sets out on a crazy journey through his own sexuality. Real life collides with the shocking and absurd. French with subtitles. 100 min.

WED 10/19 8:45 PM **EFSTAY1** WED 10/26 5:45 PM **EFSTAY2** 





Saint George · São Jorge Dir. Marco Martins Portugal/France

In the wake of Portugal's 2011 financial crisis, an earnest, out-of-work boxer named Jorge struggles to provide for his girlfriend, who has given up on the promise of a better future together, and their son. Out of desperation, Jorge begins working as hired muscle for an unforgiving debt collection agency. Brutal, engrossing, and strikingly realistic, Jorge's story puts a deeply human face on a nation's economic troubles. Portuguese with subtitles. 112 min.

SUN 10/23 8:30 PM EFJORGE1 MON 10/24 5:45 PM EFJORGE2



Sweet Dreams • Fai bei sogn Dir. Marco Bellocchio Italy/France

Turin, 1969. Nine-year-old Massimo's idyllic childhood is shattered by the mysterious death of his mother, and the young boy is inconsolable in the face of this brutal loss. Years later, now an accomplished journalist, Massimo is forced to come to terms with his personal trauma as he prepares to sell his childhood home. Master Italian filmmaker Marco Bellochio (My Mother's Smile) directs this powerful and tender drama co-starring Bérénice Bejo (The Artist). Italian with subtitles. 134 min.

SAT 10/15 2:45 PM EFSWEET1 SUN 10/16 11:45 AM EFSWEET2 FRI 10/21 3:45 PM EFSWEET3

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Soul on a String Pisheng shang de hun Dir. Zhang Yang I China

After discovering a sacred stone in the mouth of a deer, Taibei, a lone Tibetan cowboy, embarks on a spiritual quest: to bring it back to a holy mountain. On the way, he encounters a passionate woman, a mute with psychic powers, and two vengeful brothers. With gorgeous, sweeping cinematography of Tibet's majestic steppes and sprawling deserts, this unconventional Asian Western pairs swordfights with the Buddhist philosophy of letting go. Tibetan with subtitles. 142 min.

SAT 10/22 2:00 PM EFSOUL1 SUN 10/23 5:00 PM EFSOUL2 MON 10/24 12:00 PM EFSOUL3



The Teacher · Ucitelka Dir. Jan Hrebejk Slovakia/Czech Republic

In Bratislava during the waning days of Communist rule, a cunning middle school teacher (a terrific Zuzana Maurery) uses her Party connections to manipulate students, parents, and co-workers alike for her own personal gain. This piercing, shrewd story uses dark humor to expose the insidious and far-reaching effects of corruption at all levels of society. From Czech favorite Jan Hřebejk (an Academy Award® nominee for Divided We Fall), The Teacher is a richly sardonic and intelligent look at totalitarianism in all its forms. Slovak with subtitles. 102 min.

SAT 10/15 8:15 PM EFTEACH1 SUN 10/16 3:00 PM **EFTEACH2** TUE 10/18 12:00 PM EFTEACH3



The Together Project

L'effet aquatique

Dir. Solveig Anspach I France/Iceland

Smitten by a spirited swimming instructor at the local pool, a French-Arab construction worker signs up to take private lessons—even though he already knows how to swim. But when he is shamelessly caught in his bald-faced lie, he'll have to travel all the way to Iceland to win back his crush's trust. It's sink or swim in this quirky romantic comedy, the final film by the late, great director Solveig Anspach (Queen of Montreuil). English, French, Icelandic with subtitles. 83 min.

TUE 10/25 8:30 PM EFTOGE1 WED 10/26 6:00 PM EFTOGE2



Un + Une
Dir. Claude Lelouch
France

In Claude Lelouch's latest, a scintillating romance, Jean Dujardin (*The Artist*) stars as a famous film composer who goes to India to write a score for a Bollywood adaptation of *Romeo and Juliet*. There, he meets the beautiful wife of the French ambassador (Elsa Zylberstein, *I've Loved You So Long*), and soon the predestined paramours find themselves entangled in a steamy and complicated affair, in this modern spin on his classic *A Man and a Woman. French with subtitles. 113 min.* 

FRI 10/14 8:15 PM EFUN1 TUE 10/18 12:30 PM EFUN2



Walk with Me · De standhaftige
Dir. Lisa Ohlin
Denmark

In this romantic tale of able minds and bodies, battle-hardened soldier Thomas won't let the loss of his legs in Afghanistan thwart his dream of returning to combat. But to train on his prosthetics, he'll need the help of a lively ballet dancer struggling with her own demons. As his family worries he's pushing his recovery too fast, Thomas must learn there's more to life than war. Danish with subtitles. 105 min.

SAT 10/22 4:30 PM EFWALK1 SUN 10/23 1:00 PM EFWALK2 TUE 10/25 12:00 PM EFWALK3



You're Killing Me Susana
Me estas matando Susana
Dir. Roberto Sneider I Mexico

Gael García Bernal is effortlessly charming in this hilarious culture-shock comedy about a womanizing Mexican actor whose wife abandons him in the dead of night. Lovesick and a bit bullheaded, he tracks her down to a writer's conference in lowa, provoking one international incident after another as he pursues her across the border. Soon, this couple will test the limits of their patience—and their love. English, Spanish with subtitles. 101 min.

FRI 10/21 8:15 PM EFSUSA1 SUN 10/23 3:00 PM EFSUSA2 WED 10/26 3:15 PM EFSUSA3



Zoology · Zoologiya
Dir. Ivan I. Tverdovskiy
Russia

This wholly original "ugly duckling" comedy follows Natasha, a Russian spinster who lives with her overbearing mother and works a low-level job at the local zoo. More comfortable with the animals than with humans, one day she unexpectedly starts growing a tail—and the appendage leads to a new lease on life. Neighbors whisper about a demon's work, but for Natasha, getting in touch with her animal side may be the best thing that could have happened to her. Russian with subtitles. 87 min.

SAT 10/22 8:30PM EFZOO1 SUN 10/23 1:00 PM EFZOO2 WED 10/26 1:00 PM EFZOO3



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SUN 10/23 8:30 PM EFSURP

#### **U.S. Indies**



**9 Rides**Dir. Matthew Cherry
U.S.

Filmed on an iPhone and set entirely inside and around a car, 9 Rides follows one eventful New Year's Eve in the life of a hardworking Uber driver. Over the course of the film's nine journeys, the driver (intensely played by Southland's Dorian Missick) finds that the twists and turns in his personal life echo those of his various passengers, who are seeking the same things from life that he is: love and stability. 84 min.

FRI 10/14 1:30 PM EF9R1 FRI 10/21 8:00 PM EF9R2 SUN 10/23 12:30 PM EF9R3



Imperfections
Dir. David Singer
U.S.

In this zany caper film from acclaimed local musician David Singer, a struggling Chicago actress named Cassidy (rising star Virginia Kull) starts a job delivering diamonds on Jewelers Row. After the shop owner's son reveals his lucrative plan to defraud their insurance company, Cassidy agrees to help fake a robbery. What begins as a simple diamond heist quickly unravels into a wild web of lies, betrayals, and surprises on the mean-ish streets of the Windy City. 104 min.

FRI 10/14 4:00 PM EFIMP1 SAT 10/22 8:30 PM EFIMP2 SUN 10/23 12:30 PM EFIMP3





Destined
Dir. Qasim Basir
U.S.

Splitting between dual realities, the profound new drama from Qasim Basir (Mooz-Lum) maps out two vastly different lives for the same young black man in modern-day Detroit. After surviving an upbringing in the projects, Rasheed (Corey Hardrict) lives one life trying to escape his home, and the other trying to dominate it. Each story is connected by deception, heartache, and the inevitability of fate. 94 min.

SAT 10/22 3:00 PM EFDEST1 SUN 10/23 8:15 PM EFDEST2



Middle Man
Dir. Ned Crowley
U.S.

From the twisted mind of Chicagoan Ned Crowley and starring fellow native Jim O'Heir (*Parks and Recreation's lovable* punching bag Jerry Gergich), this wickedly dark comedy follows Lenny, a nerdy accountant searching for stand-up comedy fame. But en route to Las Vegas, a mysterious hitchhiker lures Lenny into a violent killing spree—one that accidentally turns him into a comedy sensation. *104 min.* 

TUE 10/18 8:30 PM EFMIDD1 FRI 10/21 9:30 PM EFMIDD2 SAT 10/22 12:30 PM EFMIDD3





Hunter Gatherer
Dir. Joshua Locy
U.S.

Andre Royo (*The Wire, Empire*) exudes charisma as Ashley, a middle-aged scam artist freshly released from prison. With his family and friends keeping their distance, Ashley turns to Jeremy (George Sample III, star of 2015 Festival selection *Cronies*), an acquaintance who assists him in ill-advised schemes. Director Joshua Locy skillfully melds humor and pathos in this singular portrait of men grappling with loss in all the wrong ways. *88 min.* 

SAT 10/15 6:15 PM EFHUNT1 SUN 10/16 12:15 PM EFHUNT2 MON 10/17 12:00 PM EFHUNT3



Miles
Dir. Nathan Adloff
U.S.

Based on a true story and set in notso-faraway 1999, Illinois native Nathan Adloff's bighearted dramedy follows Miles, a downstate high school boy who joins the girls' volleyball team. Facing prejudice and protests from rival teams, he eyes an athletic scholarship to Loyola, despite the concerns of his mom (a terrific Molly Shannon) and the objections of his rural community. Bumpset-spike is nothing next to breaking down gender barriers. 90 min.

TUE 10/18 5:45 PM EFMILES1 WED 10/19 3:30 PM EFMILES2

#### **U.S. Indies**



Pushing Dead
Dir. Tom E. Brown
U.S.

When Dan's insurance coverage inexplicably changes, the longtime H.I.V.-positive San Franciscan (James Roday, TV's *Psych*) suddenly finds he can no longer afford his medication. As Dan tries to stretch what's left of his lifeline, a loyal support group gives him new reasons to be hopeful. Danny Glover and Robin Weigert co-star in this warm slice-of-life dramedy that puts a wry, grounded outlook on living with a debilitating illness. *111 min*.

TUE 10/18 12:00 PM EFPUSH1 SAT 10/22 9:00 PM EFPUSH2 SUN 10/23 5:45 PM EFPUSH3



The View from Tall
Dir. Caitlin Parrish, Erica Weiss
U.S.

Precocious, isolated, and relentlessly bullied by her classmates, Chicagoland high school senior Justine reluctantly begins therapy in the aftermath of a messy public affair with a teacher. After a rocky first few sessions, she forms an unlikely bond with Douglas, her disabled therapist who nurses demons of his own. Told with a sardonic wit by Chicago theater veterans Caitlin Parrish and Erica Weiss, *The View from Tall* is a tender story of self-discovery at more than one age. *90 min*.

THUR 10/20 8:45 PM EFVIEW1 FRI 10/21 12:30 PM EFVIEW2 MON 10/24 2:30 PM EFVIEW3





Women Who Kill
Dir. Ingrid Jungermann
U.S.

Brooklynites Jean and Morgan, former life partners, co-host a cult podcast about female serial killers. But when Morgan falls for a mysterious young woman at the food co-op, the two begin investigating her past and turn up some disturbing secrets. With sly doses of paranoia, secrecy, and a hint of homicide, *Women Who Kill* is a neurotic Park Slope mystery that's deadpan—and almost deadly. *93 min.* 

FRI 10/14 3:00 PM EFWOMEN1 TUE 10/18 8:45 PM EFWOMEN2 WED 10/19 3:30 PM EFWOMEN3

#### **After Dark**



Amok · Dzgan Dir. Vardan Tozija Macedonia

Two sharp, introverted boys struggle against a foster care system that is, at best, indifferent and, at worst, wholly corrupt and cruel. While Petar dreams of escape and prosperity, Filip lashes out and forms a gang of "lost boys" hell-bent on punishing each of their abusers. In this chilly Eastern European City of God, violence, exploitation, and revenge rule the streets. Macedonian with subtitles. 102 min.

THUR 10/20 8:45 PM EFAMOK1 SAT 10/22 8:15 PM EFAMOK2 WED 10/26 3:45 PM EFAMOK3





The Autopsy of Jane Doe Dir. André Øvredal U.S./U.K.

A father-son coroner team (Brian Cox and Emile Hirsch) face the ultimate head-scratcher with their latest corpse: an unidentified beautiful young woman who boasts no obvious cause of death. As they dig deeper into the examination (and into Jane Doe's body), the duo uncover increasingly strange and terrifying things. This bloody, clever, and medically rigorous horror film turns the morbid conventions of the genre (literally) inside-out. 99 min.

SAT 10/15 10:45 PM EFAUTO1 SAT 10/22 3:00 PM EFAUTO2





**The Darkness •** Las Tinieblas
Dir. Daniel Castro Zimbrón **Mexico** 

In a fog-drenched forest trapped in eternal dusk, a father and his three children are sequestered in a log cabin, hiding from a monster lurking just outside. When the eldest son disappears, the middle child begins to question his father's judgement and the truth of what really lies beyond. Fantasy, terror, and Oedipal conflicts combine in this hypnotizing post-apocalyptic fable that evokes both Guillermo del Toro's fantasy-scapes and Victor Erice's *The Spirit of the Beehive. Spanish with subtitles.* 94 min.

SAT 10/15 9:45 PM EFDARK1 SUN 10/16 12:00 PM EFDARK2

#### **After Dark**



The Eyes Of My Mother Dir. Nicolas Pesce U.S.

In this visually striking nightmare, one horrific act forever alters a young farm woman's life. We follow Francisca, a surgeon's daughter, from this traumatic event to an isolated adulthood, as she seeks to fulfill her parents' legacy in increasingly gruesome ways. Elegant black-and-white cinematography elevates shocking body horror into the realm of a timeless folktale. English, Portuguese with subtitles. 77 min.

FRI 10/14 10:30 PM EFEYES1 10:30 PM EFEYES2 SAT 10/15





Headshot Dir. Kimo Stamboel, Timo Tjahjanto Indonesia

This bloody martial-arts extravaganza is filled to the brim with eye-popping stunts. A nameless amnesiac (The Raid's Iko Uwais) wakes up in a hospital with severe head trauma. Dubbed "Ishmael" by his doctors, the only thing he remembers is his uncanny ability to kick ass-and that a crime syndicate wants him dead. To uncover his dark past, Ishmael must fight his way through large swaths of the Indonesian criminal underworld. Indonesian with subtitles. 117 min.

SAT 10/22 10:30 PM EFHEAD1 WED 10/26 8:30 PM **EFHEAD2** 





Henry: Portrait of a **Serial Killer** Dir. John McNaughton I U.S.

Thirty years after its premiere at the Festival, John McNaughton's unflinching, fact-based exploration of a sociopathic mind remains one of the most disturbing horror films ever made. Michael Rooker is galvanizing as the titular loner who catches the eye of Becky (Tracy Arnold), the troubled sister of his leering roommate. This masterful independent film will screen in a neverbefore-seen anniversary restoration, with cast and crew scheduled to attend. 83 min.

FRI 10/14 9:00 PM EFHENRY







Prevenge Dir. Alice Lowe U.K.

At seven months expecting and on her own, Ruth becomes convinced her unborn baby is instructing her to kill people—and so she does, giving new meaning to the term "pregnancy craving." Writerdirector-star Alice Lowe (Sightseers) made Prevenge while she herself was pregnant, adding another subversive layer to a venomous comedy that skewers the mystique of motherhood. 88 min.

10/21 10:15 PM EFPREV1 EFPREV2 SUN 10/23 8:15 PM





Raw · Grave Dir. Julia Ducournau France/Belgium

Justine's having a tough time adjusting at her new veterinary school. After the timid vegetarian is forced to eat raw meat for the first time in a hazing ritual, she's overtaken by a different sort of insatiable hungerand an unexpected sexual appetite. This gruesome feminist horror tale cooks up a deadly dish of sexual identity with a dash of dark humor and a generous helping of gore. French with subtitles. 98 min.

FRI 10/21 8:45 PM EFRAW1 SAT 10/22 10:00 PM EFRAW2





We Are The Flesh Tenemos La Carne Dir. Emiliano Rocha Minter I Mexico

This psychedelic carnival of S&M, incest, cannibalism, and other X-rated taboos follows a fleeing brother and sister who seek shelter in a dilapidated building inhabited by a modern-day ogre. In order to survive, they must submit to his every sick whim and enact his most depraved fantasies. Produced by Mexican compatriot Carlos Reygadas and endorsed by Alejandro G. Iñárritu, We are the Flesh represents a shockingly original vision from a new Mexican auteur. Spanish with subtitles. 80 min.

SUN 10/16 8:45 PM **FFFI FSH1** FRI 10/21 10:45 PM EFFLESH2



# Spotlight: MUSICALS



**Belgian Rhapsody** 

Brabançonne

Dir. Vincent Bal I Belgium

Two Belgium concert bands, one Flemish and the other Walloon, are competing for a single slot at a European music showcase. The tension reaches a crescendo when the Flemish band poaches their competitor's star trumpeter, a move that wedges the hunky brass-man into a love triangle with the band's winsome manager. This lighthearted musical comedy pokes fun at Belgium's historic political divide while celebrating the country's rich cultural history. French, Dutch with subtitles. 100 min.

SUN 10/23 5:00 PM EFBELG1 MON 10/24 8:15 PM EFBELG2



Game On • #WszystkoGra
Dir. Agnieszka Glinska
Poland

In this uplifting musical featuring lively dance numbers set to the greatest hits of Polish pop music, three generations of women discover that love and happiness lie closer than they think. Zosia, a spunky young artist trying to change the world, plans to move to London for her dream job. On the eve of her departure, she discovers a surprising secret: her mother and grandmother are facing eviction. The three women join forces to save their house and home. *Polish with subtitles. 90 min.* 

SUN 10/23 7:30 PM EFGAME1 TUE 10/25 3:30 PM EFGAME2



The Eccentrics: On the Sunny Side of the Street • Excentrycy, czyli po słonecznej stronie ulicy Dir. Janusz Majewski | Poland

After the death of Stalin, a jazz musician and ex-soldier return to Poland to assemble a ragtag swing band, hoping a little song and dance will lift the spirits of their weary, war-torn home. Pulsing with the livewire energy of the American jazz standards that took off in the country's liberalized era, Janusz Majewski's charming toe-tapping comedy brims with romance, mystery, and a blast of a cast that is, indeed, eccentric. *Polish with subtitles. 112 min.* 

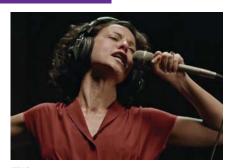
SAT 10/15 4:45 PM EFECC1 MON 10/17 1:00 PM EFECC2



Junction 48
Dir. Udi Aloni
Israel/Germany

Tamer Nafar, originator of the Palestinian hip-hop movement, stars in and co-writes a vibrant autobiographical story about the pursuits of fame and justice in a broken land. Kareem, a rising star in his hardscrabble hometown of Lod (a.k.a. Lyd), must contend with a family tragedy and the ever-present eyes of the Israeli government to follow his path to socially conscious hip-hop fame. This pulse-pounding musical drama drops a beat over the Israel-Palestine conflict. *Arabic, Hebrew with subtitles. 96 min.* 

FRI 10/14 5:45 PM EFJUNC1 SAT 10/15 8:00 PM EFJUNC2



Elis
Dir. Hugo Prata
Brazil

The life of Elis Regina—arguably the biggest Brazilian singer of all time—is set to an energetic, pulsating rhythm in this musical biopic. A cultural trendsetter who signaled a shift in styles from bossa nova to Brazilian popular music, the fiery "pimentinha" (brilliantly played by Andréia Horta) lived a turbulent life. While clashing with her country's dictatorship, she struggled with her own personal demons. *Elis* is imbued with the soul of the singer and the country she loved. *Portuguese with subtitles*.

SUN 10/16 2:30 PM EFELIS1 TUE 10/18 1:00 PM EFELIS2



**King of Jazz**Dir. John Murray Anderson **U.S.** 

This long-lost 1930 musical revue from the golden age of Universal Pictures finds new life thanks to one of the most elaborate restoration projects in film history. Starring legendary jazz bandleader Paul Whiteman and soon-to-be-superstar Bing Crosby, and pairing elaborate and visually innovative production numbers with classic tunes from figures like George Gershwin, *King of Jazz* is a fascinating Technicolor time capsule from the big-band era. Introduced by David Pierce, co-author of *King of Jazz: Paul Whiteman's Technicolor Revu.* 100 min.

SUN 10/16 12:00 PM EFJAZZ

# Spotlight: MUSICALS



La La Land Dir. Damien Chazelle U.S.

Written and directed by Academy Award®nominee Damien Chazelle (Best Adapted Screenplay, Whiplash - 2014), La La Land tells the story of Mia (Emma Stone), an aspiring actress, and Sebastian (Ryan Gosling), a dedicated jazz musician, who are struggling to make ends meet in a city known for crushing hopes and breaking hearts. Set in modern day Los Angeles, this original musical about everyday life explores the joy and pain of pursuing your dreams. 128 min.



Mirzya Dir. Omprakash Mehra India

An epic Bollywood production, Mirzya tells a timeless tale of star-crossed lovers across two worlds: modern-day India, and a mythical, folkloric land of horsebackriding archers. A popular Punjab folktale of tragic romance finds new life with lavish filmmaking on a grand, sweeping scale, featuring pulse-pounding music and the screen debuts of two talents from legendary Bollywood families. Hindi with subtitles. 132 min.



That Day We Sang Dir. Victoria Wood U.K.

Manchester, 1969. Reconnecting 40 years after singing together in a once-famous children's choir, Enid and Tubby rediscover their voices in middle age. The inimitable Imelda Staunton (who lit up the West End in London's smash revival of Gypsy) and Michael Ball sing their hearts out in this delightful musical that proves it's never too late to live for the first time. Colorful fantasy sequences and spectacular choreography will have you dancing in the aisles. 89 min.

THU 10/13 7:30 PM **EFLALA** 



Urban Family · Ollaan Vapaita Dir. Oskari Sipola **Finland** 

Over a dozen Finnish songwriters contributed to this euphoric modern musical fantasia about sacred bonds that run deeper than blood. A woman in her 30s reexamines her life choices when a child she gave up for adoption 16 years earlier suddenly shows up on her doorstep. Through catchy alt-rock pop music, Urban Family pokes gentle fun at adult bohemia and celebrates unconditional love in all its forms. Finnish with subtitles. 103 min.

SAT 10/22 6:00 PM EFURBAN1 MON 10/24 3:00 PM EFURBAN2 SAT 10/22 5:30 PM **EFMIRZ**  FRI 10/21 5:45 PM EFSANG1 SUN 10/23 2:45 PM **EFSANG2** 



Trolls (in 3D)

Dir. Mike Mitchell, Co-Dir. Walt Dohrn U.S.

A funny, irreverent comedy about the search for happiness, Trolls transports audiences to a colorful world populated by the optimistic Trolls, who have a constant dance in their step and a song on their lips, and the pessimistic Bergens, who are only happy when they have Trolls in their stomachs. After Bergens invade Troll Village, Poppy (Anna Kendrick), the happiest Troll ever born, and the curmudgeonly Branch (Justin Timberlake) set off to rescue her friends. The soundtrack, produced by Timberlake, features five original songs along with classic hits. 93 min.

MON 10/24 6:30 PM EFTROLLS

#### **Black Perspectives**



#### A Tribute to Steve McQueen

To celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Perspectives, join us for a tribute to one of the most acclaimed artists of our time. Academy Award® winner Steve McQueen is a British filmmaker and artist, renowned for his visceral, deeply humane storytelling. His films include *Hunger, Shame,* and 12 Years a Slave, which received outstanding critical acclaim and accolades. The Best Picture winner at the Academy Awards®, PGA, BAFTA, and Golden Globes, to name but a few, 12 Years a Slave received ten BAFTA nominations, nine Academy Award® nominations, and seven Golden Globe nominations. A recipient of the Turner Prize, McQueen's work is held in museum collections around the world. In 2011, he was awarded the Commander of the Order of the British Empire for his services to visual arts.

Saturday, October 22 6:30PM Tribute at AMC River East EFSTEVE 8:00PM-11:00PM Afterparty at Chez EFSTEVEP \$50 Visit chicagofilmfestival.com for more details







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U.S.

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FRI 10/14 1:30 PM EF9R1 FRI 10/21 8:00 PM EF9R2 SUN 10/23 12:30 PM EF9R3



93 Days Dir. Steve Gukas Nigeria

When a feverish Liberian-American ambassador collapses in a hospital in Lagos, it's clear the long-dreaded 2014 Ebola outbreak has finally arrived at Nigeria's door. Over 93 gut-wrenching days, health officials rush to prevent the disease's spread. At ground zero of the exposure is the hospital team (including co-star Danny Glover), whose lives and families are at stake in this compelling drama of sacrifice and courage. *124 min*.

THU 10/20 8:15 PM EF93D1 FRI 10/21 5:45 PM EF93D2 TUE 10/25 3:00 PM EF93D3



Daughters of the Dust Dir. Julie Dash U.S.

Newly restored for its 25th anniversary, Julie Dash's visually stunning achievement follows a Gullah family on a small South Carolina island at the turn of the century. Descendants of West African slaves, they clash in their struggles to preserve their heritage while forging new lives for themselves in the U.S. A poetic vision of lost black history, the film's take on tradition, legacy, and culture continues to resonate today, from Black Lives Matter to Beyoncé's Lemonade. 112 min.

SUN 10/23 3:00 PM EFDUST



**Destined**Dir. Qasim Basir **U.S.** 

Splitting between dual realities, the profound new drama from Qasim Basir (Mooz-Lum) maps out two vastly different lives for the same young black man in modern-day Detroit. After surviving an upbringing in the projects, Rasheed (Corey Hardrict) lives one life trying to escape his home, and the other trying to dominate it. Each story is connected by deception, heartache, and the inevitability of fate. 94 min.

SAT 10/22 3:00 PM EFDEST1 SUN 10/23 8:15 PM EFDEST2

#### **Black Perspectives**



Girls Don't Fly Dir. Monika Grassl Germany/Austria

An uplifting story of female empowerment? Not quite. This engrossing documentary captures the complex relationship between Jonathan Porter, a British man who dreams of teaching young Ghanaian women to be pilots, and his pupils, who discover his aviation academy isn't all it's cracked up to be. A story of goodwill gone awry, where charity and education meet exploitation, *Girls Don't Fly* reveals the blurry line between colonialism and modernization. *English, Ewe, Twi, Krobo with subtitles.* 90 min.

SUN 10/16 2:15 PM EFGIRLS1 TUE 10/18 3:00 PM EFGIRLS2



Kati Kati Dir. Mbithi Masya Kenya/Germany

Kaleche, a young woman, wanders into the otherwordly village of Kati Kati, not knowing who she is or how she got there. She finds a community of eccentrics led by the charismatic Thoma, to whom she is inexplicably drawn. As the residents begin to discover what is keeping them there, and as the living and the dead ominously intersect, the film becomes a magical-realist reflection on the legacy of violence and survival in Kenya. *English, Swahili with subtitles. 75 min.* 

SAT 10/22 3:15 PM EFKATI1 SUN 10/23 3:00 PM EFKATI2 TUE 10/25 1:15 PM EFKATI3



Moonlight
Dir. Barry Jenkins
U.S.

Moonlight is the tender, heartbreaking story of a young man's struggle to find himself, told across three defining chapters in his life as he experiences the pain and beauty of falling in love. Anchored by astonishing performances and the vision of filmmaker Barry Jenkins, Moonlight is an intoxicating piece of cinema that uncovers deep truths about the moments that define us, the people who shape us, and the ache of love that can last a lifetime. 111 min.

WED 10/26 7:30 PM EFLIGHT



# Olympic Pride, American Prejudice

Dir. Deborah Riley Draper I U.S.

Jesse Owens wasn't the only black athlete who drew Adolf Hitler's ire. In this enlightening story of glory in the face of racial oppression, director Deborah Riley Draper profiles the 18 black athletes, including Chicago's own Ralph Metcalfe and Tidye Pickett, who competed in the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin. Intimate archival footage illuminates how these "Black Eagles" defied bigotry and hatred through their athletic prowess. Narrated by Blair Underwood. 80 min.

SUN 10/23 5:45 PM EFOLYM



Raising Bertie
Dir. Margaret Byrne
U.S.

Three young African American men enter adulthood over a period of six years in Bertie County, North Carolina, a community that lives in the shadow of the 27 prisons that exist within a 100-mile radius. Here, local youth are faced with a stark choice: either get their education in the classroom, or in jail. This latest longitudinal gem from Kartemquin Films coincides with the historic Chicago documentary studio's 50th anniversary. 102 min.

SUN 10/23 3:30 PM EFRAIS





Two Trains Runnin'
Dir. Sam Pollard
U.S.

In 1964, two different groups of music fans set off to find the lost titans of blues in Mississippi. Meanwhile, activists worked tirelessly in the state trying to register African Americans to vote. Through its vivid mix of interviews, animated re-enactments, and new music performances, *Two Trains Runnin'* shows how these parties converged on one fateful summer day. The venerable Sam Pollard (*Eyes on the Prize*) and narrator Common play us the soundtrack to a revolution. 82 min.

FRI 10/21 8:00 PM EFTWO1 SAT 10/22 11:45 AM EFTWO2

#### **Out-Look**



1:54
Dir. Yan England
Canada

High school science geek Tim (Antoine-Olivier Pilon, *Mommy*) goes out of his way to avoid provoking the local bullies. But when his only friend and crush Francis (Robert Naylor, TV's *Arthur*) meets tragedy at their hands, Tim decides to take his own revenge. He joins the track team, gunning for the head bully in the 800-meter dash—but all does not go as planned. Academy Award®-nominated director Yan England mixes a thrilling sports saga with a dark drama of adolescent angst. *French with subtitles*.

WED 10/19 8:30 PM EF1541 THUR 10/20 5:45 PM EF1542 FRI 10/21 12:00 PM EF1543

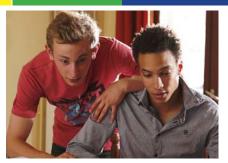


I Promise You Anarchy

Te prometo anarquía
Dir. Julio Hernández Cordón I **Mexico** 

Erotic and transfixing, *I Promise You Anarchy* takes a voyeuristic look at the street and gang cultures of Mexico City. A young skateboarder pays for an endless summer of drugs and sex by running a black-market blood bank on behalf of drug cartels. Meditative scenes merge with dreamy cinematography and gritty naturalism to create a stunning, cautionary love letter to lives and romances that drain the blood in more ways than one. *Spanish with subtitles.* 88 min.

WED 10/19 1:00 PM EFPROM1 FRI 10/21 8:45 PM EFPROM2 SAT 10/22 12:00 PM EFPROM3



**Being 17** • Quand on a 17 ans Dir. André Téchiné **France** 

A bitter rivalry between two high school boys cools when circumstances force one to stay with the other's family over Christmas. But close quarters breed unexpected emotions, as violence gives way to passion. In the heat of adolescent confusion, each boy tries to work out what kind of a man he will become. The picturesque French Pyrenees play home to a delicate coming-of-age drama from a veteran auteur. French with subtitles. 114 min.

SUN 10/23 3:15 PM EFBEING1 MON 10/24 8:30 PM EFBEING2



Miles
Dir. Nathan Adloff
U.S.

Based on a true story and set in notso-faraway 1999, Illinois native Nathan Adloff's bighearted dramedy follows Miles, a downstate high school boy who joins the girls' volleyball team. Facing prejudice and protests from rival teams, he eyes an athletic scholarship to Loyola, despite the concerns of his mom (a terrific Molly Shannon) and the objections of his rural community. Bumpset-spike is nothing next to breaking down gender barriers. 90 min.

TUE 10/18 5:45 PM EFMILES1 WED 10/19 3:30 PM EFMILES2



**Heartstone** • *Hjartasteinn*Dir. Guðmundur Arnar Guðmundsson **Iceland** 

Observed over the course of two years in a small Icelandic fishing town, best teenage friends Thor and Christian make mischief while one hides his growing feelings for the other. Relying on each other to escape difficult family lives, they find their friendship tested by small-town prejudices and the pains of growing up. Heartstone is an alternately sensitive and exacting story of sexual awakening. Icelandic with subtitles. 129 min

THUR 10/20 8:15 PM EFHEART1 FRI 10/21 5:45 PM EFHEART2 TUE 10/25 12:45 PM EFHEART3



Paris 05:59 • Theo et Hugo dans le même bateau
Dir. Olivier Ducastel, Jacques Martineau
France

At a crowded bathhouse, sparks fly between two young men who meet, have sex, and spend the rest of the night walking around Paris, trying to determine whether their instant connection goes beyond the physical. A raw, emotionally charged hybrid of Richard Linklater's *Before* trilogy and Andrew Haigh's *Weekend*, *Paris* 05:59 transpires in (mostly) real time over the course of one memorable evening in the City of Lights. *French with subtitles.* 97 min.

SAT 10/15 7:30 PM EFPARIS1 SUN 10/16 6:30 PM EFPARIS2



### **Out-Look**



**Pushing Dead** Dir. Tom E. Brown U.S.

When Dan's insurance coverage inexplicably changes, the longtime H.I.V.positive San Franciscan (James Roday, TV's Psych) suddenly finds he can no longer afford his medication. As Dan tries to stretch what's left of his lifeline, a loyal support group gives him new reasons to be hopeful. Danny Glover and Robin Weigert co-star in this warm slice-of-life dramedy that puts a wry, grounded outlook on living with a debilitating illness. 111 min.

TUE 10/18 12:00 PM EFPUSH1 SAT 10/22 9:00 PM EFPUSH2 SUN 10/23 5:45 PM **EFPUSH3** 



**Utopians: Director's Cut** Dir. SCUD **Hong Kong** 

Notorious queer-cinema provocateur SCUD, the Festival's first-ever Q Hugo honoree, has long shaken up Hong Kong society with sexually and thematically explicit features. His latest keeps up the wild streak. A young, sheltered college student finds himself drawn to his openly gay professor, who freely quotes Greek philosophers in class and soon introduces him to a new, utopian world of possibility. With SCUD's fearless, anything-goes filmmaking style, these two men liberate each other's desires. English. Mandarin with subtitles. 88 min.

10:30 PM EFUTOP1 FRI 10/14 TUE 10/18 9:45 PM EFUTOP2





Staving Vertical · Rester vertical Dir. Alain Guiraudie France

From the director of the highly acclaimed Stranger by the Lake comes a bizarre, sexy portrait of a frustrated artist. Searching for inspiration in the remote French countryside, filmmaker Leo impregnates a shepherdess. When she abandons him and their newborn son, he sets out on a crazy journey through his own sexuality. Real life collides with the shocking and absurd. French with subtitles. 100 min.

WED 10/19 8:45 PM **EFSTAY1** WED 10/26 5:45 PM **EFSTAY2** 

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Who's Gonna Love Me Now? Dir. Barak Heymann, Tomer Heymann Israel

Saar Maoz is a 39-year-old Israeli man who has found his adopted home and voice as a member of the London Gay Men's Chorus. But after being diagnosed with H.I.V., he longs to make amends with his estranged family back in Israel. To find their love and acceptance, this proud gay man must confront their fears and prejudices. An Audience Award winner at the Berlin Film Festival, this inspiring true story finds harmony in family and forgiveness. English, Hebrew with subtitles. 86 min.

MON 10/17 8:30 PM EFWHO1 TUE 10/18 12:45 PM EFWHO2



Strike a Pose Dir. Ester Gould, Reijer Zwaan Netherlands/Belgium

Go behind the curtains of Madonna's controversial 1990 "Blonde Ambition" tour to meet the pop star's backup dancers, whose lives were changed forever by their time in the spotlight. While some privately struggled with H.I.V. diagnoses, they became sensational symbols of sexual freedom. This electrifying look at celebrity uses amazing archival footage and emotional testimony to craft a stirring, intimate chronicle of fame in the shadow of the A.I.D.S. crisis. 83 min.

WED 10/19 12:30 PM EFSTRIK1 SAT 10/22 2:15 PM EFSTRIK2 SUN 10/23 6:15 PM EFSTRIK3



Women Who Kill Dir. Ingrid Jungermann U.S.

Brooklynites Jean and Morgan, former life partners, co-host a cult podcast about female serial killers. But when Morgan falls for a mysterious young woman at the food co-op, the two begin investigating her past and turn up some disturbing secrets. With sly doses of paranoia, secrecy, and a hint of homicide, Women Who Kill is a neurotic Park Slope mystery that's deadpan—and almost deadly. 93 min.

FRI 10/14 3:00 PM EFWOMEN1 TUE 10/18 8:45 PM EFWOMEN2 3:30 PM EFWOMEN3 WED 10/19

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#### **Cinema of the Americas**



Alba Dir. Ana Cristina Barragán Ecuador/Mexico



**The Darkness** • Las tinieblas Dir. Daniel Castro Zimbrón **Mexico** 



The Daughter • La Hija Dir. Luis Sampieri Argentina



**The Dreamer** • *El sonador* Dir. Adrian Saba **Peru** 



**Kékszakállú**Dir. Gastón Solnicki **Argentina** 



Mara'akame's Dream
El sueño del mara'akame
Dir. Federico Cecchetti | Mexico



**Neruda** Dir. Pablo Larraín **Chile** 



Panamerican Machinery Maquinaria Panamericana Dir. Joaquin del Paso I Mexico



Santa & Andrés · Santa y Andrés Dir. Carlos Lechuga Cuba/Colombia



**We Are The Flesh** *Tenemos La Carne*Dir. Emiliano Rocha Minter I **Mexico** 



Where I Grow Old

A Cidade onde envelheço

Dir. Marilia Rocha I Brazil/Portugal

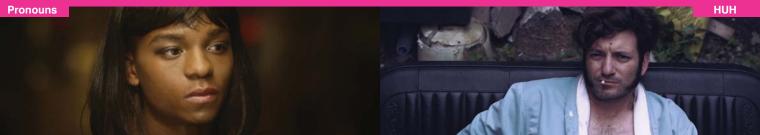


You're Killing Me Susana Me estas matando susana Dir. Roberto Sneider I Mexico

## SHORT FILM GUIDE

We've combined this selection of 47 films, each less than 40 minutes in length, into programs that highlight the artistry and craft of the short film format. Featuring narratives, documentaries, animation, horror, experimental works, and more, each screening features a curated collection of films from around the state and the world. Visit chicagofilmfestival.com/shorts for more details.

#### SHORTS 1: THINK LOCALLY - CITY AND STATE



These innovative shorts showcase the very best in Chicago and Illinois filmmaking across a wide variety of genres and forms.

The evolutionary life of an organism unfolds in a bizarre landscape in SHMEVOLUTION. A young slam poet challenges our conventional wisdom on PRONOUNS. A man comes to terms with his own mortality in HUH. SHOT links together found footage of police brutality in hopes of making formal sense out of senseless violence. FRAGMENTS offers a portrait of a Bosnian refugee and his memories of home. The stunningly animated POSITIONING takes a biting look at modern gender roles. An astronaut lost in space-time comes to a startling realization in RECURSION. A nude model in an art class waxes poetic in the satirical THE NUDE. 75min. ▼ TUE 10/18 4:00 PM EFSHCS1 · SUN 10/23 12:45 PM EFSHCS2 · WED 10/26 8:15 PM EFSHCS3

#### SHORTS 2: FIGURES IN A LANDSCAPE- ANIMATION



Lush environments, strange creatures, and ancient legends come to life in this collection of animated short films.

In PERIPHERIA (France), an abandoned estate slowly becomes wild. SUPERBIA (Hungary/Czech Republic/Slovakia) is a surreal animated vision of a society where men and women play very different roles. The souls of drowned people are turned into animals in AMONG THE BLACK WAVES (Russia). Two women irreverently discuss the pains and inevitabilities of pregnancy in MOMS ON FIRE (Sweden). Explore a mythic, mysterious house in the forest with PINE TREE VILLA (Germany). Over the years, BLIND VAYSHA (Canada) sees the future with one eye and the past with the other—but is unable to see the present. A young fox searches for a whale's bones and finds the universe in FOX AND THE WHALE (Canada). 83 min.

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#### SHORTS 3: THE ABYSS STARES BACK- AFTER DARK



This frightening, unsettling, aesthetically daring program gives voice to those things that go bump in the night.

A truck stop teems with sultry life in OH WHAT A WONDERFUL FEELING (Canada). A monstrous fable comes true in GRÝLA (Iceland). A journey into the depths of a volcano uncovers many mysteries within the BURNING MOUNTAINS THAT SPEW FLAME (Spain). A relationship boils over into frenetic violence in JANUS (South Korea). Aliens attacked the Soviet Union ONCE UPON A TIME IN THE U.S.S.R. (Russia). THE PUPPET MAN (U.S.) stops by for a frightening visit, with music by John Carpenter. A prostitute's customer gets much more than he pays for in BARGAIN (South Korea). 81 min.

**V** SAT 10/22 10:00 PM EFSHDARK

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#### SHORTS 4: THEY CAN'T GO HOME AGAIN

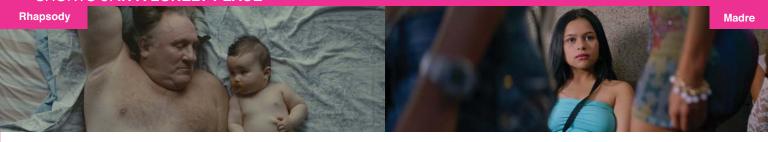


Families of all varieties are explored in this dynamic program that delves into the relationships that matter most.

A woman struggles to move her family out of a crumbling housing development in **DELUSION IS REDEMPTION TO THOSE IN DISTRESS** (Brazil). A married couple with conflicting schedules meets for a rare moment of quiet in **KENDALL GOT A ROSE** (U.K./U.S.). A man and his wife struggle to provide for their child in a new city in **ANCHORAGE PROHIBITED** (Taiwan). **THE COMMITTEE** (Sweden/Finland/Norway) forms to create a work of art celebrating a little-known shared border. **LOSTFOUND** (U.S.) is a quiet snapshot of life as a Muslim woman. A police officer grieves for his mother with the help of Bruce Springsteen in **THUNDER ROAD** (U.S.). 82 min.

SAT 10/22 7:00 PM EFSHTHEY

#### SHORTS 5: IN A LONELY PLACE



Complex individuals reveal the character of their surroundings in this program driven by strong performances.

In **RED FOLDER** (U.S.), a young African American student discovers how his school truly feels about him. A migrant, washed ashore, is met with hostility in **ESTATE** (**SOMMER**) (France/Belgium). **MADRE** (Sweden/Colombia) offers an emotional glimpse at the human cost of the sex industry. A community wills a miracle in **ASCENSION** (Portugal). Gérard Depardieu stars as a lonely composer who strikes an unlikely friendship in **RHAPSODY** (France). A man struggles when pit against an unfeeling bureaucracy in **ALL RIVERS RUN TO THE SEA** (Romania). 89 min. **SAT 10/22 2:15 PM EFSHIN** 

#### SHORTS 6: IT'S ALL TRUE – Documentaries





These formally bold nonfiction films offer portraits of life both past and present.

A psychologically distraught prisoner tells her story in MORIOM (Switzerland). A casting-call peers past fiction and reminds us of the human cost of war in THE FACE OF UKRAINE: CASTING OKSANA BAIUL (Australia). A Rust Belt city attempts to change its reputation in BALLOONFEST (U.S.). Refugees wait in limbo while voices from the past linger in NOW: END OF SEASON (Lebanon/Syria). A phone call from a brother to a sister turns into an astonishing personal and familial portrait in CHEKHOV (U.S.). Pritzker Prize-winning architect Jean Nouvel walks us through his grandest accomplishments in JEAN NOUVEL: REFLECTIONS (U.S.). In HOME OF THE BRAVE (Sweden), a small Swedish town and home of a Blackhawks player makes painstaking preparations for a fleeting glimpse of the Stanley Cup. 95 min.

SAT 10/22 12:00 PM EFSHDOC

#### SHORTS 7: ANOTHER COUNTRY - Black Perspectives





This program showcases talented African American filmmakers and paints an image of black life in the United States and abroad.

Two young boys attempt to sell vials of Holy Water door to door in **THIRD TIMOTHY** (U.S.). A woman recounts a brutal murder while in a doctor's office in **EARS, NOSE AND THROAT** (U.S.). **I, DESTINI** (U.S.) tries to make sense of systemic racism with animation. **FIELD NOTES** (Trinidad and Tobago) finds rich personal heritage in the retelling of Caribbean ghost myths. A South Side funeral home takes a workaday approach to death in the observational documentary **OF A FEW DAYS** (U.S.). The human race must avoid the sun and live nocturnal lives in a dystopian future in **THEY CHARGE FOR THE SUN** (U.S.). 86min.

SAT 10/22 4:30 PM EFSHBP

# **Special Presentations**



Afterimage · Powidoki Dir. Andrzej Wajda Poland

Acclaimed Polish filmmaker Andrzej Wajda (*Kanal, Man of Iron*) returns with another passionate tale of political outrage in this portrait of early 20<sup>th</sup> Century avant-garde artist Władysław Strzemiński. A beloved teacher and painter, Strzemiński clashes with an autocratic Stalinist system, endangering the lives of himself and his daughter. Employing commanding cinematography and a forceful lead performance, Wajda continues to masterfully depict how systems of power can dehumanize and destroy us. *Polish with subtitles. 98 min.* 

SAT 10/22 5:45 PM EFIMAGE1 SUN 10/23 12:30 PM EFIMAGE2



I, Daniel Blake
Dir. Ken Loach
U.K./France

Winner of the top prize at the Cannes Film Festival, this powerful drama lifts up an everyman hero: a hardworking, widowed Newcastle carpenter. Always determined to do right by others, Daniel becomes trapped in a bureaucratic nightmare when he must fight for his own life. In his latest ode to the working class, master social-realist craftsman Ken Loach puts an achingly human face on the modern welfare crisis.

SAT 10/22 8:30 PM EFDAN1 TUE 10/25 6:00 PM EFDAN2



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SUN 10/23 3:00 PM EFDUST



Like Water for Chocolate
Como agua para chocolate
Dir. Alfonso Arau I Mexico

The winner of the Festival's 1992 Audience Choice Award tells the entrancing story of Tita, a gifted cook who is forced to care for her aging mother instead of marrying Pedro, the love of her life. When Pedro marries her sister instead, Tita channels her sexual energies into her mouthwatering recipes. Director Alfonso Arau will be honored at this special screening of his sensual magical realist touchstone. *English, Spanish with subtitles.* 105 min.

MON 10/17 5:30 PM EFWATER



Elle
Dir. Paul Verhoeven
France/Germany

Michèle (Isabelle Huppert in an enthralling performance) seems indestructible. Head of a leading video game company, she brings the same ruthless attitude to her love life as to business. But Michèle's life is changed forever when an unknown assailant attacks her in her own home. With hidden desires unexpectedly aroused and childhood traumas resurfacing, she goes on a journey that challenges our most widely held assumptions about femininity and power. French with subtitles. 131 min.





Lion
Dir. Garth Davis
Australia

Five-year-old Saroo gets lost on a train which takes him thousands of miles across India, away from home and family. Saroo must learn to survive alone in Kolkata before ultimately being adopted by an Australian couple. Twenty-five years later, armed with only a handful of memories, his unwavering determination, and a revolutionary technology known as Google Earth, he sets out to find his lost family and finally return to his first home. *English, Hindi, Bengali with subtitles. 120 min.* 

TUE 10/25 7:45 PM EFLION

# **Special Presentations**



A Man and a Woman
Un homme et une femme

Dir. Claude Lelouch I France

On its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, enjoy a newly restored print of the classic, Cannes-winning 1966 romantic charmer by Claude Lelouch, longtime friend of the Festival. Two Parisian widowers, Anne (Anouk Aimée), a film script supervisor, and Jean-Louis (Jean-Louis Trintignant), a racecar driver, have a chance encounter at their children's boarding school. Though haunted by their late spouses, Anne and Jean-Louis try to forge a new life for themselves. Featuring director Lelouch scheduled to attend. *French with subtitles*. *103 min*.

SAT 10/15 3:00 PM EFMAN1 TUE 10/18 3:15 PM EFMAN2



Paterson
Dir. Jim Jarmusch

U.S.

Paterson (Adam Driver) is a bus driver in the city of Paterson, New Jersey – they share the name. Every day, Paterson adheres to a simple routine: he drives his daily route, he writes poetry into a notebook; he walks his dog; he stops in a bar and drinks exactly one beer; he goes home to his wife, Laura. By contrast, Laura's world is ever-changing. The film quietly observes the triumphs and defeats of daily life, along with the poetry evident in its smallest details. 118 min.

SAT 10/15 8:30 PM EFPAT



Mirzya
Dir. Omprakash Mehra
India

An epic Bollywood production, *Mirzya* tells a timeless tale of star-crossed lovers across two worlds: modern-day India, and a mythical, folkloric land of horsebackriding archers. A popular Punjab folktale of tragic romance finds new life with lavish filmmaking on a grand, sweeping scale, featuring pulse-pounding music and the screen debuts of two talents from legendary Bollywood families. *Hindi with subtitles*. 132 min

SAT 10/22 5:30 PM EFMIRZ



A Quiet Passion
Dir. Terence Davies
U.K./Belgium

The celebrated director of *The House of Mirth* paints the life of Emily Dickinson in lush, appropriately poetic tones, with a powerful lead performance by Cynthia Nixon as the celebrated American poet and costarring Jennifer Ehle as her sister Vinnie. Living in self-imposed isolation from the world in her Massachusetts family home, yet still very much a part of high society, Dickinson uses her wit as a safeguard against her struggles with mental health and the patriarchal demands of her time. *124 min.* 

SUN 10/16 5:30 PM EFQUIET



Moonlight
Dir. Barry Jenkins
U.S.

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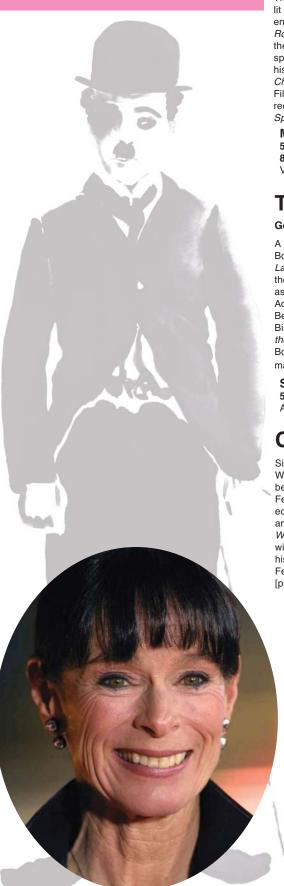


Trespass Against Us
Dir. Adam Smith
U.K.

Trespass Against Us is set across three generations of the Cutler family, who live as outlaws in their own anarchic corner of Britain's richest countryside. Chad Cutler (Michael Fassbender) is heir apparent to his bruising criminal father, Colby (Brendan Gleeson), and has been groomed to spend his life hunting, thieving and tormenting the police. But with his own son coming of age, Chad soon finds himself locked in a battle with his father for the future of his young family. 94 min.

FRI 10/21 7:00 PM EFTRES

# **Tributes**



#### Tribute: Alfonso Arau

The multitalented Mexican actor-director Alfonso Arau has lit up the screen for decades. In front of the camera he has entertained in such classic films as *The Wild Bunch* and *Romancing the Stone*, while behind it, he has channeled the romance and the mysticism of Mexican culture into spellbinding images. In a tribute to him, the Festival screens his sensual 1991 magical-realist masterpiece *Like Water for Chocolate*, which was Mexico's official Best Foreign Language Film entry to the Academy Awards®. Arau will attend and recieve the Festival Artistic Achievement Award. *English, Spanish with subtitles.* 105 min.

#### Monday, October 17

5:30PM Like Water For Chocolate Screening and Tribute EFWATER 8:00PM-10:00PM Afterparty at Lucky Strike EFWATERP \$50 Visit chicagofilmfestival.com for details

#### **Tribute: Peter Bogdanovich**

#### **Gold Hugo Lifetime Achievement Award Honoree**

A member of the "New Hollywood" directors, Peter Bogdanovich's most critically acclaimed film is 1971's *The Last Picture Show.* Currently discussing past filmmakers and their films at blogdanovich.com, his decades-spanning career as actor, filmmaker, author and documentarian has garnered Academy Award® and Golden Globe nominations and a Best Screenplay BAFTA Award for *The Last Picture Show.* Bill Teck's *One Day Since Yesterday: Peter Bogdanovich and the Lost American Film* chronicles the woes that surrounded Bogdanovich's 1981 production of *They All Laughed*, the madcap private-eye caper starring Audrey Hepburn.

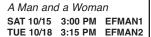


#### Sunday, October 16

**5:00PM** One Day Since Yesterday... Screening and Tribute **EF1DAY** Afterparty to follow. Visit chicagofilmfestival.com for tickets and details.

#### Claude Lelouch: Romantic

Since hiding from the Gestapo in a movie theater during WWII, French filmmaker Claude Lelouch has ascended to become one of the world's most revered directors. A longtime Festival favorite who received the Silver Hugo at the 47<sup>th</sup> edition, Lelouch first rose to prominence with his Cannesand Academy Award®-winning 1966 romance *A Man and a Woman*, now celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Festival with a restored print [pg. 24]. With more than 50 films under his belt, Lelouch continues to work regularly today, and the Festival will also present his most recent film, *Un + Une* [pg. 39], starring Jean Dujardin.



Un + Une

FRI 10/14 8:15 PM EFUN1 TUE 10/18 12:30 PM EFUN2



## **Tribute: Geraldine Chaplin**

Join us for this one-of-a-kind salute to the legendary actress, Silver Hugo winner, and Hollywood royalty. Known for her acclaimed performances in *Doctor Zhivago, Nashville*, and *Welcome to L.A.*, the daughter of Charlie Chaplin and Oona O'Neill will appear onstage at the Essanay Studios—the exact soundstage where her father shot his first film. Clips from Geraldine Chaplin's decades-spanning film career will accompany a discussion with film critic and historian David Robinson, author of Chaplin, the official biography of Charlie Chaplin. She will also recieve the Festival's Career Achievement Award. This evening is not to be missed!

Saturday, October 15
Essanay Studios, 1345 W. Argyle St.
Limited tickets available. Free parking.
7:00pm EFCHAP \$75.00
For event and ticket information, please visit chicagofilmfestival.com

# **How We Educate**

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The CineYouth Festival showcases the work of student filmmakers 22 years old and younger, highlighting the creativity of the next generation of directors, writers, and performers. Award-winning CineYouth films are shown at the Festival's free **CineYouth Best of the Fest** screening on **October 15**. CineYouth 2017 is open for film entries starting November 1, 2016. The Festival will take place May 4-6, 2017 at the Music Box Theatre.

#### STUDENT FILM COUNCIL

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#### CINEYOUTH BEST OF THE FEST

Our yearly CineYouth Festival celebrates the work of students 22 years old and younger, highlighting the creativity of the next generation of filmmakers. *CineYouth: Best of the Fest* showcases the winning films from the 2016 CineYouth Festival. This screening will include a Q&A with select filmmakers. *132min* 

#### **FREE**

Tickets must be obtained from the box office.

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The Festival's hub for filmmakers and industry professionals to connect, share ideas, and find inspiration, Industry Days examines current and future trends in the film and entertainment business.

All events listed as OPEN TO THE PUBLIC take place at the AMC River East 21 (322 E. Illinois St.) and cost \$5 for non-registered Industry Days attendees, unless otherwise noted. All other events require an Industry Days badge and take place at Gallery at GreenRiver. (259 E. Erie St., 18th floor.)

For more information, registration, and other updates, please visit: www.chicagofilmfestival.com/industrydays

#### THURSDAY, OCT. 20

The Money is Here! Chicago Financiers, Angels, and Instigators 4:30-5:30 PM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC EFIDAY1 \$5

#### FRIDAY, OCT. 21

A Conversation with Howard Tullman: The Future of Filmed Entertainment 10:00-11:00 AM

From Horror to Comedy, Is Genre Content a Viable Way to Launch Your Career? 11:30-12:30 PM

Punchlines: How to Make Stuff Funny 2:00-3:00 PM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC EFIDAY2 \$5



**Hollywood Dealmaker:** A Conversation with Charles D. King on Producing and Packaging Films 4:00-5:00 PM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC EFKING \$5 Charles D. King, Founder & CEO of MACRO, is an executive producer of Denzel Washington's Fences, producer of Dee Rees' Mudbound, and a former Partner at William Morris Endeavor (WME).

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 22

Distribution 5.0: Navigating the Changing V.O.D./Theatrical Marketplace 10:00-11:00 AM

State of the Art-House:

A Conversation with Ira Deutchman 11:30-12:30 PM

Standing Out From the Crowd: Promoting, Positioning, and Premiering Your Project 1:00-2:00 PM

#### **INDUSTRY TRIBUTE: JAMES D. STERN**



THURSDAY, OCT. 20 7:00-8:00 PM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Celebrate the achievements of this prolific producer of stage and screen, whose distinguished resume includes mainstream movies (Harold & Kumar Go To White Castle), prestigious awards contenders (An Education) and Tony-awardwinning theater productions (The Producers, Stomp).

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**Industry Days Tribute Reception** 8:30-10:30 PM Gallery at GreenRiver, 259 E. Erie St. 18th floor Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. **EFSTERNP** \$50.00

Secrets of the Screenwriting Trade 3:30-4:30 PM SUNDAY, OCT. 23

The Pitch 2:00-6:00 PM

A curated selection of filmmakers with new narrative projects in active development will take part in a competitive pitch session. The winning pitch will receive an award of in-kind services from Chicago Production Facilities.

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### **Panels**









#### SUNDAY, OCT. 16

Black Lives Matter and the Media 4:00 PM

Responding to the harrowing police shootings of unarmed African Americans and wider racial injustices in America, Black Lives Matter has become one of the defining social movements of our times. How important is media to their message, and how can filmmakers best tell the stories of contemporary civil rights struggles in the black community? We check in with filmmakers and activists on the front lines of the conflict. (Co-produced with Chicago Media Project)

Black Cinema House, 7200 S Kimbark Ave, Chicago, IL 60619 FREE



Daughters of the Dust. Dir. Julie Dash

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 22

Black Cinema, Then and Now: 25 Years After the Black New Wave 2:00 PM EFPAN1

In 1991, African American filmmakers launched several influential films: Boyz in the Hood (John Singleton), New Jack City (Mario Van Peebles), A Rage in Harlem (Bill Duke), Jungle Fever (Spike Lee), Daughters of the Dust (Julie Dash). Twenty-five years later, where is black cinema now, and how much more needs to be done to foster African-American filmmaking and stories? Join Julie Dash, Sam Pollard, and other filmmakers for this essential conversation.

**AMC River East 21,** Theater #3 **FREE**Tickets must be obtained from the box office.



#### **TUESDAY, OCT. 18**

New Directors Panel: The Political and the Personal 3:00 PM

Politics, especially in today's contentious climate, proves powerful inspiration for the movies. But how do filmmakers balance social critique with creating relatable characters and engaging narratives? Join us for an illuminating discussion about the delicate lines between storytelling and making a statement, with several of this year's emerging Festival directors.

Columbia College Chicago, 1104, S. Wabash St., Room 402 FREE

#### **WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26**

Panel: Religious Intolerance and Global Responsibility 3:00 PM EFPAN2

Religious persecution remains widespread across the world. With extremist groups such as ISIS and Boko Haram ranking amongst the most egregious abusers of religious freedom, how should we respond to such violence and fanaticism and in ways that do not further engender hate, racism and xenophobia? After a screening of the documentary *Faithkeepers*, join experts to discuss religious intolerance and our responsibility as citizens of the world.

AMC River East 21, Theater #4 \$5



Faithkeepers, Dir. Micah Smith

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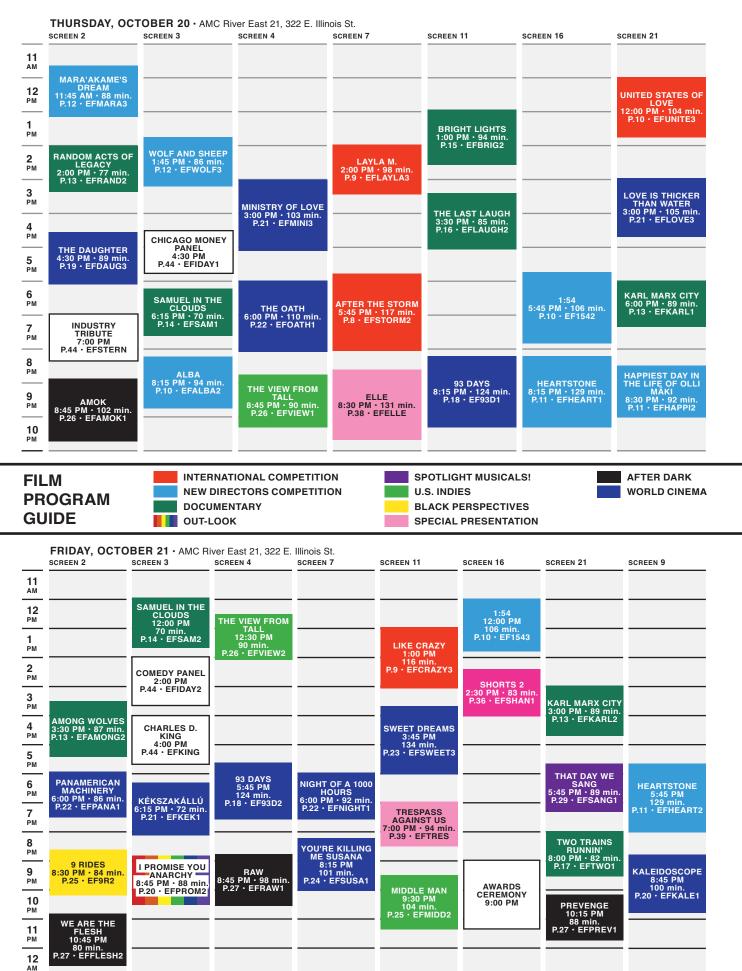
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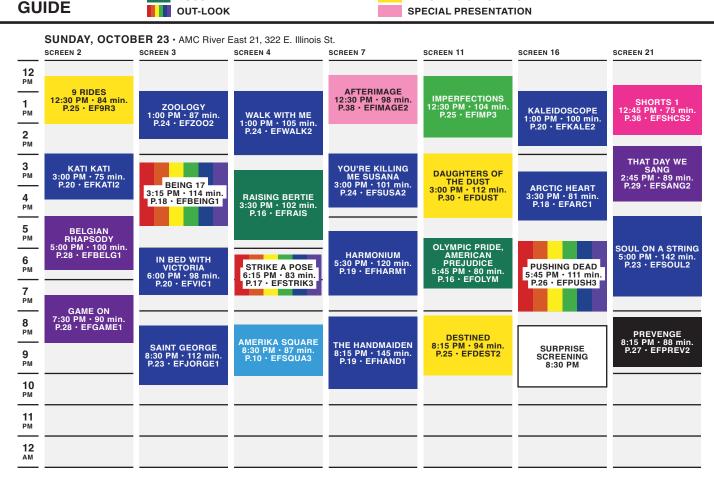
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12 PM						FADO	SANTA AND ANDRES
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5:30 PM Screening of New Directors Competition Winner. EFBEST1

7:00 PM Screening of Arrival (p. 6)

7:45 PM Screening of Main Competition Winner. EFBEST2

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