

8TH ANNUAL VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL

JUNE 1 - 7 2025



DISCOVER AND SUPPORT EMERGING TALENTS

WORKSHOPS, PANEL TALKS, FILM SCREENINGS OF LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL FILMS

June 7, 2025

Greetings from Mayor and Council

On behalf of Coquitlam City Council, I would like to extend our sincerest congratulations on celebrating the 8th Annual Vancouver International Youth Film Festival (VIYFF).

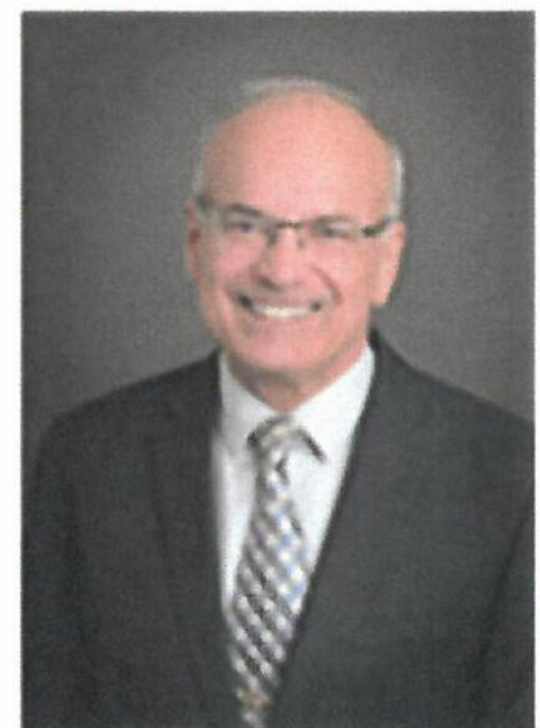
I would like to thank the organizers of this year's Film Festival as well as the volunteers whose efforts have made this event possible, your hard work and dedication is to be commended.

Wishing all of those in attendance a most enjoyable evening.

Yours truly,



Richard Stewart
Mayor



MAYOR KEN SIM



June 1– 7, 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

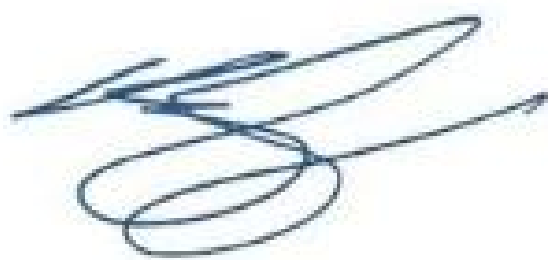
On behalf of the residents of Vancouver and my colleagues on City Council, I want to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 2025 Vancouver International Youth Film Festival (VIYFF).

The festival presents a unique platform for youth from diverse backgrounds to showcase their creativity, share their perspectives, and connect with like-minded individuals. This vibrant event not only celebrates the artistry of film but also fosters a sense of community and collaboration among emerging filmmakers.

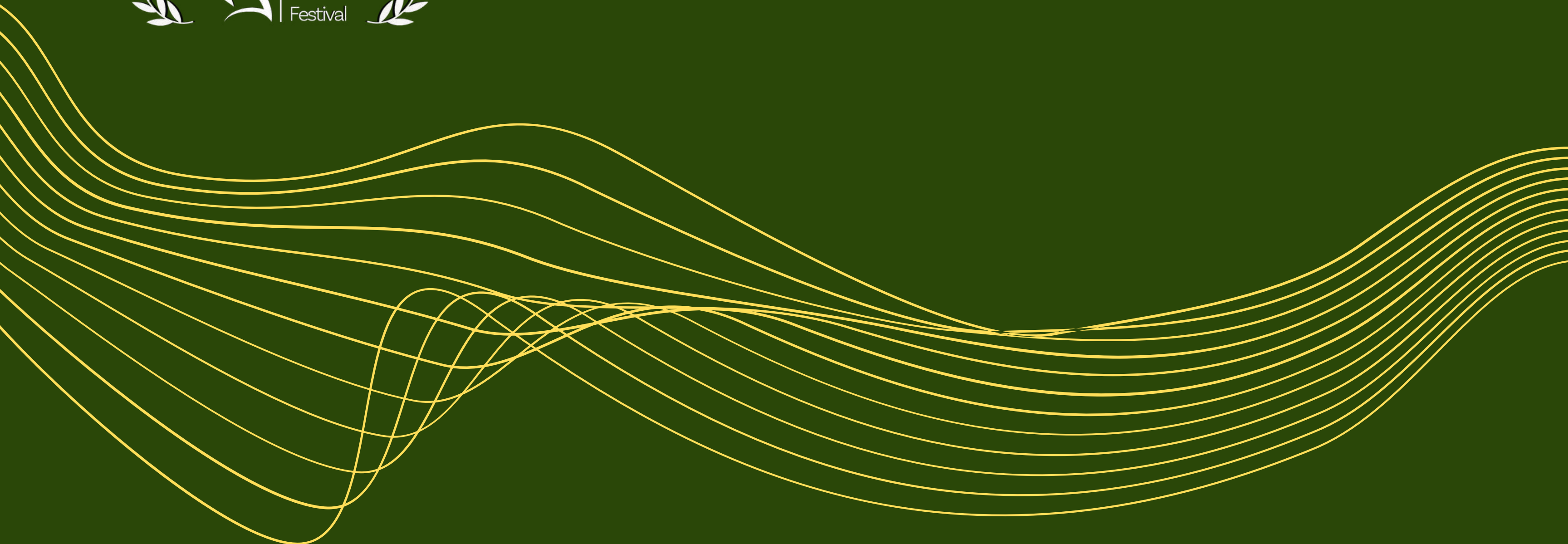
I commend the organizers for their dedication to nurturing the next generation of storytellers and providing them with the opportunity to shine. Your efforts in curating a festival that embraces innovation, diversity, and excellence are invaluable. Wishing all participants and

attendees an engaging, inspiring, and unforgettable festival experience!

Sincerely,



Mayor Ken Sim

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Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge that the land on which we gather for this film festival includes the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples. This includes the territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh, Kwikwetlem, Katzie, and Semiahmoo Nations, whose stewardship continues across what is now known as Vancouver, Burnaby, Coquitlam, and Surrey.

As we celebrate the art of film and storytelling, we commit to fostering an inclusive environment that respects and honors the diverse histories, languages, and cultures of Indigenous peoples.

8th Annual
Vancouver International
Youth Film Festival

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Who We Are

Founded in 2018 in British Columbia, Canada, the Vancouver International Youth Film Festival (VIYFF) is a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering youth and emerging filmmakers from all backgrounds. The festival runs annually, welcoming aspiring filmmakers from around the world to showcase their talent in the event. VIYFF offers a diverse array of screenings, workshops, industry talks, and panel discussions with the goal of helping young filmmakers expand their networks within the film industry and providing mentorship to pursue their chosen career paths.



VISION

**To serve as the bridge
between the film industry
and youth filmmakers.
Nurture and showcase rising
stars in youth filmmaking
and bridging connections to
experienced professionals.**

MISSION

**To be the guide for youth and
emerging filmmakers at the start
of their journey by providing
mentorship, industry training,
and opportunities such as
competitions for them to gain
project funding. The VIYFF aims
to scout, support and nurture
young talents, ensuring they are
well-prepared for successful
careers in the film industry.**



Meet the Team



Christine Song
Festival Director



Athena Chan
Event Coordinator



Anson Wong
Administrative Assistant



Allen Liu
Event Marketing Coordinator



Bill Wang
Event Marketing Coordinator



Tao Ren
Computer Service Technician



Hugh Liu
Videographer



Andrea Ang
Graphic Designer



Ken Wang
Executive Supervisor

Meet the Jury



Sheldon Larry



Paul Armstrong



Zoran Dragelj



Simone Bailly



Roger Larry



William Lau



VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL

JUNE
2025

SUPPORT

EMERGING
YOUTH

JUNE 1ST **Opening Ceremony**
6:00 PM *Landmark Cinema, Surrey*

JUNE 2ND **Introduction to Film Industry Workshop**
1:00PM *5365 Lane St, Burnaby*

6:00PM **Local Short Films**
Vancouver Film School | 151 W Cordova St, Vancouver

8:00PM **International Feature: L7 and the Cure Squad**
Vancouver Film School | 151 W Cordova St, Vancouver

JUNE 3RD **International Feature: Banana Garden**
1:00 PM *5365 Lane St, Burnaby*

3:00PM **International + Local Short Films**
5365 Lane St, Burnaby

5:30PM **VIYFF X UBCP ACTRA Panel Talk**
5365 Lane St, Burnaby

JUNE 4TH **International Feature: Smell of Burnt Milk**
1:00 PM *5365 Lane St, Burnaby*

2:30PM **International + Local Short Films**
5365 Lane St, Burnaby

6:00PM **Local Short Films**
Vancouver Film School | 151 W Cordova St, Vancouver

8:10PM **International Feature: In Their Own Time**
Vancouver Film School | 151 W Cordova St, Vancouver

JUNE 5TH **International Feature: In the Arms of the Tree**
1:00 PM *5365 Lane St, Burnaby*

2:45 PM **International Short Films**
5365 Lane St, Burnaby

6:00PM **Local Short Films**
Vancouver Film School | 151 W Cordova St, Vancouver

JUNE 6TH **International Feature: GODMODE_Digital Murder**
1:00 PM *5365 Lane St, Burnaby*

9:00PM **Local Feature: Foreign Homeland**
5365 Lane St, Burnaby

JUNE 7TH **Closing Gala + Afterparty**
7:00 PM *Coquitlam Evergreen Cultural Centre*

72 HRS

FILMMAKING WORKSHOP



CALLING ASPIRING FILMMAKERS FOR 2026!

Come join us at VIYFF for an intense 3 day filmmaking event.

Showcase your project on the big screen @ VIYFF

For more info visit:

IG: [viyff.ca](#) | <https://www.viyff.org/>





YOU ARE INVITED TO

THE 8TH ANNUAL
VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL
YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL

GRAND OPENING

SUNDAY | 1 JUNE ,2025 | AT 6PM
LANDMARK CINEMA, SURREY BC



RSVP BY EMAIL
viyff.ca@gmail.com

DISCOVER AND SUPPORT EMERGING TALENTS

OPENING

DAY ONE

SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST 2025

DOOR OPEN | 6:00PM

Red Carpet



Tickets Info

OPENING CEREMONY 6:30PM

Opening Remarks

Lemon Ice Cream, Daniela Ortiz (11'30")
Mexico

Toe Pick, Teresa Alfeld (10'10")
Canada

Storefront Talent Carmen Flowers (5'09")
Canada

Stateless Seyed Mohamadossein Hosseini. (16'57")
Iran

Are We Okay? Ziva Taylor (13'47")
Australia

Patient 45 Cohen Hulcoop (4'28")
Canada

Happy Thanksgiving Brooklynn Prince (14'29")
United States

Settle Voy Bach (19'46")
United Kingdom

The Last Daisy Pietro Fortunato (22'49")
Sweden

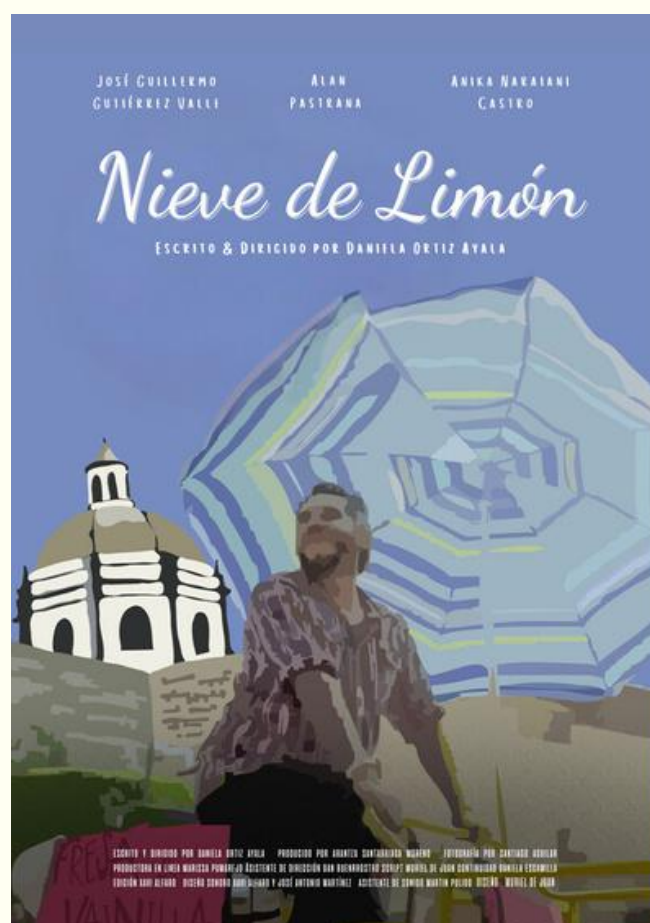
Filmmakers Q&A



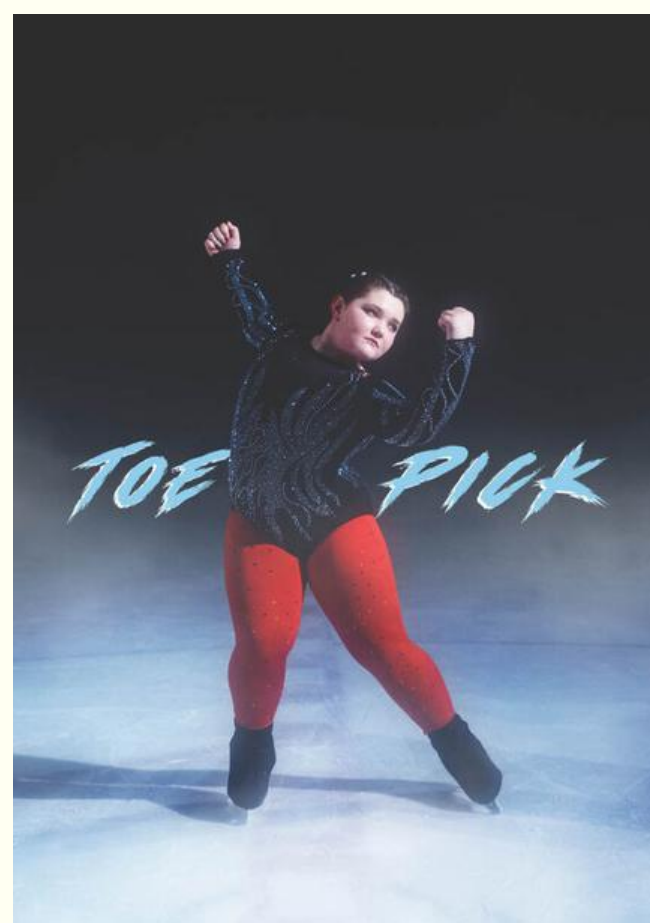
Landmark Cinema

15051 101 Ave, Surrey, BC V3R 7Z1

OPENING FILMS



Lemon Ice Cream
Mexico, 11'30"



Toe Pick
Canada, 10'10"



Storefront Talent
Canada, 5'09"



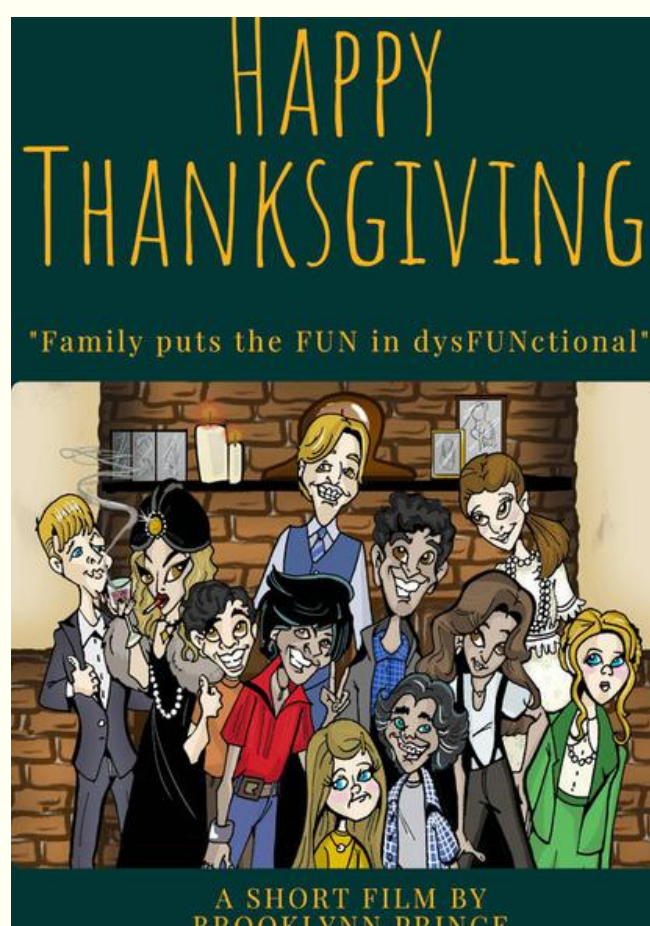
Stateless
Iran, 16'57"



Are We Okay?
Australia, 13'47"



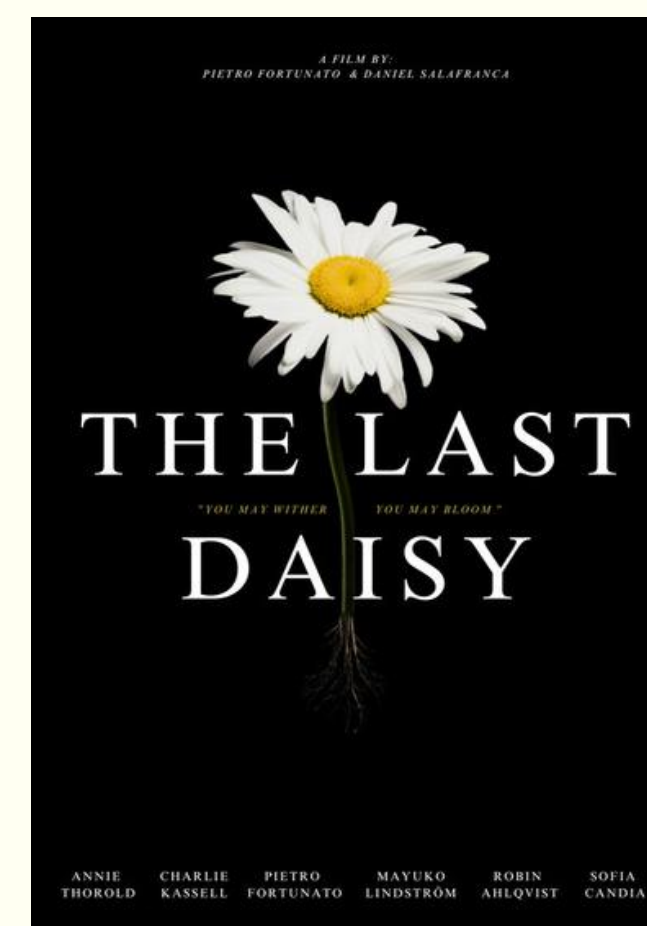
Patient 45
Canada, 4'28"



Happy Thanksgiving
United States, 14'29"



Settle
United Kingdom, 19'46"



The Last Daisy
Sweden, 22'49"



All about Camera: Photography and Cinematography course

Free Trial Class
1-3:00PM, 5365 Lane St.
Monday, June 2nd 2025



We scroll through countless images and reels everyday: visual media is an increasingly important medium for self-expression. This course is designed as an introduction for young photographers and filmmakers. It will teach key camera skills, help students build a portfolio, and learn through both theory and practice. Whether you plan to pursue a career in film or photography, or if you are developing your hobby, it's time to tell your story!

Key skills:

Camera exposure, lens focal length and focus, lighting, camera movement, stabilization, post production

Course format:

10 sessions, 2 hours each. One individualized session

About the instructor:

Daniel Xue is born in Shanghai and raised in Vancouver. After graduating with a BFA in Film from Rhode Island School of Design, he worked many years as an independent filmmaker. His work was selected in 10 film festivals and recieved 7 awards and nominations

CONTACT: daniel.xue@hotmail.com

WECHAT: ninjak20

INSTAGRAM: @dxkaiyuan



Free Workshop: Introduction to the Film Industry for Youth



What is a vertical series? What's the difference between the director and the producer? How much does a camera cost? Should I go to film school? How much money does a film worker make? What's a film union?

These questions are top of mind for anyone interested in pursuing a career in the film industry. It all leads to the biggest question: how do I make a good film? So many things go into a good film, and I'm here to break it down for you!

The workshop will be a combination of practical equipment skills and creative theoretical knowledge. I will be sharing my experience from working as a Director of Photography, AC, Assistant Director and Producer on various different types of productions, such as vertical shows, commercials, indie films, and volunteer student films.

1-3pm June 2, 2025 at 5365 Lane st. Burnaby
Workshop Host: Daniel Xue



DAY 2 MONDAY, JUNE 2ND 2025

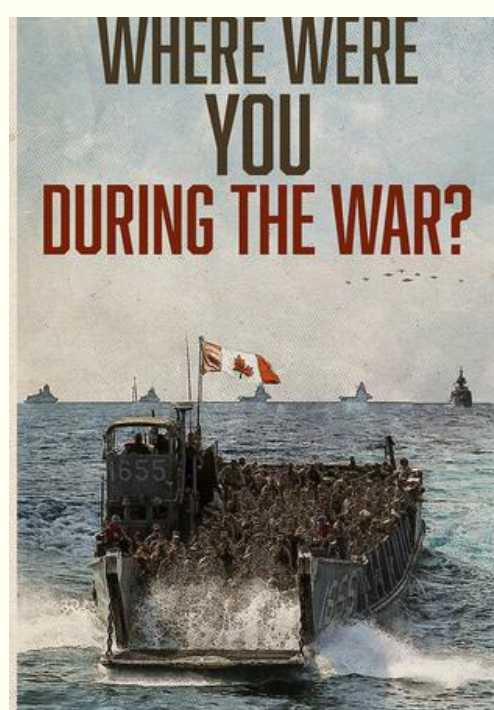


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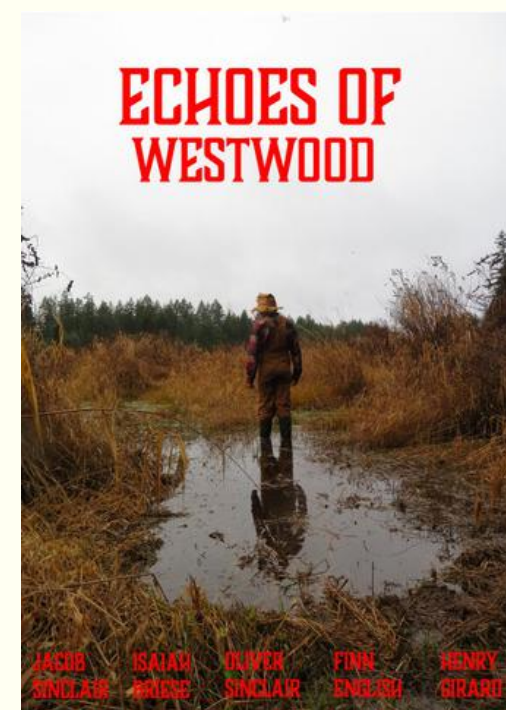
LOCAL SHORT FILM SCREENINGS + Q&A 6:00PM



Dynamic (4'15")
Jason Li, Taeyeon Kim



Deserters (13'26")
Lucas Van Coevorden



Echoes of Westwood (7'25)
Henry Girard, Finn English



Kiss Me In The Dark (10'17")
Sofia Sanchez



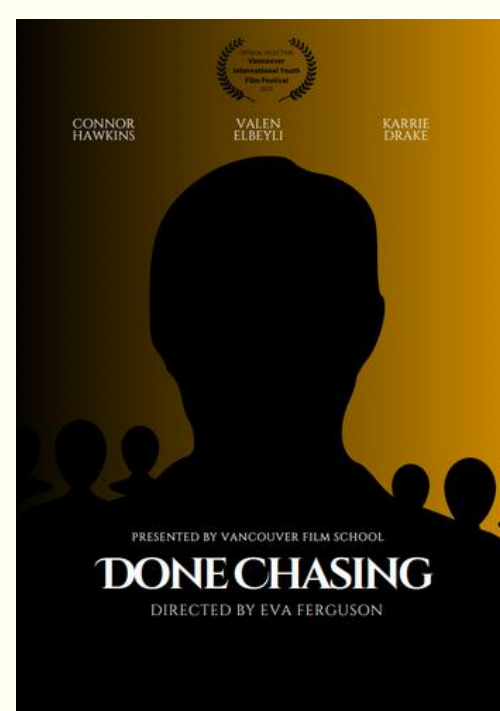
MiNe (4'19")
Esabella Strickland



Keeper of the Night Sky (6'00")
Karina Loerchner



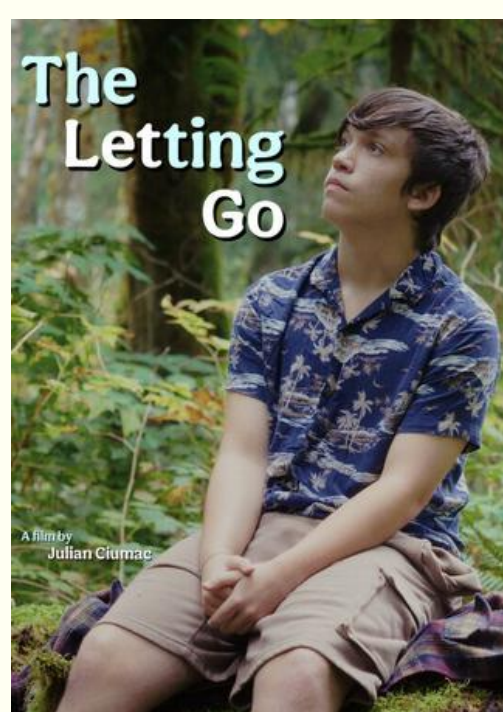
Due Process (6'23")
Clara Parker



Done Chasing (8'16")
Eva Ferguson



HOW BITTER IS LADY KARMA (5'00")
Murray Montgomery, Alice Yu



The Letting Go (10'31")
Julian Ciumac



Flight of the Inner Squirrel (6'38")
Jaden Ong



Being Here, There, Everywhere (10'15")
Jordan Wu, United States



Vancouver Film School | Theatre 106
151 W Cordova St, Vancouver, BC



Tickets Info

International Feature

L7 and the Cure Squad

Thaís Vila Nova Gomes, Brazil (1'45'44")



Screening + Q&A

Monday, June 2nd 2025 | 8:00PM

Vancouver Film School | Theatre 106

📍 151 W Cordova St, Vancouver, BC

Tickets Info



DAY 3 TUESDAY, JUNE 3RD 2025

SCREENING



DAY THREE



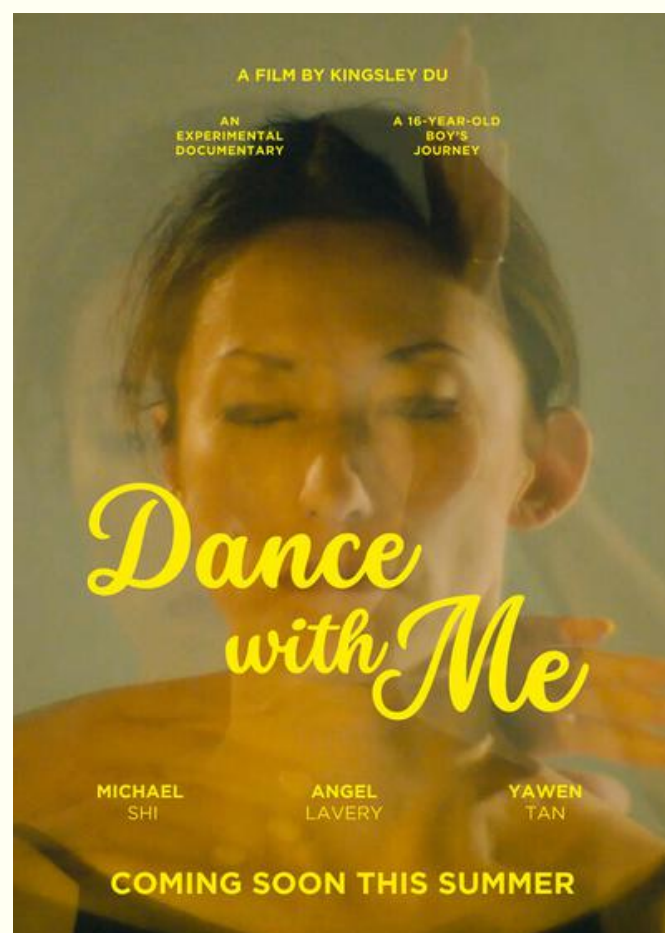
International Feature

The Banana Garden

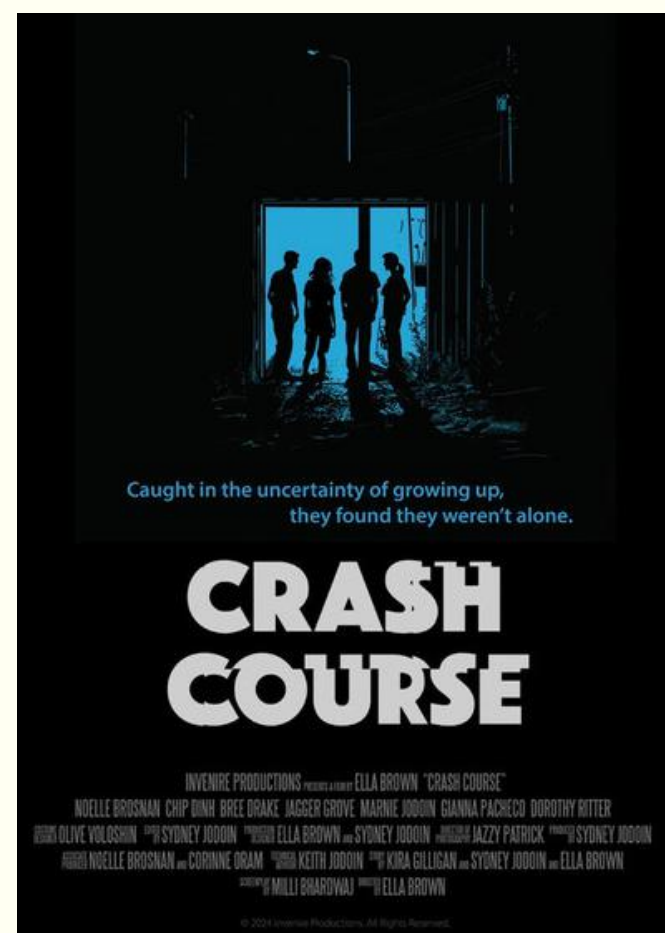
Reza Keshavarz Hadad
Iran (1'47'39")

1:00PM

SHORT FILMS SCREENING 3:00PM



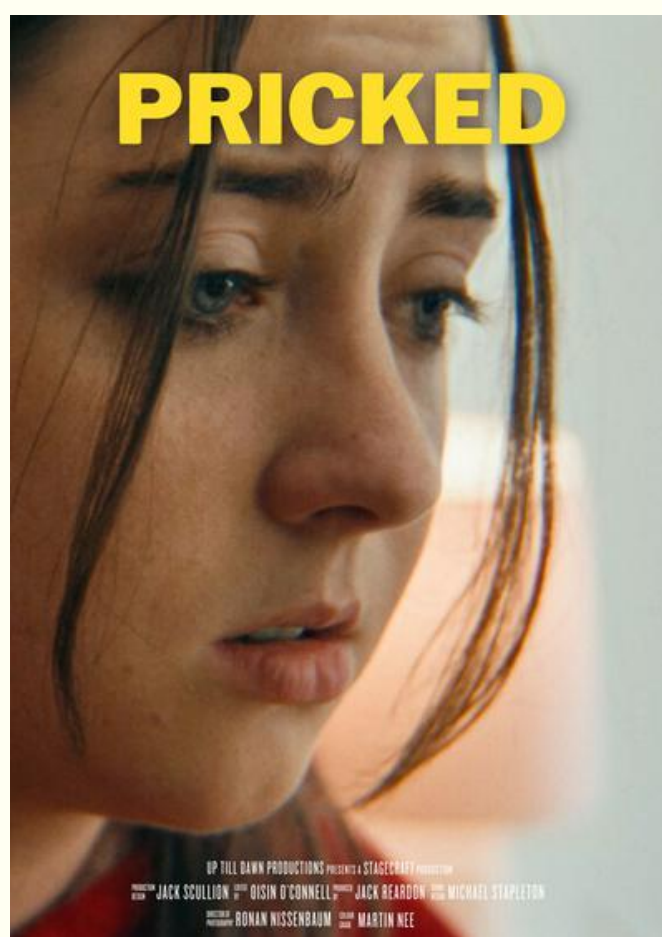
Dance with Me
Kingsley Du
China, 11'30"



Crash Course
Ella Brown
United States 10'00"



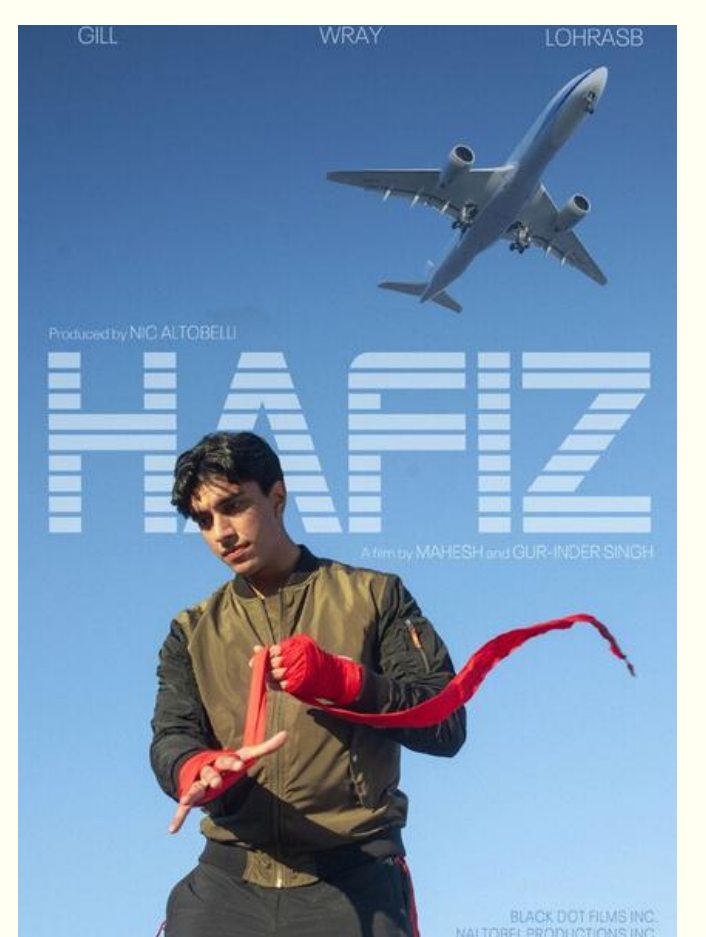
Dead as Dodo
Sara Kolster
Netherlands, 30'00"



PRICKED
Jack Reardon
Ireland, 11'24"



Changing Seasons
Naomi Runstedtler
Canada, 3'17"



Hafiz
Maheshinder Singh,
Gur-Indar Singh
Canada, 12'57"

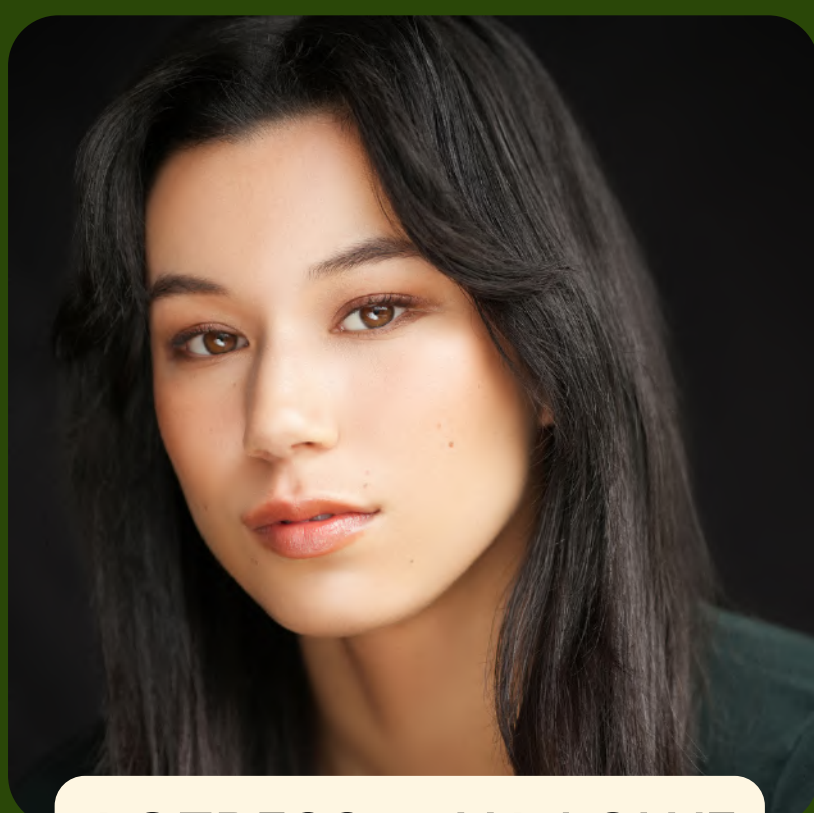


5365 Lane St Burnaby, BC

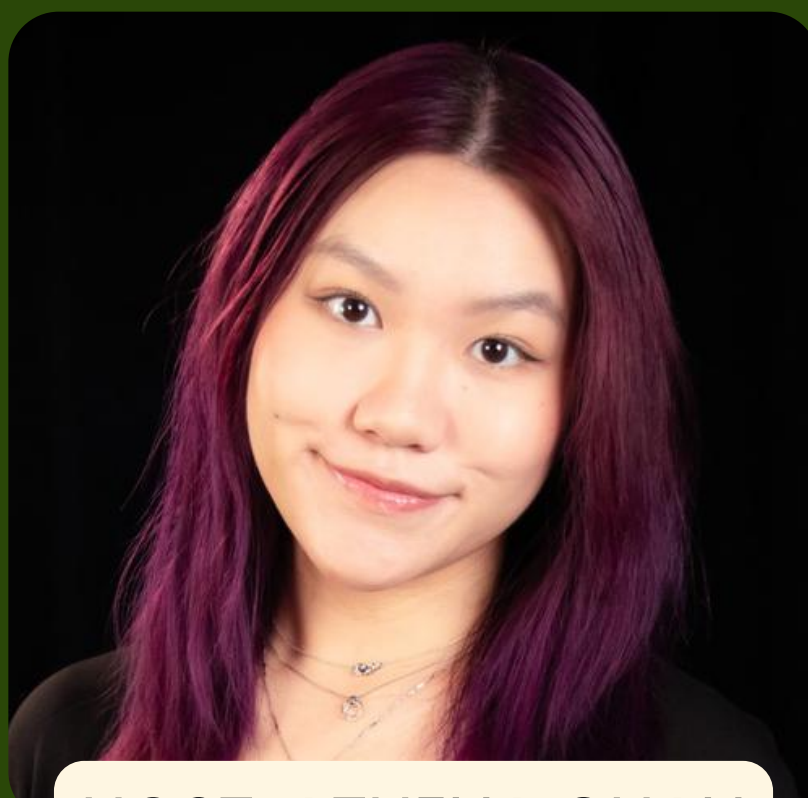
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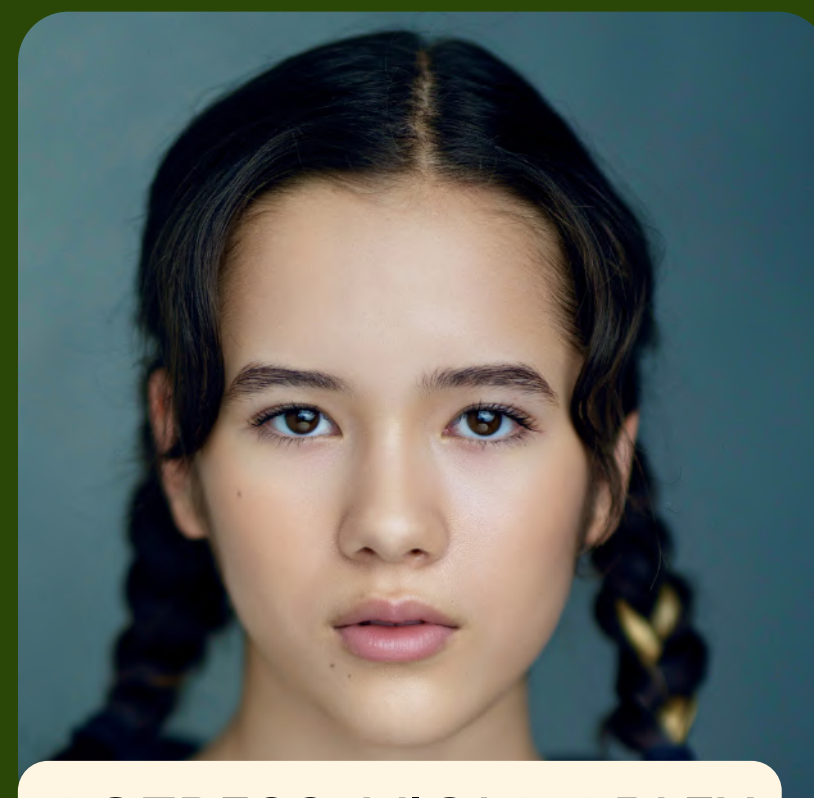
PANEL TALK



ACTRESS: MYA LOWE



HOST: ATHENA CHAN



ACTRESS: VIOLA ABLEY



ACTOR: MASON TEMPLE



ACTRESS : MOMONA TAMADA



UBCP
ACTRA

BEING AN ACTOR IN THE BC FILM INDUSTRY

JUNE 3, 2025
5:30 PM



COLUMBIA MUSIC AND DANCE SCHOOL | 5365 LANE ST. BURNABY BC

13th Annual Vancouver Chinese Film Festival
第十三屆溫哥華華語電影節

CALLING FOR SUBMISSION

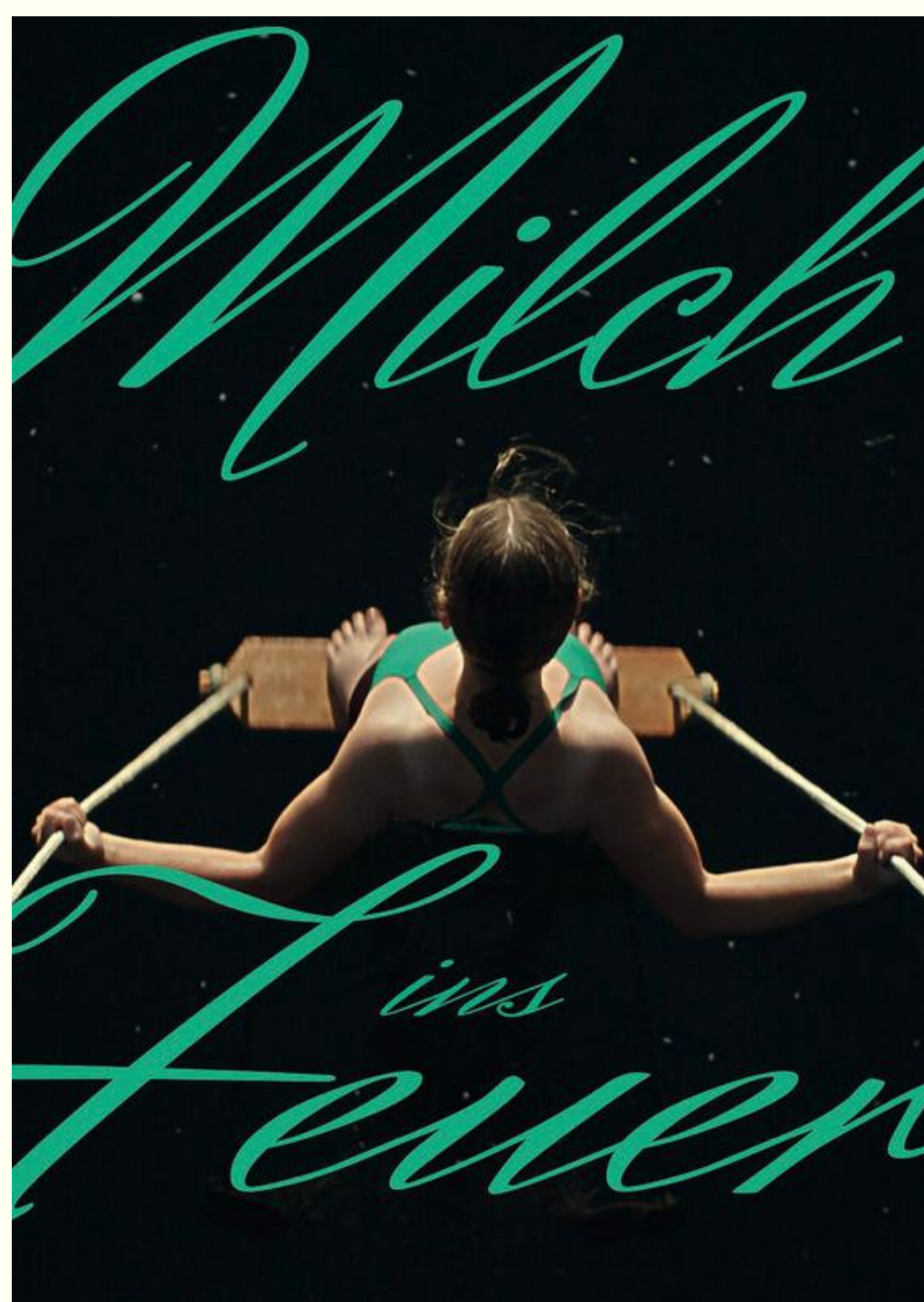
現已開始接受報名

Deadline: July 15th, 2025
截止日期: 2025年7月15日

Website 網頁: www.vcff.org
Email 電郵: general@vcff.org
微信公眾平台: 溫哥華華語電影節

DAY FOUR

International Feature

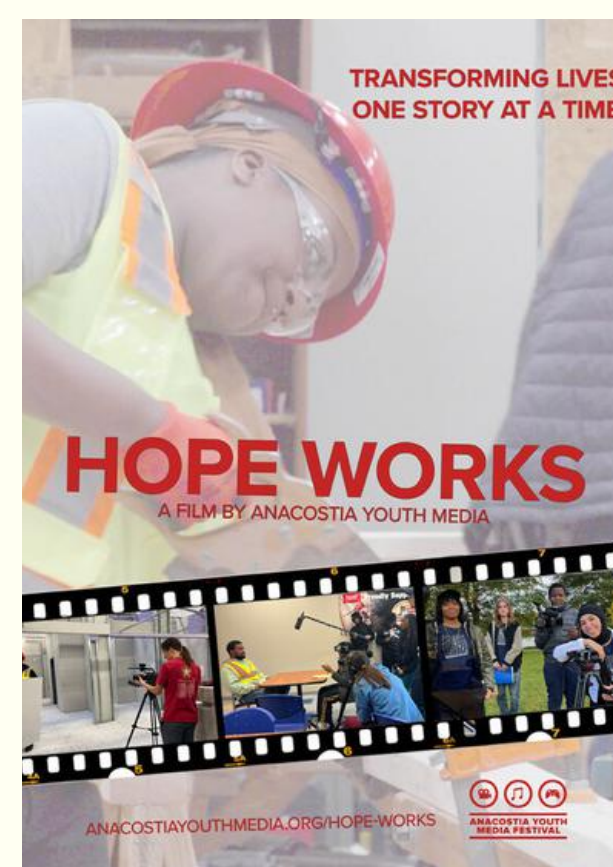


Smell of Burnt Milk

Justine Bauer

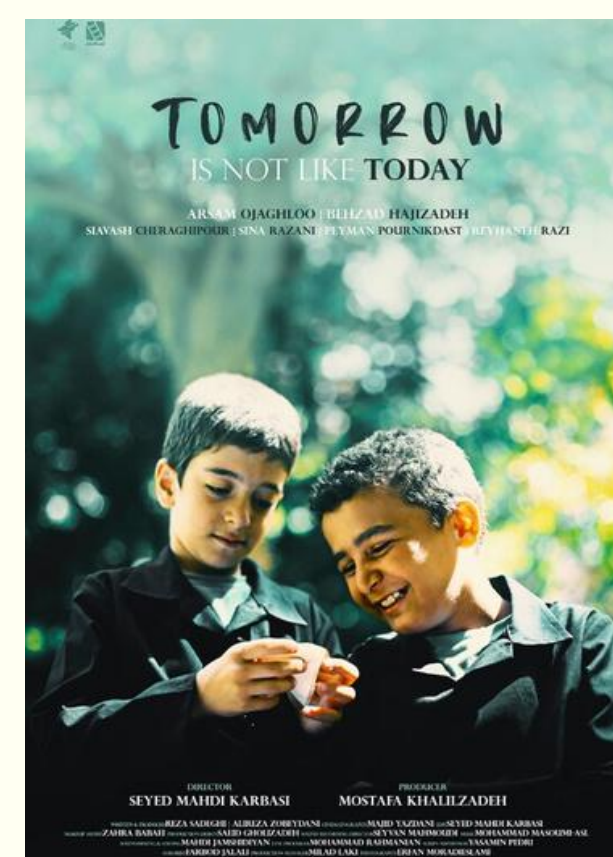
Germany (1'19'00")

1:00PM



Hope Works

Daria Strahan, Yaa Bonsu,
Perry Chamberlain
United States (19'33")



Tomorrow is not like Today
Seyed Mahdi Karbasi
Iran, 23'22"



A Good Day Will Come
Amir Zargara
Canada, 3'05



Cat and Fish
Nilram Ranjbar
Canada, 3'05

**International
Feature
1:00PM**



**Short Films
Screening
2:30PM**



5365 Lane St
Burnaby, BC

SCREENING

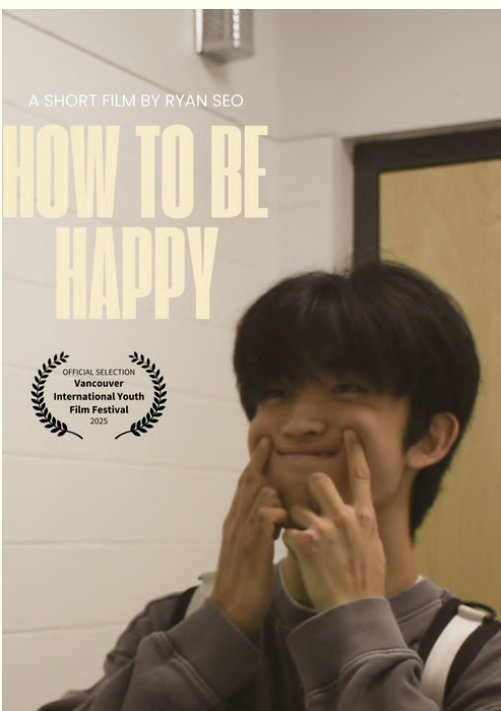
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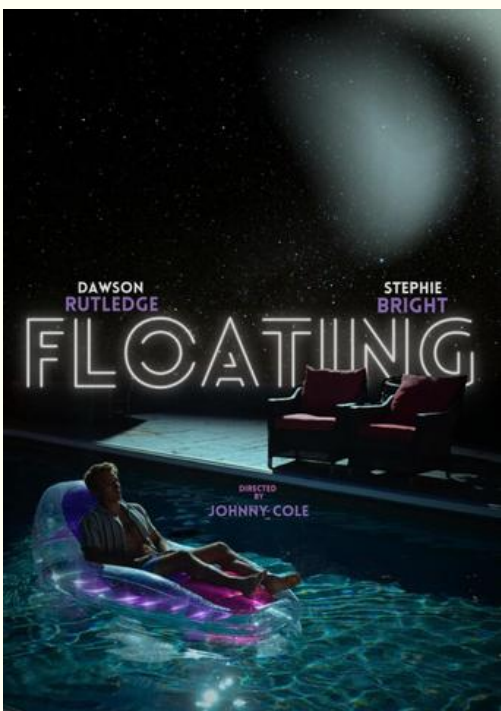
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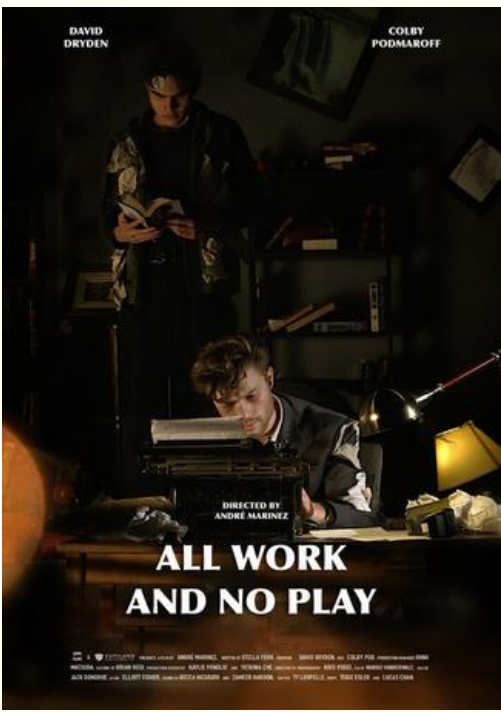
How to Be Happy (4'20")
Ryan Seo



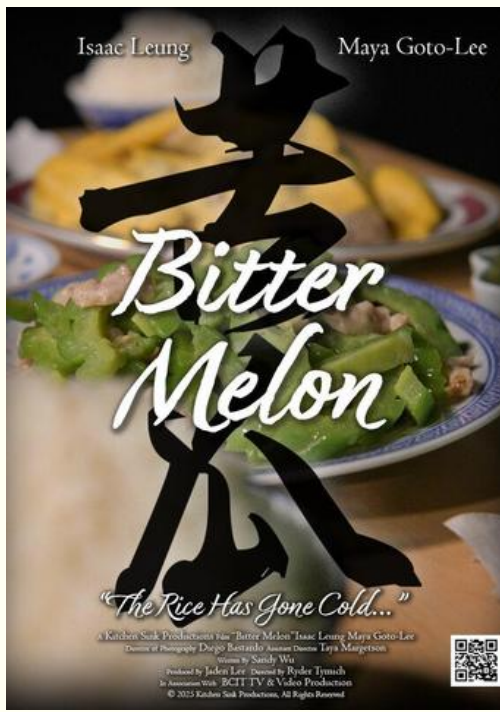
Why Do it Alone? (5'35")
Emmett Fisher



Floating (4'01")
Johnny Cole



All Work and No Play (6'33")
André Marínez



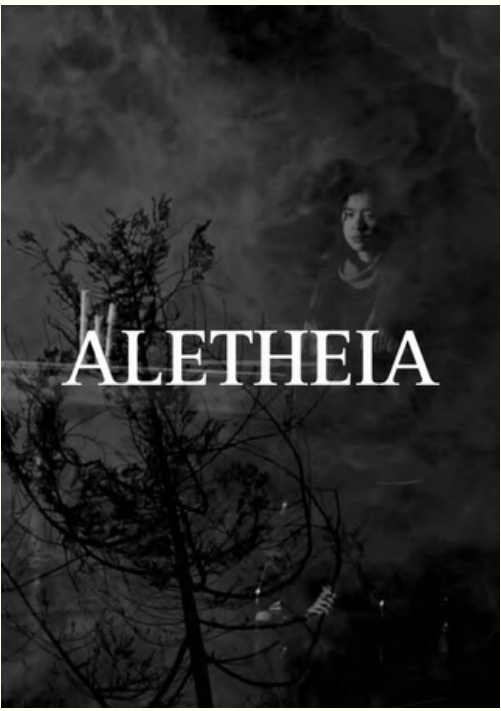
Bitter Melon (12'43")
Ryder Tymich



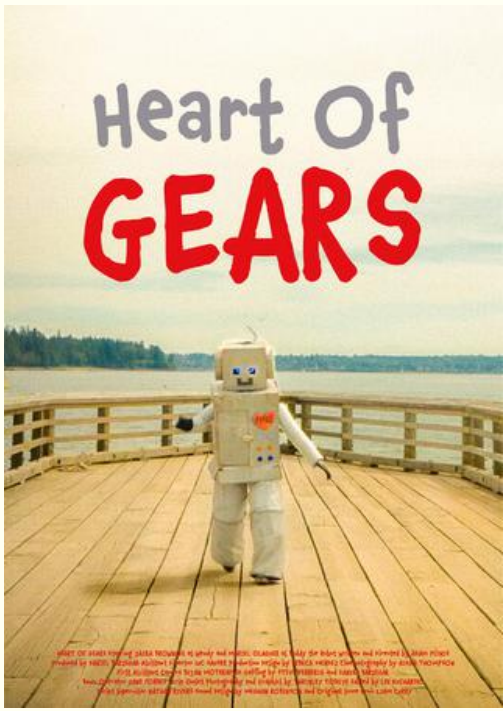
The Red Lipstick (14'38")
Soléne Pango Salas



Whole Be (4'40")
Peter Lilly



ALETHEIA (7'08")
Aria Amirmoini



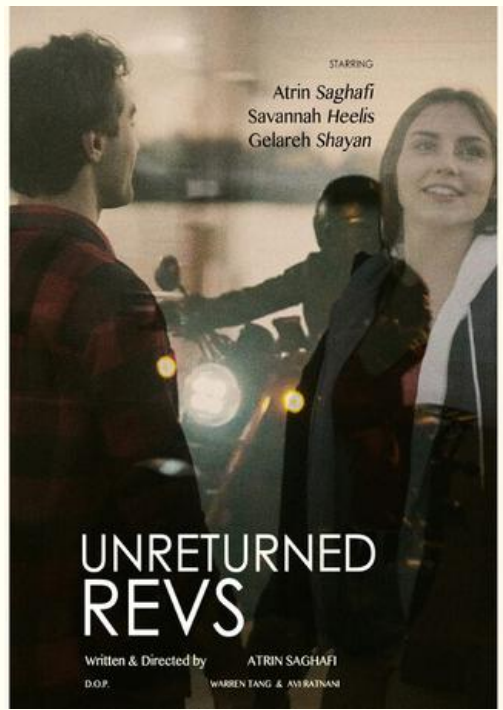
Heart of Gears (10'20")
Adam Ponis



The West Show (7'10")
Andy Gomez



The Butcher (15'29")
Jackson Stewart



Unreturned Revs (16'07")
Atrin Saghafi



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International Feature In Their Own Time

Sourya Dipta, India (1'53'39")



Screening + Q&A

Wednesday, June 4th 2025 | 8:10PM
Vancouver Film School | Theatre 105



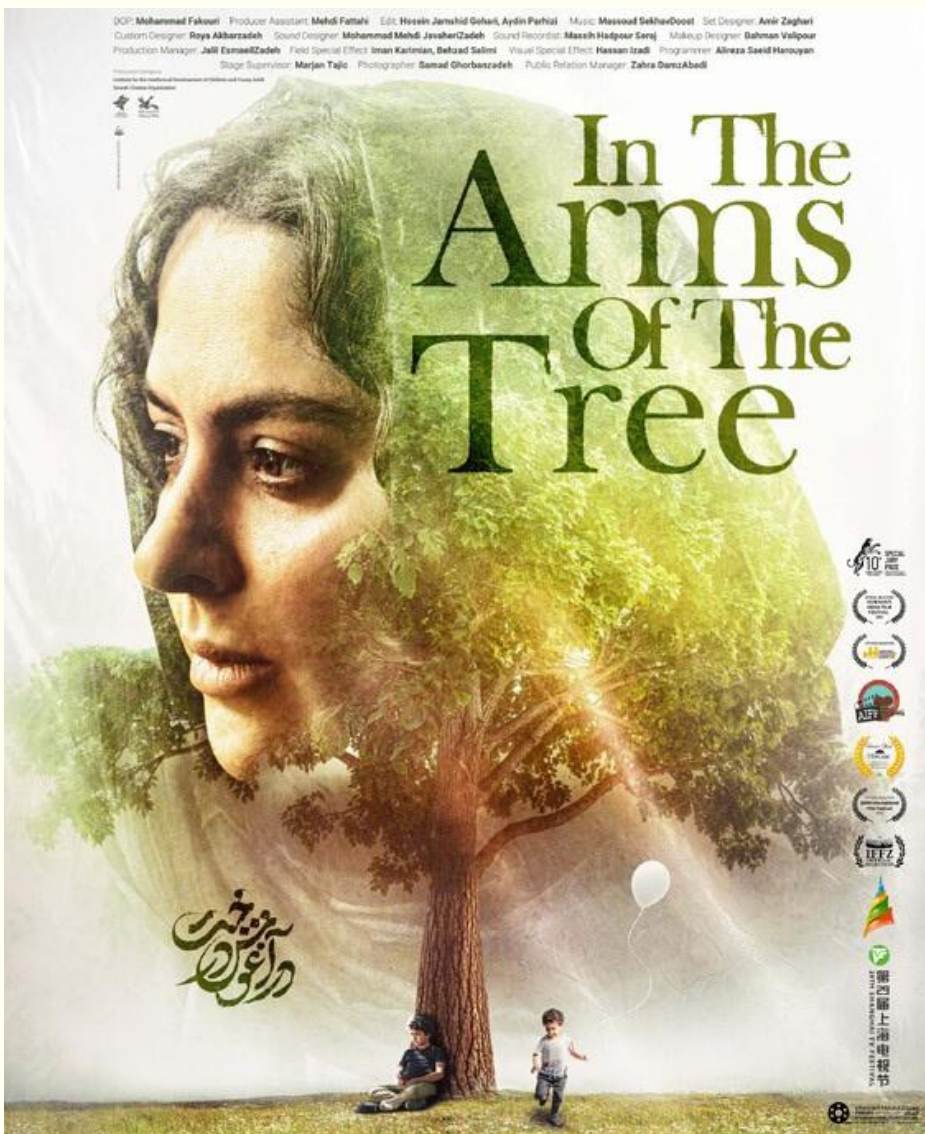
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Tickets Info

DAY 5 THURSDAY, JUNE 5TH 2025

SCREENING



DAY FIVE

International
Feature

In the Arms of the Tree
Babak Khajehpasha
Iran (1'22'52")

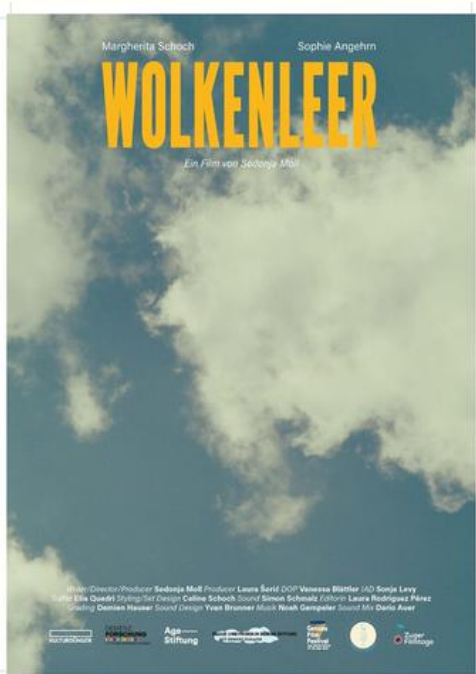
1:00PM



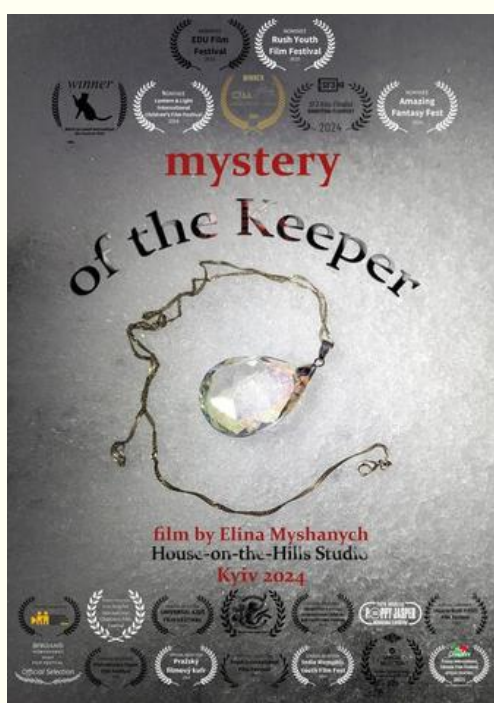
SHORT FILMS SCREENING 2:45PM



Shakespeare for All Ages
Hannes Rall
Singapore, 2'42"



Cloudless
Sedonja Moll
Switzerland 13'20"



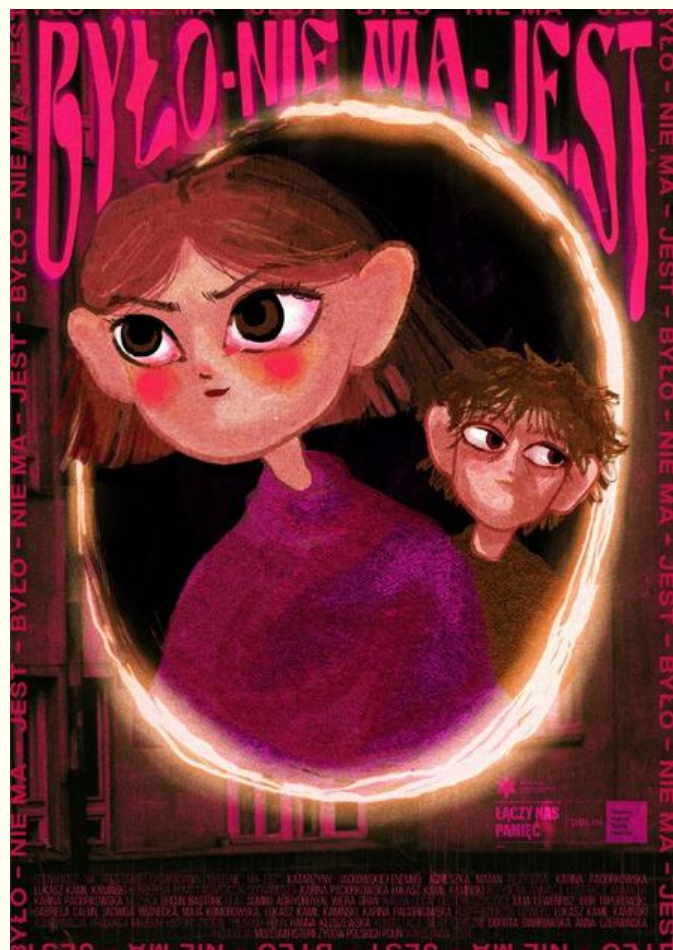
Mystery of the Keeper
Elina Myshanych
Ukraine, 14'34"



Angel of War
Askold Oksanich
Ukraine, 15'59"



Breakthrough
Josh Bell, Thomas Binns
Australia, 8'33



**„There once was-
There is no more-
There is“**
Karina Paciorkowska, Łukasz
Kamil Kamiński
Poland, 15'00"



Maine Lines
Maheshinder Singh,
Gur-Inder Singh
United States, 24'52"



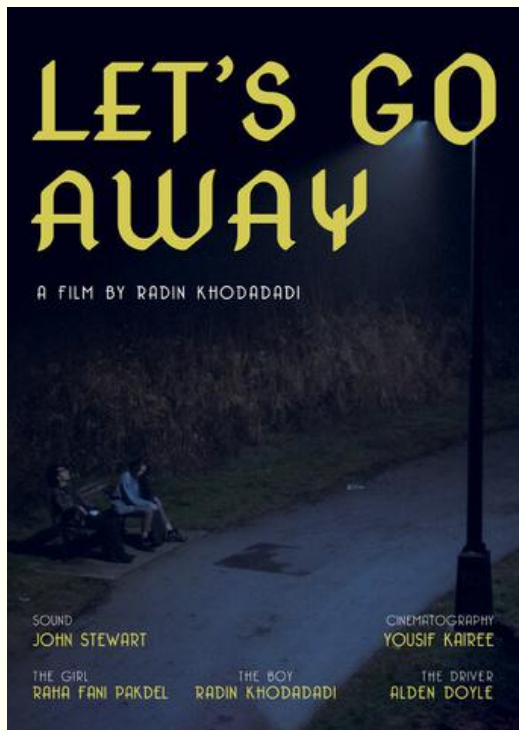
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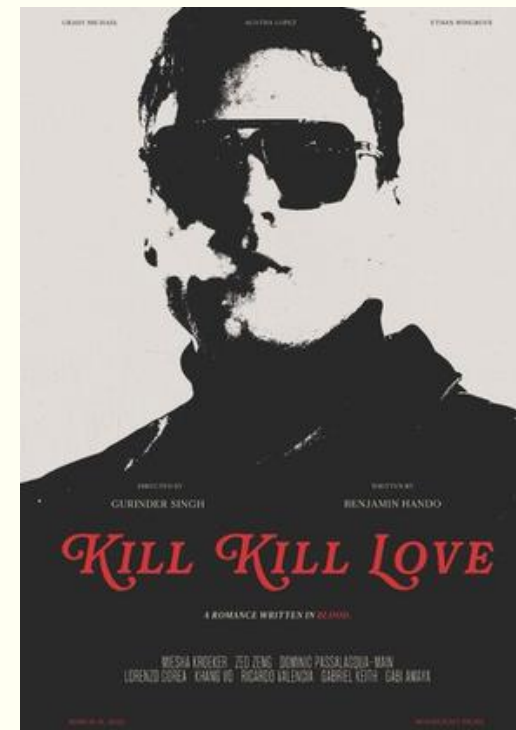
LOCAL SHORT FILM SCREENINGS 6:00PM



Let's Go Away (9'20")
Radin Khodadadi



Best Friends Notice of Deportation (12'42")
Berenika Widera



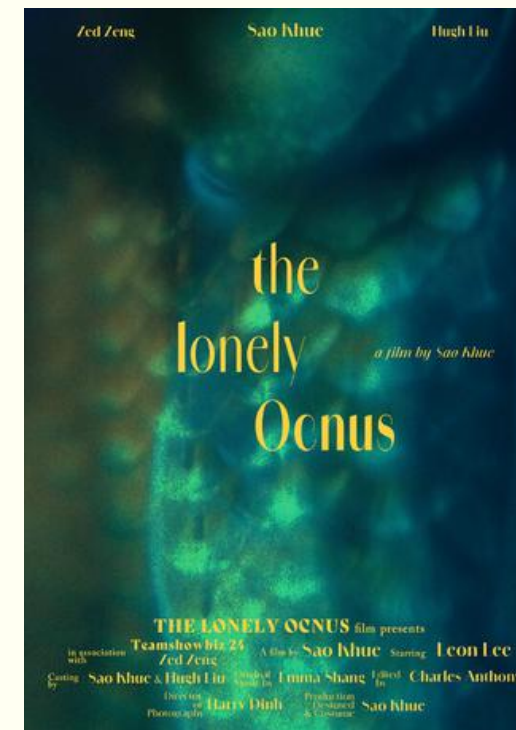
Kill Kill Love (11'56")
Gurinder Singh



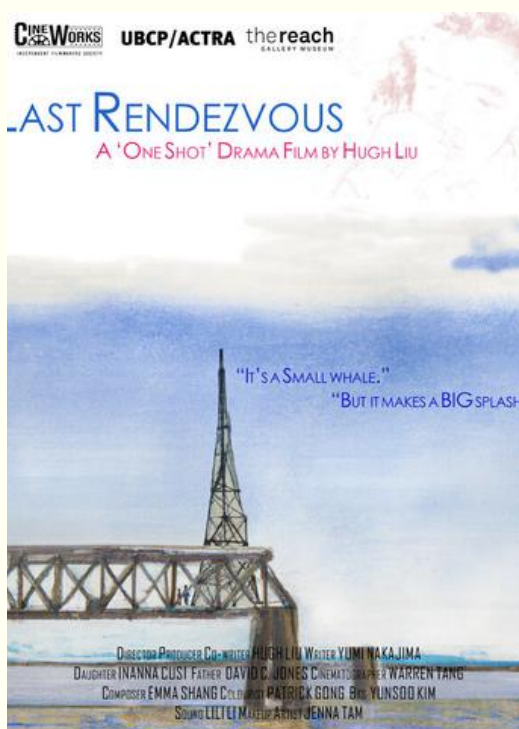
We Are Live (27'33")
Omkar Mohare



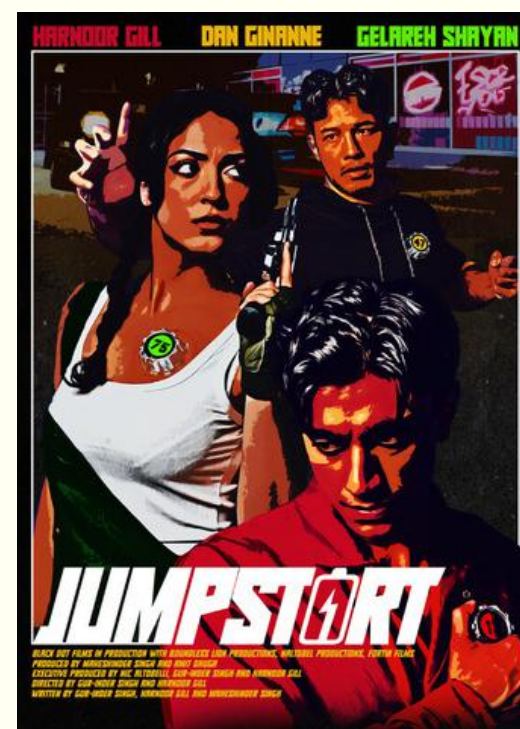
Velvet Secrets (10'15")
Shanthini
Balasubramanian



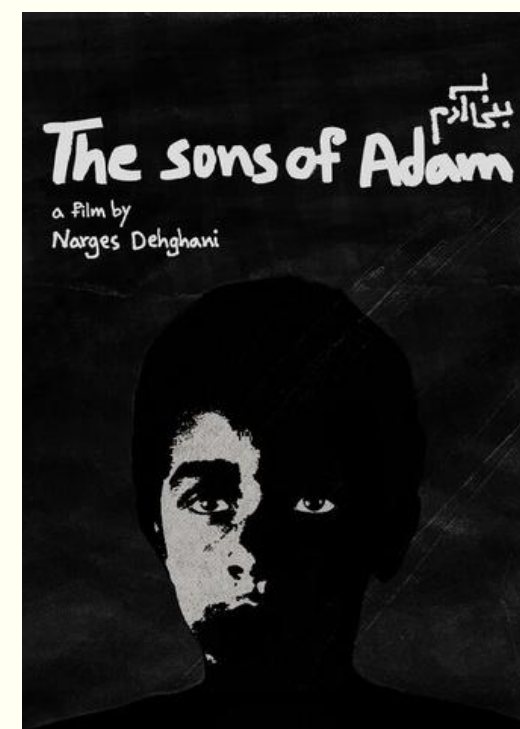
The Lonely Ocnus (10'00")
Sao Khue



Last Rendezvous (5'30")
Hugh Liu



Jumpstart (10'00")
Gurinder Singh,
Harnoor Gill



The Sons of Adam (6'00")
Narges Dehghani

SCREENING

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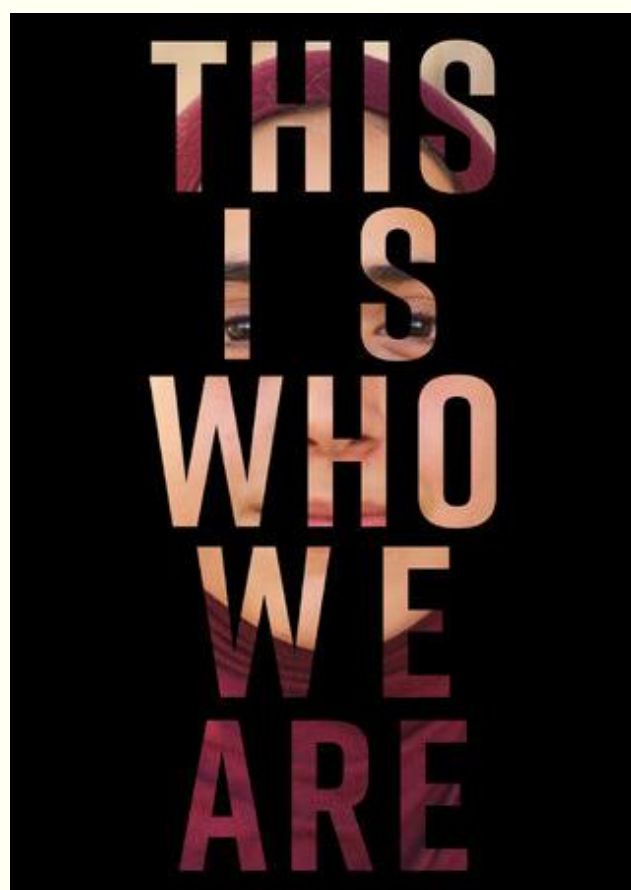
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SCREENING



DAY FIVE

FILM SCREENINGS + Q&A 8:30PM



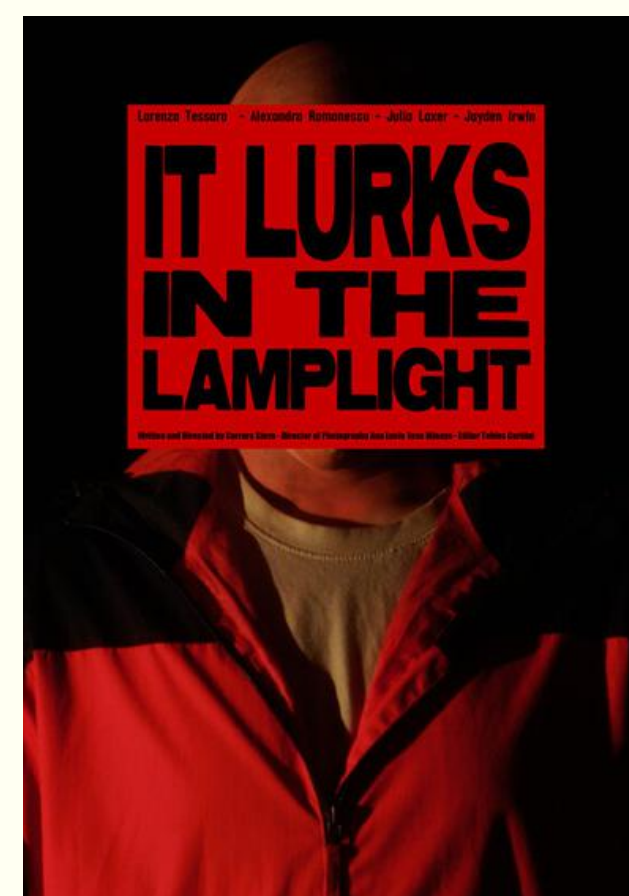
This is Who We Are
Peter Lilly
Canada, 43'50"



Holiday Stranger
Henry C King
Canada, 5'49"



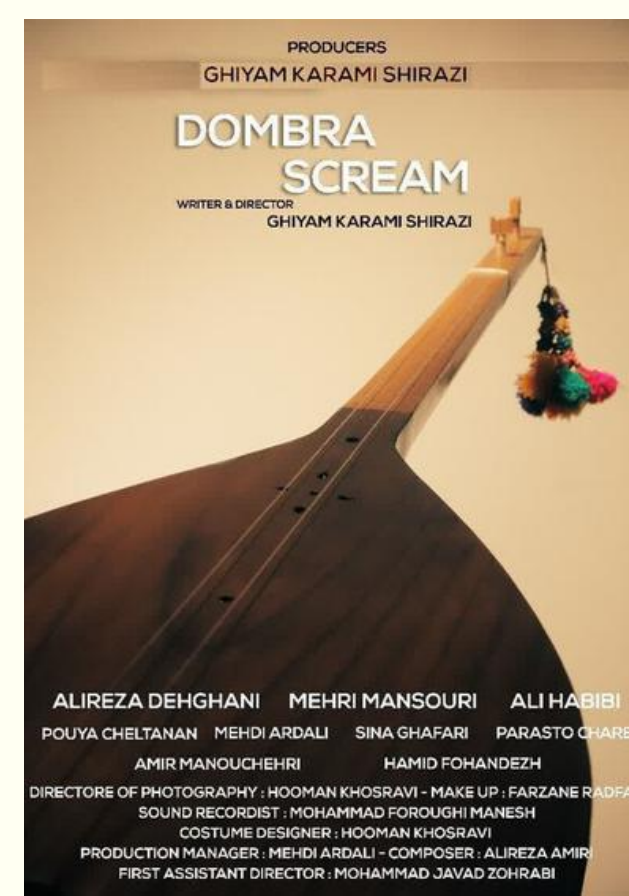
Enemy of my past
Lucas Michael Breen, Liam Wolf
Turchanski
Canada, 5'08



It Lurks In The Lamplight
Carrara Stern
Canada, 13'39"



Santa's Naughty List
Sean Dong
United States, 14'34"



Dombra Scream
Ghiyam Karami Shirazi
Iran, 13'39"



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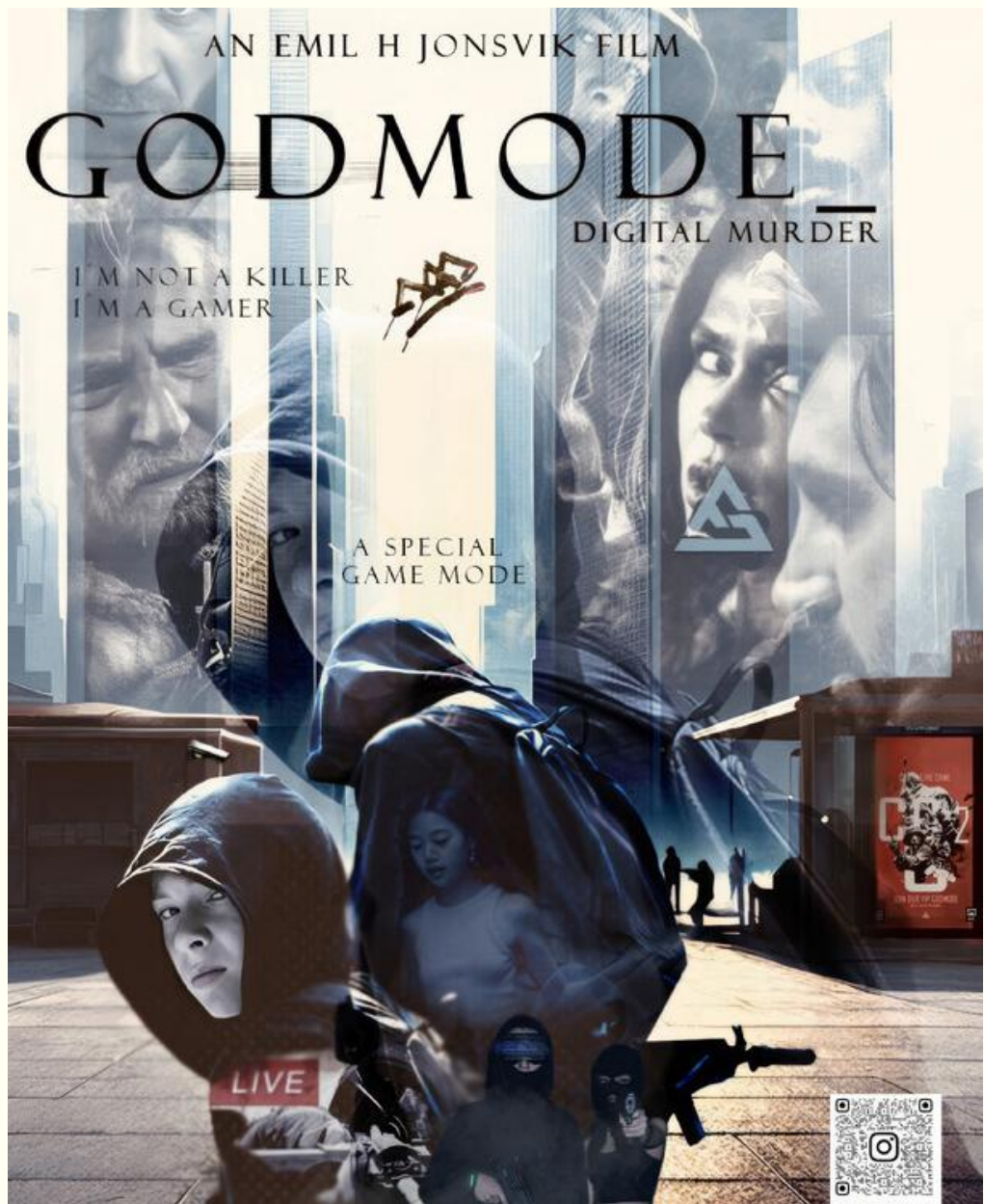
DAY SIX

International/Local Features



GODMODE_Digital Murder

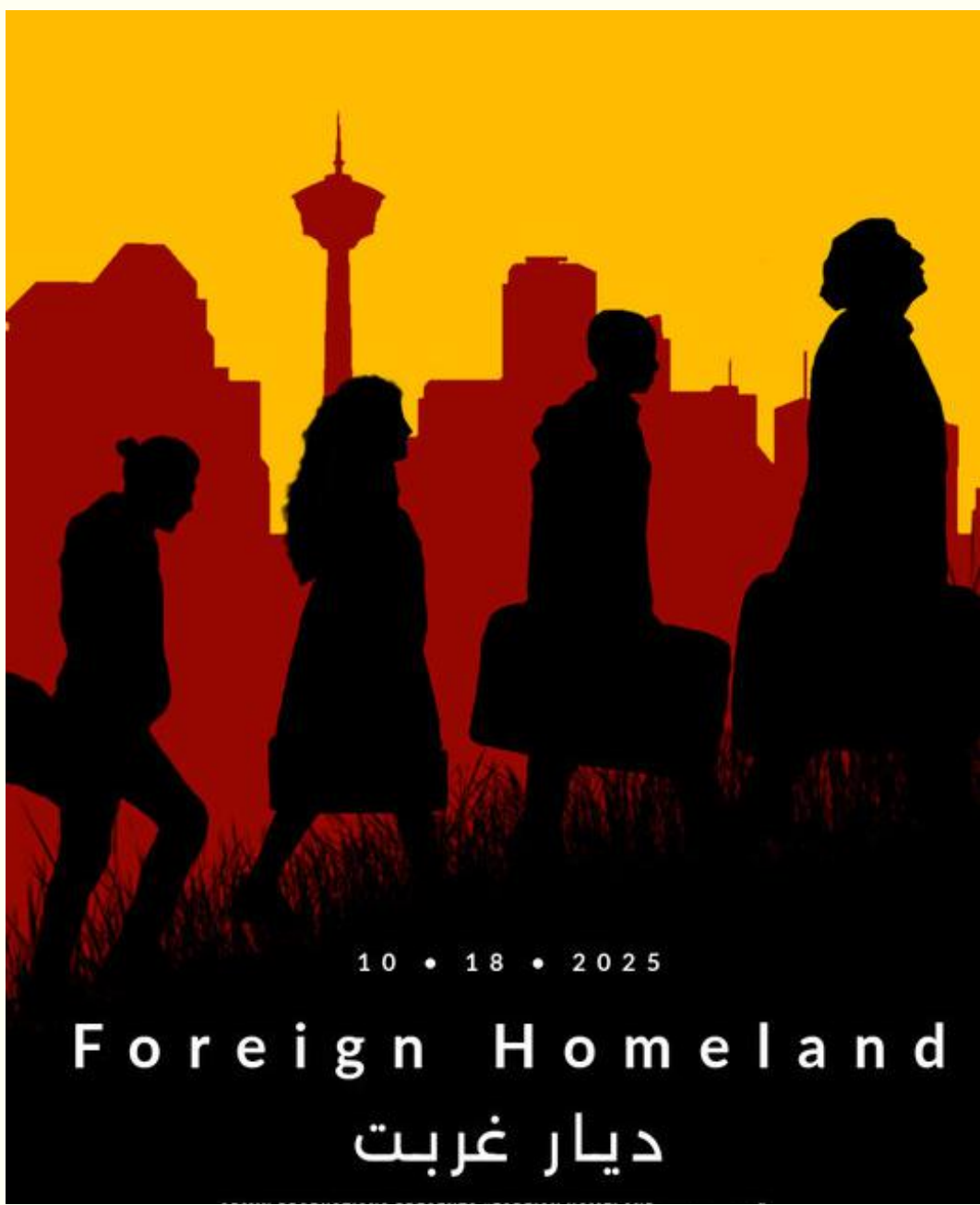
Emil H Jonsvik



Sweden (2'00'00")
1:00PM

Foreign Homeland

Armin Zarringhalam



Canada (1'00'16")
9:00PM

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SCREENING

DAY 6 FRIDAY, JUNE 6TH 2025

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DAY SEVEN

SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH 2025



Tickets Info

DOOR OPEN | 6:15PM

Red Carpet

VIYFF PRESENTS 7:00PM

Opening Remarks

VIYFF 72 Hour Filmmaking Workshop
Screenings

20 Bucks, Christine Song (2'02")

The Chair, Logan Mackenzie (2'06")

Boyfriend, Christine Song (15'07")

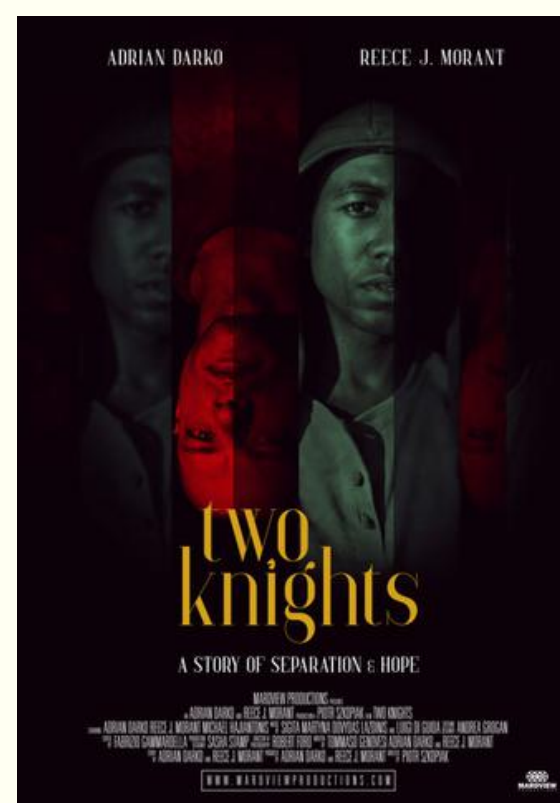
International Screening



Soha

Iran, 8'55"

Elnaz Karim Dadashi



Two Knights

United Kingdom, 16'23"

Piotr Szkopiak



Visitation

Germany, 11'49"

Christian Skibinski

Award Ceremony

AFTERPARTY 9:00PM



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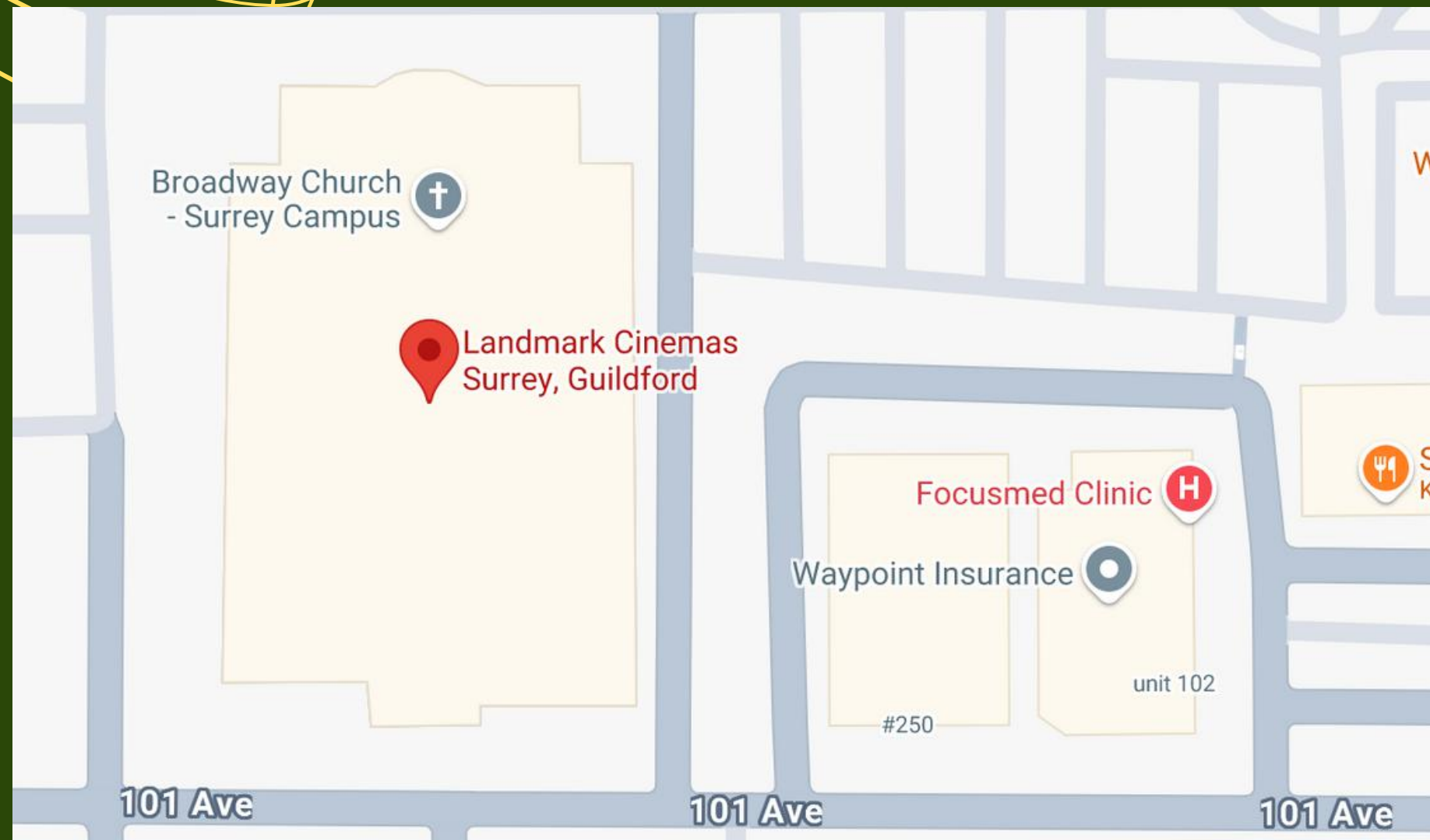
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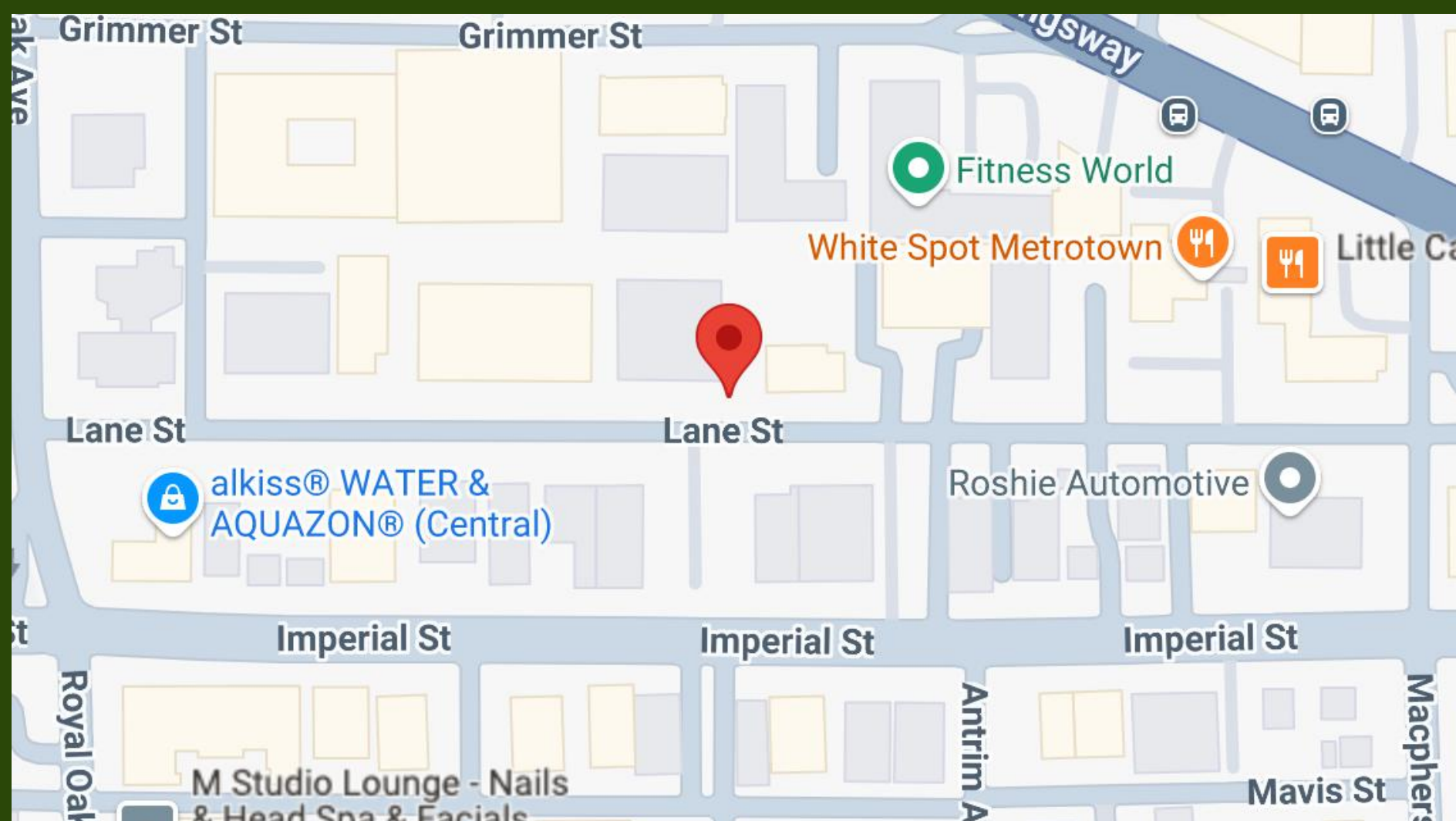
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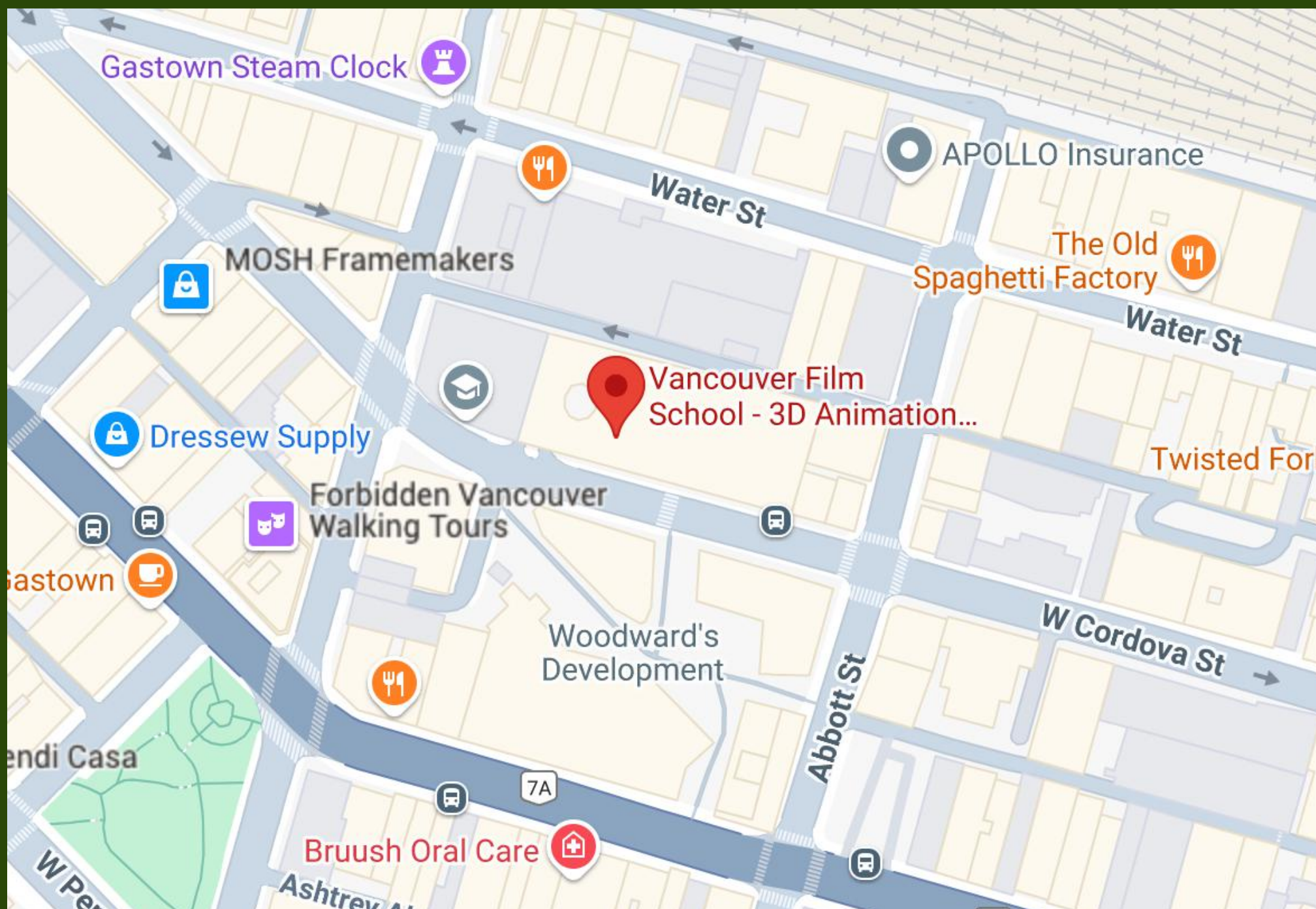
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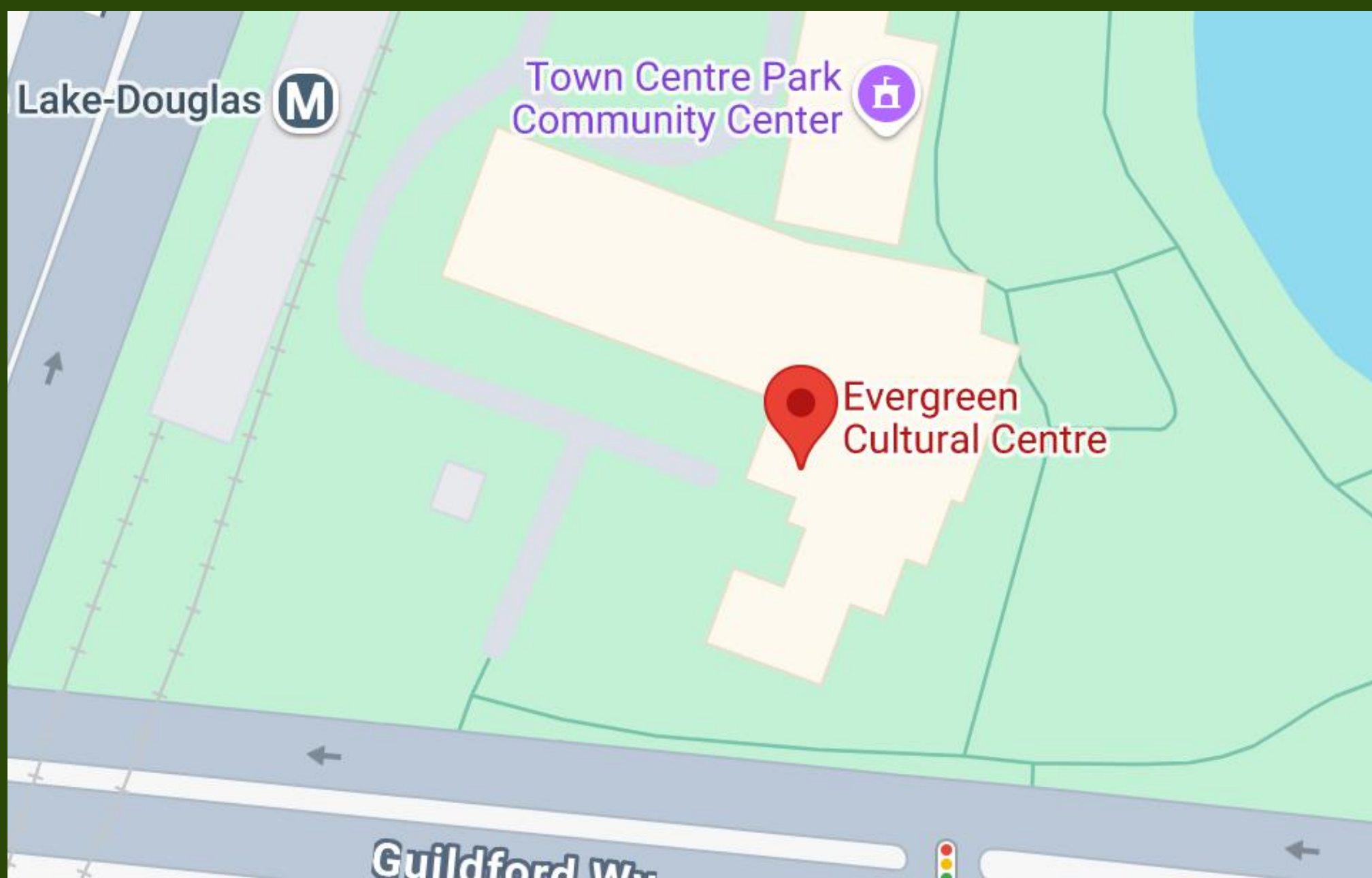
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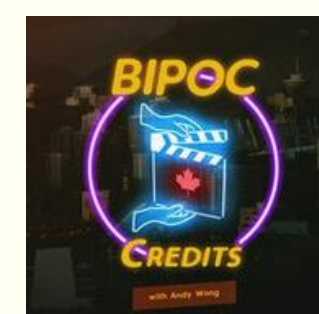
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