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In-Cinema



Annette

LEOS CARAX, FRANCE, 2021, 139 MIN.

FRI AUG 6	5:30PM, 8:15PM	VCT
SAT AUG 7	5:30PM, 8:15PM	VCT
SUN AUG 8	4:30PM, 7:15PM	VCT
MON AUG 9	3:00PM	VCT
TUE AUG 10	5:30PM, 8:15PM	VCT
WED AUG 11	5:30PM, 8:15PM	VCT
THU AUG 12	5:30PM, 8:15PM	VCT
FRI AUG 13	8:30PM	VCT
SAT AUG 14	5:00PM	VCT
SAT AUG 14	8:00PM	STU
SUN AUG 15	3:00PM	VCT
SUN AUG 15	5:30PM	STU

Fresh from opening the Cannes film festival, the new film from Leos Carax (*Holy Motors*) is a rock opera by Sparks siblings, Ron and Russell Mael. Adam Driver plays a stand-up opposite Marion Cotillard as his wife, a famous soprano. Their union is blessed with Annette, herself an extraordinary talent. Yet all is not well in this idyll... Wildly romantic, personal, weird, silly and and, yes, subtle, this is Cinema, a movie on a tear.

"This astoundingly beautiful picture will stand the test of time." *VULTURE*

Best Director, Cannes 21

In English, French with English subtitles.

CAST Adam Driver, Marion Cotillard, Simon Helberg, Ron Mael, Russell Mael

In-Cinema



Gunda

VIKTOR KOSSAKOVSKY, NORWAY/USA, 2020, 93 MIN.

SUN AUG 1	2:00PM	VCT
TUE AUG 3	6:30PM	VCT
SAT AUG 7	6:30PM	STU

Described by Paul Thomas Anderson as "pure cinema", Viktor Kossakovsky's revelatory movie gives a sow - Gunda - the time and attention other movies lavish on superheroes. Over the course of 93 minutes, he shares something very precious: the rhythm and detail of life on the farm for this pig and her piglets. The film forges a deep emotional connection with its subjects, and issues an ethical challenge to anyone who experiences it.

"Astonishing... Sublimely beautiful and profoundly moving." *NEW YORK TIMES*

In English

In-Cinema



Awaken

TOM LOWE, USA, 2020, 82 MIN.

SUN AUG 15	8:00PM	VCT
WED AUG 18	6:30PM	STU

Terrence Malick and Godfrey Reggio signed on as executive producers for cinematographer Tom Lowe's visual rhapsody of earthly delights, an incredible 4K experience shot in over 30 different countries over the past decade. There is no narrative but awe and wonder, sights so sublime you're forced to think about how they connect, not just with each other, but with ourselves...

"A gorgeous, mesmerizing work of cinematic poetry." *SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER*

In English

FEATURING Liv Tyler (narrator)

In-Cinema



Ema

PABLO LARRAÍN, CHILE, 2019, 102 MIN.

FRI JUL 30	6:30PM	VCT
SAT JUL 31	6:30PM	VCT
SUN AUG 1	8:10PM	VCT
MON AUG 2	6:30PM	VCT
WED AUG 4	8:10PM	VCT
THU AUG 5	6:30PM	VCT
SUN AUG 8	5:15PM	STU
WED AUG 11	6:30PM	STU

"One of the best films of the decade," per the *Chicago Reader*, Pablo Larrain (*Jackie*, and the upcoming Princess Diana movie) unleashes a bold, incendiary musical drama starring Gael Garcia Bernal and Mariana Di Girolamo as a couple (choreographer and dancer, respectively) torn apart by their failed adoption of a child. While her partner seethes, Ema acts out in a cathartic display of creative destruction, sexual hunger, anger and defiance. This is a dance movie fuelled with electrifying punk discord.

In Spanish with English subtitles.

CAST Mariana Di Girolamo, Gael García Bernal, Santiago Cabrera, Paola Giannini, Cristián Suarez

In-Cinema



Swan Song

TODD STEPHENS, USA, 2021, 105 MIN.

FRI AUG 6	6:30PM	STU
SAT AUG 7	8:35PM	STU
SUN AUG 8	7:35PM	STU
MON AUG 9	3:30PM	STU
TUE AUG 10	6:30PM	STU
WED AUG 11	8:35PM	STU
THU AUG 12	6:30PM	STU

Veteran character actor Udo Kier gets the chance to show us his chops in this touching, quirky portrait of a small town Liberace, Sandusky, Ohio's premiere hair dresser and drag artiste, Pat Pitsenbarger. Unhappily retired and bored out of his skull, Pat is persuaded to pick up his scissors one more time to tend to the needs of a former beloved client, now on Pat's shit list but conveniently deceased (*Dynasty* star Linda Evans plays her ghost). Pat is based on a real person and Kier too is utterly authentic.

In English

CAST Udo Kier, Jennifer Coolidge, Ira Hawkins, Stephanie McVay, Michael Urie, Linda Evans

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Against the Current

ÓSKAR PÁLL SVEINSSON, ICELAND, 2020, 87 MIN.

FRI JUL 30 - THU SEP 9	CONN
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Veiga Grétarsdóttir is the first person in the world to attempt to kayak the 1300 mile (2000km) circumference of Iceland, counter-clockwise and against the current, an achievement that has been compared to climbing K2. Veiga's personal journey is no less remarkable, opting to take gender reassignment at the age of 38. Over the course of her arduous and spectacular 103-day odyssey, Veiga looks back on her story with candour, irony, and well-earned pride.

"A gem... gorgeous... breathtaking." *LA TIMES*

In Icelandic with English subtitles.

FEATURING Veiga Grétarsdóttir

In-Cinema



Mandibles

QUENTIN DUPIEUX, FRANCE, 2021, 77 MIN.

FRI JUL 30	8:45PM	VCT
SAT JUL 31	8:45PM	VCT
SUN AUG 1	6:30PM	VCT
MON AUG 2	8:45PM	VCT
WED AUG 4	6:30PM	VCT
THU AUG 5	8:45PM	VCT
FRI AUG 6	8:35PM	STU
THU AUG 12	8:40PM	STU

When two simple-minded friends find a giant fly trapped in the trunk of a car, they decide to train it in the hope of making a ton of cash. Of course that's easier said than done, and these two dumbbells aren't much smarter than the insect. Mixing Farrelly-esque bozo humour with a matter-of-fact surrealism, *Deerskin* director Quentin Dupieux has concocted his most charming and accessible movie, a laugh-out-loud *amuse-bouche* of a comedy which, dare we say, deserves to generate a fair amount of buzz.

In French with English subtitles.

CAST Grégoire Ludig, David Marsais, Adèle Exarchopoulos, India Hair, Roméo Elvis, Coralie Russier, Bruno Lochet

In-Cinema



Never Gonna Snow Again

MALGORZATA SZUMOWSKA, MICHAŁ ENGLERT (CO-DIRECTOR), POLAND/GERMANY, 2020, 113 MIN.

FRI AUG 13	6:15PM	VCT
SAT AUG 14	7:45PM	VCT
SUN AUG 15	5:45PM	VCT

In this mesmerizing modern fairytale, a handsome Russian masseur comes into a closed middle class Polish suburban community bringing not only physical recuperation, but spiritual repair - and a sexual spark too. Zhenia is handsome, young, and possibly magical. At least, he appears to have the power to hypnotize his clients: affluent women and men in differing states of distress. Funny, seductive and deliciously cinematic, *Never Gonna Snow Again* is replenishment for tired souls.

In Polish, Russian, French, Vietnamese with English subtitles.

CAST Alec Utgoff, Maja Ostaszewska, Agata Kulesza, Weronika Rosati, Katarzyna Figura, Andrzej Chyra, Łukasz Simlat

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Creation Stories

NICK MORAN, UK, 2021, 108 MIN.

FRI JUL 23 - THU AUG 19	CONN
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Produced by Danny Boyle and cowritten by *Trainspotting* novelist Irvine Welsh, this biopic of the self-styled President of Brit Pop, Alan McGee is a zippy star vehicle for Ewen Bremner. McGee, of course, discovered Oasis and signed them to his label Creation Records. Other bands included Primal Scream, Teenage Fanclub and Jesus and Mary Chain. McGee reflects on a life of excessive music, booze, drugs and Tony Blair...

"A riotously enjoyable music biopic... Big stories and even bigger tunes." *NME*

In English

CAST Ewen Bremner, Suki Waterhouse, Jason Flemyng, Thomas Turgoose, Michael Socha, Mel Raido, Jason Issacs

In-Cinema



La Piscine

JACQUES DERAY, FRANCE/ITALY, 1969, 124 MIN.

SAT JUL 31	4:00PM	VCT
SUN AUG 1	4:00PM	VCT
TUE AUG 3	8:30PM	VCT
TUE AUG 10	8:40PM	STU

Jean-Paul (Alain Delon) and Marianne (Romy Schneider) indulge in their passion for each other while borrowing a friend's luxurious villa in the south of France. When the friend (Maurice Ronet) and his daughter (Jane Birkin) arrive unexpectedly, rivalries and insecurities surface and events take a sinister turn.

"Icily erotic! Seething passion and emotional chaos lie beneath the symbolically placid surface of the villa's swimming pool... the site for both seduction and violent revenge." *NEW YORK TIMES*

In French with English subtitles.

CAST Alain Delon, Romy Schneider, Maurice Ronet, Jane Birkin

In-Cinema

VIFF Connect



Events Transpiring Before, During, and After a High School Basketball Game

TED STENSON, CANADA, 2020, 76 MIN.

FRI AUG 13	6:45PM	STU
SAT AUG 14	6:10PM	STU
FRI AUG 20 - THU SEP 30		CONN

It's 1999 and Calgary's Middleview Ducks are about to endure another thrashing on the basketball court. As they debate the finer points of *The Matrix* and try and grasp the "triangle offence", they're blissfully unaware that the school's radical theatre troupe is about to stage a protest. That is, if they can find enough hair-dryers to thaw a frozen bucket of blood. With his first feature, Ted Stenson demonstrates one of the most impressive comic sensibilities to gatecrash Canadian cinema in recent years.

In English

CAST Andrew Phung, Ben Arthurs, Isra Abdelrahim, Jay Morberg, Ivy Miller, Thomas Receveur, Isaiah McKirgan, Paul Cowling

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Curiosa

LOU JEUNET, FRANCE, 2019, 107 MIN.

FRI AUG 13 - THU SEP 23	CONN
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A steamy love story set against a backdrop of sexual freedom, based on the relationship between 19th-century poets Pierre Louÿs and Marie de R gnier, starring No mie Merlant (*Portrait of a Lady on Fire*).

"Between eroticism and seduction, Lou Jeunet describes with pleasure the emergence of a woman who discovers the joys of emancipation in all its forms." *CLAUDINE LEVANNEUR, AVOIR ALIRE*

In French with English subtitles.

CAST No mie Merlant, Niels Schneider, Benjamin Lavernhe, Camelia Jordana, Amira Casar, Mathilde Warnier



French Exit

AZAZEL JACOBS, CANADA/IRELAND/UK, 2021, 113 MIN.

FRI AUG 6 - THU SEP 16

CONN

A widowed New York socialite (Michelle Pfeiffer) and her aimless son (Lucas Hedges) move to Paris after she spends the last of her husband's inheritance, adapted by Patrick deWitt from his own novel and produced by Vancouver's Trish Dolman and Christine Haebler. Michelle Pfeiffer won the Canadian Screen Award for Best Actress in a Leading Role for her delectable turn as a decadent dame on her uppers. "Pfeiffer is flat-out fabulous." *NEW YORK TIMES*

In English

CAST Michelle Pfeiffer, Lucas Hedges, Valerie Mahaffey, Imogen Poots, Susan Coyne, Danielle MacDonald



In the Earth

BEN WHEATLEY, UK, 2021, 107 MIN.

FRI AUG 6 - THU SEP 16

CONN

The latest from VIFF fave Ben Wheatley is a return to low budget roots and to form: as the world searches for a cure to a disastrous virus, a scientist and park scout venture deep in the forest for a routine equipment run. Through the night, their journey becomes a terrifying voyage through the heart of darkness, the forest coming to life around them. "This joyously mischievous film serves as both a timely response and an unruly retort to the strictures of lockdown." *MARK KERMODE, THE OBSERVER*

In English

CAST Joel Fry, Ellora Torchia, Hayley Squires, Reece Shearsmith, John Hollingworth, Mark Monero



Les Nôtres

JEANNE LEBLANC, CANADA, 2020, 103 MIN.

FRI JUL 23 - THU SEP 2

CONN

To the tight-knit community of Sainte-Adeline, Quebec, Magalie appears as a normal suburban high school sophomore surrounded by friends. But this popular teenage girl is harboring a shocking secret: she's pregnant. When Magalie refuses to identify the father, suspicions among the townsfolk come to a boiling point and the layers of a carefully maintained social varnish eventually crack. The less you know in advance of seeing Jeanne Leblanc's acute suspenseful drama, the more you will get out of it.

In French with English subtitles.

CAST Émilie Bière, Marianne Farley, Paul Doucet, Judith Baribeau, Léon Diconca Pelletier



Sheep Without a Shepherd

SAM QUAH BOON LIP, USA, 2019, 112 MIN.

FRI JUL 30 - THU SEP 9

CONN

A family man and film fanatic, Lee is forced to apply tricks he has learned from crime thrillers to cover up a killing committed by his wife and teenage daughter... a murder in which the victim is the only son of the local head of police (played by *Twin Peaks* star Joan Chen). This Chinese/Malay cat and mouse thriller has been a blockbuster hit across Asia. "Knocks it out of the park... a perfect balance of thrills and chills, and rolling emotions." *ANDREW MACK, SCREEN ANARCHY*

In Mandarin with English subtitles.

CAST Joan Chen, Yang Xiao, Zhuo Tan, Philip Keung, Audrey Hui