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I'm Your Man

MARIA SCHRADER, GERMANY, 2021, 104 MIN.

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What do women want? *Downton Abbey* star Dan Stevens, apparently, and who cares if he's too good to be true. Alma (Maren Eggert), a research scientist, agrees to live with a humanoid robot, Tom (Stevens), for three weeks; a robot designed according to her wants and needs. Tom is charming, sensitive, the perfect man... As for Alma, she isn't about to be seduced by a machine. Or is she... ? Writer-director Maria Schrader (*Unorthodox*) brings a light touch to this delightful philosophical romantic comedy.

In German with English subtitles.

CAST Dan Stevens, Maren Eggert, Sandra Hüller, Hans Löw, Wolfgang Hübisch Annika Meier

In-Cinema



Bergman Island

MIA HANSEN-LØVE, FRANCE/BELGIUM/GERMANY/SWEDEN, 2021, 102 MIN.

FRI OCT 15	8:15PM	VCT
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MON OCT 25	5:30PM	STU

Filmmaking couple Chris (Vicky Krieps, *Phantom Thread*) and Tony (Tim Roth) are on a writers' retreat on the island of Faro. Tony is being feted by the local festival while Chris struggles with her script. The shadow of Ingmar Bergman hangs over their work and their relationship, though in truth the island proves surprisingly beautiful. Intuitively Chris begins to find her story, a tale about a woman (Mia Wasikowska) who comes to Faro for a wedding, and rekindles a romance with her first love...

In English

CAST Vicky Krieps, Tim Roth, Mia Wasikowska, Anders Danielsen Lie, Hampus Nordenson, Anki Larsson, Kerstin Brunnberg, Melinda Kinnaman, Stig Björkman

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Gorbachev. Heaven

VITALY MANSKY, LATVIA/CZECH REPUBLIC, 2020, 100 MIN.

FRI OCT 15	5:30PM	STU
SUN OCT 17	5:15PM	STU
MON OCT 18	6:00PM	STU
TUE OCT 19	7:45PM	STU
SAT OCT 23	7:45PM	STU
SUN OCT 24	7:30PM	STU
THU OCT 28	7:50PM	STU
FRI NOV 5		CONN

Mikhail Gorbachev turned 90 earlier this year. The dedicated socialist who became leader of the Communist World, then presided over its dismantlement; who persuaded Ronald Reagan to reverse nuclear proliferation; who brought democracy to Russia after decades of totalitarian repression and is now widely reviled in his home country... This man quotes poetry, sings folk songs, and, when pressed he will reflect on the meaning of life, on his legacy, and even comment on how and why things went the way they did.

In Russian with English subtitles.

FEAT Mikhail Gorbachev

In-Cinema



Fanny: The Right to Rock

BOBBI JO HART, CANADA/USA, 2021, 96 MIN.

FRI OCT 15	7:40PM	STU
SAT OCT 16	5:10PM	STU
SUN OCT 17	7:20PM	STU
TUE OCT 19	5:40PM	STU

Fancy you know rock n roll history? Well if you're not familiar with Fanny, you should be. Before Chrissie Hynde, Suzi Quattro, before the Runaways even, Fanny set out to prove you didn't need a cock to rock. Not only that, but the three piece band were Filipina American teens, a garage band living the dream, putting out an album with Warner Bros in 1970 (the first of five LPs), touring with the likes of Chicago and Steely Dan, and picking up David Bowie as their number one fan. This is their story...

In English

FEAT June Millington, Jean Millington, Brie Darling, Alice de Buhr, Bonnie Raitt, Todd Rundgren, Joe Elliott, Cherie Currie, Kathy Valentine

In-Cinema



West Side Story (60th Anniversary)

ROBERT WISE, JEROME ROBBINS, USA, 1961, 151 MIN.

SAT OCT 16	7:00PM	VCT
SUN OCT 17	2:30PM	VCT
MON OCT 18	7:30PM	VCT
WED OCT 20	3:00PM	VCT

With Steven Spielberg's remake hitting the multiplex in December, a chance to savour one of the great Hollywood musicals exactly 60 years after its release, Oct 18, 1961. It's the Jets vs Sharks, as urban youth gangs face off in this mid-century update on Romeo & Juliet, with a score by Leonard Bernstein, lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. This was the biggest box office hit of its day, and took home 10 Academy Awards, including Best Picture. Natalie Wood, Richard Beymer, Rita Moreno and Russ Tamblyn star.

In English

CAST Natalie Wood, Richard Beymer, Rita Moreno, Russ Tamblyn, George Chakiris

In-Cinema



Advance Screening: Dune

DENIS VILLENEUVE, USA, 2021, 155 MIN.

WED OCT 20	7:00PM	VCT
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Timothée Chalamet leads a remarkable cast in one of the most anticipated films of the year. Adapting Frank Herbert's legendary novel for a true big-screen experience, Denis Villeneuve confirms his status as that rarest of artists, a visionary maker of blockbusters. *Dune* delivers a complete immersion into new, spectacular worlds.

In English

CAST Timothée Chalamet, Rebecca Ferguson, Oscar Isaac, Josh Brolin, Stellan Skarsgård, Dave Bautista, Sharon Duncan Brewster, Stephen McKinley Henderson, Zendaya

In-Cinema

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Putin's Witnesses

VITALY MANSKY, LATVIA/SWITZERLAND/CZECH REPUBLIC, 2018, 102 MIN.

FRI OCT 22	6:15PM	STU
SAT OCT 23	5:40PM	STU
SUN OCT 24	5:10PM	STU
WED OCT 27	5:40PM	STU
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FRI NOV 5		CONN

Years before he was accorded an audience with Mikael Gorbachev for *Gorbachev. Heaven*, Vitaly Mansky was working for Russian State TV and granted remarkable access to Vladimir Putin, the KGB boss who was Boris Yeltsin's appointed heir as Russian president. The commission was pure PR, but looking back at that footage, a regretful Mansky is able to contextualize the filming and point to the game Putin was up to. Meanwhile even more intimate footage of Yeltsin with his family is incredibly poignant.

In Russian with English subtitles.

In-Cinema



Fire Music

TOM SURGAL, USA, 2021, 84 MIN.

FRI OCT 22	8:40PM	STU
SUN OCT 24	3:20PM	STU
MON OCT 25	7:40PM	STU
TUE OCT 26	7:50PM	STU

The most reviled and misunderstood evolution in the (repeatedly reviled and misunderstood) history of jazz, Free Jazz took bebop as a key to unlock deeper mysteries of musical harmonics, a transcendent art pioneered by John Coltrane, Ornette Coleman and Cecil Taylor. You may think you don't like improvisational jazz... but this is the film to open your ears to a spiritual quest analogous to abstract expressionism in painting, or beat poetry in literature. Give it a spin.

"Heaven on earth." *NY TIMES*

In English

FEAT Ornette Coleman, John Coltrane, Sun Ra

In-Cinema



Wheel of Fortune and Fantasy

RYŪSUKU HAMAGUCHI, JAPAN, 2021, 121 MIN.

FRI OCT 22	5:50PM	VCT
SAT OCT 23	5:20PM	VCT
SUN OCT 24	3:00PM, 7:50PM	VCT
MON OCT 25	6:00PM	VCT
WED OCT 27	6:00PM	VCT
THU OCT 28	8:20PM	VCT
SUN OCT 31	6:00PM	STU

An unexpected love triangle, a literary seduction, and a chance encounter with an old school friend... Propelled by coincidence and imagination, and guided by love's gentle current, acclaimed director Ryūsuke Hamaguchi (*Drive My Car*, *Asako I & II*) returns with a spellbinding triptych that spins mundane encounters into a world of infinite possibilities.

"Ryūsuke Hamaguchi's film is an alternately scathing, erotic, terrifying, and affirming fable of the primordial power of storytelling." *SLANT MAGAZINE*

In Japanese with English subtitles.

CAST Kotone Furukawa, Ayumu Nakajima, Hyunri, Kiyohiko Shibukawa, Katsuki Mori, Shouma Kai, Fusako Urabe, Aoba Kawai

In-Cinema



Wife of a Spy

KIYOSHI KUROSAWA, JAPAN, 2020, 115 MIN.

FRI OCT 22	8:20PM	VCT
SAT OCT 23	3:00PM, 8:05PM	VCT
SUN OCT 24	5:30PM	VCT
MON OCT 25	8:30PM	VCT
TUE OCT 26	6:00PM	VCT
WED OCT 27	8:30PM	VCT
THU OCT 28	6:00PM	VCT
SAT NOV 6	2:45PM	STU

In WWII, a Japanese industrialist discovers a shocking secret in the labs of Manchuria. To turn the tide of war, his wife must outwit a ruthless secret police chief who adores her. Evoking and subverting the tropes of the Hitchcockian romantic thriller, Kiyoshi Kurosawa's cool melodrama (cowritten by Ryūsuke Hamaguchi *Wheel of Fortune and Fantasy*, *Drive My Car*) explores the existential horror of humans with a conscience in a morally compromised society under fascist tyranny.

Winner: Best Director, Venice

In Japanese with English subtitles.

CAST Yu Aoi, Issey Takahashi, Ryota Bando, Yuri Tsunematsu, Minosuke Hyunri, Masahiro Higashide, Takashi Sasano

In-Cinema



Daughters of Darkness (50th Anniversary)

HARRY KÜMEL, BELGIUM, 1971, 87 MIN.

TUE OCT 26	8:20PM	VCT
SAT OCT 30	7:00PM	STU

Harry Kümel's lesbian vampire movie is a bone fide cult classic, a work of high style featuring one of cinema's most glamorous bloodsuckers in Delphine Seyrig's Countess Elizabeth Bathory. Styled after Marlene Dietrich, the Countess upends a young couple's honeymoon, perhaps saving the bride from a wretched marriage but not without devastating consequences.

Tuesday's screening will be introduced by Ernest Mathijs, Professor in Film & Media Studies at UBC and author of a forthcoming book on Delphine Seyrig.

In French with English subtitles.

CAST Delphine Seyrig, John Karlen, Danielle Ouimet, Andrea Rau, Paul Esser, Georges Jamin, Joris Collet, Fons Rademakers

In-Cinema



Luzzu

ALEX CAMILLERI, MALTA, 2021, 94 MIN.

FRI OCT 29	8:10PM	VCT
SAT OCT 30	5:10PM	VCT
SUN OCT 31	3:30PM	VCT
MON NOV 1	6:30PM	VCT
TUE NOV 2	6:00PM	STU
THU NOV 4	6:30PM	VCT
FRI NOV 5	8:00PM	STU

Inspired by neo-realist cinema but pushing into social thriller territory, Alex Camilleri puts us in the shoes of a Maltese fisherman, Jesmark (reallife fisherman Jesmark Scicluna). Like his father, and his father before him, Jesmark fishes the Mediterranean from a hand-painted wooden boat, a "luzzu". But over-fishing is taking its toll, and so are counter-productive EU regulations. A father himself now, Jesmark is compelled to dabble in the black market. But this proves a slippery slope...

In Maltese, English with English subtitles.

CAST Jesmark Scicluna, Michela Farrugia, David Scicluna



Passing

REBECCA HALL, USA, 2021, 98 MIN.

FRI OCT 29	6:00PM	VCT
SAT OCT 30	3:00PM	VCT
SUN OCT 31	5:30PM	VCT

Adapting Nella Larson's 1920s novella, actor-turned-director Rebecca Hall has fashioned a crisp, piquant tale about two women friends (Tessa Thompson and Ruth Negga), one of whom is married to a white man who doesn't know her ethnicity. Evocatively photographed in black and white, the movie has a calm, polished veneer topped off by Devonté Hynes' jazz piano score... Yet this dreamy, literary vibe gradually curdles into something subtly insinuating and suspenseful. There's a lot going on under the skin.

CAST Tessa Thompson, Ruth Negga, André Holland, Alexander Skarsgård, Bill Camp, Antoinette Crowe-Legacy



The Magnitude of All Things

JENNIFER ABBOTT, CANADA, 2020, 100 MIN.

FRI OCT 29	5:30PM	STU
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Weaving correlations between our environmental paralysis and her sister's journey with terminal illness, Jennifer Abbott extends a generous form of film-therapy—a game-changing rumination on the psychology of the climate crisis. Named Best Canadian documentary at the World in Focus Festival, and described by VIFF as “perhaps the most visceral reasoned call to action for humanity since *An Inconvenient Truth*”, this combines devastating global imagery with profound testimony.

In English, Spanish, Kichwa with English subtitles.

Nobuhiko Obayashi x 2



House

NOBUHIKO ODAYASHI, JAPAN, 1977, 88 MIN.

FRI OCT 29	7:45PM	STU
SAT OCT 30	9:45PM	VCT
SUN OCT 31	4:00PM	STU

Aptly known as the weirdest movie ever made, bar none, Obayashi's 1977 debut is a wickedly transgressive trip into pandemonium, a campy cavalcade of surreal slapstick and gleeful gore. Is there a story? Why yes: Gorgeous and her six girlfriends head out to her aunt's remote mansion, a fun house if your idea of fun involves being masticated by the furniture. To say more would be redundant: this is truly a movie that you can only experience with your own eyes.

“A true fever dream of a film.” NEW YORK TIMES

In Japanese with English subtitles.

CAST Kimiko Ikegami, Miki Jinbo, Kumiko Oba, Ai Matsubara, Mieko Sato, Eriko Tanaka



Labyrinth of Cinema

NOBUHIKO ODAYASHI, JAPAN, 2019, 179 MIN.

SAT OCT 30	3:30PM	STU
SUN OCT 31	7:30PM	VCT
THU NOV 4	7:00PM	STU

On the last night of its existence, a small movie theater in Onomichi—the seaside town of Obayashi's youth where he shot nearly a dozen films—screens an all-night marathon of Japanese war films. When lightning strikes, three young men are transported into the world onscreen where they experience the violent battles of several wars leading up to the bombing of Hiroshima. *Labyrinth of Cinema* finds the *House* director using every trick in his book to create an awe-inspiring anti-war epic.

In Japanese with English subtitles.

CAST Takuro Atsuki, Takahito Hosoyamada, Yoshihiko Hosoda, Rei Yoshida, Riko Narumi, Hirona Yamazaki, Takako Tokiwa