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Bad Luck Banging or Loony Porn • VCT
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In Balanchine's Classroom • STU
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Bad Luck Banging or Loony Porn • VCT
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Kurt Vonnegut: Unstuck in Time • STU
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"I Do Not Care If We Go Down in History as Barbarians" • VCT
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The Feast • STU
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The Power of the Dog • VCT
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African Violet • STU
5:30 PM
The Power of the Dog • VCT
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Local Lights (Shorts) • STU
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Bad Luck Banging or Loony Porn • VCT
8:20 PM
The Forbidden Strings • STU
9:20 PM

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Engulfed (Shorts) • STU
1:00 PM
Bad Luck Banging ... • VCT
1:30 PM
Ziyara + panel "Jewish Identity in Morocco" • STU
3:10 PM
When I Am Done Dying • VCT
3:45 PM
The Forbidden Strings • VCT
6:00 PM
The Power of the Dog • STU
7:00 PM
MENA 2021's Award Ceremony • VCT
8:00 PM

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Everybody in Our Family • STU
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"I Do Not Care If We Go Down in History ..." • STU
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The Hand of God • VCT
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Writing With Fire • STU
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The Hand of God • VCT
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Writing With Fire • STU
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Ascension • STU
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Benedetta • VCT
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Benedetta • VCT
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Writing With Fire • STU
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Ascension • STU
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The Hand of God • VCT
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The Hand of God • VCT
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Ascension • STU
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Benedetta • VCT
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The Hand of God • VCT
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Drive My Car • VCT
6:30 PM
Benedetta • VCT
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Drive My Car • VCT
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Benedetta • STU
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What Do We See When We Look at the Sky? • VCT
5:00 PM
Drive My Car • VCT
7:50 PM

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IT'S SHOW TIME, FOLKS! • VCT
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What Do We See When We Look at the Sky? • VCT
4:15 PM
Winds of Heaven • STU
4:40 PM
Writing With Fire • STU
6:30 PM
Drive My Car • VCT
7:15 PM

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What Do We See When We Look at the Sky? • VCT
5:00 PM
Winds of Heaven • STU
5:30 PM
Benedetta • STU
7:30 PM
Winds of Heaven • VCT
8:00 PM



The Hand of God

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Drive My Car • VCT
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What Do We See When We Look at the Sky? • VCT
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What Do We See When We Look at the Sky? • VCT
5:00 PM
Winds of Heaven • STU
5:30 PM
Benedetta • STU
7:20 PM
Drive My Car • VCT
7:50 PM

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Radu Jude: Bad Luck Banging or Loony Porn

RADU JUDE, ROMANIA/LUXEMBOURG/CROATIA/CZECH REPUBLIC, 2021, 106 MIN.

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The centerpiece of our Radu Jude retrospective, this brazen, bold satire won the top prize at the Berlin in March. When a teacher's sex tape leaks she is forced to defend her moral character before a parental kangaroo court. Along the way, she journeys across Covid-masked Bucharest, and Jude unleashes a barrage of rude and unruly signs of the times in the form of a provocative, polemical visual dictionary. It's an outraged broadside at rampant conservatism and an essential time capsule of the pandemic.

In Romanian, English, Czech, French, Russian with English subtitles.

Golden Bear, Berlin Film Festival 2021

CAST Katia Pascariu, Claudia Ieremia, Olimpia Maalai, Nicodim Ungureanu, Alexandru Potocean, Andi Vasluianu



Radu Jude: The Happiest Girl in the World

RADU JUDE, ROMANIA, 2009, 99 MIN.

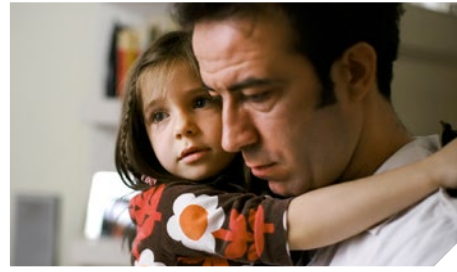
SUN NOV 28	4:20PM	VCT
FRI DEC 3	8:50PM	STU

Radu Jude's sly comic debut feature draws on his prior experience as a commercials director, a profession he pointedly satirizes here. The title is ironic of course: 18-year-old Delia (Andreea Bosneag) is a child of the post-Communist era and permanently at loggerheads with her parents. Still, when she wins a new car it's a potentially transformative stroke of luck. As the contest winner she's invited to participate in a commercial, so the family drives up to the big city, where dreams are made... Or not.

In Romanian with English subtitles.

Forum Jury Prize, Berlin 2009

CAST Vasile Muraru, Andreea Bo[neag, Violeta Haret Popa



Radu Jude: Everybody in Our Family

RADU JUDE, ROMANIA, 2012, 107 MIN.

MON NOV 29	6:30PM	VCT
SUN DEC 5	2:30PM	STU

Jude's second feature is another comedy of family dysfunction. Marius wants to take his 5-year-old daughter to the beach. But his ex-wife Otilia says she's been sick, and it's not a good idea. It's an impasse that Marius cannot accept, and their dispute degenerates into a psychological meltdown.

"A masterwork of black comedy and suspense... Tense to the point of exhaustion... Even when heartbreakingly honest and sad, it still manages to sustain a heightened sense of hilarity." ERIC KOHN, *INDIEWIRE*

In Romanian with English subtitles.

CAST Serban Pavlu, Sofia Nicolaescu, Mihaela Sirbu, Gabriel Spahiu, Tamara Buciuceanu-Botez, Stela Popescu, Alexandru Arsinel



Radu Jude: Aferim!

RADU JUDE, ROMANIA/BULGARIA/CZECH REPUBLIC, 2015, 106 MIN.

TUE NOV 30	6:30PM	VCT
SAT DEC 4	3:30PM	VCT

On the hunt for a fugitive slave, a bounty hunter and his son have encounters both scathingly funny and horrifying in a 19th Century odyssey. Jude's Wallachian Western is a bawdy folk fable, a darkly funny excavation of the oppression and enslavement suffered by the Roma peoples in the nation we know as Romania. As in his contemporary work there is a burning sense of outrage at the casual cruelties we inflict upon one another, but here expressed with a searing, stark economy.

"Full of life." *NEW YORK TIMES*

In Romanian with English subtitles.

Best Director, Berlin Film Festival 2015

CAST Teodor Corban, Mihai Comanoiu, Cuzin Toma, Alexandru Dabija, Alexandru Bindea, Luminita Gheorghiu



Radu Jude: Scarred Hearts

RADU JUDE, ROMANIA/GERMANY, 2016, 141 MIN.

WED DEC 1	6:00PM	VCT
SUN DEC 5	4:45PM	STU

During the summer of 1937, Emanuel, a young Jew in his early 20s, is committed to a sanatorium on the Black Sea coast for treatment of bone tuberculosis. The treatment consists of painful spine punctures that confine him to a body cast and to bed. Despite his incapacitation, his life is a-whirl with competing emotions, political turbulence and passion.

"Fantastically detailed, intellectually furious drama."

RICHARD BRODY, *THE NEW YORKER*

In Romanian with English subtitles.

Special Jury Prize, Locarno 2016

CAST Lucian Rus, Ivana Mladenovic, Ilinca Harnut, Serban Pavlu, Marian Olteanu, Alexandru Dabija



Radu Jude: "I Do Not Care If We Go Down in History as Barbarians"

RADU JUDE, ROMANIA/GERMANY/BULGARIA/France/CZECH REPUBLIC, 2018, 140 MIN.

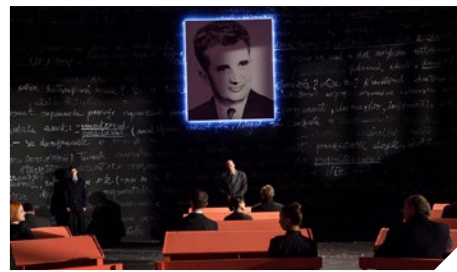
THU DEC 2	6:15PM	VCT
SUN DEC 5	7:40PM	STU

"I do not care if we go down in history as barbarians." These words, spoken by Romania's military dictator Ion Antonescu in the summer of 1941 started the ethnic cleansing on the Eastern Front. Mariana, an outspoken young theatre director, has been commissioned to make a public spectacle based on Romanian history. But her plan to reconstruct the anti-Semitic 1941 Odessa Massacre isn't at all what the authorities had in mind.

"A fiercely intelligent, engaging and challenging wake-up call." *VARIETY*

In Romanian with English subtitles.

CAST Ioana Iacob, Alexandru Dabija, Alex Bogdan, Ilinca Manolache, Serban Pavlu, Ion Rizea



Radu Jude: Uppercase Print

RADU JUDE, ROMANIA, 2020, 128 MIN.

FRI DEC 3	6:00PM	STU
SAT DEC 4	8:10PM	STU

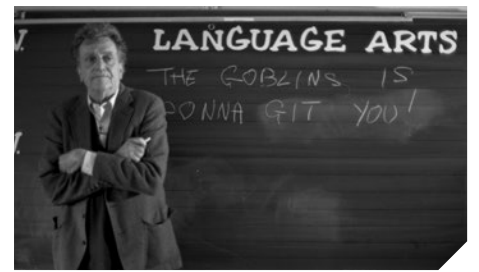
Mugur Calinescu, a Romanian teenager, wages a graffiti war on the regime of dictator Nicolae Ceausescu. Mobilising hundreds of informants, the secret police track him down, interrogate him and his family, and ensure that this upstart is crushed. Based on a play, itself based on Securitate case files, this docu-drama reconstructs Romania in the early 1980s, a police state which could brook no dissent.

"A fierce and impassioned denunciation of evil."

PETER BRADSHAW, *THE GUARDIAN*

In Romanian with English subtitles.

CAST Serban Lazarovici, Bogdan Zamfir, Ioana Iacob, Serban Pavlu, Robert Arsenie, Bogdan Romedea, Alexandru Potocean



Kurt Vonnegut: Unstuck in Time

ROBERT B WEIDE, DON ARGOTT, USA, 2021, 127 MIN.

SUN NOV 28	2:20PM	STU
MON NOV 29	4:45PM	STU
WED DEC 1	4:00PM	STU
THU DEC 2	4:20PM	STU

As a high school student, Robert B Weide was such a Vonnegut fan his English teacher asked him to lecture on *Slaughterhouse-Five*. A few years later, after getting a film on the Marx Brothers on PBS, Weide told his favourite author he wanted his second film to be about him. To his surprise, Vonnegut agreed. Neither of them imagined that the doc would take decades to come together, that they would become close friends, and in fact Weide would only finish it 14 years after Vonnegut's death. So it goes.

In English



Ascension

JESSICA KINGDON, USA, 2021, 97 MIN.

SAT DEC 4	3:45PM	STU
TUE DEC 7	7:50PM	STU
WED DEC 8	8:10PM	STU
THU DEC 9	7:50PM	STU

Filed across 51 locations in China, Jessica Kingdon's remarkable *Ascension* takes the pulse of the "Chinese Dream", particularly as it relates to work, production, and the economic divide. In other words: class. Influenced by Godfrey Reggio's *Koyaanisqatsi* and the pioneering *Berlin: Symphony of a City*, Kingdon builds her argument not through voice over, but through observation and montage. Score by Dan Deacon.

"Mesmerizing." CARLOS AGUILAR, *ROGEREBERT.COM*

In Mandarin with English subtitles.

Best Documentary Feature, Tribeca 2021



Benedetta

PAUL VERHOEVEN, FRANCE, 2021, 131 MIN.

FRI DEC 3	8:15PM	VCT
SAT DEC 4	8:15PM	VCT
SUN DEC 5	6:40PM	VCT
MON DEC 6	4:15PM	VCT
TUE DEC 7	8:10PM	VCT
WED DEC 8	6:00PM	VCT
THU DEC 9	8:10PM	VCT
FRI DEC 10	10:00PM	VCT
SAT DEC 11	1:50PM	STU
SUN DEC 12	8:25PM	STU
MON DEC 13	7:30PM	STU
THU DEC 16	7:20PM	STU

Dutch filmmaker Paul Verhoeven (*Basic Instinct; RoboCop; Showgirls; Elle*) has successfully straddled the triangle between Hollywood craftsman, art house auteur and exploitation provocateur. As the author of a serious biography of Jesus, he's ideally placed to tackle the true story of Benedetta Carlini, a 17th century Italian nun revered as a mystic and persecuted for engaging in a lesbian affair with another member of her convent. Is she a power-hungry fraud, or has she been touched by God, as she claims?

In French with English subtitles.

CAST Virginie Efira, Charlotte Rampling, Daphné Patakia, Lambert Wilson, Olivier Rabourdin



The Hand of God

PAOLO SORRENTINO, ITALY, 2021, 130 MIN.

FRI DEC 3	5:30PM	VCT
SAT DEC 4	1:00PM, 5:40PM	VCT
SUN DEC 5	4:00PM	VCT
MON DEC 6	1:30PM	VCT
TUE DEC 7	5:30PM	VCT
WED DEC 8	8:30PM	VCT
THU DEC 9	5:30PM	VCT
FRI DEC 10	4:00PM	VCT

Paolo Sorrentino—*The Great Beauty; Il Divo; The Young Pope*—returns with his most personal movie, the story of his coming in age in Naples in the 1980s. The title references the Catholic faith so deeply embedded in that culture, but also superstar Argentine footballer Diego Maradona, who used the phrase to justify a notorious goal against England in the World Cup, and who amazed everyone by signing for Napoli... and to a devastating family tragedy that befalls the teenage Sorrentino.

In Italian with English subtitles.

Grand Jury Prize, Venice 2021

CAST Filippo Scotti, Toni Servillo, Teresa Saponangelo, Marlon Joubert, Luisa Ranieri, Renato Carpentieri



Writing With Fire

SUSHMIT GHOSH, RINTU THOMAS, INDIA, 2021, 93 MIN.

SAT DEC 4	1:30PM, 6:10PM	STU
TUE DEC 6	6:55PM	STU
TUE DEC 7	6:00PM	STU
WED DEC 8	6:20PM	STU
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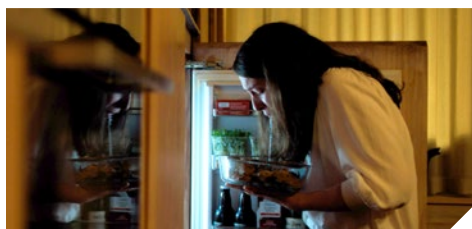
Winner of Best Documentary awards at Sundance, San Francisco, Seattle and Telluride, Sushmit Ghosh and Rintu Thomas's film follows three genuinely intrepid women journalists from the Dalit caste (the "untouchables") as they break news and confront the powerful for their paper, *Khabar Lahariya* (Waves of News). In a society built on patriarchy and caste prejudice everything is stacked against them, but from this they draw strength.

"The most inspiring journalism movie—maybe ever."

JASON REZAIAN, *WASHINGTON POST*

In Hindi with English subtitles.

Audience Award: World Cinema Documentary & World Cinema Documentary Special Jury Award: Impact for Change, Sundance 2021



The Feast

LEE HAVEN JONES, WALES, 2021, 92 MIN.

SUN NOV 28	4:50PM, 9:00PM	STU
TUE NOV 30	5:30PM	STU
WED DEC 1	6:30PM	STU
THU DEC 2	7:00PM	STU

In this impressively controlled and elegantly grisly eco horror, a British MP convenes a three-course banquet at his modernist home in the Welsh countryside to seal a deal for a local mine. The household is the epitome of privileged decadence, and the family are an obnoxious and dysfunctional bunch. Their guests aren't much better. But it soon becomes clear that the taciturn and distracted Cadi (Annes Elwy), brought in to help serve the titular feast, will see they get their just desserts...

In Welsh with English subtitles.

CAST Annes Elwy, Nia Roberts, Julian Lewis Jones, Siôn Alun Davies, Steffan Cennydd, Rhodri Meilir, Lisa Palfrey



Drive My Car

RYUSUKE HAMAGUCHI, JAPAN, 2021, 179 MIN.

FRI DEC 10	6:30PM	VCT
SAT DEC 11	1:30PM, 7:50PM	VCT
SUN DEC 12	7:15PM	VCT
WED DEC 15	4:30PM	VCT
THU DEC 16	7:50PM	VCT

Kafuku is a theatre director, actor, and storyteller... yet even he withdraws when it comes to confronting his deepest sorrow. Mourning his wife, and the secrets that died with her, he accepts an invitation to mount a new production of *Uncle Vanya*, and surprises everyone by casting a troubled young movie star, Takatsuki, his late wife's lover, in the title role. Elaborating on a short story by Haruki Murakami, *Asako I & II* director Hamaguchi has crafted a piercing, sublime philosophical drama.

In Japanese, Korean, English, Cantonese, Mandarin, Tagalog, Indonesian, German, Malaysian with English subtitles.

CAST Hidetoshi Nishijima, Toko Miura, Masaki Okada, Reika Kirishima, Park Yurim, Jin Daeyeon, Sonia Yuan, Ahn Hwitae, Perry Dizon, Satoko Abe



The Power of the Dog

JANE CAMPION, AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND, 2021, 127 MIN.

FRI NOV 26	5:45PM	VCT
SAT NOV 27	7:00PM	STU
SUN NOV 28	1:50PM, 8:40PM	VCT
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TUE NOV 30	7:30PM	STU
WED DEC 1	3:30PM	VCT
WED DEC 1	8:20PM	STU
WED DEC 2	9:00PM	VCT

In her strongest movie since *The Piano*, Jane Campion turns the machismo of the western film on its head. On the Burbanks' Montana cattle ranch the boorish Phil (Benedict Cumberbatch) rules the roost over his mild-mannered brother George (Jesse Plemons). When George finds himself a wife and heir in the form of Rose (Kirsten Dunst) and her effete son (Kodi Smit-McPhee), Phil is determined to make their life hell. But then he takes a shine to the boy...

A stark, brooding tale destined to be a modern classic.

In English

CAST Benedict Cumberbatch, Jesse Plemons, Kirsten Dunst, Kodi Smit-McPhee, Thomasin McKenzie, Genevieve Lemon, Keith Carradine, Frances Conroy



IT'S SHOW TIME, FOLKS!

The Return of Michael van den Bos & Movie Musical Razzmatazz

120 MIN.

SUN DEC 12	1:30PM	VCT
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He's back! After a two-year absence, Michael van den Bos returns to the VIFF Centre with a glorious all-dancing, all-singing clip show extravaganza. To mark this rhythmic revival, Michael's presentation features nothing but spectacular, sensational and showstopping numbers from a merry mix of Hollywood movie musicals. Featuring many legendary performers of silver screen song and dance, this rollicking razzmatazz revue is a real spirit-lifter sprinkled with stardust for the holiday season.

In English