



Oct 29-Nov 15, 2021



Only the Animals

**Luzzu** **Passing** **The Magnitude of All Things** **Labyrinth of Cinema** **Only the Animals** **Kímmapiiyipitssini: The Meaning of Empathy** **Lotusland** **Heat** **Aware - Glimpses of Consciousness** **I'm Your Man** **Wife of a Spy** **Wheel of Fortune and Fantasy** **Maria Chapdelaine** **All Together Now** **Cinema Salon** AND MORE

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**The Magnitude of All Things** • STU  
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**Heat** • VCT  
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**Kímmapiiyipitssini: The Meaning of Empathy** • STU  
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**Lotusland** • VCT  
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**Kímmapiiyipitssini: The Meaning of Empathy** • VCT  
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**Only the Animals** • STU  
6:20 PM  
**Only the Animals** • VCT  
8:30 PM  
**I'm Your Man** • STU  
8:50 PM

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**Kímmapiiyipitssini: The Meaning of Empathy** • VCT  
6:00 PM  
**Lotusland** • STU  
6:30 PM  
**Passing** • STU  
8:10 PM  
**Only the Animals** • VCT  
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**Only the Animals** • STU  
5:30 PM  
**Lotusland** • VCT  
6:00 PM  
**Passing** • STU  
8:00 PM  
**Kímmapiiyipitssini: The Meaning of Empathy** • VCT  
8:15 PM

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**Kímmapiiyipitssini: The Meaning of Empathy** • VCT  
5:00 PM  
**Lotusland** • STU  
5:30 PM  
**Only the Animals** • STU  
7:15 PM  
**Aware - Glimpses of Consciousness** • VCT  
7:45 PM

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**Maria Chapdelaine** • VCT  
1:50 PM  
**Kímmapiiyipitssini: The Meaning of Empathy** • STU  
2:10 PM

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**Maria Chapdelaine** • VCT  
2:30 PM  
**Aware - Glimpses of Consciousness** • STU  
5:20 PM  
**Maria Chapdelaine** • VCT  
5:40 PM  
**All Together Now** • VCT  
8:45 PM

## Tickets & Memberships

	SINGLE BILL	DOUBLE BILL
Adults	\$15	\$25
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Student	\$10	
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*Ends Nov 11*

**On Broadway**  
*Ends Nov 11*

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*Ends Nov 18*

**Stories That Transform Us**  
*Ends Nov 18*

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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...

100% Fresh *ROTTEN TOMATOES*

*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
MON NOV 1	8:30PM	VCT
TUE NOV 2	5:20PM	VCT
WED NOV 3	6:30PM	STU
THU NOV 4	8:30PM	VCT
FRI NOV 5	6:00PM	STU
SAT NOV 6	7:50PM	STU
SUN NOV 7	3:55PM	STU
MON NOV 8	8:10PM	STU
TUE NOV 9	8:00PM	STU

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.

*In English*

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



The Magnitude of All Things

JENNIFER ABBOTT, CANADA, 2020, 100 MIN.

FRI OCT 29	5:30PM	STU
SAT OCT 30	7:20PM	VCT
SUN OCT 31	8:30PM	STU
MON NOV 1	8:10PM	STU
TUE NOV 2	8:00PM	STU
THU NOV 4	4:00PM	VCT

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.*

Q&A with **Jennifer Abbott**, Sat Oct 30



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



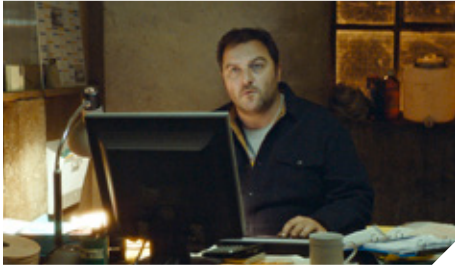
Kímmapiiyipitssini: The Meaning of Empathy

ELLE-MÁIJÁ TAILFEATHERS, CANADA, 2021, 124 MIN.

FRI NOV 5	7:30PM	VCT
SAT NOV 6	4:45PM	VCT
SUN NOV 7	1:30PM	STU
SUN NOV 7	6:00PM	VCT
MON NOV 8	6:00PM	VCT
TUE NOV 9	8:15PM	VCT
WED NOV 10	5:00PM	VCT
SUN NOV 14	2:10PM	STU

Actor-turned-director Elle-Maija Tailfeathers (*The Body Remembers When the World Broke Open*; *Night Raiders*) has made arguably the most important film about addiction to come out of this country; a patient, personal documentary that is equally about colonialism, racism, and compassion. Central to this story is Dr. Esther Tailfeathers, the filmmaker’s mother, whose espousal of the Blackfoot virtue of *kímmapiiyipitssini* (empathy for all) embodies the only real answer to the anguish of the opioid epidemic.

*In English, Blackfoot with English subtitles.*



Only the Animals

DOMINIK MOLL, FRANCE/GERMANY, 2019, 116 MIN.

FRI NOV 5	5:00PM	VCT
SAT NOV 6	2:15PM	VCT
SUN NOV 7	6:20PM	STU
SUN NOV 7	8:30PM	VCT
MON NOV 8	8:30PM	VCT
TUE NOV 9	5:30PM	STU
WED NOV 10	7:15PM	STU

In this audacious and ingenious French thriller, Dominik Moll introduces us to a wintry corner of rural France, plonks a body on the snowy terrain, then sits back to watch as half a dozen lives simultaneously interlock and unravel, each by and large unawares of what’s going on with the others.

“[An] audacious, witty and absorbing mystery thriller, a tale of adultery and *amour fou* with a gamey touch of the macabre...” PETER BRADSHAW, *THE GUARDIAN*

*In French, Nouchi with English subtitles.*

**CAST** Denis Menochet, Laure Calamy, Damien Bonnard, Valeria Bruni Tedeschi, Nadia Tereszkiewicz, Guy Roger “Bibisse” N’drin



Lotusland

ATTILA LUCA, CANADA, 2021, 87 MIN.

SAT NOV 6	7:30PM	VCT
SUN NOV 7	4:15PM	VCT
MON NOV 8	6:30PM	STU
TUE NOV 9	6:00PM	VCT
WED NOV 10	5:30PM	STU

Vancouver is celebrated as one of the world’s most liveable cities, but it’s also one of the least affordable. In *Lotusland*, we trace how it got that way. (Hint: Greed and corruption had a part in it.) Jon Nicol leads the investigation, and interviewees include the Attorney General David Eby, city councilor Jean Swanson, journalist Ian Young, Director of the Angus Reid Institute Shachi Kurl, and RCMP deputy commissioner (and author of the *Dirty Money* report on money laundering) Peter German.

**FEAT** Jon Nicol, Shachi Kurl, Jim Pattison, David Eby, Ian Young, Beverly Ho, Peter German, Jean Swanson

Panel discussion Sat Nov 6



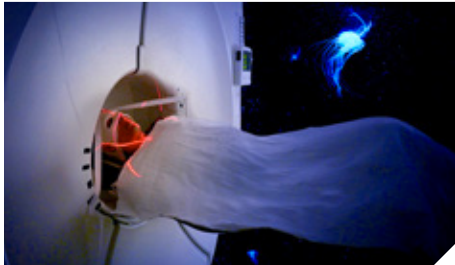
Heat

MICHAEL MANN, USA, 1995, 170 MIN.

SUN NOV 7	1:00PM	VCT
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Michael Mann’s 1995 game of cops and robbers takes genre filmmaking to the level of cinematic artistry. It’s famed for the pairing of Al Pacino and Robert De Niro, the greatest American screen actors of their generation. The supporting cast (Diane Venora; Tom Sizemore; Ashley Judd; Jon Voight; Val Kilmer; Amy Brenneman; Wes Studi) ain’t too shabby either. What these actors help us intuit, this is not a movie about heists or policing, it’s a film about relationships, attachment, connection, men and women.

**CAST** Al Pacino, Robert De Niro, Tom Sizemore, Diane Venora, Amy Brenneman, Ashley Judd, Jon Voight, Val Kilmer



Aware - Glimpses of Consciousness

FRAUKE SANDIG, ERIC BLACK, GERMANY/USA, 2020, 102 MIN.

WED NOV 10	7:45PM	VCT
MON NOV 15	5:20PM	STU
WED NOV 17	8:20PM	STU
FRI NOV 19	7:45PM	STU

What is the nature of consciousness? Is human consciousness of a higher order than animals’—or plants’? What do transcendent experiences teach us? And what happens when we die? *Aware* explores recent research from radically different perspectives, including Roland Griffiths, the renowned John Hopkins psychedelics scientist; plant biologist Monica Gagliano; Christof Koch, Chief Scientist of the Allen Institute for Brain Science; and the Buddhist monks, Matthieu Ricard and Mingyur Rinpoche.

*In English, Spanish, Tibetan with English subtitles.*

**FEAT** Richard Boothby, Monica Gagliano, Roland R. Griffiths, Christof Koch, Josefa Kirvin Kulix, Matthieu Ricard, Mary Cosimano, Justine Fritz, Mingyur Rinpoche



I’m Your Man

MARIA SCHRADER, GERMANY, 2021, 104 MIN.

THU NOV 4	4:30PM	STU
SUN NOV 7	8:50PM	STU

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



Wife of a Spy

KIYOSHI KUROSAWA, JAPAN, 2020, 115 MIN.

SAT NOV 6	2:45PM	STU
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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 Ryusuke Hamaguchi *Wheel of Fortune & Fantasy*; *Drive My Car*) explores the existential horror of humans with a conscience in a morally compromised society under fascist tyranny.

Best Director, Venice

*In Japanese with English subtitles.*

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



Wheel of Fortune and Fantasy

RYŪSUKE HAMAGUCHI, JAPAN, 2021, 121 MIN.

SUN OCT 31	6:00PM	STU
MON NOV 1	5:45PM	STU
WED NOV 3	8:30PM	STU
SAT NOV 6	5:10PM	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



## Maria Chapdelaine

SÉBASTIEN PILOTE, CANADA, 2021, 159 MIN.

SUN NOV 14	1:50PM	VCT
MON NOV 15	2:30PM, 5:40PM	VCT

Louis Hémon's 1913 oft-filmed Can Lit classic has never been treated with such lavish respect. Writer-director Sébastien Pilote (*The Fireflies Are Gone*) takes the time to immerse us in the hardships of farming life a hundred years ago, but ensures the emotional drama feels vividly present throughout.

"A visually stunning, deeply satisfying piece of cinema, a gorgeous period piece. Canadian history has rarely, if ever, looked so sumptuous on the screen, or felt so rich." KAREN GORDON, *ORIGINAL CIN*

*In French with English subtitles.*

**CAST** Sara Montpetit, Sébastien Ricard, Hélène Florent, Émile Schneider, Antoine Olivier Pilon, Robert Naylor, Martin Dubreuil



## Cinema Salon Love is the Devil: Study for a Portrait of Francis Bacon

JOHN MAYBURY, UK, 1998, 87 MIN.

TUE NOV 2	7:30PM	VCT
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At the height of his career, Francis Bacon (Derek Jacobi), considered Britain's major painter of the post-WWII generation, has a turbulent, sadistic 7-year relationship with East End criminal, George Dyer (pre-James Bond Daniel Craig). This torrid love affair created great art but ended in tragedy. Tilda Swinton completes a triumvirate of Britain's finest actors.

**CAST** Derek Jacobi, Daniel Craig, Tilda Swinton

**GUEST PRESENTER:** Vancouver artist and community activist, **Tiko Kerr**



## All Together Now

ANDREW HUCULIAK, CANADA, 2021, 50 MIN.

MON NOV 15	8:45PM	VCT
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**Theatrical World Premiere!** When Vancouver troubadour Dan Mangan mounted a homecoming show at the Vogue Theatre in 2019, he collaborated with the team behind the movies *Violent* and *Ash* to produce a different kind of concert movie, a film that weaves the fans' point of view, philosophy, reminiscence and music into a distillation of a remarkable event.

**FEAT** Dan Mangan

Special Guests in attendance



## The Architecture & Design Film Festival Vancouver

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The Architecture & Design Film Festival Vancouver will offer both in-person and on-line screenings November 10-13. The opening night film *Mau*, about Canadian visionary designer Bruce Mau premieres at the Imperial Vancouver, with additional films screening at the VIFF Centre. Special guests will be in attendance for Q&As and all films will be accredited by the AIBC.

Full line-up and tickets are available at [adffilmfest.com](http://adffilmfest.com)