


Never Gonna Snow Again

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August 15-31, 2021 Annette **Never Gonna Snow Again** Events Transpiring Before, During, and After a High School Basketball Game **The Loneliest Whale** **Awaken Wildland Sun Children** **Cryptozoo Days** **Hanagatami** **The Return of Richard III on the 9:24 am Train** **Isabella** **Sisterhood** **Blow Out Cutter's Way** **Done/Undone**

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In-Cinema



Annette

LEOS CARAX, FRANCE, 2021, 139 MIN.

SUN AUG 15	3:00PM	VCT
SUN AUG 15	5:30PM	STU
MON AUG 16	8:30PM	VCT
TUE AUG 17	5:40PM	VCT
WED AUG 18	8:30PM	VCT
THU AUG 19	5:40PM	VCT
SAT AUG 21	7:50PM	STU

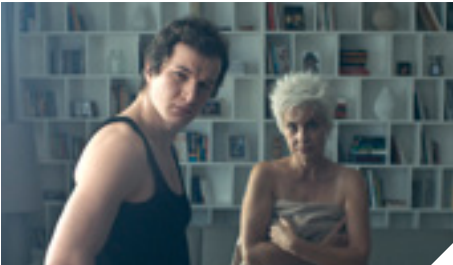
Fresh from opening the Cannes film festival, the new film from Leos Carax (*Holy Motors*) is a rock opera by Sparks siblings, Ron and Russell Mael. Adam Driver plays a stand-up opposite Marion Cotillard as his wife, a famous soprano. Their union is blessed with Annette, herself an extraordinary talent. 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*

In English, French

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

In-Cinema



Never Gonna Snow Again

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

SUN AUG 15	5:45PM	VCT
MON AUG 16	6:15PM	VCT
TUE AUG 17	8:25PM	VCT
WED AUG 18	6:10PM	VCT
THU AUG 19	8:25PM	VCT
SAT AUG 21	5:30PM	STU
MON AUG 23	8:00PM	STU
WED AUG 25	6:00PM	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

In-Cinema



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

TED STENSON, CANADA, 2020, 76 MIN.

MON AUG 16	8:05PM	STU
TUE AUG 17	6:00PM	STU
THU AUG 19	8:00PM	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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In-Cinema



The Loneliest Whale: The Search for 52

JOSHUA ZEMAN, USA, 2021, 96 MIN.

SUN AUG 15	3:20PM	STU
MON AUG 16	6:00PM	STU
TUE AUG 17	7:50PM	STU
WED AUG 18	8:20PM	STU
THU AUG 19	6:00PM	STU
FRI AUG 20 - THU SEP 16		CONN

There is a whale out there communicating at 52 Hertz. This is not so much unusual as unique (hence the title). Filmmaker Josh Zeman, a latterday Steve Zissou, makes it his mission to reach out and make contact with this melancholy, solitary mammal—and fills us in on fascinating whale lore as he goes about it.

"*The Loneliest Whale* creates a deep emotional resonance—an undertow, if you will—that pulls the viewer into 52's story. 5/5" CHRIS KNIGHT, *NATIONAL POST*

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



Wildland

JEANETTE NORDAHL, DENMARK, 2020, 88 MIN.

FRI AUG 20	8:40PM	VCT
SAT AUG 21	5:00PM	VCT
SUN AUG 22	5:15PM	VCT
MON AUG 23	8:40PM	VCT
TUE AUG 24	6:30PM	STU
WED AUG 25	8:40PM	STU
THU AUG 26	5:30PM	VCT

"My house, my rules," Bodil (Sidse Babett Knudsen) tells her 17-year-old niece Ida when social services place the girl with her. Those rules come down to a fierce loyalty to Bodil, and god forbid you step out of line. Her three older cousins are all steeped in the family loan sharking business, and Ida is expected to play her part too. But then someone ends up dead and the girl needs to make a choice which could well determine the rest of her life, however long—or short—that may be.

In Danish with English subtitles.

CAST Sandra Guldberg Kampp, Sidse Babett Knudsen, Joachim Fjelstrup, Elliott Crosset Hove, Besir Zeciri

In-Cinema



Sun Children

MAJID MAJIDI, IRAN, 2020, 99 MIN.

FRI AUG 20	6:30PM	VCT
SAT AUG 21	7:00PM	VCT
SUN AUG 22	5:40PM	STU
MON AUG 23	6:00PM	STU
WED AUG 25	6:30PM	STU
FRI SEP 3 - THU SEP 30		CONN

In this Dickensian tale from Iran's Majid Majidi (*Children of Heaven*), 12-year-old street kid Ali and his pals are persuaded to dig a tunnel under their school in search of buried treasure. This isn't as whimsical as it sounds—the labour is hard and the stakes are serious. Resourceful and determined, Ali possesses many fine qualities, but good fortune is not among them, and the more he strives to get ahead, the deeper he digs into trouble.

"Finds intense joy amidst immeasurable heartache." *GLOBE & MAIL*

In Farsi with English subtitles.

CAST Ali Nasirian, Javad Ezzati, Tannaz Tabatabaie, Rouhollah Zamani, Mahdi Mousavi, Shamila Shirzad

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Cryptozoo

DASH SHAW, USA, 2020, 95 MIN.

FRI AUG 20	6:00PM	STU
SAT AUG 21	9:00PM	VCT
MON AUG 23	6:30PM	VCT
WED AUG 25	8:25PM	VCT
THU AUG 26	7:30PM	VCT
FRI SEP 3 - THU SEP 30		CONN

When dream-catcher baku disappears, cryptid-rescuer Lauren races poachers to track and restore it to the secret sanctuary of the Cryptozoo, alongside other supposedly mythological beasts like griffins, the kraken, dryads and will o' the wisps. This groovy, earnestly philosophical, Borgesian adventure movie is a significant step up for independent animator Dash Shaw (*My Entire High School Sinking Into the Sea*); a world apart.

"One of the most gorgeous works of American animation in ages." *THE PLAYLIST*

In English

CAST Lake Bell, Michael Cera, Alex Karpovsky, Zoe Kazan, Louisa Krause, Angeliki Papoulia, Thomas Jay Ryan, Peter Stormare, Grace Zabriske

In-Cinema



Days

TSAI MING-LIANG, TAIWAN, 2020, 127 MIN.

FRI AUG 20	8:00PM	STU
SUN AUG 22	7:45PM	STU
TUE AUG 24	8:20PM	STU
THU AUG 26	5:00PM	STU

Over the years, Taiwanese filmmaker Tsai Ming-liang (*Goodbye Dragon Inn*; *Stray Dogs*) has given himself over to the contemplative rhythms of slow cinema. His latest—his first feature since 2013—consists of two dozen fixed frame compositions, each held for about 5 minutes. As you become attuned to this minimalist aesthetic—a kind of cinematic yoga exercise for the mind—the film's quotidian surfaces yield up deep reservoirs of emotion.

"Pure rapture. A full body massage for the soul." *FILM COMMENT*

In Mandarin

CAST Lee Kang-sheng, Anong Hounghueangsy

In-Cinema



Hanagatami

NOBUHIKO ODAYASHI, JAPAN, 2017, 169 MIN.

SUN AUG 22	7:15PM	VCT
TUE AUG 24	7:00PM	VCT
THU AUG 26	7:45PM	STU
SAT AUG 28	7:15PM	STU

After being diagnosed with stage four lung cancer at the age of 80 and given months to live, Nobuhiko Obayashi set out to fulfill his filmmaking dream: an adaptation of a 1937 novella by Kazuo Dan that he had originally hoped to make even before his legendary debut *House* in 1977. In the spring of 1941, wide-eyed 17-year-old Toshihiko arrives in Karatsu and befriends a group of teenage classmates who fall in love, quarrel and stumble through their remaining days of youth as war looms on the horizon.

In Japanese with English subtitles.

CAST Shunsuke Kuboza, Shinnosuke Mitsushima, Keishi Nagatsuka, Tokio Emoto, Honoka Miki, Hirona Yamazaki, Mugi Kadowaki, Takako Tokiwa

In-Cinema



The Return of Richard III on the 9:24 am Train

ERIC BU, FRANCE, 2019, 85 MIN.

FRI AUG 27	6:30PM	VCT
SAT AUG 28	8:45PM	VCT
SUN AUG 29	6:10PM	STU
MON AUG 30	6:20PM	STU
TUE AUG 31	6:10PM	VCT
WED SEP 1	8:40PM	STU
THU SEP 2	6:30PM	VCT

It's PH's last wish to make peace with his estranged family—but they're dead. So he hires half a dozen actors, supplies them with their roles, and sets the table for the kind of emotionally redemptive scenes he would dearly like to have played out in real life. But there's a problem: the actor playing his eldest son, Richard, bails. And the last-minute replacement, Richard II, has his own ideas about how this should play out...

In French with English subtitles.

CAST Hervé Dubourjal, Jean-Gilles Barbier, Sophie Forte, Camille Bardery, Gilles Dyrek, Amandine Barbotte

In-Cinema



Isabella

MATÍAS PIÑEIRO, ARGENTINA/FRANCE, 2020, 80 MIN.

FRI AUG 27	8:25PM	VCT
SAT AUG 28	7:00PM	VCT
SUN AUG 29	8:10PM	STU
MON AUG 30	6:10PM	VCT
TUE AUG 31	6:30PM	STU
WED SEP 1	6:40PM	STU
THU SEP 2	8:20PM	VCT

The latest in Argentine auteur Matías Piñeiro's sympathetic studies of vaguely lost artists seeking connection—one of a series of films inspired by the female characters in the works of Shakespeare—is a portrait of Mariel (María Villar), an actor whose self-doubt comes to a head when asked to audition for the role of Isabella in *Measure for Measure*. Piñeiro's poetical approach is built on rhymes, repetition and reflections, the casual cruelties of what it's like to put personal truth front and centre.

In Spanish with English subtitles.

CAST María Villar, Agustina Muñoz, Pablo Sigal, Gabi Saidón, Ana Cambre, Guillermo Solovey



40th Anniversary | **Blow Out**

BRIAN DE PALMA, USA, 1981, 107 MIN.

FRI AUG 27	8:35PM	STU
SUN AUG 29	6:45PM	VCT
WED SEP 1	8:30PM	VCT
THU SEP 2	6:45PM	STU

John Travolta in his greatest role, as a movie sound editor who accidentally records a fatal car accident and uncovers a murky conspiracy. Elaborating on Antonioni's *Blow Up* and Coppola's *The Conversation*, *Blow Out* is a mesmerizing thriller which also contrives to weave in the political despair of the USA in the wake of the Kennedy assassinations. This is prime Brian De Palma.

"Nancy Allen gives the film its soul; Travolta gives it gravity and weight and passion... It's a great movie."

PAULINE KÆL

In English

CAST John Travolta, Nancy Allen, John Lithgow, Dennis Franz



40th Anniversary | **Cutter's Way**

IVAN PASSER, USA, 1981, 109 MIN.

SUN AUG 29	8:50PM	VCT
WED SEP 1	6:20PM	VCT
THU SEP 2	8:50PM	STU

Steeped in post-Vietnam malaise, this haunting neo-noir murder mystery maybe the best movie you've never heard of. Jeff Bridges—in a role that surely inspired the Dude—plays a vacillating, bronzed beach bum who maybe witnessed a body being disposed of, and maybe recognizes the man doing the disposing. But it's his angry, one-armed, one-eyed, one-legged buddy Cutter (John Heard, volcanic) who insists that he do something about it.

"A modern masterpiece, and a film ripe for rediscovery."

TIME OUT

In English

CAST Jeff Bridges, John Heard, Lisa Eichhorn, Ann Dusenberry, Stephen Elliott

Sisterhood

MAXIME FAURE, CANADA/FRANCE, 2019, 75 MIN.

FRI AUG 27	6:45PM	STU
MON AUG 30	8:15PM	VCT
TUE AUG 31	8:15PM	VCT

As twilight settles on their small community, the Helping Sisters of Quebec take stock of a life of struggles. These feminist nuns, who have faith in God but not a male-dominated Church, have years of commitment to women's rights, social justice and international solidarity behind them... a heritage that Gisèle, Marie-Paule, Nicole, Suzanne and their sisters are preparing to bequeath. Between apprehension of death and frank bursts of laughter, these religious rebels understand the true meaning of sorority.

In French with English subtitles.

Bard on the Beach presents | **Done/Undone**

ARTHI CHANDRA, CANADA, 2021, 76 MIN.

MON AUG 30	8:00PM	VCT
TUE AUG 31	8:00PM	VCT

How well do Shakespeare's plays stand the test of time? This provocative and entertaining response is a two-hander written by Kate Besworth. Charlie Gallant and Harveen Sandhu bring multiple characters to life, including two battling scholars, a pair of actors in *Hamlet*, a theatre-going couple divided over Shakespeare's appeal—and Shakespeare himself!

Produced and presented by Bard on the Beach as a feature film. Tickets: \$29. With special guests in attendance.

In English

CAST Charlie Gallant, Harveen Sandhu

\$29 Ticket