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DON'T FORGET YOUR SHORTS

CIFF's Shorts Lineup is also here!

CALGARY, AB - In addition to the exciting special presentations, features and documentary films screening at the Calgary International Film Festival, the shorts lineup is always a fan favourite, with shorts packages that are curated for a diverse range of interests. CIFF 2023 runs from **September 21 to October 1**, with single tickets on sale September 7.

"This year's shorts lineup features 92 short films from over 20 countries. These diverse and exciting films represent an array of viewpoints from around the world," said Adam Keresztes, CIFF's Shorts Programmer and Programming Administrator. "Whether you're after a date night, a set of documentary shorts, or stunning animation, there's a themed package that will make you a lover of short films!"

SHORTS: A BETTER TOMORROW

A selection of short films about looking for hope when it might not be so obvious. Sometimes life is all about finding your way home or finding what home means to you.

I HAVE NO TEARS, AND I MUST CRY, Directed by Luis Fernando Puente (United States) *Alberta Premiere.* [Trailer](#)

DETOUR, Directed by Kargo Chen (Hong Kong) *World Premiere*

PACIFIC BELL, Directed by Sandrine Béchade (Canada) *Alberta Premiere.* [Trailer](#)

BEAUTY VISTA, Directed by Kate He & Simeon Hu (United States) *World Premiere.* [Trailer](#)

PALM SUNDAY, Directed by Wes Andre Goodrich (United States) *International Premiere*

KOLAJ, Directed by Gülce Besen Dilek (Germany) *Canadian Premiere*

6 MINUTES PER KILOMETER, Directed by Catherine Boivin (Canada) *Alberta Premiere*

TINY, Directed by Ritchie Hemphill & Ryan Haché (Canada)

SHORTS: AFTER LAUGHTER COMES TEARS

Laughing until you cry or crying until you're laughing? These darkly comedic shorts will keep you on your toes. *(Content advisory: themes and depictions of animal harm)*

NOODLES FOREVER, Directed by McKinley Carlin (United States) *International Premiere.* [Trailer](#)

POOF, Directed by Margaret Miller (United States) *Canadian Premiere*

DEAD CAT, Directed by Annie-Claude Caron & Danick Audet (Canada) *Alberta Premiere*

DEATH TO THE BIKINI!, Directed by Justine Gauthier (Canada) *Alberta Premiere*

THE SPERM BANK, Directed by Margaux Susi (United States) *International Premiere*

BASRI & SALMA IN A NEVER-ENDING COMEDY, Directed by Khozy Rizal (Indonesia) *Canadian Premiere*

DON'T COME IN...YET, Directed by Isaac Elliott (Australia) *Canadian Premiere*

FÁR, Directed by Gunnur Martinsdóttir Schlüter (Iceland) *Alberta Premiere*

PIECE BY PIECE, Directed by Reza Rasouli (Austria) *Alberta Premiere*

SHORTS: ALBERTA SPIRIT

Nine Alberta-made short films that showcase talent from all around the province. From experimental animation to danceable documentaries, this diverse group of films have something that will appeal to everyone.

CONVICTION, Directed by Bruce Miller (Canada) *Alberta Premiere.* [Trailer](#)

CHEMICAL SOMNIA, Directed by Scott Portingale (Canada) *Canadian Premiere*

OLD DRAGON MAN, Directed by Douglas Cook (Canada) *World Premiere*

RISE OF THE AFROBEATS IN THE PRAIRIES, Directed by Fahad Suleiman (Canada) [Trailer](#)

UNVEILED TRADITIONS, Directed by Lili Yas Tayefi (Canada)

THE GATEWAY, Directed by Kamala Parel-Nuttall (Canada) *World Premiere*

NO MORE KÎYÂM, Directed by Lese Skidmore (Canada) *World Premiere*

MAKING MONEY IN... MANITOU, MANITOBA, Directed by Austin Ladouceur (Canada) *World Premiere*

JINN JULIAN, Directed by Jae Sterling & Contra (Canada) *World Premiere*

SHORTS: BACK IN THE GAME

From basketball to dance to hockey, these documentary shorts showcase the differing experiences of Canadians in sports and the arts.

COACHING WHILE BLACK, Directed by Alex Eskandarkhah (Canada) *World Premiere*. [Trailer](#)

WAVE RIDER, Directed by Dustin Chok (Canada) *Canadian Premiere*

OVERTIME, Directed by Jenny Lee-Gilmore (Canada) *World Premiere*

SHORTS: BIOCHEMICAL EQUATION

Electric touches meet a lavender haze. Technology, noise, glitch, and life blend together in this package that is equal parts spiritual and mystical.

BLOND NIGHT, Directed by Gabrielle Demers (Canada) *Alberta Premiere*

POWER SIGNAL, Directed by Oscar Boyson (United States) *Alberta Premiere*

SOLEIL DE NUIT, Directed by Fernando Lopez Escriva & Maria Camila Arias (Canada)

À LA VIE À L'AMOR, Directed by Emilie Mannering (Canada) *Alberta Premiere*

WHITE ANT, Directed by Shalini Adnani (India & United Kingdom) *Canadian Premiere*

DEATH & RAMEN, Directed by Tiger Ji (United States) *Alberta Premiere*

LO-TECH REALITY, Directed by Guillermo Garcia Lopez (Spain) *Canadian Premiere*

MYSTIC TIGER, Directed by Marc Martínez Jordán (Spain) *Canadian Premiere*

SHORTS: CASH RULES EVERYTHING AROUND ME

Money, Money, Money. The root of all evil but also makes the world go round. Struggling for money seems to be a universal theme these days and it really hits home in these films from around the world.

SHADOW BROTHER SUNDAY, Directed by Alden Ehrenreich (United States)
Canadian Premiere

27, Directed by Flóra Anna Buda (France & Hungary) *Alberta Premiere*

GRILL, Directed by Jade Hærem Aksnes (Norway) *North American Premiere*

CLOSING DYNASTY, Directed by Lloyd Lee Choi (United States) *Canadian Premiere*

SIMONE, Directed by Aisha Amin (United States) *International Premiere*

HIT MAN: SECRETS OF LIES, Directed by Elias Plagianos (United States) *Canadian Premiere.* [Trailer](#)

OKEM, Directed by Joshua Okwuosa (Nigeria & United States) *International Premiere.* [Trailer](#)

SHORTS: I CAN'T GO TO SLEEP

Creepy, dark, silly, and wild. This package is full of deranged humour and bone-chilling scares. Best viewed with friends and with the lights off. *(Content advisory: themes of suicide)*

HIDE YOUR CRAZY, Directed by Austin Kase (United States) *Canadian Premiere*

FISHMONGER, Directed by Neil Ferron (United States) *International Premiere*

NIAN, Directed by Michelle Krusiec (United States) *Alberta Premiere.* [Trailer](#)

A KIND OF TESTAMENT, Directed by Stephen Vuillemin (France) *Alberta Premiere*

CALF, Directed by Jamie O'Rourke (Ireland) *Alberta Premiere*

ZIP, Directed by Ava Maria Safai (Canada) *Alberta Premiere.* [Trailer](#)

IN THE HEAT, Directed by Sam Chou (Canada) *Alberta Premiere.* [Trailer](#)

SHORTS: IF WHAT YOU SAY IS TRUE

Documentaries from around the world showcase the struggles we have going forward in this world but also how we can band together to build a brighter future.

JACK AND SAM, Directed by Jordan Matthew Horowitz (United States)
International Premiere

LOSING BLUE, Directed by Leanne Allison (Canada) *World Premiere*

BETWEEN EARTH & SKY, Directed by Andrew Nadkarni (United States) *Alberta Premiere.* [Trailer](#)

THE ORCHESTRA CHUCK BUILT, Directed by Christopher Stoudt (United States)
Canadian Premiere

THE SYRIAN COSMONAUT, Directed by Charles Emir Richards (Türkiye) *Canadian Premiere.* [Trailer](#)

SHORTS: MY HEART GENTLY WEEPS

Romance, sex and a lot of laughs. Perfect for a date night out.

CODDLE NO MORE, Directed by Nicholas Bentgen (United States) *International Premiere*

THE BREAKTHROUGH, Directed by Daniel Sinclair (United States)

THE FIREFIGHTER'S BALL, Directed by Baptiste Drapeau (France) *Alberta Premiere*

MY EYES ARE UP HERE, Directed by Nathan Morris (United States) *Alberta Premiere.* [Trailer](#)

HOOKS, Directed by Charles Parisé (Canada) *Alberta Premiere*

KONPA, Directed by Al'Ikens Plancher (United States) *International Premiere.*
[Trailer](#)

CATHERINE & MICHAEL, Directed by Kathy Fusco (United States) *World Premiere*

PUSSY LOVE, Directed by Linda Krauss (Germany) *Canadian Premiere*

AT LAST, Directed by Resmiye Emir (Türkiye) *World Premiere*

SHORTS: RADIANT JEWELS

An eclectic and unique selection of animated short films from around the globe.

BOAT PEOPLE, Directed by Thao Lam & Kjell Boersma (Canada) *Alberta Premiere*

CHRISTOPHER AT SEA, Directed by Tom CJ Brown (France) *Alberta Premiere*

EEVA, Directed by Lucija Mrzljak & Morten Tšinakov (Estonia & Croatia)

THE FAMILY PORTRAIT, Directed by Lea Vidakovic (Croatia, France & Serbia)
Alberta Premiere

TWO ONE TWO, Directed by Shira Avni (Canada) *Alberta Premiere*

THE GIRL WITH THE RED BERET, Directed by Janet Perlman (Canada) *Alberta Premiere.* [Trailer](#)

HUMAN RESOURCES, Directed by Trinidad Plass Caussade, Titouan Tillier & Isaac Wenzek (France) *Alberta Premiere*

THE BRAVE LOCOMOTIVE, Directed by Andrew Chesworth (United States)
Canadian Premiere

NINETY-FIVE SENSES, Directed by Jerusha Hess & Jared Hess (United States)
Alberta Premiere. [Trailer](#)

YELLOWBIRD, Directed by Tsvetelina Zdraveva & Jerred North (United States)

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Single tickets for all films are on sale September 7, 2023.

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About the Calgary International Film Festival

Founded in 2000, the Calgary International Film Festival (CIFF) is a not-for-profit charitable organization that brings films and filmmakers from around the world to Calgary for its annual Fall festival and year-round programming. CIFF is now the largest event of its kind in Alberta, bringing audiences together for remarkable and engaging cinematic experiences. CIFF is proud to present its festival from September 21 - October 1, 2023 with in-cinema screenings, celebrating stand-out stories and offering once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

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