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The Anchorage International Film Festival (AIFF) was founded in 2001 in order to bring independent and international films to Anchorage, and to showcase quality independent films made in Alaska. Our mission is to develop, promote, and sustain new media and independent filmmaking in Alaska while enriching cultural and entertainment opportunities for Alaskans.

Learn more at our website

www.anchoragefilmfestival.org

Dear Filmmakers, Friends and Film Lovers

In our third year as Festival Directors, we couldn't be more excited to welcome you to another incredible celebration of independent film in Anchorage.

This year, AIFF brings nearly 200 films to Alaska over ten days, with filmmakers traveling from across the country and around the world to share their work with our community.
We're also continuing to grow the festival in exciting new ways. This year introduces **A Day at the PAC**, bringing AIFF to the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts for a full day of programming, and **Absolutely Alaska Sunday**, a celebration at the Anchorage Museum dedicated to films made in Alaska and stories inspired by this extraordinary place.

And this year we're especially excited to offer **two programs completely FREE to the community.** Our **Kids Program**, featured as part of A Day at the PAC, gives families a chance to experience AIFF together at no cost. And our **Films Worth Freezing For Outdoor Screening** invites Anchorage to bundle up and join us for a uniquely Alaskan moviegoing experience under the winter sky.

Our **Female Filmmaker Showcase** returns for its third year, and we've significantly expanded our commitment to **Alaska Native Voices** and **Alaska Made Films.** While Native Voices and Absolutely Alaska provide dedicated showcases, these filmmakers and stories are also woven throughout the entire festival alongside films from around the world.

At the heart of AIFF is the belief that a film festival should be about more than watching movies. It should be about bringing filmmakers and audiences together, creating conversations, building relationships and making independent film accessible to our entire community. Most importantly, it should give artists and audiences an experience they'll remember long after the festival ends.

That philosophy continues to resonate with filmmakers. AIFF has once again been recognized among FilmFreeway's **Top 100 Best Reviewed Film Festivals**, placing us among the top 1% of festivals in the world, and for the second consecutive year as a **Top Destination Film Festival**.

None of this happens without the incredible support of our audiences, volunteers, sponsors, partners and the Anchorage community. Thank you for welcoming these filmmakers, supporting independent cinema and helping us continue to build something special here in Alaska.

We'll see you at the movies.

Films Worth Freezing For!

With gratitude,
Pat & Adam
Festival Directors



THIS IS YOUR FESTIVAL

Take advantage of all the fun opportunities here at this cultural event.



Q&A's with the Filmmakers



Don't forget to take pictures



Catch all the Coffee Talks



Hear the award-winning speeches



Get to know the artists at the afterparties

2026 Schedule

	BEAR TOOTH THEATREPUB	ALASKA EXPERIENCE THEATER	ANCHORAGE MUSEUM	E STREET THEATER	PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
FRI. DEC. 4	7:00 pm: The Ascent	12:00 pm: *Shorts* The Things that Shape Us 2:30 pm: *Shorts* International Gems			
SAT. DEC. 5		11:00 am: *Shorts* Flip the Lens 2:00 pm Loafers + Passing Trains 8:30 pm The Best Summer			11:00 am: *Shorts* Kids Animation Showcase 2:00 pm: *Shorts* Native Voices Showcase 6:00 pm Their Town
SUN. DEC. 6		11:00 am: *Shorts* Whatever it Takes 1:30 pm The Man with the Big Hat	11:00 am Amazing Live Sea Monkeys 1:15 pm How to Survive a Marriage 3:30 pm Arctic Link 5:30 pm: Free Outdoor Screening 7:30 pm: *Shorts* Thriller Shorts	1:30 pm: *Shorts* Beneath the Surface 3:30 pm If That's What You Want	
MON. DEC. 7	6:00 pm Chili Finger		11:00 am: *Shorts* Before and after Us 2:00 pm: *Shorts* American Stories 4:00 pm: Dust Bowls and Jewish Souls: *Another Side of Woody Guthrie*		
TUE. DEC. 8		5:30 pm Mackenzie + Gone (Weg) 8:30 pm Sender		10:00 am Medicine Ball 12:00 pm: *Shorts* Portraits of Life 3:00 pm: *Shorts* Hard to Believe	
WED. DEC. 9	6:00 pm: *Shorts* Female Filmmaker Showcase			10:00 am: *Shorts* The Trouble We're In 12:00 pm: *Shorts* The World We've Made 3:00 pm The Red Hangar	
THUR. DEC. 10	2:00 pm: *Shorts* Stories Gone Wild: *Margarita Matinee* 6:00 pm The Snake + The Money	12:00 pm: *Shorts* Finding our Place 4:00 pm Dear Alaska 6:00 pm Reservation Redemption	4:00 pm People Vs. Politics 6:00 pm: *Shorts* Alaska Teen Media Institute		
FRI. DEC. 11		3:00 pm Iditarod 2026: A Seven Dog Night 6:30 pm: *Shorts* Stranger than Fiction 8:30 pm Downbeat	10:30 am: *Shorts* Characters 1:00 pm: *Shorts* True Connections 3:00 pm: *Shorts* Against the Odds		
SAT. DEC. 12	11:00 am Kikuyu Land 2:00 pm The Long Haul	11:00 am Theatre of Pain			
SUN. DEC. 13			10:00 am: *Shorts* Only in Alaska 12:30 pm: *Shorts* Alaska Does It Different 3:00 pm: *Shorts* What We Carry Forward 5:15 pm How We Survive Diomede 7:30 pm: *Shorts* Art at the Edge		

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Great films bring people together.
Your donation helps us bring extraordinary filmmakers to Anchorage, and keep the magic of AIFF alive for years to come.

Help keep Films Worth Freezing For coming to Anchorage!

We're a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, so your gift may be tax-deductible.

Donations can be given on the festival website: **https://www.goelevent.com/AIFF/Donate/Campaign**

SPOTLIGHTS
FROM THE 2026 LINEUP



Performing Arts Center: 6:00 pm
SATURDAY, DEC. 5

Their Town

Directed by: Katie Aselton

When a high school theater star and an unlikely leading man spend one night wandering their hometown, an unexpected romance blossoms in this exploration of first love and growing up.

USA, 80 min.



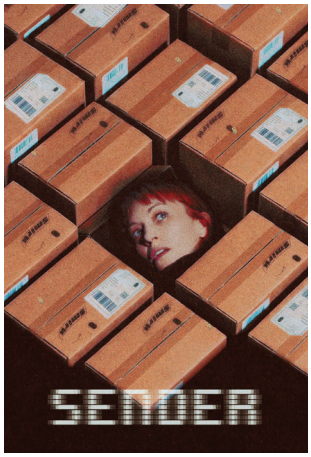
Alaska Experience Theater: 8:30 pm
SATURDAY, DEC. 5

The Best Summer

Directed by: Tamra Davis

Go backstage with Beastie Boys, Sonic Youth, Foo Fighters, Beck, Pavement and Bikini Kill in a time capsule of the 1990s alternative music scene.

USA, 84 min.



Alaska Experience Theater: 8:30 pm
TUESDAY, DEC. 8

Sender

Directed by: Russell Goldman

A woman receiving mysterious personal packages searches for their sender and uncovers a disturbing conspiracy.

Starring Britt Lower (Severance), Rhea Seehorn (Better Call Saul) and Jamie Lee Curtis.

USA, 94 min.



Alaska Experience Theater: 8:30 pm
FRIDAY, DEC. 11

Downbeat

Directed by: Danny Madden

A self-destructive drummer fleeing his failures finds a new rhythm on the streets of Boston, but his explosive talent and reckless decisions threaten his chance at a fresh start.

USA, 91 min.



Bear Tooth Theatrepub: 2:00 pm
SATURDAY, DEC. 12

The Long Haul

Directed by: David Drake

A veteran truck driver learns the man who murdered her daughter may walk free, forcing her to confront the past.

USA, 91 min.



Bear Tooth Theatrepub: 7:00 pm
FRIDAY, DEC. 4

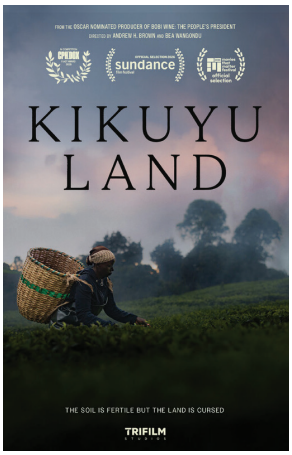
The Ascent

Directed by: Edward Drake, Scott Veltri, Francis Cronin

After losing both legs, Mandy Horvath attempts the unimaginable: crawling to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro on her hands

Part crime mystery, part adventure drama..

USA, 103 min.



Bear Tooth Theatrepub: 11:00 am
SATURDAY, DEC. 12

Kikuyu Land

Directed by: Andrew H. Brown, Bea Wangondu

In Kenya's tea-growing highlands, a journalist investigating her family's stolen land confronts the enduring legacy of British colonialism.

Kenya, 94 min.



Bear Tooth Theatrepub: 6:00 pm
THURSDAY, DEC. 10

The Snake

Directed by: Jenna MacMillan

A gloriously chaotic forty-something clashes with her venomous mother and suddenly finds herself evicted, romantically entangled and spectacularly unprepared for the mess she has made of her life.

USA, 89 min.

Coffee Talk & Panels

Free Coffee and Breakfast

Grab a cup, caffeinate, and listen to filmmakers talk about their craft.

Alaska Experience Theater
333 W. 4th Avenue

The Time is Now: *Saturday Dec. 5, 9:00 am*

Stop waiting for permission and start creating! An inspiring conversation about resourcefulness, collaboration, and the joy of bringing a film to life on your own terms.

BEYOND THE FRAME: *THE DIRECTOR & PRODUCTION DESIGNER:* *Sunday Dec. 6, 9:00 am*

Discover how filmmakers build unforgettable cinematic worlds, from the first spark of an idea to the creative decisions that bring every frame to life.

HOLLYWOOD NORTH: *BRINGING FILM PRODUCTION BACK TO ALASKA:* *Monday Dec. 7, 9:00 am*

Could Alaska become a filmmaking powerhouse again? Explore the opportunities, challenges, and bold ideas that could bring major productions and jobs back to the Last Frontier.

HOW TO MAKE AN INDIE FILM: *Thursday Dec. 10, 9:00 am*
Presented by SAG-AFTRA and SAGindie

Have a movie you want to make but don't know where to start? Get practical, insider advice on financing, casting, assembling a crew, and actually getting your film made.

HONORING THE STORY: *THE ETHICS OF DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKING:* *Friday Dec. 11, 9:00 am*

When real lives become compelling stories, where do filmmakers draw the line? A candid exploration of trust, truth, responsibility, and the ethical dilemmas behind documentary filmmaking.





For more information, look to the 2nd to last page

Exclusive Events

Open only to Filmmakers, Sponsors, and All-Access passholders



Wildbirch **Midweek** Party

Our big midweek festival celebration! Join us for drinks, conversation, and new connections with filmmakers and festival guests in the heart of downtown Anchorage.

Wednesday, Dec 9.
Wildbirch Hotel.
239 W 4th Ave.
Start time 8:30pm



AIFF Awards Ceremony

Celebrate the standout films and filmmakers of AIFF 2026 as we present this year's festival awards, complete with food, drinks, and our signature award scarves!

Saturday, December 12.
415 E St, Anchorage
7:00 PM

AFTER PARTIES

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Opening Night Gala



Kick off ten days of incredible cinema with our Opening Night celebration! Open to filmmakers, sponsors, and all attendees of the Opening Night Film.

Friday, Dec 4.
Bear Tooth Theatrepub.
1230 W 27th Ave
Starts after "The Ascent"

Van's Dive Bar Afterparty



Keep the opening weekend festivities going with live music, drinks, and good company at one of Anchorage's favorite neighborhood dive bars.

Saturday, Dec 5.
Van's Dive Bar. 1027 E 5th Ave
10:30pm

SAGindie presents **Broken Blender** Karaoke Afterparty



Filmmakers take the stage! Join us for a night of karaoke, drinks, and questionable vocal performances at this downtown Anchorage favorite.

Monday, Dec 7.
Broken Blender. 535 W 3rd Ave
Starts after "Chili Finger"

Ginger Afterparty



Keep the night going! Following the screening of SENDER at the Alaska Experience Theatre, join us for a late-night happy hour at Anchorage's fabulous GINGER Lounge! Mingle with filmmakers, festival guests, and friends over drinks and great conversation.

Tuesday, Dec 8.
GINGER.
425 W. 5th Ave
10:30pm - Midnight

Koot's Afterparty



Continue the festival fun at legendary Koot's, an Anchorage nightlife institution just a short walk from Bear Tooth Theatrepub.

Thursday, Dec 10.
Chilkoot Charlie's. 2435 Spenard Rd
Start Time following the evening screenings.

ALASKA CREATIVES MEET-UP & HAPPY HOUR



Calling all filmmakers, artists, storytellers, and creatives! Join us at Sub Zero Bistro & Microlounge for a lively happy hour bringing together Alaska's creative community and visiting AIFF filmmakers. Mix, mingle, make new connections, and celebrate the growing movement to bring more film and television production to Alaska.

Friday, Dec 11.
Sub Zero Bistro & Microlounge,
612 F St
5:00pm

Follow **@anchoragefilmfestival** on instagram for updates and additional celebrations.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 // OPENING NIGHT FILM



Bear Tooth Theatrepub: 7:00 pm
FEATURE - DOCUMENTARY

THE ASCENT

Directed by: Edward Drake, Scott Veltri, Francis Cronin

Winner of the 2026 Documentary Audience Award at SXSW, "The Ascent" is the inspiring true story of bilateral-amputee climber Mandy Horvath's record-breaking attempt to crawl to the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro on her hands.

At 21, Mandy lost both of her legs in an unsolved violent crime. Years later, as she pushes her body to its limits on Africa's tallest mountain, Mandy must reckon with her mysterious, violent past and learn to trust again if she is to succeed.

Part crime mystery, part adventure drama.

USA, 103 min.

FRIDAY DEC. 4



Alaska Experience Theater: 12:00 pm
FRIDAY, DEC. 4

The Things that Shape Us

5 Short Films

Our opening shorts block.

From the wilds of Alaska to intimate battles of identity, family and belonging, these films explore the forces that shape who we become. THE THINGS THAT SHAPE US opens AIFF with stories of resilience, reinvention and courage to be seen.

USA, 80 min.



Alaska Experience Theater: 2:30 pm
FRIDAY, DEC. 4

International Gems

7 Short Films

What better way to open the festival than with a cinematic journey around the world? International voices celebrate the humor, humanity, imagination and unexpected connections that make storytelling a universal language.

Germany, Poland, Australia, India, England, Ireland, 95 min.

ALL ACCESS CINEMA PASS

$200

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Don't just attend the festival. Be part of it! Ten days of incredible films, unforgettable experiences, and the best of Anchorage, all with one pass!

The AIFF All-Access Cinema Pass is your ticket to the ultimate festival experience, with access to screenings throughout the festival, exclusive filmmaker events, the Wildbirch Midweek Party, and our Awards Ceremony. Rub elbows with visiting filmmakers, discover your next favorite film, and experience everything that makes AIFF one of the coolest film festivals in the world!

Passes can be purchased on the festival website:

www.goelevent.com/AIFF/Pass/Sale/all-access-2026-aiff-festival-pass

Opening Night Gala

Bear Tooth Theatrepub: 9:15 pm
FRIDAY, DEC. 4

Kick off the 2026 Anchorage International Film Festival in style. The evening begins at 6:00 PM with red carpet photo opportunities at Bear Tooth Theatrepub, followed by our Opening Night film at 7:00 PM and a special Q&A with the filmmakers. After the screening, stick around for an evening of celebration, conversation, and good company.
Everyone attending the Opening Night film is invited to join the party, alongside our filmmakers and festival sponsors! Raise a glass to ten incredible days of cinema in Anchorage as the celebration continues until 10:45 PM.







SATURDAY DEC. 5

AIFF PRESENTS

A DAY AT THE PAC

Performing Arts Center
621 W 6th Ave

Bring the kids, bring the family, bring your love of movies! We're taking over the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts for a full day celebrating family, culture, and the magic of storytelling. From imaginative animation for young audiences to our acclaimed Native Voices Showcase, the day culminates with Their Town, a remarkable family collaboration from one of the most influential families in American independent cinema.

Written by indie filmmaking pioneer Mark Duplass, directed by acclaimed filmmaker and actress Katie Aselton, and starring their daughter Ora Duplass.



SATURDAY, DEC. 5 PAC: 6:00 pm

Their Town

Directed by: Katie Aselton

When a high school theater star and an unlikely leading man spend one night wandering their hometown, an unexpected romance blossoms in this exploration of first love and growing up.

USA, 80 min.



Performing Arts Center: 2:00 pm
SATURDAY, DEC. 5

Native Voices Showcase

9 Short Films

A powerful collection of films celebrating Indigenous filmmakers, communities, cultures and stories, followed by a conversation with attending filmmakers.

USA, 113 min.

Sold out two years running! Since its debut, Native Voices has become one of AIFF's most beloved and sought-after showcases, and for good reason.

Bringing Indigenous stories, perspectives, and extraordinary filmmaking to the big screen, this is a powerful celebration of voices that deserve to be heard. If the last two years are any indication, you'll want to get your tickets early!

Presented by
Jacqueline Carr

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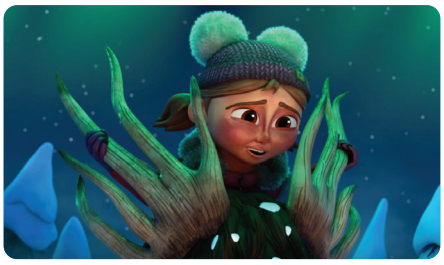


Performing Arts Center: 11:00 am
SATURDAY, DEC. 5

Kids Animation Showcase

11 Short Films

A special collection of animated and family-friendly short films for young movie lovers and their families.

Misc. 89 min.

Coffee Talk: *The Time is Now*
Alaska Experience Theater, 9:00am



Alaska Experience Theater: 11:00 am
SATURDAY, DEC. 5

Flip the Lens

6 Short Films

From exploitation and blurred boundaries to the absurdities of filmmaking, these films turn the camera back on the people behind it in a provocative, funny and occasionally uncomfortable exploration of art, ambition, consent and truth.

Misc. 102 min.



Alaska Experience Theater: 2:00 pm
SATURDAY, DEC. 5

Loafers + Passing Trains

Directed by: Zach Schnitzer + Jordan Hahn

Loafers: Amidst a post-grad haze, best friends Isaac and Cameron navigate the shifting terrain of their relationships, grappling with whether their once unbreakable friendship can survive the weight of change.

Passing Trains: Four lifelong friends confront the longevity of their relationships as they revisit the changing landmarks of their childhood.

USA, 97 min. + 10 min.



Alaska Experience Theater: 8:30 pm
SATURDAY, DEC. 5

The Best Summer

Directed by: Tamra Davis

Step backstage with Beastie Boys, Sonic Youth, Foo Fighters, Beck, Pavement and Bikini Kill in an electrifying time capsule of the 1990s alternative music scene at its wild, unfiltered peak.

USA, 84 min.

SUNDAY DEC. 6

Coffee Talk: *Beyond the Frame*
Alaska Experience Theater, 9:00am



Alaska Experience Theater: 11:00 am
SUNDAY, DEC. 6

Whatever It Takes

9 Short Films

Sometimes getting through life means doing whatever the situation demands. From stubborn determination to spectacular miscalculations, these films follow people finding courage and discovering how far they're willing to go.

Misc. 91 min.



Alaska Experience Theater: 1:30 pm
SUNDAY, DEC. 6

The Man with the Big Hat

Directed by: Austin Lee Sayre

An excavation of long-buried archives resurrects obscure yet profoundly influential Texas singer-songwriter Steven Fromholz, revealing a soul-stirring journey. He was an unsung pioneer of 1970s Texas, and revered by legends like Willie Nelson, Lyle Lovett & more.

USA, 89 min.



E Street Theater: 1:30 pm
SUNDAY, DEC. 6

Beneath the Surface

4 short Documentaries

Four documentaries explore grief, disappearing marine ecosystems, Indigenous connections to the natural world and rebuilding life after a devastating stroke through deeply personal stories of loss and resilience.

Misc. 112 min.



E Street Theater: 3:30 pm
SUNDAY, DEC. 6

If That's What You Want

Directed by: Joshua Allen LaBure & Zachary Gutierrez

A restless woman in a stagnant marriage falls for a local musician, threatening to unravel the life she and her wife have built together.

USA, 84 min.



Anchorage Museum: 11:00 am
SUNDAY, DEC. 6

Amazing Live Sea Monkeys

Directed by: Mark Becker, Aaron Schock

An eccentric widow battles to reclaim the world's most famous novelty pet, uncovering a bizarre history of invention, corporate intrigue and dark family secrets.

USA, 99 min.



Anchorage Museum: 1:15 pm
SUNDAY, DEC. 6

How to Survive a Marriage

Directed by: Yulia Trofimova

A divorce attorney's meddling mother arrives with explosive news about her husband, turning a birthday celebration into a complicated collision of marriage, family and long-buried resentments.

Russia, 79 min.



Anchorage Museum: 3:30 pm
SUNDAY, DEC. 6

Arctic Link

Directed by: Ian Purnell

As a ship lays fiber-optic cable across the Arctic seafloor, a remote Alaskan village confronts the promises, uncertainties and profound changes that come with being connected to the modern world.

USA, 81 min.

Presented by GCI



Anchorage Museum: 5:30 pm
SUNDAY, DEC. 6

Films Worth Freezing For:
FREE OUTDOOR SCREENING

Located in front of the museum

Come grab a hot chocolate and get warm by the fire. This free event will be a great way to meet people and watch free films.

Presented by ANCHORAGE MUSEUM & Spenard ROADHOUSE



Anchorage Museum: 7:30 pm
SUNDAY, DEC. 6

Thriller Shorts

8 Short Films

Forget familiar formulas. These inventive thrillers and horror films find fresh ways to unsettle, surprise and occasionally make us laugh, transforming everyday anxieties and situations into something altogether more terrifying.

Misc. 104 min.

MONDAY DEC. 7

Coffee Talk: *Hollywood North*
Alaska Experience Theater, 9:00am



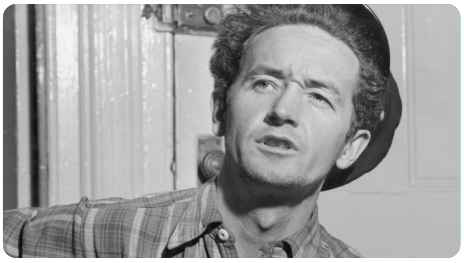
Bear Tooth Theatrepub: 6:00 pm
MONDAY, DEC. 7

Chili Finger

Directed by: Edd Benda & Stephen Helstad

A desperate woman discovers a severed finger in her chili and launches an outrageous blackmail scheme inspired by an unbelievable true story.

USA, 100 min.



Anchorage Museum: 4:00 pm
MONDAY, DEC. 7

Dust Bowls and Jewish Souls: Another Side of Woody Guthrie

Directed by: Steven Pressman

What does Woody Guthrie, the famous Dust Bowl balladeer and the songwriter who wrote "This Land Is Your Land," have in common with blintzes, knishes and Hanukkah songs? A whole lot more than you could possibly imagine.

USA, 89 min.

Presented by alaska jewish museum

EVENING SPOTLIGHT



Alaska Experience Theater: 8:30 pm
TUESDAY, DEC. 8

Sender

Directed by: Russell Goldman

A woman receiving mysterious personal packages searches for their sender and uncovers a disturbing conspiracy.

Starring Britt Lower (Severance), Rhea Seehorn (Better Call Saul) and Jamie Lee Curtis.

USA, 94 min.



Anchorage Museum: 11:00 am
MONDAY, DEC. 7

Before and After Us

8 Short Films

Families, memories and the passage of time leave their marks in profound and surprising ways. Moving between generations, these stories explore what we inherit, what we leave behind and the moments that change our lives.

Misc. 106 min.



Anchorage Museum: 2:00 pm
MONDAY, DEC. 7

American Stories

5 Short Films

Across America, communities are built by people who refuse to let them disappear. AMERICAN STORIES travels from Alaska to Chinatown, capturing people fighting for their neighbors, traditions, land and the places they call home.

USA, 99 min.

TUESDAY DEC. 8



Alaska Experience Theater: 5:30 pm
TUESDAY, DEC. 8

Mackenzie + Gone (Weg)

Directed by: Mylissa Fitzsimmons & Stephan Seidel

Mackenzie: 11-year-old Juniper, an independent but lonely child, creates a plan to run away to California, where she will meet her boy crush, 80's heartthrob Mackenzie Astin, from the TV show The Facts of Life. Based on a true story.
Gone (Weg): After a picnic, Moritz falls and loses consciousness, and finds his girlfriend has disappeared.

USA 80 min. + Germany 29 min.



E Street Theater: 12:00 pm
TUESDAY, DEC. 8

Portraits of Life

6 Short Films

Intimate, observant stories about the people we encounter, the lives we lead and the worlds just beyond our own.

USA, 101 min.



E Street Theater: 10:00 am
TUESDAY, DEC. 8

Medicine Ball

Directed by: Leya Hale

On the grounds of a former Native American boarding school, two Indigenous college basketball players discover how the game they love carries generations of resilience, cultural pride and hope.

USA, 57 min.



E Street Theater: 3:00 pm
TUESDAY, DEC. 8

Hard to Believe

8 Short Films

From Hollywood's buried histories and the day JFK was assassinated to Giallo-inspired thrills and unlikely friendships, these eight shorts blur fact and fiction, finding surprising stories in unexpected places.

Misc. 104 min.

WEDNESDAY DEC. 9

AIFF PRESENTS

FEMALE FILMMAKER SHOWCASE



Bear Tooth Theatrepub: 6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9

Female Filmmaker Showcase

9 Short Films

Fierce, funny, intimate and unapologetically original. Nine films celebrate the remarkable range of women behind the camera through stories of courage, complicated relationships and the messy realities of being human.

Misc. 116 min.





Three years running, and an event that continues to leave its mark! Our Female Filmmaker Showcase has become a memorable AIFF tradition, bringing together extraordinary women filmmakers and an audience eager to discover their work.

This year's program features a wonderfully diverse mix of U.S. premieres and acclaimed films that have made waves at Sundance, SXSW, and beyond. Bold, funny, moving, surprising, and bursting with originality, it's an evening celebrating the remarkable range of stories women are bringing to the screen.



E street Theater: 10:00 am
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9

The Trouble We're In

7 Short Films

Things don't always go according to plan, and sometimes they go spectacularly wrong. Through dark humor, uneasy encounters and escalating consequences, ordinary people find themselves in extraordinary predicaments.

Misc. 102 min.



E street Theater: 12:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9

The World We've Made

5 Short Films

Five films explore the pressures of modern life, the systems we create and what happens when the structures meant to support us begin working against us.

Misc. 99 min.



E street Theater: 3:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9

The Red Hangar

Directed by: Juan Pablo Sallato

As Chile's 1973 military coup unfolds, an air force captain faces an impossible moral choice in a gripping political thriller about loyalty, conscience and authoritarian power.

Chile, 83 min.

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at 9:30 p.m.

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THURSDAY DEC. 10

Coffee Talk: *How to Make an Indie Film*
Alaska Experience Theater, 9:00am

AIFF PRESENTS

STORIES GONE WILD: MARGARITA MATINEE



Bear Tooth Theatrepub: 2:00 pm
THURSDAY, DEC. 10

Stories Gone Wild: MARGARITA MATINEE

11 Short Films

Outrageous characters, questionable decisions, absurd encounters and wonderfully unhinged imagination. Expect the unexpected.

Misc. 135 min.







A brand-new AIFF tradition in the making! Grab a margarita, settle in, and prepare for a wonderfully wild afternoon of cinema.

From outrageous comedy and offbeat animation to inventive music videos and films that defy categorization, this is a playful, unpredictable showcase where just about anything can happen. Day drinking and daring filmmaking?

We're in.



Bear Tooth Theatrepub: 6:00 pm
THURSDAY, DEC. 10

The Snake + The Money

Directed by: Jenna MacMillan + Jeremy Johnstone

The Snake: A gloriously chaotic forty something clashes with her venomous mother. ***The Money:*** A man wakes up hungover and broke again and again, trapped in a claustrophobic cycle of addiction.

USA, 89 min + 11 min



Alaska Experience Theater: 4:00 pm
THURSDAY, DEC. 10

Dear Alaska

Directed by: Moriah Hayes

Through Indigenous memory, family history and the spiritual power of the natural world, a Tlingit filmmaker confronts the legacy of forced separation and the enduring strength of ancestral connections.

USA, 86 min.



Alaska Experience Theater: 6:00 pm
THURSDAY, DEC. 10

Reservation Redemption

Directed by: Brenda Fisher & Blake Pickens

From a teenage murder conviction and a life sentence to an extraordinary journey of healing and leadership, Chief Marchand Rice's story reveals the power of redemption.

USA, 60 min.



Alaska Experience Theater: 12:00 pm
THURSDAY, DEC. 10

Finding Our Place

6 Short Films

Land shapes us as much as we shape it. FINDING OUR PLACE travels through extraordinary landscapes, following people whose lives, art, traditions and sense of purpose are inseparable from the places they call home.

Misc. 119 min.



Anchorage Museum: 4:00 pm
THURSDAY, DEC. 10

People vs. Politics

Directed by: Robert Pease + Carol Wingard

Congress no longer fulfills its constitutional duties. One party factions dominate many states. But inspired by Alaska's election reforms, grassroots leaders around the country work to revitalize democracy. At street fairs, parades and polling places, People vs Politics captures that civic energy and the blowback from the powers that be.

USA, 99 min.



Anchorage Museum: 6:00 pm
THURSDAY, DEC. 10

Alaska Teen Media Institute Showcase

Directed by: Various

A showcase of short films made by youth filmmakers from around Alaska.

Alaska, 120 min.

FRIDAY DEC. 11

Coffee Talk: *Honoring the Story*
Alaska Experience Theater, 9:00am



Anchorage Museum: 10:30 am
FRIDAY, DEC. 11

Characters

4 Short Films

A man mourns a beloved duck, a Harlem craftsman keeps New York on its feet, a Taiwanese immigrant creates her own American Dream and a movie obsessive keeps VHS alive in the streaming age.

USA, 95 min.



Anchorage Museum: 1:00 pm
FRIDAY, DEC. 11

True Connections

6 Short Films

Family, friendship, love and unexpected encounters can bring us together, pull us apart or change our lives entirely. Moving between humor, heartbreak and tenderness, these films explore the deeply human ways we find meaning in one another.

Misc. 103 min.



Anchorage Museum: 3:00 pm
FRIDAY, DEC. 11

Against the Odds

5 Short Films

Stories of people confronting seemingly impossible circumstances and fi nding the resilience, purpose and unexpected hope to keep moving forward.

USA, 90 min.



Alaska Experience Theater: 3:00 pm
FRIDAY, DEC. 11

Iditarod 2026: A Seven Dog Night

Directed by: Greg Heister

Across nearly 1,000 miles of unforgiving Alaskan wilderness, elite mushers and their remarkable sled dogs battle brutal conditions in one of the coldest and most grueling Iditarod races in recent memory.

USA, 140 min.



Alaska Experience Theater: 6:30 pm
FRIDAY, DEC. 11

Stranger Than Fiction

6 Short Films

Cars fly off an Alaskan cliff, artists build community in the desert, matcha becomes a global phenomenon, a mysterious ocean "Blob" wreaks havoc, a young man escapes a scam compound and robots offer companionship as we age.

Misc. 96 min.

EVENING SPOTLIGHT



Alaska Experience Theater: 8:30 pm
FRIDAY, DEC. 11

Downbeat

Directed by: Danny Madden

A self destructive drummer fleeing his failures finds a new rhythm on the streets of Boston, but his explosive talent and reckless decisions threaten his chance at a fresh start.

USA, 91 min.

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SATURDAY DEC. 12

Screenwriting event
Alaska Experience Theater, 9:00am



Alaska Experience Theater: 11:00 am
SATURDAY, DEC. 12

Theatre of Pain

Directed by: Scott Eggleston

A woman returns to a community theater for a callback, only to discover the director's commitment to method acting has taken a sinister turn.

Alaska, 60 min.



Bear Tooth Theatrepub: 11:00 am
SATURDAY, DEC. 12

Kikuyu Land

Directed by: Andrew H. Brown, Bea Wangondu

In Kenya's tea-growing highlands, a journalist investigating her family's stolen land confronts the enduring legacy of British colonialism.

Kenya, 94 min.



Bear Tooth Theatrepub: 2:00 pm
SATURDAY, DEC. 12

The Long Haul

Directed by: David Drake

A veteran truck driver learns the man who murdered her daughter may soon walk free, forcing her to confront a past she has spent a lifetime outrunning. Starring Margo Martindale.

USA, 91 min.

SUNDAY DEC. 13

AIFF & ALASKA PUBLIC MEDIA PRESENT

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Anchorage Museum: 10:00 am
SUNDAY, DEC. 13

Only in Alaska

6 Short Films

Six films celebrating the people, traditions and communities you simply won't find anywhere else.

USA, 108 min.



Anchorage Museum: 12:30 pm
SUNDAY, DEC. 13

Alaska Does It Different

3 Short Films

Hockey. Homegrown television. Bush pilots. Three stories proving Alaska does things its own way.

USA, 98 min.



Anchorage Museum: 3:00 pm
SUNDAY, DEC. 13

What We Carry Forward

7 Short Films

Seven films exploring Indigenous knowledge, family, tradition, culture and what one generation passes on.

USA, 98 min.



Anchorage Museum: 5:15 pm
SUNDAY, DEC. 13

How We Survive Diomede

Directed by: Bjorn D. Olson

The Iñupiat community of Little Diomede confronts a rapidly changing Bering Sea while fighting to preserve traditions and a cultural identity thousands of years in the making.

USA, 94 min.



Anchorage Museum: 7:30 pm
SUNDAY, DEC. 13

Art at the Edge

5 Short Films

Five films celebrating Alaska's artists, musicians, skiers and adventurers and the creativity inspired by life in the North.

USA, 68 min.



Anchorage Museum: 9:15 pm
SUNDAY, DEC. 13

Alaska Made Audience Awards

The day concludes as AIFF audiences choose their favorite Alaska Made films of the festival.

FEATURES
NARRATIVE

Chili Finger

Bear Tooth Theatrepub: 6:00 pm
MONDAY, DEC. 7

Directed by: Edd Benda & Stephen Helstad

A desperate woman discovers a severed finger in her chili and launches an outrageous blackmail scheme inspired by an unbelievable true story.

USA, 100min.

Downbeat

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A self-destructive drummer fleeing his failures finds a new rhythm on the streets of Boston, but his explosive talent and reckless decisions threaten his chance at a fresh start.

USA, 91 min.

How to Survive a Marriage

Anchorage Museum: 1:15 pm
SUNDAY, DEC. 6

Directed by: Yulia Trofimova

A divorce attorney's meddling mother arrives with explosive news about her husband, turning a birthday celebration into a complicated collision of marriage, family and long-buried resentments.

Russia, 79 min.

If That's What You Want

E Street Theater: 3:30 pm
SUNDAY, DEC. 6

Directed by: Joshua Allen LaBure & Zachary Gutierrez

A restless woman in a stagnant marriage falls for a local musician, threatening to unravel the life she and her wife have built together.

USA, 84 min.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 12

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USA, 91 min.

Loafers

Alaska Experience Theater: 2:00 pm
SATURDAY, DEC. 5

Directed by: Zach Schnitzer

Amidst a post-grad haze, best friends Isaac and Cameron navigate the shifting terrain of their relationships, grappling with whether their once unbreakable friendship can survive the weight of change.

USA, 88 min.

Mackenzie

Alaska Experience Theater: 5:30 pm
TUESDAY, DEC. 8

Directed by: Mylissa Fitzsimmons

11-year-old Juniper, an independent but lonely child, creates a plan to run away to California, where she will meet her boy crush, 80's heart throb Mackenzie Astin, from the tv show Facts of Life. Mackenzie is based on a true story. A tone poem of memories and a reflection on the innocence of childhood.

USA, 80 min.

The Red Hangar

E Street Theater: 3:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9

Directed by: Juan Pablo Sallato

As Chile's 1973 military coup unfolds, an air force captain faces an impossible moral choice in a gripping political thriller about loyalty, conscience and authoritarian power.

Chile, 83 min.

Sender

Alaska Experience Theater: 8:30 pm
TUESDAY, DEC. 8

Directed by: Russell Goldman

A woman receiving mysterious personal packages searches for their sender and uncovers a disturbing conspiracy.

USA, 94 min.

The Snake

Bear Tooth Theatrepub: 6:00 pm
THURSDAY, DEC. 10

Directed by: Jenna MacMillan

A gloriously chaotic forty something clashes with her venomous mother and suddenly finds herself evicted, romantically entangled and spectacularly unprepared for the mess she has made of her life.

USA, 89 min.

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Alaska, 60 min.

Their Town

Performing Arts Center: 6:00 pm
SATURDAY, DEC. 5

Directed by: Katie Aselton

When a high school theater star and an unlikely leading man spend one night wandering their hometown, an unexpected romance blossoms in this exploration of first love and growing up.

Written by Mark Duplass. A special AIFF Feature Spotlight presentation of THEIR TOWN, followed by a conversation with the filmmakers.

USA, 80 min.

FEATURES
DOCUMENTARY

Amazing Live Sea Monkeys

Anchorage Museum: 11:00 am
SUNDAY, DEC. 6

Directed by: Mark Becker, Aaron Schock

An eccentric widow battles to reclaim the world's most famous novelty pet, uncovering a bizarre history of invention, corporate intrigue and dark family secrets.

USA, 99 min.

Arctic Link

Anchorage Museum: 3:30 pm
SUNDAY, DEC. 6

Directed by: Ian Purnell

As a ship lays fiber optic cable across the Arctic seafloor, a remote Alaskan village confronts the promises, uncertainties and profound changes that come with being connected to the modern world.

USA, 81 min.

The Ascent

Bear Tooth Theatrepub: 7:00 pm
FRIDAY, DEC. 4

Directed by: Edward Drake, Scott Veltri, Francis Cronin

After losing both legs, Mandy Horvath attempts the unimaginable: crawling to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro on her hands.

USA, 103 min.

The Best Summer

Alaska Experience Theater: 8:30 pm
SATURDAY, DEC. 5

Directed by: Tamra Davis

Step backstage with Beastie Boys, Sonic Youth, Foo Fighters, Beck, Pavement and Bikini Kill in an electrifying time capsule of the 1990s alternative music scene at its wild, unfiltered peak.

USA, 84 min.

Dear Alaska

Alaska Experience Theater: 4:00 pm
THURSDAY, DEC. 10

Directed by: Moriah Hayes

Through Indigenous memory, family history and the spiritual power of the natural world, a Tlingit filmmaker confronts the legacy of forced separation and the enduring strength of ancestral connections.

USA, 86 min.

Dust Bowls and Jewish Souls: Another Side of Woody Guthrie

Anchorage Museum: 4:00 pm
MONDAY, DEC. 7

Directed by: Steven Pressman

What does Woody Guthrie, the famous Dust Bowl balladeer and the songwriter who wrote "This Land Is Your Land," have in common with blintzes, knishes and Hanukkah songs? A whole lot more than you could possibly imagine.

USA, 89 min.

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USA, 140 min.

In the Trenches: 100 Years of Alaska Hockey

Anchorage Museum: 12:30 pm
SUNDAY, DEC. 13

Directed by: Adam Rubin, Isabella Colello

Meet the coldest hockey rivalry in the country. Join the current Alaska Nanooks as the fight to keep the Governor's Cup trophy in the Golden Heart City of Fairbanks.

USA, 45 min.

Kikuyu Land

Bear Tooth Theatrepub: 11:00 am
SATURDAY, DEC. 12

Directed by: Andrew H. Brown, Bea Wangondu

In Kenya's tea growing highlands, a journalist investigating her family's stolen land confronts the enduring legacy of British colonialism.

Kenya, 94 min.

The Man with the Big Hat

Alaska Experience Theater: 1:30 pm
SUNDAY, DEC. 6

Directed by: Austin Lee Sayre

An excavation of long-buried archives resurrects obscure yet profoundly influential Texas singer-songwriter Steven Fromholz, revealing a soul-stirring journey. He was an unsung pioneer of 1970s Texas, revered by legends like Willie Nelson, Lyle Lovett & John Denver, but remained commercially unknown.

USA, 89 min.

Medicine Ball

E Street Theater: 10:00 am
TUESDAY, DEC. 8

Directed by: Leya Hale

On the grounds of a former Native American boarding school, two Indigenous college basketball players discover how the game they love carries generations of resilience, cultural pride and hope.

USA, 57 min.

People vs. Politics

Anchorage Museum: 4:00 pm
THURSDAY, DEC. 10

Directed by: Robert Pease + Carol Wingard

Grassroots leaders around the country work to reform the partisan and polarizing nature of U.S. elections. From DC street fairs to Native Alaskan festivals, the film captures these initiatives and the blowback from those in power.

USA, 99 min.

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2026 FILMS: ALPHABETICAL

Note: Times and location may change due to filmmakers availability

0(Infinity), Mar Sudac, Bear Tooth Theatrepub, Dec. 10, 2:00 PM
3 to Die, Mitch Yapko, Allen Rueckert, E Street Theater, Dec. 8, 3:00 PM
A Fistful of Love, Paul Stavropoulos, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 5, 11:00 AM
A Glimpse of Paradise, Perttu Inkila, Alaska Exp. Theater, Dec. 4, 12:00 PM
Addicted to It, Nigel Tierney, Federico Heller, Performing Arts Center, Dec. 5, 11:00 AM
After 24 Years, Dune Strickland, Yumo Lu, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 11, 3:00 PM
Aging into the Future, Dune Strickland, Yumo Lu, Alaska Exp. Theater, Dec. 11, 6:30 PM
Alaskan Pallet Hunters: Reality Rescue, Scott Whitten, Bryan Whitten, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 13, 12:30 PM
Amazing Live Sea Monkeys, Mark Becker, Aaron Schock, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 6, 11:00 AM
Anyone Lived in a Pretty How Town, Daniel Kreizberg, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 11, 1:00 PM
Arctic Extreme, Christopher R Vasquez, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 13, 12:30 PM
Arctic Link, Ian Purnell, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 6, 3:30 PM
Are You Native?, Victoria Cheyenne, Performing Arts Center, Dec. 5, 2:00 PM
Art in Muse, Andre Williams, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 13, 7:30 PM
Artichoke, Amir Moini, E Street Theater, Dec. 8, 3:00 PM
At Night, Pooya Afzali, E Street Theater, Dec. 8, 3:00 PM
Balloon Animals, Anna Baumgarten, Bear Tooth Theatrepub, Dec. 9, 6:00 PM
Banshee, Peter Vass, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 6, 7:30 PM
Becalming, Shelby Slager, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 6, 11:00 AM
Birthday Gift, Arianna Ortiz, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 11, 1:00 PM
Body of Work, Cassidy Rast, Odin Wadleigh, E St. Theater, Dec. 8, 12:00 PM
Born Secret, Riley Fitchpatrick, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 7, 11:00 AM
Breathe, Brother, Breathe, Arman Khaghani, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 6, 11:00 AM
Bridging Our Stories, Rafael Bitanga, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 13, 10:00 AM
Butcher's Stain, Meyer Levinson-Blount, E Street Theater, Dec. 9, 10:00 AM
Cabin Time, Lina Patel, E Street Theater, Dec. 8, 3:00 PM
Cha!, Akshay Sudhakar, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 11, 6:30 PM
Chili Finger, Edd Benda, Stephen Helstad, Bear Tooth Theatrepub, Dec. 7, 6:00 PM
Church Hat, Miceál Og O'Donnell, Perf. Arts Center, Dec. 5, 11:00 AM
Chuuraa, Evgenia Arbugaeva, Performing Arts Center, Dec. 5, 2:00 PM
Cleared for Takeoff, Maddy Wink, Sophia Bass, Arwyn, Performing Arts Center, Dec. 5, 11:00 AM
Cockroach, Heather Older, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 6, 11:00 AM
Collateral Damage, Matt Farren, E Street Theater, Dec. 9, 10:00 AM
Consent To, Agathe Feoux, E Street Theater, Dec. 9, 12:00 PM
Dad vs. Bees, David Quach, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 11, 3:00 PM
Dark Daze, Rhys James, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 13, 7:30 PM
Deadlift, Nolan Robinson, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 7, 11:00 AM
Dear Alaska, Moriah Hayes, Alaska Exp. Theater, Dec. 10, 4:00 PM
Dear Upstairs Neighbors, Connie Qin He, E Street Theater, Dec. 8, 12:00 PM
Deneege Leł Ghu Kk'ots'eedeneeyh Te Heł Hoozoonh Ts'e Denots'edeneeyh, Brittany Woods-Orrison, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 13, 3:00 PM
Dogbite, Jared Hogan, E Street Theater, Dec. 9, 10:00 AM
Downbeat, Danny Madden, Alaska Exp. Theater, Dec. 11, 8:30 PM
Dragon Mom, Harrison Buck, E Street Theater, Dec. 8, 12:00 PM
Dust Bowls and Jewish Souls, Steven Pressman, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 7, 4:00 PM
End of a Chain: Resilient Food System on Alaska's Kenai Peninsula, Tristan Wade, E Street Theater, Dec. 9, 12:00 PM
Endangered Art, Channel Films, Performing Arts Center, Dec. 5, 2:00 PM
Eructation, Victoria Trow, Bear Tooth Theatrepub, Dec. 9, 6:00 PM
Esperando, Osvaldo Fregoso, Alaska Exp. Theater, Dec. 6, 11:00 AM
Everything Is Brand, Brett Weiner, Bear Tooth Theatrepub, Dec. 10, 2:00 PM
Exam, Jan Naszewski, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 4, 2:30 PM
Fish in My Stomach, Yehor Holovkov, E Street Theater, Dec. 8, 12:00 PM
Five Years Out, Sammi Cannold, Alaska Exp. Theater, Dec. 6, 11:00 AM
Florence from Ohio, Stevie Wang, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 11, 10:30 AM
Fretail, David C. Jones, Isis Diaz, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 7, 2:00 PM
From This Place, Alex Troutman, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 13, 3:00 PM
Geist, William B. James, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 4, 2:30 PM
Glacier View, Jamie Shipston-Mourn, Alaska Exp. Theater, Dec. 11, 6:30 PM
Glitterbomb, Brian Leahy, Bear Tooth Theatrepub, Dec. 10, 2:00 PM
Gnawer of Rocks, Louise Flaherty, Performing Arts Center, Dec. 5, 2:00 PM
God Dammit, Chance Saller, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 11, 1:00 PM
Going Home, Alyssa Limperis, Emily Murnane, Bear Tooth Theatrepub, Dec. 9, 6:00 PM
Gone (Weg), Stephan Seidel, Alaska Exp. Theater, Dec. 8, 5:30PM
Hello Whale, Katherine Fleming, Darian Woehr, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 4, 12:00 PM
Hollywood Bomb, Greg Mitchell, E Street Theater, Dec. 8, 3:00 PM
Honoring the Past, Feeding the Future, Melissa Poe, Olivia Horwedel, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 13, 3:00pm
How To Survive A Marriage, Yulia Trofimova, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 6, 1:15 PM
How We Survive Diomede, Bjorn D. Olson, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 13, 5:15 PM
Hunted, Darko Kokić, E Street Theater, Dec. 9, 10:00 AM
HVAC, Jackson McKeehan, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 6, 7:30 PM
I Am Life, Creator of Worlds, Kanesia McGlashan-Price, Performing Arts Center, Dec. 5, 2:00 PM
I Am Not the Last, Alvaro Donado, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 7, 11:00 AM
Iceworm, Ben Gordon, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 13, 10:00 AM
Iditarod 2026: A Seven Dog Night, Greg Heister, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 11, 3:00 PM
If That's What You Want, Joshua Allen LaBure, Zachary Gutierrez, E Street Theater, Dec. 6, 3:30 PM
In the Trenches: 100 Years of Alaska Hockey, Adam Rubin, Isabella Colello, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 13, 12:30 PM
Invention 13, Shawn Foree, Conor Oberst, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 5, 11:00 AM
Investigator, Jennifer Grausman, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 7, 2:00 PM
Iridescent, A.B. Osborne, Performing Arts Center, Dec. 5, 11:00 AM
It's Not Her Fault (She's a Gemini Rising), Sydne Horton, E Street Theater, Dec. 9, 12:00 PM
Jasmine. Home. Mother., Ugnė Skonsmanaitė, E Street Theater, Dec. 9, 10:00 AM
Joan, Kirsten Hoàng, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 7, 11:00 AM
Just Deserts, Karen Finch, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 4, 2:30 PM
Keepsake, Erik Skramstad, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 6, 7:30 PM
Kikuyu Land, Andrew H. Brown, Bea Wangondu, Bear Tooth Theatrepub, Dec. 12, 11:00 AM
King of Mountains, Rongqin Su, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 13, 7:30 PM
Kitty, Alli Bargelski, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 6, 11:00 AM
Kumeyaay Land, Dylan Verrechia, Angel Fausto Díaz Ojeda, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 10, 12:00 PM
Life Is a Short, Brooke Dooley, Alaska Exp. Theater, Dec. 5, 11:00 AM
Lions Gold Medal, Bob Curtis-Johnson, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 13, 10:00 AM
Listen, Taliesin Black-Brown, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 11, 3:00 PM
Loafers, Zach Schnitzer, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 5, 2:00 PM
Lost Snows of the Alps, Kevin McCarey, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 10, 12:00 PM
Lucky Liam, Thomas Hefferon, TJ Hundtofte, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 4, 2:30 PM
Lyon of the North, Brad Hillwig, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 13, 7:30 PM
Mackenzie, Mylissa Fitzsimmons, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 8, 5:30 PM
Magnum Pie: "Ugly" Official Music Video, Haley Duryea, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 13, 7:30 PM
Mall Video Store, Nick Nummerdor, Andrew J. Morgan, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 11 10:30 AM

Man Eating Pussy, Emily Lawson, Bear Tooth Theatrepub, Dec. 10, 2:00 PM
Medicine Ball, Leya Hale, E Street Theater, Dec. 8, 10:00 AM
Meeting Your Maker, Gregory JM Kasunich, Bear Tooth Theatrepub, Dec. 10, 2:00 PM
Mend, JB Elaine Brown, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 11, 1:00 PM
Mica, Bronwen Spolsky, Bear Tooth Theatrepub, Dec. 9, 6:00 PM
Mon Taxi, Meriem Sakrouhi, Bear Tooth Theatrepub, Dec. 9, 6:00 PM
Monstrous Me, Ariel Baska, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 4, 12:00 PM
Mother Company, Alexander Raptotasios, Konstantinos Thomaidis, E Street Theater, Dec. 9, 12:00 PM
Mr. Flippers: A Duckumentary, Alexander Davidowski, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 11, 10:30 AM
Native Sin, Stefan Perez, Performing Arts Center, Dec. 5, 2:00 PM
Night Feeds, Rana Roy, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 6, 7:30 PM
Niki Tomi Beto, Jon Ayon, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 11, 1:00 PM
Niqipiaq: To Eat Real Food, Alexis Anoruk Sallee, Performing Arts Center, Dec. 5, 2:00 PM
Nonna's Nude, Courtney Ulrich, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 7, 11:00 AM
North Star, Bryn Silverman, Bear Tooth Theatrepub, Dec. 9, 6:00 PM
Nunalleq: All That Remains, Alice Watterson, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 13, 3:00 PM
Ogun Oru, Christopher Rucinski, Bear Tooth Theatrepub, Dec. 10, 2:00 PM
On Being, Masanobu Hiraoka, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 7, 11:00 AM
Passing Trains, Jordan M. Hahn, Alaska Exp.Theater, Dec. 5, 2:00 PM
Patch, Blake Wood, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 4, 2:30 PM
People vs Politics, Robert Pease + Carol Wingard, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 10, 4:00 PM
Period Hotline, Christine Weatherup, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 6, 7:30 PM
Peyuluk: Volcano, Lori Schoening, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 13, 10:00 AM
Pinball, Brooklyn, Geoff Sean Levy, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 7, 11:00 AM
Power of the People, Will Parrinello, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 7, 2:00 PM
Prettier in Whittier, Joe Kowalski, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 13, 10:00 AM
Raising a Ghost, Kelly Moneymaker, Performing Arts Center, Dec. 5, 2:00 PM
Raven and Their Uncle, Mary Daaljini Cruise, Performing Arts Center, Dec. 5, 11:00 AM
Read Receipts, Tenley E. Raj, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 11, 3:00 PM
Reservation Redemption, Brenda Fisher, Blake Pickens, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 10, 6:00 PM
Roll It, Rochan Liu, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 6, 11:00 AM
SAINT, Jamie Elias, Sean Brennan, Alaska Exp. Theater, Dec. 10, 12:00 PM
Salt Marsh, Tom Bell, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 10, 12:00 PM
Saury Seaweed: Whisper of the Sea, June-ho Lee, E Street Theater, Dec. 6, 1:30 PM
SCAM SLAVE: From Hell to Home, Timothy Blackwood, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 11, 6:30 PM
Sender, Russell Goldman, Alaska Exp. Theater, Dec. 8, 8:30 PM
Something Greater Than You, Gordon LePage, Performing Arts Center, Dec. 5, 11:00 AM
Something Wild, Zsuzsanna Konrad, E Street Theater, Dec. 9, 12:00 PM
Spin Cycle: The Change We Carry, Angela M. Sanchez, Performing Arts Center, Dec. 5, 11:00 AM
Stillcraft, Stanislav Schubert, Alaska Exp. Theater, Dec. 10, 12:00 PM
Still Spirits, Julien Lecat, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 11, 1:00 PM
Stretcher, Thibault Fauconnet, E Street Theater, Dec. 9, 10:00 AM
Sundays, Ashley Gerst, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 6, 11:00 AM
Sunspark, Danny Bourque, Performing Arts Center, Dec. 5, 11:00 AM
The Actress and the Photographer, Casey Hartnett, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 5, 11:00 AM
The Ascent, Edward Drake, Scott Veltri, Francis Cronin, Bear Tooth Theatrepub, Dec. 4, 7:00 PM
The ASSET, Ravit Markus, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 11, 3:00 PM
The Best Summer, Tamra Davis, Alaska Exp. Theater, Dec. 5, 8:30 PM
The Blob from Below, Riley McAvoy, Alaska Exp.Theater, Dec. 11, 6:30 PM
The Bones Exist, Kelsey Bollig, Matthew DuVall, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 6, 7:30 PM
The Cold Song, Evan Lindberg, Alaska Exp. Theater, Dec. 4, 2:30 PM
The Congress, Eko Krisna, E Street Theater, Dec. 9, 12:00 PM
The Drive, David Arrow, E Street Theater, Dec. 8, 3:00 PM
The Fall, Caitlin M.S. Buxbaum, Bear Tooth, Dec. 10, 2:00 PM
The Family Tree, Cedric Crisologo, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 7, 11:00 AM
The Hardest Working Man, Aaron Cassara, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 11, 10:30 AM
The Human Will, Edward Bursch, E Street Theater, Dec. 8, 3:00 PM
The Intimacy Coordinator, Louisa Connolly-Burnham, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 5, 11:00 AM
The Lion, Abigail Zealey Bess, Bear Tooth Theatrepub, Dec. 10, 2:00 PM
The Long Haul, David Drake, Bear Tooth Theatrepub, Dec. 12, 2:00 PM
The Man with the Big Hat, Austin Lee Sayre, Alaska Exp. Theater, Dec. 6, 1:30 PM
The Middle of Everywhere, Zoe Hertz, Ellie Hall, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 11, 6:30 PM
The Money, Jeremy Johnstone, Bear Tooth Theatrepub, Dec. 10, 6:00 PM
The Oracle, JJ Adler, E Street Theater, Dec. 9, 10:00 AM
The Other You, Eitan Pitigliani, Bear Tooth Theatre, Dec. 10, 2:00 PM
The Platform, Mark Harris, Alaska Exp. Theater, Dec. 4, 12:00 PM
The Red Hangar, Juan Pablo Sallato, E Street Theater, Dec. 9, 3:00 PM
The Sale, Meera Angelica Joshi, Bear Tooth Theatrepub, Dec. 9, 6:00 PM
The Sea and She, Tyler Shortt, E Street Theater, Dec. 8, 12:00 PM
The Skyline, Kirk Weston Jackson, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 5, 11:00 AM
The Snake, Jenna MacMillan, Bear Tooth Theatrepub, Dec. 10, 6:00 PM
The Toast Trip, George Maestri, Bear Tooth Theatrepub, Dec. 10, 2:00 PM
The Village Under the Sea, Danielle Da Silva, Kayah George, E Street Theater, Dec. 6, 1:30 PM
The Worm's Eye View of the Bird, Karen Zipor, Performing Arts Center, Dec. 5, 11:00 AM
Theatre of Pain, Scott Eggleston, Alaska Exp. Theater, Dec. 12, 11:00 AM
Their Town, Katie Aselton, Performing Arts Center, Dec. 5, 6:00 PM
Their Warming Heart, Nanieezh Peter, Performing Arts Center, Dec. 5, 2:00 PM
This Country They Call Life, Grace Sims, Bear Tooth, Dec. 9, 6:00 PM
Tide and Table, Brian Bill, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 7, 2:00 PM
TradWife, Jacob Combs, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 6, 7:30 PM
Trip to the Stars, Ben Yannette, Alaska Exp. Theater, Dec. 6, 11:00 AM
Tryp: Clean Your Room, Brian C. Hailes, Performing Arts Center, Dec. 5, 11:00 AM
Uphill Andrew, Erik L. Petersen, E Street Theater, Dec. 6, 1:30 PM
Urayuli, Alissa Powell, Performing Arts Center, Dec. 5, 11:00 AM
VIENNA: Suddenly An Angel, Marko Albrecht, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 10, 12:00 PM
Walk Gently on This Land, Katie Liebert, Sam Pausman, Skyler Piltch, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 13, 3:00 PM
Walla Walla Wiffle Redux, Robert C. Sickels, E Street Theater, Dec. 6, 1:30 PM
We Were Here, Pranav Bhasin, Alaska Exp. Theater, Dec. 4, 2:30 PM
Welcome to Tool Shed, Daniel Talbott, Andrew Klaus-Vineyard, E Street Theater, Dec. 8, 12:00 PM
What If I Die Flying Over Oklahoma?, H. Nelson Tracey, Bear Tooth Theatrepub, Dec. 10, 2:00 PM
Wheel of Damnation, Holden Barker, E Street Theater, Dec. 8, 3:00 PM
When the Sun Never Sets, Su Kim, John Sutter, Derek Howard, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 13, 3:00 PM
With the Skin, Saroja Manickam, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 6, 7:30 PM
Women of BACKBONE, Bren Kleinfelder, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 13, 10:00 AM
You Could've Been a Nurse, Meg Mateo, Bear Tooth Theatrepub, Dec. 9, 6:00 PM
Yu & Me, Esther Chan, Claudine Cho, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 7, 2:00 PM
Zanovo: New Beginnings, Erika Lynn Jabusch, Anchorage Museum, Dec. 13, 3:00 PM
Ziggy, Tom Trainor, Alaska Experience Theater, Dec. 4, 12:00 PM

SCREENPLAY COMPETITION FINALISTS

Alaska Experience Theater, 9:00am Saturday Dec. 12

From Alaska to across the country, talented screenwriters are coming together at AIFF to share their stories! Watch as our attending screenplay finalists take the stage with just two minutes each to pitch their scripts, then cast your vote for the Audience Favorite.

Afterward, talented local actors bring scenes from our jury-winning screenplays to life in a live reading. It's a rare opportunity to hear directly from the writers and experience some of the exciting stories that could one day make their way to the big screen.

Feature, Comedy

Bellevue
Tyler C. Peterson

Summer at the North Pole
Kelly Cochran-Yzquierdo

Looks
Stanley Eldon Jones

Surf City - *Feature Film*
Robert A. Breedlove

Hard Working Canadian
Alex Bulger

The Accidental Ambassador
Evan Berman Kail

The Iditarod Band
Michael Meyers

The Kitchen
Earl Crittenden

Voodoo Valentinos
Michael Louis Gould

Escape From Camp Lazarus
Mark Goshorn Jones

Feature, Drama

Before the Cut
'Wáats'asdíyei Joe Yates

History of a Soldier
Michael Ferrara

Better Angels
Shannon Denise Evans

Until the Time We Die
Daniel Talbott

Modern Lovers
Ben Hackworth,
Vivienne Walshe,
Lizzette Atkins

Confidential Informant
Charlie Lyons

Inertia
Nyah Gazda

Feature, Thriller

Dreams of a Dying Witch
James William Ryan

AILM (Ah-Lum)
Steve Brumwell

So Did I
Nick Nelsen

The Raven's Gift
Don Rearden

The Owners
Nick Nelsen

Out Here
Jeremy Johnstone

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Andrew Koponen

Lost Lake
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David B. Holton

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Yvonne Coughlan

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Teigan Akagi

Surf City - *Limited Series Pilot*
Robert Breedlove

Floaters
Cinque Lee

Pasticceria Fausto
Laura Puccia Valtorta

Desertopia
Paul Rufus Jones
Stan Jones

Chubbies
Jeremy Ray Burchard

The Back End
Daniel Gessner
Kyle Campbell







DON'T FORGET ABOUT THESE

SPECIAL SHOWCASES

SATURDAY DEC. 5

AIFF PRESENTS

A DAY AT THE PAC

Performing Arts Center
621 W 6th Ave

Bring the kids, bring the family, bring your love of movies! We're taking over the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts for a full day celebrating family, culture, and the magic of storytelling. From imaginative animation for young audiences to our acclaimed Native Voices Showcase, the day culminates with Their Town, a remarkable family collaboration from one of the most influential families in American independent cinema.

Written by indie filmmaking pioneer Mark Duplass, directed by acclaimed filmmaker and actress Katie Aselton, and starring their daughter Ora Duplass.



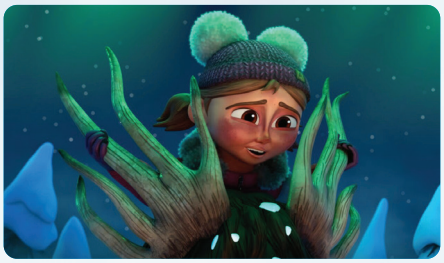
SATURDAY, DEC. 5 PAC: 6:00 pm

Their Town

Directed by: Katie Aselton

When a high school theater star and an unlikely leading man spend one night wandering their hometown, an unexpected romance blossoms in this exploration of first love and growing up.

USA, 80 min.



Performing Arts Center: 11:00 am
SATURDAY, DEC. 5

Kids Animation Showcase

11 Short Films

A special collection of animated and family friendly short fi lms for young movie lovers and their families.

Misc. 89 min.



Performing Arts Center: 2:00 pm
SATURDAY, DEC. 5

Native Voices Showcase

9 Short Films

A powerful collection of films celebrating Indigenous fi lmmakers, communities, cultures and stories, followed by a conversation with attending filmmakers.

USA, 113 min.

Presented by Jacqueline Carr · Northrim Bank · Cook Inlet Tribal Council

Sold out two years running! Since its debut, Native Voices has become one of AIFF's most beloved and sought-after showcases, and for good reason.

Bringing Indigenous stories, perspectives, and extraordinary filmmaking to the big screen, this is a powerful celebration of voices that deserve to be heard—and if the last two years are any indication, you'll want to get your tickets early!

SUNDAY DEC. 6



Anchorage Museum: 5:30 pm SUNDAY, DEC. 6

Films Worth Freezing For: *FREE OUTDOOR SCREENING*

Located in front of the museum

Bundle up for Films Worth Freezing For, a one-of-a-kind evening of cinema under the Alaskan sky! Free and open to the entire community, this outdoor screening brings together early works, rare gems, and creative favorites from some of the incredible filmmakers joining us at AIFF this year.

AIFF PRESENTS

FREE OUTDOOR SCREENING



The program features James Ponsoldt's Junebug and Hurricane, starring Janeane Garofalo; an early holiday short from Katie Aselton, starring Mark Duplass; and BMW's The Escape, starring Clive Owen, presented by production designer Gerald Sullivan. We'll also revisit iconic music videos with director Tamra Davis, including Hanson's MMMBop and the Indigo Girls' Closer to Fine.

Rounding out the evening is Alaskan-made Two Old Women, an encore presentation of Princess Daazhraii Johnson's remarkable recent work, featured at AIFF last year.

With filmmakers in attendance, hot chocolate, and fire pits to keep us warm, it's a special night of film, community, and nostalgia. Free for everyone!

Presented by Anchorage Museum · Spenard Roadhouse

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SPECIAL SHOWCASES

WEDNESDAY DEC. 9



Bear Tooth Theatrepub: 6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9

Female Filmmaker Showcase

9 Short Films

Fierce, funny, intimate and unapologetically original. Nine films celebrate the remarkable range of women behind the camera through stories of courage, complicated relationships and the messy realities of being human.

Misc. 116 min.

AIFF PRESENTS

FEMALE FILMMAKER SHOWCASE





Three years running, and an event that continues to leave its mark! Our Female Filmmaker Showcase has become a memorable AIFF tradition, bringing together extraordinary women filmmakers and an audience eager to discover their work.

This year's program features a wonderfully diverse mix of U.S. premieres and acclaimed films that have made waves at Sundance, SXSW, and beyond. Bold, funny, moving, surprising, and bursting with originality, it's an evening celebrating the remarkable range of stories women are bringing to the screen.

THURSDAY DEC. 10



Bear Tooth Theatrepub: 2:00 pm
THURSDAY, DEC. 10

Stories Gone Wild: MARGARITA MATINEE

11 Short Films

Outrageous characters, questionable decisions, absurd encounters and wonderfully unhinged imagination. Expect the unexpected from filmmakers who aren't afraid to push boundaries and embrace the ridiculous.

Misc, 135 min.

AIFF PRESENTS

STORIES GONE WILD: MARGARITA MATINEE







A brand-new AIFF tradition in the making! Grab a margarita, settle in, and prepare for a wonderfully wild afternoon of cinema.

From outrageous comedy and offbeat animation to inventive music videos and films that defy categorization, this is a playful, unpredictable showcase where just about anything can happen. Day drinking and daring filmmaking?

We're in.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THESE

SPECIAL SHOWCASES

SATURDAY DEC. 12

AIFF Awards Ceremony

Celebrate the standout films and filmmakers of AIFF 2026 as we present this year's festival awards, complete with food, drinks, and our signature award scarves!

Saturday, December 12 | 7:00 PM
415 E St, Anchorage







SUNDAY DEC. 13

AIFF & ALASKA PUBLIC MEDIA PRESENT

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Made in Alaska. Made for the big screen. We're dedicating an entire day to films made right here in the Last Frontier, showcasing the remarkable range of stories and filmmaking happening across our state. Presented by AIFF and Alaska Public Media, this all-day celebration brings Alaska's filmmaking community and audiences together, culminating in the Made in Alaska Audience Awards, where YOU help decide which films take home the honors. Come discover what your neighbors have been creating!

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ALASKA PUBLIC MEDIA



Anchorage Museum: 10:00 am
SUNDAY, DEC. 13

Only in Alaska

6 Short Films

Six films celebrating the people, traditions and communities you simply won't find anywhere else.

USA, 108 min.



Anchorage Museum: 12:30 pm
SUNDAY, DEC. 13

Alaska Does It Different

3 Short Films

Hockey. Homegrown television. Bush pilots. Three stories proving Alaska does things its own way.

USA, 98 min.



Anchorage Museum: 3:00 pm
SUNDAY, DEC. 13

What We Carry Forward

7 Short Films

Seven films exploring Indigenous knowledge, family, tradition, culture and what one generation passes on.

USA, 98 min.



Anchorage Museum: 5:15 pm
SUNDAY, DEC. 13

How We Survive Diomede

Directed by: Bjorn D. Olson

The Iñupiat community of Little Diomede confronts a rapidly changing Bering Sea while fighting to preserve traditions and a cultural identity thousands of years in the making.

USA, 94 min.



Anchorage Museum: 7:30 pm
SUNDAY, DEC. 13

Art at the Edge

5 Short Films

Five films celebrating Alaska's artists, musicians, skiers and adventurers and the creativity inspired by life in the North.

USA, 68 min.



Anchorage Museum: 9:15 pm
SUNDAY, DEC. 13

Alaska Made Audience Awards

The day concludes as AIFF audiences choose their favorite Alaska Made films of the festival.

Coffee Talk & Panels

Free Coffee and Breakfast

Grab a cup, caffeinate, and listen to filmmakers talk about their craft.

Alaska Experience Theater, 333 W. 4th Avenue
NW corner of 4th & C St. - enter on C St.

THE TIME IS NOW: *JUST MAKE THE MOVIE*

Saturday Dec. 5, 9:00 am

Tamra Davis (The Best Summer), Katie Aselton (Their Town), Zach Schnitzer (Loafers)

Sometimes the best films happen when you stop waiting for permission and just go make something. Tamra Davis rediscovered tapes she'd shot in the '90s and turned them into the Sundance-bound The Best Summer. Katie Aselton teamed up with her husband, Mark Duplass, and their daughter to bring Their Town to life. Zach Schnitzer gathered his friends and made Loafers.

Three filmmakers from different generations come together to celebrate the spontaneity, resourcefulness, and joy of making movies. An inspiring conversation about trusting your instincts, embracing collaboration, and remembering why we make films in the first place.

BEYOND THE FRAME: *THE DIRECTOR & PRODUCTION DESIGNER*

Sunday Dec. 6, 9:00 am

James Ponsoldt (The End of the Tour, The Spectacular Now), Gerald Sullivan (The Grand Budapest Hotel, End of the Tour)

Two accomplished filmmakers explore the creative relationship between directors and production designers. From their own collaborations to the films that have shaped their careers, Ponsoldt and Sullivan discuss how a script becomes a visual world, the art of creative collaboration, and the decisions that bring unforgettable stories to the screen.

HOLLYWOOD NORTH: *BRINGING FILM PRODUCTION BACK TO ALASKA*

Monday Dec. 7, 9:00 am

Panelists TBD — filmmakers, economic development leaders, and industry representatives

What would it take to bring major film production back to Alaska? A forward-looking conversation about reinstating film tax incentives, attracting productions, creating local jobs, and building a sustainable filmmaking industry in the Last Frontier.

An opportunity to explore the economic and creative potential of making movies in Alaska and what needs to happen next.

HOW TO MAKE AN INDIE FILM

Thursday Dec. 10, 9:00 am

Eliza Hajek (SAGindie), Danny Madden (Downbeat), Will Madden (Downbeat), Susan Kent (The Snake), Jenna MacMillan (The Snake)

So you want to make a movie. Where do you start? From finding funding and assembling a cast and crew to working with SAG-AFTRA and navigating production, this panel breaks down what it actually takes to get an independent film made. A straightforward, practical conversation with filmmakers who've done it and industry professionals who can help you do it too.

Presented by SAG·AFTRA + SAG INDIE

HONORING THE STORY: *THE ETHICS OF DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKING*

Friday Dec. 11, 9:00 am

Timothy Blackwood (Scam Slave), Andrew Brown (Kikuyu Land), Ravit Markus (The Asset)

Documentary filmmaking offers the extraordinary opportunity to share stories that might otherwise go unheard, but with that privilege comes responsibility. These filmmakers, tackling difficult and deeply personal subjects, explore the delicate line between storytelling and exploitation. How do you earn a subject's trust, preserve their dignity, and remain truthful without compromising the story?

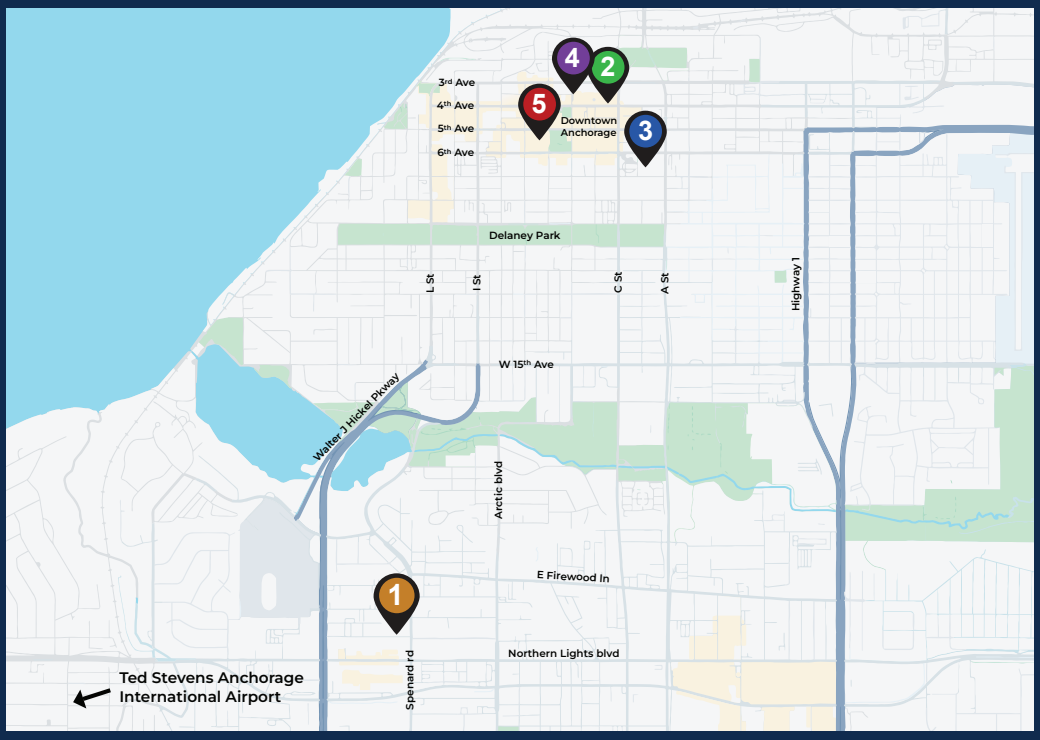
A candid conversation about ethics, empathy, and what it really means to honor the people who entrust us with their lives.

Note: Panelists / Topics might be adjusted.
Follow along on Instagram for updates.









VENUES

1. **Bear Tooth Theatrepub**
   1230 W 27th Ave
   907-276-4200
2. **Alaska Experience Theater**
   333 W. 4th Avenue
   NW corner of 4th & C St. - enter on C St.
3. **Anchorage Museum**
   625 C St
   907-929-9200
4. **E Street Theater**
   315 E St
   907-277-4545
5. **Performing Arts Center**
   621 W 6th Ave
   907-263-2900

Find Films

Explore the full lineup of films, shorts programs, special showcases, and events at the Anchorage International Film Festival. Browse the schedule, discover new favorites, and plan your festival experience.

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Get Tickets

Individual screening tickets are available online through each venue's ticketing platform. Select your film, purchase your ticket, and you're ready to go! Most screenings offer general admission seating on a first-come, first-served basis. Bear Tooth Theatrepub allows you to select your seat in advance.

We recommend reserving early, as screenings are subject to availability.

All Access Passes

Your All-Access Cinema Pass is your ticket to the entire festival! Enjoy screenings across all five venues, along with access to exclusive festival parties and special events. Passholders can reserve complimentary screening tickets using the venue-specific reservation codes provided after purchase. Physical passes can be picked up at the Bear Tooth Theatrepub box office beginning 24 hours after purchase.

Purchase Online

Stay Up To Date

For schedule changes, festival news, daily highlights, and behind-the-scenes moments, follow us on social media. Tag us in your festival adventures and help spread the word about the incredible films and filmmakers joining us in Anchorage!

How To Fest Like a Pro

MEET THE FILMMAKERS

One of the best parts of AIFF is getting to know the people behind the films. With filmmakers traveling to Anchorage from around the world, many screenings include live Q&As. Stick around after the credits, ask questions, and join the conversation!

START YOUR DAY WITH COFFEE TALKS

Join us at 9 AM at the Alaska Experience Theater for our free Coffee Talks, featuring candid conversations with filmmakers and industry professionals. From independent filmmaking to documentary storytelling, these intimate morning panels are a great way to start your festival day.

DON'T MISS THE SPECIAL EVENTS

There's a lot happening beyond the screen! From our signature showcases and filmmaker gatherings to parties, live music, and the festival's awards celebrations, AIFF is as much about bringing people together as it is about great cinema. Check the program for event details and admission requirements.

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