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PROGRAM LEIDEN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

11 DAYS OF EMERGING, INDEPENDENT AND EXTRAORDINARY FILMS

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Welcome to the twenty-first edition of the Leiden International Film Festival!

For eleven days in October, Leiden once again becomes a city filled with films, filmmakers and cinephiles. With more than a hundred films from all over the world, our program brings together established names, emerging talents and extraordinary stories you won't easily find anywhere else.

You'll find us in familiar places like Trianon, Kijkhuis and the Volkshuis, but also in some rather unexpected ones. Watch Jurassic Park among the dinosaurs at Naturalis, enjoy a Food & Film experience or catch a drag show following To Wong Foo at Wibar. Because at LIFF, a great film experience doesn't necessarily begin and end in a cinema.

Some of the films in our program have been eagerly anticipated since their world premieres at Sundance, Cannes or Venice. Others will be entirely new discoveries: national, international and world premieres, exclusively screening at LIFF, giving you the opportunity to be the first to discover future household names.

That's part of what makes a film festival so special: the opportunity to discover something you didn't even know you were looking for. And who knows? That film you've never heard of might just become your new favorite.

As Ferris Bueller famously said: "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." We couldn't agree more. So consider these eleven days your opportunity to step away from your daily routine and discover something unexpected.

Take a chance on an unfamiliar film. Stay for the Q&A. Meet the filmmakers. Have a heated discussion about a particularly divisive Bonkers! film. Stay for a drink and find yourself buying a ticket for just one more screening.

After all, eleven days go by surprisingly fast. You wouldn't want to miss it.

Get busy LIFF'ing.

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

THE FESTIVAL

11 days filled with premieres, special film events, parties and more: that's the Leiden International Film Festival. LIFF was founded in 2006 and has grown into one of the most important film festivals in the Netherlands. The 2026 edition will feature over 100 films from all over the globe, ranging from arthouse to mainstream, and everything in between!

TICKETS

How do I get tickets?

Tickets for each screening or event can be booked in advance via our website (liff.nl). During the festival, there is a box office for ticket sales at Trianon.

For what films can I use my Cineville subscription?

With your Cineville pass, you can watch up to 10 films at LIFF from the following program sections: American Indie Competition (AIC), First Feature Competition (FFC) and the Bonkers! Competition (BKS).



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For our other three program components Independent: Selections (IN:S), Emerging: Selections (EM:S) and Extraordinary: Selections (EX:S), it is not possible to order Cineville tickets.

Be on time!

Please arrive on time for your screenings. It is not possible to enter a screening after the start of the film.

FILMS

What is there to discover at LIFF?

Emerging, independent and extraordinary films! This program booklet contains a complete schedule of all LIFF screenings as well as an overview of all the films we are screening, including synopses.

Where can I check whether a film will be screened with subtitles?

Our website holds the most up-to-date information on all screenings. Check out the page for your specific screening in order to find out whether that screening features subtitles and if so, in what language.

Why aren't there subtitles for all films and screenings?

Usually, this is a matter of availability. LIFF is proud to present a varied selection of films from all over the world, hosting the only Dutch screenings, or showing films shortly after their world premieres. The consequence of such exclusivity and earliness, however, is that some of these films won't have subtitles (yet).

I STILL HAVE A QUESTION. HOW DO I CONTACT LIFF?

You can always reach us via info@liff.nl. If it concerns a question related to a specific ticket order, you can reach us via tickets@liff.nl.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

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THE PROGRAM

AMERICAN INDIE COMPETITION AIC

Original, authentic and always something special: American indie is filmmaking without the big Hollywood studios and their budgets. In this program, you will not only see the best independent American films but also the stars of the future. These promising filmmakers are only at the beginning of their careers: today in the LIFF American Indie Competition, tomorrow on stage at the Oscars.

FIRST FEATURE COMPETITION FFC

In the First Feature Competition, we present international filmmakers and their first feature-length films. These first features come from all over the globe and offer us a glimpse into a wide variety of cultures and film styles, all of which through the lens of the fresh vision of a new filmmaker. Discover rising talents and your future favorite directors today, at the Leiden International Film Festival.

BONKERS! COMPETITION BKS

Bonkers! is a whirlwind trip through innovative, strange, and otherworldly films that break the boundaries of genres and look for new ways to reverently smash sacred houses. Sometimes absurd, sometimes shocking, but always good (or at least good for a heavy discussion afterwards). Join us down the rabbit hole and experience the film festival in its, shall we say, purest form.

INDEPENDENT: SELECTIONS IN:S

Films from established authors and independent makers with their own style. In this program, you will see the newest films from directors who have already established their place in the canon (and in our hearts). This program largely consists of exclusive previews and Dutch premieres of those films that everyone will be talking about in a few months. And you can already see them now, right here at LIFF!

EMERGING: SELECTIONS EM:S

Discoveries from all over the world. In the Emerging: Selections program you will find standout films by talented and promising directors and actors. These films have been produced without Hollywood budgets, but with a large dose of passion and talent. New stories, fresh perspectives and authentic, independent voices: in this program you will always discover something original and exciting.

EXTRAORDINARY: SELECTIONS EX:S

On top of our already very exciting program, we have a selection of extraordinary screenings and events. The events that are more than just a screening can be found under Extraordinary: Selections. Thrilling locations, cool activities, inspiring guests, live music, fabulous parties: you name it!

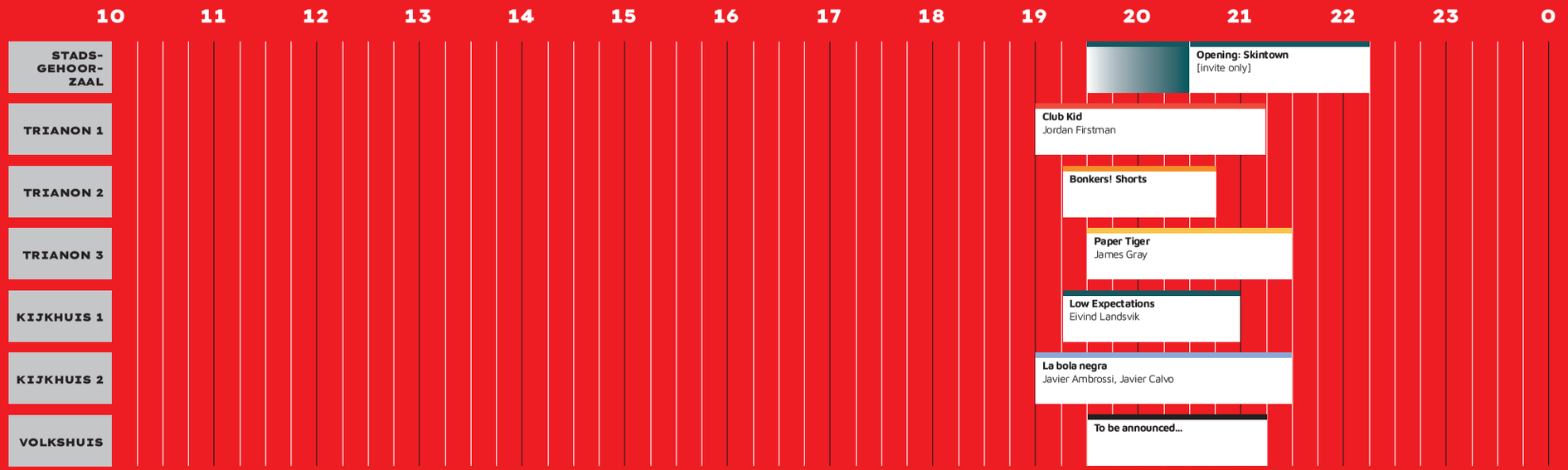
SHORTS S

The greatest artform in the world in its shortest version. Every second counts!

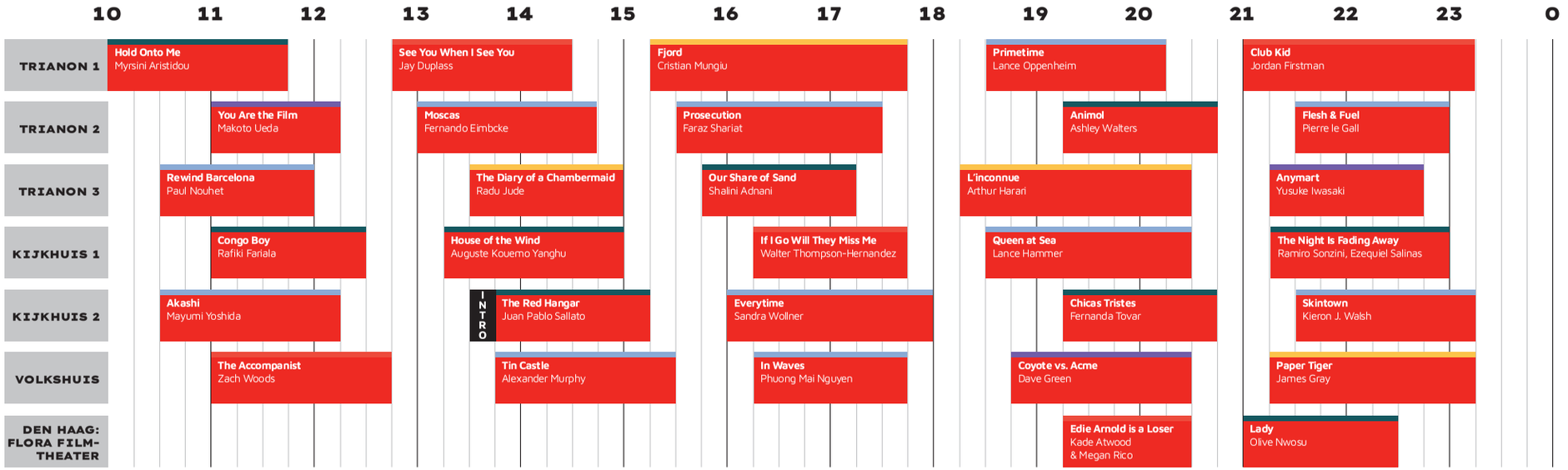


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THURSDAY OCTOBER 8



FRIDAY OCTOBER 9

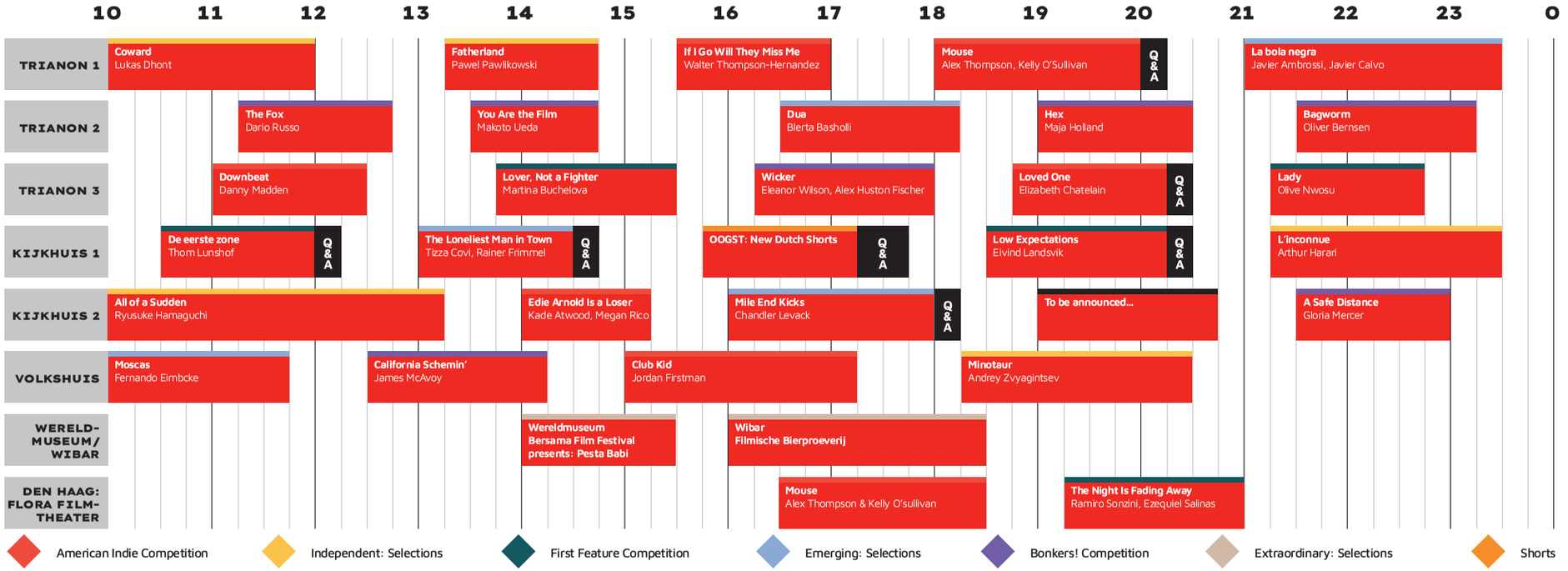


American Indie Competition
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Bonkers! Competition
Extraordinary: Selections
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SATURDAY OCTOBER 10



SUNDAY OCTOBER 11

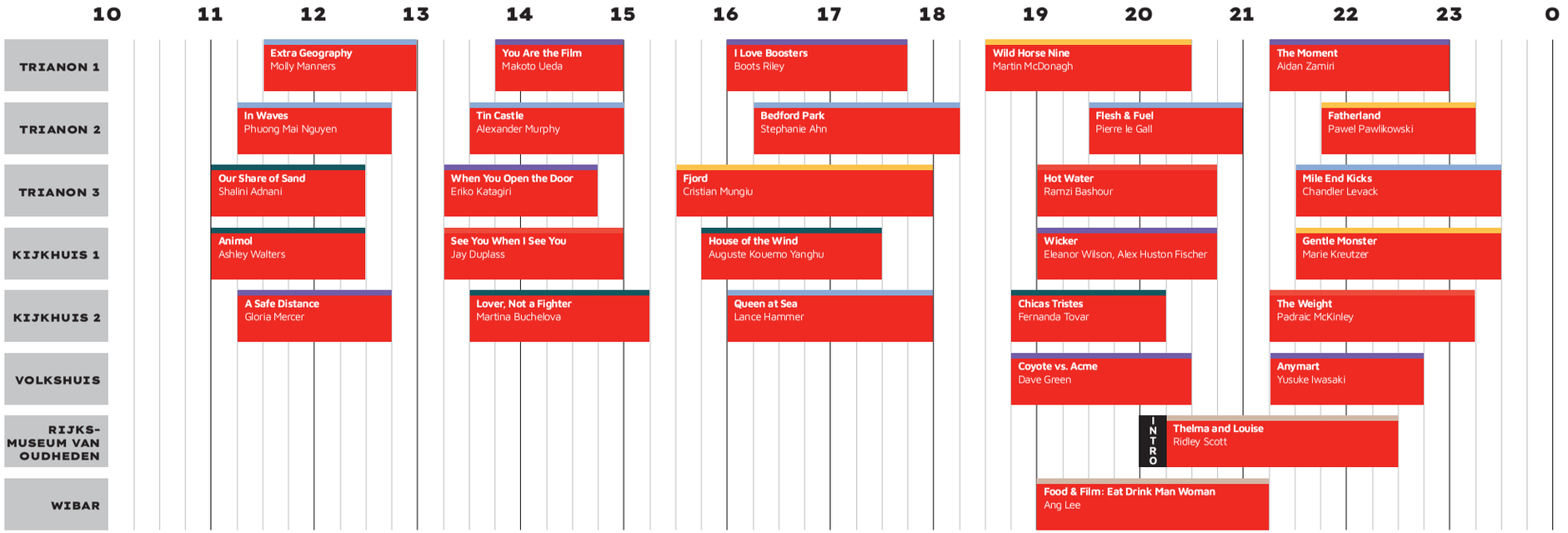


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MONDAY OCTOBER 12

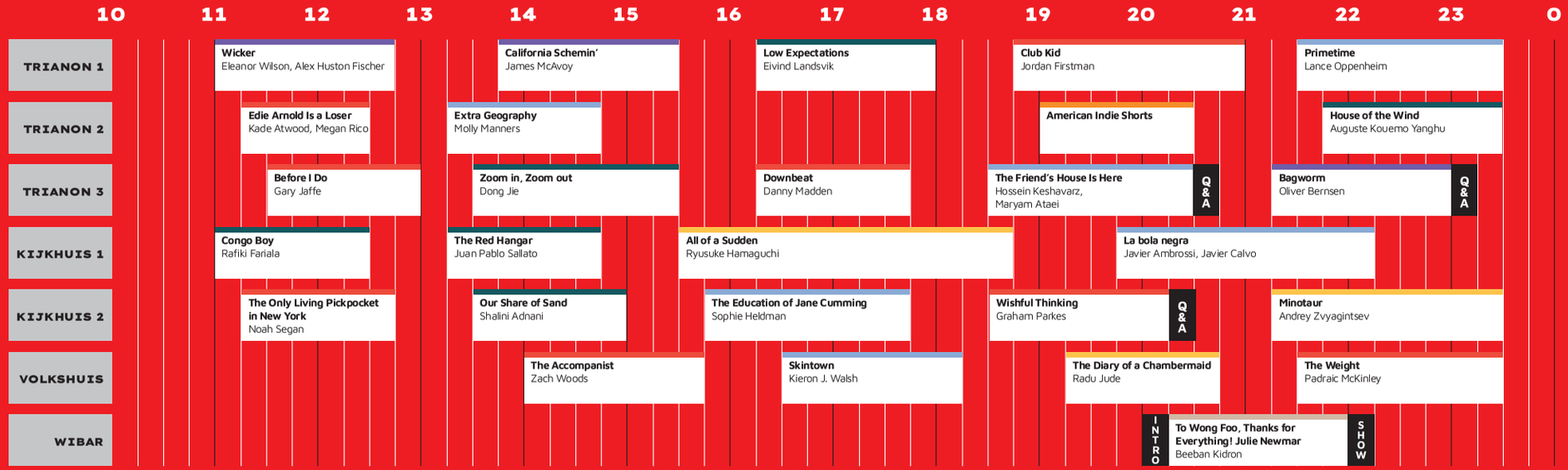


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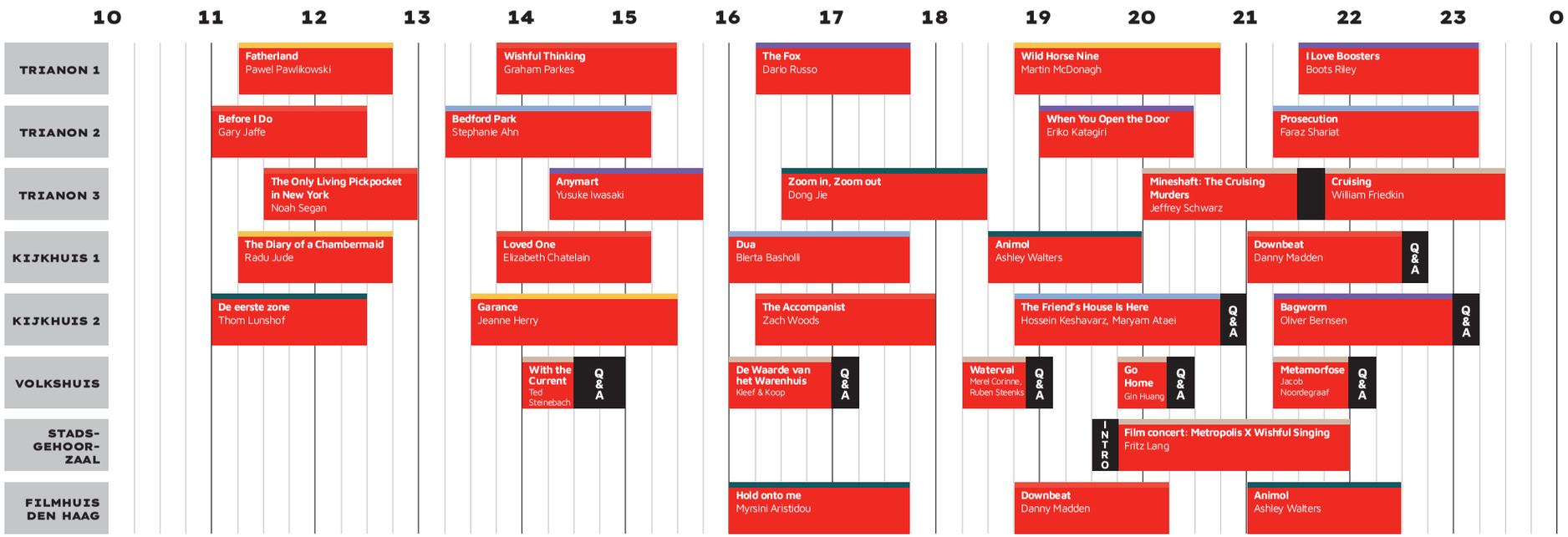


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THURSDAY OCTOBER 15

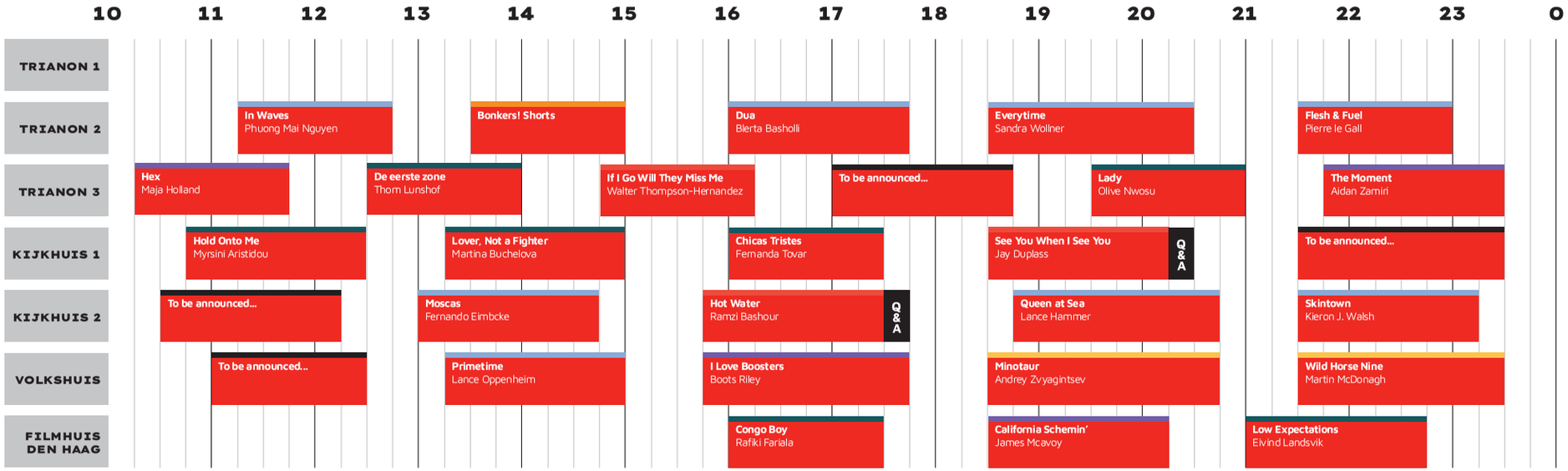


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FRIDAY OCTOBER 16



SATURDAY OCTOBER 17



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SUNDAY OCTOBER 18

IN CELEBRATION OF OUR NEW SHORTS PROGRAM OOGST: NEW DUTCH SHORTS, WE BRING TO YOU OUR NEW LIFF BEER:

AN ODE TO EVERYTHING THAT STARTS OUT SMALL, BUT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BECOME GREAT.

RIJKSMUSEUM VAN OUDHEDEN

LEIDEN











Echo's van oud Egypte

VRIENDEN LOTERIJ

Labrys Reizen

Te zien vanaf 11.12.2026

A

A SAFE DISTANCE (1)

Alex is abandoned by her boyfriend in the forest. Rescued by a couple living off-grid, she quickly grows intimate with them. However, things might be far from safe when she discovers these two are on the run from the law.

GLORIA MERCER | CA | 85 MIN. | NP | BKS

SAT 10 OCT 12:45 TRIANON 3 | **SUN 11 OCT** 21:30 KIJKHUIS 2

TUE 13 OCT 11:15 KIJKHUIS 2 | **SUN 18 OCT** 11:15 KIJKHUIS 2

AKASHI

Kana, a struggling artist living in Canada, returns to Japan for the first time in ten years when her grandmother passes away. Past and present weave together in this atmospheric meditation on the secrets we keep for those we love.

MAYUMI YOSHIDA | JP/CA | 100 MIN. | NP | EM:S

FRI 9 OCT 10:30 KIJKHUIS 2 | **MON 12 OCT** 11:15 KIJKHUIS 1

SUN 18 OCT 21:00 KIJKHUIS 2

ALL OF A SUDDEN

The latest film from the filmmaker of *Drive My Car*. The director of a nursing home introduces a compassionate care approach and faces resistance from her colleagues. Her perspective changes after meeting a terminally ill playwright.

RYUSUKE HAMAGUCHI | JP/FR | 195 MIN. | IN:S

SUN 11 OCT 10:00 KIJKHUIS 2 | **WED 14 OCT** 15:30 KIJKHUIS 1

AMERICAN INDIE SHORTS

Short films made by filmmakers from across the Americas, exploring themes as diverse as the hemisphere itself! From comedy to drama, these shorts are as divergent as the continent they come from.

84 MIN. | SHORTS

SAT 10 OCT 13:00 TRIANON 2 | **WED 14 OCT** 19:00 TRIANON 2

ANIMOL (2)

Inside the walls of a brutal British juvenile detention center, Troy struggles to navigate its dark world of violence and power dynamics. Surprisingly, he finds an unspoken bond with his cellmate, but that might make surviving in this dangerous environment even harder.

ASHLEY WALTERS | UK | 90 MIN. | NP | FFC

FRI 9 OCT 19:15 TRIANON 2 | **TUE 13 OCT** 11:00 KIJKHUIS 1

THU 15 OCT 18:30 KIJKHUIS 1 | **THU 15 OCT** 21:00 FILMHUIS DEN HAAG

SUN 18 OCT 11:15 VOLKSHUIS

ANYMART (3)

Sakai, an employee at a Japanese convenience store, is disturbed by the apathy of his colleagues and customers. In this absurdist horror, something sinister slowly but surely unfolds beneath the painfully boring daily life of the supermarket.

YUSUKE IWASAKI | JP | 89 MIN. | BKS

FRI 9 OCT 21:15 TRIANON 3 | **MON 12 OCT** 21:30 KIJKHUIS 2

TUE 13 OCT 21:15 VOLKSHUIS | **WED 14 OCT** 21:45 TRIANON 1

THU 15 OCT 14:15 TRIANON 3

B

BAGWORM

When a hammer salesman steps on a rusty nail, he spirals into a confusing reality. Are people really plotting against him, or is it all a fever dream? You've been warned: this clusterfuck of a film ain't for the faint of heart.

OLIVER BERNSEN | US | 96 MIN. | NP | BKS

SUN 11 OCT 21:30 TRIANON 2 | **WED 14 OCT** 21:15 TRIANON 3 (W/ Q&A)

THU 15 OCT 21:15 KIJKHUIS 2 (W/ Q&A) | **SUN 18 OCT** 19:15 TRIANON 3

BEDFORD PARK

When Audrey's mother gets into a car accident, she decides to return home. There, Audrey must confront her abusive childhood and family expectations, all the while forming a connection with the man responsible for the accident.

STEPHANIE AHN | US/KR | 117 MIN. | NP | EM:S

SAT 10 OCT 10:15 TRIANON 2 | **MON 12 OCT** 18:45 KIJKHUIS 2

TUE 13 OCT 16:15 TRIANON 2 | **THU 15 OCT** 13:15 TRIANON 2

BEFORE I DO (4)

A lakeside bachelor weekend was supposed to be the perfect pre-wedding party. Until old feelings between the groom and his best man resurface, throwing the entire group of friends into one messy situation after another.

GARY JAFFE | US | 85 MIN. | IP | AIC

MON 12 OCT 11:00 TRIANON 2 | **WED 14 OCT** 11:30 TRIANON 3

THU 15 OCT 11:00 TRIANON 2 | **SUN 18 OCT** 11:30 TRIANON 3

BERSAMA FILM FESTIVAL PRESENTS: PESTA BABI'

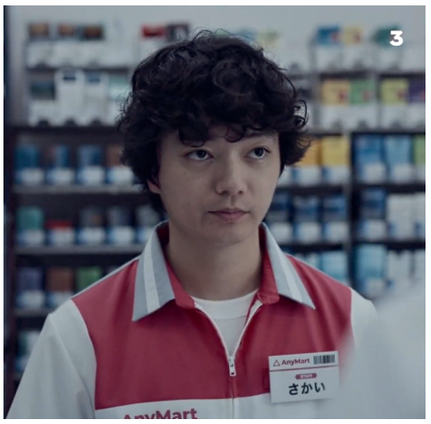
A thought-provoking documentary that follows the struggle of several Indigenous peoples in South Papua as they witness their lands being transformed by large-scale agricultural, palm oil and food development projects. Screening at the Wereldmuseum, in collaboration with Bersama Film Festival.

95 MIN. | EX:S

SUN 11 OCT 13:00 WERELDMUSEUM







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BONKERS! SHORTS

Bonkers! Shorts is back once again! Films that push the medium's boundaries, or happily do the exact opposite. Either way, you'll walk out thinking: "What did I just watch?" This year: tiny dogs with big attitudes, internet trolls, Gatorade, and the patriarchy.

90 MIN. | SHORTS

THU 8 OCT 19:15 TRIANON 2 | **SAT 17 OCT** 13:30 TRIANON 2

C

CALIFORNIA SCHEMIN'

Actor James McAvoy (*Split, Atonement*) makes his directorial debut with *California Schemin'*. The film tells the true story of a Scottish rap duo pretending to be American in order to be taken seriously in the London music scene.

JAMES MCAVOY | UK/US | 107 MIN. | NP | BKS

SAT 10 OCT 18:45 KIJKHUIS 1 | **SUN 11 OCT** 12:30 VOLKSHUIS

WED 14 OCT 13:45 TRIANON 1 | **FRI 16 OCT** 11:00 KIJKHUIS 1

SAT 17 OCT 18:30 FILMHUIS DEN HAAG

CHICAS TRISTES

After a house party, La Maestra notices her best friend Paula isn't acting like herself. When the truth about what happened to Paula is revealed, a dilemma puts their inseparable bond to the test: stay silent or get revenge.

FERNANDA TOVAR | MX/ES | 90 MIN. | NP | FFC

FRI 9 OCT 19:15 KIJKHUIS 2 | **MON 12 OCT** 13:45 KIJKHUIS 1

TUE 13 OCT 18:45 KIJKHUIS 2 | **SAT 17 OCT** 16:00 KIJKHUIS 1

SUN 18 OCT 18:45 FILMHUIS DEN HAAG

CLUB KID

Club promoter Peter lives for the wild nightlife. When his ten-year-old son suddenly enters his life, he has to jump from strobe-lit-nights to fatherly duties. The heartwarming hit from Cannes that mixes club chaos and the unexpected journey of a found family.

JORDAN FIRSTMAN | US | 126 MIN. | NP | AIC

THU 8 OCT 19:00 TRIANON 1 | **FRI 9 OCT** 21:00 TRIANON 1

SUN 11 OCT 15:00 VOLKSHUIS | **WED 14 OCT** 18:45 TRIANON 1

FRI 16 OCT 19:00 TRIANON 1

CONGO BOY

17-year-old Robert is a refugee in the Central African Republic, who cares for his siblings after his parents are imprisoned. Balancing school, odd jobs, violence, and displacement, he pursues his dream of becoming a musician through a life-changing music competition.

RAFIKI FARIALA | CD/CF | 95 MIN. | NP | FFC

FRI 9 OCT 11:00 KIJKHUIS 1 | **WED 14 OCT** 11:00 KIJKHUIS 1

FRI 16 OCT 14:30 TRIANON 1 | **SAT 17 OCT** 16:00 FILMHUIS DEN HAAG

SUN 18 OCT 21:30 KIJKHUIS 1

COWARD (5)

From Belgian director Lukas Dhont (*Close*, 2022) comes a beautiful and intimate World War I drama about two soldiers who find love amid fear, desire, and duty, featuring breathtaking cinematography, powerful performances, and provocative ideas.

LUKAS DHONT | BE/FR | 120 MIN. | NP | IN:S

SAT 10 OCT 21:30 VOLKSHUIS | **SUN 11 OCT** 10:00 TRIANON 1

MON 12 OCT 21:30 VOLKSHUIS | **SUN 18 OCT** 18:30 VOLKSHUIS

COYOTE VS. ACME (6)

You know the classic Wile E. Coyote vs. Road Runner antics. But what happens when Coyote finally has enough of his endlessly failing contraptions? He sues the corporation that's behind these products, of course. Ready your anvils for an epic showdown!

DAVE GREEN | US | 101 MIN. | NP | BKS

FRI 9 OCT 18:30 VOLKSHUIS | **SAT 10 OCT** 10:00 TRIANON 1

TUE 13 OCT 18:45 VOLKSHUIS | **FRI 16 OCT** 16:00 VOLKSHUIS

D

DE EERSTE ZONE

In a dystopian future, Fenna is living inside a wind turbine. When a powerful storm carries her away, she is forced on a treacherous journey through a flooded Netherlands. LIFF presents the Dutch premiere of this Dutch debut.

THOM LUNSHOF | NL | 84 MIN. | NP | FFC

SAT 10 OCT 16:15 TRIANON 1 (W/ Q&A) | **SUN 11 OCT** 10:30 KIJKHUIS 1 (W/ Q&A)

THU 15 OCT 11:00 KIJKHUIS 2 | **SAT 17 OCT** 12:30 TRIANON 3

DOWNBEAT

Drummer Mauro is out of luck, broke and sleeping on his sister's couch. Frustrated, he starts drumming on the streets, finding an unexpected sense of freedom. Intimate close-ups and improvised shots: *Downbeat* is as indie as indie can be.

DANNY MADDEN | US | 91 MIN. | NP | AIC

SUN 11 OCT 11:00 TRIANON 3 | **WED 14 OCT** 16:15 TRIANON 3

THU 15 OCT 18:45 FILMHUIS DEN HAAG | **THU 15 OCT** 21:00 KIJKHUIS 1 (W/ Q&A) | **SUN 18 OCT** 13:45 KIJKHUIS 1 (W/ Q&A)

DUA

1990s Kosovo is on the brink of war as young Dua tries to find herself. A meeting with the bold Maki throws her into the turmoil of resistance and self-discovery. Coming-of-age tropes hit differently here, when set against a backdrop of destruction.

BLERTA BASHOLLI | FR/CH | 101 MIN. | NP | EM:S

SUN 11 OCT 16:30 TRIANON 2 | **THU 15 OCT** 16:00 KIJKHUIS 1

SAT 17 OCT 16:00 TRIANON 2


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5



6

E

EDIE ARNOLD IS A LOSER (1)

Edie, an outsider at her Catholic school, decides to start a punk band with her friends. A funny coming-of-age story about friendship and unapologetically being yourself, filled with awkward moments and infectious energy. For everyone who's ever felt like a loser.

KADE ATWOOD & MEGAN RICO | US | 73 MIN. | NP | AIC
FRI 9 OCT 19:15 FLORA THEATER DEN HAAG | **SUN 11 OCT** 14:00 KIJKHUIS 2 | **MON 12 OCT** 13:45 TRIANON 1 | **WED 14 OCT** 11:15 TRIANON 2 | **FRI 16 OCT** 12:30 TRIANON 1

EVERYTIME (2)

Following a harrowing death, a mother, daughter and teenage boy form a complicated bond through their grief. This haunting, beautifully shot reflection on the ways people respond to grief and guilt won the *Un Certain Regard* Prize at Cannes this year.

SANDRA WOLLNER | DE/AT | 121 MIN. | NP | EM:S
FRI 9 OCT 16:00 KIJKHUIS 2 | **MON 12 OCT** 16:00 TRIANON 2
FRI 16 OCT 10:30 VOLKSHUIS | **SAT 17 OCT** 18:30 TRIANON 2

EXTRA GEOGRAPHY

At an English boarding school, two best friends are determined to get into Oxbridge. To do so, they set themselves a summer assignment: fall in love. A funny, bittersweet coming-of-age about friendship, competition and teenage obsession.

MOLLY MANNERS | UK | 94 MIN. | NP | EM:S
MON 12 OCT 13:30 KIJKHUIS 2 | **TUE 13 OCT** 11:30 TRIANON 1
WED 14 OCT 13:15 TRIANON 2 | **SUN 18 OCT** 21:15 TRIANON 2

F

FATHERLAND

In a post-WWII Germany, author Thomas Mann and his daughter Erika (Sandra Hüller) navigate a divided, ruined nation in a black Buick. Their tense road trip from Frankfurt to Weimar forces them to confront family fractures, guilt, and a fractured homeland.

PAWEL PAWLIKOWSKI | PL/DE | 82 MIN. | IN:S
SUN 11 OCT 13:15 TRIANON 1 | **TUE 13 OCT** 21:45 TRIANON 2
THU 15 OCT 11:15 TRIANON 1 | **FRI 16 OCT** 19:00 VOLKSHUIS

FILM CONCERT: METROPOLIS X WISHFUL SINGING

Technology comes to life while humanity is pushed to the margins of society: this is *Metropolis,* Fritz Lang's irresistible 1927 classic. A cappella ensemble Wishful Singing performs a live score to this silent film, composed by Steven Kamperman.

FRITZ LANG | DE | 153 MIN. | EX:S
THU 15 OCT 19:30 STADSGEHOORZAAL

FILMISCHE BIERPROEVERIJ

A beer tasting event, which is accompanied by bites and a varied selection of special film clips. Please note that this event is in Dutch. We apologize for the inconvenience.

150 MIN. | EX:S
SUN 11 OCT 16:00 WIBAR

FJORD

When a conservative Romanian family moves to an isolated village in Norway, their devout Christian parenting sparks uproar. This courtroom drama, starring LIFF darlings Renate Reinsve and Sebastian Stan, won the prestigious Palme d'Or at Cannes this year.

CRISTIAN MUNGIU | RO/NO | 146 MIN. | IN:S
FRI 9 OCT 15:15 TRIANON 1 | **SAT 10 OCT** 21:15 KIJKHUIS 1
TUE 13 OCT 15:30 TRIANON 3 | **FRI 16 OCT** 10:45 TRIANON 3

FLESH AND FUEL

French truck driver Étienne lives a life of grinding loneliness until he meets Polish driver Bartosz. Even though they were only meant to share a fleeting encounter, they keep crossing paths, and a subtle romance begins to blossom.

PIERRE LE GALL | FR/PL | 90 MIN. | NP | EM:S
FRI 9 OCT 21:30 TRIANON 2 | **MON 12 OCT** 19:00 TRIANON 2
TUE 13 OCT 19:30 TRIANON 2 | **SAT 17 OCT** 21:30 TRIANON 2

FOOD & FILM: EAT DRINK MAN WOMAN

Every Sunday, three sisters gather around the dinner table for the extravagant meal their father insists on preparing for them, discussing life, love, and most importantly: food. Did this screening leave you ravenously hungry? Don't worry, all your cravings will be satisfied.

ANG LEE | 124 MIN. | EX:S
TUE 13 OCT 19:00 WIBAR

G

GARANCE

The film follows the talented yet struggling actress Garance throughout eight transformative years. In her search for independence, she becomes increasingly gripped by an alcohol addiction. Adèle Exarchopoulos excels in this intricate role.

JEANNE HERRY | FR | 120 MIN. | NP | IN:S
SAT 10 OCT 13:30 VOLKSHUIS | **MON 12 OCT** 13:15 TRIANON 2
THU 15 OCT 13:30 KIJKHUIS 2 | **SUN 18 OCT** 13:45 TRIANON 3

GENTLE MONSTER (3)

Pianist Lucy sacrifices her career to care for her husband Philip after he suffers from burnout. Police arrive at their countryside home with a warrant to search Philip's computer, leaving Lucy isolated and forced to confront what this means for her family.







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MARIE KREUTZER | DE/AT | 114 MIN. | NP | IN:S
SAT 10 OCT 15:45 KIJKHUIS 2 | **TUE 13 OCT** 21:30 KIJKHUIS 1
FRI 16 OCT 21:30 VOLKSHUIS

H

HEX (4)

This documentary follows three headstrong young women wanting to take over Norway's male dominated black metal scene with their band, Witch Club Satan. The fact that they don't play any instruments is beside the point, that's where the witchcraft comes in.
MAJA HOLAND | NO | 92 MIN. | NP | BKS
SUN 11 OCT 19:00 TRIANON 2 | **MON 12 OCT** 16:15 TRIANON 3
SAT 17 OCT 10:15 TRIANON 3

HOLD ONTO ME

When the willful Iris learns that her estranged father Aris has returned to the Cypriot island she lives on, she is desperate to get to know him. But is Aris, back for his own father's funeral, interested in that too?
MYRSINI ARISTIDOU | CY/DK | 102 MIN. | FFC
FRI 9 OCT 10:00 TRIANON 1 | **SAT 10 OCT** 19:00 KIJKHUIS 2
THU 15 OCT 16:00 FILMHUIS DEN HAAG| **FRI 16 OCT** 10:00 TRIANON 1 | **SAT 17 OCT** 10:45 KIJKHUIS 1

HOT WATER

At LIFF, we have a weakness for road trip films! The Lebanese Layal and Daniel, a clashing mother-son duo, are going on a long trip through the US. An unexpected and comical, but heartwarming journey is guaranteed to be ahead.
RAMZI BASHOUR | US | 97 MIN. | NP | AIC
SAT 10 OCT 11:00 VOLKSHUIS | **TUE 13 OCT** 19:00 TRIANON 3
FRI 16 OCT 19:00 KIJKHUIS 2 (W/ Q&A) | **SAT 17 OCT** 15:45 KIJKHUIS 2 (W/ Q&A)

HOUSE OF THE WIND (5)

An elderly woman in Cameroon longs for the return of her children, who have all left to build better lives in Europe. House of the Wind is a quiet tribute to the complicated meaning of home in a world shaped by migration.
AUGUSTE KOUEMO YANGHU | CM/BJ | 102 MIN. | NP | FFC
FRI 9 OCT 13:15 KIJKHUIS 1 | **TUE 13 OCT** 15:45 KIJKHUIS 1
WED 14 OCT 21:30 TRIANON 2

I

I LOVE BOOSTERS

A gang of impeccably dressed women steals clothes from fashion designer Christie Smith to get by. When leader Corvette spots one of her own designs in Christie's store, the whole scheme starts bursting at the seams in this riotous maximalist masterpiece.
BOOTS RILEY | US | 105 MIN. | NP | BKS
THU 8 OCT 19:30 VOLKSHUIS | **SAT 10 OCT** 21:30 TRIANON 1
TUE 13 OCT 16:00 TRIANON 1 | **THU 15 OCT** 21:30 TRIANON 1
SAT 17 OCT 15:45 VOLKSHUIS

IF I GO WILL THEY MISS ME (6)

After a stretch in prison, a father and son must learn to reconnect. A shimmering cinepoem about growing up in the black neighborhoods of Los Angeles, trying to escape your circumstances, while finding solace in the community around you.
WALTER THOMPSON-HERNÁNDEZ | US | 92 MIN. | NP | AIC
FRI 9 OCT 16:15 KIJKHUIS 1 | **SUN 11 OCT** 15:30 TRIANON 1
MON 12 OCT 21:15 KIJKHUIS 1 | **SAT 17 OCT** 14:45 TRIANON 3

IN WAVES

A young skater and surfer fall madly in love. When an illness strikes, they find strength in each other and their shared love for the ocean. A visually captivating coming-of-age where surfing becomes a source of solace through life's hardships.
PHUONG MAI NGUYEN | FR/BE | 91 MIN. | NP | EM:S
FRI 9 OCT 16:15 VOLKSHUIS | **TUE 13 OCT** 11:15 TRIANON 2
FRI 16 OCT 14:00 TRIANON 2 | **SAT 17 OCT** 11:15 TRIANON 2

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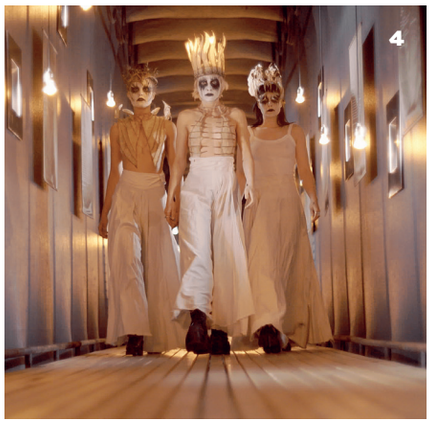
JURASSIC PARK

In Steven Spielberg's *Jurassic Park* (1993), dinosaurs are brought back to life through groundbreaking genetic science. What begins as a spectacular theme park soon turns into a fight for survival. Screening at Naturalis, with an aftertalk by dinosaur preparator Yasmin Grooters.
STEVEN SPIELBERG | 127 MIN. | EX:S
SAT 10 OCT 13:00 NATURALIS

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LA BOLA NEGRA

Three men from three different eras: they never meet, but their lives are intertwined nevertheless. A beautifully shot queer war film, with an exceptional international cast, capturing Spanish history in a story that made waves at Cannes.
JAVIER AMBROSSI & JAVIER CALVO | ES/FR | 155 MIN. | NP | EM:S
THU 8 OCT 19:00 KIJKHUIS 2 | **SUN 11 OCT** 21:00 TRIANON 1
WED 14 OCT 19:45 KIJKHUIS 1


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LADY (1)

Lady, one of Lagos's few female taxi drivers, is swept into the hypnotic nightlife of charismatic sex workers when her old friend Pinky reappears. Political turmoil simmers in the background of this beautifully vibrant debut.

OLIVE NWOSU | NG/UK | 93 MIN. | NP | FFC

FRI 9 OCT 21:00 FLORA THEATER DEN HAAG | **SUN 11 OCT** 21:15 TRIANON 3 | **MON 12 OCT** 21:00 TRIANON 3 | **SAT 17 OCT** 19:30 TRIANON 3 | **SUN 18 OCT** 16:15 TRIANON 2

LEIDEN DAY: DE WAARDE VAN HET WARENHUIS

In February 2016, Leiden's V&D closed its doors for good, now it's getting a new purpose. How will its historical values be preserved, and what is the building's significance? Please note that this event is in Dutch.

50 MIN. | WP | EX:S

THU 15 OCT 16:00 VOLKSHUIS (w/ Q&A)

LEIDEN DAY: GO HOME

A 38 year-old single Dutch woman who finds herself like a stranger in her hometown after years of working in Afghanistan with the United Nations.

GIN HUANG | 20 MIN. | WP | EX:S

THU 15 OCT 19:45 VOLKSHUIS (w/ Q&A)

LEIDEN DAY: METAMORFOSE

When two art students embark on an experiment in which one of them lives inside a terrarium for two weeks, the other must decide how far he is willing to go as a disturbing transformation blurs the line between art and reality.

JACOB NOORDEGRAAF | NL | 43 MIN. | EX:S

THU 15 OCT 21:15 VOLKSHUIS (w/ Q&A)

LEIDEN DAY: WATERVAL

Three restless young people accidentally find themselves drawn into the criminal underworld through their IT skills. Once they seize the opportunity, reality begins to take unpredictable turns. Please note that this event is in Dutch.

MEREL CORINNE & RUBEN STEENKS| 25 MIN. | WP | EX:S

THU 15 OCT 18:15 VOLKSHUIS (w/ Q&A)

LEIDEN DAY: WITH THE CURRENT

A poetic short set aboard a 1951 historic sailboat follows singer, composer, and producer Vivienne Aerts recording her album while she moves through the waterways of the Netherlands as water. Please note that this event is in Dutch.

TED STEINEBACH | 25 MIN. | EX:S

THU 15 OCT 14:00 VOLKSHUIS (w/ Q&A)

LIFF FILMQUIZ 2026

Quizmasters Nils, Max and Hans are back in the Wibar! Movie trivia, pictures, videos, music; a feast for the eyes, ears and brains. A bit of movie knowledge helps, but you don't have to be a walking imdb to join in.

195 MIN. | EX:S

MON 12 OCT 20:00 WIBAR

L'INCONNUE

After the reserved David attends a strange party, he discovers that he has swapped bodies with a mysterious woman he spent the night with. He is thrust into a Kafkaesque journey, grappling with the distorted experience of inhabiting an unfamiliar body.

ARTHUR HARARI | FR/IT | 139 MIN. | NP | IN:S

FRI 9 OCT 18:15 TRIANON 3 | **SUN 11 OCT** 21:15 KIJKHUIS 1

LOVED ONE

Sandy's compulsive need to save her eldest daughter Jess collides with her responsibility to celebrate her younger daughter's college graduation, forcing her to confront the line between love and obsession. *Loved One* will have its world premiere at LIFF!

ELIZABETH CHATELAIN | US | 82 MIN. | WP | AIC

SAT 10 OCT 19:00 VOLKSHUIS (W/ Q&A) | **SUN 11 OCT** 18:45 TRIANON 3 (W/ Q&A)

THU 15 OCT 13:45 KIJKHUIS 1 | **FRI 16 OCT** 14:00 KIJKHUIS 2

LOVER, NOT A FIGHTER

Twenty-year-old Andrej lives with his grandmother and secretly loves Miša. This summer, he wishes to leave his reckless drinking behind and keep out of trouble. But when he reencounters Miša sober, a tender romance starts to bloom.

MARTINA BUCHELOVÁ | SK/CZ | 108 MIN | NP | FFC

SUN 11 OCT 13:45 TRIANON 3 | **TUE 13 OCT** 13:30 KIJKHUIS 2

FRI 16 OCT 18:45 TRIANON 2 | **SAT 17 OCT** 13:15 KIJKHUIS 1

LOW EXPECTATIONS (2)

After a nervous breakdown, Maja (Girl in Red) abandons her successful music career and returns to her hometown. During her dull job at a high school, she asks herself: how to continue living once you've already peaked?

EIVIND LANDSVIK | NO/DK | 105 MIN. | NP | FFC

THU 8 OCT 19:15 KIJKHUIS 1 | **SUN 11 OCT** 18:30 KIJKHUIS 1 (W/ Q&A) | **MON 12 OCT** 18:30 KIJKHUIS 1 (W/ Q&A) | **WED 14 OCT** 16:15 TRIANON 1 | **SAT 17 OCT** 21:00 FILMHUIS DEN HAAG


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MILE END KICKS (3)

When 24-year-old Grace moves to Montreal to be a music critic, she meets indie rock band *Bone Patrol* and decides to become their publicist. Quickly, the boundaries between professional involvement and romantic involvement start to blur.

CHANDLER LEVACK | CA | 112 MIN. | NP | EM:S

SAT 10 OCT 21:00 TRIANON 3 (W/ Q&A) | **SUN 11 OCT** 16:00 KIJKHUIS 2 (W/ Q&A) | **TUE 13 OCT** 21:30 TRIANON 3
SUN 18 OCT 13:15 VOLKSHUIS

MINESHAFT: THE CRUISING MURDERS

A double bill pairing William Friedkin's *Cruising*, a thriller in which an undercover cop infiltrates New York's gay BDSM scene to track down a murderer, with the new documentary about its making and the real-life murders that inspired the film.

JEFFREY SCHWARZ | US | 85 MIN. | NP | EX:S

THU 15 OCT 20:00 TRIANON 3

MINOTAUR

Director Andrey Zvyagintsev (*Leviathan*, 2014) returns to LIFF with a gripping political thriller. Successful executive Gleb's carefully controlled life unravels amid global instability, corporate pressure and his wife's infidelity. As his personal and professional worlds collapse, tensions escalate toward violence.

ANDREY ZVYAGINTSEV | LT/FR | 135 MIN. | IN:S

SUN 11 OCT 18:15 VOLKSHUIS | **MON 12 OCT** 15:45 KIJKHUIS 2
WED 14 OCT 21:15 KIJKHUIS 2 | **SAT 17 OCT** 18:30 VOLKSHUIS

MOSCAS (4)

Nine-year-old Christian befriends his grouchy landlady Olga while his mother is in the hospital. An atmospheric black-and-white portrait of an unlikely friendship, told mostly from Christian's curious child's-eye view, directed by Fernando Eimbcke (*Olmo*).

FERNANDO EIMBCKE | MX | 99 MIN. | NP | EM:S

FRI 9 OCT 13:00 TRIANON 2 | **SUN 11 OCT** 10:00 VOLKSHUIS
SAT 17 OCT 13:00 KIJKHUIS 2

MOUSE

When her friend Callie suddenly disappears from her life, Minnie must find her own identity, seeking comfort and support in Callie's mom. A subtle coming-of-age about friendship, identity and letting go, from the directors of the LIFF 2024 hit *Ghostlight*.

ALEX THOMPSON & KELLY O'SULLIVAN | US | 120 MIN. | NP | AIC

SUN 11 OCT 16:30 FLORA THEATER DEN HAAG | **SUN 11 OCT** 18:00 TRIANON 1 (W/ Q&A) | **MON 12 OCT** 18:30 TRIANON 3 (W/ Q&A)
FRI 16 OCT 13:15 VOLKSHUIS | **SUN 18 OCT** 15:45 KIJKHUIS 2
SUN 18 OCT 16:00 FILMHUIS DEN HAAG

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OOGST: NEW DUTCH SHORTS

Showcasing emerging Dutch filmmaking talent: graduating and debut filmmakers with the unapologetic indie spirit we stand for at LIFF. This program brings together a broad, diverse selection of fiction films that dare, surprise, and invite you to look at things from a different angle.

93 MIN. | SHORTS

SUN 11 OCT 15:45 KIJKHUIS 1 (W/ Q&A) | **SUN 18 OCT** 13:30 TRIANON 2 (W/ Q&A)

OUR SHARE OF SAND

A twelve-year-old girl moves to India, where she is reunited with her father. But when she learns her father is involved in an illegal sand mining operation, she has to navigate the boundaries between loyalty, complicity and love.

SHALINI ADNANI | IN/UK | 95 MIN. | NP | FFC

FRI 9 OCT 15:45 TRIANON 3 | **TUE 13 OCT** 11:00 TRIANON 3
WED 14 OCT 13:30 KIJKHUIS 2 | **FRI 16 OCT** 11:30 KIJKHUIS 2

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PAPER TIGER (5)

An old-school crime thriller set in 1980s New York. Two brothers become embroiled in a deal with the Russian mafia, putting their brotherly loyalty to the test. Featuring an exceptional shoot-out scene, *Paper Tiger* is essential viewing for action fans.

JAMES GRAY | US/BR | 116 MIN. | NP | IN:S

THU 8 OCT 19:30 TRIANON 3 | **FRI 9 OCT** 21:15 VOLKSHUIS
MON 12 OCT 18:45 VOLKSHUIS | **FRI 16 OCT** 16:00 KIJKHUIS 1

POSSIBLE LOVE

After eight years, director Lee Chang-dong returns with *Possible Love*. When a documentarian follows a laid-off factory worker and his wife, their lives become increasingly intertwined. A layered drama about love, class, and desire. Showing only once at LIFF, don't miss it!

LEE CHANG-DONG | KR | 165 MIN. | NP | IN:S

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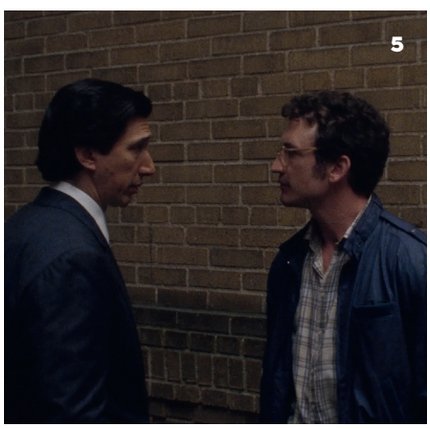
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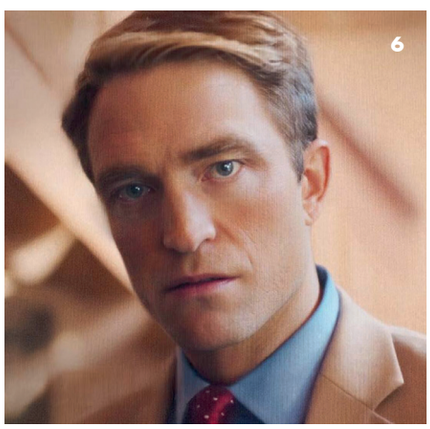
In the 2000s, the controversial program *To Catch a Predator* took American television by storm. Primetime takes us behind the cameras, with Robert Pattinson stepping into the role of Chris Hansen, the host on a mission to make TV history.

LANCE OPPENHEIM | US | 110 MIN. | NP | EM:S

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PROSECUTION

Prosecutor Seyo takes you outside the German court in the Audience Award winner of the Berlinale. When she becomes the target of far-right violence, Seyo does everything in her power to challenge her attackers, as well as an opposing justice system.

FARAZ SHARIAT | DE | 113 MIN. | EM:S

FRI 9 OCT 15:30 TRIANON 2 | **THU 15 OCT** 21:10 TRIANON 2

SUN 18 OCT 16:15 KIJKHUIS 1

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QUEEN AT SEA

An introspective drama about a woman whose dementia begins to affect her ability to communicate her wants and needs. Her husband and daughter have to confront what intimacy and autonomy can look like as memories disappear.

LANCE HAMMER | UK/US | 121 MIN. | EM:S

FRI 9 OCT 18:30 KIJKHUIS 1 | **MON 12 OCT** 16:00 VOLKSHUIS

TUE 13 OCT 16:00 KIJKHUIS 2 | **SAT 17 OCT** 18:45 KIJKHUIS 2

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REWIND BARCELONA

As the gap between adolescence and adulthood closes, four friends embark on their first holiday together in Barcelona. The city serves as a beautiful yet largely irrelevant backdrop to their summer trip, in which skateboarding is their sole focus.

PAUL NOUHET | FR | 86 MIN. | NP | EM:S

FRI 9 OCT 10:30 TRIANON 3 | **SAT 10 OCT** 10:30 TRIANON 3

MON 12 OCT 14:00 TRIANON 3 | **SUN 18 OCT** 13:30 KIJKHUIS 2

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SEE YOU WHEN I SEE YOU

Together with his dysfunctional family, Aaron Whistler has to come to terms with his sister's suicide, when they are clearing out her apartment. Director Jay Duplass (*The One I Love*) returns to LIFF with this indie starcast-filled tragicomedy.

JAY DUPLASS | US | 102 MIN. | NP | AIC

FRI 9 OCT 12:45 TRIANON 1 | **TUE 13 OCT** 13:15 KIJKHUIS 1

FRI 16 OCT 16:30 TRIANON 3 (W/ Q&A) | **FRI 16 OCT** 18:30 FILMHUIS DEN HAAG | **SAT 17 OCT** 18:30 KIJKHUIS 1 (W/ Q&A)

SKINTOWN (1)

In Northern Ireland during the 1994 ceasefire, two best friends want to escape their small-town, which is easier said than done. *Skintown* gives a heartfelt view of this turbulent period, with 90s rave culture and kids coming together during divided times.

KIERON J. WALSH | IE | 98 MIN. | NP | EM:S

FRI 9 OCT 21:30 KIJKHUIS 2 | **WED 14 OCT** 16:30 VOLKSHUIS

FRI 16 OCT 13:30 KIJKHUIS 1 | **SAT 17 OCT** 21:30 KIJKHUIS 2

SPACE IS THE PLACE

Sun Ra's Afrofuturist Space is the Place (1974) follows the jazz musician on a quest to create a utopia for Black people. A surreal, kaleidoscopic experience, screened at the National Museum of Antiquities with an introduction by curator Daniel Soliman.

JOHN CONEY | US | 82 MIN | EX:S

MON 12 OCT 20:00 RIJKSMUSEUM VAN OUDHEDEN

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THE ACCOMPANIST

Zach Woods' *The Accompanist* follows 8-year-old Emily, who tells her school nurse that an accident caused by her grandfather with dementia nearly killed her. A welfare agent sends her to the 70-year-old Sylvia, a foster parent played by the fantastic Susan Sarandon.

ZACH WOODS | US | 106 MIN. | NP | AIC

FRI 9 OCT 11:00 VOLKSHUIS | **SAT 10 OCT** 12:45 KIJKHUIS 1

WED 14 OCT 14:00 VOLKSHUIS | **THU 15 OCT** 16:15 KIJKHUIS 2

FRI 16 OCT 16:00 FILMHUIS DEN HAAG

THE DIARY OF A CHAMBERMAID

Rehearsing for the role of maid at an amateur theatre at night, while being a maid, cook and nanny for a French bourgeois family during the day. Gianna struggles through her jobs and has to miss her own child back in Romania.

RADU JUDE | FR/RO | 94 MIN. | NP | IN:S

FRI 9 OCT 13:30 TRIANON 3 | **WED 14 OCT** 19:15 VOLKSHUIS

THU 15 OCT 11:15 KIJKHUIS 1 | **FRI 16 OCT** 14:15 TRIANON 3

THE EDUCATION OF JANE CUMMING (2)

When fifteen-year-old Jane, struggling at school and feeling isolated from her classmates, hears whispers of an illicit affair between two of her schoolmistresses, she sees a chance to bend fate to her own will. For fans of British period dramas.

SOPHIE HELDMAN | DE/CH | 114 MIN. | NP | EM:S

SAT 10 OCT 10:15 KIJKHUIS 2 | **WED 14 OCT** 15:45 KIJKHUIS 2

FRI 16 OCT 11:00 TRIANON 2

THE FOX

What would you do if you encountered a shape-shifting fox in the woods who offers to transform your partner into the perfect woman? This Australian debut film with a fantastic cast is strange, wild and highly original.

DARIO RUSSO | DE/AU | 90 MIN. | NP | BKS

SUN 11 OCT 11:15 TRIANON 2 | **THU 15 OCT** 16:15 TRIANON 1

FRI 16 OCT 18:45 KIJKHUIS 1 | **SUN 18 OCT** 16:30 TRIANON 3







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THE FRIEND'S HOUSE IS HERE

Under Iran's strict regime, an underground art scene flourishes, forming a sanctuary for two women. *The Friend's House Is Here*, filmed in complete secrecy, explores friendship and the ongoing struggle to remain true to oneself, as a woman and an artist.

HOSSEIN KESHAVARZ & MARYAM ATAEI | US/IR | 95 MIN. | NP | EM:S
WED 14 OCT 18:30 TRIANON 3 (W/ Q&A)
THU 15 OCT 18:45 KIJKHUIS 2 (W/ Q&A)
SUN 18 OCT 19:00 TRIANON 2

THE LONELIEST MAN IN TOWN (3)

Fiction and reality blend seamlessly in this Austrian docufiction about blues musician Al Cook. His home is a time capsule of memories, but when the threat of his home being demolished arises, he must face his past and his future.

TIZZA COVI & RAINER **FRI**MMEL | AT | 86 MIN. | NP | EM:S
SAT 10 OCT 18:30 TRIANON 3 (W/ Q&A) | **SUN 11 OCT** 13:00 KIJKHUIS 1 (W/ Q&A) | **FRI 16 OCT** 19:15 TRIANON 3 | **SUN 18 OCT** 11:15 TRIANON 2

THE MOMENT

A fictionalised exposé of the Brat Arena Tour in which Charli xcx battles a money-hungry concert-film director and the less glamorous sides of fame. Will she compromise her artistic vision in order to make Brat Summer last forever?

AIDAN ZAMIRI | US | 103 MIN. | NP | BKS
SAT 10 OCT 13:00 KIJKHUIS 2 | **TUE 13 OCT** 21:15 TRIANON 1
FRI 16 OCT 22:00 TRIANON 1 | **SAT 17 OCT** 21:45 TRIANON 3

THE NIGHT IS FADING AWAY

For anyone who loves films about films. A cinephile works the night shift at a cinema, where he creates a refuge for Córdoba's outsiders. A hazy, black-and-white comedy about the after-hours goings-on of the cinema's various inhabitants.

RAMIRO SONZINI, EZEQUIEL SALINAS | AR | 104 MIN. | NP | FFC
FRI 9 OCT 21:15 KIJKHUIS 1 | **SAT 10 OCT** 18:45 TRIANON 2
SUN 11 OCT 19:15 FLORA THEATER DEN HAAG| **FRI 16 OCT** 21:45 TRIANON 2 | **SUN 18 OCT** 21:45 TRIANON 3

THE ONLY LIVING PICKPOCKET IN NEW YORK (4)

Pickpocket Harry operates the old-fashioned way: alone, without a phone, and on the subway. When he inadvertently steals a valuable artifact from the heir to a crime family, a cat-and-mouse chase takes him all over New York.

NOAH SEGAN | US | 88 MIN. | AIC
MON 12 OCT 18:45 TRIANON 1 | **WED 14 OCT** 11:15 KIJKHUIS 2
THU 15 OCT 11:30 TRIANON 3 | **FRI 16 OCT** 16:45 KIJKHUIS 2

THE RED HANGAR (5)

When Captain Silva is ordered to convert his military training camp into a prison camp, he faces a moral dilemma: look the other way or risk his life. A moody thriller about Chile's 1973 military coup.

JUAN PABLO SALLATO | CL | 83 MIN | NP | FFC
FRI 9 OCT 13:30 KIJKHUIS 2 | **MON 12 OCT** 16:15 KIJKHUIS 1
WED 14 OCT 13:15 KIJKHUIS 1 | **SUN 18 OCT** 19:00 KIJKHUIS 1

THE WEIGHT (6)

Set during the Great Depression, Samuel Murphy (Ethan Hawke) is forced to work at a brutal labour camp while desperate to get back to his daughter. His ruthless overseer gives him a chance at an early release: a gold smuggling scheme.

PADRAIC MCKINLEY | US/DE | 112 MIN. | NP | AIC
SAT 10 OCT 21:30 KIJKHUIS 2 | **MON 12 OCT** 15:45 TRIANON 1
TUE 13 OCT 21:15 KIJKHUIS 2 | **WED 14 OCT** 21:30 VOLKSHUIS

THELMA & LOUISE

Ridley Scott's *Thelma & Louise* (1991) follows two friends on a turbulent road trip across America. Our take on the Odyssey epic, told from a female perspective. Screening at the National Museum of Antiquities, introduced by curator Suzan van de Velde.

RIDLEY SCOTT | UK/US | 130 MIN. | EX:S
TUE 13 OCT 20:00 RIJKSMUSEUM VAN OUDHEDEN

TIN CASTLE

On an isolated road in the Irish countryside, we meet a family of twelve living in their mobile home. This affectionate documentary follows them as they hold on to their way of life, even as their tin castle faces eviction.

ALEXANDER MURPHY | IE/FR | 106 MIN. | EM:S
FRI 9 OCT 13:45 VOLKSHUIS | **SAT 10 OCT** 15:45 TRIANON 2
TUE 13 OCT 13:30 TRIANON 2 | **SUN 18 OCT** 18:30 KIJKHUIS 2

TO WONG FOO, THANKS FOR EVERYTHING! JULIE NEWMAR

Three drag queens embark on a road trip to Hollywood to compete in a national drag pageant. When they become stranded in Snydersville, their arrival throws the town into a frenzy. A complimentary drag show is provided afterwards.

BEEBAN KIDRON | 109 MIN. | EX:S
WED 14 OCT 20:00 WIBAR


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VENI VIDI VINO

A wine tasting event accompanied by an amazing selection of film clips. Please note that the introductions to the wines and to all of the film clips at this event are in Dutch. We apologize for the inconvenience.

180 MIN. | EX:S

SUN 18 OCT 15:30 STADSGEHOORZAAL

VOOR NIEMAND WAT WILS

Abandon Hope All Ye Who Enter Here, VNWW is near. Crapmeisters Hans and Nils will dump their curiosity trashcan full of inept, distasteful, offensive and hilarious cinematic oddities all over you. Sincerest apologies...

120 MIN. | EX:S

FRI 16 OCT 21:30 KIJKHUIS 1

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WHEN YOU OPEN THE DOOR (1)

Architect Miki is bitten by a wolf, which causes some strange physical and psychological changes. As others doubt her experience, she is lured into the woods, where an ancient women's ritual helps her confront her hidden identity and embrace transformation.

ERIKO KATAGIRI | JP | 86 MIN. | BKS

SAT 10 OCT 15:30 TRIANON 3 | **MON 12 OCT** 21:15 TRIANON 2
TUE 13 OCT 13:15 TRIANON 3 | **THU 15 OCT** 19:00 TRIANON 2

WICKER

A lonely fisherwoman in a small conservative seaside town has not found her perfect match yet and decides to commission herself a husband out of wicker at the local basket weaver, which causes an uproar of jealousy in the village.

ELEANOR WILSON & ALEX HUSTON FISHER | UK/US | 105 MIN. | NP BKS

SAT 10 OCT 10:00 KIJKHUIS 1 | **SUN 11 OCT** 16:15 TRIANON 3
TUE 13 OCT 19:00 KIJKHUIS 1 | **WED 14 OCT** 11:00 TRIANON 1

WILD HORSE NINE (2)

Chile, 1973. Cynical CIA operatives Lee (Sam Rockwell) and Chris (John Malkovich) swap Santiago for Easter Island. Their mission unravels into a dangerous web of secrets, conspiracies and troubled history, as a new group of characters threaten their remote island assignment.

MARTIN MCDONAGH | UK/US | 118 MIN. | NP | IN:S

TUE 13 OCT 18:30 TRIANON 1 | **THU 15 OCT** 18:45 TRIANON 1
SAT 17 OCT 21:30 VOLKSHUIS

WISHFUL THINKING (3)

A charming romcom in which Julia (Maya Hawke) and Charlie (Lewis Pullman) suddenly gain magical powers after an energy-healing session with an eccentric couples therapist. During their explosive arguments, these powers prove to be anything but harmless.

GRAHAM PARKES | US | 105 MIN. | NP | AIC

SAT 10 OCT 19:00 TRIANON 1 | **MON 12 OCT** 11:15 TRIANON 1
WED 14 OCT 18:30 KIJKHUIS 2 (W/ Q&A) | **THU 15 OCT** 13:45 TRIANON 1

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YOU ARE THE FILM

Madoka and Kazuma live separate lives, but this is about to change when they step foot into a small Tokyo cinema. They realize they can interact with, and guide each other on a cinema screen. What could possibly go wrong here?

MAKOTO UEDA | JP | 68 MIN. | NP | BKS

FRI 9 OCT 11:00 TRIANON 2 | **SUN 11 OCT** 13:30 TRIANON 2
MON 12 OCT 11:30 TRIANON 3 | **TUE 13 OCT** 13:45 TRIANON 1
FRI 16 OCT 16:15 TRIANON 2

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ZOOM IN, ZOOM OUT

After his roommate Gao disappears, Shi follows a clue hidden in an online game, leading him to Gao's girlfriend. Together, they search for more clues across the city and online spaces to find him, as both worlds slowly begin to intertwine.

DONG JIE | CN | 116 MIN. | NP | FFC

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NEW AT LIFF

OOGST: NEW DUTCH SHORTS

New to LIFF this year is OOGST, an exciting new initiative through which we explore fresh perspectives in Dutch filmmaking. With OOGST, we showcase what the Netherlands has to offer through the work of recent graduates, debut filmmakers and self-taught makers.

In curating this year's selection, we sought out filmmakers who aren't afraid to take risks and whose distinctive style and vision shine through from the very first minutes of their films. These are filmmakers we're excited to support and give a platform to, and we can't wait to see what they do next.

OOGST: New Dutch Shorts brings together ten filmmakers, each with their own distinctive voice and vision. The selection features nine individual filmmakers and one duo, with nine films having their Dutch premiere at LIFF.

LEIDEN DAY

As an international film festival, we also believe in looking closer to home. By bringing together our international network and local talent, we hope to create new connections and opportunities for filmmakers, an ambition also reflected in OOGST: New Dutch Shorts.

Every year, we showcase films and projects from Leiden. This year, we're taking it a step further by bringing them together for the Leiden Day at the beautiful Leidse Volkshuis. It's an opportunity to put local filmmakers in the spotlight, bring them together, and celebrate the creativity our city has to offer.

Leiden Day features five films, each with its own connection to the city.


Slopmachine


Go Home


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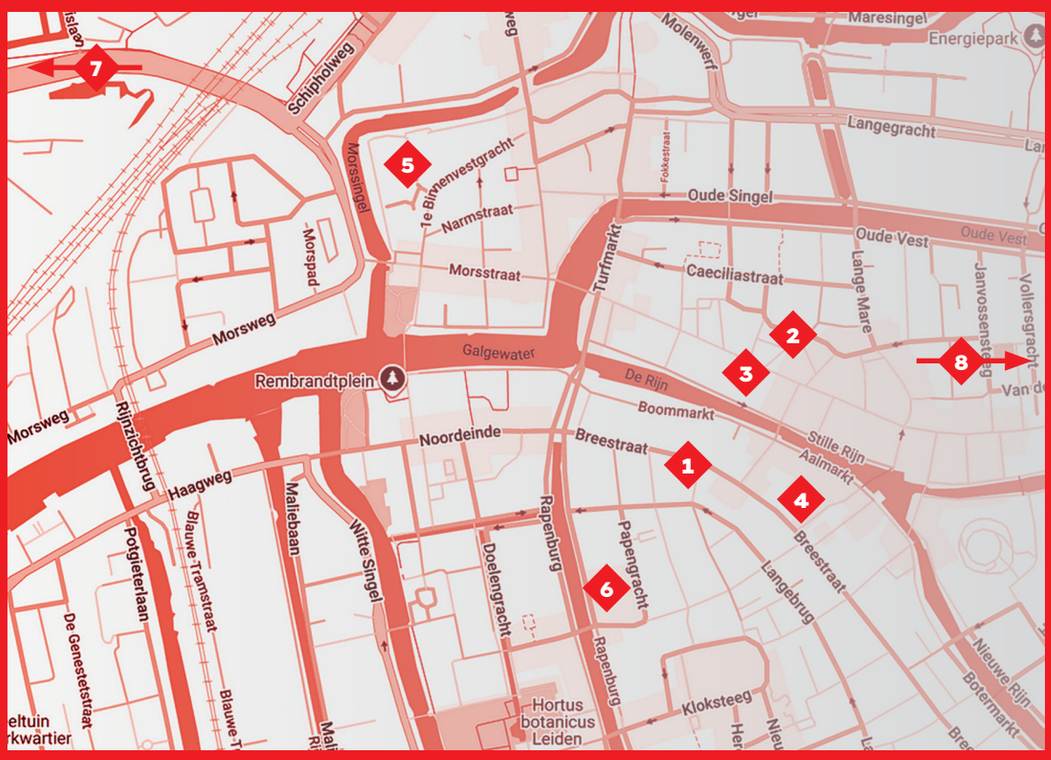
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