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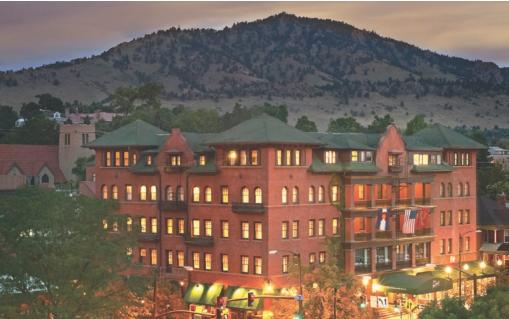






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elcome to Boulder International Film Festival 16-it's going to be sweet! We've got a record-breaking 88 films this year, and over 60% of them are about and/or made by women. Perfect, because International Women's Day lands on March 8.

Big change this year: our delicious smashhit fundraising cookoff CineCHEF will be on Thursday night (Women vs. Men: Battle of the Sexes), and our shamelessly overproduced Opening Night Celebration—with fabulous food, costumed movie characters and a roving second line band-will be on Friday night. Robbie Robertson of The Band joins us in person to present his new film Once Were Brothers, about one of the greatest bands of all time. So come on in and take a load off, Annie.

We're thrilled to honor Academy Awardnominated actor Jesse Eisenberg for his incredible performance in the new movie Resistance. Based on a true story, Jesse plays Marcel Marceau, who, with his cousin, spirited 400 Jewish children into Switzerland during the Holocaust. The 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz is this year, and we will be featuring a handful of other inspiring stories about this dark period in our history.

Outdoor action—are you getting any? Author, filmmaker and podcaster Cheryl Strayed (the book Wild) will join us to kick off our brandnew BIFF Adventure Film Pavilion where one theater, eTown Hall, will screen the most exciting new adventure films of the year on Saturday and Sunday, along with a sponsor lounge, happy hours and great parties. Come in and celebrate International Women's Day March 8 adventure-style. And check out our

soon-to-be-famous BIFF Sunday Morning Bloody Mary Gear Drop.

Sunday night, we're delighted to welcome back Boulder's own award-winning filmmaker Jeff Orlowski (Chasing Coral and Chasing Ice). He will present his frightening new film The Social Dilemma in which he gives stunning new insider evidence that social media makes billions using our own data to direct and control our behavior. Yes, there are algorithms for mind control, and they are taking over the Internet.

BIFF will again present the greatest films on earth from Cannes, Telluride, Venice, Toronto and Sundance, from the best new filmmakers, showing them not only in Boulder but also in Longmont and at the 1,200-seat Lincoln Center Performance Hall in Fort Collins. Your BIFF pass gets you into everything in Fort Collins free (March 27 and 28), so check that schedule on pg. 53 and cross those off your BIFF Boulder agenda. Other highlights at BIFF include our groundbreaking XR Pavilionfeaturing filmmakers from Disney-plus the Youth Pavilion, Singer-Songwriter Showcase and music in the Talkback Tent. All free!

This year BIFF is finally doing our own ticketing at the Visitor Information Center, on the Mall at 13th Street. Thanks to the City of Boulder and Downtown Boulder Partnership for always supporting BIFF and making our ticket center happen. Stop by and check it out! Big thanks to the hundreds of volunteers who help make this festival great. It wouldn't happen without them! Get a room, buy a Festival Pass and have a world-class film, food and music vacation right here in Boulder.

See you at the movies!

- Robin & Kathy Beeck



Kathy Beeck, Director Robin Beeck, Executive Director

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Community Table Kitchen will be selling breakfast and lunch sandwiches and wraps, a variety of snacks, sweets and beverages at locations throughout the festival. Enjoy the delicious food from

Community Table Kitchen while supporting Bridge House in their mission to end homelessness through housing, support, education and paid employment.

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BIFF FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE

Downtown Boulder Visitor Information Center 1303 Pearl St, corner of 13th & Pearl boxoffice@biff1.com / 303.746.7268

PRE-FESTIVAL HOURS

February 14 - March 1

Wednesday - Sunday Noon - 6 pm

*Open Monday Feb 17 Noon - 6 pm

FESTIVAL WEEK HOURS

Mon - Wed / Mar 2-4 Noon - 6 pm Thursday, March 5 Noon - 8:30 pm* 9 am - 8:30 pm * Friday, March 6 Saturday, March 7 9 am - 8:30 pm* Sunday, March 8 9 am - 8:30 pm*

THE BOX OFFICE WILL CLOSE EACH NIGHT 15-20 MINUTES AFTER THE LAST FILM PROGRAM BEGINS.

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NEW PARKING DEAL FROM THE CITY OF BOULDER

Pay just \$3 when you enter after 3pm and leave before 3am. Good at the city's downtown parking garages with the green P.

(Free parking Saturday & Sunday)



HOP FOR FREE

Thanks to City of Boulder/GO Boulder!

The City of Boulder is again offering FREE HOP rides during the Festival. Just flash your BIFF ticket stub or BIFF Festival pass.

TALK BACK

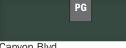
SEE PG 15 FOR **ACTIVITIES IN THE BIFF TENT**

Pearl Street Mall at 14th Street

Spruce St

Pearl St





Arapahoe Ave



Rembrandt



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First United Methodist Church







Adventure Film Pavilion







Youth Pavilion Boulder Public Library





FILM VENUES

Boulder Theater / 2032 14th St

First Presbyterian Church 1820 15th St

First United Methodist Church 1421 Spruce St

Boulder High School 1604 Arapahoe Ave

eTown Hall / 1535 Spruce St

Longmont Museum's Stewart Auditorium 400 Quail Rd / Longmont, CO

REGISTRATION & PARKING

BIFF Registration 1600 Pearl St

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Parking Garage free on Sat & Sun

Parking Lot or Meters

free after 7pm & Sun

Parking Garage free on Sat & Sun; \$3 from 3pm-3am M-F

PAVILIONS

Adventure Film Pavilion @ eTown 1535 Spruce St

Youth Pavilion Boulder Public Library Canyon Theater

1000 Canyon Blvd **XR Pavilion** @ Galvanize Boulder

1023 Walnut St



PARTY SPOTS

1. Hotel Boulderado 2115 13th St

Opening Night

 BIFF Noir Saturday Night Party

2. Rembrandt Yard Art **Gallery & Event** Center

1301 Spruce St

• CineCHEF

· Opening Night

3. The Post Brewing Co.

2027 13th St
• BIFF Filmmaker Lounge

· Singer-Songwriter Showcase

 Friday Late Night Music

· Adventure Film Party

4. Japango

1136 Pearl St

 Filmmaker Reception Passholders only



FREE COFFEE & BREAKFAST

Capital One Café Sat & Sun / 9-11am

1247 Pearl St While supplies last - See pg 6

Individual Film Program Tickets Regular admission	.\$15
Festival Pass	
Opening Night Red Carpet Gala (BT-01, see page 19) Special Red Carpet Presentation	.\$95*
with Jesse Eisenberg(BT-05, See page 26)	.\$35*
Closing Night Film + Awards(BT-09, See page 38)	.\$35*

CineCHEF\$95* CineCHEF Amuse Bouche ticket\$145 (See page 9)	
XR Pavilion FREE (see page 13)	
Music/Showcases FREE (see BIFF Music page 11)	
Youth Pavilion FREE (see page 14)	
See page 7) \$20 (includes service charge (See page 7) \$25 (door, cash only)	(e)





TICKETS

NEW FOR 2020

Buy your tickets directly from BIFF!

HOW TO BUY 'EM

FILM VENUES

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First Presbyterian Church •
Boulder High School •
Boulder Theater •
eTown •

Online: biff1.com

Box office phone: 303.746.7268
In person: At The BIFF Festival

Box Office or at the door of the venue 30 minutes before start time

Purchase ahead:

Advance tickets for all Boulder BIFF programs and events can be purchased online, over the phone, or in person at the BIFF Festival Box Office.

Got a Ticket Gift Pack?

Redeem your Ticket Pack for individual film tickets online, over the phone, in person at the BIFF Festival Box Office, or at the venue. But get your tickets early before they sell out!

Need help printing your tickets?

If you can't print your ticket at home or download to your phone, come by the BIFF Festival Box Office at 13th and Pearl and we will print it for you.

For Longmont tickets/passes, see pg 48
For Fort Collins tickets, see pg 52

HOW TO

- Print at home
- Download to your phone
- Stop by the BIFF Box Office
- Buy at venue 30 minutes before start time

STANDBY TICKETS

TICKETS SOLD OUT?

Standby tickets are almost always available for purchase at the program venue 10 minutes prior to showtime. Head on over to find out!

QUESTIONS?

- Contact boxoffice@biff1.com or call 303.746.7268 for more information.
- Before you call for tickets, please note
- the program numbers you'll need
- these to complete your order.

This program is subject to change. Films are not rated and may contain mature subject matter. Tickets and Passes are non-refundable.



Print or download your mobile ticket and skip the box office lines!

FILM PASSES

The BIFF Festival Pass

For film lovers who want guaranteed entrance to BIFF film programs, parties and events in Boulder. (Adventure Film programs at eTown Hall, Longmont and CineCHEF are not included.)



The BIFF Red Carpet Pass

For the ultimate film lover who wants priority entrance to BIFF film programs and parties **and** AFP screenings at eTown Hall—and wants to be first in line! Red Carpet Passes available for donors of \$2,500 (includes 2 passes) and up. Email boxoffice@biff1.com for more information.

BIFF Pass good-to-knows

- · Passes are non-transferable.
- · Photo ID required for entry.
- Passholders must arrive for programs at least 20 minutes prior to the start of the film to guarantee entrance.
- Passes available for pickup starting Wednesday, March 4 at 12pm at BIFF registration at 1600 Pearl Street.

Passholder registration @ SE Corner of 16th & Pearl

Wed	March 4	Noon -6pm
Thurs	March 5	8am - 8pm
Fri	March 6	8am - 8pm
Sat	March 7	8am - 6pm
Sun	March 8	8am - 2pm

PROGRAM BT - 01



Presented by 105.5 The Colorado Sound

OPENING NIGHT RED CARPET GALA

FRIDAY, March 6 • 5pm • \$95 / Passholders FREE

ONCE WERE BROTHERS: ROBBIE ROBERTSON AND THE BAND



Join us as we celebrate the "Best BIFF Ever!" Your ticket grants access to our TWO party venues—the Hotel Boulderado Ballroom and the Rembrandt Yard Art Gallery & Event Center—each featuring delicious food by Pasta Jay's Catering and Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts, live music and libations. Once settled into your reserved theater seat, enjoy the evening's presentation of Once Were Brothers: Robbie Robertson and The Band, with the man himself in attendance to answer some questions about his amazing life and career.

SEE PG 19 FOR ALL THE DETAILS!

XR EXPERIENCE KICK-OFF HAPPY HOUR

THURSDAY, March 5

5:30-8pm

Galvanize Boulder, 1023 Walnut St.

Come by and meet our friends on the cutting edge where creativity meets technology-Disney's first VR Director, Jeff Gipson, and Senior Software Engineer for Disney Animation, Jose Gomez. Enjoy Spiked Snowmelt Craft Hard Seltzer and beer from Upslope, as well as a tasty taco bar from Mojo Taqueria.

Free and open to age 21+.







Come by the Capital One Café for a complimentary coffee and breakfast treat with your BIFF ticket or pass. One per customer per day and while supplies last.



Show BIFF ticket stub or pass Capital One Café, 13th & Pearl St.

THE BIFF FILMMAKER LOUNGE



Red Carpet Gala

(so you can

stay out later!)

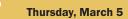
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The Post Brewing Co. • 2027 13th St. Open to All Special BIFF menugrab a bite between shows!

Welcome to the center of the social action at BIFF. The BIFF Filmmaker Lounge is party headquarters for BIFF attendees and anyone who wants to mingle with filmmakers, celebrities and fellow film fans. Take a break to sample The Post's gosh darn delicious beers, cocktails and comfort food, and enjoy lots of free live music!

Open 'til midnight every night during BIFF!

Live! At THE LOUNGE FREE and open to all





Finn O'Sullivan, 7pm Mark Oblinger, 7:30pm

Dechen Hawk, 8pm Billy Shaddox, 8:30pm Bitterroot, 9pm

Fruta Brutal, 9:30pm

Friday, March 6

OPENING NIGHT AFTER PARTY

Wendy Woo Band, 10pm-Midnight







Saturday, March 7 SINGER-SONGWRITER SHOWCASE

Landon Tucker, 6pm Riley Ann (The Catcalls), 6:30pm Kingdom Jasmine, 7pm Abby Brown & Trevor Krehel, 7:30pm Courtney Noe, 8pm Mojomama, 8:30pm

VIP FILMMAKER RECEPTION

SATURDAY, March 7 3:30-5:30pm Japango • 1136 Pearl St. Passholders Only



Japango returns as the fabulous host and sponsor of this exclusive festival-favorite event. Join us in one of the most beautiful rooms in town for a taste of modern Japan, featuring delicious food, wine and beer. A menu of specialty cocktails playfully inspired by the BIFF film lineup will be served, as will great conversation with fellow film lovers, filmmakers and special guests—you never know who might show up!

Bring your pass and stop by early—space is limited!



Presented by Audi Flatirons



SATURDAY, March 7, 9pm-Midnight
The Filmmaker Lounge at the Post / 2027 13th St.

FREE with Adventure Film Pavilion or BIFF Ticket Stub or Pass

Join us to celebrate the adventurous spirit of Boulder and BIFF's new Adventure Film Pavilion. Meet the explorers, artists and creators who will share their stories at the AFP. A free drink and snacks courtesy of Audi Flatirons.

Purchase a YETI 20-oz. tumbler for only \$20, which includes another free drink! Proceeds benefit BIFF. Plus, win great prizes from our AFP partners!

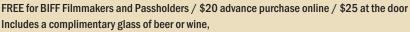
LIQUOR BAR



BIFF NOIR: SPEAKEASY

SATURDAY, March 7, 9pm-Midnight

License No. 1 / The Hotel Boulderado / 2115 13th St.



tasty late-night nibbles and live music by Banshee Tree.

Welcome (back) to the Roaring '20s! It's time to party the night away at License No. 1—modern speakeasy style. Enjoy a tantalizing cocktail, socialize and dance the night away to the music of Banshee Tree, playing a combo of dance, jam and early jazz, creating a frenzied, earthy dance music all their own.



Staff costumes generously provided by The Ritz.

Rent your own—use the secret password "BIFF Noir"
for a 10% discount at The Ritz. 959 Walnut St.

Adults 21 and over only, please. BRING ID!

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PROGRAM BT-09

CLOSING NIGHT FILM & AWARDS CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, March 8, Boulder Theater \$35 / Free for Passholders
Closing night film: The Social Dilemma
Q&A by Ron Bostwick with Director
Jeff Orlowski, Producer Larissa Rhodes,
and other team members after the film

Inside the Boulder Theater, enjoy a tasty brew of bohemian swing—an intoxicating, toe-tapping mash of gypsy, twang, gospel and soul from Half Pint & The Growlers.

followed by the BIFF Awards Ceremony where we'll honor the best of the fest with their handcrafted Vielehr award sculptures.

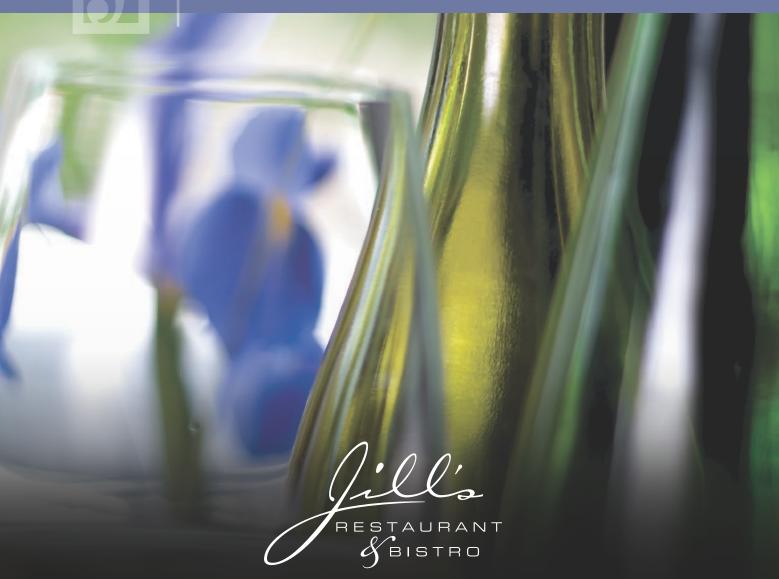
Then enjoy a special screening of *The Social Dilemma*, direct from Sundance 2020. See pg 38 for all the details!



Wine Wednesdays

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JOIN US FOR DINNER IN JILL'S RESTAURANT WEDNESDAYS FROM 5:30-10PM AND ENJOY 1/2 OFF SELECTED WINES AND WINES BY THE GLASS







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IN THE HEART OF BOULDER COLORADO



TIME WELL SPENT.



5pm Amuse Bouche Preview (ticket required, see box)

Rembrandt Yard Art Gallery & Event **Center 1301 Spruce St • \$100**

(CineCHEF not included in Festival Pass. Free for Red Carpet Passholders at Director and Leadership Circle levels only)

Boulder and Denver's best chefs are back in this culinary showdown-with a twist! Four MEN and four WOMEN chefs will face off to create film-inspired dishes for a fun and friendly competition. "Badass Women Chefs" were the soldout feature of last year's CineCHEF, so we'll see how the men stack up against the women for BIFF 2020. Attendees will taste and vote on the star chefs' cinema-based masterpieces, while also enjoying live music, wine, beer and dessert. May the best chef-and gender-win!

Carrie Baird

Executive Chef/Partner, Bar Dough



Roy Benningfield, Culinary Director, SALT





Laurent Mechin Executive Chef/Culinary Director, St Julien Hotel & Spa



John Platt Chef/Proprietor, Riffs Urban Fare



Chris Royster Executive Chef/Partner, Flagstaff House

Linda Hampsten Fox

Executive Chef/Owner, The Bindery



ChoLon Modern Asian, Stapleton





Special "Amuse Bouche" Champagne Preview for those who want the ultimate CineCHEF experience. The Amuse Bouche Preview ticket will allow you to enter 30 minutes early (at 5pm), enjoy a welcome glass of Coppola sparkling wine and a special gift. Taste all of those scrumptious chef delights before anyone else! • \$145, limited number available



Desserts by Shamane Simons of Shamane's Bake Shoppe

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SHOWCASE

Thursday March 5, 7-10pm Saturday March 7, 6-9pm The Filmmaker Lounge @ The Post 2027 13th St. in Boulder BIFF keeps its popular live music program going with the 2020 Singer-Songwriter Showcase.

Festival goers are invited to hang with their favorite filmmakers in the Filmmaker Lounge @ The Post while listening to exciting original music.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 7-10 PM

Finn O'Sullivan, 7pm Mark Oblinger, 7:30pm Dechen Hawk, 8pm Billy Shaddox, 8:30pm Bitterroot, 9pm Fruta Brutal, 9:30pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 6-9 PM

Landon Tucker, 6pm Riley Ann (The Catcalls), 6:30pm Kingdom Jasmine, 7pm Abby Brown & Trevor Krehel, 7:30pm Courtney Noe, 8pm Mojomama, 8:30pm

















MORE MUSIC

Be a part of the conversation #2020BIFF Saturday, March 7

More at biff1.com/music



Thursday, March 5 5:30-7:30pm

CineCHEF AT **REMBRANDT YARD**

Perpetual Motion

Violinist Josie Quick and guitarist Tom Carleno are a dynamic acoustic duo that moves through music from everywhere.



Friday, March 6 5-7pm

OPENING NIGHT RED CARPET GALA

Parties at Rembrandt Yard and Hotel Boulderado HOTEL BOULDERADO -

Denver Jazz Trio

Denver Jazz Trio "makes jazz fun" with unique versions of popular jazz classics mixed with other old-school classics.

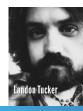
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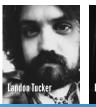
Benny Shaw, Pianist

Shaw is an improvisational solo pianist with a unique and capturing style, drawing upon jazz, blues and folk genres.











SAUNTER TO THE BOULDER THEATER WITH THE SECOND LINE STYLINGS OF THE GUERRILLA FANFARE BRASS BAND.

This band is bringing New Orleans-style funk to Northern Colorado.



10pm-Midnight

OPENING NIGHT AFTER PARTY @ THE POST

With the Wendy Woo Band

From her signature style of playing "Slap Tap" guitar, to the funky rhythms of the band, Wendy Woo promises to please. FREE



Friday, March 6 5-7pm

OPENING NIGHT PARTY @ THE LONGMONT STEWART AUDITORIUM

Music by Espresso!

Espresso! merges two musical traditions with red-hot interpretations of American swing and gypsy jazz favorites.



9pm-Midnight **BIFF NOIR: SPEAKEASY**

Music by Banshee Tree

License No.1 at the

member.



Hotel Boulderado FREE for all filmmakers & BIFF Passholders \$20 - advance purchase online \$25 - at the door Indie swing-jam band with an eclectic style that is sure to please every audience



Sunday, March 8 6:15 -7:15pm **CLOSING NIGHT** AT THE

BOULDER THEATER

Music by Half Pint & The Growlers

Half Pint & The Growlers brings bohemian swinga tasty mash of swing, gypsy, twang and soul that'll take you for a spin from New Orleans to Havana, Paris to Memphis.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! MUSIC & FILM PANEL

TV/Film Music Licensing & Audio Production

- Saturday, March 7, 11am-12:30pm
- BIFF Festival Tent @ Pearl near 14th

Join us for a lively, interactive discussion and Q&A with a fabulous panel. SEE PG 15 FOR DETAILS.

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What is XR?

The evolution of virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) into a MIXED reality, aka XR.

Celebrating the evolution of storytelling, the BIFF XR **Experience presents the very best** of this revolutionary medium. **Curated VR films from around** the world, industry meetups, interactive workshops and our very own Boulder XR Science Fair.

STOP BY, GRAB A HEADSET!

At Galvanize Boulder, 1023 Walnut St

THURSDAY, March 5, 5:30-8pm (Kick-Off Party)

FRIDAY, March 6, 11am-8pm **SATURDAY**, March 7, 10am–8pm

At BIFF TalkBack Café in the Tent at 14th & Pearl

SUNDAY, March 8, 3–5pm













XR Experience Kick-Off Party

Thurs, Mar 5, 5:30-8pm Come kick off a great VR/AR/XR weekend with Spiked Snowmelt Craft Hard Seltzer and beer from Upslope, as well as a tasty taco bar from Mojo Taqueria.

The Boulder XR Science Fair

Sat, Mar 7, Noon-3pm, 4:30-8pm Come check out the brilliance of Boulder AR/VR from local university labs, tech teams and professionals.

360 Photography Workshop with Dave Blessing

Sat, Mar 7, 2-3pm, (age 7+)

Get out of the box by checking out the mind-blowing world of 360 photography with Boulder High teacher Dave Blessing, who will present a photo safari, introduce you to a 360 camera and explain this ground-breaking technology.











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The Collaboration Between Art & Technology: Making Disney Animation's Cycles and Myth: A Frozen Tale

Sat, Mar 7, 3-4:30pm

Co-presented and sponsored by CU College of Media, Communication and Information, our Education and Innovation Partner



Jeff Gipson (Director) and Jose Luis Gomez Dias (Lead Software Engineer, VR/AR at Disney Animation) discuss design challenges and new techniques to effectively tell a story in the VR medium, including VR storyboarding and unique use of light and color saturation.

Gipson and Gomez's credits include Disney's Zootopia, Moana, Ralph Breaks the Internet and Frozen 2.

> Documentary VR films presented in conjunction with CU's Center for Documentary and Ethnographic Media.



FILMS IN THE VR THEATER



■ Cycles DIRECTED BY JEFF GIPSON Disney's Cycles centers around the true meaning of creating a home and the life it holds inside its walls. The idea for the film was inspired by director Jeff Gipson's childhood memories with his grandparents-and later, having to move them to an assisted-living residence.



■ Myth: A Frozen Tale DIRECTED BY JEFF GIPSON

In a forest outside of Arendelle, a family sits down for a bedtime story and is transported to a mystical and enchanted forest where the elemental spirits come to life and the myth of their past and future is revealed.



Journey with Tun Lin as he retraces his ordeal of slavery in the Thai fishing industry, the 11 years of horrific treatment on board a slave ship and his brave escape from a prison made of water.

■ Loxa DIRECTED BY DAN CHRISTENSEN

Loxa's family has lived for generations as subsistence farmers in the highlands of Chiapas, Mexico. But that generational cycle is changing because of the new middle school-she will now be the first female in her family to go to high school.

■ 2nd Step DIRECTED BY JORG COURTIAL

2nd Step is a soaring VR journey through space-from the moon to Mars and beyond-to some of the most exciting settings of current and future space missions.

■ 12 Seconds of Gunfire:

The True Story of a School Shooting DIRECTED BY SUZETTE MOYER & SETH BLANCHARD

This beautifully animated film recounts what happened to first-graders Jacob Hall and Ava Olsen when a 14-year-old boy opened fire on their school playground.

Check out these two experiences FROM REALITY GARAGE!

■ Rock Climbing in Boulder Canyon

■ Denver Helicopter



Friday March 6 - Sunday March 8 **FREE programs & screenings** for kids, teens & families!

INOTE AGE RECOMMENDATIONS

very special thank you to our Youth Advisory Council (YAC), a group of local teens from five different high schools in Boulder Valley who have been hard at work to make the Youth Pavilion possible. Throughout the year, the YAC provides support for film clubs and classes at local middle and high schools and dedicates its time to filming projects for local non-profits as well as putting together the program for the Youth Pavilion. If you are 14 or older and would like to join the YAC, please apply on our website biff1.com under "Educational Outreach."



BIFF YOUTH PAVILION OPENING NIGHT AND SHORT FILM COMPETITION AWARDS

FREE TICKETS available at biff1.com/ youth-pavilion

Friday, March 6, 6-9pm **BOULDER PUBLIC LIBRARY,** CANYON THEATER NORTH ENTRANCE

FREE · AGES 12+

Join us for a fun-filled night of movies and awards. Teen filmmakers will have the spotlight as we celebrate the winners of our short film competition.

- · Light dinner will be provided by Sushi Zanmai and Cosmo's Pizza
- Music by Luc Letourneau and Tanguel, an indie/funk band from Boulder High School
- The awards program begins at 7pm
- · Arrive early, seating is limited!

*PLEASE PARK AT THE BOULDER PUBLIC LIBRARY

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>>> WORKSHOPS >>>

Saturday, March 7, 10:30am-Noon BIFF XR Pavilion @ Galvanize, 1023 Walnut St.

AUGMENTED REALITY WITH MIGHTY FUDGE (AGES 6+)

Dive into the alternative world of Augmented Reality (AR) with Mighty Fudge Studios. While virtual reality immerses you in a different world, AR augments reality using a cell phone, just like in Pokémon GO. Come see how it works!



Saturday, March 7, 12:30-1:45pm BIFF XR Pavilion @ Galvanize, 1023 Walnut St. **VLOGGING WITH DUZER** (AGES 10+)

Learn to vlog (video blog) with the inspirational Ryan

Van Duzer, whose YouTube channel has garnered over one million hits. Duzer's channel chronicles his outdoor adventures across the globe. Check out his new show "Get Out There" on Amazon.

Saturday, March 7, 2-3pm BIFF XR Pavilion @ Galvanize, 1023 Walnut St.

360 PHOTOGRAPHY (AGES 7+)

Get out of the box by checking out the mindblowing world of 360 photography with Boulder High teacher Dave Blessing, who will present a photo safari, introduce you to a 360 camera and explain this ground-breaking technology.

Sunday, March 8, Noon-1:15pm Eldorado Room @ Boulder Public Library **STOP MOTION ANIMATION (AGES 7+)**

Use your cellphone to make a stop motion/ animated film! Members of BIFF's Youth Advisory Council will help teams develop their films.

Saturday, March 7, 11:00am-Noon **Boulder Public Library Canyon Theater**

NYICFF KID FLICKS ONE (AGES 3-7) 60 min

Bigger, brighter, bolder: Change is in the air in Kid Flicks One, brimming with fun and clever stories of growth and transformation. If you've ever been the youngest, you'll sympathize with the little tadpole who always falls a tad behind in the charming KUAP. Catching up on penmanship is the name of the game in the winning doc Pen Licence. Then, little ones are in charge and grown-ups get to play when the hilarious Flipped reworks the script. Presented in partnership with the New York International Children's Film Festival.

Sunday, March 8, 1:30-2:45pm **Boulder Public Library Canyon Theater NYICFF KID FLICKS TWO (AGES 8+)**

Kid Flicks Two bridges the gap between little and big for young audiences growing in experiences and ideas. Take a wild ride and harness the (cat) power of the cosmos with the quirky film Catmos. If you're curious about more earthly matters, take a page out of a Field Guide to Being a 12-Year-Old Girl. And whether their tastes lean umami or sweet, the duo in Mogu & Perol just might convince you there is simply nothing more delish than a warm friendship. Presented in partnership with the New York International Children's Film Festival.



Sunday, March 8, 3-4:30pm **Boulder Public Library Canyon Theater SUPERPOWER DOGS** (RATED G) 47 min

Follow six dogs and their human partners as they brave earthquakes and avalanches, protect endangered species and help people with special needs.



Preceded by:

BACK FROM THE BRINK: SAVED FROM EXTINCTION (RATED G)

39 min

Experience the remarkable true story of three animal species rescued from the brink of extinction including the Channel Island Fox, China's fabled Golden Monkey and the wondrous migrating crabs of Christmas Island.

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PROGRAM FUMC-02

Thursday, 8pm First United Methodist Church

GAY CHORUS DEEP SOUTH

Co-presented by **Out Boulder County** outboulder.org TalkBack follows at the venue (See synopsis on page 18)

PROGRAM FUMC-03

Friday, 10am First United Methodist Church

THE EUPHORIA OF BEING

Co-presented by Blue Moon Dance Company bluemoondancecompany.com Anti-Defamation League **Mountain States** mountainstates.adl.org TalkBack follows at the venue (See synopsis on page 20)

PROGRAM FUMC-04

Friday, 12:15pm First United Methodist Church

AIWEIWEI: YOURS TRULY

Co-presented by Amnesty International USA amnestyusa.org

TalkBack follows at the venue (See synopsis on page 20)

PROGRAM FUMC-05

Friday, 2:45pm **First United Methodist Church**

Co-presented by Denver Justice and Peace Committee denjustpeace.org

TalkBack follows at the venue (See synopsis on page 21)

Our thanks to Call2Action founders and supporters Sandy Younghans and Joellen Raderstorf, and the donors below for helping change





PROGRAM PRES-01

Friday, 10am First Presbyterian Church

TOXIC BEAUTY

Co-presented by CoPIRG copirg.org

TalkBack follows at the venue (See synopsis on page 22)

PROGRAM HS-02

Saturday, 12:15pm **Boulder High School**

THE DOG DOC

TalkBack follows with Dr. Marty Goldstein, the Dog Doc, at the venue (See synopsis on page 27)

PROGRAM FUMC-10

Saturday, 2:45pm First United Methodist Church

THE STORY OF PLASTIC

Co-presented by Eco-Cycle eco-cycle.org TalkBack follows at the venue (See synopsis on page 30)

PROGRAM HS-07

Sunday, 12:15pm **Boulder High School**

SUPERPOWER DOGS

Co-presented by Colorado Task Force 1 -Urban Search and Rescue westmetrofire.org/973/ Colorado-Task-Force-1-CO-TF1

BACK FROM THE BRINK: SAVED FROM EXTINCTION

Co-presented by The Nature Conservancy nature.org

TalkBack follows at

the venue

(See synopses on page 35)

PROGRAM FUMC-13

Sunday, 3pm First United Methodist Church

Co-presented by Second Wind Fund thesecondwindfund.org TalkBack follows at the venue

(See synopsis on page 37)



ALL events in the Tent are **FREE** and open to the public!

You've been moved? Now get moving!

Have you left a film fired up and wondered what you can do? Engage with filmmakers, presenters and fellow film lovers to enjoy the afterglow of the film experience. Learn what motivated the filmmakers and how that intertwines with the co-presenters' missions. Learn about actions you can take to make a difference.



TalkBacks will be held at the film venues.

Visit biff1.com/call2action for more info and real ways to get involved and make a difference. See the 5 Actions you can take for each film.

MUSIC & FILM PANEL

Saturday, March 7 11am-12:30pm BIFF Talkback Café Tent

TV/Film Music Sync Licensing and Audio Production

Join us for an interactive discussion and Q&A about TV/Film music licensing. Our panelists have decades of experience working with major music catalogs and TV/Film productions. Areas of discussion will include creative song production in sync, creative sync briefs, usage classifications/fees and current licensing practices.

PANELISTS

Annie James

Coordinator, Licensing, Warner Recorded Music - Visual Media Licensing

Carsyn Henricksen

Manager of Sync Licensing Administration, Warner Chappell Music **Publishing**

Max Hirsh

A&R Coordinator, Angry Mob Music Group

Moderated by Benom Plumb, **Asst. Professor of Music Industry** Studies, CU Denver

Snacks from Shamane's Bake Shoppe



THE TENT ON PEARL STREET NEAR 14TH

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Coffee provided by



Snacks provided by



FREE MUSIC AT THE BIFF TENT

Listen to some top Colorado musicians between movies.

Friday, March 6

• 12pm: Chris Bosch - Songs that tell the story of love, personal redemption and finding freedom.

Saturday, March 7

- 1pm: Dani Smith Songs born of quiet reflection on travels, identity, heart and nature.
- 2pm: Eric Stone Jazz, funk, fusion, rock, blues and world music by a contemporary virtuoso guitar player.
- 4pm: John Bunzli Singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist.
- 5pm: Suzanne Paris Acoustic-rock with a hint of pop, lined with magical lyrics and carried with an angelic voice.

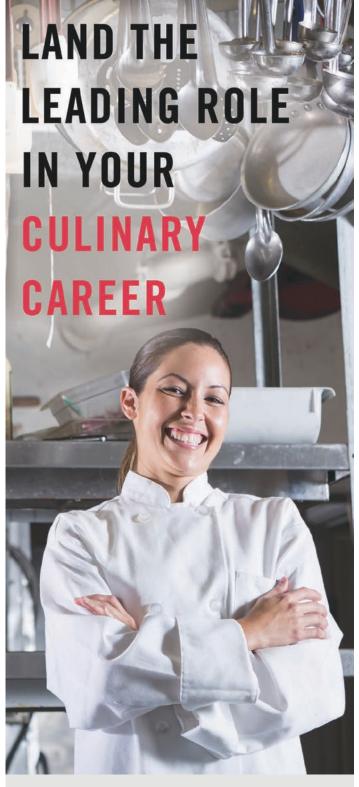
Sunday, March 8

- 2pm: Mad Dog Blues Trio A "Colorado Country Blues" acoustic blues jam band.
- 3pm: Karen Horan Old-traditional Celtic-style rooted in velvety and expressive alto tones.
- 4pm: Paul Iwancio Mix of blues, jazz, reggae and folk.

Expect other surprise non-musical entertainment under the tent throughout the weekend.

For details, go to biff1.com/call2action.

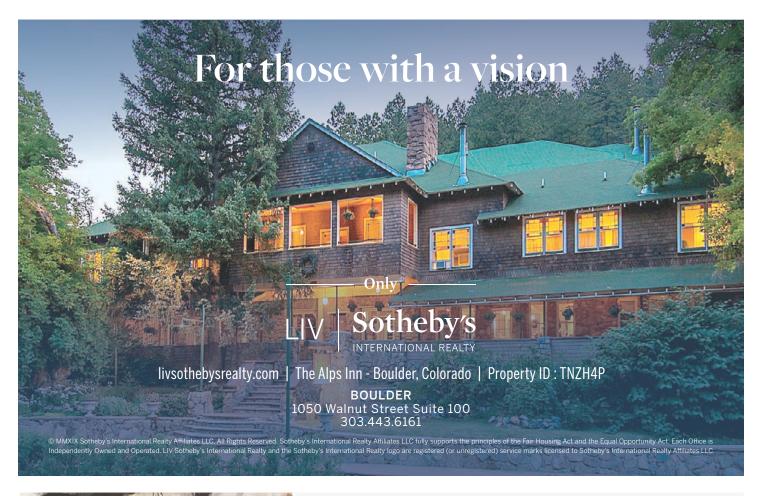






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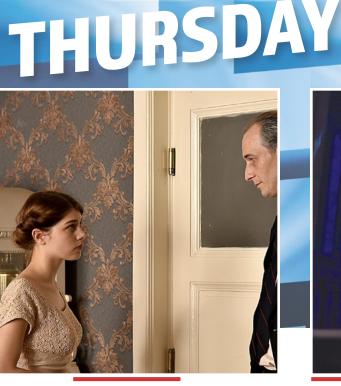


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Thursday, 5pm, First United Methodist Church

THOSE WHO REMAINED

Hungary, Feature Film, 2019, 88 min



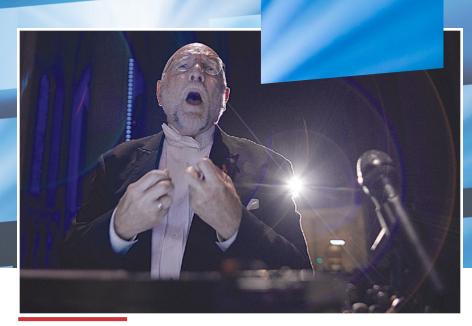
ALSO SCREENING IN LONGMONT, SEE P.49

Hungary's submission to the 2020 Academy Awards

Shortlisted for the 2020 Academy Awards

Having survived the camps, 42-year-old Aldo lives a solitary life as a doctor in Budapest. Outspoken 16-year-old Klara lives with her great aunt and is still writing long letters to her father and mother, hoping they will return. She meets Aldo, a father-daughter relationship begins, and the joy in both of their lives slowly returns. But, as the Soviet Empire rises to power, their relationship is misunderstood and they are investigated by the Communist government. A lyrical story of the healing power of love in the midst of conflict, loss and trauma. SUBTITLED

DIRECTED BY BARNABÁS TÓTH **BOULDER PREMIERE**



PROGRAM FUMC-02

Thursday, 8pm, First United Methodist Church

GAY CHORUS DEEP SOUTH

USA, Feature Documentary, 2019, 93 min

"The overwhelming positivity in this footage is illuminating and encouraging." ROGEREBERT.COM

More than 300 singers in the prestigious San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus along with the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir embark on a tour of the American Deep South. They perform thunderously in churches, community centers and concert halls, all in the hope of uniting us in a time of deep, passionate differences. Conductor Dr. Tim Seelig and other chorus members, some of whom fled the South long ago, must now finally confront their own fears and pain on a journey back home. For the singers, this tour is surprisingly free of animosity and offers a glimpse of a freer America, where the things that divide us-faith, race, politics and sexual identity-are set aside by the soaring power of music, humanity and a little drag.

DIRECTED BY DAVID CHARLES RODRIGUES BOULDER PREMIERE

PRECEDED BY A SHORT PERFORMANCE BY THE RESONANCE WOMEN'S CHORUS



TalkBack following the film in the venue, see p.15



Gay Chorus Deep South will be preceded by a short performance by the Resonance Women's Chorus, a 125-voice chorus highlighting the work of women writers and composers from the women's music community, the LGBTQ choral movement and new works for women's voices. The chorus is led by founding director Sue Coffee.



NEW!

This year the Red Carpet Gala will be held on FRIDAY night (so you can stay out later!)

Presented by 105.5 The Colorado Sound



\$95 / Free for Passholders

5pm - 7pm Pre-Film Parties

7pm Boulder Theater doors open

Film Starts 7:30pm

2 PARTIES 2 VENUES

Hotel Boulderado Ballroom 2115 13th St.

A gourmet selection of appetizers from the Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts

Wines by Francis Ford Coppola Winery

Local beers and Snowmelt Craft Hard Seltzer by Upslope Brewing Company

Music by the Denver Jazz Trio

Rembrandt Yard Art Gallery & Event Center 1301 Spruce St.

Tasty house-made Italian specialties from Pasta Jay's Catering

Wines by Francis Ford Coppola Winery

Local beers and Snowmelt Craft Hard Seltzer by Upslope Brewing Company

Music by Pianist Benny Shaw

Audi luxury autos on display

Step-and-repeat photo op by Boulder Magazine

Costumes and Makeup by BDT Stage

Second line parade to the theater with the Guerrilla Fanfare Brass Band

10 pm After Party at the BIFF Filmmaker Lounge at The Post, with the Wendy Woo Band The Post Brewing Co. 2027 13th St. Free and open to all. Food and drink available for purchase.

PASSHOLDERS

OPENING NIGHT IS RESERVED SEATING ONLY

ALL PASSHOLDERS MUST RSVP TO RESERVE SEATS.

Please email RSVP@BIFF1.com by Wednesday, February 19.

(Opening Night Gala ticket buyers will receive seating upon purchase)















PROGRAM BT-01

Friday, 7:30pm, Boulder Theater

ONCE WERE BROTHERS: ROBBIE ROBERTSON AND THE BAND

Canada, Feature Documentary, 2019, 100 min

Once Were Brothers: Robbie Robertson and The Band is a confessional, cautionary, and occasionally humorous tale of Robertson's young life and the creation of one of the most enduring groups in the history of popular music, The Band. The film is a moving story of Robertson's personal journey, overcoming adversity and finding camaraderie alongside the four other men who would become his brothers in music, together making their mark on music history. The Band called it guits with a lavish farewell concert in 1976, immortalized in the seminal concert film, The Last Waltz, directed by Martin Scorsese-considered by many as the greatest rock and roll film of all time. Once Were Brothers blends rare archival footage, photography, iconic songs and interviews with Robertson's friends and collaborators, including Martin Scorsese, Bruce Springsteen, Eric Clapton, Van Morrison and more.

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DIRECTED BY DANIEL ROHER
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GLAZER AND RON HOWARD



Top photo by Elliott Landy, The Band L to R: Rick Danko, Levon Helm, Richard Manuel, Garth Hudson, Robbie Robertson. Photo on right by Don Dixon.

FRIDAY



PROGRAM FUMC-03

Friday, 10am, First United Methodist Church

THE EUPHORIA OF BEING

Hungary, Feature Documentary, 2019, 83 min



ALSO SCREENING SUNDAY, 10AM @ BOULDER THEATER AND IN LONGMONT, SEE P.48

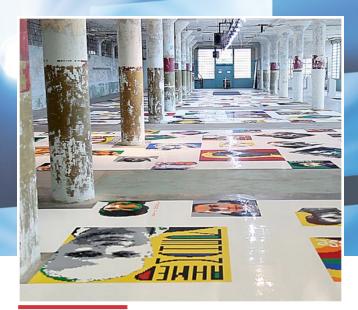
"A very moving work of art. In her words, her movements and her simple being, one gets a distillation of the human spirit at its strongest." VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Alone, Eva Fahidi returned home to Hungary after WWII. At 20, she had survived Auschwitz while 49 members of her family were murdered, including her mother, father and little sister. Today, at age 90, Eva is asked to participate in a dance theatre performance about her life's journey. This would be her first experience performing on a stage, and Réka, the director, imagines a duet between the surprisingly limber Eva and a young acclaimed dancer, Emese. Eva agrees immediately. While the dramatic moments of Eva's life are distilled into theatrical scenes, a truly powerful relationship is formed. Three women—three months—and a story of crossing many boundaries. SUBTITLED

DIRECTED BY RÉKA SZABÓ COLORADO PREMIERE

> TalkBack following the film in the venue, see p.15





PROGRAM FUMC-04

Friday, 12:15pm, First United Methodist Church

AI WEIWEI: YOURS TRULY

USA, Feature Documentary, 2019, 78 min



ALSO SCREENING SATURDAY, 10AM @ BOULDER
HIGH SCHOOL AND IN LONGMONT. SEE P.48

Ai Weiwei, China's most famous artist and activist, recalls his father Ai Qing receiving an anonymous postcard during his long years in a Chinese labor camp. His father took great solace in the card, and Ai Weiwei never forgot it. Many years later, Ai Weiwei designed "Yours Truly," a monumental art installation in Alcatraz Prison that included portraits—in Lego-blocks—of 172 persons currently jailed for crimes of conscience in the world. Included were thousands of pick-up postcards addressed to the prisoners. Nearly a million people attended the exhibition, and 92,000 postcards were mailed. In interviews with released prisoners, we discover the surprising effect that the postcards had on their lives, and see how small acts can lead to significant change. SUBTITLED

DIRECTED BY CHERYL HAINES PRODUCED BY CHRISTY MCGILL COLORADO PREMIERE

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TalkBack following the film in the venue, see p.15



FRIDAY



PROGRAM FUMC-05

 $\label{prop:continuous} \textit{Friday, 2:} 45 pm, \textit{First United Methodist Church}$

MAXIMA

USA/Peru, Feature Documentary, 2019, 88 min

"The film is at times terrifying, heartbreaking and always infuriating..." HOT DOCS REVIEW

Illiterate Peruvian farmer Máxima Acuña didn't become an activist until the huge American Newmont Mining Corporation began terrorizing her and her family to scare them off their land-which they had farmed for a hundred generations. Since 2011. Máxima and her family have put up with physical violence, legal threats, constant surveillance from local authorities and Newmont hired guns. Through it all, she refuses to yield or sell out, and then does the unthinkable: she takes them to court. Máxima Acuña fights to protect the high Andes and the indigenous people from permanent environmental destruction by American hands. SUBTITLED

EXECUTIVE PRODUCED BY LESLEY
CHILCOTT (AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH)
DIRECTED BY CLAUDIA SPARROW
COLORADO PREMIERE

TalkBack following the film in the venue, see p.15





PROGRAM FUMC-06

Friday, 5pm, First United Methodist Church

HEARTS AND BONES

Australia, Feature Film, 2019, 111 min

Just back from an overseas assignment, acclaimed war photographer Daniel Fisher (Hugo Weaving) and his pregnant wife Josie hear a knock on the door. The visitor is Sebastian Amad, a South Sudanese immigrant, taxi driver and choir director, who has made a good life in Sydney for himself and his family. But Sebastian knows that he and Daniel share a ghastly connection. Daniel's new book and exhibition will display his famous photographs of a gruesome massacre in Sebastian's home village 15 years earlier, which may be connected with his own family tragedy. When Daniel allows Sebastian to view the photos first, the two men and their wives become friends...a friendship that is deeply tested by new information from their past.

DIRECTED BY BEN LAWRENCE COLORADO PREMIERE





Friday, 7:30pm, First United Methodist Church

DEERSKIN

France, Feature Film, 2019, 77 min

Opening night film at the Cannes Film Festival Directors' Fortnight

"The eccentric filmmaker's latest effort is a hilarious and twisted [...] amuse-bouche with tremendous cult appeal." THE PLAYLIST

In this dark comedy, Georges, played by Jean Dujardin (*The Artist*), is a clueless wannabe filmmaker who spends far too much time admiring himself in the mirror while posing in his beloved, vintage deerskin jacket, which, frankly, is a little small for him and may have dark powers. When the jacket begins to talk to Georges, this loopy film becomes a character study of an amiable man's descent into a silly but violently homicidal obsession—a transition that goes unnoticed far too long by his bartender friend Denise, or the rest of the townspeople of this small Swiss village. *SUBTITLED*

DIRECTED BY QUENTIN DUPIEUX BOULDER PREMIERE

FRIDAY



PROGRAM PRES-01

Friday, 10am, First Presbyterian Church

TOXIC BEAUTY

Canada, Feature Documentary, 2019, 90 min

When researcher Mymy Nguyen, 24, had a large tumor removed from her breast, she used her wake-up call to explore the toxicity of the cosmetics she uses every day. The results were staggering: when she switched from her usual products to "clean" cosmetics, Nguyen's chemical body burden dropped sharply in just one day. Thousands of additives in beauty products have been banned in the EU, hundreds in Canada, but the U.S. has only banned 11. Nearly 15,000 lawsuits are pending against Johnson & Johnson for their continued use of talc, a known carcinogen since 1988, and many corporations knowingly continue to use dangerous chemicals in beauty products simply because it's cheaper to fight lawsuits than risk market share by changing their formulas.

DIRECTED BY PHYLLIS ELLIS BOULDER PREMIERE

Photo © White Pine Pictures

TalkBack following the film in the venue, see p.15





PROGRAM PRES-02

Friday, 12:15pm, First Presbyterian Church

MY NAME IS SARA

USA/Poland, Feature Film, 2019, 111 min



ALSO SCREENING SUNDAY, 2:45PM @ BOULDER HIGH SCHOOL

The film was produced in collaboration with the USC Shoah Foundation founded by Steven Spielberg during the filming of Schindler's List.

This powerful saga of courage and compassion is based on the astonishing true-life story of Sara Góralnik, a 13-year-old Polish Jew who lost her entire family in the Holocaust, yet struggled to outlast the Nazis and fought to keep alive her faith. After a grueling escape, Sara steals her Christian best friend's identity and finds refuge in a small Ukrainian village, where she is taken in by a farmer and his young wife and hidden in plain sight, masquerading as a Christian. But Sara soon discovers the dark secret of her employer's marriage, which compromises the greatest secret she must protect at all costs, her true identity.

DIRECTED BY STEVEN ORITT BOULDER PREMIERE

9 STEVEN ORITT IN PERSON









PROGRAM PRES-03

Friday, 3pm, First Presbyterian Church

BILLIE

UK, Feature Documentary, 2019, 97 min



ALSO SCREENING IN FORT COLLINS, SEE P.53

"A transfixing documentary about the master jazz singer." VARIETY

Her tearful hit song about lynching—"Strange Fruit in the Southern Trees"-landed superstar Billie Holiday on J. Edgar Hoover's enemies list for her lifetime. Now, this incredible film reveals a newly discovered treasure trove of interviews about Billie Holiday-all conducted in the 1970s by journalist Linda Lipnack Kuehl. Over eight years, Linda recorded hundreds of hours of interviews with the extraordinary characters that populated the singer's short, tumultuous life, including Sarah Vaughan, Tony Bennett, Count Basie, school friends, jail-mates, lawyers, pimps, and even the FBI agents who arrested her. But Linda's book was never finished, and the tapes were never heard...until now. All of these gritty interviews are interwoven with soaring, astonishing performances by Billie Holiday herself—one of the greatest voices of all time.

DIRECTED BY JAMES ERSKINE BOULDER PREMIERE

9 JAMES ERSKINE IN PERSON

Photo ©Getty Images/Colorisation Marina Amaral





PROGRAM PRES-04

Friday, 5:30pm, First Presbyterian Church

PIANO TO ZANSKAR

UK, Feature Documentary, 2018, 86 min



ALSO SCREENING SATURDAY, 10AM @ BOULDER THEATER AND IN LONGMONT, SEE P.49, AND FORT COLLINS, SEE P.53

Grand Prize winner at the Banff Mountain Film Festival.

"The whole endgame is delightfully, disarmingly surreal." EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Facing his future in retirement "sitting in deck chairs and eating lemon drizzle cake," delightful 65-year-old piano tuner Desmond O'Keeffe decides to attempt the most perilous delivery of his career: transporting a 100-year-old classic upright piano from bustling London to a school in the remote heart of the Indian Himalayas. What could possibly go wrong? Aided by two young apprentices, a team of Sherpas and a motley crew of yaks and ponies, the team's convictions are tested as they cross sheer mountain passes of breathtaking beauty. If successful, the expedition will be the highest piano delivery in history, but more importantly, it could become the ultimate gesture of music's universal power: bridging cultures, inspiring strength and bringing joy.

FEATURING AN ORIGINAL MUSICAL SCORE BY WERNER HERZOG COLLABORATOR, ERNST REIJSEGER (CAVE OF FORGOTTEN DREAMS). DIRECTED BY MICHAEL SULIMA PRODUCED BY JAREK KOTOMSKI U.S. PREMIERE

MICHAEL SULIMA AND JAREK KOTOMSKI IN PERSON







PROGRAM PRES-05

Friday, 7:45pm, First Presbyterian Church

SHORT FILMS 1



ALSO SCREENING SATURDAY, 10AM @ FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND IN LONGMONT, SEE P.48

THE RUNNING PASTOR

USA, Short Documentary, 2019, 9 min Sverri is an avid runner who uses his time on the spectacular cliffs of his Danish island to work through the conflicts of others. As the local pastor, he must keep everyone's secrets.

DIRECTED BY TIM KEMPLE

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Estonia, Short Film, 2018, 23 min On the Academy Award Shortlist for Best Short Film

Ibrahim is a shepherd whose job is to look after his herd as best as he can. One day he receives a phone call from his brother with a plan he wants nothing to do with. SUBTITLED

DIRECTED BY EVAR ANVELT

NEFTA FOOTBALL CLUB

France, Short Film, 2018, 17 min Nominated for a 2020 Academy Award In this endearing film, two soccer fan brothers bump into a donkey wearing headphones lost in the middle of the desert on the border of Algeria. SUBTITLED **DIRECTED BY YVES PIAT**

JACK

USA, Short Film, 2018, 8 min

A baseball fan comes to grips with the fate of his sick cat the only way he knows how.

STARRING AND WRITTEN BY RYAN GAUL (SUPERSTORE) **DIRECTED BY NICK PAONESSA**

PRYAN GAUL IN PERSON



THE NEIGHBOR'S WINDOW

USA, Short Film, 2019, 20 min Winner of a 2020 Academy Award Alli (Maria Dizzia), a mother of young children, has grown frustrated with her daily routine and husband (Greg Keller). But her life is shaken up when two free-spirited 20-somethings move in across the street and she discovers that she can see into their apartment.

INSPIRED BY A TRUE STORY, THE FILM WAS WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY FOUR-TIME ACADEMY AWARD-NOMINATED DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKER MARSHALL CURRY

HORS PISTE

France, Short Animation, 2018, 6 min On the Academy Award Shortlist for Best Short Animation

Two bumbling rescue workers are ready for their new mission. It will not go as planned.

DIRECTED BY LÉO BRUNEL, LORIS CAVALIER, CAMILLE JALABERT AND OSCAR MALET

Top left photo: Will Saunders/Camp4 Collective

SATURDA

E REPLA PROGRAM BT-02 Saturday, 10am, Boulder Theater

PIANO TO ZANSKAR

UK, Feature Documentary, 2018, 86 min See p.23 for full synopsis



PROGRAM BT-03

Saturday, 12:30pm, Boulder Theater

HENRI DAUMAN: LOOKING UP

USA, Feature Documentary, 2018, 87 min



ALSO SCREENING IN LONGMONT, SEE P.49

As one of the greatest photographers of the 20th century, Holocaust survivor Henri Dauman-still enthusiastic at 85-took the international photography world by storm in the '50s with his images of icons like Marilyn Monroe, Brigitte Bardot, Miles Davis, Yves Saint Laurent, Andy Warhol, Elvis Presley, JFK and Jean-Luc Godard. But, for all of his achievements, few know the details of Dauman's remarkable origin story. Orphaned at 13, he set out to rebuild his family at any cost. Through love, persistence and uncompromising vision, Dauman created a brilliant career in New York City, where his bold, naturalistic style quickly brought him fame and fortune at his only job, a 30-year assignment at Life magazine. This film explores both the photographer's traumatic past and the vibrancy of NYC that would define Dauman's work-through a million negatives-for all time.

DIRECTED BY PETER KENNETH JONES PRODUCED BY PETER KENNETH JONES AND NICOLE SUEREZ **COLORADO PREMIERE**

HENRI DAUMAN, PETER KENNETH JONES AND NICOLE SUEREZ IN PERSON









PROGRAM BT-04

Saturday, 3:45pm, Boulder Theater

THE PERSONAL HISTORY OF DAVID COPPERFIELD

UK/USA, Feature Film, 2019, 119 min

The Personal History of David Copperfield re-imagines Charles Dickens' classic ode to grit and perseverance through the comedic lens of its award-winning filmmakers, who give the Dickensian tale new life for a cosmopolitan age, with a diverse ensemble cast of stage and screen actors from across the world. Emmy winners and Academy Award nominees Armando Iannucci (In the Loop, The Death of Stalin, HBO's "Veep") and Simon Blackwell (In the Loop, HBO's "Succession") lend their wry yet heart-filled storytelling style to revisiting Dickens' iconic hero on his quirky journey from impoverished orphan to burgeoning writer in Victorian England.

★ STARRING DEV PATEL, ANEURIN BARNARD, PETER CAPALDI, MORFYDD CLARK, DAISY MAY COOPER, ROSALIND ELEAZAR, HUGH LAURIE, TILDA SWINTON, BEN WHISHAW, PAUL WHITEHOUSE, GWENDOLINE CHRISTIE, ANTHONY WELSH, BENEDICT WONG

DISTRIBUTED BY SEARCHLIGHT PICTURES RELEASE DATE: MAY 8, 2020 DIRECTED BY ARMANDO IANNUCCI PRODUCED BY KEVIN LOADER AND ARMANDO IANNUCCI

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SATURDAY





Saturday, 7pm, Boulder Theater

RESISTANCE

France/USA/Germany/UK, Feature Film, 2020, 120 min

Before he was the world-famous mime Marcel Marceau, he was Marcel Mangel, an aspiring Jewish actor who joined the French Resistance to save the lives of thousands of children orphaned at the hands of Nazis. Jesse Eisenberg stars in this compelling drama about a group of unsung heroes who put themselves in harm's way to rise above hatred and oppression during World War II. His life is thrown into upheaval when he is recruited into the French Resistance, putting his acting skills to the ultimate test in teaching orphaned Jewish children how to survive in the horrifying reality of the Holocaust. Based on the inspiring true story, *Resistance* follows the revolutionary tale of a selfless act that would forever change countless lives. *SUBTITLED*

★ STARRING JESSE EISENBERG, ED HARRIS, CLÉMENCE POÉSY, MATTHIAS SCHWEIGHÖFER, FÉLIX MOATI, GÉZA ROHRIG, KARL MARKOVICS, VICA KEREKES, BELLA RAMSEY, EDGAR RAMÍREZ

PRESENTED BY IFC FILMS
RELEASE DATE: MARCH 27, 2020
DIRECTED BY JONATHAN JAKUBOWICZ
COLORADO PREMIERE

Jesse Eisenberg will be presented with BIFF's Award of Excellence in Acting.

Top photo courtesy IFC Films; photo at right Getty Images

Jesse Eisenberg is an Academy Award-nominated actor and an acclaimed playwright and author. Eisenberg's film credits include Roger Dodger, The Squid and the Whale, Adventureland, Zombieland, The Social Network, Now You See Me, The Double, Night Moves, The End of Tour, American Ultra, Louder Than Bombs, Batman v. Superman, Now You See Me 2, Café Society, Justice League, The Hummingbird Project, The Art of Self-Defense and Zombieland: Double Tap.

Eisenberg has written four plays, including "Happy Talk" starring Susan Sarandon and Marin Ireland, which opened last April at the Signature Theater in New York. Born in New York, Eisenberg is a frequent contributor to *The New Yorker*.



PROGRAM HS-01

Saturday, 10am, Boulder High School

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USA, Feature Documentary, 2019, 78 min See p.20 for full synopsis.



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PROGRAM HS-02

Saturday, 12:15pm, Boulder High School

THE DOG DOC

USA, Feature Documentary, 2019, 101 min

ALSO SCREENING SUNDAY, 5PM @ FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND IN LONGMONT, SEE P.49, AND FORT COLLINS, SEE P.53

"The Dog Doc is a visionary approach to caring for animals and ourselves..." HOLLYWOOD REPORTER

Dr. Marty Goldstein is the dog doc. He specializes in a holistic, whole-patient approach to treating animals, particularly those already diagnosed as "hopeless." Using alternative medicines and unconventional treatments-along with traditional veterinary medicine-he often manages to extend the lives of animals far beyond the expectations of conventional diagnoses. As Goldstein and his staff interact with the animals, the stakes are high and it is often touch and go as we watch the owners struggle with the reality of whether or not their pets will live to see another day. The care and love Dr. Marty shows his patients and their guardians offers an immersive view into a seldom seen world...and is something truly magical to watch.

DIRECTED BY CINDY MEEHL **COLORADO PREMIERE**

PDR. MARTY **GOLDSTEIN IN PERSON**



TalkBack following the film in the venue, see p.15





Saturday, 3pm, Boulder High School

HOPE GAP

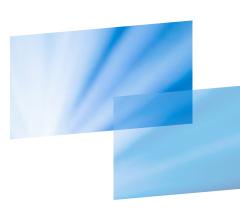
UK, Feature Film, 2019, 100 min

Grace (Annette Bening) and Edward (Bill Nighy) have been married 33 years. When their son Jamie (Josh O'Connor) comes home to visit them in the fading seaside town where he grew up, Edward tells him that he plans to leave Grace the next day, and it becomes clear that an almighty storm is about to descend. Annette Bening gives a barn-burning performance as the totally unreasonable Grace, firing out acidic one-liners while undergoing an emotional apocalypse. Hope Gap is tender, funny and, above all, true. There are no easy answers, no simple paths to redemption. But in the end, it's a story of survival. A story of hope.

★ STARRING ANNETTE BENING, BILL NIGHY AND JOSH O'CONNOR

DIRECTED BY WILLIAM NICHOLSON **COLORADO PREMIERE** DISTRIBUTED BY ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS

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SATURDAY



PROGRAM HS-04

Saturday, 5:30pm, Boulder High School

PROXIMA

France/Germany, Feature Film, 2019, 107 min



ALSO SCREENING IN FORT COLLINS, SEE P.52

Winner at the San Sebastian and Toronto Film Festivals

"A captivating and visually accomplished film which is also a feminist manifesto." CINEUROPA

When Sarah (Eva Green), the only female astronaut in the European Space Agency, is chosen to join the crew of a year-long space mission, it creates chaos in her relationship with her 7-year-old daughter, Stella. During training, Sarah tries to reveal zero emotion to show she's capable of space travel alongside stoic men like her crewmates Anton and the cocky American, Mike (Matt Dillon). In an environment teeming with machismo, Sarah must wrestle with the difficult task of pursuing her career and facing the growing internal conflict that just may derail everything. *Proxima* was shot in various real training facilities of the European Space Agency. *SUBTITLED*

★ STARRING EVA GREEN AND MATT DILLON

DIRECTED BY ALICE WINOCOUR COLORADO PREMIERE



PROGRAM HS-05

Saturday, 8pm, Boulder High School

I AM NOT ALONE

Armenia/USA, Feature Documentary, 2019, 90 min

Audience Award winner at the AFI and DOC NYC Film Festivals

On Easter 2018, a man put on a backpack and went live on Facebook to announce that he was beginning a walk across Armenia. His mission: to inspire a velvet revolution—and topple the corrupt regime that enjoys absolute power in his post-Soviet nation. With total access to all key players, *I Am Not Alone* tells the miraculous true story of what happens in the next 40 days. This incredible political thriller presents an inspiring roadmap for how a true democratic movement can achieve profound change against all odds. It is packed with rich and memorable characters, plot twists and a hero's journey that must be seen to be believed. *SUBTITLED*

DIRECTED BY GARIN HOVANNISIAN PRODUCED ALEC MOUHIBIAN COLORADO PREMIERE

• ALEC MOUHIBIAN IN PERSON







PROGRAM FUMC-08

Saturday, 10am, First United Methodist Church

GAY CHORUS DEEP SOUTH

USA, Feature Documentary, 2019, 93 min See p.18 for full synopsis.

SATURDAY













PROGRAM FUMC-09

Saturday, 12:15pm, First United Methodist Church

SHORT FILMS 2

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ALSO SCREENING SUNDAY, 10AM @ BOULDER HIGH SCHOOL AND IN LONGMONT, SEE P.48

EXTRA INNINGS

USA, Short Film, 2019, 9 min

An aggressive sports reporter interviews a major league baseball manager, trying to uncover secrets from his past.

DIRECTED BY JOHN GRAY PRODUCED BY JOHN GRAY AND MELISSA JO PELTIER

 JOHN GRAY AND MELISSA JO PELTIER IN PERSON







ASISTER

Belgium, Short Film, 2018, 16 min Nominated for a 2020 Academy Award

An emergency services dispatcher finds her professionalism put to the test when she receives a call from a woman in a desperate situation. SUBTITLED

DIRECTED BY DELPHINE GIRARD

THE OTHER FAB FOUR

USA, Short Documentary, 2019, 17 min
In the mid-1960s, four teenagers from
Liverpool were changing the face of pop
music. Their names were Mary, Sylvia,
Pam and Val. Meet The Liverbirds!
DIRECTED BY BEN PROUDFOOT

HOMESICK

France/Japan, Short Film, 2018, 27 min
Two years after the Fukushima nuclear disaster, Murai braves danger and wanders through the no-go zone to spend time with Jun, his eight-year-old son.

SUBTITLED
DIRECTED BY KOYA KAMURA

THE BIRD AND THE WHALE

Ireland, Short Animation, 2018, 7 min Winner of more than 33 awards
The Bird and the Whale is a story about a young whale and a caged songbird.
Together, they struggle to survive lost at sea. This short film was created using a near obsolete form of animation—paint-

DIRECTED BY CAROL FREEMAN

DANNY DAYCARE

Scotland, Short, 2019, 4 min
In this funny short, Danny Macaskill
takes on childcare the only way he knows
how...and it involves a wee bike ride
around Scotland!
DIRECTED BY STU THOMPSON





PROGRAM FUMC-10

 $Saturday, 2: 45 pm, First \ United \ Methodist \ Church$

THE STORY OF PLASTIC

USA, Feature Documentary, 2019, 95 min

This searing exposé uncovers the ugly truth behind plastic pollution and the false solution of plastic recycling. Different from every other plastic documentary you've seen, the film presents a cohesive timeline of how we got to our current global plastic pollution crisis and how the oil and gas industry has successfully manipulated the narrative around it. This film introduces audiences to the heroes and villains behind one of the world's most pressing environmental issues, from the extraction of fossil fuels to plastic disposal and the global resistance fighting back. Revealing the urgent information global audiences need to know immediately, through life-changing footage shot all over the world, The Story of Plastic will not only change viewers' lives but will also fuel a worldwide movement. SUBTITLED

DIRECTED AND PRODUCED BY DEIA SCHLOSBERG COLORADO PREMIERE

PERSON





TalkBack following the film in the venue, see p.15



PROGRAM FUMC-11

Saturday, 5:15pm, First United Methodist Church

IMITATING LIFE: THE AUDACITY OF SUZANNE HEINTZ

USA, Feature Documentary, 2019, 67 min

This film is about a funny, "loud-mouthed" girl from Yonkers who embarks on a strange and entertaining photographic crusade to challenge persisting stereotypes about women's roles and lives. Creating husband and child mannequins, posed to depict archetypes of mid-20th century ideals, she travels the world and places herself at the center of "family vacation photos" as the perfect wife and mother, provoking a re-examination of our most fundamental assumptions. Heintz's work has a global following and her photography series has led to exhibits around the world. But her resilience is put to the test by all-too-real life challenges. *Imitating Life* is an unconventional and funny portrait of an artist whose work blurs the lines between art and life, and a woman racing to triumph in art, identity and survival.

DIRECTED AND PRODUCED BY KAREN WHITEHEAD COLORADO PREMIERE

SUZANNE HEINTZ AND KAREN WHITEHEAD IN PERSON









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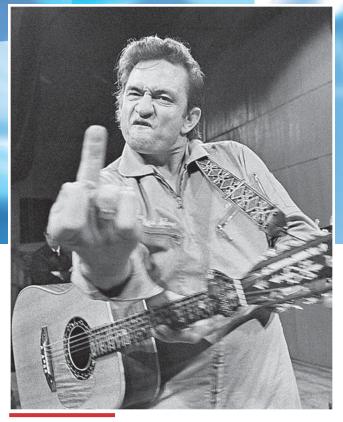
WINGS

USA, Short Documentary, 2019, 11 min

A 15-year-old girl challenges herself by building her most complex cosplay costume yet. Through the process, she connects with her father and finds herself.

DIRECTED BY BRIAN DE HERRERA-SCHNERING

SATURDAY



PROGRAM FUMC-12

Saturday, 7:30pm, First United Methodist Church

SHOW ME THE PICTURE: THE STORY OF JIM MARSHALL

UK/USA, Feature Documentary, 2019, 92 min

Audience Award winner at the San Francisco International Film Festival

Although Jim Marshall sometimes comes across as a raging, coke-fueled, gun-brandishing malcontent, he was also the towering genius photographer who was handpicked to shoot the Beatles during their last live performance in 1966, along with two of Johnny Cash's prison concerts, the entire 1972 Rolling Stones tour and hundreds of the greatest rockers in history. Marshall hit the jackpot again in the 1990s with his famous photos of the great early rappers, and he hired an archivist, Amelia Davis, who was his devoted assistant for the last 13 years of his life. Davis is one of the producers of this spectacular film about a time that looks more delirious with each passing year. Featuring appearances by Michael Douglas, Graham Nash (Crosby, Stills & Nash) Jorma Kaukonen (Jefferson Airplane) and Peter Frampton.

DIRECTED BY ALFRED GEORGE BAILEY COLORADO PREMIERE

SUSTAIN ABILITY

AN EARTH-FRIENDLY FESTIVAL

WE ALL INFLUENCE BIFF'S ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT. HERE ARE SOME EASY WAYS THAT YOU CAN POSITIVELY IMPACT THE BIFF 2020 GREEN GOALS.

■ Transform Your Transportation

Try out a transportation option that keeps harmful emissions low, reduces finite resource use, and also keeps spirits and endorphins high. We recommend bicycle, bus, carpool and pulling on your finest walking shoes. Our partner GO Boulder is thrilled to be back this year to offer you free bus rides on The HOP during the festival when you flash your BIFF ticket stub or BIFF pass.

■ BYO ... Everything

Want to know one of the best ways to save the world? Bring your own eat-wares. Coffee mug, water bottle, grocery bag, utensils, plate, bowl, even a rag to use as your napkin. Give it a try—you'd be surprised how easy it is!

■ Be a Zero Waste Hero

This is a Zero Waste event, and by composting and recycling as much as possible, we are diverting landfilled trash more and more each year. 83.8% of waste made by festival attendees got recirculated into the consumption stream in 2019; 2018 kept 83.7% of BIFF attendee waste out of the landfill. Our goal of 85% to be designated Zero Waste successful is so close. Please help us get there! Use Zero Waste stations at BIFF venues, and be sure to ask one of the Green Team Goalies to help you select the correct bin if you're at a loss.

We welcome public feedback and suggestions as we grow our green initiatives. For more information on BIFF's Green Initiatives, visit biff1. com/community/biff-green-initiative.













SATURDAY



PROGRAM PRES-06

 $Saturday,\, 10 am,\, First\, Presbyterian\, Church$

SHORT FILMS 1

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PROGRAM PRES-07

Saturday, 12:15pm, First Presbyterian Church

DESERT ONE

USA, Feature Documentary, 2019, 108 min

Directed by two-time Academy Award winner Barbara Kopple

"Ranks as one of Kopple's best." TORONTO FILM FESTIVAL REVIEW

Desert One tells the incredible story behind what has been called the most audacious, difficult and complicated rescue mission ever attempted in modern U.S. history: a secret mission to free hostages captured during the 1979 Iranian revolution. Kopple discovers a wealth of archival sources and has conversations with many of the American soldiers, as well as Iranian fighters who were guarding the hostages. This film features fascinating interviews with President Jimmy Carter, VP Walter Mondale and TV newsman Ted Koppel. At a moment when tensions rise again between Iran and the U.S., old wounds remain painfully current for many in Desert One—but talk of hope also emerges, that the lessons of the past might finally guide us to a better future. SUBTITILED

DIRECTED BY BARBARA KOPPLE COLORADO PREMIERE



PROGRAM PRES-08

Saturday, 2:45pm, First Presbyterian Church

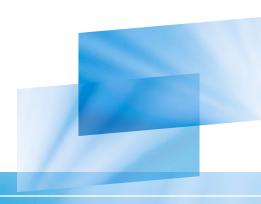
A BUMP ALONG THE WAY

UK, Feature Film, 2019, 95 min

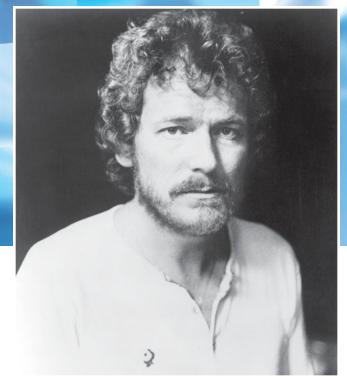
Opening Night Film at the Santa Barbara Film Festival

This delightful comedy/drama, set in Derry, Northern Ireland, is about Pamela, a fun-loving middle-aged woman, and her relationship with her buttoned-up teenaged daughter. As Pamela deals with her unexpected pregnancy from a one-night stand and the growing pains of her disgruntled daughter, the situation acts as the catalyst for her to finally take control of her life and become the role model her teenaged daughter desperately needs.

DIRECTED BY SHELLY LOVE COLORADO PREMIERE



SATURDA



PROGRAM PRES-09

Saturday, 5pm, First Presbyterian Church

GORDON LIGHTFOOT: IF YOU COULD READ MY MIND

Canada, Feature Documentary, 2019, 90 min



() ALSO SCREENING IN LONGMONT, SEE P.48

"Briskly entertaining and entirely legend-affirming..." TORONTO STAR

"What a tale, indeed." POV MAGAZINE

Gordon Lightfoot, 80, is full of surprises, the best being his honesty and humor. He is not afraid to talk about his many mistakes in life, or which of his major songs he now hates. Lightfoot has had a spectacular career as a singer, but it pales next to his legendary songwriting impact on music. Every Lightfoot lyric is an earworm, of course, and that's why THIRTY-ONE of the world's biggest music stars have recorded Lightfoot songs, many with huge hits. They range from Elvis Presley, Bob Dylan and Eric Clapton to Barbra Streisand, Johnny Cash, Neil Young and many, many more. Lightfoot went from being an award-winning boy soprano at 12, to selling out stadiums in his 20s, to depression and alcoholism in his 30s, and then back on top again. If you could only read his mind.

DIRECTED BY MARTHA KEHOE AND JOAN TOSONI **COLORADO PREMIERE**



PROGRAM PRES-10

Saturday, 7:15pm, First Presbyterian Church

MR. JONES

Poland/UK/Ukraine, Feature Film, 2019, 119 min

Based on a true story, Agnieszka Holland's thriller, set on the eve of world WWII, sees Hitler's rise to power and Stalin's Soviet propaganda machine pushing their "utopia" to the Western world. Meanwhile, an ambitious young journalist, Gareth Jones (James Norton), travels to Moscow to uncover the truth behind the propaganda. After receiving a mysterious telephone tip, Jones slips out of Moscow on a train to Kiev. From the moment he steps off the train, he sees corpses lying in the snow. He has stepped into the vast living horror of what Ukrainians still call the Holodomor, "murder by starvation." George Orwell was so inspired by Jones' work that he wrote Animal Farm and named the proprietor "Mr. Jones."

★ STARRING JAMES NORTON, VANESSA KIRBY, PETER SARSGAARD

DIRECTED BY AGNIESZKA HOLLAND COLORADO PREMIERE



PROGRAM BT-06



Sunday, 10am, Boulder Theater

THE EUPHORIA OF BEING

Hungary, Feature Documentary, 2019, 83 min See p.20 for full synopsis.



PROGRAM BT-07

Sunday, 12:15pm, Boulder Theater

THE TRUTH

France, Feature Film, 2019, 106 min

Legends of French cinema Catherine Deneuve and Juliette Binoche join masterful filmmaker Hirokazu Kore-eda (Shoplifters) to paint a moving portrait of family dynamics. Fabienne (Catherine Deneuve) is an aging French movie star who, despite her momentary lapses in memory, remains a venerable force to be reckoned with. Upon the publication of her memoirs, her daughter Lumir (Juliette Binoche) returns to Paris with her husband (Ethan Hawke) and their young daughter to commemorate the release. A sharp and funny battle of wits ensues between the mother-daughter duo, as Lumir takes issue with Fabienne's rose-colored version of the past. Charming, bold and imbued with endless emotional insight, The Truth offers a relatable look at human relationships, featuring exquisite performances from its all-star cast. SUBTITLED

★ STARRING CATHERINE DENEUVE, JULIETTE BINOCHE, ETHAN HAWKE

PRESENTED BY IFC FILMS
RELEASE DATE: MARCH 20, 2020
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PROGRAM BT-08

Sunday, 3pm, Boulder Theater

CORPUS CHRISTI

Poland, Feature Film, 2019, 116 min



ALSO SCREENING IN LONGMONT, SEE P.48

Nominated for a 2020 Academy Award

"Dynamically physical, wild-eyed performance." HOLLYWOOD REPORTER

In juvenile detention, Daniel, 20, more or less finds Christ, but is told that he can never be a priest because of his criminal record. Upon his release, he is sent to a remote town to work in a sawmill, but in an impulsive lie backed by the clerical collar he swiped, Daniel convinces a young local, Marta, that he is a recently ordained priest. He soon meets the elderly vicar, who persuades Daniel to fill in for him while he is away. Nervous at first, Daniel brushes up on Bible passages and looks up priestly protocol on the web. But soon he's improvising impassioned sermons, causing the number of churchgoers to swell. Daniel is a great priest, and the people love him—even more so as he edges towards a dark secret that the community hasn't revealed in the confessional booth. Subtitled

DIRECTED BY JAN KOMASA COLORADO PREMIERE



Sunday, 10am, Boulder High School **SHORT FILMS 2**

See p.29 for synopses.



SUNDAY



PROGRAM HS-07

Sunday, 12:15pm, Boulder High School

SUPERPOWER DOGS

USA, Short Documentary, 2019, 47 min



ALSO SCREENING AT THE YOUTH PAVILION, SEE P.14, AND IN FORT COLLINS, SEE P.53

"An inspirational delight that will bring joy to animal lovers and superhero fans of both the two and four-legged kinds." CINEMA SIREN

Bring the whole family to experience the life-saving superpowers and bravery of some of the world's most amazing dogs. Journey around the globe to meet remarkable dogs who save lives and discover the powerful bond they share with their human partners. Meet Halo, a rookie puppy training to join one of the most elite disaster response teams in America. Henry, an avalanche rescue expert in the mountains of British Columbia. Reef, a Newfoundland lifeguard with the Italian coastguard. Ricochet, a California surf legend helping people with special needs. And the Bloodhound brothers, Tipper and Tony, who are leading the fight to save endangered species in Africa. As we discover the incredible abilities of dogs and the astonishing science behind their superpowers, we'll never look at our best friends the same way again.

DIRECTED BY DANIEL FERGUSON BOULDER PREMIERE

TalkBack following the film in the venue, see p.15. Dogs and handlers from Search and Rescue Dogs of the United States will be on stage.





Superpower Dogs will be preceded by:

BACK FROM THE BRINK: SAVED FROM EXTINCTION

USA, Short Documentary, 2019, 39 min

Experience the remarkable true story of three animal species rescued from the brink of extinction. Join this amazing adventure to save California's enchanting Channel Island Fox, China's fabled Golden Monkey and the wondrous migrating crabs of Christmas Island. Discover successful, heartfelt and ingenious human efforts to rescue endangered species around the world.

DIRECTED BY SEAN C. CASEY COLORADO PREMIERE

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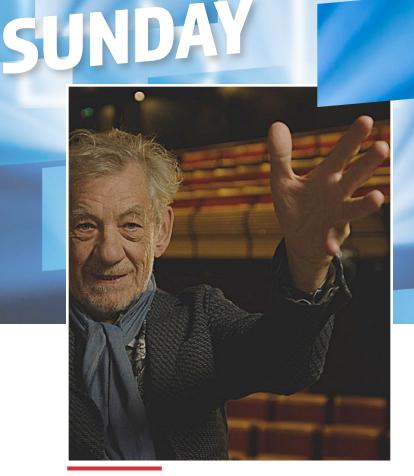




Sunday, 2:45pm, Boulder High School

MY NAME IS SARA

USA/Poland, Feature Film, 2019, 111 min See p.22 for synopsis.



PROGRAM HS-09

Sunday, 5:30pm, Boulder High School

ON BROADWAY

USA, Feature Documentary, 2019, 84 min



ALSO SCREENING IN LONGMONT, SEE P.48

"...fast-paced and entertaining." HOLLYWOOD REPORTER

"...razzle dazzle like Broadway itself." HAMPTONS FILM FESTIVAL

In the late 1960s, Times Square was, as John Lithgow puts it, "a rathole, with wall-to-wall junkies and hustlers." There were loads of empty Broadway theaters, and attendance plunged by 50 percent in just four years, reaching an all-time low in 1972. What turned it around? This 50-year history of Broadway is a joy, packed with legendary stars and performances. Key players—Helen Mirren, Christine Baranski, August Wilson, James Corden, Alec Baldwin, John Lithgow, Viola Davis, Hugh Jackman and Ian McKellen—take us behind the scenes of Broadway's most groundbreaking shows, from "A Chorus Line" to "Hamilton." The film includes performances by Lin-Manuel Miranda, Patti Lupone, Bernadette Peters, James Earl Jones and Mandy Patinkin.

DIRECTED BY OREN JACOBY COLORADO PREMIERE

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PROGRAM HS-10

Sunday, 7:30pm, Boulder High School

OUT STEALING HORSES

Norway/Sweden/Denmark Feature Film, 2019, 123 min

"Out Stealing Horses," the novel by Per Petterson, has sold millions of copies in 50 languages

Norway's submission to the 2020 Academy Awards

It's November 1999 and newly widowed Trond Sander (Stellan Skarsgård), 67, has retired to a remote village in Norway. Looking at his mysterious neighbor, he suddenly realizes that Lars is an old childhood friend from 1948 when Trond spent a blissful summer in a cabin by the river with his beloved father. Long afternoons hiking the breathtaking mountains and riding wild horses begin to blur into a series of images of carefree happiness, but tragedy and abandonment ended that summer, and the events—remembered in guilt—have haunted both men for their entire lifetimes. "Out Stealing Horses" was included in The New York Times "10 Best Books of 2007." SUBTITLED

★ STARRING STELLAN SKARSGÅRD, BJØRN FLOBERG, TOBIAS SANTELMANN, JON RANES AND DANICA CURCIC

DIRECTED BY HANS PETTER MOLAND COLORADO PREMIERE DISTRIBUTED BY MAGNOLIA PICTURES

SUNDAY



PROGRAM FUMC-13

Sunday, 3pm, First United Methodist Church

LIV

USA, Short Documentary, 2020, 39 min

Liv is a millennial facing the relentless pressures of social media, teen depression and suicidal thoughts. Big sister Tess savors her closeness to Liv and their mutual love for singing and performing. Through her talent and outrageous humor, Liv's unique gifts drive a timely and urgent story that needs to be shared. LIV takes us on a riveting journey through the raw emotions and deepest fears of a young life on the edge, and her sister's desperate struggle to save her. Their story reveals the realities of the damage stigma and silence bring on a family, and the aftermath of suicide for the survivors who are left behind. From the filmmakers behind Keep On' Keepin On' and Quincy. (Work in Progress Screening.)

DIRECTED BY ALAN HICKS
PRODUCED BY PAULA DUPRÉ PESMEN
EXECUTIVE PRODUCED BY BILL CAMPBELL, AMY
CARPENTER, STEVE CARPENTER AND ALICE FIORI

A panel discussion follows the film and includes: Paula DuPré Pesmen, Honey Beuf (Liv's mom), sister Tess Kunik and Susan Caso, MA, LPC, Boulder Family Counseling, PLLC & Tech Advisor on LIV





TalkBack following the film in the venue, see p.15







PROGRAM FUMC-14

Sunday, 5pm, First United Methodist Church

THE DOG DOC

USA, Feature Documentary, 2019, 101 min See p.27 for full synopsis.



PROGRAM FUMC-15

Sunday, 7:30pm, First Unite

France/Germany, Feature F See p.28 for full synopsi



Unfortunately, this screening of Proxima has been cancelled. Please contact boxoffice@biff1.com with any questions. See p.28 for other screenings.

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CLOSING NIGHT ANARD



Sunday, 6:30pm, Boulder Theater

Enjoy a tasty brew of bohemian swing—an intoxicating, toe-tapping mash of gypsy, twang, gospel and soul from Half Pint & The Growlers, followed by the BIFF Awards Ceremony where we'll honor the best of the fest with their handcrafted Vielehr award sculptures.

\$35 / Free for Passholders

Doors open at 6:30pm / 6:15pm for Passholders

Music 6:15-7:15pm by Half Pint & The Growlers

Awards Ceremony at 7:15pm • Film at 7:30pm

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PROGRAM BT-09

Sunday, 7:30pm, Boulder Theater

THE SOCIAL DILEMMA

USA, Feature Documentary, 2020, 93 min

Direct to BIFF from Sundance 2020

A powerful exploration of the extreme impact that a relatively small number of engineers in Silicon Valley have over modern-day society, *The Social Dilemma* deftly tackles concepts like technology addiction, social engineering and surveillance capitalism and makes them visceral, understandable and urgent. Through a unique combination of documentary investigation and entertaining narrative drama, award-winning filmmaker and Boulder's own Jeff Orlowski (*Chasing Ice, Chasing Coral*) once again reveals the invisible in a manner that is both enlightening and harrowing.

In *The Social Dilemma*, Orlowski disrupts the disrupters by unveiling that search engines, networks, instant information and the like are merely tools to lure us in. Once we're hooked, the real commodity they sell is their ability to influence and manipulate us. The film features stunning interviews with high-profile tech whistleblowers, including Tristan Harris of the Center for Humane Technology; the co-inventor of the Facebook "Like" button, Justin Rosenstein; and Tim Kendall, former president of Pinterest and former director of monetization at Facebook. These are coupled with compelling narrative segments—including a cunning performance by Vincent Kartheiser ("Mad Men")—that illuminate the very real consequences these seemingly innocent technologies can have on our everyday lives.

DIRECTED BY JEFF ORLOWSKI
PRODUCED BY LARISSA RHODES
CO-PRODUCED BY DANIEL WRIGHT
AND STACEY PICULELL
WRITTEN BY VICKIE CURTIS
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 Q&A BY RON BOSTWICK WITH JEFF ORLOWSKI, LARISSA RHODES AND OTHER TEAM MEMBERS AFTER THE FILM







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Adventure Film Pavilion

Saturday, March 7 & Sunday, March 8

The Boulder International Film Festival is excited to feature world-class adventure films at the NEW Adventure Film Pavilion. Location: eTown Hall, 1535 Spruce St., Boulder Price: \$16/ticket Purchase tickets at biff1.com

Special thanks to AFP programmers Isaac Savitz and Sarah Leone.

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Open all day Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8

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Adventure Film Pavilion Kick-off Party

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Saturday, March 7, 9pm-Midnight The Filmmaker Lounge at The Post, 2027 13th St. Audi Flatirons

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Bloody Mary Gear Drop Sunday, March 8, 9:30am-1pm

SOME of you have been storing outdoor gear for years that you don't use anymore... you know who you are! Bring it to the AFP for recycling/donation and get a free "Real Dill" Bloody Mary to enjoy during the first two shorts programs on Sunday.

Clothing, gloves, hats, layers, water bottles, headlamps, sleeping bags, tents and tarps will go to the Women's Wilderness Institute. Skis, snowboards, snowshoes, poles and any other gear can be recycled by Boulder Sports Recycler. For more info on kinds of gear accepted, see biff1.com/adventurefilmpavilion

One free bloody mary per person, more available for purchase.



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SATURDAY

PROGRAM ET-01

ADVENTURE SHORT FILMS 1

Saturday, March 7, 10am

THE THOUSAND YEAR JOURNEY

- USA/Peru/Bolivia, Short Documentary, 2015, 4 min
- Jedidiah Jenkins quit his job to ride his bicycle from Oregon to the southern tip of Patagonia.
- DIRECTED BY KENNY LAUBBACHER



- Germany, Short Documentary, 2018, 22 min
- Three weeks above the world in a paraglider pushes the limits of adventure and sanity.
 - DIRECTED BY ANTOINE GIRARD AND CHRISTIAN SCHMIDT

- USA, Short Documentary, 2019, 7 min
- Jon Wilson lost his leg to cancer. Today, crutching up and skiing down mountains at night allows him to explore the idea of "brokenness."
- **DIRECTED BY SIMON PERKINS**

PAR FOR THE COURSE

- USA, Short Documentary, 2019, 4 min
- Mirna Valerio from Brooklyn takes on a 25-kilometre race in Squaw Valley.
- DIRECTED BY KODY KOHLMAN / PRODUCED BY LILAH STRAUSS COLORADO PREMIERE
- KODY KOHLMAN AND LILAH STRAUSS IN PERSON

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CAMEL FINDS WATER

USA/Canada, Short Documentary, 2019, 9 min

Trevor finds the hull of an abandoned fishing boat and brings it back to life in search of waves.

DIRECTED BY IAN DURKIN

AZIZA

Morocco, Short Documentary, 2018, 7 min

Aziza overcomes cultural and social challenges to compete in some of the toughest foot races on Earth. SUBTITLED

DIRECTED BY RYAN GOFF & MATT PYCROFT

SURFACE

USA, Short Documentary, 2018 7 min

Ben Thouard captures a stunning new perspective of the underwater world through waves.

DIRECTED BY JOHN RODOSKY John Rodosky in person

TENAYA CREEK KAYAK RUN USA, Short Documentary, 2018

The Tenaya slide in California is one of the steepest and fastest slides you can do in a kayak. DIRECTED BY GOPRO AND DANE JACKSON REEL ROCK 14: UNITED STATES OF JOE'S

USA, Short Documentary, 2019 22 min

In rural Utah, Mormons, cowboys, coal miners and a ragged band of climbers build a harmonious future. DIRECTED BY PETER MORTIMER Peter Mortimer in person

PROGRAM ET-02



HOME

Saturday, March 7, 12:30pm UK/Canada, Feature Documentary, 2019, 90 min

UK adventurer Sarah Outen traversed the globe by bike, kayak and rowing boat, travelling over 20,000 miles by human power alone. But traveling solo, the trip took its toll and a violent storm on the Pacific took Sarah to the physical and mental brink. An intimate journey of heart and soul, of

struggle and joy, and one woman's trek towards true emotional acceptance.

DIRECTED BY JEN RANDALL

PRECEDED BY:

HORS PISTE

France, Short Animation, 2018 6 min

The two best rescue workers of the region are ready for their new mission. It will not go as planned. DIRECTED BY LÉO BRUNEL, LORIS CAVALIER, CAMILLE JALABERT AND OSCAR MALET

PROGRAM ET-03



ADVENTURE SHORT FILMS 2

Saturday, March 7, 3pm

CHASING MONSTERS

USA, Short Documentary, 2019 5 min

To behold a monster storm up close is to taste the infinite.

DIRECTED BY KRYSTLE WRIGHT & TOBY PIKE

THE LADAKH PROJECT

Austria/France, Short Documentary, 2019, 14 min

Kayaker Nouria Newman embarks on a solo multiday descent on the raging waters of the Indus River in the Himalayas.

DIRECTED BY DAVID ARNAUD

I IMITI FSS

Australia, Short Documentary, 2019, 10 min

Tetraplegic Jezza Williams has been to some dark, wild places, yet it seems the journey is just beginning. DIRECTED BY HENRY BRYDON & HAYDEN GRIFFITH

GRIZZLY COUNTRY

USA, Short Documentary, 2018 12 min

After serving in the Vietnam War, author Doug Peacock spent years alone in the wilderness observing grizzly bears and their habitat. DIRECTED BY BEN MOON

SKIER VS DRONE

Canada/USA, Short Film, 2018 4 min

What's faster: an Olympic ski racer or a drone? DIRECTED BY MIKE DOUGLAS

THE LONG RIVER HOME

USA, Short Documentary, 2019 20 min

Combat veterans injured in war come together on a trip kayaking the Grand Canyon. The threesome battles more than 80 powerful rapids and relates finding their lines to navigating the chaos of life.

DIRECTED BY SETH DAHL, PRODUCED BY TIMMY O'NEILL & SARAH LEONE

Timmy & Sarah in person

THE FLIP

Mexico, Short Documentary, 2019 3 min (subtitled)

French skydiver Remi Angeli must face his fears to explore new expressions of movement while BASE jumping in Mexico.

DIRECTED BY REED RICKERT

LIFE OF PIE

USA, Short Documentary, 2019 12 min

BMX rider Jen Zeuner and Bike magazine photographer Anne Keller moved to the tiny conservative town of Fruita, CO, and weren't shy about using their lesbian innuendos to sell pizza, even when Fruita wasn't quite ready for it.

DIRECTED BY BEN KNIGHT & TRAVIS RUMMEL Jen Zeuner and Anne Keller in person

DANNY DAYCARE

Scotland, Short Film, 2019, 4 min

Danny Macaskill takes on childcare the only way he knows how... by taking them for a wee bike ride around Scotland ...Danny style! DIRECTED BY STU THOMPSON, CUT MEDIA

PROGRAM ET-04



ADVENTURE SHORT FILMS 3

Saturday, March 7, 5:15pm

GONE TOMORROW -THE STORY OF KENTUCKY ICE CLIMBING

USA, Short Documentary, 2019 20 min

A bourbon-fueled ride deep into the bushy hollers of Appalachia. Yes, ice climbing in Kentucky.

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SAFE HAVEN

USA, Short Documentary, 2018 8 min

A climbing gym in Memphis is changing the lives of many youth. DIRECTED BY TIM KRESSIN

BLUE USA, Short Film, 2018, 4 min

A young girl growing up in Valdez, Alaska, imagines a crew of boundary-pushing female athletes riding the icy playground on fat bikes. DIRECTED BY ALY NICKLAS

SKI PHOTOGRAPHER Switzerland, Short Documentary, 2019.9 min

Ski photographer Oskar Enander has an iconic and unique perspective due to color blindness.

DIRECTED BY FRANK PICKELL

FRANK PICKELL IN PERSON

SPECTRE EXPEDITION: TO THE END OF THE EARTH UK/USA, Short Documentary, 2019, 36 min

An unsupported ski and climbing adventure to the most remote mountain range on earth, traversing the Antarctic continent assisted by kite, sweat and tears.

DIRECTED BY LEO HOULDING, ALASTAIR LEE AND ZACHARY BARR / BY SENDER FILMS

THE RUNNING PASTOR Faroe Islands, Short Documentary, 2019.9 min

Sverri Steinholm, a Faroese trail-running pastor, explores the relationship of his spirituality through his experiences in the outdoors. DIRECTED BY TIM KEMPLE

PROGRAM ET-05



LOST TEMPLE OF THE INCA

Saturday, March 7, 7:30pm USA, Feature Documentary, 2019 52 min

Environmental scientist Preston Sowell believes he has found a lost temple of the Inca Empire in Peru at the headwaters of the Amazon River. Follow Sowell's journey of discovery, loss and adventure as he

seeks to protect this sacred place from environmental devastation. DIRECTED BY JIM AIKMAN



Presentation to follow with Preston Sowell in person

SUNDAY

PROGRAM ET-06 ADVENTURE **SHORT FILMS 2**

Sunday, March 8, 10:30am REPLAY: see synopses on prev pg

PROGRAM ET-07



WOMEN'S ADVENTURE SHORT FILMS & TALKS

Sunday, March 8, 12:45pm

Celebrate International Women's Day with films and short talks by inspiring women filmmakers, speakers and adventurers.

DREAM JOB

Canada, Short Film, 2019, 15 min

Comedienne Katie Burrell follows "days in the life" with three of the skiing industry's biggest female names. They go up, they go down... how hard can it be?

DIRECTED BY KATIE BURRELL

WOMEN IN FIRE

USA, Short Documentary, 2018 8 min

Less than 10 percent of firefighters are women. But what these women lack in numbers, they make up for in guts and inspiration. DIRECTED BYTIM KRESSIN

SPEAK TO ME SOFTLY

USA, Short Documentary, 2019

Take an honest and intimate peek into the battle with fear, expectations and self—the headspace of a climber having a not-so-sendy day. DIRECTED BY HENNA TAYLOR

Henna Taylor in person

CHASING THE SUBLIME

UK, Short Documentary, 2018 7 min

Why do we put ourselves into the path of discomfort, fear and risk? Follow Kate Rew and Kari Furre in this hauntingly beautiful glimpse at the physicality of UK cold-water swimming. DIRECTED BY AMANDA BLUGLASS

REEL ROCK 14: THE HIGH ROAD

USA, Short Documentary, 2019 18 min

Nina Williams is among the only women who climb elite-level problems that are 30, 40, even 50 feet tall-with no rope. DIRECTED BY PETER MORTIMER & JOSH LOWELL

PROGRAM ET-09



CLIMBING BLIND

Sunday, March 8, 5pm UK, Feature Documentary, 2019

Jesse Dufton was born with 20% central vision. By the time he was 30, his vision was reduced to just light perception and 1 or 2% field of view. As a life-long climber, Jesse flies in the face of adversity with his sight guide and fiancée, Molly. Despite his devastating

condition, Jesse only takes on bigger challenges by attempting to be the first blind person to make a gripping "non-sight" lead of the iconic Old Man of Hoy sea stack in Scotland. DIRECTED BY ALASTAIR LEE

PRECEDED BY:

DRAWN FROM HERE USA, Short Documentary, 2019 20 min

Eric Pollard, a professional skier, artist and designer, is incredibly lucky, but also incredibly determined after an injury that would sideline and retire most athletes. DIRECTED BY ERIC POLLARD

OUEEN MAUD LAND

USA, Short Documentary, 2019 30 min

A dream team of six elite climbers, including Jimmy Chin, Conrad Anker, Savannah Cummins, Anna Pfaff, Alex Honnold and Cedar Wright, mount an expedition to one of the world's last great climbing frontiers: the remote frozen towers of Antarctica. DIRECTED BY CEDAR WRIGHT

PROGRAM ET-10

ADVENTURE SHORT FILMS 1

Sunday, March 8, 7:30pm REPLAY: see synopses on pg 39



A Conversation with Cheryl Strayed Sunday, March 8, 3pm / \$25 + SERVICE FEE

Best-selling author, filmmaker and popular podcaster Cheryl Strayed joins us to help celebrate the first BIFF Adventure Film Pavilion as well as International Women's Day. Cheryl is the author of Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail, and associate producer of the film Wild starring Reese Witherspoon. Expect a lively Q&A about Cheryl's life and work, conducted by TIMMY O'NEILL, Patagonia climbing ambassador & advocate.



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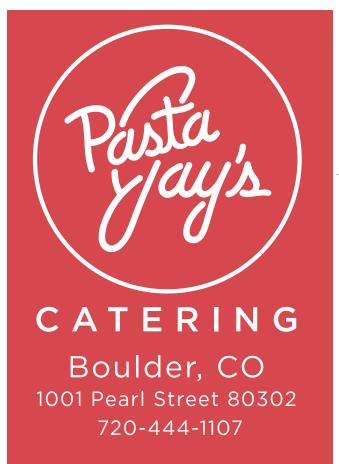
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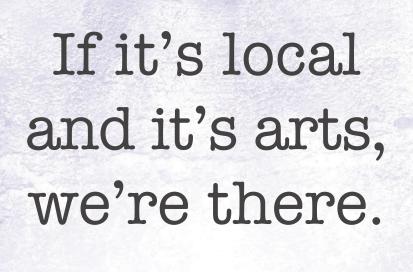
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PROGRAM LONG-01

Friday, March 6, 3pm

THE EUPHORIA OF BEING

Hungary, Feature Documentary, 2019, 83 min

Alone, Eva Fahidi returned home to Hungary after WWII. At 20, she had survived Auschwitz. Today, at age 90, Eva is asked to participate in a dance theatre performance about her life's journey. Three women—three months—and a story of crossing many boundaries. SUBTITLED DIRECTED BY RÉKA SZABÓ

PROGRAM LONG-02

Friday, March 6, 7pm **SHORT FILMS 1**

The Running Pastor The Good Shepherd NEFTA Football Club

The Neighbor's Window Hors Piste

See synopses on page 24.

PROGRAM LONG-03

Saturday, March 7, 10am

SHORT FILMS 2

Extra Innings
A Sister

The Other Fab Four

The Bird and the Whale Danny Daycare

See synopses on page 29.



PROGRAM LONG-04

Saturday, March 7, 12:15pm

GORDON LIGHTFOOT: IF YOU COULD READ MY MIND

Canada, Feature Documentary, 2019, 90 min

Gordon Lightfoot, 80, is full of surprises, the best being his honesty and humor. He has had a spectacular career as a singer, but it pales next to his legendary songwriting impact on music. Lightfoot went from selling out stadiums in his 20s, to depression and alcoholism in his 30s, and then back on top again. If you could only read his mind.

DIRECTED BY MARTHA KEHOE AND JOAN TOSONI



PROGRAM LONG-05

Saturday, March 7, 2:30pm

CORPUS CHRISTI

Poland, Feature Film, 2019, 116 min Nominated for a 2020 Academy Award

In juvenile detention, Daniel, 20, more or less finds Christ, but is told that he can never be a priest because of his criminal record. Upon his release, Daniel convinces a young local in a remote town, Marta, that he is a recently ordained priest. Soon he's improvising impassioned sermons, causing the number of churchgoers to swell. But before long, Daniel edges towards a dark secret that the community hasn't revealed in the confessional booth.

DIRECTED BY JAN KOMASA



PROGRAM LONG-06

Saturday, March 7, 5pm **AI WEIWEI: YOURS TRULY**USA, Feature Documentary, 2019, 78 min

Ai Weiwei, China's most famous artist and activist, recalls his father Ai Qing receiving an anonymous postcard during his long years in a Chinese labor camp. His father took great solace in the card, and Ai Weiwei never forgot it. Many years later, Ai Weiwei designed "Yours Truly," a monumental art installation in Alcatraz Prison that included portraits—in Lego-blocks—of 172 persons currently jailed for crimes of conscience in the world. Included were thousands of pick-up postcards addressed to the prisoners. Nearly a million people attended the exhibition, 92,000 postcards were mailed, and we see how small acts can lead to significant change. SUBTITLED **DIRECTED BY CHERYL HAINES** PRODUCED BY CHRISTY MCGILL CHRISTY MCGILL IN PERSON



PROGRAM LONG-07

Saturday, March 7, 7:15pm

ON BROADWAY

USA, Feature Documentary, 2019, 84 min

In the late 1960s, Times Square was, as John Lithgow puts it, "a rathole, with wall-to-wall junkies and hustlers." There were loads of empty Broadway theaters, and attendance plunged by 50 percent in just four years, reaching an all-time low in 1972. What turned it around? This 50-year history of Broadway is a joy, packed with legendary stars and performances. Key players—Helen Mirren, Christine Baranski, August Wilson, James Corden, Alec Baldwin, John Lithgow, Viola Davis, Hugh Jackman and Ian McKellen-take us behind the scenes of Broadway's most groundbreaking shows, from "A Chorus Line" to "Hamilton." The film includes performances by Lin-Manuel Miranda, Patti Lupone, Bernadette Peters, James Earl Jones and Mandy Patinkin.

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PROGRAM LONG-08

Sunday, March 8, 10am

THE DOG DOC

USA, Feature Documentary, 2019, 101 min

Dr. Marty Goldstein is the dog doc. He specializes in a holistic, whole-patient approach to treating animals—particularly those already diagnosed as "hopeless"—using alternative medicines along with traditional veterinary medicine. The care and love Marty shows his patients and their guardians offers an immersive view into a seldom seen world...and is something truly magical to watch.

DIRECTED BY CINDY MEEHL DR. MARTY GOLDSTEIN IN PERSON



PROGRAM LONG-09

IN PFRSON

Sunday, March 8, 12:45pm

HENRI DAUMAN: LOOKING UP USA, Feature Documentary, 2018, 87 min

As one of the greatest photographers of the 20th century, Holocaust survivor Henri Dauman-still enthusiastic at 85-took the international photography world by storm in the '50s. But, for all of his achievements, few know the details of Dauman's remarkable story. This film explores both the photographer's traumatic past and the vibrancy of NYC that would define Dauman's work-through a million negatives-for all of time. **DIRECTED BY PETER KENNETH JONES** PRODUCED BY PETER KENNETH JONES AND **NICOLE SUEREZ** PETER KENNETH JONES AND NICOLE SUEREZ





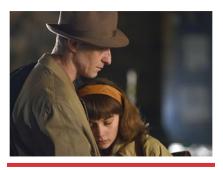
PROGRAM LONG-10

Sunday, March 8, 3pm

PIANO TO ZANSKAR UK, Feature Documentary, 2018, 86 min Grand Prize winner at the Banff Mountain Film Festival.

Facing his future in retirement "sitting in deck chairs and eating lemon drizzle cake," delightful 65-year-old piano tuner Desmond O'Keeffe decides to attempt the most perilous delivery of his career: transporting a 100-yearold classic upright piano from bustling London to a school in the remote heart of the Indian Himalayas. What could possibly go wrong? If successful, the expedition will be the highest piano delivery in history.

DIRECTED BY MICHAEL SULIMA PRODUCED BY JAREK KOTOMSKI MICHAEL SULIMA AND JAREK KOTOMSKI IN PERSON



PROGRAM LONG-11

Sunday, March 8, 5:15pm THOSE WHO REMAINED Hungary, Feature Film, 2019, 88 min

Having survived the camps, 42-year old Aldo lives a solitary life as a doctor in Budapest. Outspoken 16-year-old Klara lives with her great aunt and is still writing long letters to her father and mother, hoping they will return. She meets Aldo, a father-daughter relationship begins, and the joy in both of their lives slowly returns. But, as the Soviet Empire rises to power, their relationship is misunderstood. A lyrical story of the healing power of love in the midst of conflict, loss and trauma, SUBTITLED DIRECTED BY BARNABÁS TÓTH

PROGRAM LONG-12

Sunday, March 8, 7:30pm

ADVENTURE SHORTS 1

The Thousand Year Journey 8.000+

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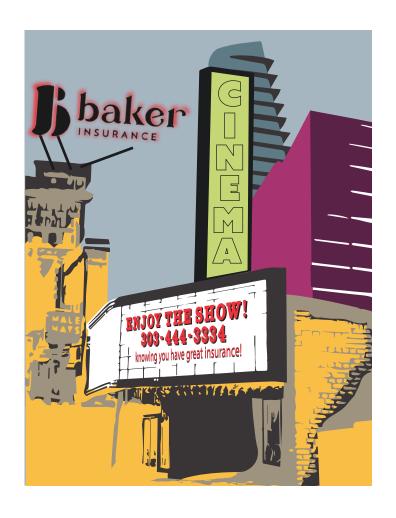














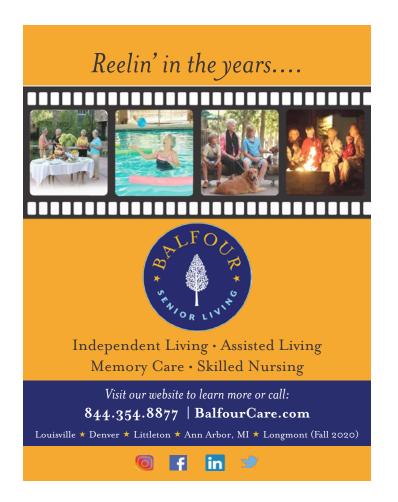
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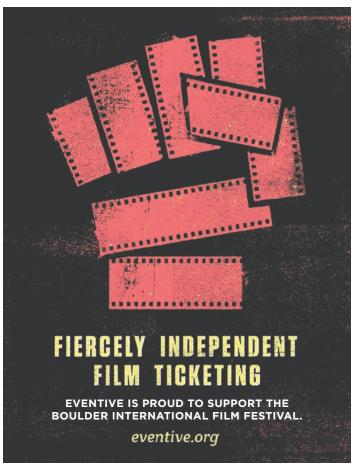
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PROGRAM LC-01

Friday, March 27, 7pm

PROXIMA

France/Germany, Feature Film, 2019, 107 min Winner at the San Sebastian and Toronto Film Festivals

When Sarah (Eva Green), the only female astronaut in the European Space Agency, is chosen to join the crew of a year-long space mission, it creates chaos in her relationship with her 7-year-old daughter, Stella. In an environment teeming with machismo (namely from her coworker, played by Matt Dillon), Sarah must wrestle with the difficult task of pursuing her career and facing the growing internal conflict that just may derail everything. SUBTITLED STARRING EVA GREEN AND MATT DILLON

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PROGRAM LC-02

Saturday, March 28, 10am

THE DOG DOC

USA, Feature Documentary, 2019, 101 min

Dr. Marty Goldstein is the dog doc. He specializes in a holistic, whole-patient approach to treating animals—particularly those already diagnosed as "hopeless"—using alternative medicines along with traditional veterinary medicine. The care and love Marty shows his patients and their guardians offers an immersive view into a seldom seen world...and is something truly magical to watch.

DIRECTED BY CINDY MEEHL

TalkBack following the film in the venue.

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PROGRAM LC-03

Saturday, March 28, 12:30pm

AND WE GO GREEN

USA, Feature Documentary, 2019, 99 min From filmmaker Malcolm Venville, Oscarwinning director Fisher Stevens (The Cove) and producer Leonardo DiCaprio

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PROGRAM LC-04

Saturday, March 28, 2:45pm

SUPERPOWER DOGS

USA, Short Documentary, 2019, 47 min

Bring the whole family to experience the life-saving superpowers and bravery of some of the world's most amazing dogs. Journey around the globe to meet remarkable dogs who save lives, working in disaster response, avalanche rescue, water rescue, and the fight to save endangered species in Africa.

DIRECTED BY DANIEL FERGUSON

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BACK FROM THE BRINK: SAVED FROM EXTINCTION

USA, Short Documentary, 2019, 39 min

Join this amazing adventure to save California's enchanting Channel Island Fox, China's fabled Golden Monkey and the wondrous migrating crabs of Christmas Island. Experience the remarkable true story of these three animal species as they are rescued from the brink of extinction.

DIRECTED BY SEAN C. CASEY



PROGRAM LC-05

Saturday, March 28, 5pm

UK, Feature Documentary, 2019, 97 min

Her tearful hit song about lynching—"Strange Fruit in the Southern Trees"—landed Billie Holiday on J. Edgar Hoover's enemies list for her lifetime. Now, this incredible film reveals newly discovered interviews about Billie Holiday—all conducted in the 1970s by journalist Linda Lipnack Kuehl. Linda recorded hundreds of interviews with the extraordinary characters that populated the singer's short, tumultuous life. But Linda's book was never finished, and the tapes were never heard...until now. DIRECTED BY JAMES ERSKINE



PROGRAM LC-06

Saturday, March 28, 7:15pm

PIANO TO ZANSKAR

UK, Feature Documentary, 2018, 86 min Grand Prize winner at the Banff Mountain Film Festival

Facing his future in retirement "sitting in deck chairs and eating lemon drizzle cake," delightful 65-year-old piano tuner Desmond O'Keeffe decides to attempt the most perilous delivery of his career: transporting a 100-year-old classic upright piano from bustling London to a school in the remote heart of the Indian Himalayas. What could possibly go wrong? If successful, the expedition will be the highest piano delivery in history.

DIRECTED BY MICHAEL SULIMA PRODUCED BY JAREK KOTOMSKI TalkBack following the film in the venue.



PROGRAM LC-07

Saturday, March 28, 9:15pm

ADVENTURE SHORTS 1

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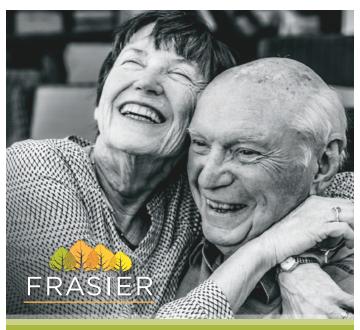


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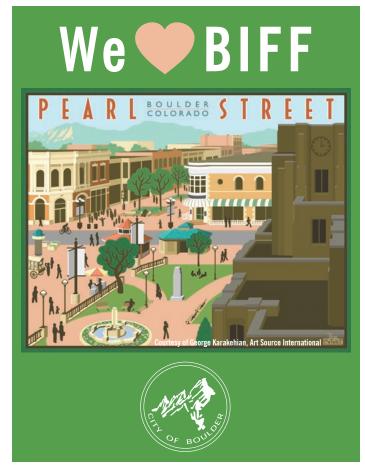
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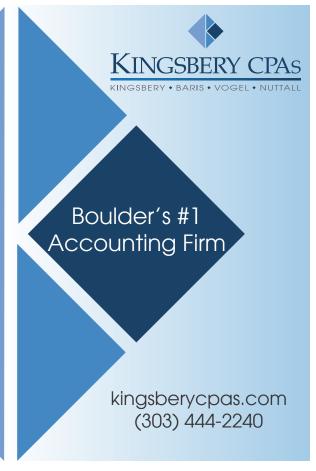
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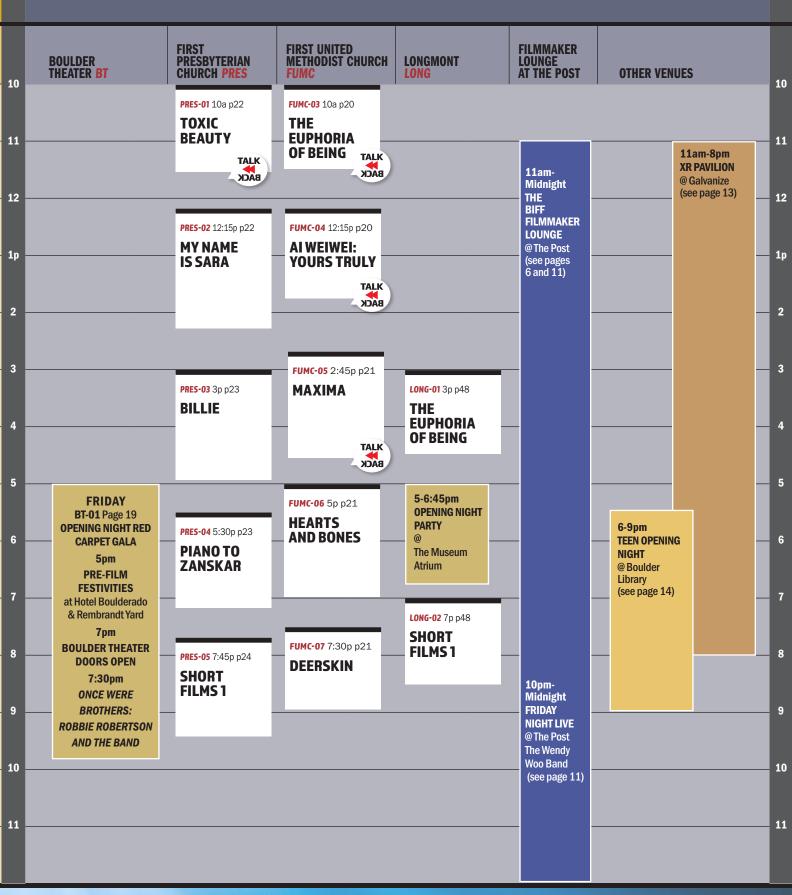
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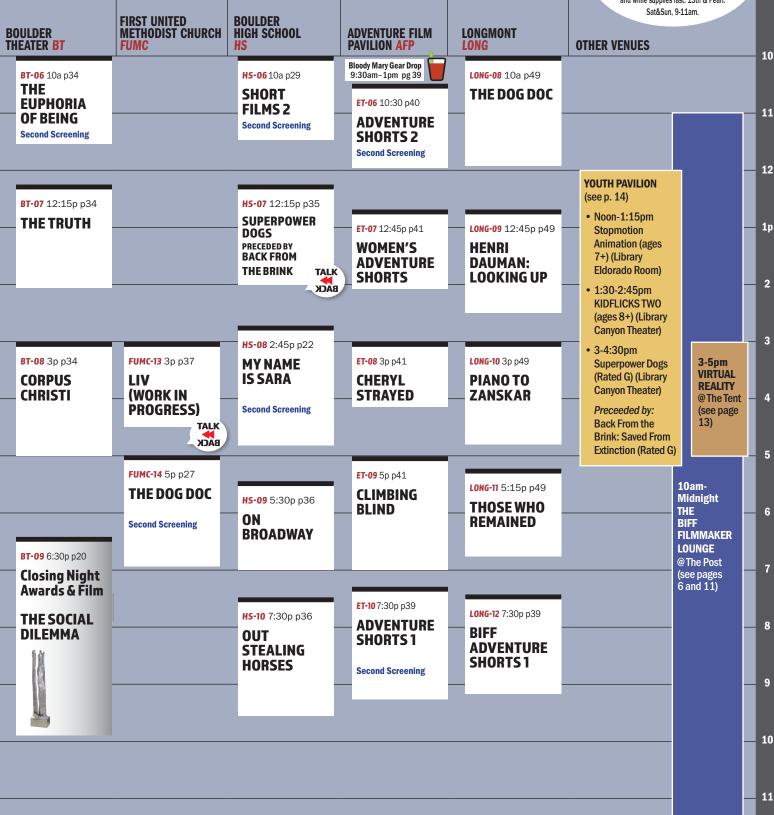
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