

2024 FEATURE FILMS

Q&A SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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ALL WE CARRY
CINEMA SALEM • SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH AT 12:00 PM
Dir: Cady Voge • Filmmaker Q&A

Language: English/Spanish, with English/Spanish subtitles

A young couple and their baby flee violence in Honduras only to find themselves caught in the complexities of the US immigration system, before finding shelter in an unlikely place. 88 minutes. **Sponsored By The Salem Inn • Salem Human Rights Coalition • Hawthorne Hotel • Hampton Inn Salem Boston East Coast Premiere**

BETWEEN THE RAINS
PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM • FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND AT 4:45 PM
Dir: Andrew H. Brown and Moses Thuranira

Language: English, Turkana, Swahili, with English subtitles

Filmed with stunning cinematography over four years, BETWEEN THE RAINS explores a childhood caught within a traditional culture that is a casualty of climate change. 81 minutes. **Sponsored By Salem Chamber of Commerce • Salem Wine Imports • Mass Bay Dental • Salem Alliance for the Environment (SAFE) • New England Premiere**

THE BODY POLITIC
CINEMA SALEM • FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND AT 6:45 PM
Dir: Gabriel Francis Paz Goodenough • Filmmaker Q&A

The Body Politic follows Baltimore's idealistic young mayor into office where he puts his personal and political future on the line to save his city from chronic violence. 92 minutes. **Sponsored By Voices Against Injustice • Turner's Seafood at Lyceum Hall • House of the Seven Gables New England Premiere**

BREAK THE GAME
CINEMA SALEM • FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND AT 9:15 PM
Dir: Jane M. Wagner • Filmmaker Q&A

VIEWER DISCRETION ADVISED
After coming out as a trans woman, world-record-holding gamer, Narcissa Wright loses her massive fanbase. To win them back, she attempts to set a new world record in *The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild*, while live-streaming every minute of her mythic quest. 73 minutes. **Sponsored By Montserrat College of Art • The Trolley Depot • Nina Cohen and Craig Barrows • The Cove North Shore Premiere**

BRING THEM HOME / AISKÓTÁHKAPIYAAYA
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE VISITOR CENTER • SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH AT 2:45 PM
Dir: Ivan MacDonald, Ivy MacDonald, Daniel Glick • Filmmaker Q&A

The story of a small group of Blackfoot people and their mission to establish the first wild buffalo herd on their ancestral territory since the species' near-extinction. 85 minutes. **Sponsored By The Feline Hospital • North Shore Bank • Rockafellas • The Phoenix School East Coast Premiere**

BROTHER HORSE
CINEMA SALEM • SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD AT 11:00 AM
Dir: Marcel Barrena

Language: Spanish, Catalan, with English subtitles

Santi Serracamps has an innate ability to communicate with animals. During a trip to Morocco, he discovers Mabrouk, a severely injured horse whom he decides to rescue. 73 minutes. **Sponsored By Cabot Wealth Management • Salem Overhead Door Co. • New Harmony Center for Health & Wellness New England Premiere**

BYE BYE TIBERIAS
CINEMA SALEM • SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH AT 2:30 PM
Dir: Lina Soualem • Recorded Q&A

Language: French & Palestinian Arabic, English Subtitles

Years after leaving her Palestinian village to pursue an acting career in France, Hiam Abbass (*Succession*) returns home with her daughter, in this intimate film about four generations of women and their shared legacy of separation. 83 minutes. **Sponsored By AstroCats Cosmic Feline Lounge • Gibson Rickenbacker • Murray Masonry and More Massachusetts Premiere**

CALL ME DANCER
CINEMA SALEM • SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH AT 5:15 PM
Dir: Leslie Champaine & Pip Gilmour • Filmmaker Q&A

Language: English and Hindi, with English subtitles

A journey from the streets of Mumbai to the stages of New York, this is a story of an unlikely friendship between a street dancer and a curmudgeonly ballet teacher who inspires him to follow his dreams. 84 minutes. **Sponsored By The Salem Inn • Koto Asian Fusion • Notch Brewery and Taproom • Salem Five North Shore Premiere**

CITIZEN SLEUTH
CINEMA SALEM • SATURDAY, MARCH 22ND AT 4:00 PM
Dir: Chris Kasick • Filmmaker Q&A

A true crime podcaster from Appalachia blurs the line between fact and entertainment as she investigates the mysterious death of a local girl. CITIZEN SLEUTH examines the ethics of the true crime genre and how the power of narrative affects truth, victims, and communities. 82 minutes. **Sponsored By Cabot Wealth Management • The Mason Suite of Salem • The Feline Hospital • Modern Millie Massachusetts Premiere**

FIRST WE BOMBED NEW MEXICO
CINEMA SALEM • THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST AT 7:30 PM
Dir: Lois Lipman • Filmmaker Q&A

In a New Mexico community, whose land and water was radiated by the Trinity Bomb, a cancer survivor catalyzes a movement for justice. This is the story that *Oppenheimer* doesn't tell. 95 minutes. **Sponsored By Destination Salem • The Murray Brown Group - RE/MAX Beacon • Coffee Time Bake Shop East Coast Premiere**

INUNDATION DISTRICT
PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM • FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND AT 11:30 AM
Dir: David Abel • Panel Discussion

INUNDATION DISTRICT explores the implications of one city's decision to ignore the threats posed by climate change. 79 minutes. **Sponsored By Murray Masonry and More • Not for Sale.m • Bobbie Bush Portrait Artist • The Murray Brown Group - RE/MAX Beacon North Shore Premiere**

KNIT'S ISLAND
CINEMA SALEM • SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD AT 9:00 PM
Dir: Eklem Barbier, Guilhem Causse, Quentin L'helgoual'c'h • Recorded Q&A

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Language: English, French with English subtitles
Somewhere on the Internet is a land where communities simulate a survivalist fiction. The "players" reveal their fears and fantasies, in an at times unsettling blurring of the real and the virtual. 95 minutes. **Sponsored By Cabot Wealth Management • Michael and Natalie Votto • O'Neill's of Salem • Harrison's Comics Massachusetts Premiere**

LA LUCHA
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE VISITOR CENTER • SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD AT 3:30 PM
Dir: Violeta Ayala • Filmmaker Q&A

Language: Spanish, with English subtitles
A caravan of people with disabilities cross the Andes in a battle for their civil rights. 94 minutes. **Sponsored By Stan Franzeen • Ben Franklin Print Co. • Murray Masonry and More • Moody's Home & Gifts New England Premiere**

LUCHA: A WRESTLING TALE
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE VISITOR CENTER • SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH AT 12:00 PM
Dir: Marco Ricci • Filmmaker Q&A

A transformative story of a high school women's wrestling team, from the high hopes of its inaugural season through the uncertainty of graduation. 96 minutes. **Sponsored By Salem Education Foundation • Annie's Asian Market • New Harmony Center for Health & Wellness • MerryFox Realty New England Premiere**

MAESTRA
CINEMA SALEM • FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND AT 4:30 PM
Dir: Maggie Contreras • Recorded Q&A

Five incredible women from around the world are boldly breaking glass ceilings in the male-dominated world of orchestral conducting, taking center stage. 88 minutes. **Sponsored By The Salem Inn • Coffee Time Bake Shop • Salem Five • Adriatic Restaurant and Bar North Shore Premiere**

THE MOTHER OF ALL LIES
CINEMA SALEM • SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD AT 6:30 PM
Dir: Asmae El Moudir • Recorded Q&A

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Language: Arabic, with English subtitles
On a handmade set, recreating her Casablanca neighborhood, a young Moroccan filmmaker enlists family and friends to help solve the troubling mysteries of her childhood. 96 minutes. **Sponsored By ANYEYE Film Lab • Adriatic Restaurant and Bar • O'Neill's of Salem • Lulu's Bakery and Pantry Massachusetts Premiere**

NATHAN-ISM
CINEMA SALEM • FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND AT 2:00 PM
Dir: Elan Golod

Language: English and German, with English subtitles
Daring to question an artist's stories, NATHAN-ISM is a fascinating look at one man's need to share truths with a world that doesn't always want to listen. 79 minutes. **Sponsored By Gibson Rickenbacker • Structures North • Murray Masonry and More • East Regiment Beer Company Massachusetts Premiere**

THE NITA & ZITA PROJECT
PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM • SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH AT 3:00 PM
Dir: Marci Darling • Filmmaker Q&A

An extraordinary story of two sisters and burlesque artists, Nita & Zita, who blazed a trail to international stardom while weaving their mythology into the fabric of New Orleans. 79 minutes. **Sponsored By The Satanic Temple • Re-Find • The Hotel Salem • Modern Millie World Premiere**

OUT THERE: A NATIONAL PARKS STORY
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE VISITOR CENTER • SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD AT 6:15 PM
Dir: Brendan Hall • Filmmaker Q&A

Two childhood friends embark on a 10,000 mile road trip through the U.S. national parks, revealing a profound tapestry of stories from the people they meet along the way. 75 minutes. **Sponsored By Northey Street House • Essex National Heritage Area • Rockafellas • Salem Five Massachusetts Premiere**

QUEENDOM
PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM • SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD AT 3:45 PM
Dir: Agniia Galdanova • Recorded Q&A

Language: Russian with English subtitles
Gena (she/her), a queer artist from rural Russia, stages radical performances in the streets of Moscow that become a new form of art and activism, and put her life in danger. 98 minutes. **Sponsored By All Souls Lounge • ANYEYE Film Lab • Gulu Gulu Cafe and Flying Saucer Pizza Company Massachusetts Premiere**

SKIN OF GLASS
PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM • SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH AT 12:30 PM
Dir: Denise Zmekhol • Recorded Q&A

Language: Portuguese, French, with English subtitles
A journey to reckon with Brazil's harsh inequality begins when a filmmaker discovers her late father's architectural masterpiece is occupied by hundreds of unhoused people. 90 minutes. **Sponsored By Bobbie Bush Portrait Artist • Amelia Payson House Bed & Breakfast • Zingerplatz Pictures • Essex's NY Pizza & Deli New England Premiere**

STORY & PICTURES BY
PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM • SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH AT 10:00 AM
Dir: Joanna Rudnick

Language: English and Spanish, with English subtitles
A story about the picture book creators who are changing the narrative for the next generation. 83 minutes. **Sponsored By Montserrat College of Art • Salem Athenaeum • Salem Five Massachusetts Premiere**

SUBTERRANEAN
PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM • SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD AT 1:00 PM
Dir: Francois-Xavier De Ruydts • Recorded Q&A

VIEWER DISCRETION ADVISED
Two gritty teams of hobbyist cavers are poised to break records for the longest and deepest caves in Canada. 87 minutes. **Sponsored By Cabot Wealth Management • Ipswich Ale Brewery • Moody's Home & Gifts Massachusetts Premiere**



MARCH 21 - 24, 2024

TICKETS and PASSES

Individual Ticket	\$14
5-Ticket Pack	\$60
10-Ticket Pack	\$110

Please be advised:

- All admission tickets are on a first-come first-served basis.
- Advance ticket sales for all screenings only available at saalem-filmfest.com.
- You may purchase tickets on the day of the screening online or at either Cinema Salem or PEM
- Ticket Packs can be redeemed online at saalemfilmfest.com or at SFF Ticket Desk at screening venues during the festival.

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Screening Venues:

Cinema Salem (CS) 1 East India Sq, Salem
Peabody Essex Museum (PEM) Morse Auditorium, 161 Essex St, Salem
National Park Service Visitor Center (NPS)
2 New Liberty Street, Salem



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2024 SHORT FILMS

IN EXILE

CINEMA SALEM • THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST AT 7:30 PM

This film will precede **FIRST WE BOMBED NEW MEXICO**

Dir: Nathan Fitch

Language: English, Marshallese

Exploring the U.S. nuclear legacy in the Pacific through the lens of the Marshallese community in Springdale, AR who gather annually to commemorate Bikini Atoll bombing in 1946. 11 minutes.

ANYUKA

CINEMA SALEM • FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND AT 2:00 PM

This film will precede **NATHAN-ISM**

Dir: Maya Erdelyi

Language: English

A daughter embarks on an immersive journey into the remarkable life of her indomitable grandmother, a writer, WWII refugee and Holocaust survivor. 21 minutes.

END OF THE ROAD

CINEMA SALEM • SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD AT 11:00 AM

This film will precede **BROTHER HORSE**

Dir: Ivana Todorovic

Language: Serbian, with English subtitles

Zeljko and Viki sacrifice all they have to ensure a gentle end of life for relinquished horses on their land. Grappling with mortality and compassion, empathy and dignity. 19 minutes.

SHORT BLOCK: EARTH ECHOES

PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM • FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND AT 2:30 PM

These films engage with urgent issues of our time, climate change, conservation, and the intricate relationship between humanity and the natural world. 77 minutes. Sponsored by Spinala Automotive • Thai Place

WHERE THE SUN ALWAYS SHINES

Dir: Rosie Baldwin

Language: English

The residents of a quintessential but neglected British seaside town grapple with the hypothesis that their home could disappear within 30 years due to the climate crisis. 17 minutes.

PUFFLING

Dir: Jessica Bishop

Language: Icelandic with English subtitles

On a remote Icelandic island, teenagers Birta and Selma trade late night parties for nocturnal puffin rescues in this coming-of-age story for young adults and puffins alike. 20 minutes.

THE SHELMECA SERPENT (LA SERPIENTE DE SHELMECA)

Dir: Laura Bermúdez

Language: Miskitu/Spanish with English subtitles

Wildres Wood, a Misquito biologist and activist, seeks to protect Honduras' vital archaeological secret: Ciudad Blanca – an unknown territory, under ecological threat. 13 minutes.

FORBIDDEN POND

Dir: Eric Jenkins-Sahlin

Language: English

It's a didinium-eating paramecium world, and Deb Kapel pursues her curiosity about life and death at all sizes and makes microscope art of it. 13 minutes.

LEONIE, SKEET & THE PIGLETS

Dir: Jip Heijenga

Language: Dutch with English subtitles

Eleven-year-old Leonie dreams of becoming a pig farmer one day, but the dream is threatened by the new laws surrounding nitrogen emissions and the impending bankruptcy of her parents' farm. 15 minutes.



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SHORT BLOCK: RELATIONS

CINEMA SALEM • SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD AT 1:30 PM

Through a variety of artistic mediums, these films explore the intensity of human experience, grappling with memory, identity, migration, spirituality, and love. 82 minutes. Sponsored by Lulu's Bakery and Pantry • King Lewis Engraving and Gifts

BETWEEN DELICATE AND VIOLENT

Dir: Şirin Bahar Demirel

Language: Turkish with English subtitles

When photographs fail, can a painting or an embroidery function as a memory? 15 minutes.

SOFT LIGHTS AND SILVER SHADOWS

Dir: Ian Kelly

Language: English

In this kaleidoscopic animated documentary a family reconstructs the fragments of memories forgotten by a loved one. 15 minutes.

UN BARCO PARA MI MAMÁ

Dir: Susana Canales Barrón

Language: Spanish with English subtitles

This 16mm film captures a mother's profound love for her family, poignantly humanizing the challenges faced by migrants. 7 minutes.

TIERRA DE LECHE

Dir: Milton Guillén, Fiona Guy Hall

Language: Spanish with English subtitles

Northeast dairy workers from Central America reflect on ties to land, labor, and home countries amidst monotonous multi-species exploitation, centered around the milking parlor. 12 minutes.

MARUNGKA TJALATJUNU (DIPPED IN BLACK)

Dir: Matthew Thorne, Derik Lynch

Language: Yankunytjatjara with English subtitles

An Anangu Yankunytjatjara man escapes the city life to return to the country for spiritual healing. 24 minutes.

A HOME ON EVERY FLOOR

Dir: Signe Rosenlund-Hauglid

Language: Norwegian with English subtitles

A poet uses her voice to excavate the lost home of her childhood. 11 minutes.



OUT THERE: A NATIONAL PARKS STORY

2024 EVENTS

THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST

SFF Kick-Off Party

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Old Town Hall

32 Derby Square, Salem, MA **FREE ADMISSION**

FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND

Filmmaker Happy Hour

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

East Regiment Beer Company

30 Church Street, Salem, MA **FREE ADMISSION**

SFF Social

9:00 PM - Midnight

Longboards Restaurant & Bar

76 Wharf Street, Salem, MA **FREE ADMISSION**

SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD

Docs-In-Progress

10:30 AM

Peabody Essex Museum

161 Essex St, Salem, MA **FREE ADMISSION**

Keeping It Reel

10:30 AM

National Park Service Visitor Center

2 New Liberty St, Salem, MA **FREE ADMISSION**

Mass Reality Check

12:45 AM

National Park Service Visitor Center

2 New Liberty St, Salem, MA **FREE ADMISSION**

Wine Tasting With Filmmakers

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Salem Wine Imports

32 Church Street, Salem, MA

SFF Soiree

9:00 PM - Midnight

Sea Level Oyster Bar

94 Wharf Street, Salem, MA **FREE ADMISSION**

SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH

SFF Wrap Party

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Village Tavern

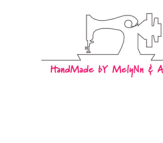
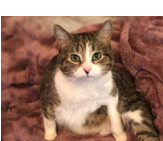
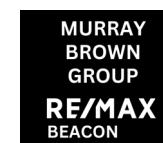
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