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FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

6:30 PM

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 BRIAN MULRONEY**

Canada, 2026, 99 min.

9:15 PM

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(Saturday Continued)

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Canada, 2026, 49 min.

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Some films will be preceded
 by shorts or include Q&As
 which may impact the
 runtime

REAL LIFE,
 WORTH WATCHING.

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AN AFTERNOON WITH MATTHEW RANKIN - DOC SHORTS RETROSPECTIVE AND ARTIST TALK

Canada, 2006-2019, 127 min. 🍁

THURS. NOV. 19 | 4:00

Opening Night filmmaker Matthew Rankin joins CUFF Lead Programmer Cameron Macgowan to peel back the curtain on a selection of his previous short-form documentary work.



AMAZING LIVE SEA MONKEYS

Dir. Mark Becker / Aaron Schock
United States, 2026, 99 min.

SUN. NOV. 22 | 8:30 PM

Yolanda Signorelli is engaged in a David-and-Goliath battle to wrest control of her late husband Harold's iconic toy Amazing Live Sea-Monkeys back from the corporate men who she insists stole them from her.



THE DADS

Dir. Luchina Fisher
United States, 2026, 72 min.

SAT. NOV. 21 | 2:30 PM

As anti-trans legislation and hostility escalate in the United States, a group of dads, building a nascent movement to support their trans and gender expansive kids, are forced to make an impossible choice: stay and fight or flee the country.



DERNSIE: THE AMAZING LIFE OF BRUCE DERN

Dir. Mike Mendez
United States, 2026, 111 min.

FRI. NOV. 20 | 6:30 PM

An intimate portrait of Bruce Dern, reflecting in his own words on a life and career spanning generations of Hollywood, tracing endurance, reinvention, and the legacy he passes to his daughter, Laura Dern.



RUBBERHEAD: THE LIFE & MONSTERS OF STEVE JOHNSON

Dir. Nick Taylor
United States, 2026, 106 min.

THURS. NOV. 19 | 9:15 PM

A humorous, heartfelt portrait of one of Hollywood's most prolific monster makers, who created iconic creatures and effects for some of the most beloved horror and sci-fi movies in cinema history.



SHORTS PACKAGE: TO EACH THEIR OWN

Canada / United States, 2025-2026, 91 min. 🍁

SAT. NOV. 21 | 12:00 PM

From unconventional passions to personal convictions, this eclectic collection celebrates people finding their own paths, embracing what makes them unique, and making a difference in their own way.



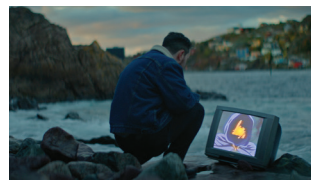
BLOOD & GUTS

Dir. Tina Grapenthin / Katie Green / Carlye Rubin

United States, 2025, 81 min.

SUN. NOV. 22 | 6:30 PM

The lines between real life and reel life blur in this intimate portrait of the Adams family – an unconventional clan of independent horror filmmakers.

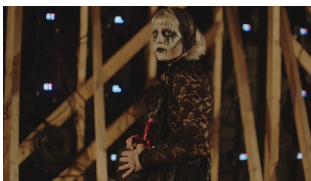


CAPTAIN NEWFOUNDLAND

Dir. Mike Feehan / Jamie Miller
Canada, 2026, 95 min. 🍁

THURS. NOV. 19 | 6:30 PM

When oddball tycoon Geoff Stirling became the first in the world to take his local TV station 24 hours, he turned the night time into his personal playground, altering the consciousness of Newfoundlanders forever.

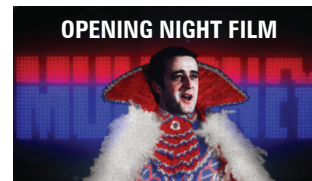


HEX

Dir. Maja Holand
Norway, 2026, 92 min.

WED. NOV. 18 | 9:15 PM

In the heart of Norway's black metal scene three young women have entered into a three-year pact where they will devote their entire lives to awaken the world, each other, and themselves as witches... and start screaming.



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, BRIAN MULRONEY

Dir. Matthew Rankin
Canada, 2026, 99 min. 🍁

WED. NOV. 18 | 6:30 PM

Haunted by visions of the future. Vilified by the political establishment. Charming beyond belief. Behold the dazzling ascent of Brian Mulroney, the "Boy from Baie-Comeau" who built a brand-new Canada.



STARRY NIGHT

Dir. Bruce Thomas Miller
Canada, 2026, 49 min. 🍁

SUN. NOV. 22 | 11:00 AM

Set in Calgary, STARRY NIGHT documents the artistic and personal triumphs of a remarkable troupe of performers who breathe life into a play centred around schizophrenia – a condition they themselves grapple with.

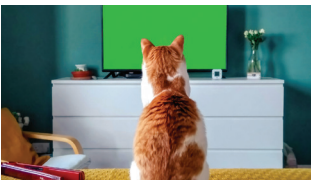


SUMO: SPIRIT WEIGHS NOTHING

Dir. Erik Shirai
Japan / United States / Denmark / United Kingdom, 2026, 100 min.

SUN. NOV. 22 | 1:30 PM

A rare look inside access to Japan's hidden world of sumo. Over a turbulent year, wrestlers at every stage of their career fight to endure, revealing that true strength is measured not in flesh, but in spirit.



CATVIDEOFEST

Editor: Will Braden
United States, 2026, 70 min.

SAT. NOV. 21 | 10:00 AM

A brand-new compilation reel of the latest and best cat videos culled from countless hours of unique submissions and sourced animations, music videos, and classic internet powerhouses.



CORNBREAD MAFIA

Dir. Evan Mascagni / Drew Morris
United States, 2026, 83 min.

FRI. NOV. 20 | 9:15 PM

The Cornbread Mafia was the biggest home grown marijuana operation in U.S. history. This is their unbelievable true story.



MINESHAFT: THE CRUISING MURDERS

Dir. Jeffrey Schwarz
United States, 2026, 85 min.

SAT. NOV. 21 | 9:45 PM

The untold story of the controversy surrounding the making of William Friedkin's 1980 thriller, CRUISING, the fierce protests around its production, and the real life murders that inspired the film.

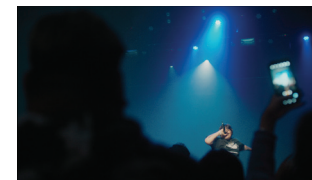


MORE MILES THAN MONEY: THE STORY OF JR. GONE WILD

Dir. Eden Munro
Canada, 2026, 89 min. 🍁

SAT. NOV. 21 | 7:15 PM

A documentary about the rise, fall and rise again of the Albertan country punk band Jr. Gone Wild.



TURTLE ISLAND RAP

Dir. Alexandra Lazarowich
Canada, 2026, 97 min. 🍁

SAT. NOV. 21 | 4:30 PM

A celebratory portrait of Indigenous youth culture, following the creative journeys of three rappers on the rise.



WILD INSIDE

Dir. Penny Lane
United States, 2026, 95 min.

SUN. NOV. 22 | 4:00 PM

A Eurasian Eagle-Owl named Flaco escapes from the Central Park Zoo and sets off on a magical odyssey through the island of Manhattan. Flaco overcomes his years of captivity and lack of survival skills to answer the call of the wild – and discovers he was wild inside all along.