Your guide to Salem Film Fest 2022

SFF 2022 EVENTS

THU • MAR 24 • 5:30 – 7 pm
SALEM FILM FEST KICK-OFF PARTY
Salem Arts Association • 159 Derby St, Salem
Meet visiting filmmakers and friends for noshes by Root. Sample offerings from Old Planters Brewing and Deacon Giles Distillery. Enjoy music by Dan Kupka.
FREE ADMISSION.

FRI • MAR 25 • 11 am – 12:30 pm
MASS REALITY CHECK
Cinema Salem • 1 East India Square, Salem
Filmmakers Q&A
Our doc shorts showcase for Massachusetts college and university students and recent graduates. A jury of film industry sponsors bestows the MRC Award with prizes provided by Boris FX and Talamas. Programming staff from SFF and representatives from Documentary Educational Resources and Women in Film and Video New England will meet with the winner to give career advice.
FREE ADMISSION.

FRI • MAR 25 • 9 – 11 pm
SFF SOCIAL
Sea Level Oyster Bar • 94 Wharf St on Pickering Wharf, Salem
Head to the waterfront with our Fest filmmakers and friends to nibble a selection of appys and hear the musical stylings of Molly Pinto Madigan.
FREE ADMISSION. CASH BAR.

SAT • MAR 26 • 10 – 11 am
KEEPING IT REEL
Cinema Salem • 1 East India Square, Salem
Filmmakers Q&A
Our doc shorts showcase for Massachusetts high school students. Prizes awarded by Boris FX and Talamas.
FREE ADMISSION.

SAT • MAR 26 • 9 pm – 12 am
SFF SOIRÉE
Colonial Hall at Rockafellas • 231 Essex St, Salem
Join fellow Fest goers, filmmakers, and organizers for some rockin’ fare and tunes provided by Naavi Strings.
FREE ADMISSION. CASH BAR.

SUN • MAR 27 • 3:35 pm screening
ONE PINT AT A TIME BEER TASTING
The Cabot • 286 Cabot St, Beverly
Bring your taste buds to the beer tasting following the screening of ONE PINT AT A TIME.
TASTING PROVIDED FOR IN PERSON SCREENING
21+ TICKET HOLDERS ONLY.

SUN • MAR 27 • 7:45 – 8:30 pm
SFF SALON
The Cabot • 286 Cabot St, Beverly
Relax with SFF friends to discuss our 15th edition of Fest films and decide on selections to stream.
FREE ADMISSION. CASH BAR.

SUN • APR 3 • 11 am – 12 pm
COFFEE TIME WITH SALEM FILM FEST
Live streaming via salemfilmfest.com
Grab a digital coffee—and a yummy pastry—as a crew of Fest organizers chat with superstars of the Fest, visiting filmmakers, and more. Discover this year’s winner of our coveted Salem Film Fest Audience Award.
Sponsored by Coffee Time Bake Shop
FREE STREAMING VIA SALEMFILMFEST.COM.

Staying safe
We will follow current venue-specific public health protocols; please visit salemfilmfest.com/covid for details.
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AFRICAN APOCALYPSE
STREAMING ONLY
Dir: Rob Lemkin
A young British-Nigerian travels to Africa to uncover the dark horrors of colonialism that inspired Conrad’s Heart of Darkness and Coppola’s APOCALYPSE NOW.
MATURE CONTENT
Sponsored by Latino Leadership Coalition • Welcome Immigrant Network

AFTER ANTARCTICA
PEM
Fri, Mar 25 at 2:30 pm Filmaker Q&A
Dir: Tasha Van Zandt
Follow legendary 75-year-old polar explorer Will Steger’s lifelong journey and eyewitness account of the greatest changes to the polar regions of our planet.
Sponsored by Murray Masonry & More • Van Dorn Books • Salem Alliance for the Environment (SAFE)

BE OUR GUEST
CINEMA SALEM
Sat, Mar 26 at 1:20 pm Filmaker, Subject Q&A
Dir: Diane Tsai
A New Hampshire family with four school-aged children faces difficult decisions about community, independence, and altruism when they open their home to strangers in recovery.
Sponsored by Hampton Inn Salem • Hawthorne Hotel

BE MY VOICE
CINEMA SALEM
Sat, Mar 26 at 7:25 pm Filmaker Q&A
Dir: Nahid Persson
Exiled journalist and activist Masih Alinejad is the courageous voice of millions of Iranian women rebelling on social media against the forced use of the hijab.
MATURE CONTENT
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BROKEN WINGS
CINEMA SALEM
Sat, Mar 26 at 5:35 pm Filmaker Q&A
Dir: Jonathan Sutak
Adonis, a one-winged black vulture, impacts the lives of a small town, especially his caretaker, a down on her luck Arkansas waitress, and her 80-year-old spiritual roommate.
SFF 2020 ALUM
Sponsored by Modern Millie • Mass Bay Dental • Ben Franklin Print Co.

BREAKING POINT
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MATURE CONTENT
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CLAYDREAM
IN PERSON ONLY
CINEMA SALEM
Thu, Mar 24, 7:30
Filmaker Q&A
Dir: Marq Evans
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EXPOSURE
PEM
Sat, Mar 26 at 1:30 pm Filmaker Q&A
Dir: Holly Morris
Join what may be the last expedition to the North Pole as an unlikely group of women from Arab and Western worlds traverse the dangers of the melting Arctic polar cap on skis.
SFF 2016 ALUM
Sponsored by The Pickering House • The Sharma Group • Stan Franzeen

HELL OR CLEAN WATER
STREAMING ONLY
Dir: Cody Westman
An inspiring story of one Newfoundlander’s obsessive quest to change the world by single-handedly cleaning up the coastal ocean floors, one tire at a time.
Sponsored by Salem Recycles • The Sharma Group • Stan Franzeen

I’M WANITA
THE CABOT
Sun, Mar 27 at 1:20 pm Filmaker Q&A
Dir: Matthew Walker
A renegade Australian country music singer is hell-bent on taking a road trip to Nashville to record her album and fulfill a lifelong dream.
MATURE CONTENT
Sponsored by Koto Grill & Sushi

THE FACE OF ANONYMOUS
STREAMING ONLY
SFF 2012, 2017 ALUM
Sponsored by Salem Five • Sterling Insurance Agency, Inc.

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**IMPERFECT**

**ENDICOTT COLLEGE**
Sat, Mar 26 at 7 pm
Dir: Regan Linton and Brian Malone
The raw and honest account of a professional company of actors with disabilities who defy expectations by taking center stage in Chicago the musical.
Sponsored by Endicott College • New Harmony Center for Health & Wellness • Root

**McCURRY: THE PURSUIT OF COLOR**

**PEM**
Fri, Mar 25 at 5 pm
Filmmaker Q&A
Dir: Denis Delestrac
An intimate look at Steve McCurry, best known for his photograph *Afghan Girl*, who has braved hardship and personal risk over his 40-year career to create some of the most enduring images.
Sponsored by Worthy Girl • New England Dog Biscuit Company • Xpressify

**ONE PINT AT A TIME**

**THE CABOT**
Sun, Mar 27 at 3:35 pm
Filmmaker Q&A
Dir: Aaron Hosé
Eager to bring about change—Black-owned craft breweries are reshaping the multibillion-dollar industry and American brewing culture.
Sponsored by O’Neill’s Pub & Restaurant • All Souls Lounge • Old Planters Brewing Co.

**WHEN CLAUDE GOT SHOT**

**STREAMING ONLY**
Dir: Brad Lichtenstein
The lives of three strangers are inextricably entwined and changed by a weekend of gun violence. Their subsequent journeys through trauma, the justice system and healing unfold.
Sponsored by Spinale Automotive

**WITH THIS BREATH I FLY**

**CINEMA SALEM**
Fri, Mar 25 at 7:05 pm
Filmmaker Q&A
Dir: Sam French and Clementine Malpas
Two Afghan women fight for freedom after imprisonment for “moral crimes” by a justice system supported by billions of dollars of aid money from the European Union.
**MATURING CONTENT**
Sponsored by The Satanic Temple • Salem Human Rights Coalition • Voices Against Injustice

**YUNG PUNX: A PUNK ROCK PARABLE**

**CINEMA SALEM**
Sat, Mar 26 at 9:30 pm
Filmmaker Q&A
Dir: Seth Kramer, Daniel A. Miller, Jeremy Newberger
Four young boys from the Massachusetts suburbs chase a dream of punk rock stardom.
Sponsored by Lula’s Bakery and Pantry • Marblehead Cycle • Hotel Marblehead

**LAST OF THE RIGHT WHALES**

**PEM**
Sat, Mar 26 at 1:10 pm
Filmmaker Q&A
Dir: Alysa Nahmias
Jesse Kimes, an incarcerated artist labors over a number of years on a secret masterpiece, finding a way to survive in the act of creativity.
**SFF 2012, 2020 ALUM**
Sponsored by Gala-Gala Café • Flying Saucer Pizza Company • Structures North

**RIVER**

**CINEMA SALEM**
Sun, Mar 27 at 6:20 pm
Dir: Jennifer Peedom
A cinematic thrill ride reflecting on human existence and how rivers have shaped the planet’s elaborate landscape, narrated by Willem Dafoe with music by the Australian Chamber Orchestra.
Sponsored by ANYEYE Film Lab • Australian Chamber Orchestra.

**SCENES FROM THE GLITTERING WORLD**

**PEM**
Sun, Mar 27 at 11 am
Filmmaker Q&A
Dir: Jared Jakins
A meditation on adolescence, dreams, and responsibilities as three Indigenous youth come of age on the fringes of the Navajo Nation.
Sponsored by Montserrat College of Art • The Cheese Shop of Salem • Root

**LOST AND FOUND IN PARIS**

**CINEMA SALEM**
Sat, Mar 26 at 3:35 pm
Filmmaker Q&A
Dir: Laura Lamanda
All day long, people queue up at the Lost and Found Office in Paris, hoping to retrieve their belongings. But finding what has been lost is not always an easy task.
Sponsored by HomeLight • The Salem Witch Museum • Seger Architects

**A ONCE AND FUTURE PEACE**

**STREAMING ONLY**
Dir: Eric Metzgar
In this hybrid animated live-action film, a former Cambodian gang leader from Revere, MA, uses a restorative justice program based on Indigenous peacemaking circles to help keep youth out of prison.
**SFF 2009, 2012, 2017 ALUM**
Sponsored by Riccio Law • House of the Seven Gables • Northeby Street House Bed & Breakfast

**TIGRE GENTE**

**CINEMA SALEM**
Fri, Mar 25 at 9:10 pm
Filmmaker Q&A
Dir: Elizabeth Unger
A Bolivian park ranger and Hong Kongese journalist join forces, risking their lives to go undercover and investigate the illegal trade of jaguar parts that’s sweeping South America.
**MATURE CONTENT**
Sponsored by Essex’s New York Pizza & Deli • The Salem Inn
**SHORTS BLOCK 1: Animated Documentary**

CINEMA SALEM
Fri, Mar 25 at 1 pm
Filmmaker QA
Sponsored by Salem Five • Ledger Restaurant & Bar • Salem Main Streets

**THE COMMUNION OF MY COUSIN ANDREA**
Dir: Brandán Cerviño
Andrea’s first communion ceremony lacks glamour and sparkle, leaving her to wonder if God really exists.

**MY PARENT, NEAL**
Dir: Hannah Saidiner
A daughter and her 62-year-old father navigate his gender transition.

**PROSOPAGNOSIA**
Dir: Steven Fraser
An animator explores his experience of Prosopagnosia (face blindness) through the contents of a memory box.

**THE CHIMNEY SWIFT**
Dir: Frédéric Schuld
A child climbs up a chimney while a bird sails down it to build a nest—an encounter with no way back.

**SHORTS BLOCK 2: We Will Not Be Silenced**

CINEMA SALEM
Sat, Mar 26 at 11:25 am
Filmmaker QA
Sponsored by Murray Masonry & More • Rockafellas • The Hotel Salem

**LISTEN TO THE BEAT OF OUR IMAGES**
Dir: Audrey and Maxime Jean-Baptiste
The construction of the Space Centre in Kourou, French Guiana, seen through the eyes of the Guianese population.

**I AM TRYING TO REMEMBER**
Dir: Pegah Ahangarani
Sifting through censored and defaced photos and societal amnesia, a filmmaker struggles to reclaim her memories of a family friend who the government “disappeared” during the Iranian Revolution.

**AN UNINTERRUPTED VIEW OF THE SEA**
Dir: Mika Yatsuhashi
A Japanese-American family who proudly immigrated to Boston only to be classified as “Alien Enemies” when WWII unfolds.

**SFF 2018 ALUM**

**$75,000**
Dir: Moïse Togo
Crimes perpetrated against Albinos in Africa are examined against the backdrop of a 3D ambient world created by the filmmaker.

**BOUNTY**
Dir: Dawn Neptune Adams, Maulian Dana, Adam Mazo, Ben Pender-Cudlip, Tracy Rector
Citizens of the Penobscot Nation gather in Boston to read and react to government-issued bounty proclamations that motivated colonial settlers to hunt, scalp, and murder Indigenous people.

**SHORTS BLOCK 3: Tradition**

STREAMING ONLY
Sponsored by The Salem Inn

**THE ROOTS WEAVER**

**UNSUNG HEROES OF INK**

**O’S60- (WHAT THEY’VE BEEN TAUGHT)**

**NALUJK NIGHT**

**NUISANCE BEAR**

**SHORTS BLOCK 4: Separation**

STREAMING ONLY
Sponsored by Village Tavern • Notch Brewery & Taproom

**BORN IN DAMASCUS**

**FREE SWIMMER**

**VIDEO VISIT**

**IN FLOW OF WORDS**

**MATURE CONTENT**

**CAST YOUR VOTE**
The Audience Award is determined by your vote, so please remember to vote on every film you see in person and streaming. Every vote counts. Vote early and vote often!

All Award winners will be presented an original trophy created by local artists Arlene Browne, Jack Walsh, Melynn Nuite, Peter Grimshaw, Richard Flynn, or Scott Lanes. Please see our list of jurors online.
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