



Tuesday, April 8 - 10:00 AM

FELIX

DIR Roberta Durrant / South Africa / 2013 / 97 min
In English

Fourteen-year-old Felix Xaba dreams of becoming a saxophone player like his late father. Despite the disdain of his church-going mother, who is firmly of the opinion that jazz is the devil's music, Felix is determined not give up. He is so determined that he manages to obtain a scholarship to attend an elite private school for music. Further, he finds out about his father's former band mates who, without his mother's knowledge, encourage him in his love of the saxophone, and help him practice and prepare to play in the school's jazz concert.

Themes: music, classism, death, alcoholism, friendship, family, bullying, education, racism, and poverty.

Recommended for ages 8+



Wednesday, April 9 - 10:00 AM

HORIZON BEAUTIFUL

DIR Stefan Jäger / Switzerland, Ethiopia / 2013 / 88 min
In English, Swiss and Amharic with English subtitles

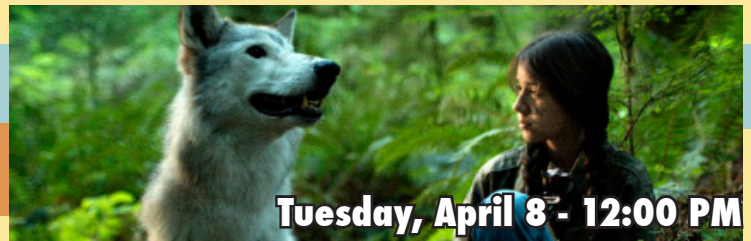
VANCOUVER PREMIERE

Franz travels to Ethiopia to promote soccer and generate media-friendly images to prop up his ailing reputation. as soccer's heavyweight. On the streets of Addis Ababa, 12-year-old Admassu is determined to use his soccer skills to impress the big boss. When Franz ignores him, Admassu hatches a plan to get Franz's attention. If Admassu's sneaky plan works, he believes the businessman will reward him with a ticket to the big leagues. Admassu gets more than he bargained for. Filmed entirely on location with non-professional local actors, *Horizon* captures the vibrant sights and sounds of Ethiopia. Franz and Admassu's relationship presents a clash between cultures, ages, personal dreams and basic human ethics with a resolution both surprising and honest.

Themes: media, soccer, adoption, racism, classism, friendship, poverty and greed.

Recommended for ages 12+

Advisory: There is a scene of a man quietly dying under a tree, use of some poorly translated curse words, and the implication of possible violence.



Tuesday, April 8 - 12:00 PM

SHANA: THE WOLF'S MUSIC

DIR Nino Jacusso / Switzerland, Canada / 2014 / 95 min
In English

CANADIAN PREMIERE

Twelve-year-old Shana is a talented musician who lives with her father on the Lower Nicola Indian Reserve near Merritt, B.C. Since the death of her mother, she has retreated into her own world, stopped going to school, and hardly ever plays her violin. Shana's life takes a decisive turn when her new teacher discovers her musical talent and registers her at a Vancouver music school. A few days before the entrance exam, Shana's father sells the wolf's head violin that her mother played. During her adventurous search to retrieve the violin, Shana plunges deeper and deeper into the forest, where she encounters the white wolf—and the spirits of her ancestors.

Themes: music, First Nations, death, family, education, racism, classism, spirituality, and coming of age.

Recommended for ages 8+



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REGRET!

DIR Dave Schram / Netherlands / 2013 / 91 min
In Dutch and Arabic with English subtitles

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

Jochem's classmates bully him all the time. His friend David doesn't join in, but he is scared to say anything. On the face of it Jochem doesn't seem to be bothered by the harassment. Then, one morning the headmaster tells the class that Jochem didn't come home after a party. David feels guilty. Together with a friend, David sets out to find Jochem and tell him he's sorry.

Themes: bullying, standing up for others, and teen suicide.

Recommended for ages 12+

Festivals and Awards:

Giffoni Film Festival (Italy) - Gryphon for Best Film
Generator

Carousell International du Film de Rimouski (Quebec, Canada) - Camerio Award for Best Feature 13+ and Audience Award

Advisory: There are some intense scenes of bullying.

TALENT LAB

FILM FESTIVAL R2R

Vancity Theatre
1181 Seymour St.
Vancouver, B.C.

www.r2rfestival.org

Feature film: \$5/student

Feature film + workshop: \$8/student



Rickie
Lea
Owens

Students attend the screening of a feature length film, followed by a Q&A with the filmmaker, discussant or Festival Director. Teachers are provided with a Film Study Guide to the films, listed on the next page. Your class also has the option of staying for the whole day and taking a workshop.

Do you know what a GIF is? A Graphics Interchange Format, or GIF (pronounced Jif with a soft G) is made up of a few images that play on an endless loop. You can find animated GIFs online as humorous commentary posted in lieu of the written word. The use of the animated GIF is becoming a language of its own.

WORKSHOP - HOW TO MAKE AN ANIMATED GIF

GIFs are animated images that work in all web browsers. In this workshop, students will learn how to create GIFs and experiment with moving image techniques such as stop motion animation and pixilation. Their GIFs will then be added to a tumblr page on the R2R website. The workshop will be taught by Montréal artist *Ricky Lea Owens*, known for her quick and squeaky animated short films, which have screened all over the world.

Contact education@r2rfestival.org to register your class. Bookings will be handled on a first-come first-served basis. We accept registrations from Home Learners with a guardian, and individual students with school and parental consent.

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