



V  **FF23**

PROGRAM

The Vashon Island Film Festival is a program of the Vashon Film Institute, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to fostering and supporting independent filmmaking in the Pacific Northwest.

VFI

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

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Thurs, Aug. 10

**VASHON
THEATRE**

Short Film Block #1

2:30pm

Downwind

5pm

Starring Jerry As Himself

7:30pm


LANGLAND
DENTAL ASSOCIATES


Fri, Aug. 11

Short Film Block #2

12pm

Even Hell Has Its Heroes

2:30pm

Deadland

5pm

I Like Movies

7:30pm

Rock on the Rock

9:30pm

Sat, Aug. 12

Tobacco Barns

12pm

Boom

2:30pm

Somewhere Quiet

5pm

Scrapper

7:30pm

Saturday Night Soirée

9:30pm

Sun, Aug. 13

Escaping Ohio

12pm

The Herricanes

2:30pm

Raging Grace

5pm

Red Bicycle Awards

7:30pm

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Barber*
★ GET SPIFFY - STAY CLASSY ★


KEY

Narrative Feature

Documentary Feature

Short Films

Other Event

VENUE

Vashon Theatre & The Backlot

17723 Vashon Hwy SW

Vashon, WA 98070

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Capacity: 280 (Theatre) | 300 (Backlot)

ATTENDANCE

Attendance to VIFF is made available through single screening tickets. A finite number of tickets are available for sale. Each single screening ticket is valid for one individual to a single screening only. Discount packages are available for tickets bought in bulk.

Ticket holders may form a queue 1-hour before each screening and will be admitted at the scheduled showtime on first-come, first-serve basis. Admittance is not guaranteed and closes once capacity has been met.

Admittance to VIFF's events at the Backlot require proof of purchase of a single screening ticket. Tickets can be purchased at www.vashonislandfilmfestival.com

COMPETITION

There are three screening sections at VIFF:

Narrative Features and **Documentary Features** compete for the coveted **Quartermaster Award**, which recognizes excellence in feature filmmaking, as well as the **Audience Award for Best Feature**.

Short Films compete for the **Burton Award**, which recognizes excellence in short filmmaking, as well as the **Audience Award for Best Short**.

Nominees from Narrative Features and Documentary Features also compete for the **Red Bicycle Awards**, which honor individual categories, as determined by solely by the Vashon Film Institute's Executive Team.

Winners for all awards are selected by VIFF's Jury in an anonymous voting process, excluding the Audience Awards, which are determined by attendees.

VIFF23's Red Bicycle nominees are listed on page 13.

VFI Executive Team

Mark Mathias Sayre **Founder & President**

Maura Little **Co-President & Board Member**

Isaac Mann **Board Member**

Peter Serko **Board Member**

NARRATIVE FEATURES



Deadland

Director Lance Larson

Cast Roberto Urbina, McCaul Lombardi, Julieth Restrepo, Julio Cesar Cedillo, Chris Mulkey

Vashon Theatre Aug. 11 | 5pm

A Mexican-American US border agent is bewildered when a deceased undocumented immigrant reappears days later in the same spot.

World Premiere at SXSW 2023.



Escaping Ohio

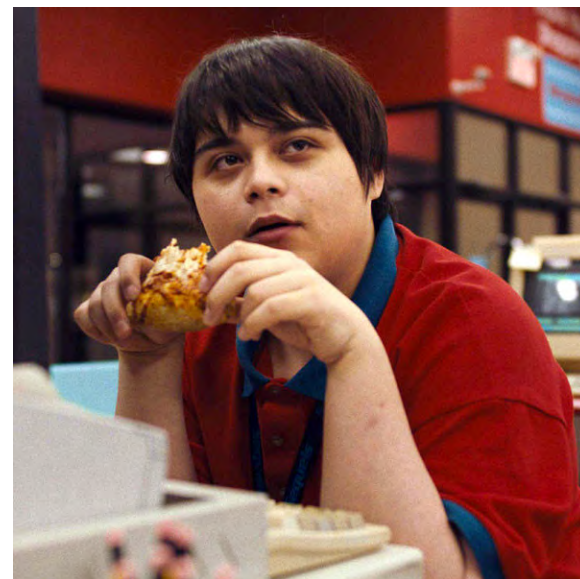
Director Jessica Michael Davis

Cast Jessica Michael Davis, Collin Kelly-Sordelet, Emily Bergl, Adam Pascal

Vashon Theatre Aug. 13 | 12pm

On the brink of adulthood, Sam has dreams of leaving her small town for new adventures in California. But this is unwelcome news to her best friend JJ, who dares to prove why Ohio is worth sticking around for.

World Premiere at Dances with Films 2023.



I Like Movies

Director Charlotte Levack

Cast Isaiah Lehtinen, Romina D'Ugo, Krista Bridges, Percy Hynes White

Vashon Theatre Aug. 11 | 7:30pm

Lawrence, a socially inept, 17-year-old cinephile, gets a job at a video store, where he forms a complicated friendship with his older female manager.

Awarded the Panvision Spirit Award for Best Film at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival 2023.

NARRATIVE FEATURES



Raging Grace

Director Paris Zarcilla

Cast Max Eigenman, Leanne Best, David Hayman

Vashon Theatre Aug. 13 | 5pm

After securing a new job, Filipina immigrant Joy and her daughter Grace encounter a darkness that threatens all they have worked for.

Awarded the Grand Jury Award for Narrative Features at SXSW 2023.



Scrapper

Director Charlotte Regan

Cast Harris Dickinson, Lola Campbell, Alin Uzun, Ambreen Razia, Olivia Brady, Aylin Tezel

Vashon Theatre Aug. 12 | 7:30pm

Georgie, a dreamy 12-year-old girl, lives happily alone in her London flat, filling it with magic. Suddenly, her estranged father turns up and forces her to confront reality.

Awarded the World Cinema Dramatic Grand Jury Prize at Sundance 2023.



Somewhere Quiet

Director Olivia West Lloyd

Cast Jennifer Kim, Kentcuker Audley, Micheál Neeson, Marin Ireland

Vashon Theatre Aug. 12 | 5pm

After escaping a brutal kidnapping, Meg struggles to readjust to normal life with her husband, Scott. When Scott's odd, aristocratic cousin arrives unannounced, the line between reality and nightmare begins to blur.

World Premiere at Tribeca Film Festival 2023.

All times are in Pacific Daylight Time (UTC-7)

NARRATIVE FEATURES



Starring Jerry as Himself

Director Law Chen

Cast Jerry Hsu, Kathy Hsu, Jon Hsu, Jesse Hsu, Joshua Hsu

Vashon Theatre Aug. 10 | 7:30pm

Based on a true story, Jerry is a retired Taiwanese immigrant pulled into a money laundering investigation.

Winner of the Grand Jury Prize for Best Documentary Feature, Audience Award, and Acting Award at Slamdance 2023.



Tobacco Barns

Director Rocío Mesa

Cast Vera Centenera, Ada Mar Lupiáñez, Tamara Arias

Vashon Theatre Aug. 12 | 12pm

Three generations spend the summer uncovering the secrets of tobacco barns outside rural Granada, which serves as a childhood playground, a teenage cage, and an elder's memory.

Audience Award Winner for Visions at SXSW 2023.

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“Everytime I go to a movie, it’s magic, no matter what the movie’s about.”

– Steven Spielberg –

DOCUMENTARY FEATURES



Boom

Director Jordan Albertsen
Vashon Theatre Aug. 12 | 2:30pm

The untold story of one of rock 'n' roll's wildest and most influential bands: The Sonics. For the first time ever, all five original members of the band tell the story of how it all went down, from its founding in Tacoma, WA, to its first world tour decades later.

Jury Award & Audience Award Winner for Best Documentary Feature at multiple film festivals during 2018-2019 season. World Premiere of new Director's Cut at VIFF23!



Downwind

Directors Mark Shapiro & Douglas Brian Miller
Vashon Theatre Aug. 10 | 5pm

Mercury, Nevada, was the site for the testing of 928 large-scale nuclear weapons from 1951 to 1992. Martin Sheen narrates this harrowing exposé of the United States' disregard for everyone living downwind.

World Premiere at Slamdance 2023 and Best Documentary Feature Award winner at International Uranium Film Festival 2023.



Even Hell Has Its Heroes

Director Clyde Petersen
Vashon Theatre Aug. 11 | 2:30pm

Documenting Earth, "the world's slowest metal band," its pivotal role in the popularization of grunge, and its visionary founder's friendship with Kurt Cobain.

Official Selection at Seattle International Film Festival 2023.

DOCUMENTARY FEATURES



The Herricanes

Director Olivia Kuan
Vashon Theatre Aug. 13 | 2:30pm

The Houston Herricanes, a women's professional full-tackle football team, find camaraderie and friendship as they controversially open a new door in the world of sports.

Audience Award Winner for Documentary Spotlight and recipient of the Louis Black/Lone Star Award (Olivia Kuan) at SXSW 2023.

**“...an
awesome
destination
film fest.”**

Hammer To Nail

SHORT FILMS



Bläckfisk

Director Sarah Hanner

Cast Sarah Hanner, Rafael Edholm, Magnus Af Sandeberg, Susanne Barklund

Vashon Theatre Aug. 11 | 12pm

When Claire reveals surprising news at her mother-in-law's birthday, she must contemplate a life-changing decision that puts herself and the entire family at risk.

Awarded Best Director of the Year at the Independent Shorts Awards 2023.



Closing Dynasty

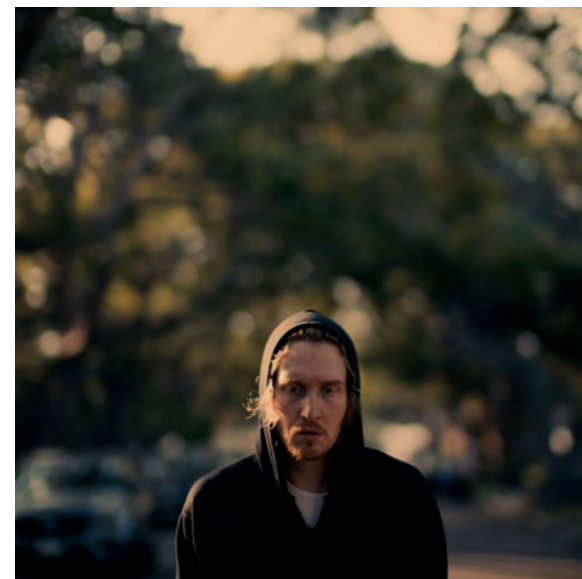
Director Lloyd Lee Choi

Cast Milinka Winata, Allen Chen, Eleven Lee

Vashon Theatre Aug. 11 | 12pm

On a school day, a precocious seven-year-old girl, Queenie, hustles and schemes ways to make money on the streets of New York City.

Audience Award Winner for Narrative Shorts at SXSW 2023 and recipient of the Crystal Bear Award for Best Short Film at Berlinale 2023.



Cycle

Director Leigh Powis

Cast Christian A. Pierce, Madison Lawlor, Olivia Blue, Spencer Waldner, Steven Cox

Vashon Theatre Aug. 10 | 2:30pm

Feelings of hurt bubble to the surface as a group of young adults grapple with the tragic death of their childhood friend.

World Premiere at VIFF23!

SHORT FILMS



Dead-Enders

Directors Fidel Ruiz-Healy & Tyler Walker

Cast Skarlett Redd, Jeff Murdoch, Lilliana Winkworth, Joseph Rene

Vashon Theatre Aug. 11 | 12pm

A disaffected Gas Station clerk finds out why they call it the “graveyard shift” after oil drillers set loose an ancient race of mind-controlling parasites.

Audience Award Winner for Midnight Shorts at SXSW 2023.



Down Home

Directors Riley Engemoen & Liz Moskowitz

Vashon Theatre Aug. 10 | 2:30pm

A sleep away camp in Elgin, Texas gives adults with developmental disabilities the opportunity to escape societal barriers and have a good ol’ time dancing, loving, and feeling free.

World Premiere at AFI Fest 2022.



It Turns Blue

Director Shadi Karamroudi

Cast Leili Rashidi, Mansour Nasiri, Hana Dezhagah

Vashon Theatre Aug. 11 | 12pm

In a moment of heat, a father slaps his 3-year-old daughter during one of her weekly visits. He asks his sister, Pari, to cover-up the incident.

Awarded the Grand Jury Award for Narrative Shorts at SXSW 2023.

SHORT FILMS



Nicole

Directors Edy Modica & Ian Faria

Cast Edy Modica, Marsha Lustig, Rachel Kaly, Francesca D'Uva, Chase Montavon, Michael D'Addario, Brian Fiddymont, Johnny Gaffney, Steve Girard, Alexis Giovinazzo, Sam Lanier

Vashon Theatre Aug. 10 | 2:30pm

Nicole just wants a coffee coolatta.

World (Festival) Premiere at VIFF23!



We Were Meant To

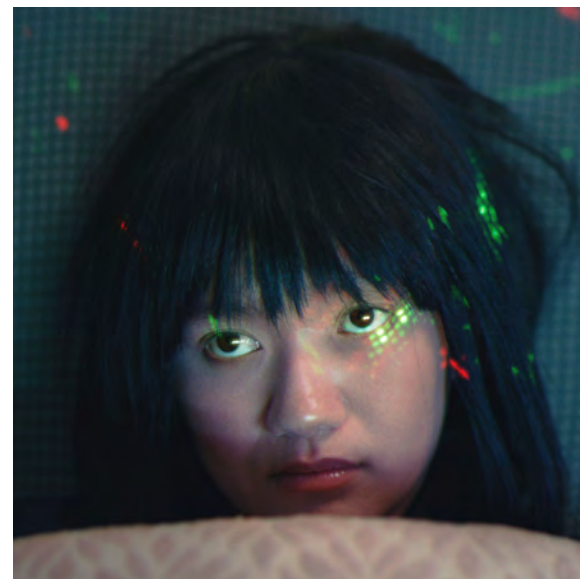
Director Tari Wariebi

Cast Tim Johnson Jr., Amin Joseph, Karimah Westbrook, Jordan Amanda Hall, Skye Barrett, Luke Tennie

Vashon Theatre Aug. 10 | 2:30pm

Akil, an African American teen, has wings and one goal: to take his first flight.

World Premiere at Sundance 2023.



When You Left Me On That Boulevard

Director Kayla Galangi

Cast Kailyn Dulay, Melissa Arcaya, Elle Rodriguez, Whitney Augustin

Vashon Theatre Aug. 10 | 2:30pm

Ly and her cousins get high before a family Thanksgiving.

Awarded the Grand Jury Award for Best Short Film at Sundance 2023.

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SHORT FILMS



Will You Look At Me

Director Shuli Huang
Vashon Theatre Aug. 11 | 12pm

A young Chinese filmmaker has a long overdue conversation with his mother that dives the two of them into a quest for acceptance and love.

Queer Palm Award Winner at Cannes 2022 and recipient of the Grand Jury Award for Best Non-Fiction Short Film at Sundance 2023.

**“...the film fest
you have always
sought to attend,
but it didn’t exist
until now.”**

**FILM
THREAT**

OTHER EVENTS



Rock on the Rock

The Backlot August 11 | 9:30pm

Give your neck some welcome whip-lash while local bands shred into the night!

Opening Act Basement Tuesdays

Closing Act Cheap Scenery



Saturday Night Soirée

The Backlot August 12 | 9:30pm

Join us for an epic block party with DJs, food carts, a wine/beer garden, and craft cocktails!

Opening Act DJ W'Ray

Closing Act Franksy



Red Bicycle Awards

The Backlot August 13 | 7:30pm

The Red Bicycle Awards close the festival, where the Quatermaster, Burton, and Audience Awards will honor excellence in feature and short filmmaking, and the Red Bicycles will be delivered to winners in other individual categories.

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NOMINEES

Best Screenplay

Law Chen & Jerry Hsu ***Starring Jerry as Himself***
David Elliot, Lance Larson & Jas Shelton ***Deadland***
Charlotte Levack ***I Like Movies***
Charlotte Regan ***Scrapper***
Paris Zarcilla ***Raging Grace***

Best Director

Jordan Albertsen ***Boom***
Charlotte Levack ***I Like Movies***
Rocío Mesa ***Tobacco Barns***
Charlotte Regan ***Scrapper***
Paris Zarcilla ***Raging Grace***

Best Actor

Lola Campbell ***Scrapper***
Jessica Michael Davis ***Escaping Ohio***
Jerry Hsu ***Starring Jerry as Himself***
Jennifer Kim ***Somewhere Quiet***
Isaiah Lehtinen ***I Like Movies***

Best Supporting Actor

Leanne Best ***Raging Grace***
Harris Dickinson ***Scrapper***
Romina D'Ugo ***I Like Movies***
McCaul Lombardi ***Deadland***
Alin Uzun ***Scrapper***

Best Cinematography

Joel Honeywell ***Raging Grace***
Molly Manning Walker ***Scrapper***
Rico Moran ***I Like Movies***
Conor Murphy ***Somewhere Quiet***
Jas Shelton ***Deadland***

Best Editing

Jordan Albertsen ***Boom***
Matteo Bini & Billy Sneddon ***Scrapper***
Susan K. Hoover ***The Herricanes***
Sofi Marshall ***Somewhere Quiet***
Mark Shapiro & Douglas Brian Miller ***Downwind***

Best Original Music

Jon Clarke ***Raging Grace***
Patrick Jonsson ***Scrapper***
Ariel Marx ***Somewhere Quiet***
Paloma Peñarrubia ***Tobacco Barns***
Christopher Dean White ***Deadland***

Best Production Design

Amy Beth Addison ***Raging Grace***
Claudia Dall'Orso ***I Like Movies***
Elena Muntoni ***Scrapper***

JURY



CAMERON JEBÓ
Actor



ALI RICHEY
Actress/Producer



STEVE SWADLING
Actor/Producer



AMBER TOZER
Author/Comedian



DALLAS DUPREE YOUNG
Actor



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TRAVEL

Vashon is publicly accessible only by ferry or water-taxi.
There are four (4) separate routes to the island. Fees vary by terminal and season.

West Seattle (Fauntleroy Ferry Dock)

Crossing Time: 20 minutes

Tacoma (Point Defiance Ferry Dock)

Crossing Time: 15 minutes

Southworth (Port Orchard Ferry Dock)

Crossing Time: 10 minutes

Downtown Seattle (Pier 50 - Walk-On Only)

Crossing Time: 22 minutes

Ferry Schedules

wsdot.com/ferries/schedule

Water Taxi Schedule

<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/water-taxi/vashon.aspx>

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