

The following are the PIFF #18 official listings, by day and venue, for the 18th Annual Philadelphia Independent Film Festival. This is the screening listing and *is not the guide*. The festival guide will be *distributed next week*. **All screenings will begin promptly*, which helps guarantee allotted times for every Official Selection. Q&A with attending filmmakers will either take place in the theater or outside the venue, by the Red Carpet. We will know as the more than 30 screenings across multiple venues progress. Thank you for your films and thank you for your patience!

We are proud to present the 18th annual slate as an expression of the truly bold and deeply creative stories being told through the infinite possibilities of “filmmaking” locally and around the world. Let the voices be heard... PIFF 2025.

Check PIFF [listings](#) for screening dates, times, and ongoing updates. Screenings will sell out, so watch for updates on the festival [Blog](#) or [instagram](#). Purchase tickets in advance. Rush tickets will be available in small amounts on the day of the screening. Thank you! See you in the theaters!

[Wednesday May. 7th, 2025](#)
[Opening Night!](#)

Canal Street Film Center

(941 N Front Street, Philadelphia, PA. 19123)

Opening Comedy Night!

Screenings will have a 10-minute intermission! Doors open at 7:00 PM! \$15
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- ❖ Date Night (Comedy) 5:00 min. (Philadelphia) Director Joseph Biello
- ❖ Shaba Daba (Comedy) 12:11 min. (Philadelphia) Director Tony Dinero
- ❖ Sorority Court (Comedy) 12:25 min. (NYC) Director Emily Draper
- ❖ Sex Pirates of 1931 (Comedy) 14:12 min. (Philadelphia/Ireland) Director Megan McGurk
~ INTERMISSION ~
- ❖ Viaticum (Comedy) 14:00 min. (Lincoln University, PA) Director Derek Frey
- ❖ Muddy Goes to College (Comedy) 11:29 min. (Philadelphia) Director Alex Rienhard
- ❖ No Thoughts! (Comedy) 17:45 min. (Ohio/Philadelphia) Director Steve McJones

Purple Light Filmmakers Lounge

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1:30 PM - 2:10 PM <https://bit.ly/TicketsPIFF>

Experimental...Arthouse

- ❖ Monument (Experimental) 17:24 min. (Richmond, Virginia) Director Jeremy Drummond
- ❖ Object Permanence (Experimental, Arthouse, Silent) 17:17 min. (Brooklyn, NY) Director Juan Lopez
- ❖ Stone House Lane: Philadelphia Institute of Psychogeography (Experimental) 4:23 min. (Philadelphia, PA) Director Alan Pelz-Sharpe
- ❖ A Sign of the Times (Experimental) 1:47 min. (Philadelphia, PA) Director Peter Rose
- ❖ Plantasia (Experimental) 4:00 min. (Canada) Director T.M. Glass & Bob Evrin

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM <https://bit.ly/TicketsPIFF>

Festival De Animacion #18

- ❖ Lint (Animation) 14:28 min. (Philadelphia, PA,) Director Luis Hernandez
- ❖ Birds of Feather (Animation) 4:44 min. (Rochester, NY) Director Katie Cobbs
- ❖ Into Red Tale (Animation) 4:05 min. (NY) Director Alisdair Zhang
- ❖ Guest from Elsewhere (Chicago, Il) 6:40 min. (Animation) Director Ethan Anderson
- ❖ Magic Beans (Animation) 06:25 min. (Pottstown, PA) Director Alex Hagendorf
- ❖ Christopher & the Bug (Animation) 12:07 min. (Canada) Director Vanessa Lynn Esteves, Kevin Micallef
- ❖ Voicemails from my Dad (Animation) 05:53 min. (Los Angeles, CA) Director Gabby Cherney
- ❖ With Tits (Animation) 3:00 min. (Carrolltown, PA) Director Delia Morchesky

[Thursday May. 8th, 2025](#)

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3:15 PM - 4:15 PM <https://bit.ly/TicketsPIFF>

- ❖ Single Light (Drama) 19:16 min. (Israel) Director Shaylee Atary
- ❖ Home/Land (Documentary) 22:44 min. (Brooklyn, NY / Israel) Director Adam Chitayat

5:35 - 7:15 PM <https://bit.ly/TicketsPIFF>

- ❖ Hello Beautiful (DRAMA) 01:41:00 min. (Los Angeles, CA) *PHILADELPHIA PREMIER
Director Zlad H Hamzeh
 - My Name Was Jacob (Drama) 7:00 min. (Philadelphia, PA) Director Kyle Prout

7:45 PM - 9:45 PM <https://bit.ly/TicketsPIFF>

- ❖ Traumnovelle (Horror) 01:48:00 min. (Berlin, Germany) *NORTH AMERICAN PREMIER*
Director Florian Frerichs
 - They're Taking My House (Experimental) 4:23 min. Director Dan Lopez

10:00 PM - 11:10 PM <https://bit.ly/TicketsPIFF>

- ❖ The Black-Eyed Children (Horror) 01:10:02 min. *WORLD PREMIER* (Hungary)
Director József Gallai

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12:10 PM - 1:20 PM ***Eclectic Matinee*** <https://bit.ly/TicketsPIFF>

- ❖ A Sign of the Times (Experimental) 1:47 min. (Philadelphia) Director Peter Rose
- ❖ Un Dia Normal (Documentary) 16:02 min. (Mexico/USA) Director Maurizio Dominguez
- ❖ Calling Card (Drama, Comedy) 5:46 min. (Australia) Director Annabelle Miller
- ❖ The Cave Synagogue (Documentary) 7:45 min. (Philadelphia) Director Peter Decherney
- ❖ Bounty (Thriller) 13:20 min. (Swarthmore, PA) Director Robert Boyd
- ❖ Karma (Comedy) 17:33 min. (Valley Village, California) Director Kent Faulcon

REC Philly

(901 Market St. Suite #2120, Philadelphia, PA. 19107)

6:50 PM - 7:50 PM <https://bit.ly/TicketsPIFF>

- ❖ James West & The Electret Microphone (Documentary) 12:44 min. (North Centon, Ohio) Director Andrew Blike
- ❖ ABBY (Psychological Thriller) 10:23 min. (Philadelphia) Director Dorséa Palmer
- ❖ 20:15 Mexico DF (Romance, LGBTQ) 06:32 min. (Philadelphia) Director Alejandro Di Meglio
- ❖ Victorine (Magical Realism, Folkloric) 19:00 min. (Philadelphia) Director Lunise Cerin
- ❖ My Special Boy (Horror) 12:07 min. (Philadelphia) Director Kayla Bowman.

8:15 PM - 9:35 PM <https://bit.ly/TicketsPIFF>

- ❖ Influence: A Film in Verse (Experimental) 61 min. (Philadelphia) Director Madeline Johnson
 - Farm Grrrl Folk Punk: Motherwort (Music Documentary) 5:18 min (New York, NY) Director Austin Lee Bunn

[Friday May. 9th, 2025](#)

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12:10 PM - 1:10 PM <https://bit.ly/TicketsPIFF>

New York HORROR!!

- ❖ Voyeur (Horror) 14:33 min. (Brooklyn, NY) Director Isaac S Martin
- ❖ Fiend (Horror) 9:38 min. (Sherman Oaks, CA) Director Lucas Cavanagh
- ❖ Horror Tales of Shalom Kolontarov (Horror) 15:00 min. (NY) Director Shalom Kolontarov
- ❖ Threnody (Horror) 18:00 min. (NY) Director Isaias Badilla

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM <https://bit.ly/TicketsPIFF>

Philadelphia HORROR!!

- ❖ Inkwell Hell (Horror) 13:13 min. (Philadelphia/Rochester Institute of Technology) Director Mario Brown
- ❖ Hivemind (Horror) 3:16 min. (Pennsylvania) Director Joey Tangradi
- ❖ Face to Face (Horror, Thriller) (Philadelphia) 12:45 min. East Coast Premier. Director Thomas Emmet Ashton
- ❖ Grin (Horror) 5:19 min. (Philadelphia) Director J.P. Hoffman
- ❖ My Special Boy (Horror) 12:07 min. (Philadelphia) Director Kayla Bowman

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM <https://bit.ly/TicketsPIFF>

Science Fiction is Real SCIFI IS REAL #SciFilsReal

- ❖ Mom Jolie (Science Fiction) 29 min.(Newtown Square, PA) Director Aydan Schlaffman
- ❖ Driven Out (Science Fiction) 20 min. (New Jersey) Director Andy Currie

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM <https://bit.ly/TicketsPIFF>

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Science Fiction #2

- ❖ Trial 54 (Science Fiction) 17:35 min. Director Davis Rohrer
- ❖ Endless (Science Fiction) 10:45 min. (Portland, Oregon) Director Derek Willis
- ❖ Hawlings Time Experiment (Science Fiction) 30:00 min. (China) Director Zhenghui Chen

5:45 PM - 6:45 PM <https://bit.ly/TicketsPIFF>

Philly Drama in Shorts #3

- ❖ Lights out (Drama) 11:41 min. Director William Gleeson
- ❖ Calling Card (Drama, Comedy) 5:46 min. (Philadelphia/Australia) Director Annabelle Miller
- ❖ Chickentown (Drama) 13:10 min. (Bryn Mawr, PA) Director Madeline Poeta
- ❖ Bounty (Drama) 13:20 min. Director Robert Boyd
- ❖ Be My Lil Baby (Drama) 2:30 min. Director Alistair McDonald, Jesse Smallwood

7:10 PM - 9:00 PM <https://bit.ly/TicketsPIFF>

- ❖ To Die For (Drama) 100 min. (PERU) *NORTH AMERICAN PREMIER* Director Daniel Rehder Normand
 - Gardner of the Galaxy (Documentary) 10:43 min. (Ambler, PA) *Philadelphia Premier* Director Nick Natalitchio

9:20 PM - 10:45 PM <https://bit.ly/TicketsPIFF>

- ❖ Thinsestra (Futuristic Drama) 87 min. (Los Angeles, CA) (North American Premier) Director Nathan Hertz
 - Before I Turn (Drama/Zombie) 10 min. (New Jersey) *PHILADELPHIA PREMIERE Director Saif Rehman

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- ❖ Simple, Somewhere Else (Drama) 16:28 min. (Chicago/Philadelphia) Director Amatus-sami Karim
- ❖ Black Bear (Tone Poem) 15:13 min. (Philadelphia) Director Benjamin Roe, Michael Messina
- ❖ Shaba Daba (Comedy) 12:11 min. (Burbank, CA) Director Tony Dinero
- ❖ Made of Paper (Romance, Surreal) 12:27 min. (Philadelphia) Director Katherine Caro, Monica Flory

[Saturday May. 10th, 2025](#)

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2:10 PM - 3:11 PM <https://bit.ly/TicketsPIFF>

- ❖ I Died (Documentary) 61 min. (Chiapas, Mexico) Director Ana Ts'uyeb

3:35 PM - 4:50 PM <https://bit.ly/TicketsPIFF>

- ❖ Lucky Jack 61min. (Documentary) (Trenton, NJ) Director Bridgett Smith
 - A House For My Mother (Documentary) 16 min. (New York) Director Pilar Timpane, Benjamin Nero

5:35 - 6:10 PM <https://bit.ly/TicketsPIFF>

AI in filmmaking...

1. Ghost of the Forest (AI) 5:22 min. (Italy) Director Francesca Fini
2. Heartbeat (AI) 8:06 min.(USA) Director Justin Suarez
3. Everywhere is a good future (AI) 3:52 min. (China) Director Juno Wang
4. Ahab's Curse (AI) 9:00 min. (USA) Director Justin Suarez
5. SAMSĀRA (AI) 1:46 min. (Korea, Republic of) Director Sangwook Ahn
6. Miroir (AI) 2:38 min. (Portugal) Director Stephane Benini

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM <https://bit.ly/TicketsPIFF>

Philadelphia DRAMA in short

- ❖ Soil (Drama) 14:27 min. (Philadelphia) Director Ben McLaughlin
 - ❖ Chickentown (Drama) 13:10 min. (Bryn Mawr, PA) Director Madeline Poeta
 - ❖ LYZ (Dramedy) 10:22 min. (Chester, PA) Director Darnell Brown
- INTERMISSION
- ❖ Good Job Troy (Life) 3:58 min. (Philadelphia) Director Austin Courtney

8:00 PM - 8:55 PM <https://bit.ly/TicketsPIFF>

Horror from around the globe...

- ❖ Weal (Drama/Horror) 15:00 min. (Drexel Hill, PA) Director Chase Antenucci
- ❖ The Itch (Horror) 14:28 min. (Mexico/USA) Director Gordon Phillips
- ❖ Monster (Horror) 11:04 min. (China) Director 乔乔治
- ❖ Damp (Horror) 13:00 min. (Argentina) Director Julieta Quiroga

9:10 PM - 10:00 PM <https://bit.ly/TicketsPIFF>

PIFF MUSIC VIDEO Festival

- ❖ Guitar on the River (Music Video) 04:12 min. (Philadelphia, PA) Director Jefferson Berry
- ❖ Anime Song "You Light the Stars" (Music Video) 2:50 min. (Japan) Director Gregory Christopher Snelgar
- ❖ Country Couture (Music Video) 3:20 min. (Henderson, NV) Director Dustin J. Robinson
- ❖ Everything Is Shattered (Music Video) 2:30 min. (Los Angeles, CA) Director Walter Santucci
- ❖ Adrian Sutherland - Precious (Music Video) 3:52 min. (Winnipeg, Canada) Director Rose Anna Schick
- ❖ About You - David Sosa featuring Jaspen Casper (Music Video) 4:12 min. (Bronx, NY)
- ❖ O Death Rock Me Asleep (Music Video) 3:00 min. (Brooklyn, NY) Director Amelia Xanthe Boscov
- ❖ The Bath (Music Video) 4:12 min. (France) Director Oliver Conrad
- ❖ MEIN BALLIN by Supercasanova (Music Video) 4:42 min. (NY, NY) Director David Byron Kelley

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1:00 PM - 1:45 PM <https://bit.ly/TicketsPIFF>

- ❖ Is Gay Marriage Next (Documentary) 16:00 min. (Brooklyn, NY) Director Emily Clark
- ❖ Days Between Rest (Documentary) 11:42 min. (Philadelphia) Director Peter Decherney

2:00 PM - 3:10 PM <https://bit.ly/TicketsPIFF>

DRAMA Time Screenings

- ❖ Orange juice (Drama) 12:00 min. (Los Angeles, CA) Director Erin Brennan
- ❖ Zhen (Drama) 11:00 min. (Iran) Director Azam Hasanpour
- ❖ Soil (Drama) 14:27 min. (Philadelphia) Director Ben McLaughlin
- ❖ Chickentown (Drama) 13:10 min. (Bryn Mawr, PA) Director Madeline Poeta
- ❖ LYZ (Dramedy) 10:22 min. (Chester, PA) Director Darnell Brown

Philadelphia Ethical Society

(1906 Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, PA 19103)

DOORS at 4:00 PM

4:45 PM - 5:45 PM <https://bit.ly/TicketsPIFF>

- ❖ Room Tone (Drama) 19:20 min. (Philadelphia, PA) Director Tatyana Yassukovich. A sound man who lives in a version of his silent movie finds himself on a set with an all female crew.
- ❖ The Space Between Attack and Decay (Experimental) 28:56 min.(Philadelphia, PA) Director Jessica Kourkounis. A solitary sailing scientist, assigned to resurrect a drowning world, abandons his task in order to chase the enchanting allure of a shiny object.

~ INTERMISSION ~

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM <https://bit.ly/TicketsPIFF>

- ❖ Cut From My Own Cloth (Drama, Coming of Age) 10:00 min. (Philadelphia) Director Zivia Avelin
- ❖ Surveillance (Comedy, Drama) 15:00 min. (Philadelphia) Director Shaina George
- ❖ Billy & Kidd (Comedy, Western) 10:00 min. (Philadelphia) Director Lola Knox, Connor Fuges
- ❖ Since I Last Saw Amara (Drama) 15:00 min. (Philadelphia) Director Izzy Mansaray

~ INTERMISSION ~

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM <https://bit.ly/TicketsPIFF>

- ❖ THE MIRACLE (Drama) 1:58 min. (Philippines) Director Lemuel Lorca

[Closing Ceremony](#)

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