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FESTIVAL GUIDE · 14TH EDITION

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Nov 7–8, 2026 · SIFF Cinema Uptown · stff.org



5 FEATURES / 3 SHORTS PROGRAMS / GALA NIGHT / Q&A WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

a weekend of extraordinary stories from turkish cinema.

Join 14th Seattle Turkish Film Festival: award-winning cinema, bold new voices, filmmaker conversations, and a memorable Saturday night celebration at KEXP.

** All films will either be in English or have English subtitles.*

Bring friends, neighbors and colleagues, share the richness of Turkish cinema and celebrate the community that makes STFF possible.



SATURDAY · NOV 7 GALA FILM

yellow letters

Sarı Zarflar · İlker Çatak · Turkey, 2026

GOLDEN BEAR WINNER

An acclaimed story of artistic freedom, political pressure and personal integrity - our gala film opens the weekend.

Sat, Nov 7 · 6:00 pm · SIFF Cinema Uptown

GALA NIGHT · SATURDAY
Gala party at KEXP · 8:15 pm
Gala tickets →

Gala film + party is a separate ticket from the festival pass.

the weekend at a glance

All films at SIFF Cinema Uptown

SATURDAY · NOV 7

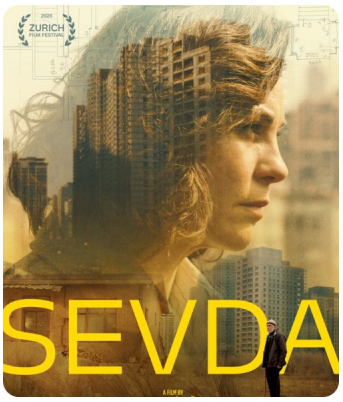
11:45 am	Shorts: Narrative I
1:30 pm	Shorts: Narrative II + Q&A with Deniz Arıkan
3:45 pm	Sevda
6:00 pm	Yellow Letters · Gala film
8:15 pm	Gala party at KEXP

SUNDAY · NOV 8

11:30 am	Shorts: Documentary
1:30 pm	Dump of Untitled Pieces
3:45 pm	Those Who Whistle After Dark
6:00 pm	Salvation + Q&A with Naz Göktan

the feature films

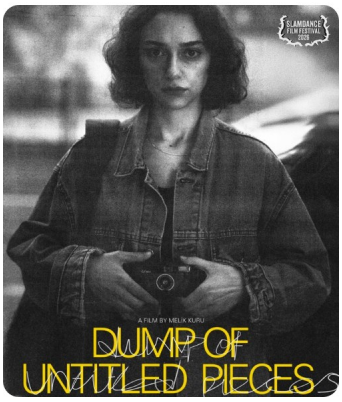
Distinctive visions of contemporary Turkish cinema



Sevda

Ufuk Emiroğlu · 100 min

SAT · 3:45 PM Tickets →



Dump of Untitled Pieces

Melik Kuru · 105 min

SUN · 1:30 PM Tickets →



Those Who Whistle After Dark

Pınar Yorgancıoğlu · 107 min

SUN · 3:45 PM Tickets →



Salvation

Emin Alper · 117 min

SUN 6 PM + Q&A Tickets →



FEATURE PROGRAM SPECIAL GUEST

Naz Göktan

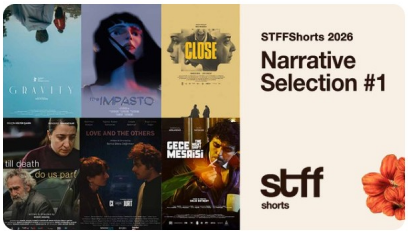
SILVER BEAR GRAND JURY PRIZE

Meet the actress from **Salvation (Kurtuluş)** at Sunday's post-screening Q&A and at the Saturday gala at KEXP.



the short films

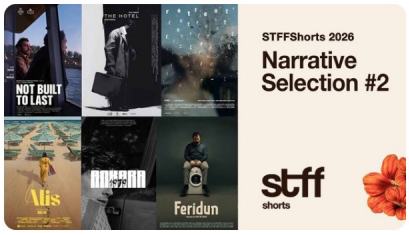
16 films in 3 curated selections, bold voices and documentaries



Shorts: Narrative I

SAT · 11:45 AM Tickets →

Close · Buse Halaçoğlu •
Gravity · Dalya Keleş •
The Night Shift · Salih Ortaçay
The Impasto · Alperen İçmez
Till Death Do Us Part · Deniz Kolos
Love and the Others · Berna Sitera Değirmen •



Shorts: Narrative II

SAT · 1:30 PM + Q&A Tickets →

Alis · Beril Tan
Feridun · Utku Ali Güler
Retreat · Saim Güveloğlu
The Hotel · Halil Tanısan
Ankara 1979 · Can Karayalçın
Not Built to Last · Deniz Arıkan •



Shorts: Documentary

SUN · 11:30 AM Tickets →

Anemoia: A Letter From Future · Zeynep Ceren Özden
Color of the Stone · Tuğba Yaşar •
I Am 12.000 Years Old · Batuhan Karadağoğlu
Everyone is Don Quixote Here · Ekrem Çanak

• **Award winners** — Gravity (Grand Jury Award) · Love and the Others (1st Runner Up) · Color of the Stone (2nd Runner Up & Unique Lens Award) · Not Built to Last (First-time Filmmaker Award) · Close (Honorable Mention)

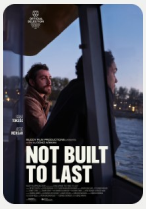


SHORTS PROGRAM SPECIAL GUEST

Deniz Arıkan

FIRST-TIME FILMMAKER AWARD

Meet the director of **Not Built to Last** at the Q&A after Shorts: Narrative II on Saturday and at the Saturday gala at KEXP.



make it a festival weekend.

Festival pass: features + shorts · Gala film + party: separate ticket · Shorts pass: shorts

Get Passes → Get Gala tickets →

the shorts programs

Meet all 16 films of STFFShorts 2026

Shorts: Narrative I

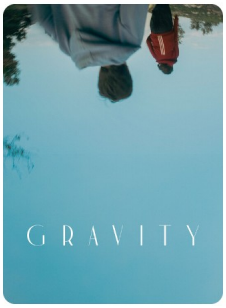
SAT · 11:45 AM · 6 FILMS · 1 HR 35 MIN

Tickets →



Close

Buse Halaçoğlu
Turkey · 2026 · 15m
Honorable Mention



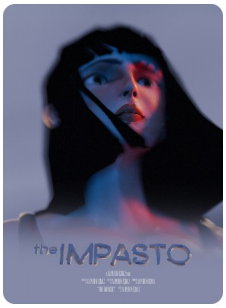
Gravity

Dalya Keleş
Turkey · 2026 · 16m
Grand Jury Award



The Night Shift

Salih Ortaçay
Turkey · 2025 · 19m



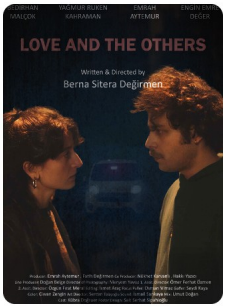
The Impasto

Alperen İçmez
Turkey · 2026 · 2m



Till Death Do Us Part

Deniz Kolos
Turkey · 2025 · 19m



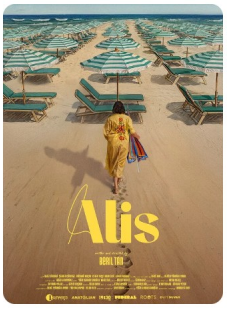
Love and the Others

Berna Sitera Değirmen
Turkey · 2026 · 19m
1st Runner Up

Shorts: Narrative II

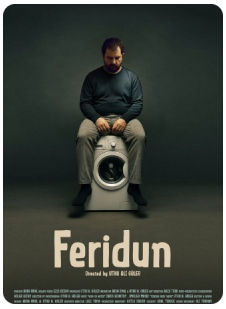
SAT · 1:30 PM · 6 FILMS · DIRECTOR Q&A

Tickets →



Alis

Beril Tan
TR/AM/DE/US · 2025 · 17m



Feridun

Utku Ali Güler
Turkey · 2025 · 13m



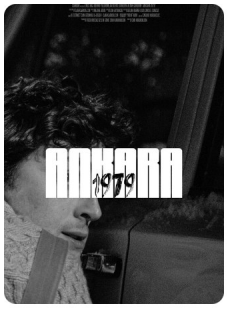
Retreat

Saim Güveloğlu
Turkey · 2025 · 15m



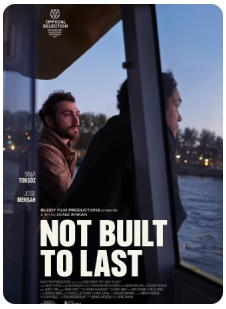
The Hotel

Halil Tanısan
Turkey · 2025 · 11m
Student Workshop



Ankara 1979

Can Karayalçın
Turkey · 2025 · 19m
Student Workshop



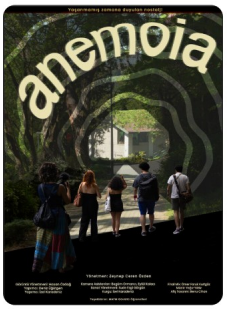
Not Built to Last

Deniz Arıkan
Netherlands · 2026 · 20m
First-time Filmmaker Award

Shorts: Documentary

SUN · 11:30 AM · 4 FILMS · 1 HR 30 MIN

Tickets →



Anemoia: A Letter From Future

Zeynep Ceren Özden
Turkey · 2026 · 21m



Color of the Stone

Tuğba Yaşar
Turkey · 2025 · 8m
2nd Runner Up & Unique Lens Award
Student Workshop



I Am 12.000 Years Old

Batuhan Karadağoğlu
Turkey · 2026 · 32m



Everyone is Don Quixote Here

Ekrem Çanak
Turkey · 2025 · 26m

SHORTS PASSES

See all three programs with a shorts pass, or catch every feature and short with the festival pass.

Get passes →

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