

VKFF 2026 · THEME

Identity in all its forms

فێستیڤاڵی فیلمی کوردیی ڤانکوڤەر

Festîvala Filmên Kurdî ya Vancouverê

VKFF 2026 takes identity in all its forms as its theme. For Kurds, identity has been shaped by borders drawn across homelands, by languages spoken at home and sung in public, by exile and return, and by everyday choices of belonging. It can be a name, a mother tongue, a landscape, a memory or a question still being asked. This year we invite audiences to see identity as something lived and argued over: personal and collective, rooted and restless. Cinema is one of the places where those forms take shape on screen.

COMMENTARY

A note on the program

Nineteen films over three days, from shorts to features, spanning fiction, documentary and animation. The program opens with music and speeches before its first feature. On Saturday and Sunday, VKFF Talks open each day before blocks of shorts, documentaries and feature films. Taken together, the schedule asks audiences to move between forms and voices, much as the theme does.

VENUE

SFU Goldcorp Centre for the Arts

149 W HASTINGS ST
VANCOUVER, BC V6B 1H4

TICKETS

Available online: *Eventbrite*
Also available at the door

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PROGRAM 2026

3 VANCOUVER KURDISH FILM FESTIVAL

4 – 6 Dec 2026

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DAY 1 OF 3 · OPENING NIGHT

Friday

4 December 2026

5:30 PM — **Doors open**

6:00 PM — **OPENING CEREMONY**

Music performance
by Shahryar Hassan

Speeches and program introduction

7:00 PM — **OPENING FILM - FICTION**

My Uncle Jens — 99 min
by Brwa Vahabpour
Norway · 2025



DAY 2 OF 3

Saturday

5 December 2026

12:00 PM — **VKFF TALKS**

Cinema, Banishment, and the Problem of Culture
Guest speaker: Dr. Saladdin Ahmed Bahozde

3:00 PM — **SHORTS 1**

Manuscript	by Jiyar Jahan Fard	12 min · Germany, Rojhelat · 2025
Treasure	by Metîn Ewr	20 min · Germany, Bakur · 2026
White Flag	by Parviz Rostami	15 min · Rojhelat, Başûr · 2026
Tongueless Dream	by Mazlum Baran Tekin	9 min · Bakur · 2025
The Rusty Fish	by Milad Fathiani	6 min · Rojhelat · 2026
The Visitor	by Savas Alpaltun	15 min · UK · 2025

5:00 PM — **FEATURE DOCUMENTARY**

Singing Wings — 73 min
by Hemen Khaledi
Rojhelat, Georgia, Belgium · 2025

7:00 PM — **FEATURE FICTION**

Earth Song — 118 min
by Erol Mintaş
Finland, Germany · 2025

DAY 3 OF 3 · CLOSING DAY

Sunday

6 December 2026

12:00 PM — **VKFF TALKS**

Stories in Exile: Filmmaking in Kurdistan and the Diaspora
Guest speaker: Soran Mardookhi

3:00 PM — **DOCUMENTARY FILMS**

Our Name is Foreigner	by Selin Besili	20 min · Switzerland · 2024
The Wedding of the Pir's	by Yalçın Çiftçi	20 min · Rojhelat, Bakur · 2025
Threads of a Revolution	by Danny Mitchell & Ross Domoney	54 min · UK · 2024

5:00 PM — **SHORTS 2**

Eclipse	by Dilan Toftik	18 min · Bakur · 2025
Life Gone with the Wind	by Siavash Saedpanah & Omid Gharibi	6 min · Rojhelat · 2026
The Slope	by Cemal Işnas	15 min · Bakur · 2025
The Cardboard Mountains	by Kian Lahour Pour & Azadeh Bahrami	6 min · Canada, Rojhelat · 2026
White	by Navroz Shaban	12 min · Başûr · 2026
Blonde, My Enchanting Color	by Seyed Payam Hosseini	19 min · Rojhelat · 2025

7:00 PM — **CLOSING FILM - DOCUMENTARY**

The Flight — 97 min
by Soran Mardookhi
Canada · 2026

Followed by Q & A Session