PROGRAM 2026

3 VANCOUVER KURDISH FILM FESTIVAL

4 – 6 Dec 2026

SFU Goldcorp Centre for the Arts
149 W HASTINGS ST
VANCOUVER, BC V6B 1H4

VKFF 2026 · THEME

Identity in all its forms

فێستیڤاڵی فیلمی کوردیی ڤانکۆڤەر

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.

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 **SHORTS 1**

PM

Manuscript
12 min
by Jiyar Jahan Fard
Germany, Rojhelat · 2025

Treasure
20 min
by Metîn Ewr
Germany, Bakur · 2026

White Flag
15 min
by Parviz Rostami
Rojhelat, Başûr · 2026

Tongueless Dream
9 min
by Mazlum Baran Tekin
Bakur · 2025

The Rusty Fish
6 min
by Milad Fathiani
Rojhelat · 2026

The Visitor
15 min
by Savas Alpaltun
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
20 min
by Selin Besili
Switzerland · 2024

The Wedding of the Pir's
20 min
by Yalçın Çiftçi
Rojhelat, Bakur · 2025

Threads of a Revolution
54 min
by Danny Mitchell & Ross Domoney
UK · 2024

5:00
PM

SHORTS 2

Eclipse
18 min
by Dilan Toftik
Bakur · 2025

Life Gone with the Wind
6 min
by Siavash Saedpanah & Omid Gharibi
Rojhelat · 2026

The Slope
15 min
by Cemal Işnas
Bakur · 2025

The Cardboard Mountains
6 min
by Kian Lahour Pour & Azadeh Bahrami
Canada, Rojhelat · 2026

White
12 min
by Navroz Shaban
Başûr · 2026

Blonde, My Enchanting Color
19 min
by Seyed Payam Hosseini
Rojhelat · 2025

7:00
PM

CLOSING FILM – DOCUMENTARY

The Flight
97 min
by Soran Mardookhi
Canada · 2026

Followed by Q & A Session

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

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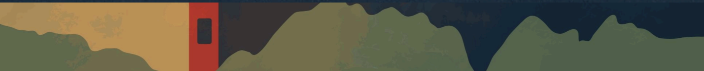vankurdff