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COLD WAR
Coming this February

GUERRILLA FILM PROJECT
February 14-17

BELLINGHAM HUMAN RIGHTS FILM FESTIVAL
Opens February 21

THE RED CARPET AFFAIR
Our annual Academy Awards viewing party returns on Sunday, February 24

ARCTIC
Coming this March

BELLINGHAM CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL
A weekend of fun for children and people just like them: March 8-10

EVERYBODY KNOWS
Coming this March
A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Dear Bellingham,

Here it is the middle of winter when dismal weather can bring frustration for parents. Affordable, high quality indoor activities are always on the radar and I’m happy to say that Pickford Film Center can provide some extraordinary events to get you, your teens and the little ones out of the house. Don’t let the fungus start to grow where it shouldn’t, check out what the warm dry Pickford has to offer.

Fifteen years ago Pickford Film Center inaugurated the Guerilla Film Project, which is now northwest Washington’s premiere high school film challenge. This 65-hour filmmaking competition welcomes high school age filmmakers to compete in teams to make a film over Presidents day weekend. The crews gather in a race against the clock to write, shoot, cut and edit a three minute film in under 65 hours. A specified line of dialogue and select props are required of every script and are revealed when the competition begins. All teams hit the ground running and return to the Pickford on February 17 to view the finished films and vote, along with a professional jury, on a bevy of prizes. Team members do not all have to attend the same school but all teams must attend the screening or they can’t win a prize. More information and registration forms can be found on the PFC website.

If you have kids age two to thirteen in your family, Bellingham Children’s Film Festival, March 8 – 10 is your opportunity to open their hearts, eyes, and minds to some of the best international short films made for children. There will be lots of animation including preverbal programs for the wee ones as well as carefully chosen programs for older age groups, ages 5 - 11. The excitement begins on the red carpet opening night, Friday, March 8, with the feature film Zoo, an exhilarating and poignant rendition of a true tale of how animal loving children rescued a baby elephant from the Belfast zoo during the WWII blitz. The film is topped off by an ice cream sundae reception courtesy of Trader Joe’s. Shorts will be screened all day on Saturday and Sunday along with age appropriate art projects in our lobby brought to you by Play Lab and teaching artist Christian Anne Smith. Most tickets are $5, some are only $1 giving you an opportunity to bring the whole family – maybe more than once. Flip to the centerfold for the full program.

This year we launch our first-ever children’s film jury that will award prizes for the best films. If your kids are 8 –13 and interested in being on the jury, send me a message - susie@pickfordfilmcenter.org. They will get to see all the shorts programs for free. Jury positions are limited. We will also need some parent volunteer chaperones that love cinema! And most glamorously, if winter has you starved for style and itching to pull out your strapless, backless, black tie, rhinestone covered, head-turning outfit, hightail it over to our website for tickets to the Red Carpet Affair.

Bellingham’s swankiest and most fun-to-the-last-drop catered Academy Awards celebration. Bring your friends and root for your favorite films and filmmakers on the big screen while you support your favorite independent cinema, Pickford Film Center.

Susie Purves, Executive Director

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BELLINGHAM CHILDREN’S FILM FESTIVAL

MARCH 8-10 2019

ALL TICKETS
ONLY $5

Animation, Live Action, Feature Films and Short Film Programs for All Ages

A WEEKEND FOR CHILDREN AND PEOPLE JUST LIKE THEM

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ABOUT PFC

Admission

Pickford Film Center & Limelight Cinema Pricing:
- PFC Members, every day - $8.00
- Tuesday-Sunday General Admission – $11.25
- Students, Military & Kids under 12 – $6.50
- Mondays and Matines* - $9.00
*Matines are Monday-Friday before 5pm
Saturday-Sunday before 3:30pm
Tickets for free shows are not available online, but can be claimed in advance at the box office only.

Movie Times

1. Visit www.pickfordfilmcenter.org for current showtimes, news, advance tickets, and trailers
2. Sign up for our weekly mailing list and get the times delivered to your inbox
3. See our ad each week in the Cascadia Weekly
4. Call our movie hotline: 360-738-0735

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Parking

The Commercial Street Parking Garage, located at 1300 Commercial St., is one block behind PFC and one block from the Limelight. There is hourly paid parking during the day, and it’s free after 5pm and on the weekends. Metered street parking is available downtown Mon-Fri until 5pm, but after hours and weekend parking is free.

Ride Your Bike – or Walk!

There is a huge bike rack right outside PFC on Bay Street, located under streetlights.

Pre-Show Giveaway Sponsors:

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COMING TO THE PICKFORD
this February & March

STYX
Dir: Wolfgang Fischer  Cast: Susanne Wolff, Gedion Oduor Wekesa, Felicity Babao
At the outset, this movie seems like a German version of All Is Lost with a female lead instead of Robert Redford. We watch Rike, a doctor and first responder, as she expertly handles her sailboat on a solo journey across the Atlantic Ocean. She weathers one storm and then happens upon a storm of a different kind: a sinking fishing boat loaded down with refugees. She radios the coast guard who promise to send help, which does not arrive. With a boat far too small to accommodate the refugees and their cries for help growing weaker, she is faced with choices, each more heartbreaking and impossible than the last, set in the context of a refugee crisis rife with similar impossible, heartbreaking choices.
2019. Germany/Austria. In English & German w/English subtitles. 1 hr. 34 min. Unrated.

COLD WAR
Dir: Pawel Pawlikowski  Cast: Joanna Kulig, Tomasz Kot, Borys Szyc
Polish director Pawel Pawlikowski has characterized his parents’ relationship as a “40-year-long complicated, fascinating, never-ending disaster of a love affair.” And so he has dedicated this, his follow-up to the Oscar-winning Ida, to a stunningly rendered, spellbinding portrait of that tumultuous love. Spanning 15 years in 1950s Europe, pianist Wiktor (Tomasz Kot) and singer/dancer Zula (Joanna Kulig, mesmerizing) come together and fall apart over a series of unbearably lovely and emotionally wrenching vignettes, all set to a sultry soundtrack and captured in rich black-and-white tones. See the film that’s on every shortlist for a Best Foreign Film Oscar nomination (and in a perfect world, a Best Actress nod for Kulig as well).
2018. Poland/United Kingdom/France. In Polish/French/German/Croatian/Russian w/English subtitles. 1 hr. 29 min. R.

CAPERNAUM
Dir: Nadine Labaki
Cast: Zain Al Rafeea, Yordanos Shiferaw, Boluwatife Treasure Bankole
When this film opens, Zain is in a Beirut courtroom, a plaintiff in a lawsuit against his parents. Prior to being in court, he was serving a five-year prison sentence for a violent crime. When asked why he is suing his folks, he says, “For giving me life.” He is 12 years old. And so begins Zain’s account, which paints a vivid picture of poverty on the streets of Beirut, in which everything—and everyone—is a commodity, including children. Writer/director Nadine Labaki won a Grand Jury Prize at the Cannes Film Festival for this partially improvised story, but the movie belongs to Zain, a non-professional actor and real-life refugee, in a performance that will capture your heart and then break it in two.
2018. Lebanon/United States. In Arabic/Amharic w/English subtitles. 2 hrs. 1 min. R.

ARCTIC
Presented by Adventures NW Magazine
Dir: Joe Penna  Cast: Mads Mikkelsen, Maria Thelma Smaradottir
From dramatic narratives like 127 Hours to equally dramatic documentaries like The Endurance and Touching the Void, Pickford audiences are fascinated by depictions of humans contending with nature under extraordinary circumstances. This film begins a couple of months after a research scientist (a perfectly cast Mads Mikkelsen) is stranded in the Arctic wilderness after his plane crashes. First, we see the rituals that define his day-to-day survival. However, a series of events involving a helicopter and another crash victim catalyzes him, forcing him to set off across the tundra in a desperate bid for something more than just his own survival.

All films are playing at Pickford Film Center 1318 Bay Street or at the Limelight Cinema 1416 Cornwall Avenue | Bellingham, WA
EVERYBODY KNOWS

Dir: Asghar Farhadi  Cast: Penelope Cruz, Javier Bardem, Ricardo Darín

Having won two Best Foreign Film Oscars (for The Salesman and A Separation), director Asghar Farhadi decides to take his show on the road from Iran to Spain, and he’s bringing a pair of Oscar winners with him—Penelope Cruz and Javier Bardem—for good measure. In real life, Cruz and Bardem are married, but in Farhadi’s film they play people with complicated past romantic and familial relationships. Those complexities are brought into harsh relief when Cruz returns to her childhood home on the Spanish seaside—where Bardem still lives—with her two daughters for a wedding. The oldest daughter is kidnapped, a ransom demand is made, and the unsettled scores and grudges of the past mean everyone’s a suspect. As usual, Farhadi’s interest lies in the fault lines that emerge when families are under pressure—and no one captures the nuances and subtleties of such strife quite like he does. 2019. Spain/France/Italy. In English & Spanish/Catalan w/English subtitles. 2 hrs. 12 min. R.

WOMAN AT WAR

Dir: Benedikt Erlingsson  Cast: Halldóra Geirharðsdóttir, Jorundur Ragnarsson

Everyone in Halla’s small Icelandic town knows her to be a choir director with a sunny smile for everyone she greets. But beneath her pleasant exterior lies an environmental activist, taking on the local aluminum industry by taking aim at power lines with her trusty bow and arrow. Enter into this delightfully off-kilter world the Ukrainian orphan Halla has longed to adopt, an identical twin sister headed for an Indian ashram for two years, an ensemble cast of quirky characters and a group of musicians and singers who break the fourth wall as it has never been broken before, and what you’ve got is an unorthodox and wholly charming comedy with decidedly Icelandic sensibilities. 2019. Iceland/France/Ukraine. In English & Icelandic/Spanish/Ukrainian w/English subtitles. 1 hr. 41 min. Unrated.

2019 OSCAR Nominated Shorts

Dir: Several  Cast: Of hundreds

Of all the Academy Award nominees we show at the Pickford, few provoke as much conversation as do the annual roundup of short films. The micro movies are separated into categories—Animated, Live Action and Documentary—and what Oscar deems worthy truly are the best of the best. 2018. From the world over. In English & other languages w/English subtitles. Unrated.

LIMITED ENGAGEMENTS & SPECIAL EVENTS

2.7 JONI 75
Filmed over two nights at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in Los Angeles, this live music celebration brings together a big name lineup of performers to pay tribute to the legendary singer-songwriter.

2.10 STEEL MAGNOLIAS
Bellingham Cocktail Week Brunch
What’s better than a sweet Sunday brunch with your favorite southern gals?! Let Dolly Parton, Sally Field, and Julia Roberts tug at your heartstrings as you drown your sorrows in a mimosa bar with an array of juices sponsored by the Community Food Co-op, and fill your belly with a delicious spread from the Bagelry featuring bagels, schmear, fruit, meats and more!

2.14-2.17 GUERRILLA FILM PROJECT
Now in its 15th year, PFC’s, Guerilla Film Project (GFP) is a fast paced filmmaking competition for high school students where teams of 1-5 students gather in downtown Bellingham in a race against the clock to write, shoot, cut and edit a 3 minute film in under 65 hours. Know a student who is interested? Register now at www.pickfordfilmcenter.org!

BELLINGHAM HUMAN RIGHTS FILM FESTIVAL
The 19th year of this annual film fest features 23 curated Human Rights Films playing all over town for 10 days. Catch these two at PFC:

2.21 Water Warriors + Keepers of the Future
2.23 The Reluctant Radical

2.15 + 2.16 HUMP! FILM FESTIVAL
Dan Savage’s HUMP! Film Festival is a celebration of creative sexual expression, features short dirty movies—each less than five minutes—all created by people who aren’t porn stars but want to be one for a weekend.

2.24 RED CARPET AFFAIR
Plan to celebrate Hollywood’s biggest night with your fellow Pickford fans. Flip to the back page for more information!

2.26 ELECTRIC CHURCH: JIMI HENDRIX
See the legendary guitarist in full flight at the 1970 Atlanta Pop Festival before the largest US audience of his career. This film combines color and 16mm multi-camera footage of his unforgettable July 4, 1970 concert with a new documentary that traces his journey to the festival amidst the dark shadow of civil rights unrest.

3.6 STORYTELLER’S SEASONAL: WINTER EDITION
This local filmmaker challenge features the theme of Crime and the prop of Toenail Clippings. Do you have what it takes to tell this story? RSVP to the winter Storytellers Seasonal and share your gritty tale!
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FRIDAY, MARCH
OPENING NIGHT! Followed by
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6:00 PM - ZOO (PG, 2017, 97 MINS)

Art Parkinson (Game of Thrones) and Wilton (Downton Abbey) star as an elephant during the air raids on Belfast.

ALL TICKETS ONLY $5

All shorts programs are curated by Elizabeth Shepherd/Children's Film Festival Seattle

SEE THE FULL SCHEDULE AT WWW.PICKFORDFILMCENTER.ORG
SATURDAY, MARCH 9:

**ENJOY CASUAL INTERACTIVE ART ACTIVITIES IN THE LOBBY ALL DAY! JOIN IN OR ADMIRE THE CREATIONS OF OTHERS.**

**10:00 AM** - SMALL BUT MIGHTY *(59 min, Ages 2+)*

A second chance to travel around the globe with this colorful cast of characters. These non-verbal short films are perfect for all ages!*

*Parents: feel free to whisper subtitles to your little ones during this storybook collection, or just sit back and enjoy the music of other languages.

**11:15 AM** - SEIZE THE DAY *(68 min, Ages 5+)*

In this collection of short animated films, experience stories of two little hummingbird siblings who have tiny wings, but still find a way to fly, a sleepy bear waking up to the sunshine of springtime, and a feisty little piggy who decides to join two beautiful flamingos for a fancy tea party.

**1:00 PM** - MODEST HEROES *(54 min, Ages 8+)*

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"Packs Massive Heart into a Humble Package"
- Comicbook.com

Small characters make a huge difference in these three shorts from Japan’s newest anime powerhouse, Studio Ponoc. All three burst with visual splendor and end on a hopeful note.

**2:45 PM** - BEYOND THE RAINBOW *(71 min, Ages 7+)*

Enter a beautifully animated wonderland of timeless tales, fables and fantastic yarns. You’ll meet a kitten who masters the briny deep, creatures who live a world made of wool, two lemmurs who take a voyage to the beyond, a jungle where animals and humans coexist in peace, a place in the woods where friendly monsters live, and a cyclist who keeps the world spinning round.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10:

**MORE ART ACTIVITIES IN THE LOBBY!**

**10:00 AM** - SEIZE THE DAY *(68 min, Ages 5+)*

In this collection of short animated films, experience stories of two little hummingbird siblings who have tiny wings, but still find a way to fly, a sleepy bear waking up to the sunshine of springtime, and a feisty little piggy who decides to join two beautiful flamingos for a fancy tea party.

**Noon** - SMALL BUT MIGHTY *(59 min, Ages 2+)*

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**1:45 PM** - FORCE FOR NATURE *(67 min, Ages 9+)*

These life-action and animation films, including documentaries and fables, tell stories about the beauty of the earth and its creatures, meant to instill in us all a stronger determination to save our beautiful blue planet and respect all the life and diversity it contains.

**3:45 PM** - JOURNEYS, GENDER, + IDENTITY *(68 min, Ages 11+)*

This program celebrates beautiful and complex stories of identity and diversity — just like you, the people you will meet in this program are one of kind, finding their way towards their authentic selves, rejecting stereotypes and reaching out to others who respect and affirm their journeys.
3.16 BORN IN FLAMES (1983)
3.16 ALIENS (1986)
Masters of Asian Cinema
Curated by Jeff Purdue, each film features an introduction from select speakers including local professors, artists, and educators.

2.12 Once Upon a Time in Anatolia (Nuri Bilge Ceylan, 2011)
3.12 The World (Jia Zhangke, 2004)

Royal Opera House
Under the direction of Antonio Pappano, and based in the iconic Covent Garden theatre, the ROH is renowned both for its outstanding performances of traditional opera and for commissioning new works by today’s leading composers.

Tickets: $16 Members, $20 General, $10 Students

Indie Lens Pop-Up
Monthly FREE human rights documentaries intended to bring communities together to discuss what matters most, from newsworthy topics to family and relationships.

3.5 The Providers
3.19 Won’t You Be My Neighbor?

Pickford Family Matinees
Bring your kids, bring your parents, bring friends or a date and catch a Saturday matinee for only $1 thanks to our generous sponsors Bank of the Pacific.

2.9 Shrek 2
3.9 Modest Heroes
Flip to the centerfold for more information on the Bellingham Children’s Film Festival!

Exhibition On Screen
A pioneering film series that works with top international museums and galleries to offer a full immersion into the world’s best loved exhibits from around the globe, combined with detailed artist biographies.

2.10 + 2.13 Young Picasso
2.24 + 2.27 Van Gogh: Of Wheat Fields and Clouded Skies
3.24 + 3.27 Caravaggio: The Soul and the Blood
Sunday, February 24, 2019
Celebrate Hollywood’s biggest night with your fellow Pickford fans at our 10th annual Academy Awards viewing party

RED CARPET AFFAIR

THE SCENE
Make your grand entrance on the red carpet, pose for the paparazzi, and visit photographer Phil Rose to have your gorgeous mug photographed in front of the PFC backdrop. Heartly, delectable appetizers prepared by Crave Catering will be available through the evening in our lobby and in both theaters.

THE CAUSE
All proceeds from the evening will go towards PFC’s Education Fund, supporting our Doc-ED and Media Literacy programs. Doc-ED serves thousands of public and tribal middle school students annually with free documentary film screenings, while Media Literacy gives students the resources to navigate the digital world ethically and well-informed.

SUPPORT THE CAUSE

Make a gift
Bring an entire class to our theater with $240, or give at the level that feels right to you.

Grab a drink
All proceeds will go to the Education Fund, and we will have several delicious beverages, including non-alcoholic options.

Buy raffle tickets
and enter to win fabulous prizes!

TICKETS
$70 or $55 for PFC Members
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