

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22 • 5:00 PM • UPTOWN

THE TALE OF SILYAN

North Macedonia • 2025 • 81 mins • Tamara Kotevska

A Macedonian folktale comes to life when a wounded stork is rescued by an unlikely savior, transforming both of their lives for the better in this whimsical and breathtaking new film from director Tamara Kotevska (*Honeyland*). North Macedonia's Official 2026 Academy Awards® Submission for Best International Feature.



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22 • 7:00 PM • UPTOWN

THE SECRET OF ME

United Kingdom • 2025 • 97 mins • Grace Hughes-Hallett

A shocking medical discovery turns a college student's life upside-down in this gripping film from the team behind *Three Identical Strangers*.

Subject Jim Ambrose scheduled to attend.

SPECIAL
GUESTS



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23 • 5:00 PM • UPTOWN

SUN RA: DO THE IMPOSSIBLE

USA • 2025 • 84 mins • Christine Turner

A kaleidoscopic portrait of the visionary jazz musician, composer, and poet known as Sun Ra and the musical, historical, and philosophical currents that shaped him.

Associate Producer Talia Moore scheduled to attend.

SPECIAL
GUESTS



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23 • 7:30 PM • UPTOWN

COVER-UP

USA • 2025 • 117 mins • Laura Poitras, Mark Obenhaus

Urgent and deeply reported, Laura Poitras (*All The Beauty and the Bloodshed*, DocFest 2022) and Mark Obenhaus ("Frontline") profile renowned investigative reporter Seymour Hersh in this arresting reflection on power and accountability.

CLOSING
NIGHT



PASSES: \$125

\$100 for SIFF Members

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS: \$20

\$15 for SIFF Members

\$19 for Seniors & Students

\$15 for Children



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16 • 7:00 PM • UPTOWN

SPACE COWBOY

USA • 2025 • 98 mins • Marah Strauch, Bryce Leavitt

Thrill to the high-flying story of Joe Jennings, a pioneer of skydiving cinematography and gasp-inducing aerial stunts, as he attempts the one stunt that has eluded him throughout his death-defying life.

OPENING
NIGHT



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17 • 4:45 PM • UPTOWN

RUNA SIMI

Peru • 2025 • 86 mins • Augusto Zegarra

A charismatic Peruvian voice actor and his son embark on an extraordinary quest: to dub Disney's *The Lion King* into their native language of Quechua, the most widely spoken Indigenous language in South America.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17 • 7:00 PM • UPTOWN

LOVE+WAR

USA • 2025 • 96 mins • E. Chai Vasarhelyi, Jimmy Chin

Oscar® winners Chai Vasarhelyi and Jimmy Chin (*The Rescue*, DocFest 2021) turn their camera on Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Lynsey Addario as she documents the war in Ukraine and reflects on her career spent on the front lines.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 • 1:30 PM • UPTOWN

WIDOW CHAMPION

Kenya • 2025 • 95 mins • Zippy Kimundu

Fifteen years after being thrown off her land by her in-laws, a Kenyan widow transforms herself into a fierce advocate for women's land rights in her community, rallying her fellow widows to reclaim their rightful property.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 • 4:00 PM • UPTOWN

25 CATS FROM QATAR

USA • 2025 • 95 mins • Mye Hoang

An American flight attendant embarks on a bold, four-day mission to rescue abandoned cats from the streets of Doha for adoption in the USA in this compelling, heartwarming new film from director Mye Hoang (*Cat Daddies*, SIFF 2022).

Director Mye Hoang scheduled to attend.

Join us in advance of the screening to meet NEKO Cat Cafe.

Post-Q&A happy hour, sponsored by Seattle Documentary Association.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 • 7:00 PM • UPTOWN

STEAL THIS STORY, PLEASE!

USA • 2025 • 101 mins • Tia Lessin, Carl Deal

This riveting portrait of "Democracy Now!"'s Amy Goodman spotlights journalism's power—and peril—amid rising corporate control and political attacks on the press.



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 • 12:00 PM • DOWNTOWN

SPEAK.

USA • 2025 • 103 mins • Jennifer Tiexiera, Guy Mossman

Five bold young voices go on a high-stakes journey to conquer the Super Bowl of public speaking, offering a masterclass in courage, conviction, and the kind of hope that refuses to be silenced.

Co-director Guy Mossman, producer Pamela Griner, film participants, and special guests scheduled to attend.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 • 4:00 PM • UPTOWN

A DEEPER LOVE: THE STORY OF MISS PEPPERMINT

USA • 2025 • 87 mins • Oriel Pe'er

Follow trailblazing trans icon and activist Peppermint's rise from a struggling Harlem queen to history-making turns on RuPaul's Drag Race and Broadway, in this documentary that pulls back the curtain on fame, transition, and the cost of living in the spotlight as a Black trans woman.

Director Oriel Pe'er scheduled to attend.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 • 7:00 PM • UPTOWN

CUTTING THROUGH ROCKS

Iran • 2025 • 95 mins • Sara Khaki, Mohammadreza Eyni

The first elected councilwoman of a remote Iranian village sparks a movement—and mounting backlash—when she urges the area's young women to question long-held patriarchal traditions in this Sundance award-winning documentary.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20 • 7:00 PM • UPTOWN

MUGARITZ: NO BREAD, NO DESSERT

Spain • 2024 • 95 mins • Paco Plaza

Director Paco Plaza takes us behind the closed doors of the legendary, Michelin-starred restaurant Mugaritz, where chef Andoni Luis Aduriz and his inventive team reinvent fine dining with a bold, boundary-pushing new menu each year.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21 • 7:00 PM • UPTOWN

2000 METERS TO ANDRIIVKA

Ukraine • 2025 • 106 mins • Mstyslav Chernov

The Oscar®-winning team behind *20 Days in Mariupol* return with a searing, unvarnished portrait of the toll of the Russia-Ukraine war on Ukrainian soldiers, told from a deeply personal and devastatingly graphic vantage point. Winner of Sundance's Directing Award for World Cinema Documentary.