

JANUARY
23-29 2021

RUSSIAN FILM WEEK USA



SCHEDULED PROGRAM



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Tsoy	VGIK Shorts Collection	Streltsov	Mara (The Side Effect)	Deeper!	Space Dogs: Tropical Adventure	Shtetlers	Hypnosis
Dir. Alexey Uchitel	Short films by students of the Gerasimov Institute of Cinematography	Dir. Ilya Uchitel	Dir. Alexey Kazakov	Dir. Mikhail Segal	Dir. Inna Evlannikova	Dir. Katya Ustinova	Dir. Valeriy Todorovsky
Starring: Yevgeny Tsyganov, Marina Spivak, Paulina Andreeva, Igor Vernik	Films by Yana Chizh, Anton Ermolin, Sofya Meledina and Mira Akirova	Starring: Alexander Petrov, Stasia Miloslavskaya, Victor Dobronravov	Starring: Alexandra Revenko, Marina Vasilieva, Semyon Syorzin	Starring: Alexander Pall, Liubov Aksyonova, Oleg Gaas	Starring: Evgeny Mironov, Irina Pegova, Yulia Peresild		Starring: Maxim Sukhanov, Sergey Giro, Ekaterina Fedulova
Drama PG (12+) 98 min. Eng. Sub.	Short films PG (13+) Eng. Sub.	Drama, Sports PG (6+) 101 min. Eng. Sub.	Horror R (18+) 93 min. Eng. Sub.	Comedy R (18+) 109 min. Eng. Sub.	Kids & Family, Animation PG (3+) 84 min.	Documentary PG (6+) 79 min. Eng. Sub.	Thriller PG (13+) 112 Min. Eng. Sub.

Friday, January 22	8:00 PM						
Saturday, January 23	3 PM Q&A With Director Alexey Uchitel	6:00 PM	6:00 PM	6:00 PM	6:00 PM	18:00	
Sunday, January 24							6:00 PM 6:00 PM
Monday, January 25	9:00 PM						
Tuesday January 26			9:00 PM	9:00 PM	9:00 PM	9:00 PM	
Wednesday January 27							8 PM Q&A With Director Katya Ustinova 9:00 PM
Thursday, January 28							
Friday, January 29							
Saturday, January 30		12:00 PM					

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Goodbye America	The Conference	The Man from Podolsk	In Deep Sleep	Sententia	This is Edik	The Time Guardians	Slava's Journey	All About my Sister	Stanislavsky
Dir. Sarik Andreyan	Dir. Ivan Tverdovsky	Dir. Semen Syorzin	Dir. Marina Ignatenko	Dir. Dmitriy Rudakov	Dir. Ivan Proskuryakov	Dir Alexey Nikolaev	Dir. Steve Haisman and Clive Howard	Dir. Anna Tchernakova	Dir. Yulia Bobkova
Starring: Leanka Grâu; Dmitry Nagiev; Yuri Stoyanov;	Starring: Natalya Pavlenkova	Starring: Victoria Isakova, Vadik Korolyov	Starring: Vadik Korolyov	Starring: Alexander Ryazantsev, Pavel Tabakov,		Starring: Ksenia Alekseeva, Pavel Trubiner, Liubov Tolkalina	Starring: Slava Polunin	Starring: Yelisey Mysin, Yevgenia Scherbinina	
Comedy PG (12+) 101 min. Eng. Sub.	Drama R (18+) 129 min. Eng. Sub.	Comedy R (18+) 92 min. Eng. Sub.	Drama R (18+) 67 min. Eng. Sub.	Drama PG (12+) 90 min. Eng. Sub.	Documentary, animation PG (12+) 113 min.	Kids & Family, Adventure PG (12+) 94 min.	Documentary PG (6+) 64 min. Eng. Sub.	Kids & Family, Adventure PG (6+) 90 min.	Documentary PG (12+) Eng. Sub.

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Saturday, January 30							12:00 PM	12:00 PM	12:00 PM		

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Tsoy	OPENING NIGHT: Friday Jan 22 - Monday Jan 25	This highly controversial release from renowned director Alexei Uchitel imagines the aftermath of the fateful 1990 car accident that killed Soviet rock idol Victor Tsoy. A surreal road trip ensues as Pavel, the other driver in the collision, must transport Tsoy's remains back to Saint Petersburg. The film spans the private pain felt by Tsoy's loved ones and the tragic impact on an entire generation. Tsoy's death, months before the fall of the Soviet Union, was an auger of change to come.
Mara (The Side Effect)	Saturday Jan 23 - Tuesday Jan 26	In this thrilling horror film, a home invasion disrupts the happy life of Andrey and Olya. Now, Andrey's only dream is to erase this horrific night from Olya's memory. A desperate search leads Andrey to a house on an embankment, where the mysterious healer Mara, played by the sinister Aleksandra Revenko, supplies a special cure... with some disturbing side effects.
Streltsov	Saturday Jan 23 - Tuesday Jan 26	Heartthrob Alexander Petrov is 20-year old Eduard Streltsov, the rising star of Soviet soccer. About to face Pelé in the World Cup, he loses everything when he's accused of a heinous crime. With his future looking hopeless, Streltsov must earn back the love of the nation. Based on true events, this is 27-year old director Ilya Uchitel's feature film debut.
Deeper!	Saturday, Jan 23 - Tuesday Jan 26	In this outrageous comedy, a young film director, known for his psychologically profound work, finds himself in the pornography industry and makes everyone play by his rules. Porno has never been so deep!
Space Dogs: Tropical Adventure	Saturday, Jan 23 - Tuesday Jan 26	Space Dogs Belka and Strelka are sent on a special mission when a mysterious anomaly occurs off the coast of Cuba and a huge water tornado starts draining the ocean. As the two old friends experience the beauty of Cuban nature and its azure waters, they find an underwater world full of secrets. An exciting and dangerous adventure will test Belka and Strelka's friendship as they unravel this tropical mystery.
Hypnosis	Sunday Jan 24 - Wednesday Jan 27	In a nail-biting thriller by famed director Valeriy Todorovsky, a hypnotherapist manipulates his patients, including a young boy who can no longer distinguish between dreams and reality. When a female patient mysteriously disappears, police investigators go after the boy. How can he prove his innocence, when he isn't sure what's real?
Shtetlers	Sunday Jan 24 - Wednesday Jan 27	For several centuries and until the fall of the Soviet Union, shtetls were inhabited by tight-knit Yiddish-speaking communities, living side by side with their non-Jewish neighbors. Now scattered around the world, Shtetlers gather and trace the remains of a lost world.
Goodbye America	Monday Jan 25 - Thursday Jan 28	There's an old saying, revised, that you can take the émigré out of Russia, but you can't take Russia out of the émigré. Dmitriy Nagiev is Grigoriy, a teacher who has "made it" in America but can't quite part with Russian culture. In a series of interconnected vignettes, recent transplants, assimilated professionals and hopeful immigrants navigate life in America with Grigoriy's help, as their individual relationships
The Conference	Monday Jan 25 - Thursday Jan 28	Years after the 2002 terrorist attack inside the Dubrovka Theater shook Russia and the world, Natalya, gathers others who lived through the attack for a memorial that reconstructs the events that shattered their lives. An emotional film about moving on from tragedy, individually and as a people.
The Man from Podolsk	Monday Jan 25 - Thursday Jan 28	This thought-provoking cinematic adaptation of a cult play by the groundbreaking Teatr.DOC begins with an everyman who dreams of escaping his mundane existence for life in the West. Simple events lead to his arrest and he prepares to be beaten and humiliated by the police--who instead turn out to be experts on European and American philosophy, music and pop culture. This absurd comedy, a hit in
In Deep Sleep	Tuesday Jan 26 - Friday Jan 29	Victor is a deep-sea fisher, onboard a ship when he learns his wife has died. He rushes home but finds the entire city entranced in a deep sleep. He walks the streets, trying to find the only person who is still awake. This surreal, poetic, feature is the directorial debut of Marina Ignatenko, who also wrote the script.
Sententia	Tuesday Jan 26 - Friday Jan 29	In 1980 USSR, Varlam Shalamov, author of the notorious Kolyma Tales, is warned to stop writing as he experiences his final days. Meanwhile, two other men are on an obsessive search for Shalamov's handwritten account of life in the labor camps—and nothing will stop them from publishing the scandalous masterpiece.
The Time Guardians	Tuesday Jan 26 - Friday Jan 29	An exciting phantasmagorical mystic tale set in classical St. Petersburg. A girl Ksyusha is adopted into a family of a writer and an artist. She finally got fortunate. But having been in a car accident, the girl finds herself in the Dark City, where along with her magical assistant Paramon, she must overcome evil witchcraft and rewind the city clock to stop
This is Edik	Tuesday Jan 26 - Friday Jan 29	A documentary about Eduard Uspensky, author and creator of Cheburashka and other characters that shaped the childhoods of generations.
All About my Sister	Wednesday Jan 27-Saturday, Jan 30	A warm family film based on short stories by Mikhail Zoshhenko. Minka recalls his and older sister's Lyolya's childhood, and realizes something he never has before.
Slava's Journey: Secrets of Snow	Wednesday Jan 27-Saturday, Jan 30	SLAVA POLUNIN, globally renowned Russian philosopher clown, packs the fake snow of his stage spectacular "SNOWSHOW" and his messy gaggle of clowns onto a train that takes them on a peculiar mission - deep into the real snow of the Russian arctic in the middle of the coldest winter for 1,000 years! Featuring an atmospheric and beautiful original score from BAFTA composer Kevin Sargent, Russian narration
Stanislavsky: a Hunger for Life	Wednesday Jan 27-Saturday, Jan 30	The inner drama and ascent of an outstanding artist, whose famous "Stanislavsky system" is used by outstanding actors around the world. The documentary features interviews with theater greats, including Yuri Butusov, Lev Dodin, Declan Donellan, Kiril Serebrennikov and others.
VGIK Shorts Collection	Saturday, Jan 23 - Saturday, Jan 30	Short films by students of the Gerasimov Institute of Cinematography (VGIK)