

VANCOUVER TURKISH FILM FESTIVAL

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**The Turkish Canadian Society and
SFU Woodward's Cultural Programs present
The 5th Annual Vancouver Turkish Film Festival
November 2 – 4, 2018
SFU Woodward's Goldcorp Centre for the Arts
- *A Window into Contemporary Turkish Cinema* -**

The Turkish Canadian Society is proud to announce the **5th Annual Turkish Film Festival, *Ocean in a Drop*, co-presented with SFU Woodward's Cultural Programs from November 2 to 4 at the SFU Goldcorp Centre for the Arts** – a 350 seat state-of-the-art venue. As in the past, this festival will provide a window into contemporary Turkish cinema and culture.

The Vancouver Turkish Film Festival was founded in 2011 by a group of film enthusiasts from the local community. This is the second year of our partnership with SFU Woodward's Cultural Programs to present thought provoking films accompanied by informed public discourse of relevant topics of modern Turkey. Sell-out screenings in the past have featured topics from LGBT children to Kurdish issues in southeast Anatolia. This year's films include two great films on the Syrian Refugees in Turkey.

Our festival continues to have a varied content, but this year we will focus on the experiences of 3 million Syrian refugees in Turkey. Beyond the screenings of two films on the subject, we invite you to engage in an informed public discourse lead by our panel of distinguished guests who will share their expertise:

- Dr. Amal Ghazal, director of the Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies at SFU
- Dr. Reşat Kasaba, director of Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington
- Dr. Başak Kale, Associate Professor in International Relations, the Middle East Technical

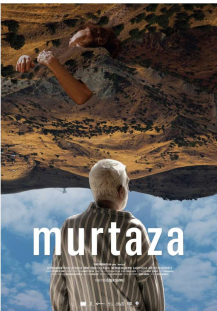
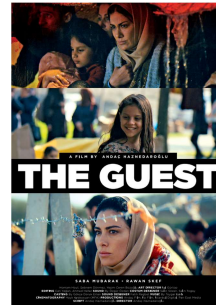
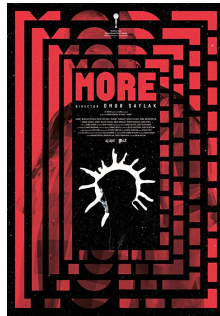
University, currently visiting UBC

- Dr. Onur Bakiner, Assitant Professor of Political Science at Seattle University

Turkey has a rich history with a young and diverse population. Last year, it went through a change in its constitution and political system and is still convulsing from the aftermath of an unsuccessful coup attempt in 2016. The country of Turkey has been in the news a lot lately with its controversial president and its Syrian refugee crisis. Most recently, its currency has substantially devalued resulting in serious economic woes. We welcome you to come and enjoy a sample of movie magic by contemporary Turkish filmmakers and storytellers who have interpreted these turbulent times.

The VTFF endeavors to showcase the best of Turkish cinema, featuring both popular favorites and internationally acclaimed, award-winning films. The Turkish Canadian Society proudly presents the 2018 Vancouver Turkish Film Festival as part of its mission to present and promote greater understanding of Turkish culture here in Canada.

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Festival2Festival brings today's best shorts to the VTFF

This year, as previous years, Seattle Turkish Film Festival made an open call for Turkish filmmakers. We had 200+ short films submitted. Short film committee members from Vancouver and Seattle have collaborated to pre-select the finalists to be screened.

It was a lovely and exciting journey to watch all the films and let the stories unfold. Here we present them proudly for your appetites: the 10 finalists!

