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11th Vancouver Turkish Film Festival Returns with a Diverse Lineup of Turkish Cinema November 21-24, 2024.

The festival will showcase a variety of films and host engaging events at the SFU Goldcorp Centre for the Arts, VIFF Center and Cineworks Independent Filmmakers Society.

Vancouver, BC – Sept 21, 2024 – The Vancouver Turkish Film Festival (VTFF), organized by the Turkish-Canadian Society, proudly returns for the 11th time, set to take place during November 21-24, 2024. The screenings and events will be hosted across three venues: **The VIFF Centre, SFU Goldcorp Centre for the Arts, and Cineworks Independent Filmmakers Society**. This year's festival promises to be a vibrant celebration of cinema, featuring an eclectic mix of films that capture the richness and diversity of cultures.

The festival program includes a carefully curated selection of films ranging from award-winning dramas to innovative documentaries, highlighting the work of both emerging and established filmmakers. The 2024 festival offers a rich program with **7 feature films, 3 documentaries**, and an exciting lineup of **short films**. The films explore themes of identity, human connection, and societal transformation. Among the feature films are *Istanbul Trilogy*, *Rosinante*, *Life*, *The Reeds*, *Crossing*, *Not What You Think*, and *Dormitory*. Documentary highlights include *Oya*, *Uncle Ali*, and *The Good Death*.

This year, the VTFF also introduces an exciting **short film program**, offering a fresh and innovative perspective on cinema. These shorts reflect the dynamic storytelling emerging from both new and experienced filmmakers.

In addition to the film screenings, the VTFF will host a series of special events, including a gala night and Q&A session. These events aim to foster cross-cultural dialogue and provide a platform for creative exchange.

Festival Director Zuhul Karatas Kavak shared her excitement, stating, “The 11th Vancouver Turkish Film Festival offers a unique opportunity to explore the world of cinema, where powerful stories transcend borders and reflect universal human experiences. This year’s diverse program will allow audiences to embark on a cinematic journey through Anatolia and beyond, discovering films that resonate deeply on the international stage. See overseas on the big screen ...”

The VTFF has become a cornerstone of Vancouver’s cultural calendar, attracting audiences from diverse backgrounds who share a passion for international cinema. The festival continues to build bridges between cultures, offering a window into the soul of Anatolia through the universal language of film.

About VTFF

The Vancouver Turkish Film Festival was founded in 2011 by the Turkish-Canadian Society volunteers, including film enthusiasts, directors, and industry professionals. The festival is a collaborative effort that aims to showcase the rich and diverse world of Turkish cinema, the success of which has been notable in the last few decades. For more details on the festival, including the full lineup of films and events, visit vfff.ca.

About The Turkish-Canadian Society of Vancouver

The Turkish-Canadian Society (TCS) is a registered non-profit charitable organization established in British Columbia. Since its foundation in 1963, TCS has aimed to contribute to the multicultural fabric of Canada by showcasing both contemporary and traditional Turkish art and culture. TCS organizes a variety of initiatives, including festivals, conferences, concerts, fine arts exhibitions, library projects, and community courses, publishes a magazine and participates in multicultural celebrations. The flagship events of the TCS, the Vancouver Turkish Film Festival (VTFF) and Turkish Tunes, have offered a window into the rich and diverse world of Turkish cinema and music. The Turkish-Canadian Society appreciates the exceptional efforts of volunteers and community partners for their vital role in promoting cross-cultural understanding and recognition.

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