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Vancouver Turkish Film Festival (VTFF) 2026 Presents “Feed Your Cinefeline Curiosity”

The 13th edition brings nine Turkish films, an exciting new Cinematic Retrospective, and acclaimed actor Güven Kıraç to Vancouver, November 26–29, 2026.

VANCOUVER, BC – The Vancouver Turkish Film Festival (VTFF) returns for its 13th edition from **November 26–29, 2026**, under this year's motto, **“Feed Your Cinefeline Curiosity.”** Celebrating the richness, diversity, and creative spirit of Turkish cinema, the festival invites audiences to discover compelling stories, explore different perspectives, and experience the power of cinema to connect cultures and communities.

Organized by the Turkish-Canadian Society, this year's festival will take place at **Simon Fraser University (SFU), 515 West Hastings Street, Vancouver**, bringing together film enthusiasts, artists, and members of the community for four days of outstanding cinema and cultural exchange.

A Message from the Festival Director

As Turkish cinema continues to gain international recognition, the Vancouver Turkish Film Festival aims to bring this excitement to audiences in Vancouver and across North America.

Reflecting on this year's programme and the festival's vision, Festival Director **Deniz Özden** says:

"The international recognition Turkish cinema has received in recent years is not only a source of pride, but also an opportunity to create new encounters with audiences around the world. Following the remarkable presence of Turkish filmmakers and films at the 76th Berlin International Film Festival, we are excited to bring this momentum to Vancouver for the thirteenth edition of VTFF.

This year's selection brings together films from different genres, periods, and storytelling traditions, exploring themes ranging from the experiences of Turkish communities living abroad and social class divisions to the complexities of human psychology and contemporary life in Türkiye. Through both feature films and documentaries, we hope to offer audiences a meaningful journey into the richness and diversity of Turkish cinema.

With our new Cinematic Retrospective section and the participation of distinguished actor Güven Kıraç, we also want to go beyond screening films. We want to create a space where

audiences can discover the stories behind the screen, engage with the artists, and gain a deeper understanding of the creative journeys that shape cinema."

Nine Turkish Films: Stories That Cross Borders

The 2026 festival programme will feature **nine carefully selected Turkish films**, showcasing the diversity and artistic depth of contemporary Turkish cinema.

This year's selection explores a wide range of subjects, including the experiences and challenges of Turkish communities living abroad, class divisions, the darker dimensions of the human psyche, and the struggles of the middle class in Türkiye.

Alongside narrative feature films, the programme will also include documentaries, giving audiences an opportunity to discover contemporary Turkish cinema through different perspectives, voices, and forms of storytelling.

Inspired by the growing international presence of Turkish filmmakers and productions, VTFF continues its mission to introduce exceptional Turkish cinema to Canadian audiences and foster meaningful cultural exchange.

A New Chapter: The Cinematic Retrospective

One of the major highlights of VTFF 2026 will be the introduction of the **Cinematic Retrospective**, a new programme section dedicated to revisiting significant works from Turkish cinema.

As its featured screening, the festival will present **“Takva” (A Man's Fear of God)**, an acclaimed film that holds an important place in Turkish cinema.

The screening will be particularly special with the participation of renowned Turkish actor **Güven Kıraç**, who will join the festival as a special guest.

Following the screening, audiences will have the opportunity to attend an exclusive conversation and Q&A with Kıraç. The discussion will explore the film's production process, its characters, its cultural and cinematic significance, and its place within the broader history of Turkish cinema. The conversation will also offer insights into Kıraç's distinguished acting career and his experiences in the film industry.

This special event reflects the festival's commitment to creating experiences that extend beyond the screen, connecting audiences with the artists, stories, and creative processes behind the films.

Cinema as a Bridge Between Cultures

Over the years, the Vancouver Turkish Film Festival has become an important cultural platform connecting Turkish cinema with audiences in Canada. By bringing filmmakers, actors, industry professionals, and film lovers together, VTFF continues to create opportunities for intercultural dialogue and appreciation of diverse cinematic voices.

With its 13th edition, the festival remains committed to introducing exceptional Turkish films to Canadian audiences, supporting independent cinema, and creating meaningful connections through the universal language of storytelling.

Under the motto **“Feed Your Cinefeline Curiosity,”** VTFF 2026 promises four days of cinematic discovery, inspiration, and unforgettable encounters.

Festival Details

- **Festival:** 13th Vancouver Turkish Film Festival (VTFF)
- **Dates:** November 26–29, 2026
- **Venue:** Simon Fraser University (SFU) Goldcorp Centre for the Arts
- **Address:** 149 West Hastings
- **Programme:** Nine Turkish film, including feature films and documentary
- **Special Guest:** Güven Kıraç
- **Special Retrospective Screening:** *Takva (A Man's Fear of God)*
- **Special Event:** Post-screening conversation and Q&A with Güven Kıraç
- **Festival Motto:** “Feed Your Cinefeline Curiosity”

Further details about the film programme, screening schedule, tickets, and special events will be announced soon.

About the Vancouver Turkish Film Festival

Organized by the Turkish-Canadian Society, the Vancouver Turkish Film Festival is an annual celebration of Turkish cinema and culture. Through carefully curated film selections, special screenings, filmmaker and artist encounters, and audience discussions, the festival aims to promote Turkish cinema, foster intercultural understanding, and strengthen cultural connections between Türkiye and Canada.