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SNAKEBITE

Film Festival

FEBRUARY 1 - 4, 2024

AWAKENING CULTURE, UNITING COMMUNITIES

In partnership with Okanagan School of the Arts
& Okanagan Society of Independent Filmmaking



MESSAGES



DAN ASHTON *MLA, Penticton BC*

Congratulations to all those involved in the continuation of the successful Snakebite Film Festival. You challenge perceptions and present the often untold stories and by doing so you endeavour to bring communities, cultures and individuals together. Not only for entertainment, but for conversation and a better understanding that life and living is multifaceted and not the same for all.



JULIUS BLOOMFIELD *Mayor of Penticton*

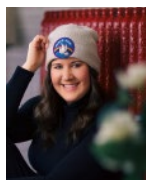
The City Of Penticton is delighted to see the return of the Snakebite Film Festival, which is quickly becoming a staple feature for showing the diversity of culture and people that makes Penticton a great place to live.

A rich tapestry of arts and culture is what keeps visitors coming back to Penticton for vacations, so whether you live here or are just visiting, please enjoy Snakebite and all that the city has to offer. And finally, kudos to the organizers for all their hard work in putting this fabulous event together for your entertainment.



CARY SCHNEIDERAT *Partner, McLeod & Schneiderat Lawyers*

McLeod and Schneiderat Lawyers are proud to be the presenting sponsor of the Snakebite Film Festival. Our organization values diversity and inclusion and recognizes that great cities flourish when there are robust cultural events like Snakebite Film Festival. We are excited to watch this local film culture thrive and grow over the years. Congratulations to the Snakebite Team for bringing fun and Films to Penticton. See you at the Movies



CHELSEA MCEVOY *President, Okanagan Society of Independent Filmmaking*

As president of OSIF, we wholeheartedly support festivals like the Snakebite Film Festival and are proud to collaborate with them on the 5-Day Film Challenge. These events not only provide filmmakers with a valuable platform to showcase their creative endeavors but also play a crucial role in enhancing the cultural vibrancy of the Okanagan region. Festivals like Snakebite are essential for artists as they serve as catalysts for creativity, allowing filmmakers to gain confidence, share their unique perspectives, and engage with a supportive community of peers.



CARL MEADOWS *Producer, Snakebite Film Festival*

Welcome to the Sixth annual Snakebite Film Festival. We are grateful to be having the festival as guests on Syilx Territory. The festival's vision is "Awakening Culture, Uniting Communities". It is also a festival for showcasing Canadian and local filmmaking talent. This year is about two film entities coming together: the Snakebite Film Festival and the Okanagan Society of Independent Filmmaking (OSIF). OSIF is the largest organization in the Okanagan with an expertise in supporting indie filmmakers.

The Okanagan has great diversity and the festival brings us all together to see that we are more alike than different. Enjoy the festival!

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE



Wednesday, January 31, 2024
5:00pm • Tratto



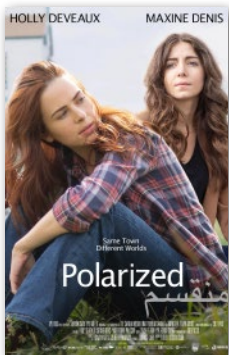
Thursday, February 1, 2024
7:00pm • Landmark Cinemas



Thursday, February 1, 2024
Doors @ 8:30pm • Black Antler



Friday, February 2, 2024
4:00pm • Landmark Cinemas



Friday, February 2, 2024
7:00pm • Landmark Cinemas



Saturday, February 3, 2024
1:00pm • Landmark Cinemas



Saturday, February 3, 2024
4:00pm • Landmark Cinemas



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024
4:00PM • LANDMARK CINEMAS

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EVENT INFORMATION

FRIENDS OF SNAKEBITE [Wednesday, January 31, 2024 | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM](#)

Join us for a special evening at Pizzeria Tratto Napoletana in Penticton. Get ready to enjoy a night of film magic, delicious food and drinks! This exclusive event is for Film Sponsors and Film Lovers alike. Come hear about Filmmaking in the Okanagan with Okanagan Society for Independent Filmmakers (OSIF) and where the vision of the Snakebite Film Festival is going. Enjoy great food, wine/beer and see some Okanagan Filmmaking talent live.

SNAKEBITE OPENING GALA [Thursday, February 1, 2024 | 8:30 PM - 11:00 PM](#)

Join us at The Black Antler for an unforgettable night of film and fun! Get ready to transport yourself to the fabulous world of “The Corny Collins Show” as we kick off the Snakebite Film Festival in style. This in-person event will be held at Black Antler. Immerse yourself in the glitz and glamour of the 60s as we celebrate celebrate Hairspray’s iconic TV show with a modern twist. Don’t miss out on this sensational event that promises to bring together film buffs, music lovers and retro enthusiasts alike. Get ready to dance, sing, and relive the magic of “The Corny Collins Show” with a few supzizes.

SNAKEBITE WINE TOUR [Friday, February 2, 2024 | 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM](#)

Get ready to sip on some delicious wines while enjoying the scenery of the South Okanagan. On the Snakebite Wine Tour, you will indulge in the finest local wines by visiting two wineries for tastings with Dino, our amazing driver from Grape Escapes. Savor each sip while discussing your favorite scenes with fellow film enthusiasts. Don’t miss out on this unique event that combines the love for movies and wine. Grab your friends and join us.

HAIRSPRAY [Thursday, February 1, 2024 | 7:00 PM](#)

“Hairspray,” released in 1988 and directed by John Waters, is a vibrant and exuberant musical comedy set in 1960s Baltimore. The film follows the story of Tracy Turnblad, an enthusiastic teenager with a passion for dancing. Tracy dreams of joining the popular TV dance show, “The Corny Collins Show,” and breaking down societal barriers by promoting racial integration on the dance floor. As Tracy navigates the challenges of societal norms and prejudice, she becomes a symbol of change and empowerment.

Filled with catchy tunes, lively dance numbers, and a memorable cast, “Hairspray” is not only an entertaining musical but also a celebration of individuality and the fight against discrimination.

THE INSPECTION [Friday, February 2, 2024 | 4:00 PM](#)

The Inspection is a 2022 American drama film written and directed by Elegance Bratton. Inspired by Bratton’s real-life experiences, the film follows a young gay black man who defiantly endures brutal training at a Marine Corps boot camp, seeking approval from his homophobic mother.

Ellis French enlists in the Marine Corps and ends up at boot camp on Parris Island, South Carolina. He initially meets the physical requirements, but is not as successful in disguising his sexual orientation, making him the target of a near-lethal hazing from training instructor Leland Laws and a fellow recruit, Laurence Harvey.



POLARIZED Friday, February 2, 2024 | 7:00 PM

Polarized is a British-Canadian drama film, written and directed by Shamim Sarif. The film stars Holly Deveaux as Lisa, a young farm girl from rural Manitoba who is fired by manager Dalia (Maxine Denis) from her job after an angry, racially insensitive outburst, only for the two women to subsequently develop a romantic relationship which tests the divisions and cleavages in the community around race, religion and sexuality.

SEAGRASS Saturday, February 3, 2024 | 1:00 PM

Seagrass is a Canadian drama film, directed by Meredith Hama-Brown. Hama-Brown's full-length feature debut, the film stars Ally Maki as Judith, a woman who is at a family retreat with her husband Steve (Luke Roberts) and their children following the death of her mother, where she and Steve are coping with tensions in their marriage arising from their status as an interracial couple.

5-DAY FILM CHALLENGE - TOP 10 FINALISTS Saturday, February 3, 2024 | 4:00 PM

OSIF has partnered with the Snakebite Film Festival to bring an exciting film contest to the Okanagan. Between January 11th-16th, 2024 teams had 5 days to write, shoot and edit a short film. Much like a traditional 48 hour film festival, the teams were given a line of dialogue, a prop, a genre, and a character to come up with a unique and creative story to produce within 5 days.

The top 10 projects will be played on the big screen at the Snakebite Film Festival where one team's film will be announced as the \$1000 grand prize winner. The audience will also have the opportunity to vote for their favourite film, and the winning film will get the People's Choice Award worth and additional \$500 to the film-maker.

BOTH Saturday, February 3, 2024 | 7:00 PM

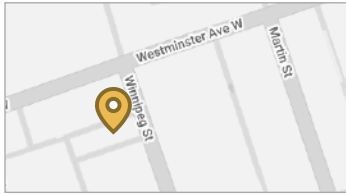
Haunted by memories of her long dead brother, Rebeca (Jackie Parker), a young woman living in San Francisco, embarks on a quest in which she discovers her sexual identity is a tissue of lies created by her parents and doctors.

THE PERSIAN VERSION Sunday, February 4, 2024 | 4:00 PM

The Persian Version is a 2023 American comedy drama film directed and written by Maryam Keshavarz. The film stars Layla Mohammadi, Niousha Noor, Bijan Daneshmand, Bella Warda, and Tom Byrne. It follows the struggles of a young Iranian-American woman who is often at odds with her family, particularly with her mother.

A young Iranian-American filmmaker named Leila has a one-night stand with Maximilian, an actor who is appearing on stage in the title role of Hedwig and the Angry Inch. She subsequently finds out that she's pregnant. Leila's father Ali Reza has a serious medical condition that requires him to undergo a heart transplant operation. This crisis prompts a reunion of Leila's large family of eight brothers. Leila clashes with her mother Shireen and spends time with her grandmother.

WHERE TO DINE IN PENTICTON FEBRUARY 1-4

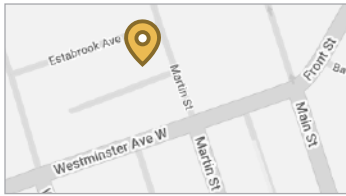


BLACK ANTLER 215 Winnipeg Street

Thursday	11 a.m.–11 p.m.
Friday	11 a.m.–12 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Sunday	10 a.m.–10 p.m.

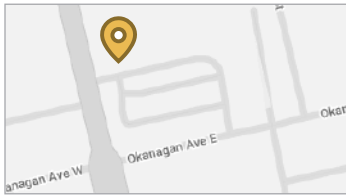


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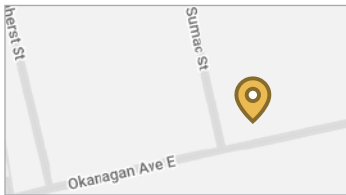
Thursday	12 p.m.–9 p.m.
Friday	12 p.m.–12 a.m.
Saturday	4 p.m.–12 a.m.
Sunday	4 p.m.–9 p.m.



EARLS #101-1848 Main Street

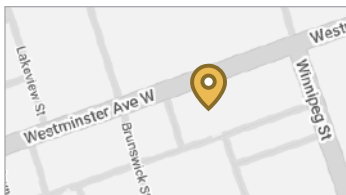
Thursday	11 a.m.–10 p.m.
Friday	11 a.m.–11 p.m.
Saturday	11 a.m.–11 p.m.
Sunday	11 a.m.–10 p.m.

Earls
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GUSTO FERRARI 201 Okanagan Ave East

Thursday	5–8 p.m.
Friday	5–8 p.m.
Saturday	5–8 p.m.
Sunday	Closed



TRATTO 256 Westminister Ave West

Thursday	5–10 p.m.
Friday	5–10 p.m.
Saturday	5–10 p.m.
Sunday	5–10 p.m.

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