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International
Film Festival



September 10-12





Welcome to the 2026
Victory International
Film Festival

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Matthew Ulm

FESTIVAL DIRECTOR

Welcome to the 7th Annual Victory International Film Festival! We are thrilled to present our most inspired lineup yet, featuring remarkable stories from local regional voices to breathtaking international cinema that connects and broadens our horizons. An event of this scale relies on community, and we extend our deepest gratitude to our generous corporate sponsors and dedicated Indiana volunteers whose passion makes this magic possible. Thank you for joining us in celebrating world-class cinema—may these films entertain, delight, and profoundly inspire you!



Jordan Barclay

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Surpassing expectations with doubled submissions, this year's festival brings major global quality directly to Southern Indiana. The lineup features packed short film blocks with 20 Oscar-qualifying titles alongside an expanded music video category with Grammy-winning artists. Fast becoming a premier up-and-coming festival, the experience extends beyond the screen with engaging filmmaker Q&As, practical workshops, networking events, and vibrant afterparties. We are incredibly grateful for our community—dive in, connect with creators, and enjoy an amazing festival!

Locations

SHOWPLACE CINEMAS EAST

THURS. & FRI.

1801 Morgan Center Dr, Evansville, IN 47715

VICTORY THEATRE

SAT.

600 Main St, Evansville, IN 47708

WNIN-OLD NATIONAL THEATRE

SAT.

Two Main Street, Evansville, IN 47708

ARCADEMIE

AFTER PARTY

22 NW 6th St, Evansville, IN 47708



Fest Passes & Tickets

FULL FESTIVAL PASS

\$25

Thursday - Saturday All locations

THURSDAY PASS

\$15

Thursday Only - Showplace Cinemas East

FRIDAY PASS

\$15

Friday Only - Showplace Cinemas East

SATURDAY PASS

\$15

Saturday Only - The Victory Theatre & WNIN

FULL VIP PASS

\$100

Full Festival Pass & Merch

Purchase Tickets at www.victoryiff.com

Awards

Grand Prize	\$500
Best Feature Film	\$250
Best Short Film	\$250
Best Documentary	\$250
Best Student Film	\$250
Best International Film	\$250
Best Animated Film	\$250
Best Music Video	\$250
Indiana Made Film	\$500
Best Director	
Best Actor	
Best Actress	
Best Comedy	
Best Horror	
Best Experimental Film	
Best Micro-Budget Music Video	
Best Cinematography	
Best Score	
Best Emerging Filmmaker	
Audience Choice	



Thursday & Friday Schedule

Thursday

Showplace Cinemas East

Red Carpet	6pm
Best of Short Films	7pm - 9pm
Q&A	9pm-9:45pm
Afterparty at the Theater Bar	9:45pm-11pm

Join us for our Opening Night Celebration as we kick off the festival with an unforgettable showcase of some of the best short films in the US. Experience a wide variety of stories, styles, and voices that set the stage for the weekend of cinema ahead.

Chugs - Drunk in the Graveyard	Tangent
OK, GO - Love	Kiloran Bay
Candy Bar	Fault
Listen	Meeting Your Maker
SURPRISE	How Not to Die on an Alien Planet
Saba	Halfway Haunted
Uncle Artoo	

Friday

Showplace Cinemas East

Red Carpet	6pm
Music Videos	7pm - 9pm
Q&A	9pm-9:45pm
Afterparty at the Theater Bar	9:45pm-11pm

Experience an incredible night of creative musical storytelling featuring the best local music videos from across the Tri-State alongside works from acclaimed global artists. Enjoy short, captivating films brought to life with cinema-grade visuals and immersive, theater-quality sound on the big screen.

Saturday Schedule

Saturday, September 12

HOUR
BLOCK

VICTORY MAIN
THEATER

VICTORY (Music Hall)
3rd floor rehearsal hall

VICTORY (Starlight)
5th floor starlight room

VICTORY (Executive)
3rd floor conference room

WNIN
Old National Theatre

10:00 AM

10:30 AM

11:00 AM

11:30 AM

12:00 PM

12:30 PM

1:00 PM

1:30 PM

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Filmmaker Q & A

Awards Ceremony

**Afterparty at
Arcademie 9-12**

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Filmmaker Q & A

Sincerely, Ric

58 minutes

Filmmaker Q & A

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**Experimental
Block**

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Workshop

Stage to Screen & Back Again

Narrative Block 3

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Filmmaker Q & A

Short Film Lineup

Premiere Status Key:

For information on a film's premiere status, follow this key:

INDIANA PREMIER WORLD PREMIER US PREMIER MIDWEST PREMIER

Animation 1

Saturday, Music Hall, 11:00am 107 min

INCLUDED FILMS

How Not to Die on an Alien Planet..	The Whistle.....	MIDWEST
Paper Daughter	Living with a Visionary	MIDWEST
Saba	My Dog: The Paradox.....	
Corpus Christi	Trading Cards	MIDWEST
Tell Me When You Get Home.....	Wildkind.....	INDIANA

Animation 2

Saturday, Executive, 12:30pm 107 min

INCLUDED FILMS

Because Today is Saturday	Once in a body	INDIANA
Eeny, Meemy, Miny, Moe!.....	Backstreet Birds	
With Tapes and Toasts in the Car....	Dollhouse Elephant	INDIANA
Dear Upstairs Neighbors	1981.....	INDIANA
Rubén's shortfilm.....		INDIANA

Comedy

Saturday, Main Theater, 2:30pm 109 min

INCLUDED FILMS

Candy Bar	INDIANA	No Thank You	
Uncle Artoo		Am I A Bad Person?	INDIANA
Ladylike		The Lingering	INDIANA
Massage Therapy.....	MIDWEST	Steakout!	
Father On Fire.....	US	Meeting Your Maker	

Dark Comedy

Saturday, Music Hall, 3:15pm 109 min

INCLUDED FILMS

SURPRISE		The Seeing Eye Dog Who	
Halfway Haunted	INDIANA	Saw Too Much.....	INDIANA
CHÄIR.....		A Few Questions	INDIANA
Deli Meat		FRANKSLIST	
Sound Asleep	INDIANA	Night Whispers.....	

Documentary 1

Saturday, Starlight, 2:30pm 107 min

INCLUDED FILMS

Oh Whale.....		A Wolf in the Suburbs.....	INDIANA
This Belongs to All of Us	MIDWEST	Stalin Boys	
Listen.....			
Just Jools			

Short Film Lineup

Documentary 2

Saturday, WNIN, 5:00pm 107 min

INCLUDED FILMS

A Short Documentary About

A Giant Pencil.....

Glacier's Requiem

A Mystical Ornithology INDIANA

Contact WORLD

Dos Hermanas..... WORLD

ABEL.....

Experimental

Saturday, Starlight, 5:00pm 107 min

INCLUDED FILMS

A Crime Across Four Landscapes... INDIANA

The Ride MIDWEST

How Now, House?..... INDIANA

A Stable Marriage..... MIDWEST

Because of (U).....

An Alternate Pond

The Right To Be Forgotten US

Tuktuit : Caribou INDIANA

Hoosier 1

Saturday, WNIN, 3:00pm 107 min

INCLUDED FILMS

On The Stream

SUCKS TO SUCK.....

Finding a Way: Revitalizing

Nature in America's Heartland.....

Tangent.....

Broken Shells

Robin Raps: Fleshed Out

Rock, Paper, Destiny

A Simple Act..... INDIANA

Roses

Silo.....

Hoosier 2

Saturday, Main Theater, 4:30pm 109 min

INCLUDED FILMS

Bloom

Everything's Loud:

The Making of Compression WORLD

Fawn..... WORLD

The Knife Thrower's Daughter..... WORLD

Horror

Saturday, WNIN, 1:00pm 109 min

INCLUDED FILMS

The Humbug.....

Plastic Surgery

Flesh & Blood..... INDIANA

Imprint MIDWEST

Puppy MIDWEST

Mother MIDWEST

Taga.....

Feature Film

Sincerely, Ric

Saturday, Starlight, 1:00pm 58 min

Decades after Ric Routledge reshaped the dog show world, a forgotten storage unit reveals the story he never finished. Built from his own cassette recordings, archival footage, and the voices of those closest to him. Sincerely, Ric is a documentary about what a man leaves behind when he documents everything except the ending.

Short Film Lineup

Narrative 1

Saturday, WNIN, 11:00am 109 min

INCLUDED FILMS

Nightfaces	INDIANA	G.S.W.	
Kiloran Bay	INDIANA	Mary Is Missing	INDIANA
Jazz Infernal		Seniors	MIDWEST

Narrative 2

Saturday, Music Hall, 1:00pm 109 min

INCLUDED FILMS

Fault.....	MIDWEST	Miazal	WORLD
So, Boom	INDIANA	Ridgeview	INDIANA
The Birthday Gift		Them That's Not	
Predator.....	INDIANA	Grind.....	

Narrative 3

Saturday, Executive, 4:00pm 107 min

INCLUDED FILMS

Useless.....		Child of the Rouge	INDIANA
I'm Glad You're Dead Now	INDIANA	PALE SUN	
Agapito	INDIANA	The Liars of Black Mountain Road ..	MIDWEST
Rock, Paper, Scissors	INDIANA	One Twenty-Six	

Sci-Fi / Fantasy

Saturday, Music Hall, 5:00pm 114 min

INCLUDED FILMS

Brujo	MIDWEST	Please and Thank You	
Lost Touch.....	MIDWEST	Leonardo	MIDWEST
The Man That I Wave At		Long Distance	
The Door.....		Can I Put You On Hold	INDIANA
In the Beginning			

Student 1

Saturday, Starlight, 11:00am 101 min

INCLUDED FILMS

The Champ.....		Undergrad	INDIANA
Freestyle	MIDWEST	Trash Cat	WORLD
Tender.....	WORLD	The Haunting of Atteberry Manor....	WORLD
Mesker Amphitheater:		Cora Dale:	
Evansville's White Elephant.....	WORLD	A Rediscovered Harmony.....	

Student 2

Saturday, Executive, 11:00am 84 min

INCLUDED FILMS

The Undying Pain of Existence		Somewhere I Belong	US
Where Fireflies Sparkle.....	US	FREEHAND:	
Tree of Life.....	INDIANA	The Muralists of Fort Wayne.....	
Kids Who Dance.....		Balloons.....	

Film Screeners

Lynn Kinkade	Sharon Dennis	Jordan Barclay
Susan Gerth	Chris Herzog	Art Woodward
Mason Brockey	Ralph Larmann	Alice Shen
Matthew Ulm	Bob Gwaltney	Susan Nyberg
Brick Briscoe	Roger McGary	Doyle Dean

Become a Film Screener

Contact us for more information at - victoryiff@gmail.com

Workshop

From Stage to Screen and Back Again:

Saturday, Executive, 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Award winning filmmakers director Jakob Bilinski and actor Emily Jean Durchholz share their best practices for translating their craft into different mediums. Bilinski started in film and found his way into stage directing, and Durchholz began acting for theatre and stumbled into filmmaking much later; their shared experience has helped them successfully work in both the theatre and in film, and they are thrilled to share some of their journey with VIFF!

About Us

Team Members

Matthew Ulm Festival Director	Josh Weiland Technical Director	Jordan Barclay Artistic Director
Roger McGary Finance Director	Susan Nyberg Strategy Director	Sam Kuban Marketing Consultant

From Evansville to the Oscars

The Victory International Film Festival invites filmmakers and film lovers to experience the magic of cinema in the vibrant heart of Evansville, Indiana from September 10th – 12th. This festival is a celebration of creativity, community, and storytelling from around the globe, offering a unique platform for independent voices to shine. Thirteen films from our 2025 lineup achieved OSCAR qualification, including 'The Singers' the recipient of the ACADEMY AWARD for Best Live Action Short.

Download the Festival App

FEATURES:

- Access our event schedule, which includes times & locations of film screenings, panels & workshops, and after parties.
- Navigate an Interactive Venue Map.
- Vote for the Audience Choice Award.
- Give Feedback on Your Experience!



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Get Involved

Become a Sponsor

Partnering with the Victory International Film Festival places your brand at the center of regional arts and culture, directly supporting the creative vibrancy of our community. With four distinct sponsorship tiers ranging from \$500 to \$5,000, your business can gain premier visibility through screening room naming rights, print advertising, on-screen logo placement, and VIP festival access. Festival organizers are happy to discuss your sponsorship for 2027 at the festival, or reach out to us at victoryiff@gmail.com. View detailed information about sponsorship levels and benefits at www.victoryiff.com/support.

Volunteer at the Festival

Become an essential part of the Victory International Film Festival by getting hands-on as an usher, greeter, screening room runner, film screener, or bring your special skills to our core team. Our dedicated volunteers are the heart of this event, serving as key ambassadors to help bring world-class cinema directly to the tri-state area. Join our team today by speaking to a member of our festival staff, or email us at victoryiff@gmail.com.

Donate

Your support directly fuels our festival and empowers the arts in our community, whether you choose to give publicly or remain anonymous. Individual contributions can be made conveniently on-site during the festival via cash or credit card at any ticketing location. You can also make a quick, secure online donation anytime by visiting www.victoryiff.com/support to give via PayPal.

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