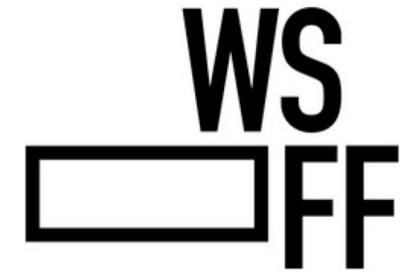


# *Wonderous Stories Film Festival*



Watermans Arts Centre  
23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021

£8.50 individual tickets  
£5 concessions

[wonderousstoriesff.com](http://wonderousstoriesff.com)  
 [wonderousstoriesfilmfestival](https://www.instagram.com/wonderousstoriesfilmfestival)

# Meet *WSFF*

After success in Berlin, *Wonderous Stories Film Festival* are expanding our screenings and workshops to London!

We are proud to welcome you to our Hounslow debut, hosted by Watermans Arts Centre. As we continue to create environments that support independent creatives and experimental approaches to storytelling.

Outside the restrictions of mainstream marketability, the *Wonderous Stories* that we spotlight are those that surprise and subvert...

We hope you enjoy our selections from all over the globe, as well as our **spotlighted categories** for this year:

## Voices of China



Dive into the inventive worlds and fantasies of filmmakers creating from within the Chinese diaspora

## Eastern European Cinema



Narrative and Documentary films with unique perspectives from the Eastern European region

## Sustainability



Provocative and entertaining cinema bringing novel approaches and modern solutions to climate catastrophe

# Meet This Year's *Wonderous Filmmakers*



# Themed Events

**All films will be presented in their original languages, with English Subtitles, unless otherwise stated**

 : Films made in English and not in their native language

 : Films under 45 minutes

**Mystery Feature...**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July • 8pm

To Be  
Announced!

All our features are paired up with some amazing short films from around the world. We have curated these *wonderous stories* together in Themed Events. An individual ticket will give you access to multiple films in a particular event or pairing!

Ecological Double Bill (exploring modern solutions to man-made climate change)  
Hanging Out with the Grown-Ups (family friendly filmmaking and younger perspectives)  
David Bowie Special Event (celebrating one of Britain's most beloved artists)  
Come Sit With MAMA (art-house cinema sponsored by MAMA Film Worx)

Make sure to check our schedule to see which films will be showing before or after any narrative or documentary feature...

# Features

## Havel

dir: Slávek Horák

wri: Slávek Horák & Rudolf Suchánek  
2020 • 1h40



Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July • 8pm

Havel is the first major biopic about the rise of Czech playwright, Vaclav Havel, to global human rights icon. The film spans three decades from the tumultuous Prague Spring of 1968, through Havel's eventual rise to politician and president.



From 60s playwright, to jailed human rights activist in the 70s, and national hero in the 80s...

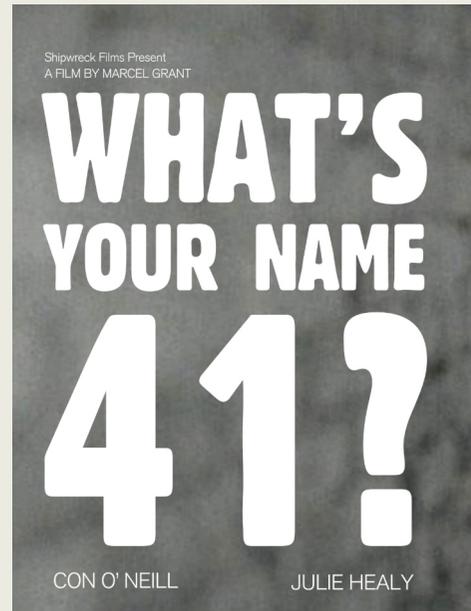
## What's Your Name 41?

dir & wri: Marcel Grant  
2005 • 45mins



Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July • 5:30pm

Renowned artist, Sam Clarke, is commissioned to create a sculpture for a rich, dying client. In order to find inspiration Sam leaves London for Venice where he sets about creating his masterpiece. It is a journey of self discovery that forces Sam to face some awkward truths.



## Good For Nothing

没用的人

dir: Wei Wei 巍巍  
2020 • 1h30



Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July • 2:30pm

After being abandoned and raised at a temple in Northern China more than 30 years ago; failed author Tianxing is led down a path of irreversible sin when he starts stealing and trading their ancient Buddhas on the Black Market.

## Princess Cursed in Time

Princezna zakletá v čase

dir & wri: Petr Kubík  
2020 • 1h50



Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July • 2:30pm

Every year princess Elen wakes up to her birthday celebrations knowing that she's running out of time to kill the evil witch who cursed her. This will be her last chance to save herself and her kingdom. Her friends are willing to sacrifice everything, but maybe it'll take more than just destroying the witch...



Included in our Hanging out with the Grown-Ups event



# Documentaries

## Stalking Chernobyl

Exploration after apocalypse

dir: Lara Lee  
2020 • 1h

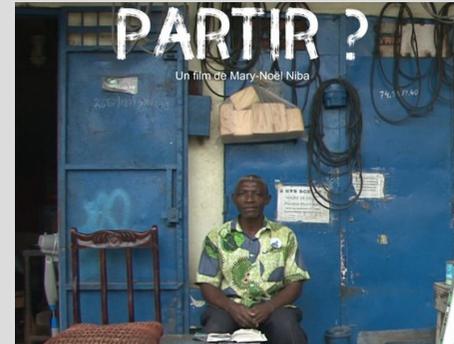


Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July • 5pm

*Cultures of Resistance Films* examines the underground culture of the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone. Three decades after the nuclear disaster, in the absence of human settlements, illegal adventurers known as "stalkers," extreme sports aficionados, and tourists have begun to re-explore the ghostly post-apocalyptic landscape...



**"so many young people are undaunted by the long-term impact of the disaster"**  
– Greg Carlson



**An honest look at the modern migrant experience and reimagining a new Africa**

## Partir?

dir & wri: Mary-Noël Niba

2019 • 1h20



Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July • 12pm

After several years in exile, men from Senegal and Cameroon break their silence to speak for the first time about their journey through the West. They discuss the reasons for their return home as well as the many other Africans who still attempt to migrate to Europe, at increasing risk to their own lives.

## The Undamaged

dir: Rožle Bregar, Matic Oblak & Miha Avgustin  
2018 • 50mins



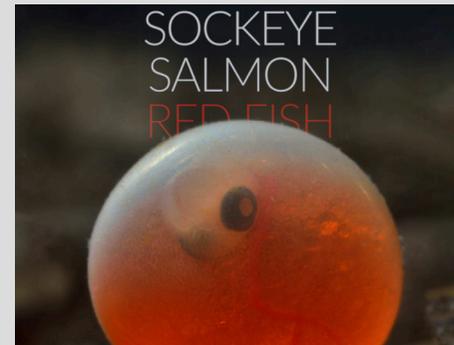
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July • 12:30pm

6 countries, 23 rivers, in 36 days...

The Balkans cradles Europe's last wild rivers, and supports abundant ecosystems. But corruption, greed, and the construction of over 2,700 hydro power plants are destroying these last free-flowing rivers. Follow the *Balkan Rivers Tour*, as they kayak, protest and honour local activists who are fighting to defend their natural lands.



**Included in our Ecological Double Bill with *Sockeye Salmon***



**Included in our Ecological Double Bill with *The Undamaged***

## Sockeye Salmon

Нерка. Рыба красная

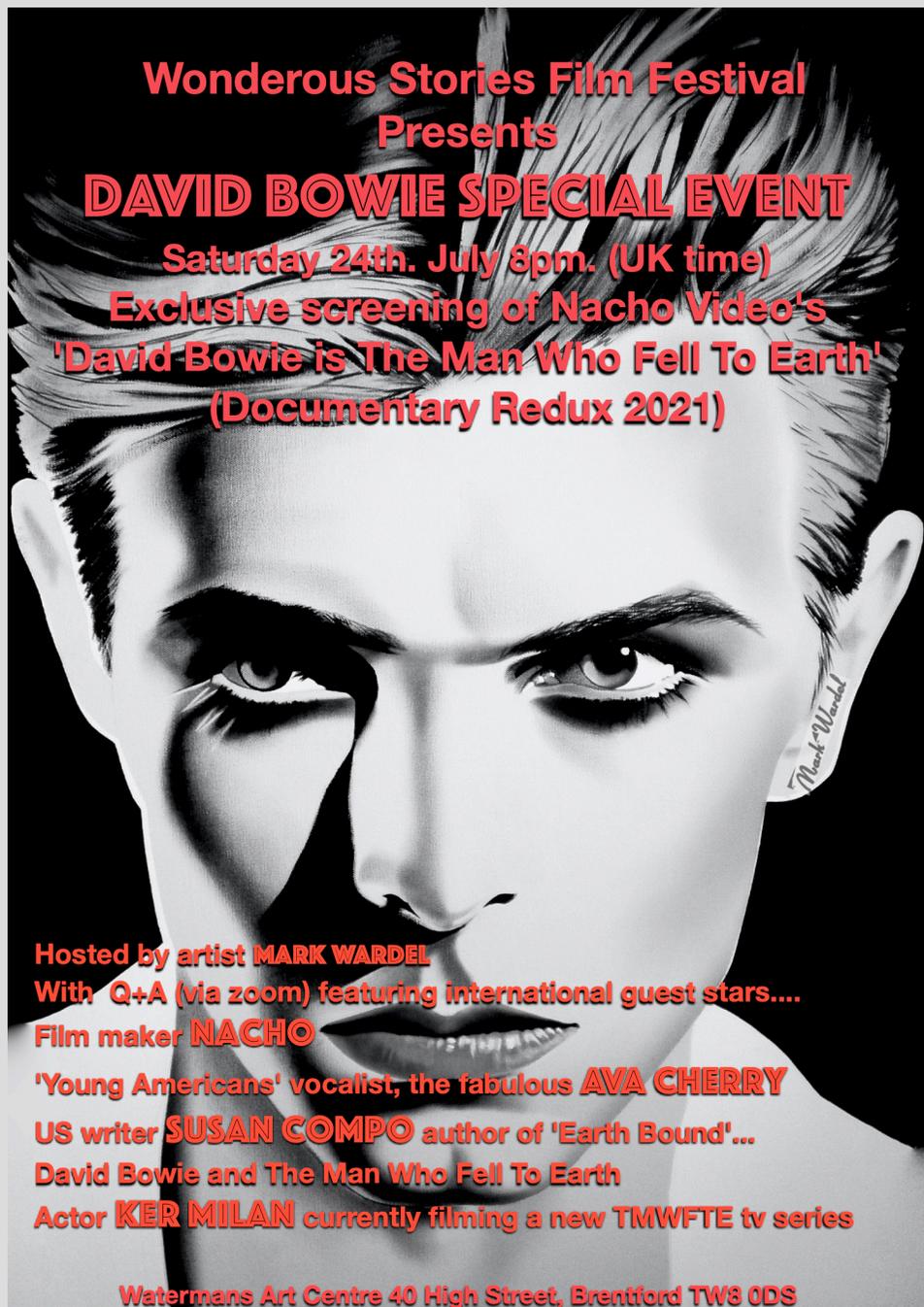
dir: Dmitry Shpilenok & Vladislav Grishin

2020 • 50mins



Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July • 1:30pm

From bears to poachers to pipelines — follow the year-long lifespan of wild Kamchatkan Salmon, as they defy all odds journeying to the Pacific Ocean and back just in time to spawn. A breathtaking spectacle, and inexhaustible resource that feeds billions, restored every year! But soon, we may find ourselves facing the unimaginable, and humans will exhaust the inexhaustible...



Wonderous Stories Film Festival  
Presents  
**DAVID BOWIE SPECIAL EVENT**

Saturday 24th. July 8pm. (UK time)  
Exclusive screening of Nacho Video's  
'David Bowie is The Man Who Fell To Earth'  
(Documentary Redux 2021)

Hosted by artist **MARK WARDEL**  
With Q+A (via zoom) featuring international guest stars....  
Film maker **NACHO**  
'Young Americans' vocalist, the fabulous **AVA CHERRY**  
US writer **SUSAN COMPO** author of 'Earth Bound'...  
David Bowie and *The Man Who Fell To Earth*  
Actor **KER MILAN** currently filming a new *TMWFTE* tv series

Watermans Art Centre 40 High Street, Brentford TW9 0DS

Join us for an entire evening celebrating  
the legacy of David Bowie

Hosted by renowned artist and Bowie aficionado  **Mark Wardel**  
markwardel.com

On-stage and zoom interviews with:

**Ava Cherry**  
singer/model who  
recorded in studio  
with Bowie



**Susan Compo**  
biographer on  
Bowie and *The Man  
Who Fell To Earth*



**Ker Milan**  
actor in the  
upcoming *Man Who  
Fell To Earth* series



As we screen various Bowie themed short films  
With an exclusive premiere, and Q&A of the new documentary...

## David Bowie is The Man Who Fell to Earth

dir: Nacho  
2017/2021 • 65mins



Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July • 9pm

Compiled from over 60 archive sources, this is a film about a film – Nic Roeg's 1976 esoteric science fiction movie, *The Man Who Fell to Earth*.

This documentary investigates the way the film came together, and Roeg's working methods. Whilst painting a small portrait of Bowie and his music – from 1974 up to the 1977 album, *Low*. Including Bowie's missing soundtrack for *The Man Who Fell to Earth*.

# Shorts

## The Hunt

dir & wri: Rafael Ceribelli

2018 • 14mins



Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July • 7pm

A man takes his son to hunt for the first time at a family property. The hunt brings back memories of a dark past.

Written and Directed by a Hounslow local!



Included in  
our Come Sit  
With MAMA  
event



## Ihre Geister Sehen

dir: Kirsten Becken

wri: Rabea Edel  
2021 • 31mins



Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July • 7pm

An experimental art film about a family secret and dealing with trauma and psychosis. Anna remembers her mother's words, the birth of her daughter, her love for her husband and things that used to be hidden

## Just Be

dir & wri: Susanna Kosa

2017 • 3 mins



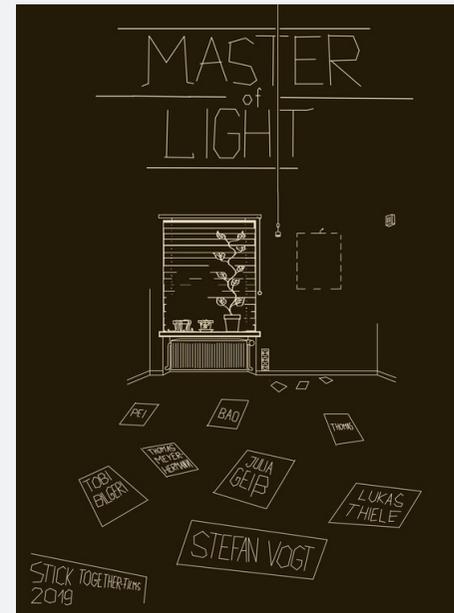
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July • 4:30pm

Brace the wild outdoors with two brave mountain bikers, and breathtaking views. All while contemplating our destiny, purpose and responsibility to the natural world.

"Life's short, they say. But maybe it's just long enough if you live it right."



Included in  
our Hanging  
out with the  
Grown-Ups  
event



## Master of Light

dir: Stefan Vogt

wri: Stefan Vogt & Tobias Bilgeri  
2019 • 2mins



Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July • 4:30pm

Friendship can happen, even in absence...

A charming, silent short, where the animation does the talking!

# Shorts

## A Smaller World

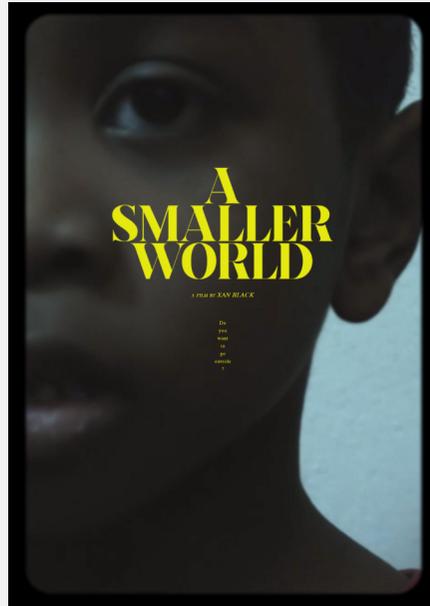
dir & wri: Xan Black

2020 • 4mins



Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July • 4:30pm

Follow Micah discussing the ups and downs (mainly the downs) of being a kid amidst a global pandemic. He drowns the world out with his bulky headset and reminisces about the childlike reality that he once enjoyed.



## O Sole Mio

我的太阳

dir: Liu Wei

year • 16mins



Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July • 9:45pm

Northern China in the mid-eighties. A cold, empty town, a fool and a madman. Outside the local radio station, a wheelchair bound man tries to make a living selling noodles, but they refuse to pay for their meals. What must he do to have his voice heard?

## 1997 Budapest

dir & wri: Rahel Pasztor

2020 • 10 mins



Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July • 6pm

At sixteen, Mimi Jeong moved from Busan to Budapest for her father's career as a conductor. After the fall of Berlin Wall, Budapest was a city in search of a new identity. Mimi came of age at the centre of this. Now a dancer and choreographer herself, she looks back on her special connection to home.



**“Anyone who’s met a Hungarian knows that this bittersweet melancholy is central to our identity.”**



## Lokurama

dir: Jan Eisenbach

2019 • 3mins



Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July • 7:30pm

The walls of a toilet become the stage for the mind of an anonymous wanderer. His thoughts etch and bounce around the urinals like graffiti.

# Shorts

## Sweet Howl

Dulce Alarido  
dir: Juan Carlos Lelo de Larre & Montserrat Larqué  
2020 • 13mins



Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July • 7pm

A sweet potato vendor in Mexico City drives the streets at night stalking a lonely and decadent exotic dancer. An urban noir fable with a supernatural wink...



## Jag and Jill

dir: Blaise Singh  
wri: Hardial Rai & Blaise Singh  
2019 • 7mins



Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July • 12:30pm

Anti-Knife Crime Awareness film aimed at primary school pupils to educate and inform children about the dangers of knife crime and the devastating consequences it can have on young lives, families and communities.

Written and Directed by Hounslow locals!



Included in our Hanging out with the Grown-Ups event



Explore the incredible canyons across the Patagonia region



## Rios Patagonicos

dir: Marie Leclere & Bruno Fromento

2018 • 22mins



Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July • 6pm

In the heart of Patagonian glacier valleys, 15 canyoneers scale the immensity of the Chilean Patagonia, in search for rivers and waterfalls. Their goal: explore untouched territories, spot and open over 30 canyons, on a unique territory



A story about love, oppression, and the unflinching power of music



## Radio From the American Sector

dir & wri: Karyn Barnett-Day  
2019 • 16mins



Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July • 4pm

Set in 1964, a young Stasi recruit monitors bugged spaces around Berlin, while his long-time girlfriend faces the reality of being trapped behind The Berlin Wall.

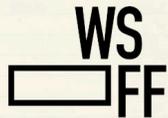
# From Script to Screen

**Creative Network West**  
*presents*

**from SCRIPT to SCREEN**

four West London screenwriters  
four actors  
and an audience

**at Wonderous Stories**



**Creative  
People &  
Places**



## *WSFF* Workshop

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July • 7pm**

From a demonic spinning class  
to a passenger ship heading  
for India...

*From Script to Screen* presents  
four scripts by West London  
screenwriters exploring gender  
relations, colonial plunder, and  
human replaceability.

This is a rehearsed reading  
event with live actors on stage  
and, in the spirit of scratch,  
we'll be looking for your  
feedback to help us take these  
scripts to the next stage.

£8.50 per ticket  
£5 concessions

www.wonderousstoriesff.com

# WONDEROUS STORIES FILM FESTIVAL

WSFF PRESENTS TWO BRILLIANT DOCUMENTARY FILMS THAT ARE INFORMATIVE,  
ENCOURAGE VIEWERS TO THINK AND HELP TO CREATE AWARENESS OF OUR PLANET.

## THE UNDAMAGED

FOLLOW A CREW OF KAYAKERS STANDING UP FOR THE LAST WILD RIVERS OF EUROPE,  
THREATENED BY 2700 DAMS. FROM SLOVENIA TO ALBANIA THEY PROTEST AND PADDLE  
SUPPORTING THE LOCALS FIGHTING ALONG THE WAY.

(DIRECTORS: ROŽLE BREGAR, MATIC OBLAK, MIHA AVGUŠTIN/ PRODUCERS: ROK ROZMAN, MATIC  
OBLAK)

## SOCKEYE SALMON

SOCKEYE, A SPECIES OF WILD SALMON, IS BORN IN KAMCHATKAN WATERS AND  
SPENDS ITS ENTIRE LIFE IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN. ONLY ONCE DOES IT RETURN TO  
FRESH WATERS - TO GIVE OFFSPRING, START THE CIRCLE OF LIFE, AND DIE. IT IS  
AN INEXHAUSTIBLE RESOURCE THAT FEEDS BILLIONS OF PEOPLE ON THE PLANET,  
RESTORED EVERY YEAR. BUT SOON, WE MAY FIND OURSELVES FACING THE  
UNIMAGINABLE: HUMANS WILL EXHAUST THE INEXHAUSTIBLE.

(DIRECTORS DMITRY SHPILENOK AND VLADISLAV GRISHIN)



SAVE OUR WONDEROUS EARTH THERE IS NO PLANET B.

24TH JULY, 2021

12PM - 2PM

# WONDEROUS STORIES FILM FESTIVAL

## 'HANGING OUT WITH THE GROWN UPS'

BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY OUT FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FILM & FUN!

GOODIE BAGS FOR THE KIDS INCLUDED!



### FEATURE FILM

**THE PRINCESS CURSED IN TIME (110 MINS)**

**'ZOOM Q & A WITH WRITER/DIRECTOR PETR KUBIK & CAST'**

EVERY YEAR PRINCESS ELEN WAKES UP TO HER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS KNOWING THAT SHE'S RUNNING OUT OF TIME TO KILL THE EVIL WITCH WHO CURSED HER. THIS WILL BE HER LAST CHANCE TO SAVE HERSELF AND HER KINGDOM. HER FRIENDS ARE WILLING TO SACRIFICE EVERYTHING, BUT MAYBE IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN JUST DESTROYING THE WITCH... (DIRECTOR & WRITER PETR KUBIK - DUBBED IN ENGLISH)

### SHORT FILMS

**JUST BE (4 MINS), MASTER OF LIGHT (2 MINS), A SMALLER WORLD (4 MINS)**



**WATERMANS ART CENTRE**

**JULY 25, 2021 | 2PM - 5PM**

# WONDEROUS STORIES FILM FESTIVAL

PRESENTS A HANDPICKED SELECTION OF ART FILMS - all you have to do is...

come sit with

# MAMA

FEATURE FILM:

WHAT'S YOUR NAME 41?

CON O'NEILL ANN MITCHELL

RENOWNED ARTIST, SAM CLARKE, IS COMMISSIONED TO CREATE A SCULPTURE FOR A RICH, DYING CLIENT. IN ORDER TO FIND INSPIRATION SAM LEAVES LONDON FOR VENICE WHERE HE SETS ABOUT CREATING HIS MASTERPIECE. IT IS A JOURNEY OF SELF-DISCOVERY THAT FORCES SAM TO FACE SOME AWKWARD TRUTHS (45 MINS). WRITER & DIRECTOR MARCEL GRANT

SHORT FILMS:

WHAT'S YOUR NAME 41? BEHIND THE SCENES (9MINS), IHRE GEISTIER SEHEN (31 MINS), LOKURAMA (3 MINS)



WATERMANS ART CENTRE  
25TH JULY - 5:30 PM

Sponsored by



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FILM WORX

# Schedule

		Event	Narrative	Documentary
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>		WSFF Opening		
	6:30 PM	From Script to Screen WSFF Workshop (Watermans Studio)	The Hunt 🕒	
			Sweet Howl 🕒	
		*To Be Announced*		
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	12 PM	Ecological Double Bill		The Undamaged Sockeye Salmon
	2:30 PM		Good For Nothing Radio From the American Sector 🕒	
	5 PM			Stalking Chernobyl Rios Patagonicos 🕒
			1997 Budapest 🕒	
	8 PM	David Bowie Special Event Q&A with Nacho		David Bowie Is The Man Who Fell To Earth
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	12 PM		Jag & Jill 🕒	Partir?
	2 PM	Hanging Out With The Grown-Ups Q&A with Petr Kubík	Princess Cursed in Time	
			Master of Light 🕒	Just Be 🕒
				A Smaller World 🕒
	5:30 PM	Come Sit With MAMA What's Your Name 41? – BTS	What's Your Name 41? 🕒	
			Ihre Geister Sehen 🕒	
			Lokurama 🕒	
	8 PM	Q&A with Slávek Horák Q&A with Liu Wei	Havel	
O Sole Mio 🕒				

