

HALL B | NEPAL TOURISM BOARD

8 DECEMBER 2022, THURSDAY

3:00 pm **The Traverse**

dir. Ben Tibbetts/ Jake Holland

34 min | Iran/ France 2021

Valentine Fabre and Hillary Gerardi set out to be the first women to ski the Chamonix to Zermatt Haute Route non-stop. For Valentine, the route has personal resonance.

Sauerdogs

dir. Guillermo de Oliveira

15 min | Spain 2022

Two exhausted, unlucky prospectors travel through a desolate snowy valley. How strong is their loyalty, when one of the dogs can't pull anymore and food starts to run short?

Blood for Horses

dir. Antonin Lechat

17 min | Kyrgyzstan/ France/ Canada 2021

Madiar, a young Kyrgyz boy, dreams of following in his father's footsteps to become a professional Kok-Boru player.

9 DECEMBER 2022, FRIDAY

11:30 am **A Migrant Speaks (World Premiere)**

dir. Kesang Tseten

27 min | UAE/ Nepal 2022

Dalbir Singh Baraili, a circular migrant, poet, and YouTuber, has severed the cycle of migration he was trapped in, but struggles to maintain his family's enhanced lifestyle.

Legacy (World Premiere)

dir. Norbu Punel (In Person)

13 min | Nepal 2022

A Buddhist nun Rinzin Dolma stays in a monastery on an isolated jungle hill where she reflects on her fear and beliefs.

Where Water Hyacinths Grow (World Premiere)

dir. Aishwarya Baidar (In Person)

14 min 19 sec | Nepal 2022

In Koshi Tappu, women of the Sardar tribe use water hyacinths, an invasive plant, to weave a better future.

El Aljibe (Asia Premiere)

dir. Alejandro Ferlini

10 min | Spain/ Costa Rica 2022

When his brother falls ill, Antonio climbs to the top of El Aljibe in search of the sacred water the volcano contains.

1:30 pm **Zari (Asia Premiere)**

dir. Arman Gholipour Dashtaki

28 min | Iran 2021

Zari, married as a child to an older man, overcomes her difficult life doing a traditionally male job: distributing gas bottles with a small truck in the mountains of western Iran.

Roya (Asia Premiere)

dir. Mohammad Reza Mohammadi

22 min | Wales/ UK 2022

An Afghan woman gives birth during a harsh illegal journey to enter Europe. She dies, leaving her husband alone with a baby and a corpse, abandoned by the other migrants.

Flores de la llanura (Prairie Flowers) - (Nepal Premiere)

dir. Mariana X. Rivera

19 min | Mexico 2021

A Ñomndaa weaver from the Prairie of Flowers creates a ritual and poetic mourning alongside other weaving women for her cousin, a victim of femicide.

3:00 pm **Adamiani**

dir. Hirotoshi Takeoka

120 min | Japan/ Netherlands 2021

A Georgian Chechen community tries to reinvent itself, shedding its association with terrorism.

5:30 pm **La vera storia della partita di nascondino piu grande del mondo (The True Story of the World's Biggest Game of Hide-and-Seek)**

dir. Paolo Bonfadini/ Irene Controneo// Davide Morando

11 min | Italy 2021

Every year, Serravalle Langue hosts the world's biggest game of hide and seek in memory of World War-II resistance fighters.

Chamon (Contagion) - (Asia Premiere)

dir. Arman Gholipour Dashtaki

61 min | Iran 2020

When the pandemic strikes and the government closes the roads, Iran's largest nomadic tribe is cut off from the summer pastures where their livestock graze.

10 DECEMBER 2022, SATURDAY

11:30 am **Trumpets in the Sky**

dir. Rakan Mayasi

15 min | Iran 2021

Trumpets in the Sky is a visual contemplation on landscape and the complexity of human traditions.

L'Amiral Tchoumakov (The Admiral Tchoumakov) - (Nepal Premiere)

dir. Laurier Fourniau/Arnaud Alberola

64 min | Belgium 2021

On the shores of Kyrgyzstan's Issyk Kul lake, a former Soviet Navy admiral watches an abandoned port be converted into a resort. What remains today of the Soviet man?

1:15 pm **Yukon, Un Reve Blanc (A White Dream)**

dir. Mathieu Le Lay

52 min | France 2021

With his sled and telephoto lens, wildlife photographer Jérémie Villet travels alone through Canada's frozen north.

A l'ombre du Chamlang (In the Shade of Chamlang)

dir. Jeremie Chenal

25 min | France 2022

Climbers Benjamin Védrynes and Charles Dubouloz attempt the unclimbed north face of 7,200m Chamlang.

3:00 pm **Garderie Nocturne (Night Nursery)**

dir. Moumouni Sanou

67 min | Burkina Faso/ France/ Germany 2021

Every evening, Mrs Coda takes care of the children of sex workers at her home. The young women come to pick their babies up at daybreak. (PG)

Gioja22

dir. Stefano De Felici

11 min | Italy 2021

One man scales a new skyscraper in Milan. An act of civil disobedience at 500 feet.

5:00 pm **Vida Ferrea (Steel Life) - (Asia Premiere)**

dir. Manuel Bauer

95 min | Peru 2022

A Peruvian train journey from over 4,000m to the Pacific Ocean, watching daily lives and asking how much things have really changed in the 200 years since independence.

PG - Parental Guidance

11 DECEMBER 2022, SUNDAY

11:30 am **Panel Discussion - Young Person in Film**

In collaboration with British Council (Free Entry)

1:00 pm **Loop**

dir. Pablo Polledri

8 min | Italy 2021

In this society every human being repeats the same action.

My Tiger Friend

dir. Tatiana Kiseleva

7 min | Russia 2021

A girl and Tiger ride their bicycle through town, best friends, until one day one of them finds the city too small.

Chimborazo (Asia Premiere)

dir. Keila Cepeda

7 min | Spain 2022

Under the shadow of a volcano in Ecuador's Andes, the last ice picker harvests ice to earn a living as it gets hotter.

Les Traverses (On Tracks)

dir. Felix Besson

54 min | France 2022

Who built the railway from Nice to Digne-les-Bains? Olivier unearths the daily struggle of the workers and users of this mountain line, now abandoned, destined to disappear.

2:45 pm **The Second Summit**

dir. Hugo Saunders

86 min | UK 2021

Two climbers reunite to tackle Sikkim's last unclimbed peak, having overcome cancer, ageing, and a 30 year-long falling out.

4:30 pm **Up on the Mountain**

dir. Olivier Matthon/ Michael Reis

99 min | USA 2021

In Montana, Idaho, and Oregon, a diverse group of people harvest wild mushrooms. But although the harvest is sustainable, they are repeatedly denied access to public lands.

12 DECEMBER 2022, MONDAY

11:30 am **Abnormal Prime Time**

dir. Sinn Kirin

14 min | South Korea 2020

In Seoul day and night have changed due to extreme UV rays caused by the climate crisis.

Ayena (Mirror)

dir. Siddhant Sarin/ Debankon S. Solanky

70 min | India 2022

Two young Indian women scarred by revenge acid attacks navigate life, love, and desire.

1:30 pm **Au dela des hautes vallees (Far Beyond the Pasturelands)**

dir. Maude Plante-Husaruk/ Maxime Lacoste-Lebuis

84 min | Canada 2021

Lalita, a young mother, undertakes a hazardous mushroom harvest to improve life for her family. Will the harvest be good this year?

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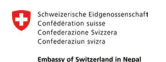
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HALL A | RASTRIYA SABHA GRIHA

8 DECEMBER 2022, THURSDAY

12:30 pm **kimff 2022 Opening/ Screening (by invitation only)**
Bagh ko Bangara (World Premiere)

dir. Kamal Kumar/ Bidhya Chapagain (In Person)
55 min | Nepal 2022

Wild honey hunting is both a livelihood and a passion that plays out in Jajarkot's extreme topography, and across the mental and emotional geographies of the human spirit.

2:30 pm **Through the Singing Villages (World Premiere)**

dir. Samrat Khanal
33 min | Nepal 2022

A sound recordist's encounter with different places, people and their lifestyles, encountered on arduous walks to different villages in Nepal. (PG)

Doo Sar. A Karakoram Ski Expedition Film

dir. Jakub Gzela
46 min | Poland 2021

Two peaks, two friends, and two ski descents in Pakistan's Karakoram.

4:30 pm **Matto ki Saikil/ Special Screening**

dir. M. Gani (In Person)
95 min | India 2022

Matto, a daily wage labourer, and his family negotiate the simple pleasures of life. Will their lives change when Matto can finally buy a new bicycle?

9 DECEMBER 2022, FRIDAY

11:00 am **Drifting Cloud (World Premiere)**

dir. Deepa Shrestha (In Person)
17 min | Nepal 2021

A group of friends left their small village in Sankhuwasabha 20 years ago. Now living all over the world, they reminisce about childhood, memories, and life after they left.

The Disappearance of Janusz Klarner

dir. Franciszek Berbeka (In Person)
11 min | Poland 2021

A found footage documentary about the first Polish person to summit Nanda Devi East in 1934. Consequences followed like a bad dream in Poland's new communist order.

The Iron Digger

dir. Anil Budha Magar (In Person)
51 min | Nepal 2021

Jelbang, Rolpa has been the commercial centre of mountain iron for over 30 years. What happens when the government closes the iron mines?

1:00 pm **Kathmandu Monsoon (Nepal Premiere)**

dir. Ngima Gelu Sherpa
18 min | Nepal 2022

A fascinating and hypnotic ethnographic study of the filmmaker's hometown, punctuated by the evolution of an approaching storm.

From Sarvestan To Ocean (World Premiere)

dir. Tina Mirkarimi (In Person)
39 min | Iran 2022

Rahele is the first woman maritime captain in her region. She faces lots of obstacles on her way to achieving this position.

PG – Parental Guidance

1:00 pm **Aakhat (Divination)**

dir. Gopal Acharya (In Person)
15 min | Nepal 2021

Has Aakhat, a lifelong shaman deep in the mountains of Nepal, become too old to be a healer?

3:00 pm **Khulla Aakash**

dir. Bhawana Adhikait/ Dimpal Rajthala (In Person)
8 min | Nepal 2022

Advocating for an inclusive society, a gender and sexuality activist attempts to understand his turbulent emotions during adolescence while navigating the beliefs of his family.

Sophie Lavaud, Lady 8000

dir. Lisa Roosli (In Person)
93 min | Switzerland 2021

Swiss mountaineer Sophie Lavaud has successfully ascended ten 8,000m peaks. But the 8,167m beast that is Dhaulagiri has foiled her twice.

5:15 pm **Wheels on the Bus (Nepal Premiere)**

dir. Surya Shahi (In Person)
16 min | Nepal 2022

After being bullied into making iron wheels for his upper caste peers, Bhyal and his lower caste friend Laba, are compelled to break social conventions by taking matters into their own hands.

Bandhua (Bonded) – (Asia Premiere)

dir. Shobhit Jain (In Person)
57 min | India 2022

How is exploitation normalised? Follow Santosh, a bonded labourer, whose wife is trying to free him from a usurious farmer moneylender.

10 DECEMBER 2022, SATURDAY

11:00 am **(सेनाको चेली) An Army's Sister**

dir. Ingi Hopo Koinch Sunuwar (In Person)
20 min | Nepal 2022

Shishir wants to reconcile with his estranged sister Rita before going abroad with the Nepal Army on a UN peacekeeping mission

Before you were my mother

dir. Prasuna Dongol (In Person)
60 min | Nepal 2021

Prasuna tries to come to terms with the differences she has with her mother and seeks a way to define her own life.

1:00 pm **Vilaya (World Premiere)**

dir. Pravin Rokaya (In Person)
42 min | Nepal 2021

Maya is torn between wanting to care for her old father, who wants her married, and the man she loves. But is all lost in the chasms between love, migration and deceit? (PG)

Sapana ko Awaz (The Sound of Dreaming) – (Nepal Premiere)

dir. Kalani Gacon (In Person)
29 min | Nepal 2022

Sonam goes to Australia, haunted by Bikash, who had the same recurring dream as her. They look for each other again in Kathmandu, with Bikash using his lucid dreams.

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3:00 pm **Rise**

dir. Chris Thomas
5 min | Wales/ UK 2022

Climber Delyth Owen found strength and serenity in Snowdonia's severe landscape. Life's challenges are not an impasse, but a wall to be scaled.

Watandar, My Countryman/ Special Screening

dir. Jolyon Hoff/ Muzafar Ali (In Person)
90 min | Australia 2022

Afghan refugee and photographer Muzafar Ali photographs the descendants of Australia's 160 year-old Afghan community to define his own new Afghan-Australian identity.

5:15 pm **Junko (Nepal Premiere)**

dir. Minsho Limbu (In Person)
14 min | Nepal 2021

A newlywed's husband leaves for work in India. As the days pass, longing turns to loneliness and resignation to resolve as the girl and her mother find solace in each other.

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11:00 am **Living with Snow Leopards**

dir. Javed Khan/ Sanjog Rai
10 min 19 sec | Nepal 2021
(WWF Nepal)

The Shey Phoksundo National Park is a mesmerising site, but for communities in this region, living alongside a predator is a challenge.

Guardian of the Himalayas

dir. Katha Haru
4 min 32 sec | Nepal 2020
(WWF Nepal)

As the snow leopard's habitat shrinks due to climate change, what is the connection between humans, wildlife, and our shared planet?

Kumari: A Father's Dream

dir. Seon O'Connor
33 min | USA 2022

When a massive earthquake levels a beloved new community centre, Jagat Lama and the other trekking guides who built it must dig deep to rebuild stronger than before.

Telenovela a l'Everest (Telenovela on Everest)

dir. Nicolas Bossard
20 min | Switzerland 2021

A famous Argentinian actor, his Sherpa guide and their Swiss cameraman offer a different view on commercial expeditions to Everest.

1:00 pm **(हजुर) Yes**

dir. Pinki Sris Rana/ LSM
10 min | Nepal 2021

Sarita, a young mother working from home during the pandemic, balances work and family. But her endurance reaches a breaking point as responsibilities keep piling up.

1:00 pm **(उर्मि) (Grief) – (World Premiere)**

Dir: Pranay Limbu (In Person)
75 min | Nepal 2022

For the last 34 years, 80 year-old British Gurkha veteran Purna Bahadur Gurung has been almost single-handedly running a library in memory of his son in Dharan.

3:00 pm **ResiliArt Panel Discussion**

Future of Nepali Film

In collaboration with UNESCO Nepal
(Free Entry)

5:00 pm **A Journey of Innocence**

dir. Kalpana Ban/ Pratibha Pant (In Person)
10 min | Nepal 2022

All that the mind of a 12-year-old sees is love. even when society tells her otherwise. The film attempts to understand the workings of a child's mind.

Hohenrausch – Die Entwicklung Der Hohenmedizin (Hohenrausch – The Development of High-Altitude Medicine)

dir. David Pichler (In Person)
73 min | Germany 2022

Against the backdrop of a craze for high-altitude mountaineering records, scientists investigate how the human organism adapts to extreme conditions.

12 DECEMBER 2022, MONDAY

11:00 am **Rosh (World Premiere)**

dir. Buddya S. Magar (In Person)
79 min | Nepal 2022

Radhu comes from a family of Jugiya performers, or jesters, in Palpa. He wants to be the first male dancer of the endangered Ghatu dance. His father wants to keep Jugiya alive.

1:00 pm **Bearer of Glass Beads (World Premiere)**

dir. Pratibha Pant (In Person)
14 min | Nepal 2022

Tying together cultures and beliefs for centuries, will the destiny of glass beads evolve with the next generation?

Mrigatrishna (The Mirage) – (Asia Premiere)

dir. Santosh Dahal (In Person)
26 min | Nepal 2021

Manish, on a trip to his village as the civil war is underway, discovers three different lives, each in their own way seeking to achieve liberation.

(एभरेष्टम्यान) Everestman (Nepal Premiere)

dir. Binod Adhikari (In Person)
29 min | Nepal 2021

Kami Rita Sherpa prepares for his 23rd Everest summit attempt. He embarks on the most difficult journey on planet earth with the utmost ease – and is successful.

3:30 pm **kimff 2022 Awards | Special Screening**

Fly From Everest

dir: Joe Carter

60 min | Australia 2022

An Australian paraglider's attempt to fly off Everest to help raise funds to eradicate polio.

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