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# FILMFEST

**October 15-21, 2020**

ONLINE + IN PERSON

opening + closing nights | **Isis Theatre** | Aspen

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# OPENING NIGHT

## thursday OCTOBER 15

FILMFEST



### NOMADLAND

5PM | Isis Theatre

Following the economic collapse of a company town in rural Nevada, Fern (Frances McDormand) packs her van and sets off on the road exploring a life outside of conventional society as a modern-day nomad. The third feature film from director Chloé Zhao, **NOMADLAND** features real nomads Linda May, Swankie and Bob Wells as Fern's mentors and comrades in her exploration through the vast landscape of the American West. **(USA, 2020) 108MIN**

**FESTIVALS | AWARDS** Golden Lion Award, Venice Film Festival 2020; Toronto International Film Festival 2020, Telluride Film Festival 2020, New York Film Festival 2020

**DIRECTOR** Chloé Zhao

**WRITTEN BY** Chloé Zhao

**WITH** Frances McDormand, David Strathairn, Linda May, Swankie



### THE DISSIDENT

7:30PM | Isis Theatre

**THE DISSIDENT**, from Academy Award®-winning director Bryan Fogel (ICARUS), is an edge-of-your-seat, adrenaline-filled thriller that plays out at the highest levels of power, exposing the labyrinth of deceit behind the murder of Washington Post journalist Jamal Khashoggi inside the Saudi consulate in Istanbul. Khashoggi was a principled reformer who sought to create a more open society in his homeland, and who was ultimately murdered for his vocal opposition to the Saudi government. Featuring never before seen surveillance footage and unprecedented access to a wealth of other damning information previously unavailable to the public, Fogel earned the trust of those closest to the tragedy to weave together this story of courage, money, power, tyranny, love, and technology run amok. **(USA, 2020) 117MIN**

**FESTIVALS | AWARDS** Sundance Film Festival 2020

**DIRECTOR** Bryan Fogel

**WRITTEN BY** Mark Monroe, Bryan Fogel

**VIRTUAL Q&A TO FOLLOW**

# DRIVE-IN

## friday OCTOBER 16



### DAVID BYRNE'S AMERICAN UTOPIA

7PM | Town Park, Snowmass Village

HBO presents the filmed version of the acclaimed Broadway show **DAVID BYRNE'S AMERICAN UTOPIA**. Directed by Oscar® and Emmy® winning director Spike Lee, the one-of-a-kind, dynamic film gives audiences around the world access to Byrne's electrifying Broadway show that played to sold-out, record-breaking audiences during its run from October 2019 to February 2020 at Broadway's Hudson Theater. Featuring Academy®, Grammy® and Golden Globe® Award-winning musician David Byrne (Talking Heads), together with 11 musical artists from around the world performing



## THE TRUFFLE HUNTERS

5PM | Isis Theatre

Deep in the forests of Piedmont, Italy, a handful of men, seventy or eighty years young, hunt for the rare and expensive white Alba truffle. They're guided by a secret culture and training passed down through generations, as well as by the noses of their cherished and expertly trained dogs. They live a simpler, slower way of life, in harmony with their loyal animals and their picture-perfect land, seemingly straight out of a fairy tale. They're untethered to the Internet, make food and drink by hand and prioritize in-person connections and community.

Demand for white truffles increases every year, even as supply decreases. As a result of climate change, deforestation, and the lack of young people taking up the mantle, the truffle hunters' secrets are more coveted than ever. However, these aging men may hold something more valuable than this prized delicacy: the secret to a rich and meaningful life. **(Italy, USA, Greece, 2020) 84MIN**

**FESTIVALS | AWARDS** Sundance Film Festival 2020, Cannes Official Selection 2020, Telluride Film Festival 2020, Toronto International Film Festival 2020, Donostia-San Sebastián International Film Festival 2020, New York Film Festival 2020

**DIRECTOR** Michael Dweck, Gregory Kershaw

**WITH** Carlo Gonella, Sergio Cauda, Aurelio Conterno, Angelo Gagliardi, Maria Ciccù, Gianfranco Curti, Paulo Stacchin, Piero Botto, Egidio Gagliardi

**VIRTUAL Q&A TO FOLLOW**



## AMMONITE

7:30PM | Isis Theatre

In the 1840s, acclaimed self-taught paleontologist Mary Anning works alone on the wild and brutal Southern English coastline of Lyme Regis. The days of her famed discoveries behind her, she now hunts for common fossils to sell to rich tourists to support herself and her ailing widowed mother. When one such tourist, Roderick Murchison, arrives in Lyme on the first leg of a European tour, he entrusts Mary with the care of his young wife Charlotte, who is recuperating from a personal tragedy. Mary, whose life is a daily struggle on the poverty line, cannot afford to turn him down but, proud and relentlessly passionate about her work, she clashes with her unwanted guest. They are two women from utterly different worlds. Yet despite the chasm between their social spheres and personalities, Mary and Charlotte discover they can each offer what the other has been searching for: the realization that they are not alone. It is the beginning of a passionate and all-consuming love affair that will defy all social bounds and alter the course of both lives irrevocably. **(UK, 2020) 117MIN**

**FESTIVALS | AWARDS** Toronto International Film Festival 2020

**DIRECTOR** Francis Lee

**WRITTEN BY** Francis Lee

**WITH** Kate Winslet, Saoirse Ronan

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songs from Byrne's 2018 album of the same name, along with songs from Talking Heads and his solo career for a major cultural milestone in the worlds of music and theater; David Byrne's American Utopia is a unifying musical celebration that inspires audiences to connect to each other and to the global community. The HBO special event in partnership with Participant, River Road Entertainment and Warner Music Entertainment is produced by David Byrne's Todomundo and Lee's Forty Acres and a Mule Filmworks production companies and executive produced by RadicalMedia. **(USA, 2020) 105MIN**

**FESTIVALS | AWARDS** Toronto International Film Festival 2020, New York Film Festival 2020, London Film Festival 2020

**DIRECTOR** Spike Lee

**WRITTEN BY** David Byrne

**GENEROUSLY UNDERWRITTEN BY** Jeff Grinspoon and Jon Foley














# FILMFEST at a glance



## VIRTUAL ONLINE

Films will become available for streaming on Thursday, October 15 and will conclude at 11.59pm on Wednesday, October 21.

\*Please check each individual film page for specific availabilities - most films are available for a 24 hours watch period.

THU OCT 15	FRI OCT 16	SAT OCT 17	SUN OCT 18	MON OCT 19	TUE OCT 20	WED OCT 21
<b>THE DISSIDENT</b> 117 MINUTES 7:30PM Virtual Q&A to follow 	<b>AMAZÔNIA GROOVE</b> 81 MINUTES COMMUNITY PARTNER: JAZZ ASPEN SNOWMASS 	<b>UNCLE FRANK</b> 95 MINUTES COMMUNITY PARTNER: ASPENOUT 	<b>HERE WE ARE</b> 92 MINUTES COMMUNITY PARTNER: ASPEN JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER 	<b>GUNDA</b> 93 MINUTES COMMUNITY PARTNER: THE FARM COLLABORATIVE 	<b>I AM GRETA</b> 97 MINUTES COMMUNITY PARTNER: WILDERNESS WORKSHOP Virtual Q&A to follow 	<b>KENNY SCHARF: WHEN WORLDS COLLIDE</b> 80 MINUTES COMMUNITY PARTNER: ANDERSON RANCH ARTS CENTER 
	<b>ONE NIGHT IN MIAMI...</b> 114 MINUTES 	<b>THE COMEBACK TRAIL</b> 104 MINUTES 	<b>MLK/FBI</b> 104 MINUTES 	<b>SOUND OF METAL</b> 130 MINUTES 	<b>NIGHT OF THE KINGS</b> 93 MINUTES 	<b>MINARI</b> 115 MINUTES Virtual Q&A to follow 

## IN PERSON

These will be socially distanced events.

All State, County & City health protocols will be observed.

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<b>NOMADLAND</b> 5PM ISIS THEATRE 108 MINUTES <b>THE DISSIDENT</b> 7:30PM ISIS THEATRE 117 MINUTES Virtual Q&A to follow	<b>DAVID BYRNE'S AMERICAN UTOPIA</b> DRIVE-IN 7PM TOWN PARK, SNOWMASS VILLAGE 105 MINUTES Lot begins loading 1 hour before show-time. Cars MUST be on-site by 6:30. *DRIVE-IN GENEROUSLY UNDERWRITTEN BY JEFF GRINSPOON AND JON FOLEY	<b>THE TRUFFLE HUNTERS</b> 5PM ISIS THEATRE 84 MINUTES Virtual Q&A to follow <b>AMMONITE</b> 7:30PM ISIS THEATRE 117 MINUTES COMMUNITY PARTNER: ASPENOUT

## how to fest

### VIRTUAL FULL PASS

\$250 GA | \$200 MEMBER

Purchase at: <https://aspenfilmfest.eventive.org/passes/buy>

#### INCLUDES:

Access to all VIRTUAL Festival Screenings

Any Virtual Filmmaker Q&A Sessions

\*Excludes Opening + Closing Night films & Drive-in screening

### VIRTUAL 5 FILM PASS

\$100 GA | \$80 MEMBER

Purchase at: <https://aspenfilmfest.eventive.org/passes/buy>

#### INCLUDES:

Access to 5 VIRTUAL Festival Screenings of your choosing

Any Virtual Filmmaker Q&A sessions for selected films

\*Excludes Opening + Closing Night films & Drive in screening

### VIRTUAL INDIVIDUAL TICKETS

\$25 GA | \$20 MEMBER

Purchase at: <https://watch.eventive.org/aspenfilmfest>

Purchase an individual ticket to a particular VIRTUAL film

### OPENING + CLOSING NIGHT @ ISIS

\$40 GA | \$32 MEMBER

Purchase at: <https://aspenfilmfest.eventive.org/schedule>

Purchase an individual ticket to a particular film.

\*No virtual passes will be accepted for Opening or Closing Night films

### DRIVE-IN @ TOWN PARK, SNOWMASS VILLAGE

\$40 GA | \$32 MEMBER - PER CAR

Purchase at: <https://aspenfilmfest.eventive.org/schedule>

\*No virtual passes will be accepted for this Special Event

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