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SCHEDULE

NIFF 2024 Programs & Activities

14-18 MARCH
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Kathmandu 2024
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QFX CIVIL MALL

POST-FILM Q&A

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DAY 1 MARCH 14 THURSDAY

QFX CIVIL MALL/ BHAKTAPUR

03:30 PM **Ani Bond: Choying Drolma (96 min)**
Directed by Jennifer Lin, Shan Bai
DOCS@NIFF | **Hong Kong SAR (China)**
Showcases Ani's evolution as a nun, musician, advocate, and primarily as a human being.

05:30 PM **DESAN (The Epidemic) (128 min)**
Directed by Kamal Ekchal Magar
Nepal Panorama | **Nepal**
A social drama featuring love, trust, betrayal, and revenge.

DAY 2 MARCH 15 FRIDAY

QFX CIVIL MALL/ BHAKTAPUR

11:00 AM **Story Tells Itself (17 min)**
Directed by Sunil Pandey
National Shorts | **Nepal**
A study of conflict of perceptions and its consequences.

Scorching Summer (29 min)
Directed by An Jun
International Shorts | **China**
A father struggles relentlessly to care for his mentally handicapped daughter.

She Wins (47 min)
Directed by Zbigniew Gajzler
DOCS@NIFF | **Poland**
A mother battling alcoholism has to protect her daughter from the same fate.

01:30 PM **Wild Swans (95 min)**
Directed by Rajni Basumatary
World Panorama | **India**
The story explores the lives of women recovering from decades of armed conflict.

04:00 PM **Yet Another Winter (22 min)**
Directed by Kiran Shrestha
National Shorts | **Nepal**
Story of a desperate mother relentlessly searching for ways to heal her child.

No Winter Holidays (78 min)
Directed by Rajan Kathet, Sunir Pandey
National DOCS | **Nepal**
Explores the peculiar life and relationship of two women stationed in a snowbound empty village.

06:30 PM **KOLI ESRU (CHICKEN CURRY) (90 min)**
Directed by Champa Shetty
World Panorama | **India**
A mother goes through hardships to serve her daughter the taste of chicken curry.

DAY 3 MARCH 16 SATURDAY

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11:00 AM **Ladakh 470 (38 min)**
Directed by Shivam Singh Rajput
DOCS@NIFF | **India**
A runner pushes the limits of human endurance to complete a dare devil high-altitude run.

LYUBIMA (27 min)
Directed by Maya Ivanova Vitkova-Kosev
International Shorts | **Bulgaria**
A desperate woman stuck in her past relationship finally moves on.

FÁR (5 min)
Directed by Gunnur Martinsdóttir Schlüter
International Shorts | **Iceland**
A woman's interesting reaction in an unlikely situation.

The Poplar Trees (10 min)
Directed by Manoj Kumar Pant
National Shorts | **Nepal**
Simple story of a complicated emotion driven by love.

The Gorge (15 min)
Directed by Ryan Neil Butler
International Shorts | **Australia**
Horror in the jungle turns out to be more complicated.

01:30 PM **Guras (113 min)**
Directed by Saurav Rai
World Panorama | **Nepal**
Multiple incidents bring instability into the life of a 9-year-old in a small mountain village.

04:00 PM **In Plain Sight (30 min)**
Directed by Ruvin De Silva
DOCS @ NIFF | **Sri Lanka**
An investigative look at the existence of mass graves and their disappearances in Sri Lanka.

Mannequin Dreams (13 min)
Directed by Pradeep Bhandari
National Shorts | **Nepal**
A man's strange but captivating night odyssey, triggered by a simple incident.

Songs of the Sufi (53 min)
Directed by Shahruxh Waheed
DOCS @ NIFF | **Pakistan**
Explores the history, culture, etiquette, and the universal message of love that Qawwali embodies.

06:30 PM **Buelwa- An Offering (90 min)**
Directed by Charni Nemchand Chheda
World Panorama | **Bhutan**
A monk and several urban youths provoke transformative changes in each other.

DAY 4 MARCH 17 SUNDAY

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11:00 AM **ALIGNED | Between The Sea and The Sky (34 min)**

Directed by Sandra Lahnsteiner-Wagner

DOCS @ NIFF | **Austria**

A visually and emotionally charged piece of awe-inspiring ski touring adventure.

NARIA'S 20th BIRTHDAY (17 min)

Directed by Sagar Gahatraj

National Shorts | **Nepal**

An eventful birthday of a young girl with desperation, lies, courage and resolution.

Message from Anonymous (13 min)

Directed by Loai Galal

DOCS @ NIFF | **Egypt**

Story of three HIV-infected people in Egypt, who must hide their secret.

Paper Planes, Don't Always Soar (14 min)

Directed by Diyana Amir

International Shorts | **Singapore**

A small girl has to come to terms with her father's tragic condition.

A Bleak Home (11 min)

Directed by Bidushi Giri

National Shorts | **Nepal**

A family drama revolving around a vulnerable girl.

01:30 PM **Ek bhagavad Ek gita (100 min)**

Directed by Jharana Thapa

Nepal Panorama | **Nepal**

Story of systematic injustice and abomination towards the trans community.

04:00 PM **Chhaupadi - Dying In Illegal Menstrual Huts (30 min)**

Directed by Hemant Bhattarai

National DOCS | **Nepal**

Showcases the roots and beliefs that perpetuate the Chhaupadi practice.

Sun Ra Pani (Gold and Water) (27 min)

Directed by Anna Deluche

National Shorts | **Nepal**

A woman in a fiery love tale gradually realizes she is the one smoldering.

I Promise You Paradise (25 min)

Directed by Morad Mostafa

International Shorts | **Egypt**

A subtle and meditative observation of guilt, love, redemption, and life.

Unspoken Bond (5 min)

Directed by Durga Rana Magar

National DOCS | **Nepal**

Story of an 84-year-old single mother nourishing her two disabled daughters.

06:30 PM **Bhagwan Bharose (94 min)**

Directed by Shiladitya Bora

World Panorama | **India**

Two children struggle with conflicting and complex ideas of faith and religion.

DAY 5 MARCH 18 MONDAY

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11:00 AM **The Nature of the Region of Murcia (24 min)**

Directed by José Francisco Calvo Sendin

DOCS @ NIFF | **Spain**

An elegant and affectionate elucidation of the richness of the nature of Murcia.

The Sink (17 min)

Directed by Eduardo Mattos

International Shorts | **Brazil**

A bathroom sink turns out to be more than just Legendary.

LEMON TREE (17 min)

Directed by Rachel Walden

International Shorts | **United States**

An acute observation of a complicated father-son relationship.

Xiaohui and his cows (14 min)

Directed by Xinying Lao

International Shorts | **China**

Xiaohui endeavors to prevent the sale of his grandpa's cows.

Arkesta (18 min)

Directed by Safal Pandey

National Shorts | **Nepal**

A father gradually comes to terms with his son's femininity.

01:30 PM **Bulaki (105 min)**

Directed by Laxman Sunar

Nepal Panorama | **Nepal**

Story of a woman's suffering in a highly patriarchal and conservative society.

04:30 PM **Doll Woman (20 min)**

Directed by Tokio Oohara

International Shorts | **Japan**

A ragged doll collector meets her ideal partner.

Love & Cetamol (25 min)

Directed by Sagar Pandey

National Shorts | **Nepal**

A noir story shrouded by desperation, loneliness, and insanity.

The Eagle's Nest (18 min)

Directed by Milijica Šćepanović

International Shorts | **Montenegro**

An indelible day in the life of two teenage cinephiles.

Wagol | The Ballon (15 min)

Directed by Manav Subedi

National Shorts | **Nepal**

Poor child's playful workday turns costly.

Survivor (13 min)

Directed by Karim Azimi

International Shorts | **Iran**

Young couple endures a painful sacrifice for their future.



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D A Y 1 MARCH 14 THURSDAY**QFX LABIM MALL/CHHAYA CENTER**

05:00 PM **Remembering Every Night (106 min)**
 Directed by Yui KIOHARA
World Panorama | **Japan**
 Three women of different generations cross paths as they excavate the memories of their past.

D A Y 2 MARCH 15 FRIDAY**QFX LABIM MALL/CHHAYA CENTER**

11:00 AM **A Quest (5 min)**
 Directed by Asoq Pathak
National Shorts | **Nepal**
 A mysterious journey of search, love and discovery.

Anta Barta (The Final Conversation) (12 min)
 Directed by Prashanna Mali
National Shorts | **Nepal**
 A surreal peek into a man's conflicted psyche.

Chairs (20 min)
 Directed by James Hughes
International Shorts | **United Kingdom**
 A humorous tale of a man with a peculiar obsession with chairs.

Dhye Dreams (26 min)
 Directed by Shanta Nepali
National DOCS | **Nepal**
 Story of resilience and determination of 3 women amidst hardship and struggle.

Entangled (19 min)
 Directed by Sainath S Uskalkar
International Shorts | **India**
 An unexpected encounter liberates an artist in his death throes.

01:30 PM **Adieu Gaston (15 min)**
 Directed by Victor Guilbaud
International Shorts | **France**
 A stylized comedy revolving around a hitman on a bicycle.

TITS (11 min)
 Directed by Eivind Landsvik
International Shorts | **Norway**
 Circumstances drive two unlikely individuals to form a bond.

Lovebirds (22 min)
 Directed by Sara Mokhavat
International Shorts | **Iran**
 A woman visits her ex, expecting the unexpected.

The Boat (15 min)
 Directed by Luke Morgan
International Shorts | **Nepal**
 A tragedy falls upon the daughter, which compels the father to make a terrible decision.

Lăo Lao Lăo Le (14 min)
 Directed by Julie Zhu
International Shorts | **New Zealand**
 A young boy, home alone with his grandmother, finally comes to terms with her illness.

Taxi Driver (8 min)

Directed by Bigyan Thapa
National Shorts | **Nepal**
 Short thriller featuring murder, infidelity and suspense.

04:00 PM **Interbellum (14 min)**
 Directed by Milan Lohani
National Shorts | **Nepal**
 This short recollects the distress of civil war on ordinary families.

Requiem for a Whale (15 min)

Directed by Ido Weisman
DOCS@NIFF | **Israel**
 An encounter with a whale's corpse evokes the dialogue between death and life.

A Poet on the Cruise (13 min)

Directed by Vincent Zheng, Zencat Dong
DOCS@NIFF | **Switzerland**
 A poetic reflection of the richness and mystery of life on the planet.

KEEP (20 min)

Directed by Lewis Rose
International Shorts | **United Kingdom**
 An old-timer receives an uninvited guest with a complicated motif.

A Ride in the Rain (24 min)

Directed by Utsab Ray
International Shorts | **India**
 Different lives get entangled in a rainy night ride full of suspense.

06:30 PM **Lazarus Path (90 min)**
 Directed by Ivan Jovic
World Panorama | **Serbia**
 A street artist confronted with bureaucratic processes, is led to reflect on his life.

D A Y 3 MARCH 16 SATURDAY**QFX LABIM MALL/CHHAYA CENTER**

08:30 AM **Pakheta (113 min)**
 Directed by Sanol Das
Nepal Panorama | **Nepal**
 Reflects the chaos, struggle, sacrifice, burden, and pain of an aspiring filmmaker.

11:00 AM **Call of the Karakoram (23 min)**
 Directed by Sébastien Carniato
International Shorts | **France**
 The story of courage and determination turns life-threatening.

NADA DE TODO ESTO (17 min)

Directed by Patricio Martínez, Francisco Cantón
International Shorts | **Argentina**
 A thrilling mother-daughter relationship forces them to the point of no return.

A Letter Of Postmaster (29 min)

Directed by Supin Barman
International Shorts | **Bangladesh**
 A young girl faces a dilemma in choosing between marriage and education.

Turquoise (5 min)

Directed by Nibhal Bajracharya

National Shorts | **Nepal**

A heartwarming story of an elderly couple and their captivation with color 'Turquoise'.

Toya & Her Art Spirit (17 min)

Directed by Andara Fembriarto

International Shorts | **Indonesia**

Toya finally bonds with her spiritual animal in this light-hearted comedy.

01:30 PM

Cherry Juice (88 min)

Directed by Mersiha Husagic

World Panorama | **Germany**

Two artists cross path and end up sharing an indelible New Year's Eve.

03:45 PM

On A Quest: with Jaswant (Portugal's Lisbon) (26 min)

Directed by Jaswant Dev Shrestha

DOCS@NIFF | **United States**

A filmmaker's quest to explore the culture, history, architecture, and overall beauty of Portugal.

The Rise of the Black Dragon (23 min)

Directed by Redione Stephens

International Shorts | **South Africa**

A stylized action-packed revenge drama.

Sanai (15 min)

Directed by Akanchha Karki

National Shorts | **Nepal**

Two friends separated by societal norms are brought together through music.

Letter (17 min)

Directed by Yiwei Zhao

International Shorts | **China**

Letters from the past make the daughter re-evaluate her relationship with her father.

Jarna (10 min)

Directed by Enuma Rai

National DOCS | **Nepal**

Story from the floodplains features an old couple who seek survival by collecting firewood.

06:15 PM

Peafowl (114 min)

Directed by Sungbin BYUN

World Panorama | **South Korea**

A transgender's return to her hostile hometown turns surprisingly metamorphic.

DAY 4 MARCH 17 SUNDAY**QFX LABIM MALL/CHHAYA CENTER**

11:00 AM

LOVE LIGHTS (67 min)

Directed by Acácio de Almeida, Marie Carré

DOCS@NIFF | **Portugal**

A filmmaker's quest of intimately exploring the transcending mystery of light.

Can I hold your hand? (10 min)

Directed by Suraj Katuwal

National Shorts | **Nepal**

A casual hangout between two friends starts taking a curious turn.

The Gold Teeth (15 min)

Directed by Alireza Kazempour

International Shorts | **Canada**

An uninvited guest makes a strange request to the dentist in this thriller.

01:30 PM

The Trekker, the Wolf and the Monkey King (94 min)

Directed by Zhi Zhao

World Panorama | **China**

A renowned hiker finally reconciles with himself, his past relations and experiences.

04:00 PM

Joy Bangla (21 min)

Directed by Shaila Rahman Tithi

International Shorts | **Bangladesh**

A political thriller revolving around a deceitful village leader.

YATRA (22 min)

Directed by LSM, Sahayog Raj Adhikari

National DOCS | **Nepal**

Story of a transformative journey of two individuals towards their gender identities.

Game, Interrupted (15 min)

Directed by Ilayda Iseri

International Shorts | **Turkey**

A fantastic journey into children's hyper-reality.

SAME OLD (15 min)

Directed by Lloyd Lee Choi

International Shorts | **Canada**

A bad night turns worse for a New York City delivery driver.

The Monk and The Rebel (14 min)

Directed by Prabhat Gurung

National Shorts | **Nepal**

An unlikely bond forms that challenges morality and beliefs.

Lokkhon Rekha (10 min)

Directed by Rohan Shyam Chowdhury

International Shorts | **India**

A dark humor that explores the extremes of dysfunctional relationships.

06:30 PM

Moonlight Warrior (110 min)

Directed by Ying HONG

World Panorama | **China**

Time doesn't heal a boy's painful unrequited love for his pretty nurse.

DAY 5 MARCH 18 MONDAY**QFX LABIM MALL/CHHAYA CENTER**

11:00 AM

Luto (110 min)

Directed by Andres Arochi Tinajero

World Panorama | **Mexico & Ireland**

A man mourning his lost partner, finds solace in strangers' grieving customs.

01:30 PM

Durian Trees (25 min)

Directed by Cheun Shi Chin

International Shorts | **Taiwan/China**

An old man's struggle against the establishment.

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Panel talks, interactions and workshops at NIFF 2024

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DAY 2 MARCH 15 FRIDAY

RASTRIYA SABHA GRIHA

11:30 AM
onwards

सिनेमा संवाद !

पूर्व प्रधानमन्त्री के.पी ओली र
महानायक राजेश हमाल

DAY 2 MARCH 15 FRIDAY

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02:00 PM
onwards

सिनेमाका नयाँ बजार र अवसरहरू

बक्ताहरू: दिनेश डिसी, जितु नेपाल,
जनक तमाङ, पुष्पलता न्यौपाने
सहजकर्ता: प्रभाकर गौतम
संयोजन: चलचित्र पत्रकार संघ

DAY 3 MARCH 16 SATURDAY

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11:30 AM
onwards

फिल्म समीक्षा: ताली कि गाली ?

बक्ताहरू: केपी ढुंगाना, केकी अधिकारी,
प्रदीप भट्टराई
सहजकर्ता: प्रभाकर गौतम
संयोजन - चलचित्र समीक्षक समाज

01:30 PM
onwards

Cinematic Intelligence: Exploring the Impact of AI on the Future of Filmmaking

with Karun Thapa (Animator, lyricist,
editor)

DAY 4 MARCH 17 SUNDAY

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11:30 AM
onwards

निर्देशक हरायको सूचना !

बक्ताहरू: दीपकराज गिरी, भरना थापा,
रामबाबु गुरुङ
सहजकर्ता: प्रकाश सुबेदी

01:30 PM
onwards

Reflection of gender stereotypes in the film industry: Changes and impacts over the years

Panelists - Ani Choying Drolma, Karin
Angele, Dilrukshi Handunnetti, Shivanee
Thapa Basnyat, Reema Bishwokarma
Moderator - Namrata Sharma

DAY 5 MARCH 18 MONDAY

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11:30 AM
onwards

Discourse on Chinese cinema with Prof. Xie Fei

Followed by screening of
"Song of Tibet - Yeshe Dolma"

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