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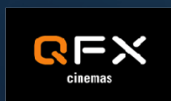
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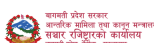
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DAY 1 MARCH 20 THURSDAY

02:00 PM **QFX CIVIL MALL**

WELCOME KEYNOTES | OPENING FILM

Shambhala (150 mins)

Directed by. Min Bahadur Bham
Nepal | WORLD PANORAMA

A pregnant woman's search for her husband leads to self-discovery and spiritual awakening.

DAY 2 MARCH 21 FRIDAY

11:00 AM **QFX CIVIL MALL**

Cross My Heart and Hope To Die (17 mins)

Directed by. Sam Manacsa
Philippines | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS

Unpaid and struggling, Mila finds solace in a caller's voice—until hope turns to heartbreak.

The Taste of Honey (15 mins)

Directed by. Mohammad Rakibul Hasan,
Fabeha Monir
Bangladesh | DOCS@NIFF

A tiger widow fights to protect her children and traditions as climate change threatens the Sundarbans.

Salty Blue (16 mins)

Directed by. Masashi Sogawa
Japan | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS
Mitsuki hides her love for her best friend as summer fades into autumn.

Basri & Salma in a Never-Ending Comedy (15 mins)

Directed by. Khozy Rizal
Indonesia | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS
A carnival couple confronts family pressure and a hidden truth behind their childless marriage.

A witness (14 mins)

Directed by. Nishan Khatri
NATIONAL SHORTS
A silent witness sees a family's journey from hope to the devastation of war.

Red Hand (13 mins)

Directed by. Kiran BK HPS
NATIONAL SHORTS
A husband catches wife red handed for.....

01:15 PM **QFX CIVIL MALL**

Crawling Crows - Aankha (109 mins)

Directed by. Zaun Yonzan
NEPAL PANORAMA
A newlywed couple struggles with poverty and hardship in Kathmandu's slums.

03:30 PM **QFX CIVIL MALL**

Girmit - The Fields of Sadness (86 mins)

Directed by. Shyam Upadhyay
New Zealand | DOCS@NIFF
The untold story of Fiji's Indian indentured workers and their enduring legacy.

05:30 PM **QFX CIVIL MALL**

SATIDEVI (129 mins)

Directed by. Laxman Subedi
NEPAL PANORAMA
A daughter sacrifices everything to fulfill her father's dream of a son.

DAY 3 MARCH 22 SATURDAY

11:00 AM **QFX CIVIL MALL**

Devi (80 mins)

Directed by. Subina Shrestha
NATIONAL DOCS
A survivor of torture and rape rises to power, reclaiming her narrative.

01:00 PM **QFX CIVIL MALL**

Rukmini (96 min)

Directed by. Nilay Prashant Raje
India | WORLD PANORAMA
Sold into prostitution, Rukmini grows into a fearless woman, torn by love and sacrifice.

03:00 PM **QFX CIVIL MALL**

OCD (18 mins)

Directed by. Ashutosh Balchandra Pagare
India | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS
Amid the COVID lockdown, a couple's life unravels as Yamin's OCD spirals.

Big (17 mins)

Directed by. Olga Dymkaya
Russia | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS
A musician struggles with isolation in a small room, facing a choice to break free.

Sunflower Girl (13 mins)

Directed by. Holly M. Kaplan
United States | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS
A 13-year-old girl skips responsibilities for a skateboarding adventure with her crush.

Time (15 mins)

Directed by. Shanti Tamang
NATIONAL SHORTS
A skeptic's life unravels when he discovers an antique watch with dark, supernatural power.

And That's for This Christmas (14 mins)

Directed by. Peter Vulchev
Bulgaria | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS
An elderly man spends Christmas at his wife's grave, facing solitude and reflection.

3D Boys (3 different boys) (8 Mins)

Directed by. Nishan Gole Lama
NATIONAL SHORTS
Three boys navigate differences and discover the power of living in the moment.

05:15 PM **QFX CIVIL MALL**

Sano Sansar (143 mins)

Directed by. Siddhartha Pudasaini
NEPAL PANORAMA

A family torn by secrets and dreams faces conflict as ambitions collide.

DAY 4 MARCH 23 SUNDAY

11:00 AM **QFX CIVIL MALL**

AMARELA (15 mins)

Directed by. André Hayato Saito
Brazil | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS

A Japanese-Brazilian teenager confronts unseen violence and inner turmoil during the World Cup final.

FIZR (12 mins)

Directed by. Rani Nasr
Lebanon | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS

After a violent encounter, two friends clash over justice and survival in a divided society.

The Time Lost (16 min)

Directed by. Eman Munir
Pakistan | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS

A heartbroken clockmaker embarks on a journey of healing and rediscovery with a young admirer.

Kacita (5 mins)

Directed by. Amrit Sapkota
NATIONAL SHORTS

A young woman's disturbing dreams blur the lines between reality and nightmare.

Objects in mirror are closer than they appear (15 mins)

Directed by. Milan Lohani
NATIONAL SHORTS

A man returns his father's car, confronting past wounds and seeking healing.

THE LAST STROKE (10 mins)

Directed by. Roshan Pandey, Rojan Thapa
NATIONAL SHORTS

A man follows his passion for art despite his brother's career pressure.

The School's Wall (15 mins)

Directed by. Mohan Shrestha
NATIONAL SHORTS

A boy fights poverty to pursue his dream of education.

01:15 PM **QFX CIVIL MALL**

The Stranger (80 mins)

Directed by. Biplob Sarkar
Bangladesh | WORLD PANORAMA

A child grapples with gender identity, family tension, and personal freedom in rural Bangladesh.

03:15 PM **QFX CIVIL MALL**

To My Friend (10 mins)

Directed by. Ashraf Sahwiel
Palestine | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS

A man receives a letter from his deceased friend, blurring reality and imagination.

03:15 PM **QFX CIVIL MALL**

The Tie (18 mins)

Directed by. Çamran Azizoğlu
Turkey | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS

A prosecutor's car breaks down, and only criminals can help him reach court.

Khusi (19 mins)

Directed by. Pradhumna Mishra
NATIONAL SHORTS

A woman seeks happiness while devoting herself to a family absorbed in their own lives.

Strata (5 mins)

Directed by. Monika Thapa
NATIONAL SHORTS

A woman's beauty routine reflects the sacrifices made to meet societal pressures.

Himalayan Dreams - Tales of Lhasa

Newar Traders (40 mins)

Directed by. Tenzing Jigme (Tuladhar),
Loonibha Tuladhar
Nepal | DOCS@NIFF

A documentary exploring the centuries-old trade, religion, and cultural ties between Tibet and Nepal.

05:30 PM **QFX CIVIL MALL**

House of Peace (122 mins)

Directed by. Deepankar Prakash
India | WORLD PANORAMA

A man sacrifices his happiness to care for his family, but a crisis pushes him to his limits.

DAY 5 MARCH 24 MONDAY

11:00 AM **QFX CIVIL MALL**

Cold Sigh (87 mins)

Directed by. Nahid Sedigh
Iran | WORLD PANORAMA

A son's journey to bring his father home is haunted by anger and revenge.

01:00 PM **QFX CIVIL MALL**

Pujar Sarki (136 mins)

Directed by. Dinesh Raut
NEPAL PANORAMA

Three individuals unite to challenge caste discrimination and fight for equality.

04:00 PM **QFX CIVIL MALL**

Closing & Award Ceremony

QFX Cinemas Chhaya Center

Thamel, Kathmandu

DAY 1 MARCH 20 THURSDAY

03:30 PM **QFX CHHAYA CENTER**

The Silent Planet (95 mins)

Directed by. Jeffrey St. Jules
Canada | WORLD PANORAMA

An aging convict confronts his past when a new prisoner arrives on his planet.

05:30 PM **QFX CHHAYA CENTER**

On Melting Snow (73 mins)

Directed by. Mojtaba Bahadori
Belgium | DOCS@NIFF

An artist reunites fragmented memories of landscapes divided by time and borders.

No Monastery No Village (27 mins)

Directed by. Tashi Lhazom
NATIONAL DOCS

A Buddhist monastery faces danger from floods, as villagers refuse to abandon it.

DAY 2 MARCH 21 FRIDAY

11:00 AM **QFX CHHAYA CENTER**

Heavy Weight (14 mins)

Directed by. Sea-Hoon Jeon
South Korea | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS

A teen struggles between guilt and silence after a tragic accident.

Mother (29 mins)

Directed by. Sebastian Kwizdiński
Poland | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS

A paroled mother fights to reunite with her son despite resistance.

THE PROFESSIONAL PARENT (14 mins)

Directed by. Erik Jasnáň
Slovakia | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS

Ingrid risks everything to defend a young Roma girl's rights.

A Better Place (12 mins)

Directed by. Ali Sohail Jaura
Pakistan | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS

A lost girl and an undocumented immigrant form an unlikely bond.

Keyboard (25 mins)

Directed by. Acharya Gopal
NATIONAL SHORTS

A boy's dream of singing is shaken by his parents' divorce.

01:15 PM **QFX CHHAYA CENTER**

The Beginning (98 mins)

Directed by. Zhihai Liu
China | WORLD PANORAMA

A young Mao Zedong's journey reshapes his destiny amidst China's chaos.

03:30 PM **QFX CHHAYA CENTER**

A Year Apart (17 mins)

Directed by. Ocean Chin, Yasmin Wang
China | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS

Huilin faces loss, change, and a withering vine at life's crossroads.

The Witness Tree (20 mins)

Directed by. Niranjana Raj Bhethwal
NATIONAL SHORTS

A mother struggles to reveal her son's painful past while protecting him.

Every hesitation of yours can destroy the world (10 mins)

Directed by. Ma Zhiyuan
China | AI COMPETITION

A time-space administrator reunites with Nikola Tesla in modern Shanghai.

The Abyss (10 mins)

Directed by. Andres Aloí
Argentina | AI COMPETITION

A wheelchair-bound woman tests a device that blurs dreams and reality.

The dream, the fog and the rain (5 mins)

Directed by. Carlos García Cornejo
Peru | AI COMPETITION

A lonely man braves a storm, seeking a lost love through music.

Mombomb part 1 (5 mins)

Directed by. Patricia Beckmann Wells
United States | AI COMPETITION

A weaponized Girl Scout baffles a killer troll in 1970s Toledo.

Godcasting (25 mins)

Directed by. Florent Agostini
France | AI COMPETITION

AI Velda creates an interactive short film to integrate new participants.

05:45 PM **QFX CHHAYA CENTER**

FIVE IN THE AFTERNOON (126 mins)

Directed by. Eduardo Nunes
Brazil | WORLD PANORAMA

After her grandmother's death, Anabel bonds with a shy neighbor and a mysterious presence.

DAY 3 MARCH 22 SATURDAY

11:00 AM **QFX CHHAYA CENTER**

Bullet, Buddha, Bastille (13 mins)

Directed by. Xin Cheng Song
China | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS

BoWu returns home, reconnects with his past, and confronts his loneliness.

MUKTI (27 mins)

Directed by. Gaurav Ayer
NATIONAL DOCS

Two strangers, bound by loss, find an unexplained connection across distances.

The Nature of Dogs (24 mins)

Directed by. Porn Bunsermicha
Thailand | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS

A family's seaside vacation unravels hidden tensions in a sacred cave.

A Snail Without Shell (14 mins)

Directed by. Mohin Rakhaine
Bangladesh | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS
An elderly couple awaits their grandson, unaware of the tragedy that struck.

Nilo Aakash (The Blue Sky) (12 mins)

Directed by. Nirmal Poudel
NATIONAL SHORTS
Madhu challenges patriarchal norms and reclaims her voice amidst pregnancy pressures.

01:15 PM **QFX CHHAYA CENTER****Fishbone (98 mins)**

Directed by. Xuyu Zhang
China | WORLD PANORAMA

Li Qi faces the consequences of a quarrel, hiding her secret from her mother.

03:30 PM **QFX CHHAYA CENTER****Prelude of a Story (16 mins)**

Directed by. Ashley Salman
Chile | DOCS@NIFF
A daughter uncovers her mother's past, unraveling the impact of abuse on womanhood.

Goodnight (15 mins)

Directed by. Shrawan Shakya
NATIONAL SHORTS
Sneha struggles with her mother's death while caring for her Alzheimer's grandmother.

Ana Morphose (10 mins)

Directed by. Joao Rodrigues
Portugal | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS
Ana navigates a dreamlike world where books reshape reality, seeking her escape.

Dreamlink (19 mins)

Directed by. Kalani Gacon
Australia | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS
An influencer mother and daughter reconnect through a dream-reality app.

Ecdysis (25 mins)

Directed by. Prajwol Bista
NATIONAL SHORTS
A boy's psychological turmoil drives his transition into adulthood.

05:30 PM **QFX CHHAYA CENTER****Twenty20 (102 mins)**

Directed by. Kwang Han Wong
Singapore | WORLD PANORAMA
Jenny struggles with expectations while caring for her brother and navigating family tensions.

DAY 4 MARCH 23 SUNDAY11:00 AM **QFX CHHAYA CENTER****Anaar Daana (20 mins)**

Directed by. Nishi Dugar
India | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS
Gudda's mischievous spirit faces family loss, reflecting childhood's resilience in adversity.

The Nose Knows: Foreignness and Fortune in China (22 mins)

Directed by. Bill Callahan, Kieran Hanson
Singapore, United Kingdom | DOCS@NIFF
What can noses tell us Chinese identity, and the PRC's increasingly important place in the world?

Happy Wedding Anniversary (14 mins)

Directed by. Nadja Beinert
Germany | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS
A forgotten anniversary and a mysterious gift threaten Simon and Julia's marriage.

The Terrorist (11 mins)

Directed by. Meena Rathor
Norway | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS
Vidar suspects his new flatmate of being a terrorist— or is he biased?

Udne Sapana – A Dream of Flight (11 mins)

Directed by. Deepa Shrestha
NATIONAL DOCS
A community's land was cleared for an airport, but development never came.

Chhesang - The Untold Story (12 mins)

Directed by. Rajeela Shrestha
NATIONAL DOCS
A 21-year-old Chhesang struggles with gender dysphoria, seeking acceptance.

01:15 PM **QFX CHHAYA CENTER****V's Secret (12 mins)**

Directed by. Bassma Nancy Farah
Egypt | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS
Adam's feud with Bassem escalates over a missing G-string, leading to confrontation.

CURA SANA (18 mins)

Directed by. Lucia G. Romero
Spain | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS
Two sisters break the cycle of domestic violence during a San Juan night trip.

The Steak (8 mins)

Directed by. Kiarash Dadgar
Iran | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS
A birthday party preparation is thrown into chaos by an awful event.

Avasesh (27 mins)

Directed by. Manav Subedi
NATIONAL SHORTS
A young scavenger unravels dark truths about survival and morality in the city.

SIYA (14 mins)

Directed by. Sarita Sah
NATIONAL SHORTS
Siya challenges her sacrifice for family when faced with unmet expectations.

Adekh (Unseen) (9 mins)

Directed by. Aayub Kc
NATIONAL SHORTS
Kulaman's plan to secure his son's lineage leads to an unexpected pregnancy.

03:30 PM **QFX CHHAYA CENTER****Mother of Snow Cranes (78 mins)**

Directed by. Iiris Härmä
Finland | DOCS@NIFF
"Mother of Snow Cranes" chronicles Ellen Vuosalo's transformative journey from immigrant to revolutionary.

05:15 PM **QFX CHHAYA CENTER**

Strangers When We Meet (108 mins)

Directed by. Guoli Zhang
China | WORLD PANORAMA

A man seeks peace after 30 years in prison, but a mysterious woman disrupts his life.

DAY 5 MARCH 24 MONDAY

11:00 AM **QFX CHHAYA CENTER**

Mic Drop (27 mins)

Directed by. Kallol Mukherjee
India | DOCS@NIFF

A young Bundelkhandi rapper battles financial struggles to produce his debut album.

FISHBOWL (14 mins)

Directed by. Reema Majid Almajid
Saudi Arabia | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS
A screenwriter faces her fears, confronting past conflicts while filming her story.

The Black Stone (13 mins)

Directed by. Aashuka Aryal
NATIONAL SHORTS

A housewife grapples with her crumbling marriage, sacrificing her happiness for her son.

Girls Rewriting Destiny (33 mins)

Directed by. Lawa Pyakurel
NATIONAL DOCS
27 women climb Ganja La Chuli, symbolizing empowerment and unity.

01:00 PM **QFX CHHAYA CENTER**

Deal at the Border (99 mins)

Directed by. Dastan Zhapar
Kyrgyzstan | WORLD PANORAMA

Two drug runners risk everything to rescue a girl from slavery.

03:00 PM **QFX CHHAYA CENTER**

CHINA BEAST (26 mins)

Directed by. Kuok Hong Yoeng,
Christopher Ling

Malaysia | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS

Allen searches for his missing father, fearing the legendary China Beast.

Maya And The Past Tense (18 mins)

Directed by. Dominic Curseri
Switzerland | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS

Maya carries someone else's memories and has to face her own past.

Tribu (22 mins)

Directed by. Carlos Gómez-Trigo
Spain | INTERNATIONAL SHORTS

Coke navigates loyalty and conflict within his tight-knit neighborhood and friendship.

I take refuge (Saranam Gacchami) (18 mins)

Directed by. Priyanka Suryaneni
United States | DOCS@NIFF

A visionary Buddhist monk builds a sanctuary for Tibetan culture, seeking a successor.

QFX Cinemas Chhaya Center - HALL 2
Thamel, Kathmandu

RUSSIAN FILM DAY - SPECIAL FEATURE

DAY 3 MARCH 22 SATURDAY

12.00 - 02.30 PM

Threesome (Втроем) (90 mins)

Directed by. Alexandra Sarana
Russia

OUT OF COMPETITION

A departmental officer of the Ministry of Culture Dasha decides to escape from problems in her personal life - on a business trip to the Perm region, and her unexpected companion becomes the young owner of a bar Sergei...

02.45 - 04.45 PM

Four Quarters (Четыре четверти) (114 mins)

Directed by. Evgeniya Tirdatova
Russia

OUT OF COMPETITION

Masha moves to Moscow hoping to live through her last school year without incident and earn a gold medal. But love, which she cannot control, interferes with her plans.

05.00 - 07.15 PM

Nuremberg (Нюрнберг) (131 mins)

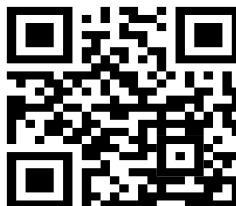
Directed by. Nikolai Lebedev
Russia

OUT OF COMPETITION

Igor Volgin comes to work as a translator at the Nuremberg Trials and meets a young Russian woman Lena...

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NIFF FORUM 2025

DAY 2 MARCH 21 FRIDAY

Beyond Boundaries: AI's Multidimensional Impact on Media Creation

FREE ENTRY | NEPALI/ENGLISH | FRIDAY, MARCH 21 | 11.30 AM - 1.00 PM

Panelists: Karun Thapa (IT, AI and New Media Expert), Mausam Puri (AI Expert), Kundan Basnet (Animator/Creative Supervisor), Rakshya Singh Rana (Film director/editor), Arif Ali (Scientist/Author/Civil Engineer)

Moderator: Sajana Baral (Journalist)

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वक्ताहरू: सरिता गिरी (अभिनेत्री), प्रमोद अग्रहरी (अभिनेता), बुद्धि तामाङ (अभिनेता), सुजना अधिकारी (अभिनेत्री)

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सहजकर्ता: रञ्जीत आचार्य, (प्रबन्ध निर्देशक, वाइस्कॉप सिनेमा)

DAY 3 MARCH 22 SATURDAY

सर्ट फिल्म : किन भरन करिअरको खुडिकलो !

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सहजकर्ता: किरण विक (निर्देशक)

संस्कृति, पर्यटन तथा नागरिक उड्डयन मन्त्रीसँग चलचित्रका कुरा !

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सहजकर्ता: निता काफ्ले (सञ्चारकर्मी)

Nepal Tourism Board (NTB)
Bhrikutimandap, Kathmandu

DAY 4 MARCH 23 SUNDAY

Bridge the Silver Screen: Intricacies of co-production

FREE ENTRY | ENGLISH | SUNDAY, MARCH 23 | 11.00 AM - 12.30 PM

Panelists: Dr. Riwta Dutta (Professor, film critic, editor), Prof. Liu Jiayin (Screenwriter, director), Min B. Bham (Director, producer), Binod Paudel (Film director, writer), **Moderator:** Deependra Gauchan (Filmmaker)

फिल्म प्रदर्शनमा किन सधैं कमीला ?

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सहजकर्ता: रीना मोक्तान (सञ्चारकर्मी)

Cinematic Medium: The Element and Essence of Tourism

FREE ENTRY | ENGLISH | SUNDAY, MARCH 23 | 03.00 PM - 04.30 PM

Panelists: Dinesh DC (Chairperson, Film Development Board), Deepak Raj Joshi (CEO, Nepal Tourism Board), Yubika Bhandari (Secretary General, Nepal Association of Tour & Travel Agents), **Moderator:** Surya Thapaliya (Sr. Manager, Nepal Tourism Board)

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