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The 2021 Vermont International Film Festival – 10/8 - 10/17 - Special events and screenings, Guests

Burlington, VT: (Sept, 24): VTIFF is pleased to announce the 2021 Vermont International Film Festival, October 8th to October 17th.

Now in its 36th year, this 10-day celebration of cinema and community takes place at the Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center with screenings in both the Black Box Theater and the Film House and events in the Atrium on the 3rd Floor of Main Street Landing. Other locations include The Savoy Theater in Montpelier that for the first time will act as a satellite venue for VTIFF. Over 50% of the films will also be offered virtually on VTIFF's Virtual Cinema platform.

We will be presenting 39 films of all genres and styles from around the world and the USA, special guests and 2 special events. Countries of origin include some first timers such as Malta (<https://vtiff.org/events/luzzu>), Myanmar (<https://vtiff.org/events/money-has-four-legs/>), Ethiopia (<https://vtiff.org/events/faya-dayi/>) and many more.

The full schedule is now available online for viewing and ticket purchase. The printed festival program will be inserted in every issue of Seven Days on Wednesday, September 29th, then



available at the Festival Office at 156 College Street in Burlington and at the festival venues Visit <http://www.vtiff.org/> for more information.

Filmmakers and Special Guests

VTIFF is excited to welcome over 13 filmmakers who will attend their screenings and the post-screening Q&As - either in person or via Zoom. For a full list of guests visit

<https://vtiff.org/festivals/2021-vermont-international-film-festival/2021-filmmakers-guests/>

Opening Night Film: VTIFF is proud to announce that *Sweet Thing* by veteran filmmaker Alexandre Rockwell has been selected to open the 2021 Vermont International Film Festival. The film will be screened Friday, Sept 8 at 7pm at Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center – Film House, and will be followed by a Q&A with Mr. Rockwell and his daughter Lana, who stars in the film. For more information about the film visit <https://vtiff.org/events/sweet-thing/>

World Premiere: The festival will also host a world premiere of Nora Jacobson's documentary about Vermont Poet Laureate Ruth Stone - for more information visit <https://vtiff.org/events/ruth-stones-vast-library-of-the-female-mind/>. Jacobson and members of the Stone family will attend in person.

A new documentary out this month is **Fauci**, which VTIFF nabbed for its New England premiere. For more information visit <https://vtiff.org/events/fauci>.

Special event: Reception to honor E. W. Stetson, recipient of the year's VTIFF Community Champion Award. For more information visit <https://vtiff.org/events/community-champion/>

VTIFF 2021 sponsors include Grace Jones Richardson Trust, PCC (Physicians Computer Company), Wake Robin, Green Valley Media, Vermont Humanities and Main Street Landing.



The Vermont International Film Foundation (VTIFF) is a cultural non-profit organization whose mission is to enrich the community and bring the world to Vermont through film. VTIFF operates year-round with monthly screenings, the Global Roots Film Festival and the Made here Film Festival . VTIFF celebrates its 36th anniversary in 2021. The largest program of VTIFF is the annual Vermont International Film Festival, best known for featuring groundbreaking and independent films from around the world and Vermont. The 2021 festival runs September 8th to 17th in Burlington, Montpelier and online. More information at [**VTIFF.ORG**](https://vtiff.org)

High-res film stills at [**VTIFF.ORG/PRESS**](https://vtiff.org/press)

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