

SOCIAL EVENTS

 **PENDANCE**
FILM FESTIVAL



27 FEB · FRIDAY
11:00 PM PUB NIGHT

Social event at Hair of The Dog
425 Church St., Toronto

28 FEB · SATURDAY
11:00 PM SATURDAY SOCIAL

Social event at Mick E Fynn's
45 Carlton St., Toronto

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8:00 PM PENDANCE CLOSING GALA

Ticketed event for pass holders & invited guests
Nickel 9 Distillery - 90 Cawthra Ave #100, Toronto

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FILM FESTIVAL

The Pendance Film Festival brings together the brightest emerging talents and original storytellers in the world every winter in Toronto. With packed and energetic audiences, a relentless filmmaker-first attitude and top-notch programming, Pendance has quickly become one of the fastest growing film festivals in the world.

TICKETS



MORE INFORMATION



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VENUE

Carlton Cinema
20 Carlton St.
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27 FEB · FRIDAY



6:00 PM CANADIANA SHORTS

8 brilliantly crafted dramatic short films from Canada.

- › Bare by Marc-Antoine Kelertas
- › Full Fat by Amir Honarmand
- › Men Who Fish by Rachel Siegel
- › Vincent On The Island by Emma Macklin, Daniel Karan
- › No Idea by Kel Kitagawa
- › Sick Bird by Gabriella Rigakos
- › Strong Little Flower by Renee Foy
- › Nikita by Jessie Posthumus



8:30 PM SEEMS LIKE LOVE

by Yana Klimova-Yusupova
2025 | 92 min | Language: Russian

Liza comes to St. Petersburg for the first time. She is young, beautiful and believes that all her dreams will certainly come true. Bridges sung by poets, embankments covered in legends and unique parties of St. Petersburg bohemia – this city knows how to charm. Liza falls in love with the northern capital at first sight. An unexpected meeting with a young artist and his musician friend becomes a real adventure filled with laughter, white nights and the sale of an antique bed.



6:00 PM FANTASY LIFE

by Matthew Shear
2026 | 91 min | Language: English

After getting laid off, a thirty-something paralegal in New York starts babysitting his psychiatrist's three granddaughters and falls for their mother, an actress in a rocky marriage.

SHORT FILM No Idea by Kel Kitagawa



8:30 PM LAUGHS & FRIGHTS

Are you ready to laugh? These shorts are mostly funny, quirky, action-packed and damn entertaining!

- › The Butchers by Chad Andrews
- › Candy Bar by Nash Edgerton
- › The Clam Guy by Jen Nista, Max Beckerman
- › Juices by Jessica Mackie Hunter
- › The Lift by King Dawit
- › Men Who Fish by Rachel Siegel
- › The Pearl Comb by Ali Cook
- › What You Lack by Sara Bermejo
- › Would You Love Me If I Were A Worm by Aaron Alter

28 FEB · SATURDAY



1:00 PM THROUGH HER EYES

9 beautiful stories by women about women, covering the vast, diverse and rich experiences of women from all over the world.

- › Absolved by Malindi Asuncion
- › An Excess Baggage by Myriam Garcia Marienstras
- › Boliche by Helher Escribano
- › Dream Within a Dream by Hyunji Kwon
- › Cycles by Chinwe Okorie
- › Ingrid by Raquel Colera
- › Leili's Photo by Maral Mostafavi
- › Mica by Bronwen Spolsky
- › They Call Me Tattoo Witch by Lindsay Nyman



3:30 PM SILENT REBELLION

by Marie-Elsa Sgualdo
2025 | 97 min | Language: French

15-year-old Emma, pregnant after a rape, defies her repressive rural Protestant community to carve a path of self-determination, transforming trauma into a catalyst for emancipation while confronting the moral hypocrisy of the village and the spectre of World War II around her.

SHORT FILM Sick Bird by Gabriella Rigakos



1:00 PM HUMAN RESOURCE

by Nawapol Thamrongrattanarit
2025 | 122 min | Language: Thai

Working in HR, Fren closely observes people's lives through interviews with numerous young new hires at her unjust company. No one knows she's one month pregnant — and quietly grappling with whether to bring a child into this difficult world.



2:30 PM CINEMA MON AMOUR

7 short films exhibits some of the most interest, daring, visionary and unique expressions of storytelling at Pendance 2026

- › Cats by Danilo Stanimirovic
- › Darshan by Alberto Allica
- › Found & Lost by Reza Rasouli
- › Karupy by Kalainithan Kalaichelvan
- › The Last People by Nicolás Pindeus
- › Nikita by Jessie Posthumus
- › Professional Parent by Erik Jasan
- › Vultures by Dian Weys



5:00 PM SON OF SARA VOL. 1

by Houston Bone
2025 | 85 min | Language: English

A pregnant woman, haunted by strange urges and visions, accepts an invitation to dinner that spirals into a bloody, demented nightmare.