



## VTFF MEDIA RELEASE - FAQs

### What?

The 1st Annual Vancouver Turkish Film Festival (VTFF)

### When?

23 - 25 January, 2015

### Where?

VIFF Vancity Theatre

### Why?

To constitute an international stage for Turkish filmmakers to showcase their works and also act as a platform to further bridge the Turkish-Canadian artistic gap.

### Online Ticket Sales?

Official Web Page  
[www.vtff.ca](http://www.vtff.ca)

VIFF Vancity Theatre  
<http://www.viff.org/theatre/series/turkish-film-festival>

**\*Opening Night** (Friday, January 23rd, 2015)

**VTFF Opening Cocktail, followed by Classical Music Concert and Opening Film "PEK YAKINDA" / "COMING SOON" (Dir. Cem Yilmaz)**

**\*Closing Night** (January 25th, 2015)

**VTFF Closing Ceremonies, followed by Closing Film "The Butterfly's Dream" (Dir. Yilmaz Erdogan)**

### Organizers

**Eylem Sonmez, VTFF President**  
**Hakan Burcuoglu, VTFF Director**



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Turkish Cinema *reveals its heart* in the **1st Annual Vancouver Turkish Film Festival (VTFF)**, scheduled to be inaugurated *January 23rd, 2015* with an opening Gala event at Vancity Theatre.

**VTFF** will come to a close Sunday evening on *January 25th*.

The aim of **VTFF** is not only constitute an international stage for filmmakers to showcase their works, but also act as a platform to further bridge the Turkish-Canadian artistic gap.

### Background

2014 has been one of the most internationally successful and prolific years for Turkish films. As we celebrate the 100th year of Turkish Cinema, 2014 also constitutes another milestone, in the form of a *Palme d'Or*, for Nuri Bilge Ceylan's "**Winter Sleep**" - the highest accolade awarded to a Turkish film director since Yılmaz Güney's "**Yol**", the *Palme d'Or* winner in 1982.

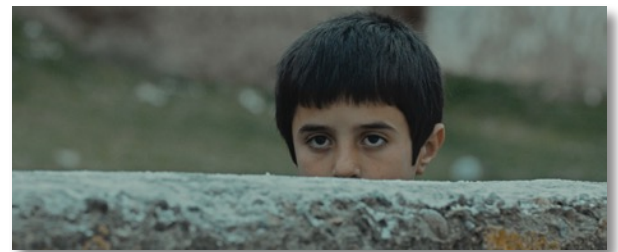
In this regard, the arrival of **VTFF** coincides with the reignited, *golden era* of Turkish Cinema. It is evident that the time is ripe, and the atmosphere conducive, to host a film event of this caliber in Vancouver – a city full of film lovers of all kinds!



*"Thou Gild'st the Even" (Dir. Onur Unlu)*



*"Singing Women" (Dir. Reha Erdem)*



*"Sivas" (Dir. Kaan Mujdeci)*

## VTFF Films

**VTFF** has been devised to be an all-inclusive festival in terms of film genre. Works of mainstream, auteur/art, documentary and short filmmakers will be featured.

Mainstream films “**Coming Soon**” (Dir. Cem Yilmaz) and “**Whisper If I Forget**” (Dir. Cagan Irmak) are fresh out of the Turkish Box Office and our closing film, “**The Butterfly’s Dream**” (Dir. Yilmaz Erdogan) was Turkey’s official 2014 OSCAR submission.



“*The Butterfly’s Dream*” (Dir. Y.Erdogan)



“*Coming Soon*” (Dir. Cem Yilmaz)



“*Whisper If I Forget*” (Dir. Cagan Irmak)

**VTFF** is committed to feature internationally acclaimed Turkish art films. Headlining the *VTFF Venice Showcase* is the fresh-out-of Venice Special Jury Prize award winner “**Sivas**” (Dir. Kaan Mujdeci), a starkly photographed, electrifying film chronicling the relationship between a young village boy and his fighter dog in Eastern Turkey.

Other internationally acclaimed art films include auteur director Reha Erdem’s genre-defying “**Singing Women**”, Turkey’s *enfant terrible* Onur Unlu’s Shakespeare infused surreal fable “**Thou Gld’st the Even**”, and and Ali Aydin’s Venice-certified poignant film “**Mold**”.

As part of the *VTFF Cannes Showcase*, Palme d’Or winning short film “**Silent**” (Dir. Rezan Yesilbas) makes its Canadian debut alongside two other acclaimed Turkish Shorts.

Poignant documentaries such the LGBT themed “**My Child**”, the charming “**Taskafa**”, a subtle, insightful film about the streets dogs of Istanbul, and “**Turkish Passport**”, a documentary about the Turkish diplomats who saved numerous Jews during the Second World War will also be screened as part of the VTFF selection.

**Come and Join Us at the Inaugural VTFF !**

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