

## **Havana Glasgow Film Festival 2020**

### **Text-only version - Programme**

Havana Glasgow Film Festival (10-15 Nov 2020) goes online this year and presents a packed programme of Cuban film, discussion, food and dance events around our theme - *Extraordinary Cuba!*

Most of the film programme will be available to watch anytime during the Festival, although audiences get their best experience **watching together** as many events have discussions, Q&As or interviews with the filmmakers and guests before or after the films. These events are marked **Watch Live**

Festival Passes give access to the whole Festival and cost £15 full price / £7.50 concessions.

Passes are on sale at [www.hgfilmfest.com](http://www.hgfilmfest.com). You need to register with our platform, Muvi, in order to view the films.

Once registered, you will be able to watch films from 12pm on Tues 10th until midnight on Sun 15th.

Special Q&As with filmmakers and guests will stream live on our @HGFilmFest Facebook page straight after our Watch Live film times

### **Accessibility**

If you need assistance with accessing films or events online, including how to use Muvi, Facebook or Zoom, you can get in touch with HGFF's Access & Support Team between 10am and 5pm every day of the Festival. Email [hello@hgfilmfest.com](mailto:hello@hgfilmfest.com) and leave your phone number and we will call you back.

**All Spanish films are subtitled in English and some are captioned - check our events on our website / FB for details**

**Wed 28 October**

**Watch Live: Day of the Flowers + Q&A writer Eirene Houston, director John Roberts and producer Jonathan Rae**

7.30-9.45pm

John Roberts / 2013 / UK / Comedy, Drama, Romance / 15 / 1hr39min

Two Scottish sisters steal their father's ashes from their stepmother and head to Cuba to find a final resting place for the remains

**Sat 7 November - Super Saturday Salsa Launch**

**Kid's Salsa Latin Fun**

1-1.45pm

A live salsa dance class, led by Farah Alonso Portelo, that all the family can enjoy

**Cuban Salsa Dance Workshop with OSCLE and LISI - £5 additional charge**

4-5pm

Open level Salsa 'Suelta' Dance workshop with Cuban professional Dancers OSCLE & LISI

**Watch Live: De Vuelta Al Barrio / Back to the Neighbourhood + Q&A Alejandro Valera**

7-9.15pm

Alejandro Valera Losa / 2019 / Documentary / 16+ / 1hr20min

Acclaimed Cuban salsa band El Niño y La Verdad return to their roots in the *barrios* of Havana to find inspiration for their latest album

**Mon 9 Nov**

**Poetry workshop: A Thistle and a Rose**

**Migrant Voice: Media Lab Training**

6.30-7.45pm

Poetry workshop led by Felix Flores Varona and Migrant Voice, connecting Cuban and Scottish writing

**Tues 10 November**

**Watch Live: Welcome to HGFF20 with Co-Directors Eirene Houston and Hugo Rivalta**

7-7.20pm

A live conversation between Eirene Houston in Glasgow and Hugo Rivalta in Havana, discussing their highlights of HGFF20 and answering your questions

**Watch Live: Cuba: Living Between Hurricanes + Q&A Michael Chanan, Jean Stubbs**

7.30-9.15pm

Michael Chanan / 2019 / Documentary / N/C / 1hr10min

An exploration of the effects of the elements and climate change on a fishing community in Cuba

**Wed 11 November**

**Nosotros La Música / We, the Music**

5.30-6:40pm

Rogelio Paris / 1964 / Poland / Documentary / N/C / 1hr6min

A rare panorama of Cuban music and dance from the 1960s, capturing the mood and vitality of Havana during its golden period

**Watch Live: Cuban Food Night with Professional Masterchef Champion Gary Maclean**

8-9pm

A fun and informative evening in the kitchen of Glaswegian chef Gary Maclean, cooking food inspired by his recent trip to Cuba

**Thurs 12 November**

**Inocencia / Innocence**

2.30-4.30pm

Alejandro Gil / Cuba / 2018 / Drama / 18 / 2hr1min

Award-winning fiction film inspired by the true life tragic event that occurred in Havana, 1871, when eight Cuban medical students were unjustly executed by the Spanish colonial authorities

**Watch Live: Ghost Town to Havana, Introduced by Cinematographer Roberto Chile + Q&A Eugene Corr**

5-7.15pm

Eugene Corr, Roberto Chile / 2015 / Documentary / N/C / 1hr26min

A heartbreaking and funny story of mentorship, baseball and everyday heroism in tough circumstances in Oakland and Havana

**El Viaje Extraordinario de Celeste Garcia / The Extraordinary Journey of Celeste Garcia + Q&A with Maria Isabel Diaz**

8-10pm

Arturo Infante / 2019 / Comedy, Sci-Fi / 12 / 1hr32min

Celeste García is looking for a life change. When a group of aliens land in Cuba offering earthlings a chance to visit their planet, Celeste signs up for the journey.

**Friday 13 November**

**The Man Behind the Myth, Intimate Portrait of Fidel Castro (TBC)**

12-1.30pm

Jean Pelletier / 2015 / Canada / Documentary / 55min

Fidel Castro is one of the most famous and controversial figures of the 20th century. But who is the man behind the iconic images?

**La Pelicula de Ana /Ana's Film + Interview with writer Eddie Del Llano**

2-4.15pm

Daniel Diaz Torres / 2012 / Drama / 18 / 1hr40min

The story of Ana, an actress who dares to participate in a pseudo-documentary about prostitution to solve her economic problems

**Watch Live: Nicolás Guillén Landrián - Memory in Progress + Panel Discussion**

4.30-7pm

Focus on experimental Afro-Cuban filmmaker Nicolás Guillén Landrián in collaboration with Edinburgh University

**Watch Live: Cuba and COVID19: Public Health, Science and Solidarity**

7.30-10pm

A fascinating evening of film and discussion relating to Cuba's unique response to COVID, curated and presented by economic historian Helen Yaffe

**Saturday 14 November**

***Elpidio Valdes***

10:15am-11:30am

Juan Padrón / 1979 / Cuba / Animation / 1hr10min

An animation featuring the popular cartoon figure Elpidio Valdes - a mambí colonel fighting for the liberation of his Cuban homeland from Spanish colonialism in 1895

**Watch Live: *La Pared de las palabras / The Wall of Words + Discussion***

1-3.30pm

Fernando Perez / Cuba / 2014 / Drama / 15 / 1hr37min

A stark but honest tale about the importance of communication and what it means to be family.

**Watch Live: Vampires in Havana**

**Q+A Ian Padrón, son of Juan Padrón, with Raquel Ribiero**

3.40pm- 6pm

Juan Padrón / Cuba / 1985 / Animation, Comedy, Horror / 1hr20min

A vampire family from Cuba is preparing for a showdown between USA and Eastern European vampires. But they need a type of vaccination where they can live in daylight, so call upon Count Dracula's son to help them.

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An opportunity to find out more about this famous animator, by his son

**Watch Live: Cuban cocktail making demo and informal chat with the HGFF team**

6.15-6.45pm

A chance to learn how to make a classic Cuban cocktail - a mojito and created just for us, the Havana Glasgow Cocktail,

**Watch Live: Los Van Van Latest Music Videos + Q&A Alejandro Valera**

6.45-7.20pm

Newly-released music videos of top Cuban salsa band Los Van Van, directed by Alejandro Valera

**Watch Live: Cuban Legends Double Bill + Q&A with Directors**

7.30-10pm

**Eliades Ochoa: From Cuba to the World**

7.30-9.10pm

Cynthia Biestek, Ruben Gomez / 2019 / UK / Documentary / 1h40min

A poor country musician playing on the streets of Eastern Cuba finds success as an original member of the famous Buena Vista Social Club

**Silvio Rodríguez: Mi Primera Tarea / My First Calling**

9.10-9.35pm

Catherine Murphy / 2020 / US/Cuba / Documentary / 25 mins

Unravelling the unknown story of poet-musician Silvio Rodriguez

**Sunday 15 November**

**Watch Live: Connecting Cuban and Scottish literature - Felix Flores Varona**

12- 3.15pm

Felix, a Cuban PhD student at Stirling University, introduces the Cuban film **Cecilia** (Humberto Solás / 1982 / Spain / Drama / 2hr7min) and leads a post-film discussion on the connection between the film/novel and Sir Walter Scott's book 'Waverley'

**Watch Live: Cuba from the Inside - featuring shorts from Cuba Platform and Belly of the Beast**

3.30-6.30pm

A selection of Cuban short films inspired by our theme, including *The War on Cuba*, followed by a discussion with some of the filmmakers

**En Las Laderas del Himalaya / On the Slopes of the Himalayas**

6.40-7.25pm

Roberto Chile / Cuba / 2006 / Documentary / 37min

Documentary about Cuban medical volunteers in Pakistan following the devastating earthquake of 2005

**Watch Live: ¡SALUD! / Health! + Discussion Helen Yaffe and Gail Reed**

7.30-9.30pm

Connie Field / 2006 / Documentary / 1hr33min

An exploration of what puts Cuba on the map in the quest for global health

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