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THE CALGARY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL LAUNCHES EARLY BIRD PASSES & TICKET BUNDLES FOR THE 2026 FESTIVAL

The Festival's best prices are available July 15 - 17, with savings on bundles and premium passes ahead of the 2026 lineup announcement

Calgary, AB – The biggest event of the year for Alberta moviegoers is back! Film lovers can start planning their Calgary International Film Festival experience as CIFF launches its Early Bird sale on festival passes and ticket bundles. Beginning Wednesday, July 15 at 10:00 a.m. (MST) and ending Friday, July 17 at 10:00 a.m. (MST), audiences will have the opportunity to secure tickets at our steepest discount before this year's lineup is announced, available exclusively at CIFFcalgary.ca.

Whether attending a handful of screenings or diving into the festival's complete lineup, CIFF offers options for every type of moviegoer, from first-time attendees to dedicated cinephiles and industry professionals.

"Our ticket bundles have been a wonderful way to share tickets with friends and family, but we know for some film buffs, they want more options. We're thrilled to bring back an All-Access Pass option, along with a broad new selection of pass options that allow CIFF's biggest fans to make the most of the festival," said Katherine Penhale, CIFF's Executive Director.

CIFF 2026, presented by Servus Credit Union, returns September 24 - October 4, 2026, bringing 11 days of exceptional local, Canadian, and international cinema to audiences at venues throughout downtown Calgary and Cineplex Theatre Chinook Centre. Celebrating the power of storytelling through film, CIFF continues to connect audiences with filmmakers through world-class screenings, premieres, industry events, and unforgettable festival experiences.

EARLY BIRD TICKET BUNDLES

5 Ticket Bundle

Perfect for newcomers looking to experience the festival or share tickets with friends. Redeemable for regular screenings (including Special Presentations) and select

Industry events.

Early Bird: \$79.99 (Regular \$85)

8 Ticket Bundle

Designed for film lovers wanting to experience even more of the festival. Redeemable for regular screenings (including Special Presentations) and select Industry events.

Early Bird: \$120 (Regular \$128)

16 Ticket Bundle

Ideal for festival fans planning to immerse themselves in the CIFF experience.

Redeemable for regular screenings (including Special Presentations) and select Industry events.

Early Bird: \$221 (Regular \$240)

EARLY BIRD FESTIVAL PASSES

All-Access Pass – \$425 (Regular \$475)

The ultimate pass for cinephiles, offering admission to regular screenings, Special Presentations, Spotlight+ events, and select Industry programming, plus:

- 24-hour presale access
- Printed festival pass
- Festival merchandise discounts
- One ticket to the annual CIFF Trailer Party
- Reserved seating for the first 10 passholders (shared with Supporter Pass holders)
- Access to select CIFF parties

Supporter Pass – \$700 (Regular \$750)

Enjoy the complete festival experience while supporting CIFF's mission. Benefits include all All-Access privileges, plus a \$275 charitable tax receipt (or \$550 with the purchase of two passes) and additional recognition opportunities.

Industry All-Access Pass – \$330 (Regular \$349)

Available to accredited industry professionals, this pass includes access to the full film lineup, Industry Conference, networking events, and additional festival benefits.

Student All-Access Pass – \$230 (Regular \$249)

Designed for accredited post-secondary students pursuing careers in film and media, providing access to films, industry programming, and networking opportunities.

Diamond Pass – \$10,000

Available for early purchase with no Early Bird discount, the Diamond Pass delivers the festival's premier VIP experience for two people, including guaranteed seating, additional ticket bundles, exclusive programming opportunities, a charitable tax receipt, and premium festival access.

The complete 2026 Calgary International Film Festival lineup will be unveiled on Wednesday, August 26 at 11:00 a.m. (MST). The first wave of the 2026 film program will be announced on August 12.

Regular single-ticket sales begin Friday, August 28 at 10:00 a.m. (MST).

Media Accreditation Opens July 28

Applications for 2026 CIFF Media Accreditation open July 28 and close August 28, 2026. Media Accreditation provides broadcasters, journalists, writers, bloggers, and influencers with access to film screenings, industry panels, special events, and red carpet opportunities throughout Alberta's largest film festival. Accredited media can capture content, review films, and interview filmmakers from around the world. **Media: Please Save the Date for the Full Lineup Announcement Press Conference on August 26 at 11 a.m.—more details coming soon.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Fan-favourite Trailer Party returns on August 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Globe Cinema.

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About the Calgary International Film Festival

Founded in 2000, the Calgary International Film Festival (CIFF) is a not-for-profit charitable organization that brings films and filmmakers from around the world to Calgary for its annual Fall festival and year-round programming. CIFF is now the largest event of its kind in Alberta and the sixth-largest film festival in Canada, bringing audiences together for remarkable and engaging cinematic experiences. CIFF is proud to present its 27th festival from September 24 – October 4, 2026 with in-cinema screenings, celebrating stand-out stories and offering once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

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