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# CANADIAN SPORT FILM FESTIVAL



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Provoking dialogue on  
the power of sport to  
inspire social change

# Festival Schedule

## Friday, November 17, 2023

**Opening Night**, 7 p.m. Cinema 3

**JessZilla**

– with Man to Man



**Location:** TIFF Bell Lightbox  
350 King Street West, Toronto

## Saturday, November 18, 2023

1 p.m. Cinema 2

**0.5 Meters**

– with The Winner

4 p.m. Cinema 4

**Pasang: In the Shadow of Everest**

– with Broken Breath

**Closing Night**, 7 p.m. Cinema 4

**Red, White and Brass**

– with Friday Night Blind



Opening Night - Cinema 3

Friday, November 17, 7 p.m.

# JessZilla

2023, United States, Documentary, 90 min

Director: Emily Sheskin

Jesselyn ‘JessZilla’ Silva is a 15-year-old girl from New Jersey and a three-time National Boxing Champion. Jess has her sights set on becoming the best in boxing. Her father, Pedro, navigates what it means to support his daughter’s dreams in a male-dominated sport that’s also very dangerous. On the cusp of making the U.S. Olympic team, she faces her toughest battle yet: a cancer diagnosis.



Screening with:

# Man to Man

2022, United Kingdom, Drama, 19 min

Director: Shehroze Khan

Malcolm brings his son Dion to a boxing ring to ‘make a man’ out of him. Tensions fly as Dion decides he cannot be the kind of man his father wants him to be, and refuses to learn how to fight.

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Cinema 2

**Saturday, November 18, 1 p.m.**

## 0.5 Meters

**Canadian Premiere**

2021, Spain, Documentary, 78 min

Director: Gonzalo Suárez Garayo

Gonzalo, a film director, is paralyzed following a car accident. He borrows a video camera and starts filming everything that happens to him as a form of self-therapy. Gonzalo joins Spain's famous wheelchair basketball team Amfiv and turns the camera on his teammates, telling their stories and also chronicling his own journey from his perspective at 0.5 meters from the ground.



Screening with:

## The Winner

2022, Iran, Drama, 14 min

Director: Ali Keyvan

Vahid's new bike, which his dad bought for him so he could compete in a race, seems to resemble another boy's bike that was recently stolen.

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Cinema 4

**Saturday, November 18, 4 p.m.**

## Pasang: In the Shadow of Everest

2022, United States, Documentary, 71 min

Director: Nancy Svendsen

This film tells the tragic and inspiring story of Pasang Lhamu Sherpa - the first Nepali woman to summit Mount Everest in 1993. As an uneducated, Indigenous woman and a Buddhist in a Hindu kingdom, Pasang's dream to scale the legendary mountain pits her against family, foreign climbers, her own government and nature itself.



Screening with:

### Broken Breath

2022, Italy, Documentary, 24 min

Director: Morgan Bertacca

World champion free diver and researcher Mike Maric overcomes loss and grief to rediscover the power of the breath and help others breathe with greater awareness.

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## Red, White and Brass

2023, New Zealand, Drama, 85 min

Director: Damon Fepulea'i

Maka, a Tongan superfan, will do whatever it takes to get tickets to the Tonga vs France Rugby World Cup game – even if it means promising to deliver a brass band for the pre-match entertainment. The only problem is, the band doesn't exist and Maka has four weeks to make one. Inspired by a true story.



Screening with:

## Friday Night Blind

2022, United States, Documentary, 13 min

Directors: Scott Krahn & Robb Fischer

Three visually impaired friends introduce us to their Friday night bowling league where there is no shortage of strikes, spares, gutter balls, trash talking, and victory dancing.

## CSFF Digital Festival

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### JessZilla

– with Friday Night Blind

### Pasang: In the Shadow of Everest

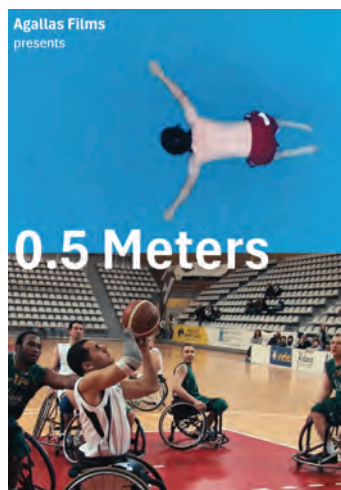
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