

William Woods University - Dulany Library
International Film Series
2018-2019



(Films are shown at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm in the Library Auditorium)

- Aug. 22 **[Snow Flower and the Secret Fan](#)** China (104 min.) 2011
In 19th-century China, seven year-old girls Snow Flower and Lily are matched as laotong - or "old sames" - bound together for eternity. Isolated by their families, they furtively communicate by taking turns writing in a secret language between the folds of a white silk fan. In a parallel story in present day Shanghai, the laotong's descendants, Nina and Sophia, struggle to maintain the intimacy of their own childhood friendship in the face of demanding careers, complicated love lives, and a relentlessly evolving Shanghai. Drawing on the lessons of the past, the two modern women must understand the story of their ancestral connection, hidden from them in the folds of the antique white silk fan, or risk losing one another forever. In Mandarin Chinese with English subtitles. Rated PG-13.
- Sept. 5 **[Nocturama](#)** France (130 min.) 2016
A group of tense, shifty adolescents prowl the streets and subways of Paris, learning through carefully delineated sequences that they're already well underway with a bombing plot. And then it becomes something familiar, yet altogether different, as these subversives tuck away inside a shopping mall and lose themselves in consumer culture. In French with English subtitles. Unrated.
- Sept. 12 **[Sami Blood](#)** Sweden (109 min.) 2017
A 14-year-old girl belonging to the Sami people, a Scandinavian ethnic minority, is subjected to racism and eugenic scrutiny in the 1930s when she is removed from her family and sent to a state-run school that aims to reeducate her into Swedish culture. She must soon choose between new academic opportunities or staying true to her cultural identity, all while weathering the storms of adolescence. In Swedish with English subtitles. Unrated.
- Oct. 3 **[Demon](#)** Poland (94 min.) 2016
A smart, atmospheric Polish horror film about a wedding that gets interrupted after the groom becomes possessed by a Jewish "dybbuk" (a cross between a vampire and a ghost). In Polish with English subtitles. Rated R.

- Oct. 10 [**El Laberinto del fauno \(Pan's Labyrinth\)**](#) Spain (119 min.) 2006
Young Ofelia enters a world of unimaginable cruelty when she moves in with her new stepfather. Armed with only her imagination, Ofelia discovers a mysterious labyrinth. But soon, the lines between fantasy and reality begin to blur and she finds herself at the center of a ferocious battle between good and evil.
In Spanish with English subtitles. Rated R.
Presented as part of Hispanic Heritage Month; a discussion, led by Dr. Hannah Bolados, Assistant Professor of Spanish, will follow each showing of the film.
- Nov. 7 [**Thelma**](#) Norway (116 min.) 2017
Thelma, a shy young student, has just left her religious family in a small town on the west coast of Norway to study at a university in Oslo. While at the library one day, she experiences a violent, unexpected seizure. Soon after, she finds herself intensely drawn toward Anja, a beautiful young student who reciprocates Thelma's powerful attraction. As the semester continues, Thelma becomes increasingly overwhelmed by her intense feelings for Anja - feelings she doesn't dare acknowledge, even to herself - while at the same time experiencing even more extreme seizures. As it becomes clearer that the seizures are a symptom of inexplicable, often dangerous, supernatural abilities, Thelma is confronted with tragic secrets of her past, and the terrifying implications of her powers. In Norwegian with English subtitles. Unrated.
- Nov. 14 [**A Fantastic Woman**](#) Chile (104 min.) 2017
Marina and Orlando are in love and planning their future, when one night Orlando suddenly falls ill and passes away. Instead of being able to mourn her lover, Marina is treated with suspicion by authorities and with disdain by his family. She is forbidden to attend his funeral and thrown out of the apartment they shared. Marina is a trans woman and for most of Orlando's family, her sexual identity is a perversion. So she must battle the very same forces that she has spent a lifetime fighting just to become the woman she is now – a complex, strong, forthright and fantastic woman. In Spanish with English subtitles. Rated R.
- Jan. 9 [**Sing Street**](#) Ireland (106 min.) 2017
Sing Street takes us back to 1980s Dublin seen through the eyes of a 14-year-old boy named Conor who is looking for a break from a home strained by his parents' relationship and money troubles, while trying to adjust to his new inner-city public school where the kids are rough and the teachers are rougher. He finds a glimmer of hope in the mysterious, über-cool and beautiful Raphina and with the aim of winning her heart he invites her to star in his band's music videos. There's only one problem: he's not part of a band...yet. She agrees, and now Conor must deliver what he's promised - calling himself "Cosmo" and immersing himself in the vibrant rock music trends of the decade, he forms a band with a few lads, and the group pours their heart into writing lyrics and shooting videos. Inspired by writer/director John Carney's life and love for music, SING STREET shows us a world where music has the power to take us away from the turmoil of everyday life and transform us into something greater. In English. Rated PG-13.
- Jan. 16 [**About Elly**](#) Iran (119 min.) 2015
A gripping mystery set among a group of old friends on a holiday retreat. With the return of their close friend Ahmad from Germany, a group of former college pals decide to reunite for a weekend outing by the Caspian Sea. The fun starts right away as they quickly catch on to the plan of lively Sepideh, who has brought along Elly, her daughter's kindergarten teacher, in hopes of setting her up with recently divorced Ahmad. But seemingly trivial lies, which start accumulating from the moment the group arrives at the seashore, suddenly swing round and come back full force when one afternoon Elly suddenly vanishes. Her mysterious disappearance sets in motion a series of deceptions and revelations that threaten to shatter everything they hold dear. In Persian with English subtitles. Unrated.
- Feb. 6 [**Don't Swallow My Heart, Alligator Girl!**](#) Brazil (106 min.) 2017

A tale about love and war, telling the story of Joca, a Brazilian boy who falls in love with a Paraguayan girl in the border of the two countries. To fight for this love, Joca will have to face the violent memories of his city and the secrets of his elder brother, Fernando, a local motorcycle cowboy. In Portuguese with English subtitles. Unrated.

Feb. 13 [**In the Fade**](#) Germany (107 min.) 2017

After the death of her family in a terrorist attack, Katja's life falls apart. Her friends and extended family try to give her the support she needs, and Katja somehow manages to make it through the funeral. But the mind numbing search for the perpetrators and reasons behind the senseless killing complicate Katja's painful mourning, opening wounds and doubts. Katja struggles as she endures the trial against the two suspects: a young couple from the neo-Nazi scene. The trial pushes Katja to the edge and there's simply no alternative for her: she wants justice. In German with English subtitles. Rated R.

Mar. 13 [**A Ciambra**](#) Italy (119 min.) 2017

Fourteen-year-old Pio wants nothing more than the respect of his older brother who he emulates in every way—including his career as a petty criminal. When both his father and brother are arrested, Pio is determined to prove that he can step up and be the head of his sprawling Romani family. But a fateful night and a wrenching decision soon test just how ready he is. Steeped in the complex social fabric of Southern Italy—where Italians, Romani, and African migrants coexist in uneasy tension—A Ciambra is a bracing plunge into a world in which growing up fast is a matter of survival. In Italian with English subtitles. Unrated.

Mar. 20 [**My Cousin Rachel**](#) United Kingdom (106 min.) 2017

A young Englishman plots revenge against his late cousin's mysterious, beautiful wife, believing her responsible for his cousin's death. But his feelings become complicated as he finds himself falling under the beguiling spell of her charms. In English. Rated PG-13.

Apr. 3 [**Heartstone**](#) Iceland (129 min.) 2017

In a remote fishing village in Iceland, teenage boys, Thor and Christian, experience a turbulent summer as one tries to win the heart of a girl while the other discovers new feelings toward his best friend. When summer ends and the harsh nature of Iceland takes back its rights, it's time to leave the playground and face adulthood. In Icelandic with English subtitles. Unrated.

Apr. 10 [**Mustang**](#) Turkey (94 min.) 2015

Early summer in a village in Northern Turkey. Five free-spirited teenaged sisters splash about on the beach with their male classmates. Though their games are merely innocent fun, a neighbor passes by and reports what she considers to be illicit behavior to the girls' family. The family overreacts, removing all "instruments of corruption," like cell phones and computers, and essentially imprisoning the girls, subjecting them to endless lessons in housework in preparation for them to become brides. As the eldest sisters are married off, the younger sisters bond together to avoid the same fate. In Turkish with English subtitles. Rated PG-13.