



These listed festival screenings take place at CINEMA ISO-HANNU (address: Savilankatu 4, 26100 Rauma)

TICKETS AVAILABLE

- at Cinema Iso-Hannu
- online ticket shop: <https://bsff.maksutin.fi/shop>
(during the festival, please book online tickets one day before the screening date)
- tickets 11 € (Baltic Herring screenings only 5€)

LIST OF FESTIVAL FILMS WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES

NB! K = age rating

FINNISH FEATURE FILMS

HUUTAMISEN TAITO/ **HOW TO SHOUT**

Finnish/ English subtitles

dir. Josefina Rautiainen, K12, drama, 82 min

Fri, Aug 21 at 16:00, Iso-Hannu 1

Josefina Rautiainen's feature debut is a compelling psychological drama. Anu, a therapist, is intrigued by her patient Heloise's violent fantasies. When Heloise later arrives at Anu's summer cottage as her adult son's new girlfriend, the boundaries between therapist and mother begin to blur. As friends join them, the group's polished middle-class façade slowly starts to crack.

ISÄNPÄIVÄ/ **FATHER'S DAY**

Finnish/ English subtitles

director Aleksi Salmenperä, K7, drama, 99 min

Sat, Aug. 22 at 22:00, Iso-Hannu 1

A moving drama about two 13-year-old twins searching for the father they have never known. Their search leads to Tinke, a substance-dependent man living in a care unit, who may be their father. As the truth emerges, the film explores hope, care and warmth with great sensitivity. The performances are deeply affecting, and the ending lingers long after the final scene.

ORAVA/ THE SQUIRREL

Finnish/ English subtitles

director Markus Lehmusruusu, K7, sci-fi/ drama, 93 min

Sat, Aug. 22 at 17:00, Iso-Hannu 1

What happens when nature and emotions disappear? Pasi's perfectly controlled life takes an unexpected turn when he discovers a squirrel hiding in his company's basement. This fresh and witty sci-fi comedy combines gentle humour with thought-provoking ideas about humanity, nature and what it means to truly feel. Starring four rescue squirrels!

PUNAINEN PETO/ RED BEAST

Finnish/ English subtitles

- Finnish premiere!

dir. Antti-Jussi Marjamäki and Veera W. Vilo; historical drama, K12, 111 min

Sat, Aug. 22 at 19:00, Iso-Hannu 1

Red Beast brings the story of Eetu Salin to the screen. A prominent Social Democratic figure in early 20th-century Pori, Salin fought for workers' rights and social justice, believing in peaceful change. His story, rooted in Finland's Civil War, also echoes the divisions of Finnish society today.

FINNISH DOCUMENTARY FILMS**ANSSI KASITONNIN MAAILMA/ 8000: AN ART ODYSSEY**

Finnish/ English subtitles

dir. Sami Sänpääkilä, documentary, All ages, 74 min

Sat, Aug. 22 at 18:15, Iso-Hannu 2

A warm and humorous film about Ars Fennica-winning artist Anssi Heinonen. The film follows Anssi as he prepares for the biggest exhibition of his life at Kunsthalle Helsinki, films a French short film dreaming about an Oscar award and develops a skate toy with a Hong Kong-based company. A story about passion, creativity – and how sometimes, doing things the wrong way is the right way.

IHMISIÄ SUNNUNTAINA/ PEOPLE ON SUNDAY

no dialogue

dir. Milja Viita, documentary, All ages, 74 min

Sun, Aug. 23 at 12:10, Iso-Hannu 2

A hypnotic and deeply moving film by Milja Viita. With no traditional plot or dialogue, it offers a series of quiet portraits filmed with an old hand-cranked camera, interwoven with images of nature. The handmade soundscape, natural sounds and music create a meditative experience that invites us to simply sit, breathe and be present.

KAPINA ELÄMÄN PUOLESTA/ REBELLION FOR FUTURE

Finnish, English/ English subtitles

director Saku Soukka, documentary, K7, 80 min

Sat, Aug. 22 at 11:50, Iso-Hannu 2

A hopeful documentary puts a human face on Extinction Rebellion's activists and their struggle for a liveable planet. Facing hostility, threats and even violence during their peaceful protests, they refuse to give up. A powerful reminder that change begins when we refuse to surrender.

KAPPALE KAUNEINTA SUOMEA – THE BEAUTY OF ERRORS

Finnish/ English subtitles

director Jukka Kärkkäinen, documentary, K7, 94 min

Fri, Aug. 21 at 19:30, Iso-Hannu 2

A tender and humorous documentary about a father and son facing a new chapter in their lives. As the son Henri approaches adulthood and his girlfriend moves in, the father Tero must find a new place in the family. Love, trust and difficult conversations bring them closer, while everyday life remains full of warmth and humour. Winner of two awards at the Tampere Film Festival.

NB! The following short film (by the same director) opens the screening:

PUSKEE VIIMMESEN PÄÄLLE/ THE BEAUTY OF AUTOMOBILES

Finnish/ English subtitles

dir. Jukka Kärkkäinen, K7, short doc, 6 min

NORWEGIAN FILMS

EVERYTHING MUST GO/ ALT SKAL BORT

Norwegian/ English subtitles

Norway, dir. Arild Østin Ommundsen, K7, drama, comedy, 103 min

Fri, Aug. 21 at 18:00, Iso-Hannu 1

A warm and witty dramedy about three adult siblings returning to their childhood home to clear out their late parents' belongings. What begins as a practical task soon brings old resentments, memories and family secrets to the surface. Blending humour, sadness and midlife crisis, the film takes a tender look at sibling relationships and letting go.

SEX (DREAMS LOVE)

Norwegian/ English subtitles

Norway, dir. Dag Johan Haugerud, K7, comedy, 125 min

Sun, Aug. 23 at 15:40, Iso-Hannu 2

This warm-hearted, witty and refreshingly unconventional comedy explores masculinity, gender and sexuality through two married chimney sweeps. After some unusual experiences their ideas of themselves as heterosexual men are challenged and they begin to question identity, desire and the influence of other people's perceptions. Winner of the 2024 Nordic Council Film Prize.

FILMS FROM NORDIC COUNTRIES

SEINASTA PARADIS Á JÓRD/ THE LAST PARADISE ON EARTH

Faroese/ English subtitles

Faroe Islands, dir. Sakaris Stórá, K7, drama, 87 min

Fri, Aug. 21 at 17:50, Iso-Hannu 2

Set against the breathtaking landscapes of the Faroe Islands, the film quietly portrays a story of a family struggling to make a living and stay together. When a local fish factory faces closure, a family's fragile balance is put to the test. Beautiful cinematography and music as well as the outstanding actor performances complete the deeply moving film. The first Faroese film ever to win the Nordic Council Film Prize.

AKINNI INUK/ **WALLS**

Greenlandic/ English subtitles

Greenland, directors Sofie Rørdam and Nina Paninnguaq Skydsbjerg, documentary, K12, 75 min

Sat, Aug. 22 at 17:30, Iso-Hannu 3

The film takes viewers behind the walls of a Greenlandic prison, where Ruth has spent almost half her life serving a life sentence. Filmed over eight years, it follows the unique friendship that develops between Ruth and director Nina. Breathtaking landscapes, Inuit-inspired music and the local Greenlandic Kalaallisut language deepen this powerful story of freedom, trauma and hope.

UKRAINIAN FILMS

TIMESTAMP

Ukrainian/ English subtitles

director Kateryna Gornostai, documentary, K12, 125 min

Sat, Aug. 22 at 13:40, Iso-Hannu 2

This Ukrainian heartbreaker offers a nonfiction portrait of the nation through its children. From March 2023 to June 2024, Kateryna Gornostai filmed children and teachers across the country, from Kyiv to Bakhmut. Lessons continue in classrooms, bomb shelters and backyards, often interrupted by air-raid alarms. Through its intimate mosaic of everyday life, the film shows why school means hope.

TI – KOSMOS/ **U ARE THE UNIVERSE**

Ukrainian, French/ English subtitles

Ukraine/ Belgium, director Pavlo Ostrikov, sci-fi/ romance/ comedy, K7, 101 min

Sun, Aug. 23 at 12:00 , Iso-Hannu 1

What if you were the last human in the universe? Andriy Melnyk is transporting nuclear waste to Jupiter. When Earth suddenly explodes, he becomes the last human alive. Alone in space, he receives a mysterious message from a French woman at a distant space station. A rescue mission begins—and a story of loneliness, hope and love. Pavlo Ostrikov's film project began already in 2011 and despite many problems and Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the film was completed in 2024.

BALTIC HERRING SHORT FILM COMPETITION

all films with English subtitles

The 32nd Baltic Herring Short Film Competition is a competition for filmmakers of the Baltic Sea region – for amateurs, film students as well as for professional filmmakers.

Baltic Herring screenings

Thursday, August 20/ cinema Iso-Hannu 2:

● Amateurs 14:00 ● Students 1/ 16:00 ● Students 2/ 19:00 ● Professionals 21:00

Friday, August 21/ cinema Iso-Hannu 3

● Amateurs 16:00 ● Students 1/ 18:00 ● Students 2/ 20:00 ● Professionals 22:00

Baltic Herring Award-winning films

Saturday, August 22 at 19:00/ cinema Iso-Hannu 3

Sunday, August 23 at 12:30/ cinema Iso-Hannu 3

ENGLISH-LANGUAGE FILMS

SMALL THINGS LIKE THESE/ NÄMÄ PIENET ASIAT

English/ Finnish subtitles

Ireland, director Tim Mielants, drama, K7, 99 min

Sun, Aug. 23 at 16:15, Iso-Hannu 1

Based on true events, the film follows Bill, a devoted father and coal merchant, in a small Irish town. When he discovers dark secrets hidden in a local convent, he is forced to confront his own past and the silence of a community dominated by the Catholic Church. A moving story about courage, conscience and standing up against injustice.

TAKE ME TO THE RIVER: NEW ORLEANS

language: English

dir. Martin Shore, USA, K12, music documentary, 110 min

Sat, Aug. 22 at 21:00, Iso-Hannu 3

A tribute to the blues of New Orleans! The film takes viewers on a musical journey from the 1960s to today. Featuring artists such as Irma Thomas and Snoop Dogg, it celebrates eight blues families who keep the tradition alive. Through intimate jam sessions, the film captures the deep sense of community, encouragement and love for the blues.

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