

Women + Film

FESTIVAL '25

PROGRAM GUIDE

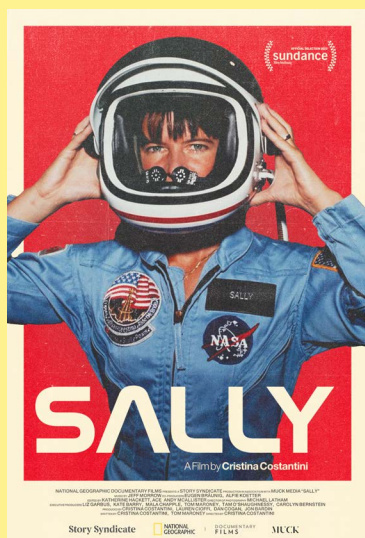


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May 30
– June 1

Women + Film FESTIVAL '25

OPENING NIGHT



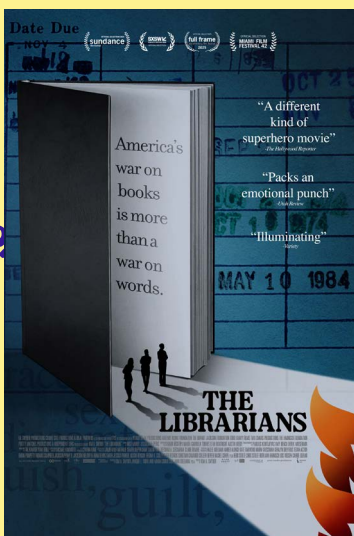
SALLY | **FRIDAY, MAY 30**
7:00 PM

"The documentary includes eye-opening interviews with family members and former astronauts and archival video of Ride herself, to create an engaging, socially relevant portrait of an American heroine and of the culture."

– Caryn James, *The Hollywood Reporter*

Join us as we kick off the Women + Film Festival with a pre-film party to celebrate **SALLY**.

CLOSING NIGHT



The Librarians | **SUNDAY, JUNE 1**
4:30 PM

"...illuminating...a gripping story of what is at stake when curiosity and thinking are endangered."

– Lisa Kennedy, *Variety*

Stick around after for an extended Q&A with producer Janique L. Robillard and film participants Suzette Baker and Brooky Parks as they share a behind-the-scenes look at the making of the film.

Opening Night Celebration

FRIDAY, MAY 30 | 5:30PM

Come early to celebrate our Opening Night film with a Pre-Film Party kicking off the festival. Complimentary Food & Drinks are included in your ticket.

Community Conversations

ALL WEEKEND LONG

Join experts as they lead two panels – one exploring the evolution of on-screen sexuality, and another unpacking how moral panics target and affect our culture.

Coffee and Croissants w/ Petals & Pages

SATURDAY, MAY 31 | 11AM

Start the morning off right by joining fellow film lovers to share thoughts, swap favorites, and savor the buzz of great cinema. Coffee and croissants provided by Petals & Pages.

WIFMCO Mixer

SATURDAY, MAY 31 | 3:30PM

Join Women in Film & Media Colorado (WIFMCO) for an industry networking mixer.

[GET TICKETS>>](#)

Women+Film Marketplace

SUNDAY, JUNE 1 | 11AM–5PM

Support local women-owned businesses and browse handmade candles, aura photography, books, a flower bar, comfort food from the Vegan Van, and more!

Sip & Craft

SUNDAY, JUNE 1 | 2PM

Celebrate our closing film with drinks & crafts provided by Meiginger Crafts on our outdoor patio. This event is free and open to the public.

Friday, May 30

- 12PM Women+Film Luncheon**
Honoring Julia Stiles
Plus Screening of
Wish You Were Here
- 4:15PM Time and Other Materials**
- 5:30PM Opening Night Celebration**
- 7PM OPENING NIGHT:
SALLY**

Saturday, May 31

- 10AM Community Conversation**
Desire in Focus:
Sexuality on Screen
- 11AM Coffee and Croissants,
w/ Petals & Pages**
- 11:30AM Familiar Touch**
- 12PM Female Perversions**
- 2PM Women+Film
Shorts Program**
- 3:30PM WIFMCO Mixer**
- 4:30PM My Favourite Cake**
- 7PM CENTERPIECE:
Marlee Matlin:
Not Alone
Anymore**

Sunday, June 1

- 10AM Community Conversation**
The Makings of
a Moral Panic
- 11AM-5PM Women+Film Marketplace**
- 11:30AM On Falling**
- 2PM A Mother Apart**
Post-Film Q&A
- 2PM Sip & Craft**
- 4:30PM CLOSING NIGHT:
The Librarians**
Post-Film Q&A



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TICKETING

	Non-Member	Member
General Admission	\$16	\$13
Opening Night	\$40	\$30
Community Conversations	FREE	FREE
W+F Festival Pass	\$85	\$75
Students Available at Box Office w/ valid ID only	General Admission: \$5 Opening Night: \$30	

In order to make the Festival more accessible, screenings with this symbol have a pay what you can option at checkout.



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Familiar Touch

Dir. Sarah Friedland, USA,
2024. 91min. narrative

SATURDAY, MAY 31 | 11:30AM

Amidst her shifting memory and desires, Ruth transitions to life in assisted living. She contends with the conflicting relationships to herself and her caregivers in this nuanced exploration of one's golden years.

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Female Perversions

Dir. Susan Streiffeld. USA, 1996. 114min. narrative

SATURDAY, MAY 31 | 12PM

In her US film debut, Academy Award® winner Tilda Swinton stars as a bi-sexual lawyer on the edge of professional breakthrough, personal breakdown, and sexual awakening.



The Librarians

Dir. Kim A. Snyder. USA, 2025. 92min. documentary

SUNDAY, JUNE 1 | 4:30PM

As an unprecedented wave of book banning largely addressing race and LGBT issues is sparked in Texas, Florida, and beyond. Under siege, librarians join forces as defenders fighting for intellectual freedom on the front lines of democracy.

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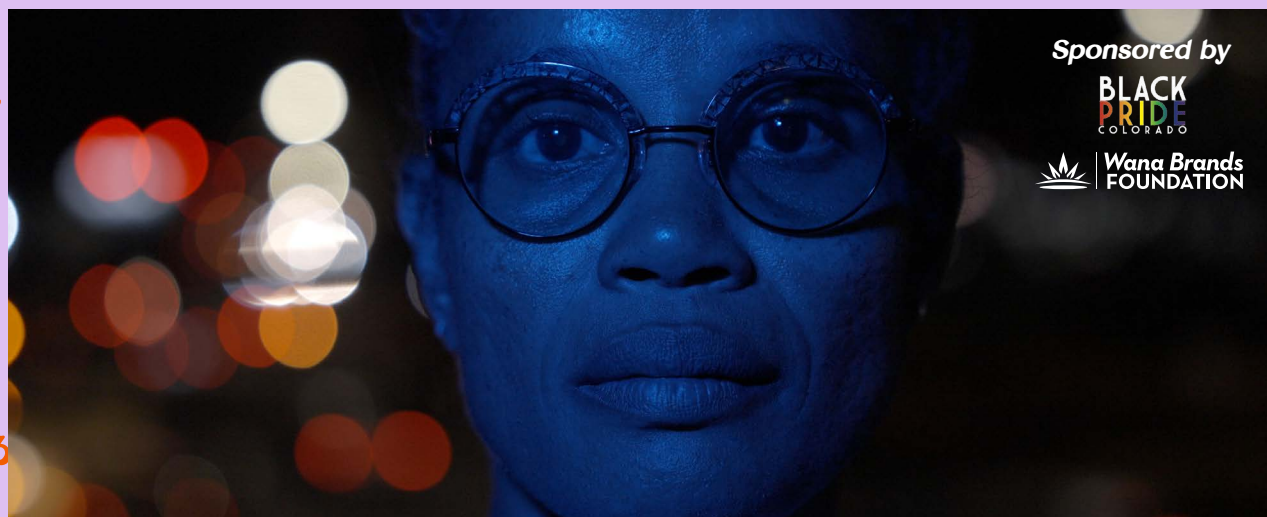
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Marlee Matlin: Not Alone Anymore

Dir. Shoshannah Stern, USA, 2025, 98min, documentary

SATURDAY, MAY 31 | 7PM

In 1987, Marlee Matlin became the first Deaf actor to win an Academy Award. For the first time, Marlee reveals the complexities of trailblazing a new kind of career in Hollywood.



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A Mother Apart

Dir. Laurie Townshend, Canada, 2024, 88min, documentary



SUNDAY, JUNE 1 | 1:45PM

How do you raise a child when your own mother abandoned you? In a remarkable story of healing and forgiveness, Jamaican-American poet and LGBTQ+ activist Staceyann Chin, radically re-imagines the essential art of mothering.

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My Favourite Cake

SATURDAY, MAY 31 | 4:30PM

*Dir. Maryam Moghaddam.
Behtash Sanaeeha; Iran, France,
Sweden, Germany; 2024.
96min, narrative*

Seventy-year-old widow Mahin lives alone in Tehran until tea with friends breaks her routine and revitalizes her love life. What begins as an unexpected encounter quickly evolves into an unforgettable evening.



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On Falling

SUNDAY, JUNE 1 | 11:30AM

*Dir. Laura Carreira, UK &
Portugal, 2024, 104min,
narrative*

Aurora is a Portuguese worker in a Scottish warehouse, navigating loneliness and alienation in an algorithm-driven gig economy as she seeks meaning and connection amidst workplace confines.

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SALLY

Dir. Cristina Costantini. USA, 2025, 99min, documentary

FRIDAY, MAY 30 | 7PM

Sally Ride became the first American woman in space, but beneath her unflappable composure was a secret. Sally's life partner, Tam O'Shaughnessy, reveals their hidden love and the sacrifices that accompanied their 27 years together.



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Time and Other Materials



Dir. Amie Knox, USA, 2025, 56min, documentary

FRIDAY, MAY 30 | 4:15PM

Time and Other Materials explores the lives of five Colorado women artists, revealing their creative processes, personal reflections, and shared drive to connect through art, discovery, mystery, and a hopeful future.

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Wish You Were Here

Dir. Julia Stiles, USA, 2025, 103min, narrative

FRIDAY, MAY 30 | 1:30PM

When the perfect night with a perfect stranger ends suddenly the next morning, Charlotte searches for answers and meaning in her disappointing life until she uncovers a secret that changes everything.

Available with purchase of W+F Luncheon ticket



Women+Film Shorts Program



**SATURDAY, MAY 31
2PM**

Immerse yourself in this collection of short films that tenderly explore life's most universal journeys—identity, coming-of-age, and loss—with grace, empathy, and moments of unexpected levity.

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A movie poster for the film 'Sue'. The background is a photograph of two women with short dark hair, both wearing bright yellow t-shirts. They are leaning out of a train window, looking intently at something off-camera. The woman on the left is holding a white bowl of ramen with chopsticks. A black bag is slung over her shoulder. The woman on the right is also holding a white bowl. The scene is set at night, with blurred lights visible through the train window. The title 'Sue' is written in large, bold, yellow letters at the top, with 'FilmCenter' in smaller yellow letters below it.

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TOMORROW'S
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Women+Film Luncheon

Honoring
Julia Stiles

May 30, 2025 – 12PM
Denver Botanic Gardens
UMB Bank Amphitheater

