

# MFAH FILMS

JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2025



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Brown Auditorium Theater  Lynn Wyatt Theater 

Use the 5500 Main Street entrance or the MFAH parking garages to access tunnels to both theaters.

# WELCOME

Happy New Year! I send best wishes to our community of film lovers for a 2025 full of memorable movie moments.

January opens with *My Name Is Alfred Hitchcock* in which we're guided through clips tracing the director's prolific career with a first-person voiceover that eerily evokes Hitch himself. It's immensely watchable, benefiting from the research of Mark Cousins, the brilliant filmmaker and film historian. Of course we had to pair it with a Hitchcock classic, and Tracy Stephenson (assistant film programmer and film coordinator) suggested *Vertigo*.

We are in the thick of awards season, with many films already honored in recent weeks while we look ahead to the Academy Award nominations (January 17) and awards (March 2).

We are proud to be Houston's only 35mm reel-to-reel film venue and salute our AV colleagues for their dedication to the art of projection. Upcoming 35mm screenings include Cannes-winner *Emilia Pérez*, **Movies Houstonians Love** selections *The Muppet Movie* and *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*, and *Daughters of the Dust*, the closing film of our third annual **Through the Lens of Black Women** film series.

Don't miss two powerful documentaries, *Ernest Cole: Lost & Found*, about the South African photographer, and *Dahomey*, Mati Diop's provocative Berlin-winner that follows the restitution of artworks from France to present-day Benin.

I'll close with a public service announcement: please buy tickets in advance for the Oscar-nominated short films!

Marian Luntz  
Curator, Film and Video

## KID FLICKS PROGRAM

Various directors

Thursdays, December 26 & January 2 **BROWN**

**Free admission**

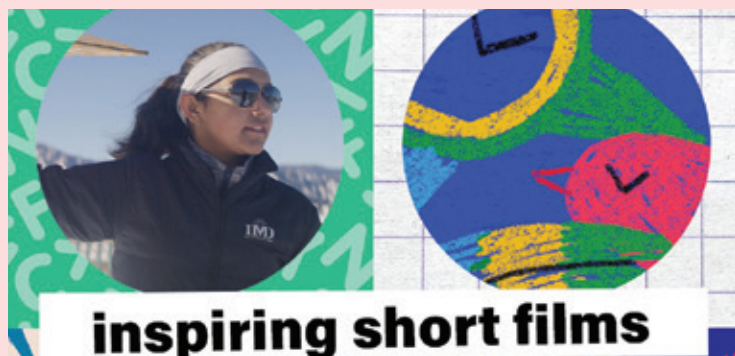
See inspired and thought-provoking short films in this curated collection from the New York International Children's Film Festival's (NYICFF) award-winning and audience favorites. Join more than 100 arts organizations across the country enjoying lively compilations of short animation, live action, and documentary films reflecting NYICFF's commitment to storytelling and diversity. See the complete list of films at [mfah.org/film](http://mfah.org/film).

**LITTLE KID FLICKS** (recommended for ages 5+, 67 min., digital)

Thursdays, December 26 & January 2, 11:30 a.m. **BROWN**

**BIG KID FLICKS** (recommended for ages 8+, 62 min., digital)

Thursdays, December 26 & January 2, 2:00 p.m. **BROWN**



## NOW PLAYING

On the cover: *Daughters of the Dust*

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Please check the location for your movie! Films are screened in Brown Auditorium Theater in the Caroline Wiess Law Building or the Lynn Wyatt Theater in the Nancy and Rich Kinder Building. Use the 5500 Main Street entrance or the MFAH parking garages to access tunnels to both theaters. See map on back cover. For after-hours films in Brown Auditorium Theater, filmgoers may use the Main Street entrance to the Law Building.

Refreshments are not permitted in the theaters. Audience members are kindly requested to silence all electronic devices once the film begins. Many films are unrated and may not be appropriate for younger viewers. Call 713-639-7531 with questions.

## PLAN YOUR VISIT

Visit [mfah.org/visit/parking](http://mfah.org/visit/parking) for all parking options. Masks are recommended, but not required to be worn inside Museum auditoriums. Advance tickets are recommended. Doors open 30 minutes before the screening starts. No late entry. Grab a meal at Cafe Leonelli before the

Friday-night films when the Museum is open until 9:00 p.m. If you have questions about accessibility resources in the Museum's auditoriums, please email [accessibility@mfah.org](mailto:accessibility@mfah.org) or call 713-639-7300.

## ADMISSION

Except where otherwise indicated, film tickets are \$9. *Museum members, students with ID, and seniors (65+) receive a \$2 discount.* No other discounts apply. Children 5 and under are admitted free—please check suitability of films for younger viewers.

Purchase tickets in advance at [mfah.org/film](http://mfah.org/film), at membership desks in the Audrey Jones Beck Building or the Nancy and Rich Kinder Building during Museum hours, or at the theater box office prior to show time. Credit cards are accepted in person.

## FILM BUFFS

Film Buffs is the Museum's membership group for movie lovers. Call 713-639-7550 or visit

[mfah.org/filmbuffs](http://mfah.org/filmbuffs) for more information. Dues start at \$85 and benefits include discounted admission to MFAH Films, discounted garage parking, and free passes to sneak preview screenings of new films! Museum members are eligible for a discount on the annual dues.

## SUPPORT

Underwriting for the Film Department is provided by Tenaris, The June Leaf and Robert Frank Foundation, and the Vaughn Foundation.

Generous funding is provided by The Consulate General of the Republic of Korea; Nina and Michael Zilkha; Lois Chiles; Foundation for Independent Media Arts; Franci Neely; Ms. Laurence Unger; and ILEX Foundation.

Inquiries about supporting the Film Department can be directed to Ashley Powell, [apowell@mfah.org](mailto:apowell@mfah.org) or (713) 639-7594.





**JANUARY 2025**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>MEFA FILMS</b></p> <p>Pictured: <i>Emilia Pérez</i></p>	<p>Please note the location of each film:  <b>B</b> Brown Auditorium Theater  <b>W</b> Lynn Wyatt Theater</p>		<p>1</p>	<p>2                      Winter Break                      Little Kid Flicks <b>B</b>                      11:30 a.m.                       Big Kid Flicks <b>B</b>                      2:00 p.m.</p>	<p>3                      New Releases                      My Name Is Alfred Hitchcock <b>B</b>                      7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>4                      Restorations &amp; Revivals                      Vertigo <b>B</b>                      2:00 p.m.                       New Releases                      My Name Is Alfred Hitchcock <b>B</b>                      7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>5                      New Releases                      My Name Is Alfred Hitchcock <b>B</b>                      2:00 p.m.                       Restorations &amp; Revivals                      Vertigo <b>B</b>                      5:00 p.m.</p>	6	7	8	9	<p>10                      New Releases                      Emilia Pérez <b>B</b>                      7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>11                      Movies Houstonians Love                      The Muppet Movie <b>B</b>                      7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>12                      New Releases                      Emilia Pérez <b>B</b>                      5:00 p.m.</p>	13	14	15	16	<p>17                      New Releases: Documentaries                      Ernest Cole: Lost &amp; Found <b>B</b>                      7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>18                      New Releases: Documentaries                      Ernest Cole: Lost &amp; Found <b>B</b>                      7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>19                      New Releases: Documentaries                      Ernest Cole: Lost &amp; Found <b>B</b>                      2:00 p.m.</p>	20	21	22	23	<p>24                      32nd Festival Films of Iran                      The Stranger and the Fog <b>B</b>                      7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>25                      32nd Festival Films of Iran                      The Seed of the Sacred Fig <b>B</b>                      7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>26                      32nd Festival Films of Iran                      6 A.M. <b>B</b>                      2:00 p.m.                       Universal Language <b>B</b>                      5:00 p.m.</p>	27	28	29	30	<p>31                      32nd Festival Films of Iran                      My Stolen Planet <b>B</b>                      7:00 p.m.</p>	

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**FEBRUARY 2025**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>MEFA FILMS</b></p> <p>Pictured: <i>Love &amp; Basketball</i></p>	<p>Please note the location of each film:  <b>B</b> Brown Auditorium Theater  <b>W</b> Lynn Wyatt Theater</p>					<p>1</p>
<p>2                      New Releases                      Sugarcane <b>B</b>                      2:00 p.m.</p>	3	4	5	6	<p>7                      Restorations &amp; Revivals                      Mulholland Drive <b>B</b>                      7:00 p.m.</p>	8
<p>9                      Restorations &amp; Revivals                      Mulholland Drive <b>B</b>                      2:00 p.m.</p>	10	11	12	<p>13                      2025 Oscar Nominated Short Films                      Documentary <b>B</b>                      6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>14                      Through the Lens of Black Women                      Love &amp; Basketball <b>B</b>                      7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>15                      Through the Lens of Black Women                      Dahomey <b>W</b>                      7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>16                      Through the Lens of Black Women                      Love &amp; Basketball <b>B</b>                      2:00 p.m.                       Daughters of the Dust <b>B</b>                      5:00 p.m.</p>	17	18	19	<p>20                      2025 Oscar Nominated Short Films                      Documentary <b>B</b>                      6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>21                      Movies Houstonians Love                      Gentlemen Prefer Blondes <b>B</b>                      7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>22                      2025 Oscar Nominated Short Films                      Documentary <b>B</b>                      2:00 p.m.                       Live Action <b>B</b>                      7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>23                      2025 Oscar Nominated Short Films                      Live Action <b>B</b>                      2:00 p.m.                       2025 Oscar Nominated Short Films                      Animation <b>B</b>                      5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>24                      2025 Oscar Nominated Short Films                      Animation <b>B</b>                      2:00 p.m.</p>	25	26	<p>27                      2025 Oscar Nominated Short Films                      Animation <b>B</b>                      2:00 p.m.                       Documentary <b>W</b>                      6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>28                      2025 Oscar Nominated Short Films                      Animation <b>B</b>                      5:00 p.m.                       Live Action <b>B</b>                      7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>1                      2025 Oscar Nominated Short Films                      Live Action <b>B</b>                      12:00 noon                       Animation <b>B</b>                      7:00 p.m.</p>

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## FILM INFORMATION

The screening schedule is subject to change. Please follow MFAH Films on social media. All films are presented in their original languages with English subtitles, except where noted.

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**Lynn Wyatt Theater: WYATT**

## NEW RELEASES



### MY NAME IS ALFRED HITCHCOCK

Directed by Mark Cousins  
(UK, 2022, 120 min., digital)  
Friday–Saturday, January 3–4, 7:00 p.m. **BROWN**  
Sunday, January 5, 2:00 p.m. **BROWN**

A century after Alfred Hitchcock's first film, he remains one of the most influential filmmakers in the history of cinema. But how does his vast body of work and legacy hold up? Mark Cousins, the award-winning filmmaker behind *The Story of Film: An Odyssey*, *The Eyes of Orson Welles*, and *The Storms of Jeremy Thomas*, looks at the auteur with a new and radical approach: through the use of his own voice. Hitchcock narrates excerpts from his films in a journey through his vast career from early silent films to his memorable classics from the 1940s–60s and beyond. A must for Hitch fans!



### EMILIA PÉREZ

Directed by Jacques Audiard  
(France/Belgium, 2024, 132 min., in Spanish, English, and French with English subtitles, 35mm)  
Friday, January 10, 7:00 p.m. **BROWN**  
Sunday, January 12, 5:00 p.m. **BROWN**

From renegade auteur Jacques Audiard comes *Emilia Pérez*, an audacious fever dream that defies genres and expectations. Through liberating song and dance and bold visuals, this odyssey follows four remarkable women in Mexico, each pursuing their own happiness. A fearsome cartel leader (Karla Sofía Gascón) wants to fake his own death so that he can finally live as the woman he has always dreamed of being. S/he enlists the help of Rita (Zoe Saldaña), an unappreciated lawyer stuck in a dead-end job, to pull off the task.

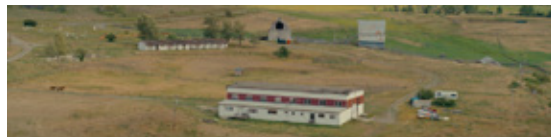
Community partner: *Big Queer Picture Show*



### ERNEST COLE: LOST & FOUND

Directed by Raoul Peck  
(USA, 2024, 105 min., digital)  
Friday–Saturday, January 17–18, 7:00 p.m. **BROWN**  
Sunday, January 19, 2:00 p.m. **BROWN**

Oscar-nominated filmmaker Raoul Peck's latest documentary chronicles the life and work of Ernest Cole (1940–1990), one of the first Black freelance photographers in South Africa, whose early pictures, shocking at the time of their first publication, revealed to the world Black life under apartheid. Cole fled South Africa in 1966 and lived in exile in the United States, where he photographed extensively in New York City, as well as the American South, fascinated by the ways this country could be at times so vastly different, and at others eerily similar, to the segregated culture of his homeland. During this period, he published *House of Bondage* (included in the Museum's permanent collection), his landmark book of photographs denouncing the apartheid that, while banned in South Africa, cemented Cole's place as one of the great photographers of his time at the age of 27.



### SUGARCANE

Directed by Emily Kassie and Julian Brave NoiseCat  
(USA, 2024, 107 min., digital)  
Sunday, February 2, 2:00 p.m. **BROWN**  
Followed by a post-film discussion

An investigation into abuse and missing children at an Indian residential school sparks a reckoning on the nearby Sugarcane Reserve. The documentary illuminates the beauty of a community breaking cycles of intergenerational trauma and finding the strength to persevere.

Community partners: *Houston Cinema Arts Society and Progressive Forum*

## RESTORATIONS & REVIVALS



### VERTIGO

Directed by Alfred Hitchcock  
(USA, 1958, 128 min., 4K digital restoration)  
Saturday, January 4, 2:00 p.m. **BROWN**  
Sunday, January 5, 5:00 p.m. **BROWN**

Often voted one of the greatest films ever made, *Vertigo* stars James Stewart as an ex-police officer who suffers from an intense fear of heights. He becomes obsessed with the woman (Kim Novak) he has been hired to trail, but all is not as it seems. Hitchcock's compelling masterpiece is widely considered to be one of his masterworks.



### MULHOLLAND DRIVE

Directed by David Lynch  
(USA, 2001, 146 min., 35mm)  
Friday, February 7, 7:00 p.m. **BROWN**  
Sunday, February 9, 2:00 p.m. **BROWN**  
For mature audiences

In tribute to the highly influential and revered filmmaker and artist David Lynch, who died January 15, 2025, the Museum presents one of his most acclaimed films on 35mm. Blonde Betty Elms (Naomi Watts) has only just arrived in Hollywood to become a movie star when she meets an enigmatic brunette with amnesia (Laura Harring). As the two set off to solve the second woman's identity, filmmaker Adam Keshner (Justin Theroux) runs into ominous trouble while casting his latest project. Lynch's seductive and surreal vision of Los Angeles's dream factory is a tale of love, jealousy, and revenge that earned Lynch the Best Director award at the Cannes Film Festival.

## MOVIES HOUSTONIANS LOVE



### THE MUPPET MOVIE

Directed by James Frawley  
(USA, 1979, 95 min., digital)  
Saturday, January 11, 7:00 p.m. **BROWN**  
Presented by Craig Cohen, Houston Public Media  
Executive Producer/Host, Houston Matters

After Kermit the Frog decides to pursue a movie career, he starts his cross-country trip from Florida to California. Along the way, he meets and befriends Fozzie Bear, Miss Piggy, Gonzo, and rock musicians Dr. Teeth and the Electric Mayhem. When Kermit is offered a job by Doc Hopper (Charles Durning) to advertise the fried frog legs at his restaurant chain, Kermit turns Hopper down. However, Hopper refuses to relent and pursues Kermit and his companions to a final showdown.

Craig Cohen is the executive producer and host of *Houston Matters*, which airs weekday mornings on *Houston Public Media, News 88.7 FM*.



### GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONDES

Directed by Howard Hawks  
(USA, 1953, 91 min., 35mm)  
Friday, February 21, 7:00 p.m. **BROWN**  
Presented by Laurence Unger, Film Subcommittee and *Ultimate Film Buffs* member

Howard Hawks's Technicolor musical comedy is anchored by the performances of Jane Russell and Marilyn Monroe as Jazz Age lounge singers on a transatlantic ocean liner to Paris. Based on the 1949 Broadway musical of the same name, Monroe is followed by a detective hired by her fiancé's father, who wants assurance that she is not marrying purely for money, and the detective ends up falling for Russell. Enjoy the classic productions of "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend" and "Ain't There Anyone Here for Love?"

Laurence Unger is an investment manager and passionate patron of film in Houston. She is head of public markets at *Legacy Trust Company* and was formerly the executive director of the *Houston Cinema Arts Society*. She serves as a member of the *MFAH Film Subcommittee*, treasurer of the *Houston Cinema Arts Society*, and vice president of the *Aurora Picture Show*.

## 32ND FESTIVAL OF FILMS FROM IRAN

The 32nd edition of the **Houston Festival of Films from Iran** takes place January 24–26 and January 31 at the Museum, with additional screenings February 1–2 at Rice Cinema ([art.rice.edu/rice-cinema](http://art.rice.edu/rice-cinema)). Special thanks to Tom Vick (Smithsonian National Museum of Asian Art), Katherine Irving and Kristen Hoskins (MFA Boston), and Charles Dove and Maria Martinez (Rice Cinema).

Film festival tickets are \$10. Museum members, students with ID, and seniors (65+) receive a \$2 discount.

Generous support has been provided by the *ILEX Foundation*.

Community partners: *Society of Iranian-American Women for Education and the Iranian Cultural Foundation-Houston*.



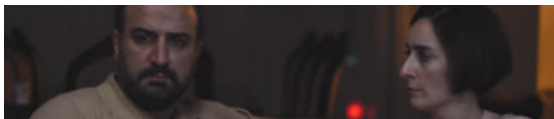
### THE STRANGER AND THE FOG (GHARIBEH VA MEH)

Directed by Bahram Beyzaie  
(Iran, 1974, 146 min., in Persian with English subtitles, 4K digital restoration)  
Friday, January 24, 7:00 p.m. **BROWN**  
50th-anniversary screening



Iranian New Wave director Bahram Beyzaie was a guest of our Houston festival in 1993. His visually ravishing masterwork—banned for decades after the Iranian revolution—is set around the northern coast of Iran, where a boat drifts onto the shore of a small village. Its passenger, Ayat, is unconscious, and once revived by the villagers, has no memory. After proving himself as a member of the community, Ayat marries the widow Rana. Ayat then grows increasingly paranoid about hallucinatory figures vowing to avenge his past misdeeds. “Upon its initial release [the film] stunned audiences with its divergence from typical Iranian cinema. It can now be asserted that it emerged from the future, displaying a visionary quality ahead of its time.”—*Senses of Cinema*

*Restored by the Film Foundation's World Cinema Project and Cineteca di Bologna in collaboration with Bahram Beyzaie. Funding provided by the Hobson/Lucas Family Foundation.*



**THE SEED OF THE SACRED FIG  
(DANA-YE ANJIR-E MA'ABED)**

Directed by Mohammad Rasoulof  
(Germany, 2024, 168 min., digital)  
Saturday, January 25, 7:00 p.m. **BROWN**

Iranian filmmaker Mohammad Rasoulof (*There Is No Evil* and *Manuscripts Don't Burn*) was facing eight years in prison for creating films that criticized the government before narrowly escaping to live in exile in Europe. Shot entirely in secret, Rasoulof's award-winning thriller centers on a family thrust into the public eye when Iman (Missagh Zareh) is appointed as an investigating judge in Tehran. As political unrest erupts in the streets, Iman realizes that his job is even more dangerous than expected, making him increasingly paranoid and distrustful, even of his own wife and daughters who are following the protests on their phones. This timely drama received the Jury Special Prize at Cannes.



**6 A.M. (SA'ATE 6 SOBH)**

Directed by Mehran Modiri  
(Iran, 2024, 89 min., in Persian with English subtitles, digital)  
Sunday, January 26, 2:00 p.m. **BROWN**

Sara (Samira Hassanpour) lives in Tehran and has been accepted by a doctoral program in philosophy at a Canadian university. She has a 6:00 a.m. flight to catch, but her friends have planned one last party before she leaves Iran. What follows is a tense social drama depicting a group of people celebrating their friend's success while the guest of honor worries about her early flight the next day. Sara's anxiety is heightened when an unexpected visit from the police puts her future in jeopardy.



**UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE  
(UNE LANGUE UNIVERSELLE)**

Directed by Matthew Rankin  
(Canada, 2024, 89 min., in Persian and French with English subtitles, digital)  
Sunday, January 26, 5:00 p.m. **BROWN**

In a town somewhere between Tehran and Winnipeg everyone speaks French or Persian. Stories overlap: children try to liberate money frozen in the ice, a man guides befuddled tourists through historic sites of Winnipeg, and a government employee (Matthew Rankin) quits his job in a Québécois government office and sets out upon an enigmatic journey to visit his mother. Canadian filmmaker Rankin and Iranian writers Ila Firouzabadi and Pirouz Nemati won the inaugural Director's Fortnight Audience Award at Cannes for this absurdist comedy that variously evokes the films of Abbas Kiarostami, Wes Anderson, and Guy Maddin. “*Universal Language* offers an idiosyncratic vision of a world connected by the threads of chance and fate, but most powerfully through kindness and stories.”

—Alliance of Women Film Journalists



**MY STOLEN PLANET  
(SAYYAREYE DOZDIDE SHODEYE MAN)**

Directed by Farahnaz Sharifi  
(Germany/Iran, 2024, 82 min., in Persian with English subtitles, digital)  
Friday, January 31, 7:00 p.m. **BROWN**  
Filmmaker invited to attend

Using the essayistic style of a diary, director Farahnaz Sharifi traces how the Islamic Revolution changed life for women in Iran. Born in 1979 shortly after the fall of the Pahlavi dynasty, Sharifi draws on home movies and found 8mm recordings of strangers' lives to show moments of private joy and public defiance under the regimented oppression in Tehran. Throughout, she portrays Iranian women with humanity and complexity, sharing her love for her country's textures while refusing to be diminished by repressive religious and government structures.

**2025 OSCAR NOMINATED  
SHORT FILMS**

View the nominated short films in the categories of Animation, Live Action, and Documentary from this year's Academy Awards and see if your favorite wins when the Oscars are presented on March 2! Visit [mfah.org/film](http://mfah.org/film) for the complete list of nominated short films following the nominations announcement on January 17.

**LIVE ACTION**

Saturday, February 22, 7:00 p.m. **BROWN**  
Sunday, February 23, 2:00 p.m. **BROWN**  
Friday, February 28, 7:30 p.m. **BROWN**  
Saturday, March 1, 12:00 noon **BROWN**

**ANIMATION**

Sunday, February 23, 5:00 p.m. **BROWN**  
Thursday, February 27, 2:00 p.m. **BROWN**  
Friday, February 28, 5:00 p.m. **BROWN**  
Saturday, March 1, 7:00 p.m. **BROWN**  
Sunday, March 2, 2:00 p.m. **BROWN**

**DOCUMENTARY**

Thursday, February 13, 2:00 p.m. **BROWN**  
Thursday, February 20, 2:00 p.m. **BROWN**  
Saturday, February 22, 2:00 p.m. **BROWN**  
Thursday, February 27, 6:00 p.m. **WYATT**

**THROUGH THE LENS OF  
BLACK WOMEN**

This third annual series showcases the work of visionary Black women filmmakers. Celebrate Valentine's Day with the dramedy *Love & Basketball*, join the female-centric Gullah community in *Daughters of the Dust* (screening on 35mm), and discover the thought-provoking *Dahomey*, winner of the Golden Bear at the 2024 Berlin International Film Festival. Guest programmed by Autumn Johnson.

*Autumn Johnson is a cultural worker passionate about supporting and sustaining local art and film communities. She is a graduate of the University of Houston with degrees in media production and English literature. In 2024, Johnson was named a programming fellow for the Oscar-qualifying New Orleans Film Festival. She also works for Houston Cinema Arts Society as a marketing and administrative associate and is continually building her independent studies in Black film and the film industry.*



**LOVE & BASKETBALL**

Directed by Gina Prince-Bythewood  
(USA, 2000, 124 min., digital)  
Friday, February 14, 7:00 p.m. **BROWN**  
Sunday, February 16, 2:00 p.m. **BROWN**

All is fair in love and basketball. Celebrating its 25th anniversary, this romance and sports genre film serves as a landmark for Black women filmmaking for its authentic representation of female athletes, Black love, and female independence. This tender story follows two young Black suburban kids, Monica and Quincy, as they both grow up together, fall in love with one another, and shoot for the stars: to play in the NBA. Gina Prince-Bythewood's first feature-length film not only became a household favorite over the years, but also inspired the next generation of female athletes and filmmakers.



**DAHOMEY**

Directed by Mati Diop  
(France/Senegal/Benin, 2024, 68 min., digital)  
Saturday, February 15, 7:00 p.m. **WYATT**  
Followed by a post-film discussion

Mati Diop's hypnotic documentary explores the journey of 26 historical artifacts being returned from French museums to present-day Benin (formerly the West African Kingdom of Dahomey), from where they were plundered during colonial times. Throughout these major moments of return and restitution, both the modern-day citizens of Benin and the artworks share their often poetic and truthful thoughts on displacement, ownership, institutionalization, and the future of the place they call home.



**DAUGHTERS OF THE DUST**

Directed by Julie Dash  
(USA, 1991, 113 min., 35mm)  
Sunday, February 16, 5:00 p.m. **BROWN**

Julie Dash's rapturous vision of Black womanhood and vanishing ways of life in the turn-of-the-century South was the first film directed by an African American woman to receive a wide release. In 1902, a multigenerational family in the Gullah community on the Sea Islands off of South Carolina—where former West African slaves who carried on many of their ancestors' Yoruba traditions lived—struggle to maintain their cultural heritage and folklore while contemplating a migration to the mainland, even further from their roots. Awash in gorgeously poetic, sun-dappled images at once dreamlike and precise, *Daughters of the Dust* forges a radical new visual language rooted in Black femininity and the rituals of Gullah culture.

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Please park in the garage closest to the theater where your film is showing. Visit [mfah.org/visit/parking](http://mfah.org/visit/parking) for details.

**ACCESSIBILITY**  
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