



March 5-12, 2015 Film Schedule

Check SalemFilmFest.com for special events like Filmmaker Forums and after parties.

Unless otherwise noted, all films screened at CinemaSalem are in the Main Theatre; unless otherwise noted, all films screened at the Peabody Essex Museum will be in Morse Auditorium.

35 COWS AND A KALASHNIKOV

PEM: Fri, Mar 6 at 7:30 pm**

A beautifully made triptych about warrior-farmers, colorful dandies, and voodoo wrestlers in Ethiopia, Congo-Brazzaville, and Congo-Kinshasa.

ALFRED & JAKOBINE

CinemaSalem: Sun, Mar 8 at 8:25 pm**

Follow the journey of an 84-year-old man as he atones for his life's greatest mistake by driving across America in an ancient London taxi to find the once love of his life, whom he left 40 years earlier. Together in the 1950s they made an epic, four-year global road trip in that very taxi.

BACK ON BOARD: GREG LOUGANIS

PEM: Sun, Mar 8 at 1:30 pm

An intimate portrait of the public triumphs and private struggles of trailblazing openly gay four-time Olympic champion diver Greg Louganis.

BORN TO FLY

CinemaSalem: Fri, Mar 6 at 9:50 pm

Elizabeth Streb and her dancers dare us to join their pursuit of human flight and push the boundaries between action and art.

CAIRO DRIVE

CinemaSalem: Sun, Mar 8 at 3:45 pm**

Three years in the life of a city, filmed from its streets, at a critical time in history.

THE CASE OF THE THREE SIDED DREAM

CinemaSalem: Sun, Mar 8 at 11 am**

A portrait of Rahsaan Roland Kirk, a one of a kind musician, personality, satirist, and windmill-slayer who - despite being blind, becoming paralyzed, and facing America's racial injustices - did not relent.

CHILDREN OF THE ARCTIC

PEM: Tue, Mar 10 at 7:30 pm**

At the Arctic edge of America, Native Alaskan teenagers strive to be both modern American kids and the inheritors of an endangered whaling culture.

DAVIDS AND GOLIATH

CinemaSalem: Fri, Mar 6 at 5:15 pm**

Nobel Peace Prize nominees David Matas and David Kilgour investigate the organ harvesting trade in China and uncover one of the world's worst crimes against humanity.

EVAPORATING BORDERS

PEM: Fri, Mar 6 at 5:30 pm

Investigate the experience of asylum seekers in Cyprus through a series of vignettes poetically weaving themes of migration, tolerance, identity, and belonging.

I AM BIG BIRD

PEM: Thu, Mar 12 at 5:30 pm

Big Bird guided you through childhood. Let Caroll Spinney take you the rest of the way.

IN THE SHADOW OF THE COPACABANA

CinemaSalem: Tue, Mar 10 at 6:30 pm

Blogger Ricardo Gama was shot twice in the head after criticizing the political corruption in Brazil. One year later he is running for a position in the city council and enters the colorful, bizarre world of retail politics in Rio de Janeiro.

THE IRON MINISTRY

PEM: Sun, Mar 8 at 11 am**

Filmed over three years on the world's soon-to-be largest railway network, this film traces the vast interiors of a country on the move: flesh and metal, clangs and squeals, light and dark, and language and gesture.

KILLSWITCH

CinemaSalem: Tue, Mar 10 at 8 pm

The Internet is under attack. Free speech, innovation, and democracy are all up for grabs.

LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

PEM: Sat, Mar 7 at 8 pm

The historic 40-year struggle of Richard Adams, a gay Filipino-American, and his Australian spouse, Tony Sullivan, to remain together in spite of US laws that attempt to force them apart.

LITTLE PEOPLE BIG DREAMS

CinemaSalem: Mon, Mar 9 at 6 pm

Travel to the most unlikely kingdom on earth. This is China's 'Dwarves Empire,' where little people stand tall. Or do they?

MATEO

CinemaSalem: Sat, Mar 7 at 9:20 pm**

Follow America's most notorious gringo mariachi on his misadventures in Cuba.

MISS HILL: MAKING DANCE MATTER

PEM Bartlett Gallery: Sat, Mar 7 at 4 pm

The little-known story of Martha Hill, a visionary who fought against great odds to make contemporary and modern dance a legitimate art form in America.

MORPHINE: JOURNEY OF DREAMS

CinemaSalem: Fri, Mar 6 at 7:20 pm**

The in-depth tale of '90s band Morphine, who blazed like a comet across the global music scene.

MUGSHOT

PEM Bartlett Gallery: Sat, Mar 7 at 2 pm**

Investigate the cultural significance of the mug shot, from law enforcement tool to celebrity caché.

MY BROTHER'S VOWS

CinemaSalem: Mon, Mar 9 at 8 pm**

Stephanie's brother Gregor is about to make the biggest decision of his life. He has joined the Catholic order of the Steyler Missionaries to become a monk.



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ON HER OWN

CinemaSalem: Sat, Mar 7 at 4:30 pm**

After the sudden death of her father, a woman struggles to save her farm and, ultimately, her family.

ONCE UPON A CRIME: THE BORRELLI - DAVIS CONSPIRACY

CinemaSalem: Sat, Mar 7 at 6:20 pm**

Two New York detectives are falsely imprisoned for committing murder on behalf of the Mafia, even though law enforcement agents know the identity of the real gunman.

THE OPTIMISTS

CinemaSalem Screening Room: Fri, Mar 6 at 4:15 pm;

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Sat, Mar 7 at 4:15 pm; Sat, Mar 7 at 8:15 pm;

Sun, Mar 8 at 12:15 pm; Sun, Mar 8 at 4:15 pm;

Mon, Mar 9 at 8:15 pm; Tue, Mar 10 at 8:15 pm;

Wed, Mar 11 at 8:15 pm

An unusual volleyball team in Hamar, Norway, comprised of women ages 66 to 98, is up for their first match after 30 years of training.

SEEDS OF TIME

PEM: Tue, Mar 10 at 5:30 pm

Agriculture pioneer Cary Fowler's global journey to save the eroding foundation of our food supply in a new era of climate change.

SEX AND BROADCASTING

CinemaSalem: Sun, Mar 8 at 1:30 pm**

An American tale of life, liberty, and an independent radio station in New Jersey.

SHIELD AND SPEAR

PEM: Sun, Mar 8 at 4 pm**

A complex story of art, music, and freedom in South Africa today.

SHOULDER THE LION

PEM: Sat, Mar 7 at 5:30 pm**

Three artists, three tragedies. The usual story told in a very unusual way.

A SNAKE GIVES BIRTH TO A SNAKE

CinemaSalem: Sat, Mar 7 at 11:30am**

Can we forgive the past to survive the future?

SONGS FOR ALEXIS

CinemaSalem: Wed, Mar 11 at 8 pm**

A coming of age story about a transgender musician in Long Island and his complicated love life.

STRAY DOG

PEM: Thu, Mar 5 at 7:30 pm**

Ron "Stray Dog" Hall, a warrior in the heartland of the US, brushes up against perilous aspects of contemporary American culture while balancing his commitments to his fellow combat veterans, family, and neighbors.

TEA TIME

CinemaSalem: Thu, Mar 12 at 6 pm

Six elderly friends gather to have tea once a month for sixty years.

TOMORROW WE DISAPPEAR

PEM: Sat, Mar 7 at 1:30 pm

When their land is sold to developers, the magicians, acrobats, and puppeteers of New Delhi's Kathputli Colony must find a way to unite - or splinter apart forever.

TOP SPIN

CinemaSalem Screening Room: Fri, Mar 6 at 6:30 pm;

Sat, Mar 7 at 2:15 pm; Sat, Mar 7 at 6:30 pm;

Sun, Mar 8 at 2:15 pm; Sun, Mar 8 at 6:30 pm;

Sun, Mar 8 at 8:15 pm; Mon, Mar 9 at 6:30 pm;

Wed, Mar 11 at 6:30 pm

Three teenagers battle their way through the world of competitive ping pong with their hearts set on the Olympics.

WAITING FOR AUGUST

CinemaSalem: Wed, Mar 11 at 6 pm

Georgiana Halmac, a 15-year-old Romanian teenager forced to take over as the head of her family.

WALKING UNDER WATER

PEM: Thu, Mar 12 at 8 pm

The last compressor diver from the Badjao tribe in Malaysian Borneo is imparting his wisdom and diving techniques to his young nephew.

WANDER, WONDER, WILDERNESS

PEM: Sat, Mar 7 at 11 am**

In this multi-platform interactive documentary project, chance encounters and insights are inspired by walking through Boston's public parks and greenways – known as urban wilds.

WHO TOOK JOHNNY

CinemaSalem: Sat, Mar 7 at 2:10 pm**

Examine the infamous thirty-year-old cold case behind the disappearance of Iowa paperboy Johnny Gosch, the first missing child to appear on a milk carton.

WILD HOME

CinemaSalem: Sun, Mar 8 at 6:05 pm**

Bob Miner, a Vietnam Veteran, finds his way back to the world by rehabilitating abused and abandoned animals deep in the woods of Maine.

MASS REALITY CHECK

PEM: Fri, Mar 6 at 3 pm**

The Mass Reality Check is a college doc shorts showcase for college and university students and recent graduates working in short documentary and experimental documentary film.

THE FIVE-MINUTE STUDENT DOCUMENTARY CONTEST

CinemaSalem: Sat, Mar 7 at 10 am**

Entering its seventh year, the Five-Minute Student Doc Contest is an innovative and fun celebration of young Massachusetts High School student filmmakers. The doc genre is wide and varied and is open to all kinds of creative approaches.