

Our partners at the Gene Siskel Film Center continue to promote artists of Silk Road backgrounds.
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Don't Miss the Final Weekend of the 30th Annual Festival of Films from Iran



Throughout February, the Gene Siskel Film Center of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, has been presenting its 30th Annual Festival of Films from Iran which endures as a showcase that has brought the innovation, resilience, and humanism of one of the world's great national cinemas to Chicago audiences over three decades.

Now, more than ever, the voices of Iranian artists need to be heard in exploring our shared humanity through history, compassion, comedy, and love.

The eight-film festival's closing weekend features two premieres, both on February 29 and March 1.

The hair-raising documentary *WOMEN ACCORDING TO MEN* illuminates the multifaceted images and stereotypes of Iranian women portrayed by Iranian male directors before the 1979 Islamic revolution, culled from over 120 films; the March 1 screening is followed by a Skype Q&A with director Saeed Nouri and a reception sponsored by MALA (Muslim America Leadership Alliance) in celebration of the festival's 30 years.

And, *SEVEN AND A HALF*, a series of mini-dramas of seven young women bravely facing the question that may decide their fates in a world where the patriarchy still rules.



Apply the code **GSFCPARTNER** online or in-person at the box office and pay \$7 instead of \$12 per ticket.

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In the month of April, the Gene Siskel Film Center will be featuring even more art from artists along the Silk Road. We are so thrilled with their continued support of marginalized and misrepresented voices. Consider joining them in April for the 19th Annual Chicago Palestine Film Festival and the 25th Annual Asian American Showcase. Tickets go on sale the week of March 9th. Read below for more information.

19th Annual Chicago Palestine Film Festival April 4–16



The Gene Siskel Film Center, in collaboration with the Chicago Palestine Film Festival, presents this showcase—the longest-running annual Palestinian film festival in the world—representing the spirit and mood of contemporary Palestinian life, dedicated to exhibiting film and video work that is open, critical, and reflective of the culture, experience, and vision of the artists. Learn more about the [Chicago Palestine Film Festival](#).

25th Annual Asian American Showcase April 17–30



Presented in partnership with the Foundation for Asian American Independent Media, this unique festival features the rich, diverse voices of Asian American filmmakers through fiction features, documentaries, and shorts. Learn more about the [Asian American Showcase](#).

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