



Seattle Turkish Film Festival  
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## **STFF Team has something to tell you!**

### **6th Annual Seattle Turkish Film Festival November 9-17, 2018**

Dear STFF Friend,

We would like to THANK YOU for your continued support and enthusiasm that make STFF such a success. Without you, there would be no festival.

As a group of committed volunteers, we work hard year-round to make this festival happen, and let us tell you, it is not easy!

The festival team puts in a lot of time and effort to bring the award-winning box-office hits to STFF. It takes a lot of agonizing and stressful negotiations but at the end of the day it is a pure joy to see the venues full of film lovers sharing the magic of cinema with us.

Our primary motive is to introduce another point of view for Seattle's diverse and cosmopolitan culture. We believe that the addition of our Turkish views help to make the city even more colorful! STFF is committed to making an impact to the arts and identity of a rapidly evolving city.

In the past 6 years, there were numerous people who put in a lot of effort to improve this festival. Now, we are leveraging all these gains and working harder to become a bigger and more recognized festival.

Below, we'd like to share some exciting news with you.

- Our short film competition (STFF Shorts) has become the biggest short film competition outside of Turkey.



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This year, we will be hosting the director of the 'best short film' during the festival.

- We have extended our impact in the PNW area as well as in Turkey. We made our connections stronger with other important film organizations (SIFF – Seattle International Film Festival, NWFF – Northwest Film Forum, VTFF - Vancouver Turkish Film Festival) and universities (UW – University of Washington) with various collaborations.
- **SIFF** “Butterflies” a film by Tolga Karacelik and “Something Useful” by Pelin Esmer, have had sold out screenings at 2018 Seattle International Film Festival with our collaboration.
- **Justine Barda (film programmer at SIFF and professor at Seattle University)** Justine attended to IFF (Istanbul International Film Festival) to represent SIFF and STFF. We have got lots of feedbacks and greetings from film lovers in Turkey. Justine’s effort helped us significantly to be recognized as a well-known film festival, not only in Seattle, also in Turkey.
- **UW – University of Washington**  
We collaborated with UW in different events.
  - Multimedia and technology support for Erkin Koray talk
  - Co-screening of Tarik Akan TributeThis year, we will be screening “A Piece of Germany” documentary with the collaboration of UW with a panel following the screening.
- **BTF – Bridge to Turkey Fund**  
We collaborated and supported BTF to organize BTF’s Cinema4aCause events.
  - Wool Doll / Yun Bebek
  - Half / Yarim
  - You can do it! / Yapabilirsin!



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- **VTFF – Vancouver Turkish Film Festival**

This year we introduced a new program: Festival2Festival. Festival2Festival is an STFF initiative, to create a communication bridge between festivals as well as to bring short films to the spotlight of the festival audiences across the world. As first step, we are screening STFF Shorts 2018 finalist films in Vancouver, BC.

We are revisiting our mission & vision statements each year to keep ourselves up-to-date, seeking for opportunities to broad our collaborations, becoming more inclusive to get more support.

When we say “we” it is not only the STFF team, it is “us”, Turkish Community and our friends who are not hesitating to show the support in many which ways.

In the consideration of all this effort, this year, we are introducing STFF Friends Club to you. Being member of this club will provide you exclusive access to all the screenings & events at the festival time (9-17 November, 2018) including Opening and Closing parties. Only thing that you need to do is to donate to TACAWA (with the description of “STFF Friends Club”) minimum \$250 and send the donation receipt to [info@stff.org](mailto:info@stff.org). You can do this at [www.stff.org](http://www.stff.org) in support section.

Thank you very much for your interest, support and trust in STFF.

STFF Team

**P.S.** \$250 is the same amount that you would pay for all the screenings & events. In addition to that you will get exclusive access to the events and help us to grow the community. If your company is matching donations to TACAWA, it would double your contribution.