



Join us on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 for

NATIONAL CANADIAN FILM DAY

Dear retirement residence and long-term care partners,

National Canadian Film Day (CanFilmDay) is coming up on **April 15, 2026!** It's a massive coast-to-coast-to-coast celebration of Canadian movies – and it's completely **FREE** for you and your residents to join!

We have an exciting lineup of great Canadian films specifically curated for retirement residences and long term care homes. You'll get to stream the entire lineup for 72 hours, so you can show as many films as you like, or just your favourite one. It's up to you.

There's a wide selection of both English and French films (see films below), and we're once again offering curated short film programmes, which are a popular choice for communities specializing in Memory Care or for residents needing a shorter activity time. We're offering a blend of familiar favourites as always, along with some new offerings and classics we haven't featured recently. If streaming isn't possible, we'll also have a small selection of titles on DVD.

Lastly, you can make it even more exciting by using our party kit full of games, photo props, posters, and a special pre-show video with fun activities to play as residents come in.

We're also offering a banner for purchase that can help add to your festive atmosphere, please contact us for more details on how to order one for your facility.

Need help choosing a film?

Don't worry, our team is here to help! We can offer advice on film content and themes, and address any questions or concerns. Just get in touch.

Sign Up Now

To register, email canfilmday@reelcanada.ca or call **1-888-508-0881, option 3**. We'll send you a personalized registration form and help with any questions.



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Pour vous renseigner sur la programmation en français, veuillez nous écrire à jourcinecan@reelcanada.ca.

Featured Offerings



BARNEY'S VERSION

Director: Richard J. Lewis / Year: 2010 / 134 min / PG

Based on Mordecai Richler's Giller Prize-winning bestseller of the same name, this story follows the titular Barney (Paul Giamatti) from young adulthood to old age, as he bounces from one romantic entanglement to another.

Trailer: canfilmday.ca/film/barneys-version



BARRYMORE

Director: Érik Canuel / Year: 2011 / 83 min / PG

Christopher Plummer reprises his celebrated stage incarnation of Hollywood legend John Barrymore reviewing his life while rehearsing for a performance of Shakespeare's *Richard III*. Based on the play by William Luce.

Trailer: canfilmday.ca/film/barrymore



THE GRAND SEDUCTION

Director: Don McKellar / Year: 2013 / 113 min / PG

This funny and fresh English-language adaptation of the 2003 Quebecois comedy *La grande séduction* tells the tale of a small fishing village in Newfoundland that will go to hilarious lengths to secure a new doctor in order to keep the community alive.

Trailer: canfilmday.ca/film/the-grand-seduction



LONG TIME RUNNING

Directors: Nicholas de Pencier and Jennifer Baichwal / Year: 2017 / 97 min / PG

A chronicle of the emotional and epic 2016 tour that The Tragically Hip embarked on after iconic frontman Gord Downie announced that he had been diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. Featuring intimate moments, behind-the-scenes and on-stage footage of that now-legendary final tour.

Trailer: canfilmday.ca/film/long-time-running



YOUNG WERTHER

Director: José Lourenço / Year: 2024 / 101 min / PG

A carefree and charming young writer named Werther (Douglas Booth) meets Charlotte (Alison Pill), who he believes is the love of his life. There's only one thing standing in the way – her engagement to another man.

Trailer: canfilmday.ca/film/young-werther

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Returning Favourites



A BEAR NAMED WINNIE

Director: John Kent Harrison / Year: 2004 / 90 min / G

The true story behind author A.A. Milne's beloved children's character is told in this charming film about the remarkable friendship between a Canadian WWI soldier and a bear cub that stood as a symbol of hope in a time of war.

Trailer: canfilmday.ca/film/a-bear-named-winnie



MAUDIE

Director: Aisling Walsh / Year: 2016 / 115 min / PG

Maudie is a moving drama based on the true story of Nova Scotia painter Maud Lewis, who overcame the physical challenge of juvenile rheumatoid arthritis to become one of Canada's best known and most loved folk artists.

Trailer: canfilmday.ca/film/maudie



PEACE BY CHOCOLATE

Director: Jonathan Keijser / Year: 2021 / 96 min / PG

A Syrian refugee in Antigonish, Nova Scotia is torn between his dream to become a doctor and his family's chocolate-making legacy. Inspired by the true story of the formation of the artisanal chocolate company Peace By Chocolate.

Trailer: canfilmday.ca/film/peace-by-chocolate



WITHOUT PRECEDENT: THE SUPREME LIFE OF ROSALIE ABELLA

Directors: Barry Avrich / Year: 2023 / 80 min / G

As a fierce advocate for human rights, Rosalie Abella casts a long shadow. This lively documentary explores her life and career trajectory, including her successes as an attorney and judge, culminating with her historic appointment to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Trailer: canfilmday.ca/film/without-precedent-the-supreme-life-of-rosalie-abella



YOU ARE HERE: A COME FROM AWAY STORY

Director: Moze Mossanen / Year: 2018 / 83 min / PG

This moving documentary shows how the town of Gander, Newfoundland, came together to feed, shelter and support 6,600 stranded airline passengers for 6 days in the wake of the 9/11 attacks. This incredible true story inspired the smash-hit musical *Come From Away*.

Trailer: canfilmday.ca/film/you-are-here-a-come-from-away-story