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VIFF 2008 Interim Fact Sheet

Event 27th Vancouver International Film Festival (inaugural year was 1982)

Dates September 25 to October 10, 2008

Slogan Same Planet. Different Worlds.

2007 stats

- 337 films shown (232 features; 105 shorts)
- Canadian films: 83 (39 features; 44 shorts)
- Documentaries: 90 (18 from Canada)
- 648 screenings, including 50 media screenings
- 60 countries
- Premieres: 15 world, 31 international, 37 North American and 40 Canadian
- 148,360 admissions
- 750 volunteers
- 10 screens at four theatres:
 - Empire Granville 7 Cinemas
 - Pacific Cinémathèque
 - Ridge Theatre
 - Vancity Theatre at the Vancouver International Film Centre
- 400 accredited industry guests

2008 calendar

- June 16, Canadian Images submissions deadline
- July 1, International submissions deadline
- September 3, film line-up announced at news conference
- September 24-26, 23rd annual Film and Television Forum
- September 25, Opening Gala Film & Party
- September 26, Canadian Images Opening Film & Party
- September 27, New Filmmakers' Day, Film and Television Forum
- October 4, Anniversary Gala Film & Party
- October 4, Dragons & Tigers Award Announcement
- October 10, Awards Announcements; Closing Gala Film & Party

2007 awards (2008 awards TBA)

Adjudicated Awards

- Climate for Change Award to top environmental film (\$25,000)
- Dragons & Tigers Award for Young Cinema, sponsored by Brad Birarda (\$10,000)
- Citytv Western Canada Feature Film Award (\$12,000)
- Most Promising Director of a Canadian Short Film (\$2000 + Avid Media Composer Software, value US \$5000)
- NFB Best Canadian Documentary Award (\$2,500)
- Women in Film and Video Vancouver Artistic Merit Award

Audience Awards

- Rogers People's Choice Award for Most Popular International Film
- People's Choice Award for Most Popular Canadian Film
- People's Choice Award for Most Popular International Nonfiction Film

2009 VIFF dates

- Thursday, October 1 – Friday, October 16, 2009