



June 30, 2026

Hello Filmmakers,

Thank you for submitting your film to the Gig Harbor Film Festival. Congratulations, your film has been chosen as an Official Selection in the 2026 Gig Harbor Film Festival!

We will screen 89 incredible films in beautiful Gig Harbor on September 24-27, 2026. This year's creative talent blew us away and we are very excited about this expanded lineup! We are truly grateful that you share your craft with us.

Your GHFF Official Selection laurel is available upon request. Please feel free to share it on social media to promote your success. We encourage you to follow us on Facebook and Instagram using hashtags #gigharborfilmfestival and #GHFF25 so we can all see your fun festival posts! We will promote your film leading up to the festival and will gladly share any posts about the festival you tag us in.

### **ACTION REQUIRED FROM YOU**

We would love to have you in attendance to represent your film in person and participate in the Q&A sessions. **Please let us know if you plan to attend by August 1.**

**If you have a downloadable trailer, please let us know where it can be found by August 1. We will contact you soon to get your screener.**

Please let us know if your film is a **Washington, U.S., or World Premiere by August 1** so that we can promote your film appropriately.

You will receive two VIP Passes in your filmmaker packet. **Please email the names of the two passholders to [programming@gigharborfilm.org](mailto:programming@gigharborfilm.org) by August 1.** Please advise if you would like additional General Admission Passes and we will do our best to accommodate.

### **FESTIVAL WEEKEND**

We will kick off on Thursday, September 24 with some fun film blocks that lead to our evening OPENING NIGHT FILM, the upbeat and witty documentary ***The Big Cheese***. Prior to the 6:30pm screening, we will host a VIP cocktail party. We hope you can join us for the two private afterparties following the lively Q&A in the IMAX.

Films will run all day **Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday** on four screens in the luxurious Galaxy Theatres. As always, your film is shown twice to maximize exposure to our festivalgoers.

YOU will be the stars at the Meet the Filmmakers party hosted at a private home on Friday night! We'll wrap up the festival with the Awards Ceremony and mimosa breakfast on Sunday morning, September 27. We hope that you can join us as we recognize your talent amongst your peers.

The full film schedule will be listed on our website ([gigharborfilm.org](http://gigharborfilm.org)) August 10.

We will have space in the theatre lobby for any promotional posters, cards, buttons, stickers, etc. from your film that you'd like to give away. Please feel free to bring or send anything you'd like.

We look forward to meeting you in person and spending an exciting weekend enjoying great films and connections!

Cheers!

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## LODGING

The following list includes GHFF preferred lodging partners within the Gig Harbor area. When you call to make a reservation, please mention that you are a filmmaker/guest with the GHFF to get the best rate.

- **Best Western Wesley Inn & Suites** is a charming, family-run hotel that is close to downtown Gig Harbor and about 7 minutes from the Galaxy. Please call 253-858-9690 for discounted rates on the room block and mention that you are with the GHFF. <https://www.wesleyinn.com>
- **The Waterfront Inn** offers unbeatable views and comfort directly on the harbor in downtown Gig Harbor. This boutique property is offering discounted rates using the code GHFF20.
- **The Maritime Inn** is a charming boutique hotel located downtown across from the waterfront, restaurants, and Jerisich Park. The Inn is offering discounted rooms for GHFF guests. Please call 253-858-1818 to book. <http://www.maritimeinn.com>.
- Our local **Vacasa** representative is James Karrer who offers several larger vacation rentals including spacious waterfront options. He can be reached at [james.karrer@vacasa.com](mailto:james.karrer@vacasa.com) or 206-229-7704.
- The **Gig Harbor Marina** downtown offers nightly yacht rentals (at the dock) so you can sleep on the water! Please contact Danielle Taylor at [dtaylor@gigharbormarina.com](mailto:dtaylor@gigharbormarina.com) for availability of Fleet Suites yachts. <https://gigharbormarina.com/lodging/>
- There are many local **VRBO and Airbnb** listings as well and some of them are houseboats! <https://www.vrbo.com> and <https://www.airbnb.com>.
- The **Silver Cloud Hotel Tacoma at Point Ruston Waterfront** is just a 20-minute drive across the bridge in the lively waterfront neighborhood of Point Ruston. This elegant property offers many amenities including a spa. <https://www.silvercloud.com/pointruston/>

## AIRPORT SHUTTLE

There is a shuttle available that will transport you to and from SeaTac Airport to Gig Harbor called the Bremerton-Kitsap Airporter. One-way tickets are \$31 and the shuttle drops off/picks up at the Inn at Gig Harbor. Shuttles leave SeaTac Airport at 20 minutes after the hour. Refer to the following website for more information: [www.kitsapairporter.com](http://www.kitsapairporter.com). Please note that reservations cannot be made for the SeaTac to Gig Harbor portion of the trip — it is on a first-come, first-served basis.

## LOCAL SHUTTLE

We are again offering a volunteer-driven shuttle that will transport filmmakers between Gig Harbor lodging and event venues. More information will be in your filmmaker packet.