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Sundar Prize Film Festival Unveils Official 2026 Trailer, Spotlighting This Year's Theme: "Home Is Complicated, So Are We"

Surrey, BC – March 21, 2026 – The Sundar Prize Film Festival has officially released the trailer for its 2026 festival, offering a powerful and visually striking first look at this year's theme, "Home Is Complicated, So Are We."

Created by festival co-founder Vinay Giridhar, the one-minute trailer sets the tone for the third annual edition of the festival with a moving meditation on belonging, identity, resilience, and the complex emotional landscapes people carry with them. Through poetic editing, evocative imagery, and spoken word inspired by this year's programming, the trailer captures the spirit of a festival devoted to films that challenge, connect, and inspire.

More than a preview, the trailer serves as an artistic statement about the times we are living in. In a world shaped by migration, uncertainty, social division, and a growing search for connection, the 2026 Sundar Prize Film Festival invites audiences to reflect on what home really means and how stories can help us better understand ourselves and one another.

Watch the Official Trailer

<https://youtu.be/a4GI5jQbczc?si=D1gVNiTUyHsQ48oV>

Editing: Vinay Giridhar

Voice-Over: Sidartha Murjani

A Festival Built on Bold Storytelling

The 2026 trailer offers a glimpse into one of the festival's strongest lineups to date. This year, the Sundar Prize Film Festival selected 62 films from 823 submissions, representing a highly competitive 7.6% selection rate.

The official selection includes:

- 50 Canadian films (79%)
- 42 films from British Columbia (66%)
- 33 films directed by women (52%)
- 48 films from underrepresented communities (73%), including IBPOC and 2SLGBTQ+ voices

Together, these films reflect a wide range of urgent and deeply human experiences, from migration and memory to environmental justice, intergenerational healing, queer love, cultural identity, and social transformation.

With its continued emphasis on representation and social impact, the Sundar Prize Film Festival is establishing itself as a vital platform for filmmakers whose work expands public understanding and sparks meaningful dialogue.

Messages from the Festival

“The trailer combines visual poetry, edited together by Vinay Giridhar, with spoken word based on this year’s programming,” says Sidartha Murjani, Executive Director & Senior Programmer.

“In this era of global upheaval and uncertainty, there is a question on everybody’s mind: What does home mean? This was evident in this year’s submissions to the festival, where we saw recurring messages about home and belonging. The teaser offers a snippet of all the amazing, thoughtful films that will be showcased this year at the third annual Sundar Prize Film Festival. The voice-over for the teaser is simply a melange of the names of this year’s screening blocks and interactive panels. In this way, the teaser encompasses this year’s core theme: ‘Home Is Complicated, So Are We,’” says Vinay Giridhar, Co-Founder of the Festival, filmmaker, animator, graphic designer, and editor of the official trailer.

“The release of this trailer is an exciting milestone for this year’s festival because it gives audiences an early sense of the emotional depth, urgency, and beauty of the stories they will experience on screen,” says Amar Sangha, Co-Founder of the Sundar Prize Film Festival and Founder of Sher Pride, the registered charity behind the festival. “This year’s theme speaks to something deeply personal and universal at the same time. So many people are thinking about identity, belonging, displacement, and connection. We are proud to present a festival that creates space for those conversations and uplifts filmmakers whose work helps us see each other with greater empathy, compassion, and understanding.”

Closing

The 2026 Sundar Prize Film Festival will take place April 23 to 26, 2026, with screenings at the North Delta Centre for the Arts and Landmark Cinemas Guildford in Surrey. The festival brings

together filmmakers, audiences, and community leaders through screenings, panel discussions, mentorship opportunities, and industry networking events.

This year's theme, "Home Is Complicated, So Are We," explores the many ways people understand belonging through identity, land, memory, and community.

The festival continues to position Surrey and North Delta as growing hubs for film culture and storytelling in British Columbia, while creating a welcoming space for diverse filmmakers and audiences from around the world.

About the Festival

The Sundar Prize Film Festival is an international film festival dedicated to socially conscious storytelling and diverse voices. The festival brings together filmmakers, audiences, and industry leaders for screenings, panels, and community engagement, positioning Surrey and the surrounding region as a growing hub for film and cultural dialogue. The festival is founded by local filmmakers Amar Sangha of North Delta and Vinay Giridhar of Surrey.

FULL FESTIVAL LINEUP AND SCREENING SCHEDULE AND TICKETS

The full festival lineup and screening schedule can be found here - [Link](#)

Summary of Schedule

<https://sundarprize.com/2026-program-summary/>

Thursday, April 23, 2026 – North Delta Centre for the Arts (11425 84 Ave, Delta, BC V4C 2L9), Opening Night, Film Screenings, and Refreshments, 5 pm to 11 pm (Opening Remarks start at 6:00 pm).

Friday, April 24, 2026 – North Delta Centre for the Arts (11425 84 Ave, Delta, BC V4C 2L9), Film Screenings, 12 pm to midnight.

Saturday, April 25, 2026 – Landmark Cinemas Guildford, Surrey (15051 101 Ave, Surrey, BC V3R 7Z1), Film Screenings, 10 am to 9:30 pm.

Sunday, April 26, 2026 – Landmark Cinemas Guildford, Surrey (15051 101 Ave, Surrey, BC V3R 7Z1), Closing Night, Film Screenings, and Award Ceremony, 1 pm to 9:30 pm (Awards Ceremony starts at 7:30 pm).

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<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/sher-vancouver-lgbtq-friends-society/>

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