

SIFF 2018 Report



The 44th Annual Seattle International Film Festival ended its 25 day run on June 10th. The festival featured over 430 films and of the 168 feature films 33 were in the LGBTQ genre. I hope you got a chance to see part of the festival. I had a few LGBTQ favorites and you might watch for future screenings or streaming. My very favorite was **1985**, a heart wrenching black and white slice of time directed and written by Yen Tan with a lead performance by Cory Michael Smith. <http://1985thefilm.com/>

- [Anchor and Hope](#) with David Verdaguer (10,000km) who is so easy on the eyes.
- [A Kid Like Jake](#) with Jim Parsons as Jake's sensitive dad.
- [A Moment In The Reeds](#) Directed by Mikko Makela, watch his SIFFCast here [SIFFCast Mikko Makela](#)
- [The Heiresses](#) Ana Brun, my best actress of SIFF.
- [Retablo](#) A place and culture so far away, yet true to our own lives.
- [We The Animals](#) with Raúl Castillo (HBO's "Looking"), I also highly recommend the book by Justin Torres.

Coming SIFF LGBTQ Attractions

Opening July 20 | **The Cakemaker** | Film Center (from The 2018 Seattle Jewish Film Festival, well worth seeing)

Opening Aug 10 | **The Miseducation of Cameron Post** | Uptown

My other top SIFF 2018 films included: **The Captain; The Guilty; The Crime of Monsieur Lange** (restoration); **The Last Suit**, opening June 29 at the Egyptian (Winner of the 2018 Golden Space Needle Award for Best Actor Miguel Ángel Solá); **Naila and the Uprising; Naples in Veils; The Reports on Sarah and Saleem; The Russian Five; Sansho the Bailiff** (restoration); **See You Up There** and **Thunder Road**.

I was unable to screen **Every Act of Life** the documentary on the groundbreaking life and work of one of America's most important playwrights, multiple Tony-winner Terrence McNally. Watch for it!

New Feature SIFF Film Engagements

Opens July 6 | **The King** | Uptown

July 8 - 19 | **Yellow Submarine** (50th Anniversary 4K Restoration) | Uptown

Opens July 20 | **Don't Worry He Won't Get Far on Foot** | Uptown (Gus Van Sant directing)

Opens July 20 | **Eighth Grade** | Egyptian (Winner of the 2018 Golden Space Needle Award for Best Film and Best Actress, Elsie Fisher)

July 27 - 29 | **Under the Tree** | Film Center (dark Nordic humor)

Opens Aug 10 | **BlacKkKlansman** | Egyptian

— John Chaney, Past President and Film Aficionado

The Included Links

<http://1985thefilm.com/>

<https://www.siff.net/festival/anchor-and-hope> David Verdaguer (10,000km)

<https://www.siff.net/festival/a-kid-like-jake> Jim Parsons

<https://www.siff.net/festival/a-moment-in-the-reeds> Directed by Mikko Makela SIFFCast

<https://www.siff.net/media/siffcast/mikko-makela>

<https://www.siff.net/festival/heireesses> Ana Brun

<https://www.siff.net/festival/retable>

<https://www.siff.net/festival/we-the-animals> Raúl Castillo (HBO's "Looking") read the book by Justin Torres