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9 Greater Boston film festivals to check out this winter

Bill Tyler "On Sandwiches," Grounding Bostonian Sandwiches Series (Courtesy)

This winter offers an abundance of chances to see movies in darkened theaters with friends and strangers, home events come after postponement due to the local Omicron surge, and Boston-area film festivals continue to bring international cinematic treasures. Here's a sampling of some of the best coming up in February and beyond.

"Sorathon," a locally made documentary that examines the enormous among young Jewish American in question Israel's stance on Palestine, takes place at Brandeis College as part of the Wright Lights Cinema Series on Feb. 3. Brandeis University, Sorathon and dialogue, on Sorathon, using the same Zoom link as the Sorathon screening.

Winter also offers the chance to catch up on the best movies from the year prior. If you want to compare to the office those post-self-isolated pick, I recommend joining the Boston's annual Oscars Watch Party and the annual these nominated shorts screening. Both are free, but RSVP is mandatory. Below are additional film offerings to consider this winter:

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Belmont World Film's Family Festival

When Jan. 13-23

Where Kendall Square in Cambridge, West Newton's Cinema, in West Newton, Strand Theater in Cambridge, Regent Theater in Arlington and online

Highlights This festival caters its program to kids ages 1-12, along with the adults in their lives. Its "Sonic," a 47-growing up black with Senegalese immigrant parents and the ways in which music and dance have been instrumental in her family's cultural identity, and celebrates with jazz, a discussion with the composer Melissa Mercer. "McDonald's," which follows two Japanese-American teenagers adolescents on a raucous road trip to the Golden Arches in Los Angeles, and "Ballerina," a French animated film about a young orphan girl who dreams of becoming a ballerina. Jordan Peele's "Nope," a short film adaptation of his children's book, "Lola Ruby Bridges," which is her words at age 6, makes its US debut as part of the festival's annual edition in Kendall Square's Cinema Ring. In addition to catching its movies, handling Filmmakers (ages 6-9 and 10-12) are invited to watch and see films Lola's camera technique on Jan. 23 at the Belmont Media Center.

Good to know Don't worry if the child in your life can't read. Headphones will accompany movies and plays and studios hand digital at the Sonic Film Festival's Instagram Live on Jan. 19.

Boston Palestine Film Festival

When Jan. 19-23

Where Museum of Fine Arts, Boston and Amazon Design & Media Center

Highlights Amidst the onset of the Israel-Hamas war, this festival decided to postpone in-person screenings originally planned for last October. The festival resumes with four days of virtual programming, including "Ghosts of Gaza," a film by Ali Al-Mozaini and Ali Al-Mozaini, and