



# MOTHER TONGUE FILM FESTIVAL

The Smithsonian's Mother Tongue Film Festival celebrates cultural and linguistic diversity by showcasing films and filmmakers from around the world, highlighting the crucial role languages play in our daily lives.

Where and how do we find balance? To create balance is to connect the many branches of our existence, and to connect is to reach an enduring harmony. In 2024, the Mother Tongue Film Festival showcases films that record personal journeys and explore the drive to find balance and harmony within our world, communities, families, and selves.

All events are free and open to the public.

After you attend a screening, be sure to fill out our audience survey so that we can continue to improve the festival during its tenth anniversary in 2025! Scan the code to take the survey:



		FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24
			<p><b>11 am–1:45 pm</b> <b>Sustenance</b></p> <p>Baird Auditorium, NMNH</p> <p><i>Imalirijit</i> Bhaskar Chitrakar <i>wA'yûNA</i> Ekbeh <i>Mutsoóngo Malaávu</i> <i>Burros</i> Silt <i>A Bata do Milho / Corn Beat</i> <i>Nhakpoti / Star Girl</i></p>
		<p><b>12–1:30 pm</b> <b>Reclaiming Knowledge</b></p> <p>Q?rius, National Museum of Natural History</p> <p><i>Ñii Ñu'u / Sacred Skin</i></p>	
		<p><b>2–3:45 pm</b> <b>Redrawing the Lines</b></p> <p>Q?rius, NMNH</p> <p><i>I Am Home</i> <i>Künü</i></p>	<p><b>1–3 pm</b></p> <p>Meyer Auditorium, National Museum of Asian Art</p> <p><i>Hidden Letters</i></p>
		<p><b>4–6:15 pm</b> <b>Memory and Renewal</b></p> <p>Friedman Family Auditorium, Planet Word</p> <p><i>Grape Soda in the Parking Lot</i> <i>ᱵᱤᱨᱫᱟᱹᱜᱟᱲ (We Will Speak)</i></p>	<p><b>3–5:15 pm</b></p> <p>Baird Auditorium, NMNH</p> <p><i>The Wind &amp; The Reckoning</i></p>
			<p><i>Hirshhorn and the Dolcezza inside open at 6 pm. Grab a drink or a treat before the films!</i></p>
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22		
<p><b>7–9 pm</b> <b>Opening Night</b></p> <p>Rasmuson Theater, National Museum of the American Indian</p> <p><i>Frybread Face and Me</i></p>	<p><b>7–9:15 pm</b> <b>Regeneration</b></p> <p>Ring Auditorium, Hirshhorn</p> <p><i>Mother's Tongue</i> <i>Mamá / Mom</i></p>	<p><b>7–9:15 pm</b> <b>Bridging Worlds</b></p> <p>Friedman Family Auditorium, Planet Word</p> <p><i>Aikāne</i> <i>Y Sŵn</i></p>	<p><b>7–9:45 pm</b> <b>Closing Night</b></p> <p>Ring Auditorium, Hirshhorn</p> <p>Drum Blessing <i>A Bear Named Jesus</i> <i>We Are Still Here</i></p>