



MOTHER TONGUE FILM FESTIVAL

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The Smithsonian's Mother Tongue Film Festival celebrates cultural and linguistic diversity by showcasing films from around the world and hosting discussions with filmmakers, highlighting the crucial role languages play in our daily lives. Join us for the festival's eleventh year, February 19–22, 2026. This year, we present 25 films in 27 languages from 14 regions of the world.

	THURS. FEB. 19	FRI. FEB. 20	SAT. FEB. 21	SUN. FEB. 22
11 am			Friedman Family Auditorium, Planet Word	
12 pm			Little Joys Q&A with director Balam Toscano	
1 pm		Abramson Family Auditorium, NYU Washington, DC	Friedman Family Auditorium, Planet Word	Meyer Auditorium, National Museum of Asian Art
2 pm		<i>Imaginero</i> Discussion with filmmaker Alice Apley	<i>Formas de atravesar el territorio (Ways to Traverse a Territory)</i>	<i>Ainu Puri</i>
3 pm				
4 pm		Abramson Family Auditorium, NYU Washington, DC Strength Across Generations Q&A with director Herrana Addisu	Lehman Auditorium, George Washington University <i>Anfitriões Há Meio Século: a versão M'ky da História (Hosts for Half a Century: A M'ky Version of History)</i> Q&A with directors Typju M'ky and André Tupxi Lopes	ICC Auditorium Georgetown University
5 pm			Lehman Auditorium, George Washington University	<i>Runa Simi</i> Q&A with director Augusto Zegarra
6 pm		Abramson Family Auditorium, NYU Washington, DC	Currents: Performing Culture Q&A with Dr. Tarisi Vunidilo	
7 pm		<i>La Raya</i> Q&A with director Yolanda Cruz		
8 pm	Rasmuson Theater, National Museum of the American Indian <i>Uiksaringitara (Wrong Husband)</i>			
9 pm	Q&A with producer and cowriter Sam Cohn-Cousineau			
10 pm				