



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