



CINEMA COLUMBUS



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## Cinema Columbus Film Festival earns top spot in USA TODAY 10BEST Readers' Choice Awards

Cinema Columbus Film Festival is a winner in the [USA Today 2025 10Best Readers' Choice Awards](#) for [Best Film Festival](#)!

Over the last month, USA Today has asked readers to help them pick the 10 best out of 20 nominees in contests covering food, lodging, destinations, travel gear, and other categories including Best Film Festival. Cinema Columbus was voted the program's top film festival.

"This accolade is a touching reminder that the Columbus arts community and beyond have put their support behind our film festival and we're very grateful for this achievement," Cinema Columbus Festival Director Brett Reiter said.

Presented by CAPA, the Cinema Columbus Film Festival will be held April 30-May 4, presenting more than 20 screenings involving approximately 50 feature and short independent films at seven locations.

The 2025 festival will open at the Southern Theatre with a screening of *Down to the Felt*, directed by Columbus filmmaker Jon Osbeck and written by a trio of Columbus residents - Osbeck, Dino Tripodis and Ralph Scott. Filmed on location in Columbus, *Down to the Felt* tells the story of a down-on-his-luck compulsive gambler who has second thoughts after hiring a hitman to kill him.

The festival will close with a screening of the 1984 concert/documentary *STOP MAKING SENSE: A Film by Jonathan Demme and Talking Heads*, with a special guest appearance by Jerry Harrison.

Tickets for *Down to the Felt* and *Stop Making Sense* are available through [www.CinemaColumbus.com](http://www.CinemaColumbus.com). The full schedule for the 2025 Cinema Columbus Film Festival will be announced March 31.

The 2025 Cinema Columbus Film Festival is presented through the generous support of the Ohio Arts Council and Ohio Goes to the Movies.

**About CAPA**

Owner/operator of downtown Columbus' magnificent historic theatres (Ohio Theatre, Palace Theatre, Southern Theatre) and manager of the Riffe Center Theatre Complex, Lincoln Theatre, Drexel Theatre, Jeanne B. McCoy Community Center for the Arts (New Albany, OH), and the Shubert Theatre (New Haven, CT), CAPA is a non-profit, award-winning presenter of national and international performing arts and entertainment. For more information, visit [www.capa.com](http://www.capa.com).

CAPA's 2024-25 season is made possible in part by an investment of public funds from the Ohio Arts Council (OAC). The OAC is a state agency that funds and supports quality arts experiences to strengthen Ohio communities culturally, educationally, and economically. CAPA also appreciates the generous support of the Greater Columbus Arts Council, City of Columbus, Franklin County, and The Columbus Foundation's Jane H. Zimmerman Arts, Martha G. Staub, and Richard G. and Mary Jo Seyler funds.

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