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		11:00 am - 12:00 pm (IST)									
Opening Session	1	Sikhs Serving Humanity	10 mins	USA	In the Sikh spirit of Seva and Sarbat Da Bhalla, Sikhs internationally have been spreading our Guru's ideals of Langar and serving local communities by the hundreds of thousands. In this session, you will hear from eleven Sikh organizations from all over the world who are trying to do their part to help alleviate the global issue of hunger caused by the pandemic.						
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Films Session 1	2	Traasdi Rooh(Punjabi)	49 mins	Singapore	The film Peering Soul creates a sense of nostalgia and also highlights the breathtaking beauty of landscape and architecture by exploring the abandoned spiritual sites in remote areas of Pakistan.						
	3	Knitted Beliefs	15 mins	Pakistan	Knitted Beliefs is a tapestry of harmony in Narayanpura, a neighborhood in Karachi, where Hindus, Muslims, Christians, and Sikhs live together in one of the largest multi-ethnic communities in Pakistan.						
	4	The Cheez that Binds	19 mins	Italy	Italian-speaking Punjabi Sikh farmers make Parmesan cheese in Northern Italy and integrate into Italian society, teaching Italians about Sikhism.						
	5	Art Finds It's Way <b>(WORLD PREMIERE)</b>	30 mins	India	Aman Singh Gulati, now widely known as Almond Singh, is a 19-year-old micro-painter who holds the Guinness World Record for making the largest drawing by an individual, and for portraits on almonds. From a small town in Uttar Pradesh, India, he struggled to learn art, as well as obtain support from his family. In a small space he honed the talent that has gained him World Records. This budding artist, while being associated with various causes and working with Government of India initiatives, still fights to further train and earn to carry forward his passion. Many of his notable almond pieces portray the essence of Sikhism. He also holds the credit for making the biggest puzzle art of Guru Gobind Singh. His future endeavors include to bring the Sikh tenets alive with the Life Travels of Guru Nanak Dev and Guru Tegh Bahadur in his micro engravings on almonds.						
		2:00 pm - 3:00 pm (IST)									
Children's Film Segment (PDV)	6	Knowing The Path	5 mins	USA	For the past six and half years the Sikhlens Digital Voice Program and the Sri Hemkunt Foundation have trained Sikh children in the gurdwaras of California, and around the world. These workshops have trained over 1000 children, from ages six to eighteen, and have resulted in the production of over 125 shorts films. The following are just a few of those films						
	7	Kirat Karo	3 mins	USA							

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	8	The Committee	5 mins	USA							
	9	Kirat Karo Kaur & Kirat Karo Kid	3 mins	USA							
	10	Ikk Banda Hunda Si (Short Animation)	8 mins	India	A peep into the future, nearly 200 years from now. How could the world be? And human on this planet?						
					3:00 pm - 5:00 pm (IST)						
	11	All Quiet on the Homefront	25 mins	USA	The story of Bhagat Singh Thind, a Sikh American soldier, returns home after WWI to discover a law has passed that revokes citizenship from all Non-Caucasians and he is to be deported. Even though the war is over, he has to fight once again for the country and the ideals he was willing to give his life for.						
	12	The Sardar of Conde-Sur-Vire	10 mins	France	Son of the former Chief of the Indian Army, Vivek Singh is the first elected Sikh in France. He integrates into French culture being the only sardar (Sikh Man) in his town, Condé-Sur-Vire. His integration was not easy, but he eventually learns to thrive in Normandy.						
Films Session 2	13	TurBan	18 mins	France	Ranjit Singh, a lawyer and activist, fights against a French law that bans the wearing of religious symbols in public schools and government building. As a result of the ban, Sikh men and women have been forced to choose between their faith and education and employment.						
	14	Becoming Atma	11 mins	France	BECOMING ATMA tells the story of Atma Singh, a French man who was raised Catholic and converted to Sikhism. Atma defines his own identity by being a businessman, a yogi, a father, and much more.						
	15	Uprooted	10 mins	France	UPROOTED tells the story of one Sikh family who fled Punjab for France after the attack of 1984. Years later the country they once found solace in has enacted a turban ban, which forces the family to fight for the right to express their Sikh identity.						
	16	Kites: Beyond Boundaries <b>(WORLD</b> PREMIERE)	30 mins	India	A forensic expert by profession, now retired, Dr. Devinderpal Singh Sehgal is an International Kite Maker - A Limca world book record holder for the Smallest kite that can pass through an eye of needle, Record holder in the book of India Book of record for making kite on all Social evils prevails in our society since 1980. A record holder in Slovak book of records(Europe) for making smallest kite. He has been Awarded Panjab state award and Chandigarh State Award in the field of Kites for producing Kites on social issues for more than 37 years.						
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	17	Culture Strong	9 mins	Australia	Film about Australian Hip-hop artist L-Fresh					
	18	Tiger Style	10 mins	England	Raj and his brother, Pops, make up the popular music duo Tigerstyle. Based in Glasgow, the brothers work as DJs and music producers, creating hip-hop bhangra fusion music. While Western music is centered around a partying culture, Tigerstyle aims to promote Sikh values in their music. Raj prioritizes his family and his faith above all else but it is often challenging to find a balance between these aspects of his life and his career.					
Films Session 3	19	She is Strong	10 mins	Australia	Finding the balance between raising a daughter and pursuing a wrestling career					
	20	Warrior Kaur	10 mins	England	17 year old female martial arts champion Harleen Kaur balances her normal teenage life in northern England, with training for the Olympics, as she strengthens her connection with her Sikh faith. Her faith nurtures her athletic feats, and vice versa.					
		6:00 pm - 7:00 pm (IST)								
Films Session 4	21	Jallianwala: Repression and Retribution	28 mins	England	The Singh Twins narrate the film and discuss their research into Jallianwala, and their efforts in the creation of this artwork.					
	22	Winner of Peace	13 mins	Australia	A young Sikh poet steps into the public eye after competing on "Australia's Got Talent" and must walk the line between her community and personal beliefs, finding solace in spoken word.					
	23	Drawn from Life	16 mins	England	Raj is a talented artist who creates detailed pencil drawings of people's faces, including portraits of the Sikh gurus he most admires. After struggling with depression and anxiety for years, Raj is now returning to his artwork with a renewed sense of purpose and connection to his faith and family. Re-engaged with his community, Raj now works to help others through his art by sharing his struggles and triumphs.					
		7:30 pm - 8:30 pm (IST)								
Film Session 5	24	Silver Lining: The Journey of Rashpal Singh <b>(WORLD PREMIERE)</b>	40 mins	India	"Of all the senses, sight must be the most delightful!"- Helen Keller SILVER LINING is an inspiring journey of Seva that led an American Sikh towards establishing a mission for vision as a selfless act of serving his community. With more than 60 eye-camps a year across the state of Punjab, Rashpal Singh Dhindhsa comes as the 'Silver Lining' behind the extensive free-of-cost eye camps for the people in need across rural Punjab in India. The film further encapsulates the journey of United Sikh Mission that started in 2005 with its first eye camp and continues till date to give back to the community of Punjab, regardless of age, caste, creed, religion or gender.					
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