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Festival Brings 28 Films and 3 days of Special Events to Grand Rapids

Grand Rapids, Mich. March 9, 2017—The Grand Rapids Film Festival (GRFF) returns with unique events this [April 6-8](#).

“This weekend aims to bring the film community of Grand Rapids together through networking opportunities and celebrating film” said Jen Shaneberger President and CEO of GRFF.

- **Thursday, April 6:** GRFF partners with PechaKuchaGR and asks 12 filmmakers to share the story of “how film transformed their lives” in the infamous [20X20 format](#). Speakers include: Shane Hagedorn, Sloan Inns, Michael McCallum, Lucas Miles, Bret Miller, Julian Newman, Tom Norton, John Otterbacher, John Harper Philbin, Kathleen Sindorf, and Ella Swift. [Bios and headshots here](#).
- **Friday, April 7:** Fashion and Music for Film (F&M) returns ([video of previous year](#)) in partnership with [Kendall College of Art and Design’s Fashion Department](#) (KCAD), [Division16](#) audio and visual company, and [AB Apparel](#). The event exhibits three music videos, each followed by fashion inspired by the videos designed by KCAD students. DJ dance party follows. Details here.
- **Saturday, April 8:** The Wealthy Street Theatre serves as the hub for the screening of 28 films. Both the Wege and Micro theaters host films. Screenings of films from all over the world, including Grand Rapids, run from 12pm to 11:30pm. Highlights include: Michigan made film [Something Fun, Watch This](#) by Grand Rapids Native currently residing in Burbank, CA Richard Turke, and [Wintery Spring](#) a short from Egypt. A full list of the [2017 Films](#) is available at our website.

“We had over 100 submissions, but only the highest quality and most relevant films were selected for Saturday’s screening,” Shaneberger explained. “It’s an honor to share these films with the Grand Rapids’ community. It’s our hope that they are entertaining, encouraging and inspiring for all who attend.”

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