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**VIRGINIA FILM FESTIVAL TO PARTNER WITH PARAMOUNT THEATER FOR SOCIALLY-DISTANCED SCREENING OF ACADEMY AWARD-WINNING FILM *MINARI***

**THURSDAY, MAY 13 AT 7:00 PM AT THE PARAMOUNT THEATER**

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA – April 27, 2021– The Virginia Film Festival is partnering with The Paramount Theater to present a socially-distanced screening of the Academy Award-winning film *Minari* on Thursday, May 13 at 7:00 PM at The Paramount Theater.

The Virginia Film Festival is a program of the University of Virginia and the Office of the Provost and Vice Provost for the Arts.

Tickets for the screening are $15.00 and will go on sale to the general public at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, April 28 at [theparamount.net](https://www.theparamount.net/event/the-virginia-film-festival-presents-minari/) and in person at The Paramount’s box office, open Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. *Minari* will be presented with open captions.

To meet local and state guidelines, there will be a greatly reduced capacity in place for this event. For more information on The Paramount’s reopening plan and safety guidelines, visit [theparamount.net/covid-reopening](https://www.theparamount.net/covid-reopening).

*Minari*, which stars Yuh-jung Youn, who captured Best Actress in a Supporting Role honors at the 93rd Academy Awards ceremony on Sunday evening, is a tender and sweeping story about what roots us. The film follows a Korean-American family that moves to an Arkansas farm in search of their own American Dream. The family home changes completely with the arrival of their sly, foul-mouthed, but incredibly loving grandmother. Amidst that instability and challenges of this new life in the rugged Ozarks, *Minari* shows the undeniable resilience of family and what really makes a home. The A24 film is written and directed by Lee Isaac Chung, and the cast also includes Steven Yeun, Yeri Han, Alan Kim, Noel Kate Cho, Scott Haze, and Will Patton.

“We are very excited to partner with our friends at The Paramount for this screening of one of the year’s most acclaimed films,” said VAFF Director and UVA Vice Provost for the Arts Jody Kielbasa “which features a truly remarkable performance by newly-minted Oscar winner Yuh-jung Youn and from her outstanding cast members as well. This film’s powerful story could not come at a more important time, and we are honored to give our community a chance to see it in the beautiful Paramount Theater, where the leadership and staff have worked hard to create an opportunity for audiences to return to the movies in a safe and socially-distanced setting.”   
  
The 34th annual Virginia Film Festival will be held on October 27-31, 2021. For more information, visit [virginiafilmfestival.org](http://virginiafilmfestival.org).