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**The Hollywood Theatre launches PERSISTENCE OF VISION educational program**

We're proud to be announcing *Persistence of Vision*, a new film education program at the Hollywood Theatre, designed for **10th, 11th and 12th grade girls of all identities including gender-nonconforming youth.**

[\*Persistence of Vision\*](#) endeavors to explore our connection to film, both as an art form and as a means of interacting with the world. By creating a dedicated safe space for an often under-appreciated demographic, our aim is to engage in meaningful guided discussions on relevant themes explored in the film and how they transfer to the day-to-day.

Each event will feature an introduction by Hollywood Theatre Education Instructor Zoe Sheffield, a film screening, and a guided post-film discussion.

Our first screening is coming up on March 26th at 3pm:



## SHIRKERS (2018, 96 min)

Sandi Tan was 19 when she and a committed group set forth to make Singapore's first independent film. The film, SHIRKERS, would be a surreal and colorful road movie that blossomed from their imaginations as they approached the world of adulthood and explored their youth and freedom through wholehearted creation. However, the film as envisioned never came to fruition as George Cardonza, the director and trusted film mentor, disappeared with the entirety of their work. An exploration of creativity and freedom, SHIRKERS was reborn as a documentary that resurrects the pieces of a haunted story while taking on a life of its own.

### HOW CAN YOU BE A PART OF IT?

Admission is free, though participation to all *Persistence of Vision* screenings is by application only: [APPLY HERE](#)

### IMPORTANT DATES

APPLICATION DUE DATE: Tuesday, March 18th

STUDENTS NOTIFIED: Thursday, March 20th

### NOTE TO PARENTS

*Persistence of Vision* features high-quality films designed to spark conversation about important issues. Because of that, some films contain adult situations, profanity, drug/alcohol use, nudity, sexual situations, and violence.





**About the Hollywood Theatre:**

The Hollywood Theatre is a not-for-profit, three-screen historic movie house in Portland, Oregon. Its mission is to entertain, educate, inspire and connect the community through the art of film, while preserving a historic Portland landmark. Since 1997, the Hollywood has earned a national reputation for a unique combination of award-winning film and event programming and fiscal sponsorship services for local filmmakers. In 2018, after a successful crowdfunding campaign, the Hollywood took over operations of legendary Portland video store Movie Madness and its collection of more than 90,000 movie titles. For more information, call 503-281-1142 or visit [hollywoodtheatre.org](http://hollywoodtheatre.org).