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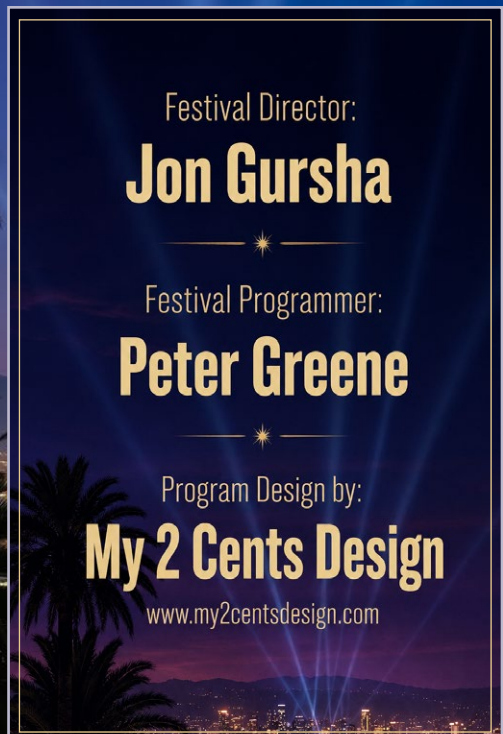
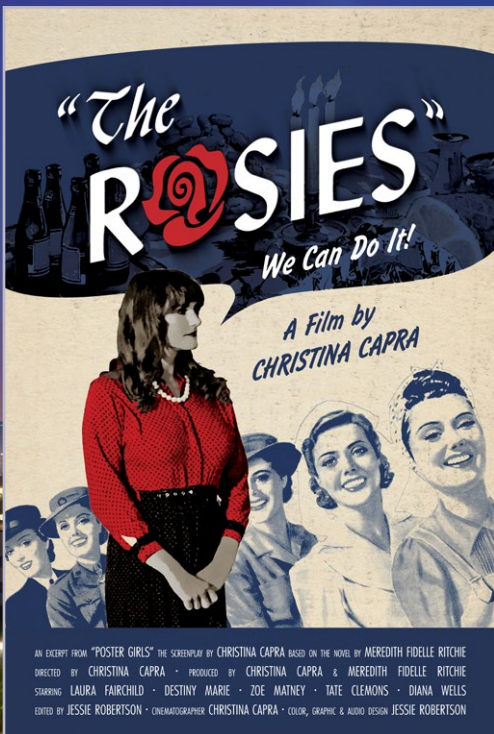
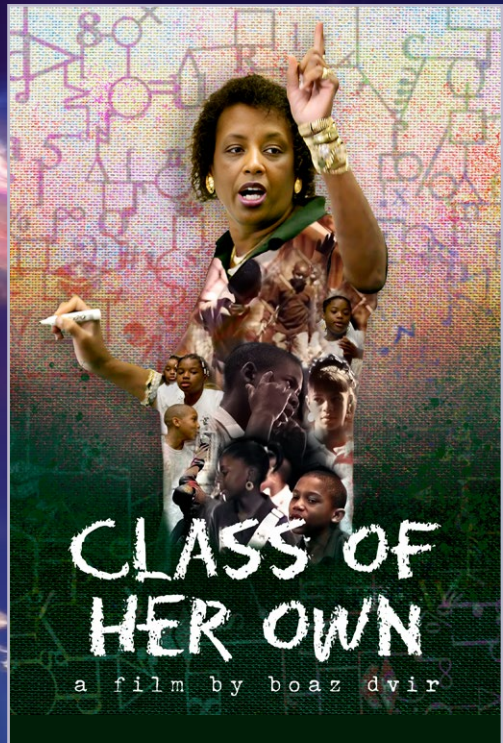
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# Marina Del Rey Film Festival®

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**Welcome to the Marina Del Rey Film Festival®**

located at the Lumiere Cinema in Beverly Hills, California

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Showcasing independent filmmakers  
from around the world in Beverly Hills, California.

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**1:47 AM****Director: Natalie Gonzalez** 25:56

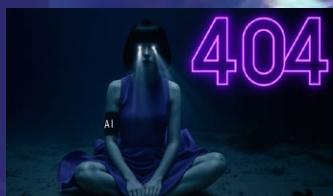
College students get put through the ultimate test discovering the dark side of psychology.

**10:52****Director: Ali Kawa** 11:00

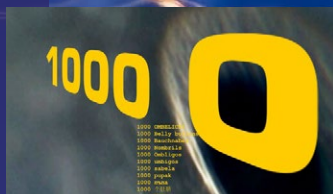
After fleeing Iraq, a young man in Canada confronts buried guilt and a forbidden love that refuses to release him.

**404****Director: James Boyd** 7:58

"404" is a darkly funny and heart-tweaking comedy short film about an empathy-based AI assistant who dares to dream.

**1000 O****Director: Barbara Peikert** 7:00

An artificial umbilical cord inflates into cartoon bubbles with embryonic thoughts of a fetus.

**12 SIDED DIE, SEASON 2****Director: Tim Russ** 55:07

A romantic comedy web-series about a group of friends that play a fictionalized Dungeons &amp; Dragons type game.

**13 SECONDS****Director: Matthew Ferraro** 14:03

A film that uses animation, live action, and recorded testimonials from people who were in and around Ground Zero that fateful day of 9/11.

**31 YEARS SOBER****Director: Erwin Quintero** 6:14

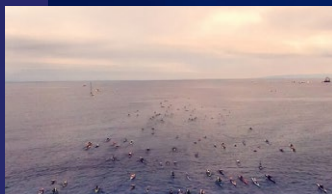
Years Of Discipline Thrown Away By Failing Mental Health.



## 32 MILES

**Director: Scott Hrybyk** 59:07

A documentary that intertwines two narrative arcs, showcasing the resilience and determination of athletes and organizers alike.



## 7 DAGAR (7 DAYS)

**Director: Abdullah Abdulkader** 30:57

Shot in real locations, we follow a group of teenagers in a Swedish suburb where betrayal, grief, and silence are part of everyday life.



## A BUTTERFLY HAS BEEN RELEASED

**Directors: J. Zamer, B. Koch** 36:33

Join a remarkable journey as hospice nurse Allyson spends her last 39 days, living and dying with brain cancer.



## A CRIMINAL MISUNDERSTANDING

**Director: Aidan Russell** 13:30

A man falls in with a gang of criminals after he mistakes their getaway car for his Uber.



## A DISASTER DIARY: LEARN. PRAY. PREPARE!

**Director: Pamela Conley Ulich** 31:22

A powerful personal documentary born from the firsthand experience in the face of wildfires and community upheaval.



## A DOLLAR'S WORTH OF HOPE

**Director: E.P. McKnight** 6:20

When two lives intersect in an unexpected moment, the trajectory of their futures is forever altered.



## A FAITHFUL WEEKEND

**Director: Tony Doupé** 13:00

The weekend of JFK's assassination as seen through the eyes of a seven-year-old boy.



## A GAME IN THE DARK AT MIDNIGHT

**Director: Alex Thomas** 8:22

In the 1890s North Georgia mountains, a young girl's divination game reveals a future far darker than she bargained for.



## A LETTER OF LAST RESORT

**Directors: T. Hanlon, J. Love** 7:07

A man who hand-built a bomb shelter deals with the grief of losing his wife and child to nuclear warfare.



## A LIST CASTING - SEASON 2

**Directors: Michael Forsch, Zak Fin** 9:16

After being blackballed by Hollywood, two down-and-out casting directors are stuck grinding it out in small-time Las Vegas.



## A PROMISE

**Director: Jordan Choh** 1:21:16

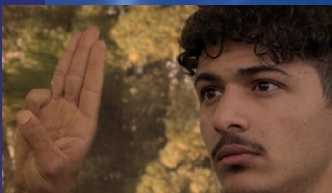
A reclusive singer-songwriter on the verge of giving up finds inspiration in a shy nursing student with a hidden talent for music.



## A REFUGE OF SCOUTING

**Directors: Pat Clark, Ross Taylor** 56:00

A documentary film about the reshaping of a traditional American identity through the lens of an all-refugee scouting troop.



## A SHEEPLIKE ME

**Director: Alex Guzman** 36:22

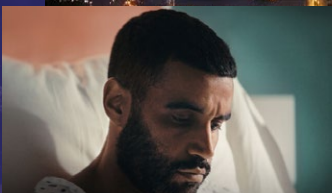
After a family tragedy, a young sheep sets out on a journey to find a place that will accept who he is.



## A SLEEPER'S SILENCE

**Director: Ross Raventos** 12:11

When Phillip has an accident that delays his return to work, John decides to visit him in the hospital as often as he can.



## A STUDIO NIGHT

**Director: James Ken Blackmon** 13:15

While in the recording studio, singer/songwriter Riya is caught off guard when songwriting partner Miles brings in outside energy.



## A TRIPTYCH "THE ARC OF A NARCISSIST"

**- RISE - COLLAPSE - DECAY**

**Director: Adam Mitchell** 8:00

In a visceral triptych of ego and identity, three different faces embody the same narcissistic impulse.



## A VILLAGER ELEGY

**Director: Konstantin Lavysh** 13:26

A metaphysical exploration of Death, Love, Fate and Chance. When an old Villager buries his last friend, he decides to take his own life.



## ABBY'S TURN

**Director: Chelsea Kwoka** 8:47

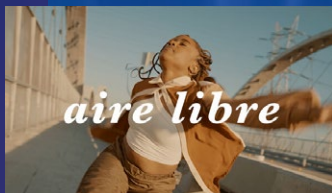
Constantly daydreaming of dancing, Abby is forced to ask herself if she must accept that she is "just a mom".



## AIRE LIBRE

**Director: Erin Cooney** 31:38

Aire Libre is a dance-based film about the air and soil pollution disproportionately affecting working-class Angelenos of color.



## AM I DREAMING?

**Director: Chris Beauchamp** 18:55

What happens when one decides to dream and never wake up? What is real then? And do we even want it if it is real?



## AMA AND BETA

**Director: Sunil Padiyar** 1:26

An AI-assisted micro-comedy following the absurd conversations between a traditional Indian mother and her bewildered son.



**AMEN I'M BLESSED****Director: Jeromy Desjarlais 3:31**

Music video shot in Las Vegas Nevada while at a film festival.

**AMERICAN DEATH TRIP****Director: Ken Brosky 29:59**

An examination of America's obsession with hurting itself, told through a series of news articles and dark, satirical imagery.

**AMERICAN SPARK****Director: Michael Baumgarten 1:31:50**

An LA personal trainer gets to use his girlfriend's Tesla and he soon discovers a whole new world of events and people outside of his usual circle.

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**AMOR FATI****Director: John Kessler 6:30**

A father preparing for surgery already sees himself as a burden to his family.

**ANACHRONISM****Director: Nick Talarico 12:55**

On the brink of perfecting his latest creation, a young inventor is visited by his future self.

**ANOCHE****Director: Alexandro Segade 25:34**

Anoche (Last Night) brings together a cast of Cuban artists in a collaborative exploration of a shared sense of connection and loss.

**ANYWHERE BUT HERE****Director: Eric St.Martin 10:03**

A man, after being left at the altar, journeys across the country and finds himself along the way.

**APPLE JUICE WITH NO ICE****Director: Jillian Caforio 14:42**

"Apple Juice with No Ice" follows Joey as he reluctantly accepts a new job taking Miles (with special needs) out for dinner each week.

**APRIL SHOWERS****Director: Stephen Dryer 21:30**

This is a story of alien monsters attacking a rural community in an alternative universe and set against an unrelenting barrage of rain.

**ASANI'S DREAM****Director: Jordan Tragash 7:50**

The morning after an unsettling nightmare, a young man attempts to calm his nerves with the help of local Tuscan wildlife.



**BAD ALICE****Director: Fia Perera** 23:00

Bad Alice is a dark comedy thriller about a woman who dives into the underbelly of scammers, while trying to conceal her own secrets.

**BARBRIX! OR HOW TO MAYBE CAPTURE A PSYCHIC HOMINID****Director: Dylan Dugas** 12:05

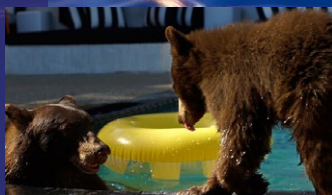
Sir Charles and Barbrix work through a roadblock in their relationship while Sir Charles tries to capture a hominid in pursuit of answers.

**BARRY & BERNICE:****L.A. DATING CHRONICLES****Director: Carlos Moreno, Jr.** 15:00

Two cousins old enough to know better navigate the chaos of modern dating in Los Angeles, discovering that romance may be elusive.

**BEARS IN HOT TUBS****Directors: Claire Musser,****Maddie Bear** 17:00

Emotionally resonant short film co-created with Maddie Bear and her wild kin, who move through the suburban landscapes of Los Angeles.

**BEFORE THE FOREST FALLS****Director: Chris Stanford** 35:56

The aquarists at the Aquarium of the Pacific embark on a race against time to save an ocean on the brink before the forest falls.

**BEFORE WE CROAK****Director: Pamela Torrance** 11:49

A World War II veteran with dementia reunites with his old war buddies to relive the glory days in a new uniform for a new fight.

**BEGET****Director: John Tedeschi** 1:47

At the dawn of existence, four radiant Gods, each embodying a primal element, decide to create humanity.



## BEHIND HER SMILE

**Director: Minda Harts** 3:28

A psychological thriller about two childhood best friends whose bond begins to fracture.



## BERM

**Director: Tim Clifton** 16:37

The death of a young man forces his half-siblings to confront their own inadequacies.



## BETWEEN LEFT AND RIGHT

**Director: Simone Terranova** 19:05

In the unscrupulous city of Chicago, John and Eliana, two Italian American siblings, are struggling with the everyday life.



## BIG CITY PIZZA

**Director: Dusty Saunders** 1:20

As tension rises in the big city for the Omniball Championship, Boney, a skeleton pizza delivery man starts his shift.



## BLINKO

**Director: Stewart Jackson** 10:00

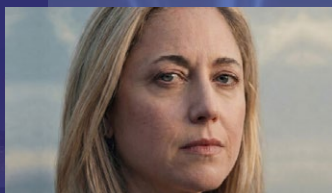
Maran is a young mother who checks into a bizarre hotel called Circus Circus and collides with a clown named Blinko.



## BLISS

**Director: Cynthia Bravo** 15:00

When a government agent learns that a catastrophic asteroid will strike Earth in less than 48 hours, she makes a choice to go home.



## BLOCK HEAT

**Director: Steve Whelan** 3:51

Two street cops turn a dangerous gang against itself while searching the streets of Los Angeles for a missing girl.



## BLOOD ON THE SADDLE

**Director: Mike Lesovsky 31:00**

A film that took over 20 years to make. Go on tour with a pro skateboarder led country death metal band and a young filmmaker.



## BOBBY & CHER

**Directors: Benjamin Barrett, Jacob Infusino 25:20**

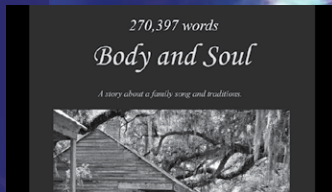
A washed-up one-hit wonder struggles to win back the trust of his record label while navigating the chaos of a rapper named CHERBOIII.



## BODY AND SOUL, 270,397 WORDS

**Director: David Robertson 50:08**

A deep dive into the thought process of author and journalist David doc Robertson who stopped teaching to follow his own dreams.



## BOOMSHAKAMAGA

**Director: Jim Hall 2:18**

The United States is split down the middle, literally in this short music video about the rise of MAGA and the new Architects of HATE...



## BOXTRIP

**Directors: Darius Saberzadeh, Joshua Lang 19:58**

Nathan lives out of his car, drifting through an aimless life and hiding in the comfort of isolation.



## BREATH

**Director: Ace Kazkayasi 4:00**

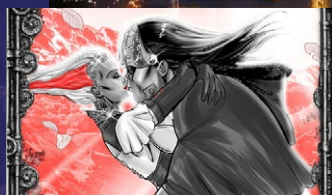
On the verge of losing her sense of self, a young woman trapped in an abusive relationship must summon the strength to break free.



## BRIDE

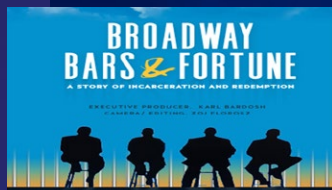
**Directors: Wendy Steen Shaner, CB Zane 20:47**

A tragic love story reimagining of the Gothic novel Frankenstein by Mary Shelley; a motion comic of the graphic novel, "Bride."



**BROADWAY, BARS AND FORTUNE****Director: Shuvendu Sen** 39:58

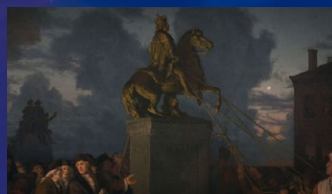
The story of four incarcerated individuals, their past, their challenges, their courage and their rejuvenation through arts and theater.

**BRUNY WILD SWIMMERS****Director: Lorrell Linda** 23:45

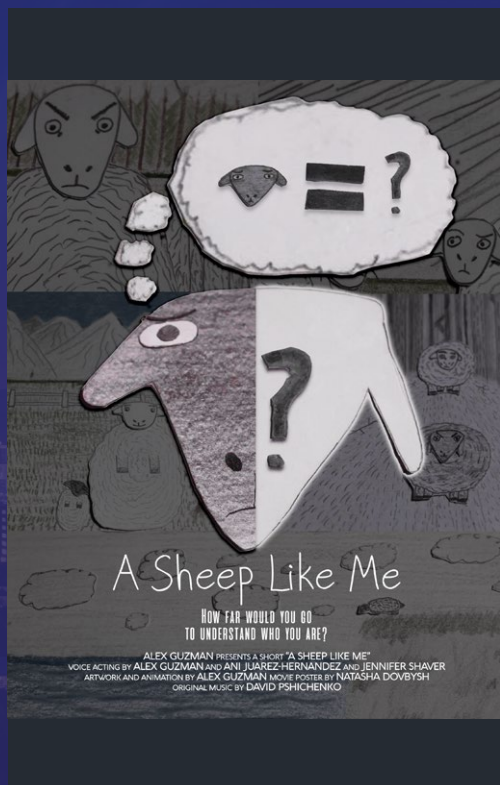
Bruny Wild Swimmers is a heartfelt documentary about community and connection with a quirky, educational twist.

**BY GEORGE****Director: H. Paul Moon** 57:36

A film about our first real moment of declaring independence 250 years ago, when New Yorkers toppled the statue of King George III.



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## CALIFORNIA DREAMING

**Director: Andres Luna III** 25:18

Years after an ugly fight with her family, Jean returns home pregnant; searching for a chance for her unborn son.



## CALLIE

**Director: Stephen Dryer** 28:37

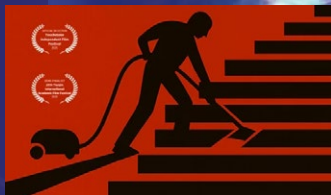
When a young psychiatrist has unexpected dreams, she questions her faith in her own identity and ultimately her own sanity.



## CANNES CARPET CATHARSIS

**Director: Ana Trkulja** 1:00

After the Cannes spotlight fades, a solitary cleaner methodically vacuums the iconic red carpet.



## CAPTIVES

**Director: Mark Yeazel** 1:38:00

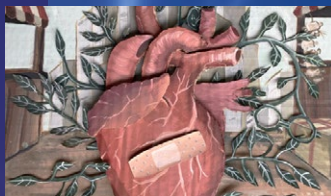
Marcus and Nia accept an invitation to dine with Nat, Marcus's estranged friend, and his wife, Elaina.



## CARDBOARD HEART

**Director: Catalina Ferreira Martin** 2:00

This short film, with cardboard as its central material and protagonist, tells the story of a father who sells his kidney to feed his son.



## CATHARSIS

**Director: Casey Long** 7:42

A man grieving the loss of his father can't find the solace he's looking for in an AI-generated image.



## CAUSE CELEBRE (PILOT)

**Director: Patrick John Donnelly** 40:00

A teen queen TV star tries try's to change her wholesome image by doing a photography session with an edgy NY photographer.



**CECI**

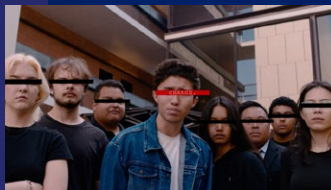
**Directors:** Mario José Ibarra,  
Julia Garcia Combs 14:30

Swept in by the sea to a coastal city, a mysterious woman finds herself entangled in a haunting search for her lost sister.

**CHARGE**

**Director:** Elijah Aceves 5:00

A comedic satire about the socio-economic state of the U.S. where at a fictional University, a student stands up against the "The Man"

**CHILL DUDES**

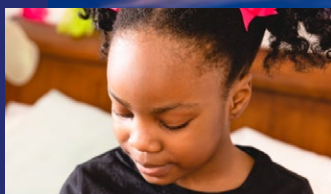
**Director:** Luke Valdes-Rodriguez 10:33

After surviving a life-changing overdose, Ty keeps himself busy at an ice delivery job working alongside the lowest members of society.

**CHOCOLATE MILK**

**Director:** Latisha Di Venuto 10:00

A young girl challenges her parents to drink chocolate milk every day for a year in hopes of bringing them closer together.

**CHOICES**

**Directors:** Morgan Franz,  
Sean Gunnell 9:55

Two intelligence officers regroup to their safe house when the hunt for a cunning internet terrorist turns violet and chaotic.

**CHOPS**

**Director:** Hakim Khalfani 32:00

Rooted in the traditions of the underdog Hero's Journey - we have two of them - a classic love story and a workplace drama.

**CHRIS ONLY**

**Director:** Suz Curtis 14:58

Lonely house sitter Bea forms an unexpected connection with a charming stranger.



**CHRISTMAS COP****Director: Joseph Payne** 15:00

When Christmas presents are stolen two days before Christmas, Larry Sanchez seizes this opportunity to prove himself as a detective.

**CHRISTMAS MIRACLE - CHRONICLES****Director: Patricia Miller** 1:10:00

Sam, a high school athlete, impregnates his girlfriend Cindy. Suddenly, she disappears from his life on Christmas Eve.

**CITADEL LOST****Director: Fred Meza** 9:21

A battered operative, Becky Brewster, confronts Jacob Marcos, a haunted war hero turned recluse, in a desperate bid to prevent bloodshed.

**CLASS OF HER OWN****Director: Boaz Dvir** 1:26

CLASS OF HER OWN tells the story of Gloria Jean Merriex's rebellion against a system that has neglected many of its vulnerable students.

**CONGO SQUARE****Directors: Roger Glenn, Bob Ciano, Stephen Jablonsky** 9:01

A vibrant tribute to the birthplace of American music, Congo Square is more than a performance — it's a celebration of culture.

**CONSTANT BATTLES****Director: Mackenzie Stannard** 38:00

Every moment of Nyousha Nakhjiri's focus is trained on becoming the first Iranian-born female boxer to step into the ring at the Olympics.



*Thank you for joining us!!!*

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## CONSUMED BY YOU

**Director: R. Scott McHenry** 13:21

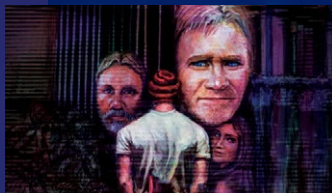
In a twisted pursuit of acceptance, two lovers descend into consensual self-destruction as their erotic fantasies consume them.



## CONTRADICTION

**Director: Pierce Kafka** 1:24

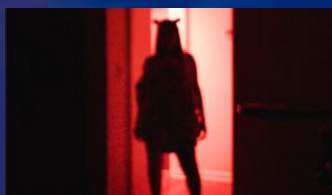
Contradiction is set in 1990s Miami. It traces the unraveling mind of Nathan, a recluse, crippled by debilitating fear and dissociation.



## COOKIE DEMON

**Director: Darren Haskins** 10:09

When a man's lust for life's delicious gifts becomes too much he is faced with the consequences of his obsessions.



## COUNTING ON Q

**Director: Nicholas Neira** 36:17

Take a behind the scenes look at the extensive process of choreographer Quinton Peron as he works with the CSU Fullerton Dance Team.



## COURAGE TO THRIVE

**Directors: Josh Sikkema, Kamin Samuel** 1:27:55

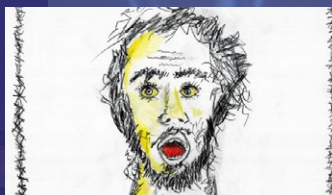
Courage to Thrive presents powerful stories of women redefining self-worth and success.



## CREEP

**Director: Grant Simmons** 7:57

A surreal black and white short film about the horrific mind of someone suffering from schizophrenia.



## CRIMINAL

**Director: Landon Donoho** 3:03

Criminal is an EDM pop anthem about being messy and wild and making every kind of mistake possible in the moment.

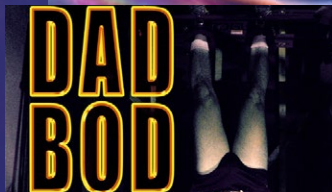


**D.E.A.T.H. GROUP****Director: Curnal Achilles Auliso 10:10**

A young influencer obsessed with the 1940s legend Captain Mississippi, dies while trying to uncover the mystery of her disappearance.

**DAD BOD****Director: Evan Geary 9:44**

A personal trainer forces his preteen son to shoot and edit his videos, but the son has his own artistic vision.

**DARK SIN****Director: Sheila Thompson 24:11**

A psychological thriller that traps the audience in a nightmarish underground chamber. A young man is accused of being a child predator.



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**DARK VOYEURS****Director: Nicole Rose Julian, Casey Suddeth** 17:34

Jade, is a young woman that is at the end of her emotional rope. And this may be her last day. Jade, is thinking about killing herself.

**DAY 474, AND THE LINGERINGS THEREAFTER****Directors: Kelly L. Perine, Adam Charles Rubin** 14:47

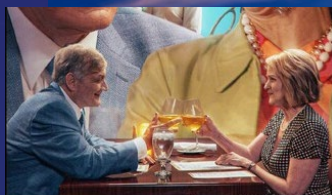
A man, troubled by the memories of the pandemic shutdown, must look for ways to quiet his mind ...

**DEAR ETHAN****Directors: Alexander Haudek, Cameron Webb** 12:13

Far in the future, an android dedicated to the sole purpose of writing letters discovers he has a secret admirer among his clients.

**DECIBEL DUMMIES****Director: Joseph Sandoval** 14:59

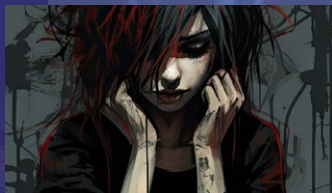
An obnoxiously loud woman ruins this couple's romantic anniversary dinner, and the husband takes revenge.

**DEFENSELESS****Director: Javier Augusto Nunez** 16:00

After years of being the victim of domestic violence, Dolores gathers the courage to conquer her fears.

**DELUSION****Director: Curnal Aulisio** 3:41

In a dimly lit bedroom, the singer sits alone on his bed in a robe, singing with quiet melancholy as his ex-lover glitches in and out.

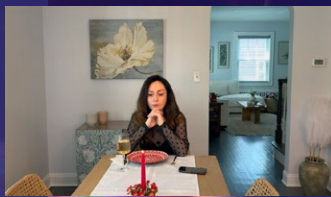
**DIGITAL DETOX****Director: iCLIC Collective** 7:36

A fashion film. How much of our "real" life are we willing to sacrifice while spending hours engaged in digital activities?



**DINNER FOR TWO****Director: Asli Kobanbay** 4:34

A grieving woman waits faithfully for her late husband to return, clinging to hope, until reality forces her to accept that he is gone forever.

**DISOLUTION****Director: Kevin Van Stevenson** 1:25:00

A scorned wife uses black magic to transfer her lover's terminal cancer to her abusive husband.

**DON'T ASSUME****Director: Zeena Pliska** 7:28

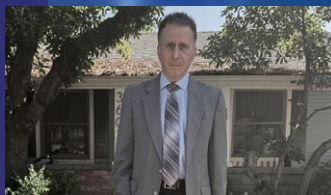
A bewildered protester finds himself detained in police custody as the political landscape shifts.

**DON'T DO IT****Directors: Nandi Sharma,****Vinnie Falcone** 22:42

Three comedically dysfunctional friends attempt to get their lives together by making selflessly selfish decisions.

**DOOR TO DOOR****Director: Jerry Weil** 4:36

A door to door salesman is looking to change professions.

**DOUBLE BILL****Director: Greg Checketts** 4:16

We're pairing two shorts together in a celebration of animation on paper for our latest cartoon.

**DR. MEHTA****Director: Adarsh Satish** 15:00

A struggling Indian American actor fakes being a doctor in order to impress a cute girl so that his parents can finally accept his choices.



**DRAGON HEDGEHOG****Director: Mitch Greer** 00:42

An experimental animated short.

**DREAM A LILL:****50 YEARS OF MOLDING MAKERS****Director: Gabriel Cuillier** 30:00

In 1975, two potters transformed a horse barn in the middle of Chicago into Lillstreet Art Center. This creative hub has survived 50 years.

**DREAMS IN BLACK: WITH LOVE FROM THE SOUTH TO LOS ANGELES****Director: Destiny Owens** 1:01

Profiles three creatives and Historically Black College and University alums from Alabama, North Carolina, and Georgia.

**DREAMS WORK LLC****Director: Christopher Begley** 19:00

Peter is recruited for the Sales Manager position at Dreams Work LLC, but the job interview turns out to be a pyramid scheme.

**DUKH****Director: Ajit Mann** 39:56

Jasbir returns back home after studying out of London for 3 years and to introduce his girlfriend to his family.

**ECHOES OF THE PALISADES****Director: Ken Sax** 5:30

Filmmaker Ken Sax powerfully captures Claude Harvey's emotional return to the ruins of his former home in the Pacific Palisades.

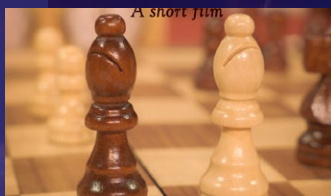
**ECHOES OF WAR****Director: De'Ontae Brooks** 9:45

U.S. soldiers race to stop a vengeful missile strike, leading to a deadly confrontation that tests their morality and humanity.



**EN PASSANT****Director: Austin Newsted** 10:40

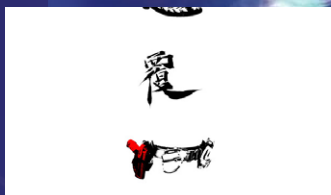
A young woman enters the final stages of a chess match only to face her toughest opponent yet.

**ENEMY HEROES****Director: Mark Diamond** 7:51

Enemy Heroes "Because... sometimes it is not easy to tell... Who is the Enemy?.. Who are the Heroes?"

**EROSION****Director: Zey Li** 27:42

A bullied high school student steals his abusive cop father's gun, setting off a tragic spiral of violence and revenge.

**ES POR TI****Director: Dante Ponzanelli** 5:48

ES POR TI follows in "real time" a lover who is in the first stages of a broken heart while she's driving around the city.

**ETERNAL LOVE****Director: Nicholas Stansell** 5:46

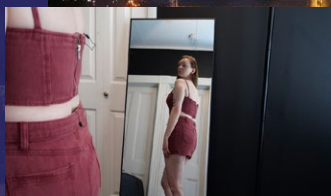
After losing her husband, a grieving woman spirals into isolation and despair, pushing her to extremes in her search for love.

**EVERYBODY LOVES GINA - THE VIDEO DEPOT STORY****Director: Roy Ferré** 19:17

Video Depot in Santa Clarita, CA, is still in business because it's owner's Gina & John Lee have an connection with their customers.

**FABRICATION****Director: Amy Joyce Winkler** 4:14

A woman who is consumed by the ideal that less is worth more doesn't recognize what's rising beneath the surface.



**FAKE NEWS MOVIE****Director: Jeffrey Bays** 10:00

While channel surfing you stumble upon a cable news broadcast with live coverage of alien contact.

**FAMILY GAME NIGHT****Director: Steve Blackwood** 19:26

Semi-famous soap actor Dan Whitehall visits his nutty narcissistic alcoholic Detroit family one year after the passing of his father.

**FANGIO: COURAGE OR DESTINY****Director: Nicolas Pedro Villarreal** 14:50

A young boy is confronted with his future and the decisions he must make to fulfill his destiny.


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**FIGHTING FOR MYSELF****Directors: Riley Blackburn,  
Billy Wong** 14:07

As Zoe trains for her first amateur MMA fight, Queen of the Ring, she discovers an unexpected strength in the cage and within herself.

**FIND YOUR HEART****Director: Devin Saddler** 9:55

When a medical student discovers he's inherited his mother's fatal heart condition, he follows her advice to "find his heart."

**FINDING THE LINE - AN EXPLORATION OF  
STRUCTURAL INTEGRATION****Directors: Aleš Urbanczik,  
Grzegorz Oleksa** 58:00

Dr. Ida Rolf developed a program of postural re-patterning using fascial manipulation and movement ...

**FLYING HERO CLUB****Directors: James M. Churchman,  
Sheena Duggal** 44:28

Hollywood stunt performers volunteer their skills to give children with special needs the experience of soaring like superheroes.

**FOR THE RECORD****Director: Corey Mayne** 3:49

In the spirit of "True Detective," the video depicts a crime from various perspectives as stakeholders give their statements.

**FORCE DRIFT****Director: Graham Green** 1:21:00

When Fear is the Goal: A Military Experiment during Operation Iraqi Liberation Descends into a Dark Web of Chaos.

**FOREST 779****Director: Steve Barnett** 25:33

Vicky Sanderson is an overworked children's laboratory researcher who desperately needs a break from her demanding job.



**FOREVER, CAROLINE****Director: Maxwell Morro** 12:14

Forever, Caroline is a psychological short film about Hannah and the night she lost her best friend, Caroline.

**FRANCISCO LETELIER:****"I WRITE YOUR NAME"****Director: Brogan DE PAOR** 1:17:30

Muralist, painter, poet and arts activist Chilean-American Francisco Letelier, has created work all over the world.

**FRANKENSTEIN TOO****Directors: Chris Jones, C.W. Jones** 8:22

An alienated son recounts the life of Arthur Compton, his Nobel Prize winning father and inventor of the A-bomb and speed bump.

**FRONT MEN****Director: Neil D'Monte** 20:09

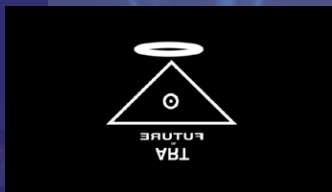
A modern day Robin Hood tale about three friends who find their purpose in life by using the Art of the Con to level out the playing fields.

**FULL CIRCLE****Directors: Patrick Reynolds,****Hamilton von Watts** 6:23

A man finds a log on the beach and repurposes it as a drum.

**FUTURE OF ART****Director: Zox, Cru** 54:30

FUTURE OF ART is important, not only because it acts as a critique of the art, but it also incorporates a unique style and language.

**GIVING BACK THE FRUITS****Director: Hedy Torres** 7:59

The video reveals the behind-the-scenes process that takes place before presenting the fruit to the audience.



**GLORY O - THE BOLD FENIAN MAN****Director: Dan Coplan** 2:41

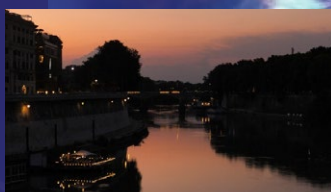
A short film about the faces of rebellions against tyranny.

**GOODY GOODY****Director: Raymond Creamer** 1:20

A home-birth at a remote cabin goes terribly wrong.

**GRAN FONDO****Director: Joseph Siino** 8:37

In Rome, a charismatic Russian expat lures his Silicon Valley protégé into completing a covert artificial-intelligence project.

**GRILLED CHEESE****Directors: Connor Brown Sprenger, Tommy Martin** 4:55

Colby gets possessed by a grilled cheese sandwich.

**GRIZZLY JIM****Director: Richard Guthrie** 8:41

When it comes down to ruthless, bare backed bold cunning, there's really very little to touch Grizzly Jim.

**GROWING UP MOVIES****Director: Greg Garthe** 44:46

A bet between an adolescent gambler and a young demon from hell was welshed upon, the lawsuit ends up in an arbitration phase.

**GUARDIAN ANGEL****Director: Elizabeth Berliner** 5:07

Guardian Angel is an incantation to the angels that watch over us along life's journey as we seek guidance, help and safe passage.

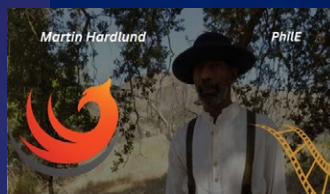


**HAMDI HOUSE****Director: Paul Zecharia 8:14**

A young woman arrives for a job interview at the home of a mysterious figure.

**HAPLESS REVENGE WITH JUNETEENTH DISCUSSION****Director: Joshua Lavelle Newman 5:30**

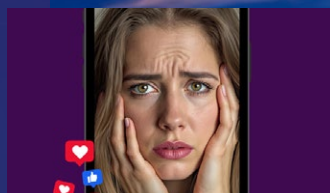
A docudrama about lower governments following the US Federal Government's lead in making Juneteenth an Official Holiday.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, BABE****Director: Cheree Ramon 21:50**

Lexie, striving to get the family she always wanted, works very hard to make her relationship with Tyler successful.

**HASHTAG WARS****Director: Jolanta Young 14:39**

Hashtag Wars is a glam satirical short film exploring influencer culture, meme commentary, and millennial identity in the digital age.

**HATCHLING****Director: Tom Valencia 5:25**

Veteran FBI Agent Sal and rookie Jason are tasked with delivering a mysterious alien egg from a secret agent at a desert facility.

**HE****Director: Yihui Hu 23:48**

Jing He, a Chinese girl who grew up in America, with her parents, living her best 17 years old.

**HEAVY LEATHER HITTERS****Director: Enrique Landin 1:57**

An amateur entrepreneur's plan to lure a former boxing legend into an underground "fight-night" club goes awry.



**HELADO**

**Directors: Oliver Weston Cunningham, Sol Guerrero Guerrero** 3:03

A young latino girl fears the worst when she sees an ICE van outside her home and her mother missing; she runs after it.

**HIS MONSTER**

**Director: Erich Cannon** 1:27:00

When his young daughter is mysteriously swept out to sea, a struggling alcoholic remains alone, hunting the woods.

**HOLLYWOOD ACTOR JOBS****INFOMERCIAL 2026**

**Director: Phillip E. Walker** 4:59

Instructional video teases the WORKSHOP which shows actors how one can become employed as entry-level Hollywood talent - fast!!



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**IT'S WEIRD  
NEXT DOOR**

WRITTEN BY LAUREN BANKS DIRECTED BY NEWTON MAYNAGE CINEMATOGRAPHY BY VERONICA FARIAS AND CRYSTAL L. KELLY  
SOUND RECORDISTS TEAGHAN LEWIS AND SOPHIE WRIGHT HAIR AND MAKEUP STEFANIA KOSZTI EDITED BY ALEXA RUVALCABA  
PRODUCED BY JIG REEL

## HOLOCAUST DAY

**Director: Yevgeny Gratvol** 27:00

A high school class puts on a play to commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Day.



## HOME

**Director: Kelvin Garvanne** 11:12

Estelle Gilmore is an African American GenZer living with her family in Los Angeles. She is preparing to visit her grandmother in Boston.



## HOPE

**Director: Jae Yoon Cho** 4:38

Through the evocative performance of Mariia Chernozhukov, the film portrays the fragility and resilience of human existence.



## HOT FASCIST JIZZ

**Director: Jayme Kusyk** 17:54

A woman asks to use her friend's husband's sperm to make a baby -- even though he's a racist cop.



## HOUSEPAINTER

**Director: Kyle McCormick** 9:51

A drama thriller set in Los Angeles about a mentally unstable man.



## HOW THE KIWI LOST ITS WINGS

**Director: Florence Basile** 9:59

A teenage American girl stranded in New Zealand with her estranged grandmother navigates cultural and generational divides.



## HOW TO BUILD A LIFE

**Director: Simbi Hall** 30:00

After a divorce, a home improvement expert returns to her hometown, buys a mansion and begins to refurbish the house.



## HOW WE HAMSTERS DIE

**Directors: Phoebe Burdick,  
Mio Gribskov** 6:05

A comedic 2D animated short film that tells the absurdly tragic stories of hamsters from the after-life.



## HUARACHES IN 5K

**Director: Juan Ramirez** 19:30

As the ICE raids continue in Southern California, a group of citizens organize a 5k run to help the community deal with their fear.



## HUNTED HUNTER

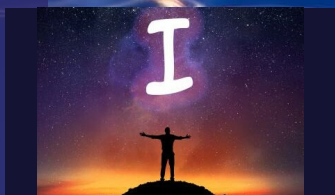
**Director: Dean Parker** 14:33

Army vet James Masters is kidnapped by a cannibalistic cult and must use all his wits and ingenuity to escape.



**Director: Alessandro Gordillo** 12:40

"I" depicts the misadventures of a mysterious man in a denim jacket his metaphysical tirade silently torture him as he wanders.



## I OFTEN DREAM OF TRAINS

**Directors: Billy Baker,  
David Gianopoulos** 25:05

A lost man tries to find his way back to his family.



## ICE ICE BYE BYE

**Director: Sebastien A. Godelu** 10:30

In Los Angeles, an ordinary morning fractures without warning. A man is forced to flee as an unseen threat closes in.



## IN PLAIN SIGHT

**Director: Orlando Deral** 19:44

Haunted by loss and shaken by a series of unsettling discoveries, Malik is drawn into a dangerous search for the truth.

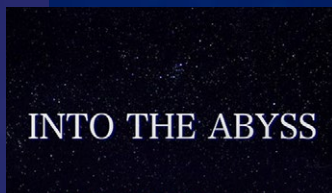


**IN REVERSE****Director: Asia Marie Griem** 8:58

Set at the end of her first relationship, Nora sits in the car of her partner, Jo, where she attempts to undo their breakup.

**INTO THE ABYSS****Director: David Bartlett** 2:34

Sci-fi thriller centered on two women confronting a reality-bending event that challenges their perception and ultimately their survival.

**INVISIBLE WOUNDS****Director: Torsten Lang** 1:07

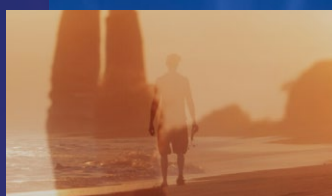
A visual gut punch exploring isolation, dissociation, and the final way out—unfolding within a dream sequence.

**IT KNEW MY NAME****Director: Leilani Thompson** 7:30

Based on true events, four friends who are in the desert are taken one by one from their car due to an entrancing singing voice.

**IT'S NOT GOODBYE -  
DECEMBER FADES****Directors: Kevin Rogers,  
Charlie Rogers** 3:35

The journey of a songwriter struggling with writer's block as he traverses through the majestic and ...

**IT'S WEIRD NEXT DOOR****Director: Newton Mayenge** 16:53

A routine work trip goes awry when a young, brash boss forces his talented team to engage in meaningless activities.

**JESUS' LAST SUPPER IN AMERICA****Director: Kevin Jones** 2:00

This is a short, animated film that imagines what would happen if Jesus came back today and visited the United States.



**JINX****Director: Jack Littman** 1:38

A safe cracker returns for a job and collides with a vanished lover. He can crack any safe -- except the one she locked.

**JOSHUA TREE****Director: Rachel Keaton** 14:33

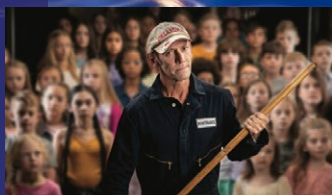
During a weekend getaway, Kira, a young woman haunted by social anxiety and alienation, struggles to fit in with a group of strangers.

**JUST A BAGEL****Director: Neo Wagner** 23:16

A quiet man spends the night with an old friend whose unraveling forces him to choose between loyalty and honesty.

**JUST THE JANITOR****Director: Sterling Gates** 25:00

Harold Miller was once a henchman for some of the most dangerous criminals in the underworld.

**KITTY****Director: James DiLullo** 6:41

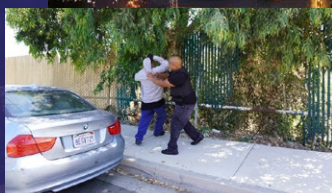
When a girl's turn to watch the class pet doesn't turn out the way her or her mother planned the girl takes her safety into her own hands.

**LA JESUS****Director: Richard Boddington** 01:33:00

A troubled executive meets a homeless man on Venice Beach who claims to be Jesus Christ.

**LA MIGRA - THE IMMIGRATION****Director: Macela Robison** 14:15

Desperate to help immigrants, a young man publicly protests and denounces the current immigration policies.



## LA MIGRA - THE IMMIGRATION MUSIC VIDEO

**Director: Macela Robison** 2:30

The immigration music video.



## LAST MAN'S LAND

**Director: Chris Cameron** 15:00

Last Man's Land follows Isiah, a hardened survivor navigating a post-apocalyptic America two years after the world's collapse.



## 'LAST NAME' BY CALI TUCKER

**Director: Dustin J. Robison** 3:24

Cinderella-inspired music video for Cali Tucker's latest single, "Last Name"



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## LIKE A WILLOW TREE



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**LATE FOR THE SKY****Director: Travis Greer 14:19**

Max shows up late to his own funeral, only to find that the people saying goodbye feel more like strangers.

**LATE FOR THERAPY****Director: Daniel Adam Gruen 4:51**

A late arrival to a first therapy session triggers an unstoppable landslide of TMI.

**LIBERATING DOROTHY****Director: Fernando Alessandri 15:28**

She's not in Kansas anymore. And they put her in therapy.

**LIFE IS (A) SHORT****Director: Brooke Dooley 14:42**

On the ten-year anniversary of her dad's death, Frankie reflects on the absurdity of content creation.

**LIKE A WILLOW TREE****Director: S. Kyle Robinson 9:22**

A man raised from the dead is riding through the graveyard and he notices a woman but soon realizes she is his dead wife.

**LILITH'S REIGN****Director: Alexia Voica 8:22**

A modern interpretation of Lilith.

**LIPSTICK GRUNGE****Director: Frank J. Dion 20:55**

Lipstick Grunge tells the story of an all girl garage band trying to find success in the music business.



**LORON****Director: Rodrigo****Moreno-Fernandez 16:55**

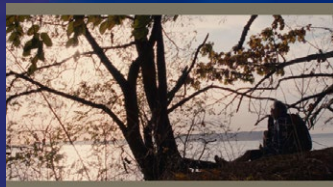
FELIPE is a professional mourner. He is compensated for lamenting and comforting grieving families during funerals.

**LONESOME PRAIRIE SEA****Director: J. Omar Hansen 3:06**

A music video of the song "Lonesome Prairie Sea" taken from my musical "Pioneer Song" tells the story of James Tibbs.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO YESTERDAY****Director: William Green 12:59**

After the loss of a friend, Rob reminisces the good times, but begins to question his own mortality and legacy.

**LOULOU INC.****Director: Emily Cohn 8:00**

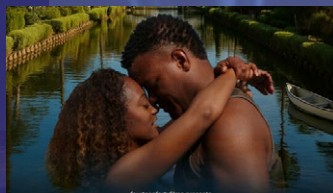
Loulou, an eight year-old financial prodigy, goes viral and has to choose between being a product and being a kid.

**LOVE & LAZARITE****Director: Krí Schafer 6:35**

After galactic invaders take humanity prisoner, three escapees take shelter on the run, and vie for the power of a mysterious stone.

**LOVE MISSING****Director: Warren Sheppard 11:58**

A day in the life of a husband who wants to spend time with his busy wife.

**LOVE MYSELF****Director: Jeff Hilliard 3:31**

Official music video for Tim Travers and the Time Travelers Paradox.



**LUCIA, THE WOMAN WITHOUT A FACE**

**Directors:** Georga Morgan-Fleming,  
Jose Luis Herrera 15:24

Javier is haunted by a recurring nightmare - he's trapped in a strange house with something waiting for him in the basement.

**LULLABY**

**Director:** Oleksandr Shvets 3:36

A nighttime conversation between a mother and her young son during wartime.

**MADRE**

**Directors:** Karen Craigie,  
Christopher Daw 19:30

When Sybi Woorland wakes on the cold bathroom tiles, her body battered by her husband Karl's violence, she knows she must act quickly.

**MARGO FOR REAL**

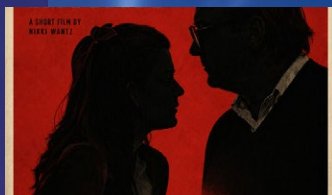
**Director:** Andrea Ashton 19:59

Meet Margo, a 40-something out-of-work actress with mother issues, who is facing Hollywood and society's cruelest cut: irrelevance.

**MARK & MARA**

**Director:** Nikki Wantz 11:20

A woman named Mara orchestrates a trap for her former camp counselor, Mark, who raped her when she was a child.

**MATCH**

**Director:** Jason Nguyen 5:35

A late night motel security guard has a cursed encounter. One terrifying night becomes something far stranger.

**MAY DEATH CONNECT US APART**

**Director:** Isabel Bacigaluppo 26:57

When a grieving woman receives an invitation to a mysterious app, she's stunned to find her late husband recreated through AI.



## MAYBE NEXT YEAR

**Director: Christopher Benjamin** 40:00

This film explores the point of view of sports fans of teams that have not won a championship for some time. In this case, two Knicks fans.



## MEARS: HOW ONE WOMAN CHANGED AMERICAN CHRISTIANITY

**Director: Rob Loos** 1:14:00

MEARS tells the untold story of Henrietta Mears, a visionary woman who inspired generations to live boldly and "believe God more."



## MEET ME ON A ROCK

**Director: Marie Bryan** 2:48

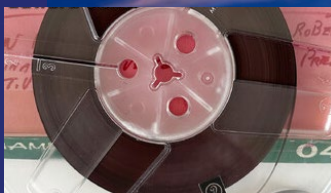
God makes love.



## MESSAGE FROM MY DAD

**Director: Patricia Salier** 7:40

Patricia Bury Salier (writer/director) is stunned to hear her Dad's voice talking to her on his audio tape from 40 years ago.



## MEXICAN HAT

**Director: Mike Timm** 23:00

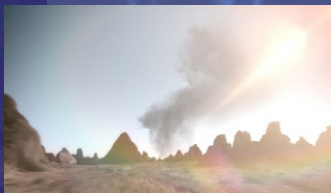
A discouraged chef from LA escapes to the rural lands of Mexican Hat, Utah only to find himself in the center of a small-town scandal.



## MINE

**Director: Brandon Flyte** 8:00

A futuristic miner has a run-in with poachers as he drills for rocks on a strange planet.



## MIRACLES

**Directors: Lily Goodman, Emma Agoos** 4:32

A young pregnant woman seeks council from her priest, fearing something is wrong with the baby she never wanted.



**MIRAGE****Director: Kayshawn Wallace** 1:28:00

When an artist's best friend has a life altering diagnosis, he stumbles into a spiral of romance, self-discovery, and bewilderment.

**MISS MATCHED****Director: Jonathan Green** 1:53

After a messy divorce, an architect who believes his rare skin condition makes him undateable hires a quirky matchmaker.

**MISSING****Director: John DiMarco** 23:25

A grieving father, searching for his missing daughter in the wilderness, crosses paths with a mysterious survivalist.



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# MEXICAN HAT

AIN'T NOTHING CLEAN ABOUT THIS GETAWAY...

CAST: ANASTASIA LUTZ, EMMA CAT, MARIA ABREU, CHRIS FISHER, DAVID SINGLETON, ROMINA VALENTI, GAVIN O'FEARRAIGH, STEPHEN MOELLER, MICHEL BIEL  
PRODUCED BY NYLES FLAGG, WRITTEN BY NYLES FLAGG, DIRECTED BY MARY GALLAGHER  
EDITED BY ANDY POULSEN, VISUAL EFFECTS BY NYLES FLAGG, JET SET PICTURES FILM

# MOUSER

A film by Mary Gallagher

Romina Valenti Gavin O'Fearraigh Stephen Moeller Michel Biel  
Anastasia Lutz Emma Cat Maria Abreu Chris Fisher David Singleton

Produced Written Directed by Mary Gallagher  
Director of Photography by Nyles Flagg Gaffer Andy Poulsen  
Edited & Visual Effects by Nyles Flagg  
A Jet Set Pictures Film

## MISSION STREET

**Director: Hyun Jo** 15:06

Detective Adam Chandler is assigned to investigate the kidnapping of Francis Collins, the editor of the Mission Street Post.



## MISSUS 2ND PLACE (LAW & ORDER)

**Directors: Robert James Andrea, Nicholas R Andrea** 4:04

A music video in film noir style about one man's road to redemption. Ask yourself, how far would you go to make things right?



## MORGAN WOOD "EVERYTHING ALWAYS HAPPENS SO MUCH"

**Director: Richard Gonzales** 01:26:00

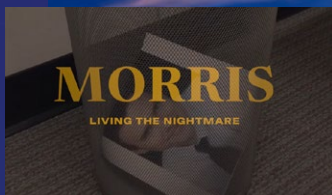
This is the story of an Asian adjacent child actor that dreamed big...only to see it all fall apart.



## MORRIS "THE CALLBACK KID"

**Directors: Jeff Galatowitsch, Terry Shusta** 7:03

After decades of trying to make it as an actor in LA, Morris (now in his fifties) panics with the choice he made to pursue his dream.



## MOTHER'S FLYING FRYING PAN: A "THAT'S HOW I REMEMBER IT!" TALE

**Directors: Paul Kimball, Tom Kimball** 5:43

A moment from childhood comes back to life when a boy talks back to his mother and learns just how far a frying pan can fly.



## MOUSER

**Director: Mary Patel Gallagher** 1:10

A mentally ill woman has visions of a demonic cat that tells her to do bad things.



## MR. SANDMAN'S FUNHOUSE

**Director: Jax Azad** 8:52

Carmen can't afford the birthday gift her sister wants. An argument sends them rushing out of the store, leaving a strange toy behind.



**MUTED****Director: Jenna Reilly 1:30**

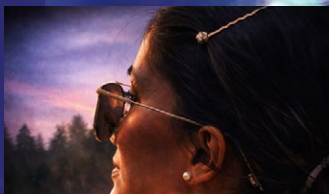
A disconnected couple is thrust into a strange new world when the magical force of their TV remote interrupts their lives.

**MY AMAZING GRACE****Directors: Debra Gussin ,****Dale Effren 2:54**

Official Video for MY AMAZING GRACE.

**MY ASIAN CAM GIRL****Director: Matthew Rusling 1:00:08**

Eva works in online porn to support her impoverished family in the Philippines. But she wants to do something different.

**MY LOVE****Director: Ilia Noyabrov 3:50**

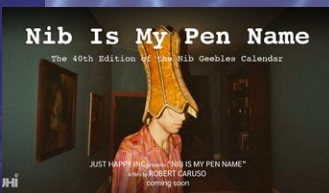
This song is about the love of a Ukrainian woman. About the feelings that fill her life with warmth and light.

**NEXT UP****Director: Marion H****von Loewenstern 29:54**

Juliette Mandeville and Tilly Anders, two actresses follow a call for an audition to London.

**NIB IS MY PEN NAME****Director: Robert Caruso 18:35**

L.A. artist and entertainer Gordon Henderson aka Nib Geebles and Abira Ali have completed the 40th Edition of the Nib Geebles Calendar.

**NIGHTJAR****Director: Aaron Garcia 24:50**

A meditative story about an online therapist comes across a mysterious young woman in one of his session.

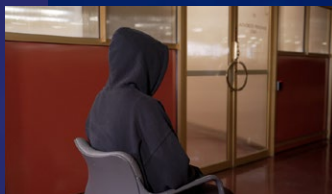


**NO NATION****Director: Jeffrey Elmont** 17:00

In a climate-decimated future where the sun has turned lethal and the world's resources are nearly gone, humanity survives underground.

**NO SMALL MATTER****Director: India Anne Mitchell** 5:37

In the shadows of a worsening mental health crisis, thousands of lives are lost to a revolving door of shelters and institutions.

**NO SOUND BUT THE SEA****Director: Hugh Foster** 21:33

The story centers on a young girl named Ava who struggles with the negative effects of social media on her mental health.

**NODE****Director: Sara Kirby** 21:04

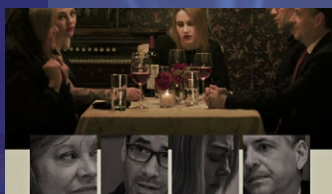
A girl diagnosed with cancer in a small Idaho town explores her feelings on mortality, self-acceptance, and the importance of family.

**NOMEN NESCIO - EPISODE 1****Directors: Patric Eriksson, Johan Anders Bergqvist** 1:00:00

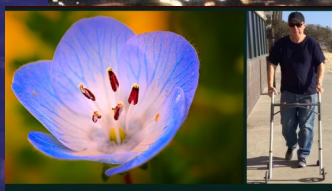
Andreas Rask (Henrik Norman) is worried about his position as Minister of Justice as violence in Sweden escalates.

**NORMAL ROCKWELL****Director: Michelle Martinez** 17:47

An aspiring writer and mother, Emma struggles to cope with the death of her father whom she has not seen in over a decade.

**NORTHSTAR GARDEN****Director: Jim Belcher** 6:30

When faced with a life-altering brain injury, a tiny garden gives hope, purpose, and a second chance to a filmmaker.



**NOT FOR PROFIT****Directors: Tre'ymaine Eason, Merrill Sampson** 34:12

A workplace mockumentary about burnout in the helping professions—told from inside a system that depends on emotional labor.

**NOT TONIGHT****Director: Amir Jaffer** 1:13

A Silicon Valley couple struggles with personal demons bringing their relationship to the brink of disaster.

**NOTHING TO SEE HERE: WATTS****Director: Michael Soenen** 1:30:00

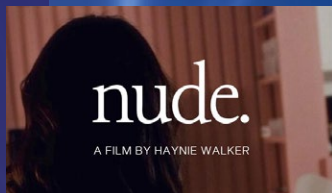
Sixty years after the 1965 Watts uprising, the neighborhood America wrote off has shown us what is still possible.

**NOW AGAIN PART TWO****Director: Richard Philpott** 1:27:00

Philpott undertakes the first ever complete filmic interpretation of Proust's monumental "À la recherche du temps perdu".

**NUDE****Director: Haynie Walker** 7:06

A woman is triggered after being asked for a nude.

**NUN OF THE ABOVE****Director: Tom Danon** 6:18

Sister Elise is a woman of heavy burdens, calloused knees, and a secret vice she keeps hidden in a small blue locket.

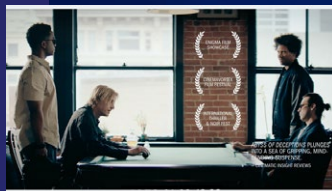
**OBJECTS OF AFFECTION****Director: David Allan Rohrer** 14:25

In present day Hollywood, a lowly, depressed painter in a dead end relationship finds inspiration through a mysterious woman.



**ODDS****Director: Pedro Vivas** 19:46

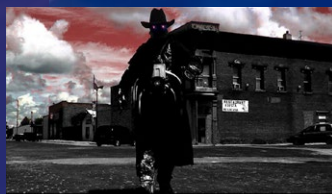
"Odds" is about an unstable veteran in LA who's called a hero but feels isolated, friending a drug dealer leads him into horror.

**OF CREATURE AND MAN****Director: Andrew Kadikian** 8:01

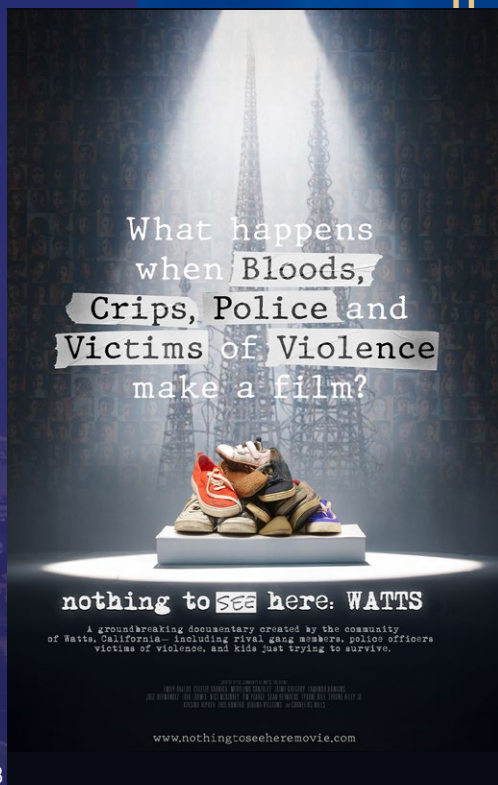
A grizzled veteran of an ancient monster-hunting order infiltrates the house of a mad scientist to seek out and destroy his creation.

**OF ROBOTS AND REDNECKS****Director: Kevin Davis** 17:02

Dark Cloud Nebraska, a town ashamed of its past, is about to receive a wake up call when a stranger comes to town.

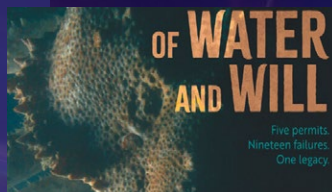


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**OF WATER AND WILL****Director: Tess McCormick 19:36**

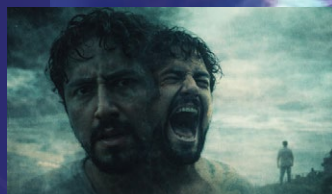
Follow a small group of Santa Barbara fisherpeople on their journey to uncover the secrets of the elusive California box crab and crack the code of its experimental fishery.

**OFF****Director: Justin Singleton 9:34**

Two parents and their son's kindergarten teacher discuss his very particular problem.

**OFF THE DEEP END****Director: Martin Del Castillo 9:48**

Danny is haunted by dreams of towering waves crashing against jagged cliffs, a restless symbol of the turmoil churning inside him.

**ONE DOOR CLOSSES:  
KOREY'S COURAGE****Directors: Tom Ingrassia,  
Anna Walsh 1:34:00**

The film follows the stories of 4 people from all walks of life who overcame insurmountable obstacles ...

**ONLY IN NYC****Director: Nicky Akmal 2:05**

Taylor's ordinary morning routine in the city takes an unexpected turn when a quirky homeless man interrupts her day.

**ONLY SPACE AND TIME****Director: Chris Cameron 5:00**

A woman is brought in for questioning by two FBI Agents who work at AREA 51 as her name is brought up on a mysterious VHS tape.



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**ONRU****Director: Timothy Kiley** 13:30

Onru is the story of a father and daughter trying to survive after an apocalyptic event.

**ORAGAMI ART****Director: Mike Anderson** 9:39

Origami animals mixed into collage work.

**OUR ATTIC****Director: AJ Tedesco** 5:55

A couple moves into together, but the attic of their new home might not be ready to welcome them.

**OUR FAMILY PRIDE****Directors: Glen Evelyn, Dominic Giannetti** TBA

A husband and father of three (Jaimie) finally reveals a truth he's buried for decades -- he's gay.

**OUR FATHER****Director: Janelle Christa** 18:57

A priest finds his world upended when he unknowingly baptizes a man who confesses only to unnamed sins.

**OUR MONSTERS****Director: Mia Mango (Petrovic)** 8:34

Our Monsters is a short film about two kids, Daniel and Peter, who team up to defeat the monster in Daniel's closet.

**OUTWIT THE DEVIL****Director: Anthony Moore** 12:24

Struggling and desperate, John finds his reality shattered when an anonymous email offers him a mysterious device.



**PATRIOT****Director: Harry Maxon** 18:30

When ICE raids his high school, a student tries to help his girlfriend escape deportation.

**PAWN****Director: Thomas Lau** 6:29

Trapped in a remote location, a brutally interrogated informant must find a way to escape before time runs out,

**PERFECT TEN****Director: Felicia Mead** 15:42

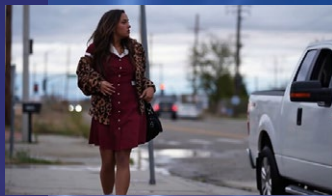
This short horror will have you on the edge of your seat. Donna and Tony are two high class escort's with one thing on their mind.

**PICKUPARTIST****Director: Alvaro Orlando** 1:32:00

Drew is seconds away from proposing to his girlfriend when she strolls in and casually announces she's found someone else.

**PLEASE, STOP!****Director: Patricia Holihan** 15:00

When her triggers become too much, a young woman finds sanctuary in a group of similarly scarred young women.

**PREPPER****Director: Gordon Lamb** 14:34

A mid-western woman thinks she is living the American Dream, but she wakes up to find herself in a nightmare.

**PREYGROUND****Director: Samuel Ameen** 13:03

An exterminator on a routine job uncovers what should have stayed hidden.



## PUENTE HILLS

**Director: Jaime Zevallos** 6:00

A man returns to the nearly abandoned mall where he spent his youth just before it's demolished.



## PUNCHBOX

**Director: Anthony Nathaniel** 7:47

When an actor in Los Angeles is pressured into a scheme by his shady cousin, he gambles his fate once again to pay off an old debt.



## QLC

**Director: Jack Schudy** 1:52:00

After witnessing a harrowing murder, three strangers are forced to rely on each other as they navigate a chaotic nocturnal odyssey.

QLC

## QUENCH

**Director: Hayden Bone** 21:05

A family stuck in a cabin five years after the apocalypse is forced to make an impossible decision to provide enough food for the winter.



## QUINCY PART 1

**Directors: Jonathan Wiexenspei, Kyle Wyborski** 14:04

William maintains that he is the world's foremost parallel parker, much to his girlfriend's evident displeasure.



## QUITTERS

**Director: Fernando Alessandri** 10:16

Three examples of excellence in psychological liberty (mockumental)



IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED,  
**QUITTERS**  
CONSIDER GIVING UP

## RADICAL

**Director: Isaiah Francis** 40:00

Two Veterans who don't know one another, experiencing the same fate at work, go down a destructive path.



**REBEL FLOWER****Director: Roberta Pia De Angelis** 18:01

A nun is forced to confront her own past and make a decision destined to change the course of her life forever.

**RED DAYS: CECILIA****Director: Brett Mauser** 1:49:23

After a nuclear attack that has begun turning the living into the undead, a young woman must try to survive.

**RED ROSE IN MUNICH****Director: Anoop Chakravarthy Bajineni** 13:02

In a city that once held her happiest memories, a woman mourning her fiancé meets a stranger.



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## RINGSIDE IN THE MOUNTAINS: THE HISTORY OF BOXING IN THE CATSKILLS

**Director: Evan Haiman** 54:00

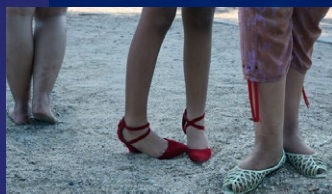
The untold story of a quiet corner of upstate New York that became an unlikely epicenter of boxing greatness.



## ROCKETSHIP

**Director: Iris Almaraz** 11:00

Two sisters set out to retrieve their mentally ill mother from a playground, discovering grit, tenderness, and resilience along the way.



## ROOMINATION

**Director: Caesar Alvarez** 10:53

An author Laura finds herself in the only place she was hoping to avoid- her unsettling therapy session with the peculiar Dr. Heigold.



## ROUND THE CORNER

**Director: Russell Emanuel** 3:59

In this series pilot, even on the quietest streets, one can find a certain level of excitement, "Round the Corner".



## ROXY & THE MAN

**Director: Joey Medina** 17:13

A terminally ill Vietnam veteran finds solace and purpose in rescuing an abused dog no one else wanted.



## RUMBLE TUMBLE

**Director: Adam Schaudenecker** 29:24

A documentary of the W.U.U.C.W and it's wrestling promoter: Gabriel McDonough.



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**SAE****Director: Yusaku Mizoguchi 1:31:12**

Sae, a Japanese art student in Los Angeles, finds her dreams derailed by a crisis that forces her out of school.

**SAIL****Director: Charmaine Chu 11:49**

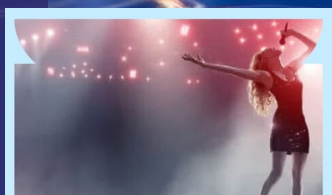
A girl uses an AI device - "Sail" to navigate the complexities of friendship, only to discover that true connection can't be programmed.

**SALTY****Director: Josh Martin, Alex Raban 15:56**

Dave, an aging surfer, opens up to an anger management counselor about his triggers such as foilers, onewheels, and vanlifers.

**SAPPHIRE & SONG****Director: Nikki Hevesy 10:00**

An Israeli singer arrives in the US to embark on her career and finds that her family back home is met with life and death challenges.

**SATOMI****Director: Rayner Wang 11:40**

Mayumi has the skill, the voice and the passion to be the perfect performer.

**SAVAGE SEASON****Director: Nardeep Khurmi 17:01**

Inspired by a true story, Gia ends things with her long-term partner of seven years and finds herself alone and lost.

**SECOND CHANCE****Director: Sameer Joshi 19:40**

This is a poignant tale about a recently widowed Indian mother travels to the USA to be with her daughter.



## SELF CUSTODY

**Director: Garrett Patten** 30:51

A psychological thriller about a struggling father who discovers he unknowingly received a 2014 Bitcoin bonus--now worth millions.



## SEPARATE ROADS

**Director: Shalina Saleira** 14:13

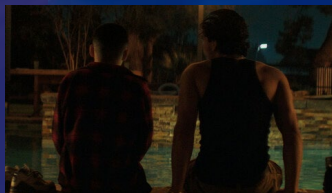
When former high school sweethearts meet again years after a breakup, they're forced to confront the scars of their past.



## SHALLOW END

**Director: James Valdez** 12:00

A proof-of-concept short about two brothers spending a quiet night by a backyard pool, where conversation reveals tensions beneath the surface.



## SHE WAS, SHE IS, SHE NEVER WILL BE

**Director: Sonya LaTorre** 11:57

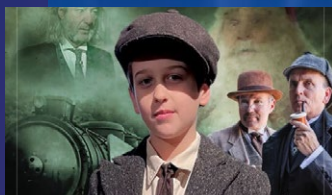
High Schoolers Tylynn and Adam have been BFFs since before they could even say "BFF", but Adam has been keeping a secret.



## SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE TRUE BELIEVER

**Director: Danna Wilberg** 27:25

When Santa is kidnapped by the evil Moriarty, Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson commandeer a young boy to help save Christmas.



## SHORT FUSE

**Director: Kevin Stevenson** 1:10:00

In a retro-dystopian cyber-war, memory-forger Big is framed for murder by enforcer Cyprus and rescued by bounty hunter Veronika.



## SIDE EFFECTS

**Director: Małgorzata Zofia Findysz** 3:01

The story of three people intertwined in a single constellation. The link is a dancer whose emotions reflect the depths of the Fairies' story.



**SIP****Director: Rachel Chelsea Foster 15:58**

After finding herself living in a reality far different than the one she once imagined, a young woman reflects on her journey to motherhood.

**SKY SUBMITS****Director: Hope Martinez 14:56**

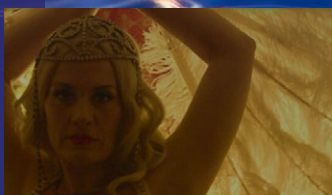
Sky Submits' is a story about a struggling actress who has auditioned for everything, but is getting nothing in return.

**SLEEPER EPISODE 2****Director: Harold Dudley 21:29**

Wide receiver Mason Moulder's football journey continues as we see him await his opportunity to get in a game and make a play.

**SODA GARDOCKI - WALTZES, TRAINS, WIRES & WOOD****Director: Jessica C Moncrief 3:15**

The original song is written and performed by Punk/Americana legend Soda Gardocki.

**SOLA****Director: Rafael Hernández de Dios 47:14**

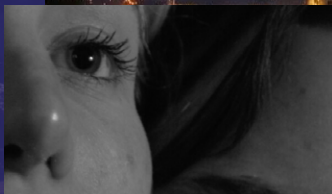
Ana, a young woman who likes writing and has just broken up with her boyfriend, misses the last bus back to her town and is robbed of her handbag.

**SOUR****Director: Les Thompson 26:07**

In the summer of 1995, Devin and Nick start a lemonade stand to earn money for a new video game.

**SPEND THE DAY THINKING****Director: Nikita Safia 3:19**

After Cleo spends the day thinking, she realizes she feels more alive in her imagination than in her real life.



## SPICY SPINS

**Director: Yusuf Khan** 27:00

A culinary experience that blends global flavors and musical energy into a cooking show.



## SPIN

**Director: Rodrigo Aben-Athar** 5:37

One city, three different bikes, and an unstoppable desire to hit the road.



## SPRINGTOWN EPISODE 2:

### "KAIDEN WISE GUY"

**Director: Michael Scordakis** 40:00

When a notorious mobster is found dead in Springtown, Sheriff Kaiden O'Connor's carefully hidden past with the FBI resurfaces.



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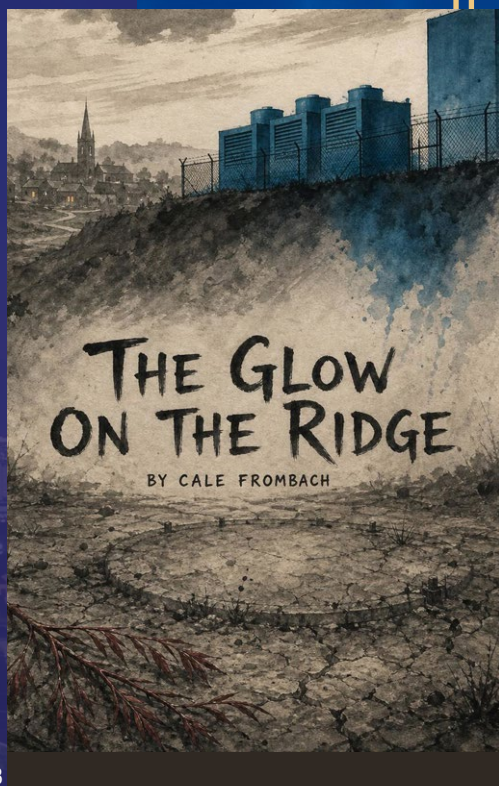
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A SHORT FILM BY PATIA PROUTY  
ANNE LEIGHTON | CHRISTOPHER WOLFE  
WRITTEN BY COLIN FRANCIS COSTELLO



**STATE OF NEBRASKA****V. CROTCHY THE CLOWN****Director: Benjamin Radford** 26:28

A clown named Crotchty took to the Public Access airwaves to do stand-up comedy and review pornographic films.

**STATEN ISLAND GHOST STORY****Director: Vincent J Mazella** 43:00

Gina and Vito are moving to New Jersey, much to the dismay of Great Great Grandma Fortuna.

**STICKMAN****Director: Theo Ungs** 8:38

A man's tattoo appointment spirals after a phone call, encountering threatening figures whose presence lead him to a violent fate.

**STOPFORCING****Director: Derek Yang** 6:34

When a Victorian Era girl find herself in an arranged marriage to a cunning Patriarch, she must escape from his abusive tendancies.

**STRAWBERRY****Director: J.W. Parks** 15:04

Sadie seeks comfort from grief by eating strawberries that remind her of her dead lover.

**STREET LIGHTS****Director: Victor Yu** 11:22

Just another regular work night of a middle manager, whose relationship is quietly falling apart.

**STUDENTS ARE HEROES:****A SICKLE CELL WARRIORS STORY****Director: Keenan Special Bristol** 44:17

Jordana Bristol is a high school athlete who is rushed to the hospital after collapsing. She is experiencing another sickle cell crisis.



**SWIPE****Director: Patia Prouty 5:00**

A single woman is terrorized on a dating app by a match who will not go away.

**TEMP-TOPIA****Director: Tommy Martin 4:57**

One woman's paradise is a whole office's nightmare. Desperate times call for desperate temperatures.

**TENGU****Director: Kenichi Iwabuchi 11:48**

A guy is accused of stalking a lady, but these events take a twisted turn when a lady starts suffering from psychotic hallucinations.

**THE 3100****Director: Mark Fisher 49:11**

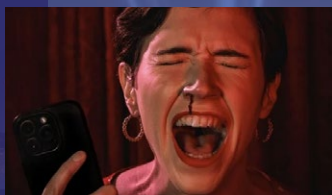
The 3100™ is a cinematic exploration of Idaho's 3,100 miles of navigable whitewater, the most found anywhere in the Lower 48.

**THE 4TH BRANCH****Director: Emilio Martinez 38:35**

Aldo Kane has aspirations to become a journalist. But when he can't land a job, he's forced to take a gig at an internet news outlet.

**THE AIRDROP****Director: Alex Mehra 19:22**

A routine theater class goes horribly wrong when a wave of mysterious airdrops kills acting students one by one.

**THE ALCHEMY OF STRANGERS****Director: Joshua Longfellow Wright 11:40**

After an encounter with a stranger, Tanya Tartarian - a weary woman stuck in the grind of everyday life - is handed a choice.



## THE APPOINTMENT IN SOUTH CENTRAL

**Director: Sebastian Johnson-Deal** 21:02

An aspiring rap artist attempts to outrun his fate when he meets the Grim Reaper during a near-death experience.

## THE ART OF NOTICING

**Director: Miso Lyn** 6:19

Jasmine and Shane, two introverted teenagers, come together to romanticize their observations about life through an English project.

## THE ASHES OF A DREAM

**Director: Joe Nuzzolo** 2:12:00

Randy Lupo returns to Staten Island to find his mother drifting into the quiet shadows of age.

## THE BELL

**Director: Evan Fischer** 10:00

A husband is haunted by his late mother's bell.

## THE BONE GRINDER

**Director: Danny Rhodes** 13:36

Whitman and Jacob, straight and gay best friends, learn about the Bone Grinder, a masked killer who seduces men.

## THE BOTTLE

**Directors: Charles Unger,**

**Jeffrey Reyna** 11:11

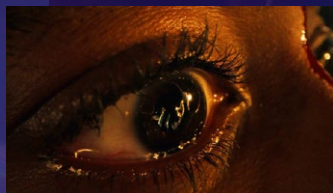
Stan fails to show up to his 20th wedding anniversary dinner, and chooses to stay out all night drinking.

## THE BREAKUP

**Directors: Michael Piscitelli,**

**Gregory Cohen** 11:00

A therapist delivers some harsh news to a couple on the rocks, which only challenges them further.



**THE BUS DRIVER****WHO WANTED TO BE GOD****Director: Daniel Orentlicher** 12:53

The Bus Driver Who Wanted To Be God follows Eddie, a man with a strange condition which causes him to always be late.

**THE COUNTDOWN DUDE****Director: Lorenzo Patanè, Alessandra Rucco** 3:46

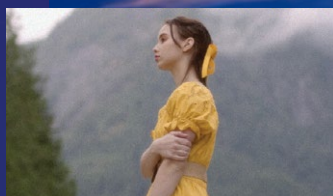
In a basement littered with relics of consumption and sleepless nights, Gilbert listens to the sound of the world almost ending.

**THE CRITIC'S SHOW****Director: Michael Zwain** 1:25

A neurotic filmmaker spirals out of control after a ruthless critic eviscerates his screenplay, triggering a revenge scheme.

**THE DANDELION GIRL****Director: Rogan Love** 18:38

Mark, a middle-aged man encounters a young, mysterious woman who claims to be a time traveler from the future.

**THE DARK****Director: Eric Rosner** 5:45

A surreal AI horror-comedy from the Barry universe.

**THE DAY THE WORLD FELL APART****Director: Damon Condon** 14:40

Danny lived a perfect life with his parents, until one day his world literally falls apart.

**THE DEAD SPEAK****Director: Alberto G. Rodriguez** 1:19

A college student accidentally unearths human remains and places her life in danger while trying to solve the murder.



## THE FLOATERS

**Director: Rachel Israel 1:41:00**

A struggling musician accepts a last-resort job from her overachiever best friend mentoring misfit campers at their childhood Jewish summer camp.



## THE GLOW ON THE RIDGE

**Director: Cale Frombach 3:52**

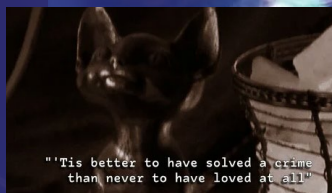
A folk song about the AI revolution, told from the perspective of the people the AI revolution is happening to.



## THE GOLDEN CAT OF VANDALUR

**Director: Daniel Ladislau Horvath 5:54**

A Detective's internal monologue constantly interferes with his investigations. It is a noir "whodunit" where nothing gets solved.



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## MATEO RAY RETURNS

to Marina del Rey Film Festival  
8 Years Later in

## THE STRAWBERRY

featuring Mike Farrell

## Hollywood East Studio Presents While You Were Freeing The World

*A Paul Robeson Story*

Starring Stogie Kenwatta as Paul Robeson / Christina Childress as Eslanda Goode Robeson  
Editors Ayelewa Quashie / Rudy Ruiz / Derryk Amiker Script Supervisor Terry Scott Mitchell  
Makeup Meechi Kenwatta Assistant Camera Carissa Abels Sound Mixer Johnny Cacerdo  
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## THE GOODYEARS

**Director: Michael Simpson** 20:58

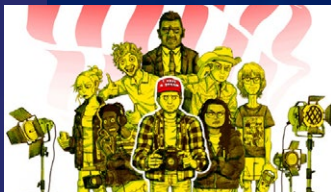
Rita pushes Tim & Nola to be adventurous. Jackie and Harry's Vegas trip—Wayne Newton, buffets, timeshares—delivers!



## THE GREAT AMERICAN BROADCAST

**Director: Matthew Stacey** 1:27:10

An apathetic group of 20-somethings manage a small town news station while a rampant serial killer weasels his way into their lives.



## THE GREEN MILL:

### A REAL CHICAGO JOINT

**Director: Paul L Carr** 56:48

The Green Mill is known as an old hangout for Al Capone and where Billie Holiday sang, and as a swinging jazz joint for generations.



## THE HEIRESS

**Director: Lee Harry** 1:30

A spoiled heiress who stands to inherit billions leads authorities, greedy relatives and bounty hunters on a cross-country chase.

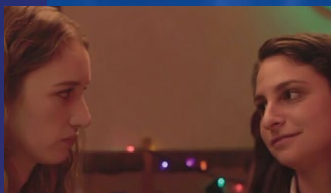


## THE HIDEAWAY

**Directors: Rachel Wender,**

**Alison Faye Shelley** 13:33

Sophie, the lead of a failing film franchise, is suing her production company claiming a "toxic set".



## THE IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE

**Director: Casey Grimm** 2:59

A very short comedy about a man trying to tie his tie.



## THE JOB

**Director: Craig Railsback** 16:00

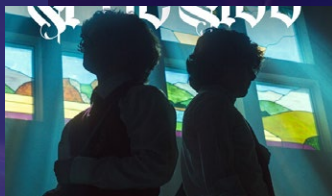
A man, an AI, a job interview — and the truth he can't outrun.



## THE JOB

**Director: Matthew Magnus** 27:30

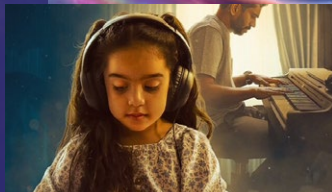
Milo Abner is obsessed with following his life plan. After losing an internship, Milo stumbles upon Greyson Decker, the leader of the school's drug ring.



## THE LAST NOTE

**Directors: Dan R Bottom, Vihaan Vidur** 14:07

A terminally ill musician leaves behind a lullaby for the daughter he'll never meet — a final song.



## THE LAST TAKE

**Director: Brian Foyster** 14:17

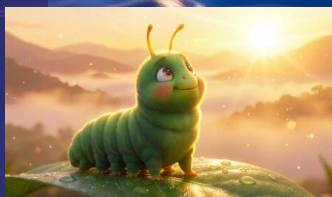
Facing the end, a movie star from the golden age of Hollywood must reconcile with the only man he ever loved.



## THE LEAF-A-TEERS

**Director: Stephen Hessel** 7:05

An uplifting animated short about Harry, a late-blooming caterpillar struggling to find his place in the world.



## THE LILITH KEY

**Director: Devin Dugan** 9:51

A petty thief is abducted by a mysterious woman demanding an ancient, otherworldly key.



## THE LONG DISTANCE DEPARTMENT

**Director: Jameson Chase Young** 1:59:56

Three couples that are in long distance relationships, befriend a spiritual entity. He is driven to try and reunite them all.



THE **LONG DISTANCE**  
DEPARTMENT

## THE LOST BOYFRIENDS

**Director: Benjamin Adams** 5:37

When Billy is abandoned on an island, he discovers his girlfriend's ex-boyfriends are gathered for a realty show style gauntlet.



## THE LOT

**Director: Raffaele Vesco** 16:49

"Chasing the dream" is nice and idealistic. But let's be real - it's chaos. You have to survive while trying to thrive.



## THE LUCKY 5

**Director: Carl Hansen** 7:45

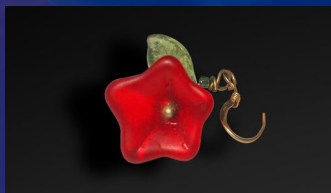
An unlikely group of singers wins a major music reality show—a record deal with one of the biggest labels in the industry.



## THE MIRACLE OF YOU

**Director: Peter Spruyt** 4:58

A man takes us on his meditation journey towards inner-peace and harmony, showing that one can achieve self-forgiveness.



## THE MIRROR OF MALEVOLENCE

**Director: Jared Ditman** 14:12

A dark fantasy adventure told entirely with marionette and shadow puppetry.



## THE MONSTROUS MISADVENTURES OF NICK AND NICOLE

**Director: Carl Hansen** 7:59

Two misfit monster siblings embark on an adventure to discover their true purpose and redefine what it means to be a monster.



## THE MOST BIODIVERSE PLACE IN AMERICA

**Director: John Fiske** 45:00

Set in San Diego County, The Most Biodiverse Place in America is an intimate portrait of place, purpose, and generational connection.



## THE OLDEST

**Director: Cathlin McCullough** 9:48

12-year-old Kate longs to escape her lonely reality as the oldest of 5 under the shadow of her father's addiction.



## THE PERFECT PALM

**Director: Ayse Altinok** 11:15

A young man on the autism spectrum, who possesses a remarkable gift as a visual artist, encounters the corporate world.



## THE RACE

**Director: Zoran Pribičević** 21:49

Sanja, Darko, and their 7-year-old daughter Mara live in perfect family bliss—until a sudden heart defect shatters their world.



## THE ROSIES

**Director: Christina Capra** 7:55

Maggie Slone, a military wife, celebrates Christmas with a diverse group of women who work at a Southern wartime munitions factory.



## THE RUNNER

**Director: Andrew Medeiros** 7:30

Detective Martin arrives at the home of Samuel and June, claiming to be on the trail of a notorious fugitive nicknamed "The Runner."



## THE SALE

**Director: Jaime Zevallos** 9:34

A used car salesman is fired from his job just when money is needed to buy airfare to go visit his son.



## THE SAPLING

**Director: Jon Mitchell** 25:00

A starry eyed actress moves to the city and though grappling with reality quickly beats her down - a persevering New Yorker is born.



## THE SHADOW IN THE MIRROR

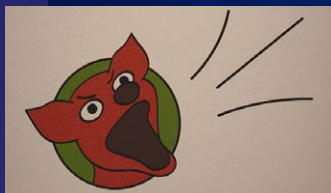
**Director: Katie Ann O'Keefe** 14:23

A Fantasy/Thriller film about a young woman named Mae who recently has let her former addict boyfriend back into her life.

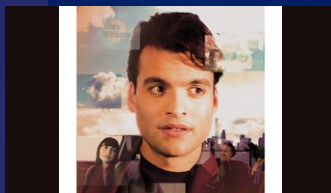


**THE SHOUTING FOX****Director: Nolan Wang** 10:30

An animated short where Breaking News of an approaching storm threatens a very loud fox's plans for his grand old party.

**THE SHOW****Director: Nicholas Lane** 9:19

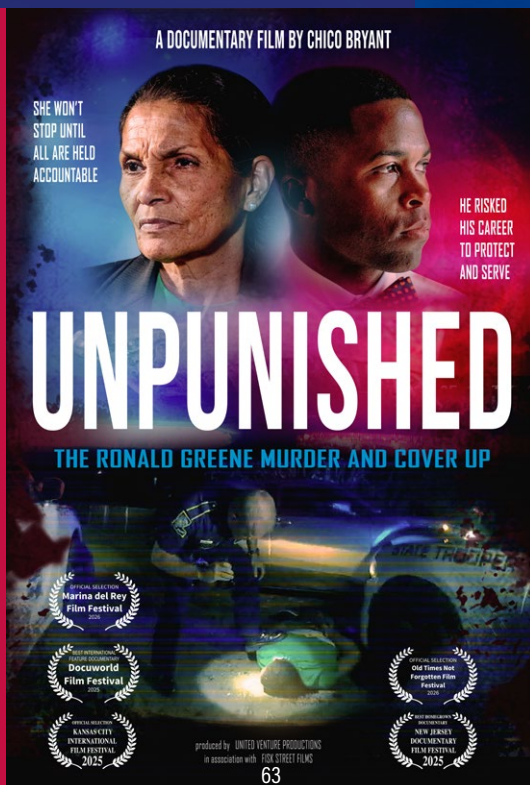
An actor's dream interview becomes his greatest test when the past he's tried to forget crashes into his moment of fame.

**THE SIGNAL BENEATH****Director: Leonard Smith** 5:46

In a Florida radio station, weary late-night DJ Cameron Deep hosts "Moonlit Waves," a call-in show for wild conspiracy theories.



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## THE SNAKE AND THE WHALE

**Director: John Carlos Frey 1:30**

Four federal dams impounding the Lower Snake River have been identified as the cause for the demise of all of Idaho's anadromous fish.



## THE SOUND OF LOVE

**Director: Dija Renuka 43:50**

In this supernatural drama, 17-year-old Harmony, a high schooler with a tumultuous family history, discovers her hidden Siren powers.



## THE STRAWBERRY

**Directors: Kyle Plummer, Carlos Plummer 1:37:00**

When Herb Kaplan is diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and told he has only months to live, he decides how he will spend his time.



## THE THINGS WE DO

**Director: Clotilde Delavennat 15:00**

Pushed to her breaking point by the guilt of betraying someone she loves, Sianne struggles to piece her life back together.



## THE TRADITION THAT AUDACITY BUILT: CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL

**Directors: A. Eldridge, T. Manuel 14:02**

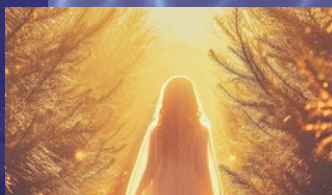
The Chicago State University Football program is chronicled from inception to reality in this documentary.



## THE TREE FARM

**Director: TJ Roussin 9:11**

In a small town, the dearly departed linger in a Christmas tree farm, attached to a tree until the owner can deliver it to a loved one.



## THE UNIT

**Director: Kurt deVries 15:00**

A terrible catastrophe has befallen Earth, leaving most of it uninhabitable. Scattered about are small pockets of survivors.



## THE UNITED STAINS OF AMERICA

**Director: Michael Kuznar** 17:00

A horror-comedy saga that follows B-STAINS - a wannabe influencer - and the ghosts who want him dead.



## THE VANISHING TOUR

**Director: Patrick Meaney** 1:28:36

When a struggling band is carjacked and stranded in the desert, they seek shelter at a mysterious compound in the middle of the desert.



## THE WAKE WE LIVE

**Director: Andrew Roberts** 18:21

Two friends reconnect after a long time separated.



## THE WHITE PILL

**Director: Harry Fowler** 38:41

An unconventional therapy session forces a woman to make a decision that could change her life forever.



## THE WRITER

**Directors: Austin Glasser,**

**Luke Madenwald** 26:49

Self isolated, a writer navigates the pressure of the film industry, family, and the looming presence of his father.



## THE WRONG BOZOS

**Director: Nicholas Lane** 6:36

A rag-tag team of eccentric roommates schemes to perform a heist during a crowded convention.



## THICKER THAN BLOOD

**Director: Joe Martinez Rodriguez** 20:00

Two DEA agents — David, a principled cop shaped by a haunted past, and Santos, his street-hardened best friend — share more than just a badge.



## THIS MAGICAL MOMENT IN COSMIC HISTORY

**Directors: A. Killian, C. Hannah** 21:18

Two lovers, countless lifetimes, one fate they can't escape, but to break the cycle, they must learn that the only way... is to let go.

## THIS MOMENT

**Director: James Avelar** 1:00

On her 25th birthday, Valen has a full day of uncertainty and decisions to make.

## THREE BROTHERS IN SHANGHAI

**Director: Nick Andrus** 17:00

Escaping the Nazis in Austria, a Jewish family flees to the port of last resort: Shanghai.

## TIME AND THE RIVER

**Director: Mark Nielson** 58:00

A couple travels down the Mississippi River. Perhaps they've been there before. An art film.

## TO SHINE AGAIN

**Director: Marcell Leon Virágh** 23:27

A psychological thriller about the relationship between the Self, Ego, and Inner Child.

## TOO LATE

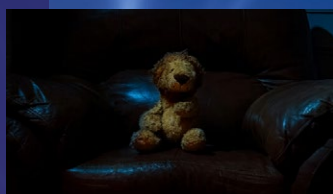
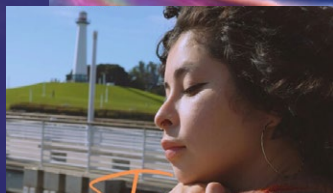
**Director: Artur Matveev** 15:00

Late at night, young Michael escapes his parents' escalating argument and retreats to the rooftop, where he meets Ginny.

## TRADER VERDINKLE: THE UNDERPINNINGS OF AN UNDERSTUDY

**Director: Tom Everett** 37:37

A semi-failed actor turned equally failed telephone office supply salesman runs into an old director friend who offers him a job.



## TRAIN AT SUNSET

**Directors:** Matthew Ferraro,  
Nicole Bell 6:02

An animated and musical impression of Bob Dylan's painting, Train at Sunset. The painting was destroyed in the Palisades fire in 2025.



## TRIGGER

**Director:** Haris Gioulatos 33:00

If you were told there was an organization that could change your life forever, would you go through with the switch.



## TRUST CAN BE WEAPONIZED

**Director:** Maurice Smith 5:00

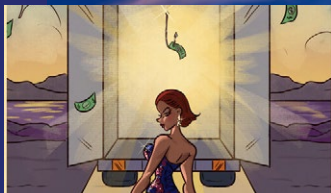
Anyone can get to you if you drop your guard- most times friends use your trust against you.



## TUCKED

**Director:** MeMe Cherry 9:40

TUCKED follows a drag performer navigating the brutal intersection of performance, identity, and economic survival.



## UNIMAGINABLE

**Director:** Colleen Kresoja 18:24

A political drama about a modern day "immaculate conception".



## UNPUNISHED

**Director:** Chico Bryant 1:05:00

When a Black motorist dies in Louisiana police custody, a whistleblower state trooper risks everything to expose the truth.



## URBAN WARRIOR

**Director:** Justin He 10:55

A Hollywood actor grapples with the physical and psychological impacts of the Los Angeles fire.



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## US AND THEM

**Director: India Anne Mitchell** 8:00

A 15-year-old filmmaker conducts the first interview with Ameca, the most expressive humanoid robot on Earth.



## WAITING FOR NIA

**Director: Maurice Simmons** 18:34

Nia Kim, a 16-year-old girl, is rushed to a hospital after a severe car accident. Her divorced parents await news of her condition.



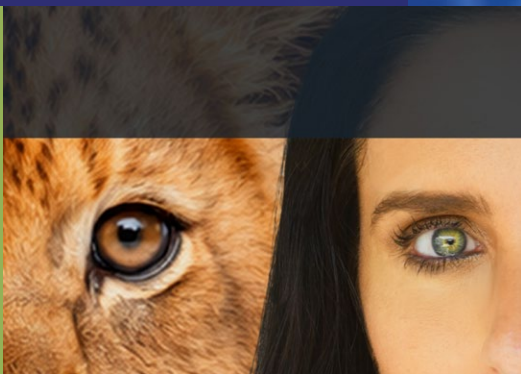
## WATCHED

**Director: Evie Smith** 9:42

A struggling artist is confronted by the physical manifestation of her own psyche, a girl with video camera.



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## WATERMELON

**Director: Eric Yu** 19:59

"R" is tasked with getting a watermelon however he also stumbles across diamonds, smugglers, hitmen, and criminal organizations.



## WE ARE ANIMALS

**Directors: Kirk Murray, Nicholas Tana** 1:15:00

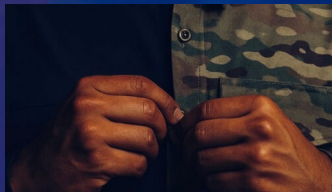
The film explores the front lines of the exploding animal rights movement, and takes a candid look at our historical treatment of animals.



## WE BLEED PURPLE

**Director: LaJuan Johnson** 1:27:28

A Combat Army Chaplain attempts to reconnect with civilian life while aiding a PTSD Veteran.



## WE GREW UP:

### KIDS IN ADULT PRISONS

**Director: John Bacon** 1:20:03

Interviews with 10 inmates who were sentenced to adult prison when they were 14-17 years old.



## WELCOME TO VEGAS

**Director: Hae Sun Hong** 1:21:40

Sunny dreams of escaping generational poverty. Rejected by Korean society, she migrates to Las Vegas, hoping for reinvention.



## WHAT IF?

**Director: John Lacy** 6:46

When a couple finds 10k, one faces a moral dilemma, while the other faces a revelation.



## WHAT THE HELL?

**Director: Serge Rocco** 10:13

In this chilling tale of the occult, a rideshare driver realizes too late he may have let the wrong person in his car.



## WHEN MARY MET BETSY

**Director: Maureen Lee Lenker** 8:13

After breaking up with her longtime boyfriend, a plucky romance novelist finds herself creatively and emotionally blocked.



## WHILE YOU WERE FREEING THE WORLD

**Director: Christina Cottles** 11:20

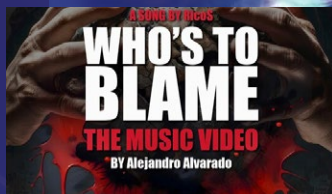
Fame and fortune have made world renowned singer and actor, Paul Robeson, loved and admired all over the world, except in America.



## WHO'S TO BLAME

**Director: Alejandro Alvarado** 5:29

A collection of chaotic images documented and shared through the public domain reveals a red line of systemic racism and cultural bigotry.



## WHY HER

**Directors: Jonathan Elia, Tommaso Furgione** 7:15

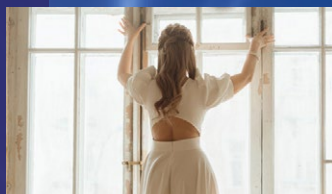
A girl shoots a sadistic gang one by one in a violent act of revenge, forcing them to confront the heartbreaking truth of their sins.



## WINGS

**Director: Ilia Noyabrov** 4:01

A Ukrainian woman sings of a deep, inspiring love that feels like soaring above the world together.



## WISKEY WISPERERS (LAW & CHAOS)

**Directors: Robert James Andrea, Nicholas Richard Andrea** 3:47

A music video about surviving the demons of the night.



## WOULD YOU EVEN KNOW

**Director: Alyx Phillips** 9:27

Addison Montgomery has her toughest case yet with insane asylum patient, Alchemy Jones.



## YELLOWSTONE WILD THROUGH TIME

**Director: Carol Amore** 20:00

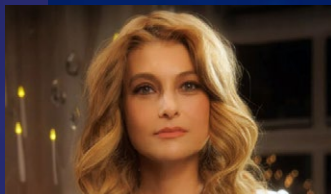
Connect ancient Yellowstone's past and present into an immersive journey of combined high impact visual and musical experiences.



## YOU ARE SPECIAL

**Director: Ilia Noyabrov** 3:36

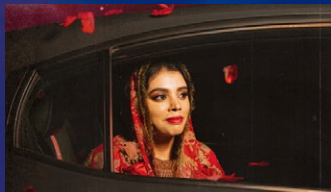
A little boy, is fascinated by the legend that the white keys on the old Steinway piano are made of elephant tusks.



## HANIA'S HOME

**Director: Eemaan Qadri** 16:00

Hania, a young Pakistani woman immigrates to the US with her husband and daughter. Isolated by language barriers, culture shock, and distance from her family, Hania struggles to build a sense of home in a country ...



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The poster features a background image of the Hollywood sign on a hill, framed by palm trees. A large, stylized black mask with colorful, abstract patterns in purple, orange, and blue is superimposed on the right side. A film strip graphic runs diagonally across the top. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with various colors and fonts.

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