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DWF began in the late 90s to champion storytellers who were being squeezed out by the big festivals at that time because their films had no stars. Those were the days when there wasn't a festival on every street corner in Los Angeles. We began with a purpose, a reason... and our motto "no politics. no stars. no sh*t." continues to carry us into 2022 and beyond. Resilience, Strength, Fortitude, Compassion, and Vision - words to describe the filmmakers and their films which we champion each year.

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Yes, the festival crests over 25 this year and it's cause for celebration, however what we will really be celebrating this year - is you.

Welcome to the 1st edition of DANCES WITH FILMS NY!

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 @ 7:15PM

WORLD PREMIERE | USA, 2022, 104 min.

BOOK, LYRICS & CONCEPT: Douglas Lyons

MUSIC: Ethan D. Pakchar & Douglas Lyons

DIR: Josh Rhodes

PROD: Hunter Arnold

EXEC PRODS: George Bamber, Kayla Greenspan,
R.K. Greene & Leah Michalos

CAST: Matt Rodin, Jeb Brown, Amelia Cormack, Marlene Ginader,
Maximillian Sangerman, Emily Seibert, Jeremy Sevelovitz

Musician Ace Baker nervously takes the concert stage in his hometown of Nashville as memories of his youth begin to flood back. Spending the first decade of his life fatherless, queer and bullied, Ace's life is changed forever when a phone call reveals that his "deceased" Grandpa Beau has been alive all along and his mother knew. The bond between the men grows and family secrets unravel as Beau puts a guitar in Ace's hands.

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BUT MY DAD WOULDN'T HAVE
HAD IT ANY OTHER WAY.”

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DOUBLE DOWN SOUTH

EAST COAST PREMIERE | USA, 2022, 124 min.



SCREENING: SAT DEC 3 @ 9:45PM
Tom Schulman | tomhs@me.com

WRITER/DIR: Tom Schulman

PRODS: Rick Wallace, Sara Sometti Michaels, Seth Michaels

CAST: Lili Simmons, Kim Coates, Igby Rigney, Tom Bower, Justin Marcel McManus, Rebecca Lines, Cameron Cowperthwaite; Jeff Trachta

In the dangerous high-stakes world of illegal keno pool gambling, Diana (Lili Simmons), a smart, tough newcomer, charms keno-veteran Nick (Kim Coates) into taking her under his wing. They prepare to risk it all to defeat the world champion, but soon find themselves in much more danger than they ever imagined.

THE DRIVEN

WORLD PREMIERE | USA, 2022, 65 min.



SCREENING: SAT DEC 3 @ 8PM
TJ Collins | 516-205-2096 | office@poseidonproductions.com

WRITER/DIR: TJ Collins

PRODS: TJ Collins, Lorraine Rodriguez-Reyes, Nathan Brimmer, Adam Luaces, Katherine Luaces

CO-PRODS: Lesya Kalynska, Paul McAleavey, Steven Glassner, Brandon Culp

CAST: David Zayas, Lorraine Rodriguez-Reyes, Reynaldo Piniella, Anneris Mercedes, Anthony Ruiz, Judy Torres

THE DRIVEN follows a troubled teenage basketball prodigy in New York City who is successfully taking his high school basketball team to the state championship. However, it's his life off the court that becomes his greatest challenge when he suddenly learns the truth that he was adopted. This not only sets him on a mission to discover the truth but also on a journey toward self discovery.

HEART & SOUL

A LOVE STORY



WORLD PREMIERE

SUNDAY, DEC 4TH
7:30 PM



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NARRATIVE FEATURES

GOOD GUY WITH A GUN

WORLD PREMIERE | USA, 2022, 109 min.



SCREENING: FRI DEC 2 @ 9:30PM

Kevin Cooper | 310-927-1787 | cooper5107@yahoo.com

WRITER/DIR: John Mossman

PRODS: Kevin Cooper & DeAnna Cooper

CAST: Beck Nolan, Tiffany Bedwell, Joe Swanberg, Emily Marso, Joshua Zambrano, David Stobbe, David Pasquesi, Jennifer Jelsema, Ian Barford, Jack Cain, Yesenia Regalado, Aydan Sopczynski, Chad Kagle, Kathy Scambiaterra, Morgan P. Allen, Liv Shine, Dan Waller, Todd Wojcik, Skye Shrum, John Mossman, Elizabeth Laidlaw, John LaFlamboy, Roger Welp

A rural noir thriller following a boy and his mother's arrival into a small town where their fractured relationship is widened by his deepening journey into gun culture. Challenging the black and white concept of good guy/bad guy, the story explores the gray area lacking in the current American dialogue surrounding not just guns but many aspects of life deserving of a more nuanced discussion. In the end, the fractured family (similar to our American family) succeeds at repairing itself, bearing greater wisdom moving forward but not without a cost.

SNAKEEATER

WORLD PREMIERE | USA, 2022, 80 min.



SCREENING: FRI DEC 2 @ 7:15PM

Tore Knos | 310-975-5182 | ToreKnos@gmail.com

WRITERS: Aron Flasher, Tore Knos

DIR: Tore Knos

PRODS: Aron Flasher, Tore Knos, Glen & Laurie Hommy, Isaach De Bankolé, Micah Hales, Efe Kabba

CAST: Vas Eli, Isaach De Bankolé, Susannah Perkins, Dennis Flanagan, Sean Weil, Nicholas Michael McGovern, Lawrence Arancio, Kris Eivers

Against the backdrop of a decaying cityscape, Rick Miner, an off-the-books insurance investigator, is tasked with examining the suspicious death of an ex-con involving a million-dollar life insurance claim. While retracing the victim's steps, Rick grows increasingly unsettled by the unfolding timeline of events and the uncertainty of his own sanity.

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UNDER THE INFLUENCER

WORLD PREMIERE | USA, 2022, 96 min.



SCREENING: SUN DEC 4 @ 9:45PM

Alex Haughey | 913-530-3244 | athaughey@gmail.com

WRITER/DIR: Alex Haughey

PRODS: Masha Ko, Kelton White, Marlaina Smith, Anna Grigorian, Alex Haughey

CAST: Taylor Joree Scorse, Spencer Vaughn Kelly, Sara Young Chandler, Zach Paul Brown, Ava Westcott, Andrew Rogers, Kelton White, Kevin Bohleber

A successful Youtuber is aging out of the platform in her mid-20s, and struggling to redefine herself in the world outside her social media bubble.

WORDS THAT MOVE: SEE THROUGH A DIFFERENT I

WORLD PREMIERE | USA, 2022, 53.5 min.



SCREENING: SUN DEC 4 @ 5:45PM

Max Stossel | 917-584-5764 | dclarsen1@gmail.com

WRITER: Max Stossel

DIR: Erin Richards

PRODS: Yacht Club Films, Max Stossel, Erin Richards

CAST: Max Stossel, Isabel Umali, Taylor Myers, Jonathon Lyons, Lynette Paz, Rachel Berman, Ryan Weiss

A live performance of nine stories told on stage at Kings Theater, each with its own combination of live action, VFX or animation. This is a first of its kind, Stand-Up Poetry Special from award winning artist, Max Stossel, who was named by Forbes as one of the best storytellers of the year. Max has been uniquely able to find the rare combination of both natural internet virality and artistic acclaim. His short films have both won festival awards, and been viewed and loved by many millions of people. Words That Move is a new category of content that is undeniably moving and delightful.

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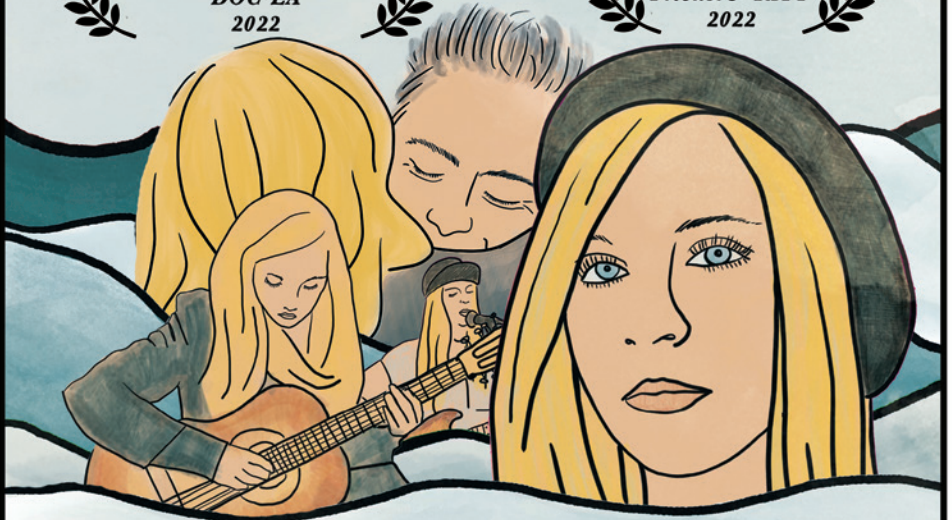
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 - Audience Award
 - Best Song "Hallelujah" by HAIM
- DOC LA
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WINNER

- Filmmaker of the Future Award
 - Flickers' RIFF
- 2022



help her live

a film by frankie kraft

Next screening at DWF:NY 12/1 at 2:45PM

DOCUMENTARY FEATURES

ANXIOUS NATION

EAST COAST Premiere | USA, 2022, 100.5 min.



SCREENING: FRI DEC 2 @ 12:30PM

Nancy Collet | 323-708-5737 | nancy@cinemacollet.com

WRITERS/DIRS: Laura Morton, Vanessa Roth

PRODS: Laura Morton, Steve Purcell

PRESENTED BY: Kathy Ireland

FEATURING: Jonah Burns, Meredith Burns, Nicole Cochrane, GC Coris, Dave Cummings, Heather Cummings, Noah Cummings, Kenya Hameed, Kameron Johnson, Jessica Kolbe, Harold Koplewicz, Lynn Lyons, Laura Morton, Sevey Morton, Naiya Osiyemi, Karl Palenkas, Cooper Ramsey, Jackie Ramsey, Tim Ramsey, Dan Siegel, Mike Sneideman, Tim Storey, Dr. Shefali, Nora Vasconcellos, Jeffrey Zeig

Academy Award-winning director Vanessa Roth and first-time co-director Laura Morton thoughtfully unfold the epidemic of anxiety and explore why we are such an anxious nation. The film sets out to lift the shroud of shame around mental health while giving emotional insights into how anxiety shows up in our children's lives, impacts families, and what parents' contributing role may be in the journey. The filmmakers offer deep insights into how we got here and what we can do to harness anxious energy for good.

HEART & SOUL

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2022, 90 min.



SCREENING: SUN DEC 4 @ 7:30PM

Bronwyn Berry | 551-795-0577

DIR: Kenny Vance

PROD: Bronwyn Berry

FEATURING: Eugene Pitt, Wally Roker, Arlene Smith, Cleveland Still, Jimmy Merchant, Little Anthony & the Imperials, Phoebe Snow and Jay & the Americans

Music legend Kenny Vance sits down with members of the Chantels, Frankie Lymon and the Teenagers, Little Anthony & the Imperials, the Heartbeats, the Dubs and the Jive Five. They were some of the first teenage Black Rhythm & Blues artists who crossed over, had mainstream hits, toured the north and south, appeared on national television, never made much money and influenced popular music to this day. Through intimate conversations and insights curated from eighty hours of verite footage, these seminal artists become our confidantes, too, and we come to care as they bring their triumphs and tragedies to life.



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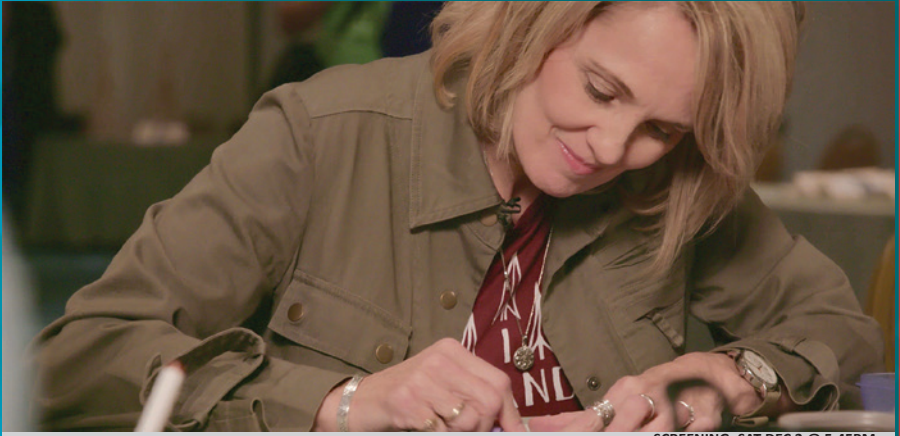
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NEEDLE IN A TIMESTACK • KIMI • THE LOST CITY • ASKING FOR IT • HALLOWEEN KILLS • INFINITE STORM • THE UNBEARABLE WEIGHT OF MASSIVE TALENT

DOCUMENTARY FEATURES

I AM WE

NEW YORK Premiere | USA, 2022, 92 min.



SCREENING: SAT DEC 2 @ 5:45PM

Ron Davis | 917-747-0320 | ron@docutainmentfilms.com

DIR: Ron Davis

PRODS: Ron Davis, Regina K. Scully, Nancy Knox Talcott, Clay Westervelt

Willow comes to terms with her diagnosis of Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID), formerly known as Multiple Personality Disorder. Her journey takes her on a path of reckoning about the abuse she endured as a child, which caused the disorder. She pieces together the narrative of her life, which is fragmented into more than 40 personalities. Each carry their own memories and experiences from Willow's life and she is working to understand who she is and what happened to her as a child.

RADIOACTIVE: THE WOMEN OF THREE MILE ISLAND

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2022, 77 min.



SCREENING: SUN DEC 4 @ 3:30PM

Heidi Hutner | 631-786-5763 | hjhutner@gmail.com

WRITER/DIR: Heidi Hutner

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY and CO-DIR: Martijn Hart

PROD: Heidi Hutner

EDITOR and PROD: Simeon Hutner

EXEC PRODS: Richard Saperstein, Christopher Hormel, Heidi Hutner

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SENIOR CONSULTING PROD: Judith Helfand

COMPOSER: Dash Hammerstein

FEATURING: Linda Braasch, Beth Drazba, Joyce Corradi, Paula Kinney, Jane Fonda, Heidi Hutner, Joanne Doroshow, Michelle Lefever Quinn, Lynne Bernabei, Aaron Datesman, Mary Olson, Dan Steele Braasch, Lake Barrett, Dr. Renu Joshi, Aileen Mioko Smith, Ben Costa, Gene Stilp

A feature documentary about the 1979 Three Mile Island meltdown—the worst commercial nuclear accident in U.S. history. RADIOACTIVE covers the never-before-told stories of four intrepid home-makers-turned-activists, two women lawyers who took the local community's case all the way to the Supreme Court, and a young female journalist who was caught in the radioactive crossfire.

DOC SHORTS GRP 1

SCREENING: THU DEC 1 @ 2:45PM



CARA ROMERO: FOLLOWING THE LIGHT

EAST COAST Premiere | USA, 2022, 27 min.

DIR/PROD: Kaela Waldstein

"Following the Light" explores Contemporary Fine Art photographer and Chemehuevi citizen Cara Romero's work, which captures Indigenous and non-Indigenous cultural memory, collective history, and lived experiences from a Native American female perspective. Includes behind-the-scenes footage of Cara's shoots, archival photos, and interviews with Cara and her friends, family, and collaborators.

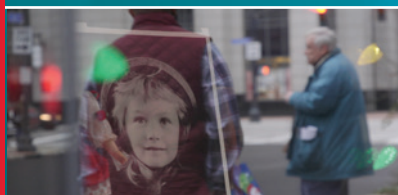


HELP HER LIVE

NYC Premiere | USA, 2022, 34.5 min.

PRODS: Richard Linklater, Stefanie "Suss" Cowan

Executive produced by award-winning filmmaker, Richard Linklater, "Help Her Live" documents Frankie Kraft, filmmaker and brother of the star of Linklater's 2004 remake of "Bad News Bears," Sammi Kane Kraft, years after Sammi is killed in a tragic car accident. Frankie chronicles his search for meaning after devastating loss in a cross-country trip with the ultimate destination of meeting the recipient of Sammi's heart. Featuring "Hallelujah" by HAIM, written about Sammi from their album, Women In Music Part III.



I'M THE GIRL - THE STORY OF A PHOTOGRAPH

NEW YORK Premiere | USA, 2022, 16.5 min.

DIR: Thomas Southerland

PRODS: Katherine Southerland, Thomas Southerland

The identity of the little girl in a famous photograph from 1951 has remained a mystery for over seventy years. I'M THE GIRL investigates the power of a single image and the women who claim to be the girl.

DOC SHORTS GRP 2

SCREENING: FRI DEC 2 @ 2:45PM

ACROSS BORDERS

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 14 min.

DIR: Victor Velle

PRODS: Barry Rosenthal, Nick Shanman

FEATURING: Sal Berenholz



In The Face of Tyranny is a historical docuseries chronicling the true story of Sal Berenholz and his family's escape from occupied France as the Nazi regime began to their occupation and terror. From city to city Sal's family hid with friends, at barns, in schools, in trains, sometimes together, usually separate, awaiting an unknown fate as news of concentration camps only grew more frightening. Just as they thought they were finally free, his mother, father, brother, and himself, were ultimately thrown in jail as government officials decided what to do with them.

DOC SHORTS GRP 2 (CONT)

SCREENING: FRI DEC 2 @ 2:45PM

DAWN: A CHARLESTON LEGEND

NEW YORK Premiere | USA, 2022, 34 min.

DIR/PROD: Ron Davis



Over twenty years after her death, the life of prolific British author Dawn Langley Simmons remains shrouded in mystery and legend. Born Gordon Langley Hall, the enigmatic Hall moved to the United States as a writer in the 1950's and then in 1968 underwent one of the first gender affirming surgeries in the country at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

She emerged as Dawn Pepita Langley Hall and returned to her home in Charleston, South Carolina. Her subsequent interracial marriage to auto mechanic John-Paul Simmons and the mysterious birth of their bi-racial daughter Natasha sparked an international furor in the press and deep fear and hatred in the deep south.

FINDING UBUNTU

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2022, 22 min.

WRITERS: Jack Schoenthaler, Taylor Martin,

Trevor DeLello, Annette M. King

DIRS: Annette M. King, Ishmael Azeli

PROD: Annette M. King

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Jeremy Seifert, Karanja Ng'endo



Finding Ubuntu is an inspirational story of Maick Mutej, a Congolese refugee who emerges as a leader advocating for human rights. The documentary short blends live action and animation to profile the journey of an unsung hero addressing issues of marginalization refugees face. His mission to serve is inspired by the Ubuntu philosophy, "I am because we are," embracing our shared humanity. After rebuilding his life, Maick is stunned to learn his family is still alive and has been hiding in the Congo. He must decide whether to return to his home country or serve his refugee family in Malawi.

DOC SHORTS GRP 3

SCREENING: SUN DEC 4 @ 11AM

QUEER AND FRUM

EAST COAST Premiere | USA, 2022, 32 min.

WRITER/DIR/PROD: Miki Katoni



The story of two former Orthodox Jews, Chaim Levin and Lieb Swartz-Brownstein, in their unique journeys to becoming openly queer. Shot in Orthodox neighborhoods of New York City, the film takes a deep look into Hasidic life and the experience of living with intersecting identities in a religious world.

THIS IS MAJOR

NORTH AMERICAN Premiere | USA, 2022, 34 min.

DIR: Scot Sax

PROD: Leslie Mills

FEATURING: Major Van Winkle, Don Lee Van Winkle



A charismatic beloved hip hop artist from South Philadelphia puts his lyrical poetry and love to the world, but in the face of recent loss and a pandemic, spirals into struggles with mental health.



BABY FEVER

USA, 2022, 25.5 min.

WRITER: Hannah May Cumming, Alex Hartwig
DIR: Hannah May Cumming
PRODS: Emma Cogan, Alex Hartwig, Samantha Wolf, Juan Felipe D'Jaz
CAST: Helena Berens, Georgia Thomas, Louis Llewellyn, Linus Lamar, Brent McMorris

A popular teen's dream to be crowned Prom Queen is threatened when she discovers she is pregnant with something even worse than her dumb jock boyfriend's offspring.

THE COAT

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2022, 4.5 min.

WRITER/PROD: Kamara Pettway
DIR: Javier Lopez
CAST: Athena Saxon, Deelsaac Davis

A young woman is terrorized by a shadow in her room when her addiction to social media interferes with living life in reality.



THE DIFFICULTIES OF BEING DRUNK ALONE

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2022, 12.5 min.

WRITER/DIR: Garrett Wareing
PRODS: Hannah Swayze, Nick Cassavetes
CAST: Garrett Wareing

A young man finds himself alone in his hotel room with a full bottle of vodka when his repressed memories begin to resurface and take control.

THE EYES

NEW YORK Premiere | USA, 2022, 7.5 min.

WRITER/DIR: Mike Timm
PRODS: Jason Marchi, Mark Pomett and Mike Timm
CAST: Ace Marerro and Lydia Cornell

Nothing goes unseen when the eyes of karma haunt one man's wrongdoing.



GLOVEBOX

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2022, 12.5 min.

WRITERS/DIRS: The Matarrese Bros.
CAST: Michael Jamison, Myles Brown, Dov Hassan, Katie Krueger, Will Springhorn Jr.

Getting your first used car is a right of passage for any teenage, and for Anthony it's no exception. But his new ride comes with a deadly price from its previous owner, serial killer James Katz.

Anthony's got a killer new car and everyone is dying for a ride.



SCREENING: SAT DEC 3 @ 11:55PM

WRITER/DIR: Billy Hanson**PRODS:** Billy Hanson, Jaclyn Amor, Jonathan Stoddard**CAST:** Jonathan Stoddard, Matt Munroe, Trinity Jo-Li Bliss, Elise Berggreen, Jennifer Khoe, Jeremy Iversen

An elite sniper team attempts to flee a snowy Ukrainian forest after a failed mission, tracked by a vengeful militia and stalked by something inhuman that cannot be stopped with bullets.

SCREENING: FRI DEC 2 @ 11:55PM

MIDNIGHT SHORTS

PROM CAR '91

NYC Premiere | USA, 2022, 11.5 min.

WRITER/DIR: Brian Otting**PRODS:** Brian Bowen, Allison Calleri**CAST:** McKenna Marmolejo, Yuri Lowenthal, Jayne McLendon, Max Jablow

A couple of high school dorks are about to lose their virginities in the back of a minivan on prom night when they witness the unspeakable. PROM CAR '91 is a charming coming of age story that has it all — romance, thrills, gore, and most importantly: Kung Fu.

QUEEN OF PREY

NEW YORK Premiere | USA, 2022, 9 min.

WRITER/ DIR: Michael Conroy**PROD:** Alex Haughey**CAST:** Sam Schweikert, Charlotte Wallace, Michelle Renee Allaire, Ethan Daniel Corbett

Accompanying his girlfriend to an upscale sex party, Joey hooks up with a mysterious, seductive older woman named Bella, who reveals herself to be more than human and subjects him to a brutal violation. The traumatic fallout leads to the deterioration of his relationship as Bella draws him back into her clutches.



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We are honored to welcome the judges for the DWF:NYC Industry Choice Award for Projects Under 40 Minutes



Eriq La Salle is an Actor, Director, Producer, and Award-Winning Author best known to worldwide television audiences for his portrayal of Dr. Peter Benton in the award-winning, critically acclaimed medical drama, 'ER'.

Educated at Julliard and NYU's Tisch School of the Arts, La Salle's credits range from Broadway to iconic film roles opposite Eddie Murphy in 'Coming to America' and Robin Williams in 'One Hour Photo'. La Salle has maintained a prolific acting career while at the same time working steadily as a director on top-rated NBC, Fox, and CBS television network shows. He is currently Executive Producer of NBC's 'Chicago P.D.' and directs many of the season's episodes

Returning to the big screen in 2017, La Salle appeared opposite Hugh Jackman in Fox's highest grossing 2017 title 'Logan' (\$226.2m). In between producing, directing, and writing La Salle spends his time teaching acting students and, visiting corporations and colleges to speak about his wide-ranging career as an actor, director, filmmaker, and author.

La Salle's Martyr Maker thriller series: Laws of Depravity, Laws of Innocence, Laws of Wrath, and Laws of Annihilation were published in 2022 by Ebony Magazine Publishing, an Imprint of Sourcebooks.

Robert Munic is an Emmy® and DGA award nominated writer, director and producer. He recently created and launched POWERBOOK IV: FORCE for Starz. Munic also served as Showrunner/Creator for A&E's The Cleaner starring Benjamin Bratt, Direct TV's ICE starring Ray Winstone and BET's anthology series TALES. Other EP credits include: Fox's Gang Related, Empire & Star as well as Vital Signs which he wrote and Executive Produced with Dr. Dre starring Michael Kenneth Williams, Ian McShane, Dr. Dre & Sam Rockwell for Apple. He is currently adapting Chef Keith Corbin's memoir, California Soul for Paramount TV, Damon West for Lionsgate TV and recently secured the rights to NY Times Best selling author Ted Dekker's new novel Play Dead for TV.



On the feature side, Munic wrote Fighting starring Channing Tatum. Recently Munic wrote Run Like Hell for MGM and Vision Quest for Warner Brothers. He is currently adapting the YA novel Anywhere But Here for Voltage Pictures.

Munic served as writer, director, and producer on Showtime's They Call Me Sirr, starring Michael Clarke Duncan, which was nominated for an Emmy® and DGA Award - as well as Showtime's In a Class of His Own. Munic received an Emmy® nomination for writing the movie and won the Excellence in a Television Film award from the National Television Review Board.



Grace Royer is an agent in the Independent Film Group at leading talent and literary agency United Talent Agency aka UTA, where she focuses on the packaging, financing and sales of independent films. In this capacity, Royer services agency clients across the board as they are represented in UTA Independent Film Group packages. Royer also explores emerging OTT platforms, working with content driven by the digital marketplace, and alternative IPs, such as podcasts, brands, and games, to incorporate into film and television. Royer joined UTA in 2011 after previously interning at the the agency. She received her B.A. in Economics from Barnard College.

SHORTS BLK 1

SCREENING: THU DEC 1 @ 5PM

ANNEXED

WORLD PREMIERE | USA, 2022, 8.5 min.

WRITER/DIR: Paul Cosby
PRODS: Paul Cosby & Kiara Lin
CAST: Violette Remington, Xavier Orozco, Charles Santa Cruz & Ethan Gilmore



ANNEXED follows an oddball young girl (the Conqueror) during the founding days of her new empire. Shortly after invading the quiet park, two local police officers arrive to stop her. The officers, Pete and Dave, prove no match to her combat abilities and are captured. The following morning, Pete makes the realization that the Conqueror cannot be stopped. He and Dave begin training under her, forming the first national guard to her new nation.

ANNIVERSARY

NYC PREMIERE | USA, 2021, 14 min.

WRITER/DIR: Lain Kienzle
PRODS: Emily McCann Lesser & Stephanie Roush
CAST: Johnnie Mae, Lin Tucci, Peter Van Wagner, Eddie Liriano, Zack Abramowitz, Kim Taff, Terrance Broughton, Ross Kugman, Libby Brennan, Eric Rosenblatt & Tyisha Murray



A middle-aged woman and her best friend race to make her over for the anniversary dinner she's sure her husband is surprising her with.

DADDY'S NIGHT

EAST COAST PREMIERE | USA, 2021, 18.5 min.

WRITER/ DIR: Will Pinke
PROD: Harrison B. Perkins
CAST: Michael Delisle, Brittany Lee McDonald, Lena Josephine Marano, Kami Dimitrova



With Mommy out for the night, Daddy invites over Natalie. But when his daughter Betsy wakes up afraid of a monster, can Daddy find a way to put her back to bed in time to get in bed with Natalie?

HUMAN

EAST COAST PREMIERE | UKRAINE, 2022, 15 min.

WRITER/DIR: Khachatur Vasilian
PRODS: Olexiy Grinyov, Irina Romaniv
CAST: Ruslan Miroshnychenko, Yevheniia Shymshyrian



A naked man wakes up in a field. There is nothing around, just a lonely lighthouse. He runs towards the lighthouse...

MINUTEMEN

EAST COAST PREMIERE | USA, 2022, 15 min.

WRITER: Travis Milloy
DIR: Jason Nolte
PROD: Betsy Ockerlund Nolte
CAST: Terry Serpico, DaJuan Johnson, Amy Aquino



Two military officers stationed in a nuclear missile silo, receive a launch command. But before they confirm the order, they experience a power outage, leaving them with a dilemma that challenges their loyalties and morality.

TES BELLE

WORLD PREMIERE | FRANCE/USA, 2022, 10 min.

WRITER/DIR: Eva MeiLing Pollitt
PRODS: Frank Thomas Tressler Iglesias, Eva MeiLing Pollitt
CAST: Holly Settoon, Alex Todge



An American art student locked down in Paris during the pandemic pursues a risky connection with an older Frenchman she meets on Tinder.



THE DIFFICULTIES OF BEING DRUNK ALONE

WORLD PREMIERE AT THE DWF: NY FILM FESTIVAL

THE DIFFICULTIES OF BEING DRUNK ALONE FOLLOWS A YOUNG MAN'S DESCENT INTO MADNESS.



At 21 years-old, this is Garrett Wareing's directorial debut.

He is proud to be celebrating in New York City with Dances With Films as part of their midnight shorts.

Catch Garrett in Netflix's "Manifest" & the upcoming Nick Cassavetes film "GOD IS A BULLET"

"THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED TURN THIS DREAM INTO A REALITY.

I AM HONORED AND EXCITED TO SHARE WITH YOU ALL. WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS MY JOY."

-GW

AN ATARIA PICTURES AND ILL LUXURY PRODUCTION PRODUCED BY HANNAH SWAYZE A GARRETT WAREING FILM

PHOTO BY Brian McCormick

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SHORTS BLK 2

SCREENING: FRI DEC 2 @ 5PM

THE ACTRESS

WORLD PREMIERE | USA, 2022, 14.5 min.

WRITER/ DIR/ PROD: Steve Collins

CAST: Paul Gordon, Jennifer Prediger & Claire Titelman



An actress makes a surprise visit to meet her brother's new girlfriend and destroy his life.

CUPCAKE

NEW YORK Premiere | USA, 2022, 18.5 min.

WRITER: Kyle Perritt, Henry Snyder

DIR: Kyle Perritt

PRODS: Kyle Perritt, Owen Hamilton

CAST: Revell Carpenter, Walker Trull, Henry Riggs, Bill Davis



Paul and Lucy bite off more than they can chew when they kill the wrong man with a batch of poisoned baked goods.

FLYING TURTLE

EAST COAST Premiere | UKRAINE, 2022, 18.5 min.

WRITER: Dmytro Karlash **DIR:** Daniel Golovnia

PRODS: Kateryna Pyshchikova, Anhelina Stepanenko

CAST: Anton Kocherha, Alisa Voznesenska,

Oleksandra Soroka, Svitlana Bukhta, Vitalii Ishchenko,

Mykhailo Myrnyi, Yan Bidnyi, Artem Yemelianov



Pavlo suffers from burnout on his job and once again he was sent on a work trip against his will. Nevertheless, he feels safe in this way of things. On a road, he meets mischievous explorer Alise on her travel around a country. This is where the clash of two different worlds happened. Will Pavlo brake his shell and find freedom or just run away?

INVICTA

EAST COAST Premiere | USA, 2021, 8 min.

WRITER/DIR/PROD: Breton Tyner-Bryan

CAST: Sian Berman, Maya Kitayama, Emily Ulrich,

Savannah Crawford, Susan Olmos-Sabel,

Samara Steele, Tatiana Stewart



Set in New York City amongst the mansions of Riverside Drive, 7 mafia wives from across the country convene at the request of an unknown blackmailer, only to see their united front quickly crumble, exposing romantic relationships, alliances, and ultimate betrayal.

OUT WITH THE OLD

WORLD Premiere | CANADA, 2022, 5.5 min.

WRITER/DIR: Alex Butt

PRODS: Alex Butt, Lewis Spring

CAST: Ardon Bess, Jasmine Burns,

Derick Agyemang, Raymond Miller



A surprise gift idea ends up costing two siblings far more than they anticipated.

THIS IS THEIR LAND

EAST COAST Premiere | USA, 2022, 16 min.

WRITER/ DIR: Michael O'Leary

PRODS: Theo Boccara, Madelyn Paley, Román Zaragoza

CAST: Rufino Romero, J. Robert Spencer,

Rainbow Dickerson, Gregory Zaragoza, Barret O'Brien,

Duane Minard, Reid Honeywell, Jonathan Luke Stevens, Román Zaragoza,

Isaac Michael Ybarra, Harold Wright, Tiarra Lin Dearbone, Simeon Allen-Wright,

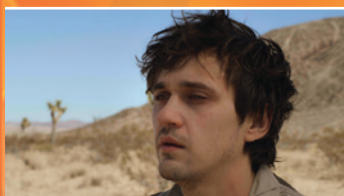
Joey Koenig, Raphael Thome, Danny Willard, Michael O'Leary, Jon Toppo



Faced with the removal from their ancestral lands, the leader of the Modoc tribe leads a rebellion against the United States Army.

SHORTS BLK 3

SCREENING: SAT DEC 3 @ 11AM



THE ASTRONAUT

WORLD PREMIERE | USA, 2022, 14 min.

WRITER/DIR: Ryan Noufer

PRODS: Brian Buxton, Amina Fishburn & Patrick Elmore

CAST: Hayden Ezy, Jackson Banks, Annalee Richards, Brian Cousins

Parker, having just gone through a mental health crisis, heads to the desert with his older brother, Zack, who assures his little brother that taking psychedelic mushrooms are the only way to make him feel sane again.



GUNPOINT

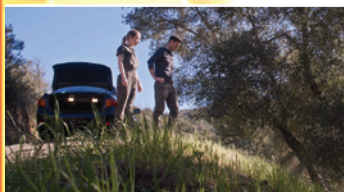
NYC Premiere | USA, 2022, 8.5 min.

WRITER/DIR: Bill Marsilii

PRODS: Patrick Reasonover, Matt Edwards, Curt Chatham

CAST: Romy Malviya, Bill Marsilii, Todd Karner, Derek DeVault, Chedi Chang, Lydia Martinez

A happy homeowner answers his door and discovers the true price of terror.



HIT FRIENDS

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2022, 12.5 min.

WRITERS: Sterling Jones & Daniel Rashid

DIR: Daniel Rashid

PRODS: Melissa Ganzi, Sterling Jones,

Daniel Rashid, Elizabeth Valenti

CAST: Sterling Jones, Kelley Jakle, Lisa Schurga, Sterling Sulieman

Alice and Paul are best friends who do everything together, but when Alice reveals that she went to Six Flags without Paul, he starts to question their friendship. Oh, and they're hired assassins.

SHORTS BLK 3

SCREENING: SAT DEC 3 @ 11AM

LITTLE MOUSE

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2022, 15 min.

WRITER/ DIR: Lena Kaminsky

PRODS: Lena Kaminsky, Eva Kaminsky, John Patrick Hayden

CAST: Eva Kaminsky, Natalie Joy Johnson, Tasha Lawrence, John Patrick Hayden



Betsy suddenly finds herself alone, packing up a houseful of memories. In order to move on, she must untangle her feelings of loss as she navigates a complicated and unexpected relationship with a mouse in her house.

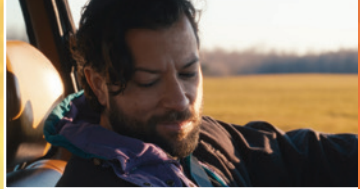
ROAMING DAWN

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2022, 12.5 min.

WRITER: Adam Rioux, Alex Seidenberg **DIR:** Adam Rioux

PRODS: Adam Rioux, Joshua Wayne Gary, Louie Northern

CAST: Jorge Sanchez, Zachariah Rogers, Logan Marshall, Carlee Soeder, Elisee Junior St Preux, Kimberly Richardson, Troop Brand, Cha Sang Hoon, Dave Deutschle, Johanna Logan, Zander Wright



A man takes a cross country road trip with his pet fish.

TIDAL

U.S. Premiere | CANADA, 2022, 10 min.

WRITER: Chloe Van Landschoot

DIRS: Chloe Van Landschoot, Niamh Wilson

PRODS: Chloe Van Landschoot, Nicholas Nyhof

CAST: Chloe Van Landschoot



Tidal externalizes the internal life of a bedside nurse over the course of a year. The film examines the cyclical nature of workplace trauma and the relentlessness of the nursing profession. With the use of movement and dance, waves of deep-seated expression move through her as she tries to find home. Disjointed and overwhelmed, she is increasingly unable to connect to her outside world and no longer able to separate hospital life from herself.

WICKS

USA, 2021, 10 min.

WRITER/ DIR/ PROD: Vadim Egoul

CAST: Claire St. Marie, Matthew James Fagerberg, Bianca Kenna



In a not-so-distant future where technology uses our data to dictate everyday choices, an app-suggested date sparks an unexpected connection.

SHORTS BLK 4

SCREENING: SAT DEC 3 @ 1:15PM



DEMON BOX

WORLD Premiere | CANADA, 2022, 14 min.

WRITERS: Aurora de Peña & Sean Wainstein

DIR: Sean Wainstein

PRODS: Simone Stock, Misha Skoric, Sean Wainstein

CAST: Liam Hill, Richard Cole, Michael Jordan, J.J. Greenberg, Vince Mayer, Amanda Pye, Michael Murkavitch, Aphra Willis, Kayli Lum

The Nazi from his grandfather's story haunts a suburban boy in this exploration of multi-generational trauma.

**Please be advised that this film deals with themes of trauma and suicide.*



I HELD HIM

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2022, 7.5 min.

WRITER/DIR: Hans Augustave

PRODS: Hans Augustave, Alexander Fischetti

CAST: Alphonso Walker Jr., Brian Teague Williams, Malik Yoba

While a man falls deeper into the depths of pain and depression, his friend reluctantly chooses an uncomfortable solution to help him heal.



ONE CLOSET, TWENTY TOES AND A GUN

INTERNATIONAL Premiere | SOUTH AFRICA, 2021, 17 min.

WRITER/DIR: Morné Strydom

PRODS: Aisha Williams, Lindsey Appolis

CAST: Emma van Heyn, Pietie Beyers, Eden Classens

Love doesn't care whether you are ready or not. Love doesn't care whether you have a 5-year plan. Love takes what it wants when it wants, even if you've just escaped from prison.

SHORTS BLK 4

SCREENING: SAT DEC 3 @ 1:15PM

PARROT

NYC Premiere | USA, 2022, 11 min.

WRITER: Z. Joseph Guice

DIR: Kyle B. Thompson

PRODS: Z. Joseph Guice, Kyle B. Thompson,

Bryant Hendricks, Leah Maher, Krystle Weaver, Keith Giosa

CAST: Ian Morrison, Wesley Holloway, Steve Cavanaugh



A drag queen protects a child during a crisis as prejudices reach a breaking point.

RABBIT!

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2022, 15 min.

WRITERS: Sonia Mena & Sarah Rattay-Maloney

DIR: Sarah Rattay-Maloney

PRODS: Sarah Rattay-Maloney & Sonia Mena

CAST: Sonia Mena & Annapurna Sriram



Two estranged childhood friends go on a road trip to golf, and do their best not to kill anyone or anything.

THE TOMS

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2022, 9.5 min.

WRITER/ DIR: Thomas Verdi

PRODS: Thomas Verdi, Thomas Smith, William DeJessa

CAST: Barry Anderson, Sean Besecker,

Thomas Verdi, Thomas Smith,

Brett Lawlor, Mike Vermeil, Ray Field, Nick Wells



In a world run by Toms, an isolated man named Tim risks his identity and his life by trying to infiltrate their secret society, because he feels that his name is close enough. Tim stands in line, eager to see The Toms live in concert, a stand-up comedy duo that performs exclusively to fellow Toms. When Tim presents his ID, he is rejected and chased away by menacing Toms. Dejected, he decides to transform into what he believes constitutes a real Tom, fully equipped with a designer hairstyle and wardrobe. But this transformation comes at a great cost.

WHEEL

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2022, 9 min.

WRITERS: Nancy Friedrich, Thea Lux

DIR: Honora Talbott

PROD: Thea Lux

CAST: Nancy Friedrich, Thea Lux



A casting director gets hit with some bad news while helping her eccentric neighbor tape a Wheel of Fortune audition. Tensions are high, nerves are shot, and it's awkward as hell.

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We are honored to welcome the judges for the DWF:NYC Industry Choice Award for Projects Over 40 Minutes



Valerie McCaffrey is a Casting Director, Producer, Writer, and Director. From 1985 – 1994 she was the Director of Feature Film Casting at Universal Studios. She then held the position of Vice President of Feature Film Casting for New Line Cinema/Fine Line Films from 1994 - 2000. Among her other highlights, she cast Edward Norton and Eddie Furlong in New Line Cinema's "American History X". Mr. Norton received an Oscar nomination for Best Actor for his gripping performance, and Mr. Furlong's was considered one of the best of his career. As an indie casting director, she cast and produced an award-winning film entitled "Neo Ned" starring Gabrielle Union and Jeremy Renner, which swept awards at every film festival. She also cast Ellen Page (Elliot) in her first American Feature, "Hard Candy". She wrote and directed the award-winning short film called "Dirty Bomb" which premiered both at Cannes and Madrid, and had it's N. American Premiere at Dances With Films, and wrote a longer version called "A Space Between Men". The screenplay has already garnered awards. Valerie is a member of the Dances With Films Advisory Board.

Raymond Mansfield is a veteran producer and a founding partner of QC Entertainment. Mansfield's passion for storytelling has led him to a 25-year career dedicated to shepherding a diverse array of filmmaker-driven films. Mansfield has been integrally involved in all aspects of film production, from financing to development, packaging, on-set production, and sales and distribution. QC Entertainment are the Academy Award nominated producers behind two of the most talked about recent films – Get Out and BlacKkKlansman. Involved in every step of the way from development to production to release, both films led to back-to-back Academy Award Best Picture nominations and Academy Award winning screenplays for the producers along with being critical and commercial successes. Most recently Mansfield served as Producer on Lionsgate's social thriller Antebellum starring Janelle Monaé. Mansfield also recently served as Executive Producer on "The Wrong Missy," a broad comedy co-produced with Adam Sandler's Happy Madison Productions. Mansfield brought Ron Stallworth's autobiography, Black Klansman, to QC Entertainment where he went on to develop and produce the film alongside QC's Sean McKittrick and Jordan Peele. Directed by Spike Lee, BlacKkKlansman had its World Premiere at the Cannes Film Festival where it won the Grand Prix. The film went on to become a global box office success and achieved critical acclaim including Lee winning his first Academy® Award for Best Adapted Screenplay and Academy® Award nominations for Best Picture, Best Director, Best Editing, Best Original Score, and Best Supporting Actor for Adam Driver. Mansfield also served as producer on QC's The Oath, starring Tiffany Haddish.



New Line Cinema veterans **Jane Fleming** and **Mark Ordesky** are founding partners in Court Five, a multi-platform media company that develops and converts diverse intellectual properties and brands into bold filmed entertainment.

The studio output of the Court Five partners exceeds \$4 billion in global box office, ranging from The Lord Of The Rings trilogy (which Ordesky executive produced), The Golden Compass and The Frozen Ground; Oscar, Golden Globe and Palme D'Or winners like Shine and Dancer In The Dark; and multiple films from beloved action superstar Jackie Chan.

Court Five launched its TV business with the groundbreaking ABC series The Quest and is currently developing and packaging new series with Endeavor Content, Global Road TV, Amazon and Chernin Entertainment. Court Five's latest feature film, #REALITYHIGH was recently released on Netflix.

Fleming and Ordesky are members of the Producers Guild of America and the Television Academy. Fleming is the President Emeritus of Women In Film, and Ordesky is a member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

SHORTS BLK 5

SCREENING: SAT DEC 3 @ 3:30PM

A SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM

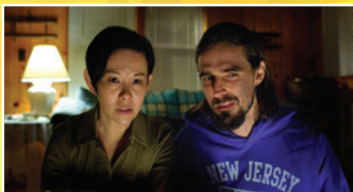
NEW YORK PREMIERE | USA, 2021, 11 min.

WRITERS: Jacob A. Ware & Jo-anne Lee

DIR: Trish Harnetiaux

PRODS: Shridar Jayakumar, Melanie Ware, Jed Ware, Trish Harnetiaux, Jo-anne Lee, Jacob A. Ware

CAST: Jo-anne Lee, Jacob A. Ware



Deep in the Russian woods, a Special Ops Marine with marital problems investigates a compromised safe house, but is blindsided when her husband arrives – fresh off a flight from Newark.

DRIVING FORCE

NYC Premiere | USA, 2022, 12 min.

WRITER/DIR: Max Wolf Friedlich

PROD: Hannah Getts

CAST: Jared Kemp, Hester Mundis, Phil Mansfield



A young artist can't seem to bring himself to drive.

THE RECEPTION

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2022, 14 min.

WRITER/ PROD/ DIR: Will Crouse

CAST: Iesha Rochelle, Brenna DiStasio, Philena Gilmer, Brandon Miller, Sierra White, Amy Heller, Scott West, Cornelius Byrd, Leo St. Leo, Watson Swift, Cliff Richmond, Mark Huddle, Guy Wicke, Alex Nolen, Ashley Crowe,

Jessica King, Matt Rosin, Lauren Partch, Morgan Alyse, Kaitlyn Majoy, Reid Harrison, Steve Han, Scott Shimizu, Bethany Hart, Ben Page, and Kristina Cottone

Shay and Becca's beautiful wedding reception goes off the rails when an unexpected guest shows up and takes the party by storm.



SAINT CITY

EAST COAST Premiere | USA, 2022, 15.5 min.

WRITER/DIR: Daniel Lafrentz

PROD: Kenneth Renaldo Reynolds

CAST: Phil Biedron, Kim Collins, Brian Gilleece, Annie Gaia, Jacob Rainer



A bighearted single dad working as a neighborhood PI juggles raising a teen boy and protecting his over-the-hill informant as he races across New Orleans to nab the dudebro strangler who murdered his friend.

VISITORS

WORLD Premiere | AUSTRALIA, 2021, 12 min.

WRITER: Anna Snoekstra

DIR: Alex Badham

PRODS: Alex Badham, Nikki Castle

CAST: Maggie Madfox, Cait Spiker



Life has been rearranged and displaced – a penguin wanders through the Australian desert. A giant squid lies dead on a remote dirt road. And at night, menacing lights patrol the sky. Alison and Li pass the time in an abandoned country house. Unable to speak the same language, the two women form an unspoken intimacy hiding from the strange phenomenon happening around them. VISITORS is an enigmatic “lo-fi sci-fi” that sparks the senses with psychedelic flourishes whilst remaining grounded in the everyday, exploring genuine human moments.

YO SOY SALLY, LA LOCA!

EAST COAST Premiere | USA, 2022, 18 min.

WRITER/ DIR: David Aguilar Rodríguez

PRODS: Jamie Holt, Madi Maghdessian, Damon Laguna

CAST: Bernadette Perez, Jason Griffith, Albania Sagarra, Angela Fornero, Josh Cruze, Jeff Marlow, Brandon Ceja, Isaac Ordonez, Nancy Vivar, Allie Perez, Ottoniel Mejia, Omar Andrade



A breakup comedy inspired by true events, “Yo Soy Sally, La Loca” follows Sally Garcia as she goes to desperate lengths to get her long-term boyfriend back... even as she nearly destroys her own family in the process.

SHORTS BLK 6

SCREENING: SUN DEC 4 @ 1:15PM



CLEMENTINE

U.S. Premiere | CANADA, 2022, 14.5 min.

WRITER: Neal Schneider

DIR: Zach Ramelan

PRODS: Anna Jane Edmonds, Gina Simone,
Jacqueline Dos Santos

CAST: Jacqueline Dos Santos, Siobhan Macdonald, Aria Sharma

When a rebellious girl is trapped in her secure smart home, deemed *Clementine*, she attempts to break out, only when the power is disconnected and intruders break in, she must rely on her own skills to protect herself.



COULD YOU PLEASE REPEAT THAT?

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2022, 12.5 min.

WRITER/DIR: Minnie Nguyen

PRODS: Derek Nguyen, Minnie Nguyen, Richard M Walden,
Jonathan Bao Huynh

CAST: Long Nguyen, Xiaowan Jin, Amy Bui,
Ngoc Le, Myron Ordillano

A 70 years old Vietnamese grandfather who takes on a modern job opportunity in the U.S in order to spend more quality time with his 7 years old granddaughter.

SHORTS BLK 6

SCREENING: SUN DEC 4 @ 1:15PM

GRUMP IN THE NIGHT

NEW YORK Premiere | USA, 2022, 5 min.

WRITERS: Nik and Kurtis Theorin
DIR: Kris Theorin
PROD: Amy Theorin



One stormy night, a man is awoken by strange noises downstairs and soon finds himself facing off with a TV-loving poltergeist.

I DO(N'T)

INTERNATIONAL Premiere | CANADA, 2022, 10 min.

WRITER/DIR/PROD: Katelyn McCulloch
CAST: Katelyn McCulloch, Jeremie Saunders, Jessica Barry



Carrie questions the institution of marriage in this romantic comedy with a modern twist.

PIVOT PALS

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2022, 19 min.

WRITERS: Doron Drew Feldman, Derek Weissbein
DIR: Doron Drew Feldman
PRODS: Doron Drew Feldman, Freya Gothelf
CAST: Cameron L. Keitt, Ty Fanning, Sal Rendino, Lyndaa Russell, Freya Gothelf, Rolando Mays



An uptight boy attempts to derail his mom's relationship with her man-child boyfriend after reluctantly agreeing to spend the day with him.

RESTORATION

U.S. Premiere | USA, 2021, 8 min.

WRITER/DIR: Sean Bernardini
PRODS: Sean Bernardini, Andrea Imperiali, Gioia Manuli
CAST: Ben Gail



A young man, locked in a large abandoned building, finds a mysterious bouncy ball.

ROMANOVA

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2022, 16 min.

WRITER/DIR: Mark Kaercher
PROD: Lisa Ferris
CAST: Talia Goodman, Maxi Witrak, Ian Schuelke, Rip Riley



An attack leaves a Torrelli soldier alone in the desert until she finds herself face to face with an Ikruskan, her nation's enemy. The Ikruskan, a defector, has information that could end the war. Forced to help each other survive, the Torrelli begins to question her loyalties. She soon must make an impossible choice between country and conscience...

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DANCES WITH FILMS

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• I'M THE GIRL - THE STORY OF A PHOTOGRAPH
SHORTS BLK 1
- 5:00 PM** • ANNEXED • ANNIVERSARY • DADDY'S NIGHT
• HUMAN • MINUTEMEN • T'ES BELLE
- 7:15 PM OPENING NIGHT FILM: BEAU - THE MUSICAL**

FRIDay
DEC 2

- 12:30 PM ANXIOUS NATION**
- 2:45 PM DOC SHORTS 2**
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• FINDING UBUNTU
SHORTS BLK 2
- 5:00 PM** • THE ACTRESS • CUPCAKE • FLYING TURTLE • INVICTA
• OUT WITH THE OLD • THIS IS THEIR LAND
- 7:15 PM SNAKEEATER**
- 9:30 PM GOOD GUY WITH A GUN**
- 11:55 PM MIDNIGHT SHORTS**
• BABY FEVER • THE COAT
• THE DIFFICULTIES OF BEING DRUNK ALONE • THE EYES
• GLOVEBOX • PROM CAR '91 • QUEEN OF PREY

SATURday
DEC 3

- 11:00 AM SHORTS BLK 3**
• THE ASTRONAUT • GUNPOINT • HIT FRIENDS
• LITTLE MOUSE • ROAMING DAWN • TIDAL • WICKS
- 1:15 PM SHORTS BLK 4**
• THE ASTRONAUT • GUNPOINT • HIT FRIENDS
• LITTLE MOUSE • ROAMING DAWN • TIDAL • WICKS
- 3:30 PM SHORTS BLK 5**
• A SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM • DRIVING FORCE • SAINT CITY
• THE RECEPTION • VISITORS • ¿YO SOY SALLY, LA LOCA!
- 5:45 PM I AM WE**
- 8:00 PM THE DRIVEN**
- 9:45 PM DOUBLE DOWN SOUTH**
- 11:55 PM BONE COLD**

SUNday
DEC 4

- 11:00 AM DOC SHORTS 3**
• QUEER AND FRUM • THIS IS MAJOR
- 1:15 PM SHORTS BLK 6**
• CLEMENTINE • COULD YOU PLEASE REPEAT THAT?
• GRUMP IN THE NIGHT • I DO(N'T) • PIVOT PALS
• RESTORATION • ROMANOVA
- 3:30 PM RADIOACTIVE: THE WOMEN OF THREE MILE ISLAND**
- 5:45 PM WORDS THE MOVE: SEE THROUGH A DIFFERENT I**
- 7:30 PM HEART & SOUL**
- 9:45 PM UNDER THE INFLUENCER**

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