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**DANCES WITH FILMS ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL LINEUPS:  
DANCES WITH PILOTS AND DANCES WITH KIDZ!**

*Adding to its previously announced lineup of features and shorts, the unstoppable DANCES WITH FILMS rings in its 20<sup>th</sup> year with the hottest new TV and web pilots in DANCES WITH PILOTS. Their popular DANCES WITH KIDZ! program presents films BY kids and FOR kids.*

**LOS ANGELES, CA (May 25, 2017)** – Now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year, DANCES WITH FILMS (DWF) announces its lineup for DANCES WITH PILOTS, a division that features the hottest new television and web pilots, and DANCES WITH KIDZ!, which screens films by and for kids, staking its claim as the unstoppable fest for truly independent content makers. As previously announced, DWF will run June 1-11, 2017 in Los Angeles, CA at the TCL Chinese Theaters, located at: Hollywood & Highland, 6801 Hollywood Blvd, Hollywood, CA 90028. Tickets and passes are available for sale at <http://www.tclchinesetheatres.com/> or thru the festival's own site: <https://danceswithfilms.com>.

Recognizing that some of the hottest content these days is in the web and television space, DANCES WITH FILMS is offering an exciting lineup of eight web and ten television pilots in its DANCES WITH PILOTS division. With episodes ranging from the hilarious (see: *Cubicle Zombies*) to the absurd (*Doucheaholics*), to the sexy (*Sexpectations*), to the suspenseful (*Doomsday*), this is some of the most creative and wild programming you'll see on the DWF lineup.

Although the family film market is one of the most profitable in the industry, there are relatively few opportunities for independent projects in this genre to screen. DWF addresses this inadequacy by providing a platform for the next generation of media visionaries. The festival's popular and unique DANCES WITH KIDZ! program is back for its fourth year of family-friendly films, with 28 of the 34 short films in the lineup created by kids under the age of 18. Films this year explore themes as diverse as friendship, growing up in the 90's, and space exploration. DANCES WITH KIDZ! will rock the Chinese Theaters on the second weekend of DWF.

A three-time alumna of the DANCES WITH KIDZ! division, Tara-Nicole Azarian had this to say about the experience, "I began with the inaugural year of DANCES WITH KIDZ! and I played three years, total. Each year, I was treated as a filmmaker. As an equal. As an artist with ideas worthy of sharing. I've played many, many festivals and all have something unique to offer, but DANCES WITH FILMS is an opportunity for growth. DWF gives you the air so you can fly higher than you thought possible. The resources, the support, the professionalism is priceless. I watched. I listened. I took advantage of everything offered to me...and this year, at age 18, I am not playing in DANCES WITH KIDZ...this year, I am playing in DANCES WITH FILMS."

The previously announced film lineup features more than 160 titles, chosen from a record 2,100 submissions from all over the globe. The juried narrative competition section includes 16 features, 13 of which are world premieres, and nearly three-dozen shorts. DWF also has a category for groundbreaking short and feature documentaries, provocative genre fare in the Midnight section, and the most exciting music videos and dance-themed films from the indie scene in the Downbeats section. The Fusion section brings together a multitude of additional features and shorts.

Notable Dances With Films alumni who first gained notice at the festival include: **Gina Rodriguez, Bryan Cranston, Will Scheffer, Mark V. Olsen, Jesse Eisenberg, Mike Flanagan, and John Hawkes**, among others.

### **About Dances With Films**

In 1998 DWF began as a film festival dedicated to finding tomorrow's talent today and continues to carry on this mission today. With many World and West Coast Premieres, DWF provides a coveted first stop on the festival circuit. With a vast number of submissions, the selection process is based solely on merit and discoverability. DWF continues its dedication to and is a devoted champion of fresh and creative voices, mandating that all competitive films have no known actors, writers, directors, or producers. For the past 20 years, DWF has proudly provided access and opportunity to thousands of films and filmmakers from across the globe that diligently work year after year to see their dreams realized. With more than 12,000+ festival attendees and 2.5 million impressions per month on [www.danceswithfilms.com](http://www.danceswithfilms.com), DWF is loyal and dedicated to the indie filmmaker and is considered their champion in Hollywood.

DWF's Advisory Board includes: **Steve Tisch, Cindy Cowan, Jonathan Dana, Steve Elzer, Kevin Kasha, Eriq La Salle, Michael Lehmann, Mike Macari, Valerie McCaffrey, Mark V. Olsen, Joel Ordesky, Mark Ordesky, Melissa Orlen, Will Scheffer, Hilton Smith, David Spiegelman, and Steve Wegner.**

### **Web Series**

#### **THE ALIST**

**WEST COAST Premiere** | USA, 2016, HD, 11 min.

**WRITERS:** Walter Masterson, Terry Chang, Maximilian Clark

**DIRECTOR:** Scott Gabriel

**PRODS:** Walter Masterson, Terry Chang, Maximilian Clark, Scott Gabriel

**CAST:** Walter Masterson, Siraj Huda, Carla Lerner, Haleigh Ciel

*Meet Colter Price, a sleazy down-and-out broker in Manhattan's cutthroat real estate market. Not long ago he ran one of the most successful firms in New York until his protégée and ex-girlfriend stole his listings, his agents, and his reputation. At rock bottom, Colter will use every trick in the book to climb back to the top, with the help of his aging dead-eyed assistant and his new employee, a whip-smart but hopelessly earnest single mother. Together they'll do anything it takes to sell apartments. Anything.*

### **THE BEST WORDS**

**WORLD Premiere** | USA, 2017, HD, 11 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Tara-Nicole Azarian

**PROD:** Front Porch Film

**CAST:** Tara-Nicole Azarian, Nick Azarian

*An experimental, mockumentary that follows a down on her luck hipster actress and her one woman show where she reads the Tweets of Donald Trump in the style of William Shatner.*

### **CUBICLE ZOMBIES**

**WORLD Premiere** | USA, 2017, HD, 10 min.

**WRITERS:** Andy Jones, Adam Weinstock

**DIRECTORS:** Paul Thurwachter, Nicolas Chevaillier

**PRODS:** Gabe Michael, Ryan Holloway, Andy Jones, Adam Weinstock, Paul Thurwachter, Nicolas Chevaillier

*70 years after the Zombies killed off all the humans, their boring office jobs are killing them.*

### **DOUCHEAHOLICS**

**WORLD Premiere** | USA, 2017, HD, 20 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Sean McCarthy

**PROD:** Elizabeth Mitchell

*Doucheaholics Anonymous is an international fellowship of men and women who exhibit poor behavior and want to better themselves in a supportive, healing, and nurturing environment. Except oftentimes the environment is neither supportive, healing, nor nurturing. What do you expect from a bunch of douchebags?*

### **GRATUITOUS BEHAVIOUR**

**WORLD Premiere** | CAN, 2016, HD, 15 min.

**WRITER:** Dana Robert Taylor

**DIRECTOR:** R. Stephenson Price

**PROD:** Liz May

**CAST:** Dony Lugo, Ian Lynch

*Join hosts Wes Greene and Avery Leigh Davis for the ongoing trials and tribulations of the Gratuitous Behavior podcast: the only podcast dedicated to servers, hosts, bartenders, busboys, dishwashers, and everyone indentured to the service industry. The five-episode first season follows server friends Wesley Greene and Avery Leigh Davis as they record the titular podcast as a way of dealing with the stresses of their day-to-day customer interactions at work (read: by complaining about them in “gratuitous” detail).*

### **HOW TO BEAT YOUR SISTER-IN-LAW (at everything)**

**WORLD Premiere** | USA, 2017, HD, 4 min.

**WRITERS:** Susan Cohen, Sydnie Suskind

**DIRECTORS:** Susan Cohen, Sydnie Suskind, Debra Neil-Fisher

**PRODS:** Sydnie Suskind, Susan Cohen, Melissa Greenspan, Michelle Azar

**CAST:** Melissa Greenspan, Michelle Azar

*How To Beat Your Sister-in-Law (at everything ) is about two real life sisters-in-law starring in a twisted (semi) fictionalized web comedy that reminds us that if family doesn't kill you... give it time.*

### **PATTI AND MARINA**

**WORLD Premiere** | USA, 2016, HD, 14 min.

**WRITERS:** Michelle Flanagan, Smaranda Lee

**DIRECTOR:** Nathan Christ

**PRODS:** Michelle Flanagan, Smaranda Lee, Kim Ngo

**CAST:** Michelle Flanagan, Smaranda Lee

### **THE REAL DRAKOOLAVS**

**WORLD Premiere** | USA, 2017, HD, 30 min.

**WRITER:** Dmitriy Karpov

**DIRECTOR:** Nathaniel Krause

**PRODS:** Vladimir Chistyakov, Val Hovanesian, Dmitriy Karpov

**CAST:** Connor Linnerooth, Viktoria Vinyarska, Ashley Brinkman, Michael Devorzon, Jewel Greenberg, Dmitriy Karpov, Jeff Rosick

*The series is about a vampire family, the Drakoolavs, who have found refuge and settled down in a quiet neighborhood in Los Angeles.*

## **TV Pilots**

### **BECCA ON CALL**

**WORLD PREMIERE** | USA, 2016, HD, 22 min.

**WRITER:** Jenness Rouse

**DIRECTORS:** Jenness Rouse, Matt Draper

**PROD:** Jenness Rouse

**CAST:** Jenness Rouse; Bob Glouberman; Matt Bodie; Danni Tamburro

*Becca C. Johnson, aspiring writer, agrees to work as a Part-Time "Temp" Nurse Assistant (NA) for her Dad at his new medical clinic in exchange for an "allowance" so she can focus on her writing. But Becca soon discovers: there's nothing part-time or "temp" about nurse anything.*

### **DOOMSDAY**

**WEST COAST Premiere** | USA, 2016, HD, 55 min.

**WRITER:** Sonja O'Hara

**DIRECTORS:** Sonja O'Hara, Jaspal Binning

**PRODS:** Vincent Petrosini, Karin Agstam, Jaspal Binning, Sonja O'Hara, Melissa Nettles

**CAST:** Karin Agstam, Alice Kremelberg, Sonja O'Hara, Jaspal Binning, Donald Paul, Mark St. Cyr, Ellen Toland, Kelsey Lynn Stokes

*"Doomsday" is an award-winning original series that follows the daily lives of the residents of a matriarchal cult in the Catskills. It explores the gray area where youthful idealism evolves into deadly extremism and documents the eerie final months leading up to a horrific Jim Jones-style massacre.*

### **G CODE**

**WORLD Premiere** | USA, 2017, HD, 22 min.

**WRITERS/DIR:** Deji LaRay, Leroy Davis III

**PRODS:** Deji LaRay, John Pleasant, Joel DeFrance, Will Utley

**CAST:** Deji LaRay, Kirk Bovill, Aisha Hinds, Amy Argyle, Said Faraj, Matthieu Jean-Pierre

*After being shot in an ambush, LAPD detective Cam Williams quits the force and goes into seclusion until he gets a visit from his old partner, Frank Crooms. Frank informs Cam that his nephew was killed in a drive-by shooting. With no leads or suspects, Cam is now forced by guilt to find the killers responsible for his nephew's murder, which leads him back into the dangerous underworld of LA's most gang infested neighborhoods.*

### **GWENDOLYN DANGEROUS**

**WORLD Premiere** | USA, 2017, HD, 23 min.

**WRITERS:** Kevin Good, Barry Gribble

**DIRECTOR:** Kevin Good

**PRODS:** Kevin Good, Erin Goldstein, Barry Gribble

**CAST:** Casie Platt, Theodore Snead, Elliott Kashner, Kristin Rogers, Dan Istrate

*Gwendolyn Dangerous is a swashbuckling space adventure of epic proportions. It is a retro sci-fi inspired by the original Flash Gordon serials from the 1930s, when "outer space" was a great unknown as vast as a child's imagination. The show follows intergalactic bounty hunters, Gwendolyn and her sidekicks, Robot & Phillip, as they try to rescue Gwendolyn's kidnap-prone sister.*

### **HALFWAY THERE**

**WORLD Premiere** | USA, 2017, HD, 24 min.

**WRITER:** Brett Edwards

**DIRECTOR:** Madeline Puzzo

**PRODS:** Brett Edwards, Mark Christian, Alison Marckstadt

**CAST:** Brett Edwards, Garikayi Mutambirwa, Ken Gamble

*Based on the play, a struggling actor is fired by his agent, so he takes the advice of his delusional, drug-abusing roommate before one last audition.*

### **THE MANNY**

**WORLD Premiere** | USA, 2016, HD, 29 min.

**WRITERS:** Simon Bellafonte, Monty Franklin

**DIRECTOR:** Tim Bathurst

**PROD:** Selina Ringal

**CAST:** Monty Franklin, Buddy Lewis, Joe Sib, Montana Roesch, Nikolai Ladon, Pippa Black, Dayna Devon

*A laissez-faire Aussie surfer finds himself answering to Malibu's most desperate housewife after marrying her for a green card during a drunken night out.*

### **NO PLACE TO FALL**

**WEST COAST Premiere** | USA, 2016, HD, 21 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Billy Hanson

**PRODS:** Billy Hanson, David Schatanoff, Jr., Deanna Lee Geier, Mike Geier

**CAST:** Jonathan Stoddard, Jayna Sweet, Vanessa Loyal

*Clinging to his unsuccessful music career, a soon-to-be-father is offered a one-song opportunity to impress a talent manager, but soon finds that the demands of the music and the needs of his growing family are impossible to balance without sacrificing part of himself.*

## **OLD TOWN**

**WEST COAST Premiere** | USA, 2015, HD, 24 min.

**WRITERS:** Brett Elam & Josh Logan

**DIRECTOR:** Derek Cox

**PRODS:** Brett Elam, Josh Logan, Polymyth Productions

**CAST:** Brett Elam & Josh Logan

*A mockumentary-style series starring Brett Elam and Josh Logan as... EVERYONE. Old Town follows the lives of three darkly hilarious pairs as they raise and, often, wreck their families in Chicago's oldest neighborhood – Old Town.*

## **THE PEPPER PROJECT**

USA, 2015, 35mm, 22 min.

**WRITER:** Caris Vujcec

**DIRECTORS:** Eric Yellin, Caris Vujcec

**PRODS:** Caris Vujcec, Eric Yellin, Nancy Wiser, Melissa Chamberlain, Joshua A. Friedman, Dann Florek

**CAST:** Caris Vujcec, Rob Breckenridge, Sidney Williams, Scott Janes, Kate Levy, Antoinette LaVecchia, Dave Powers, Maxon Davis, Scears Lee, Julainna Romeo, Melanie Friedmann, Marc Romeo

*A sensitive badass with a conscience. Flawed and dangerous. Mysterious yet sometimes transparent. Sexy, classy and whip-smart. She's trained, not to be taken lightly, and she rides a bicycle. Our story follows the not-so-conventional former-CIA turned-NYPD-undercover to unnamed-special agent Pepper. She exists to find who murdered her parents when she was ten-years-old, and is obsessed with finding her younger sister, Mercy, who disappeared at the time of their murder. Pepper believes Mercy is still alive. The Pepper Project is Nouveau Noir; The Fall meets Alias, with a splash of Bond.*

## **SEXPECTATIONS**

**WORLD Premiere** | USA, 2017, HD, 23 min.

**WRITERS:** Jenna St. John, Sophia Medley

**DIRECTOR:** Kevin Good

**PRODS:** Jenna St. John, Kevin Good, Sophia Medley, Barry Gribble

**CAST:** Sophia Medley, Jenna St. John, Sky King, James LeFeuvre

*Sex, sex, sex! The day has come when Katie, a nearly 30-year-old virgin is getting her romance novel published. Her lifelong dream of becoming a published author is finally coming true! The catch? Ashley & Nicole, two sex-crazed-foul-mouthed publishing execs tell her that her sex*

*scenes are too G rated. Katie decides this is the moment she needs to find a muse worthy enough to take her v card and to inspire the best sex scenes for her novel. Meanwhile, Katie's roommate, Victoria is feeling insecure about the length of her labia.*

### **Dances With Kidz by Kidz**

#### **AN AMERICAN NIGHTMARE: THE MAKING OF BLOODBATH**

**WORLD Premiere** | USA, 2017, HD, 14 min.

**WRITER:** Sarah Evans

**DIRECTOR:** Jamie Lippmann

**PROD:** Kathy Cutler

**CAST:** Jamie Lippman

*A group of Senior High School students go into production of a college application short film. Things don't go as planned and emotions run high trying to avoid a disaster.*

#### **BENEVOLENT BOYS, THE**

**WEST COAST Premiere** | USA, 2016, HD, 38 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** William Nielson McAllister

**PROD:** Kirby Saxton, Kim Dominguez, Mark Dominguez

**CAST:** Kirby Saxton, Ian Monsen, Taylor Stoddard, Jackson Hays

*Four high school friends in the 1990s get into a lot of trouble while trying to do something they think is a good idea, but, actually, maybe isn't. This film is a loving homage to the '90s, when VHS was king.*

#### **BIRDMAN**

USA, 2016, HD, 5 min.

**WRITER:** Yixing Li

**DIRECTORS/PRODS:** Yixing Li, Yixuan "Maisie" Luo

*A young man dreams of flying like a bird with his own wings. Will study, training and persistence pay off, or is a man not a bird?*

#### **THE BOUNDARY**

USA, 2017, HD, 46 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Evan Hara

**PRODS:** Evan Hara, Brad Corn, Gregg Hara

**CAST:** Colton Tapp, Matthew Roy, Crystal Cook, Lesley Pedersen, Neil deGrasse Tyson



*Miles, a former Air Force captain, has been taking a break since a flying accident. After he gets a call from NASA, his whole world gets flipped upside-down when he is told that reality may not be what it seems. He and his co-pilot, Doug, travel to the edge of the universe in search of answers to their existence.*

### **BOX MONSTER**

USA, 2012, HD, 4 min.

**WRITER/DIR/PROD:** Nicolas Medrano

**CAST:** Bradley Goedde, Manuel Medrano, Nicolas Medrano

*An action-packed film about a human vs. cardboard conflict.*

### **BRAVE BOY**

**WRITER/DIR/PROD:** Alejandro Lombard

**CAST:** Baxter Chelsom, Charlie Paluck

*A story of friendship and courage, a young boy is forced to grow up and face his fears when he realizes his best friend is not always going to be there for him.*

### **THE CANDY GIRL**

CAN, 2015, HD, 14 min.

**WRITERS:** Lettie Costea, Joshua Costea

**DIRECTOR:** Joshua Costea

**PROD:** Lettie Costea

**CAST:** Maia Costea, David Raynolds, Carla Costea, Izabel Pearce, Matt Kennedy, Bree Crosby, Preston Barkwell, Mae Pearce, Summer Barkwell, Zyrack Dean Osmon, Michele Pearce

*The Candy Girl clandestine business has been operating smoothly in school until the principal infiltrates an undercover spy in the group. Would the infiltrator betray them?*

### **CHOICES**

**WORLD Premiere** | USA, 2017, HDV, 4 min.

**WRITER/DIR/PROD:** Nicholas Taplitz

**CAST:** Theo Taplitz, Daniel Taplitz

*A boy who can never make up his mind about anything finds unexpected help in the fruit bowl.*

### **CYCLE**

USA, 2016, HD, 10 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Caleb Wild

**PRODS:** Caleb Wild, Jonathan Niles-Gill

**CAST:** Isaac Hollingsworth, Jeremy Marr Williams, Tami Kent

*A teen aging out of the foster care system, scrambling to determine his future, is suddenly interrupted by the appearance of his biological father.*

## **EAGLE FEATHER**

**WORLD Premiere** | USA, 2017, HD, 4 min.

**WRITER/DIR/PROD:** Pasquale Encell

**CAST:** Pasquale Encell, Steve Encell, Heidi Walker

*In Eagle Feather an American Indian father and his young daughter leave before sunrise to drive to an American wilderness lake so that she can find her first ceremonial eagle feather. We see beautiful animated landscapes and assorted wildlife as our heroes journey on their quest. Eagle Feather is based on portions of my own childhood and the background music is traditional American Indian songs.*

## **FLU SEASON**

**CALIFORNIA Premiere** | USA, 2016, HD, 6 min.

**WRITER:** Isabella D'Ambrosio

**DIRECTORS:** Cate Sundahl, Koko Crawford, Remy Boul

**PROD:** Karen Bennett

**CAST:** Ava Downing, Maddox Cudd, Lily Silverstein, Ian Salmon

*Germaphobic Julia has a terrible day when her classmates all seem to come down with the flu.*

## **THE FORTUNE TELLER**

**NORTH AMERICAN Premiere** | CAN, 2016, HD, 3 min.

**WRITERS:** Carla Costea, Aias Dalman, Juliet Ross, Mckenna Mubanda

**DIRECTOR/PROD:** Levente Mihalik

**CAST:** Carla Costea, Aias Dalman, Juliet Ross, Mckenna Mubanda, Zach Wolfman

Three friends don't heed to the warning of a young boy who tells them to be careful what they wish for, when they find his paper fortune teller.

## **GOLDFISH**

**WEST COAST Premiere** | USA, 2016, HD, 20 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Christina Xing

**PRODS:** Pamela Bagwell, Shane Bagwell

**CAST:** Ella May Hunsander, Oliver Klein

*Goldfish tells the story of an unlikely friendship between Amelie (an introvert) and Ben (an extrovert). They are paired together to take care of a goldfish. Except there's one major problem. Amelie's deathly fear of marine creatures.*

#### **HEAR ME OUT**

**WORLD Premiere** | USA, 2016, HD, 3 min.

**DIRECTOR:** Jenn Page

**PRODS:** Barbara Fifield, Kacey Fifield

**CAST:** Kacey Fifield

*Kacey Fifield is a 12-year-old singer/songwriter. She wrote "Hear Me Out" to be heard as she sees our world with its many flaws. Please hear her out and be kind to the animals, environment and each other. Look around, stop and listen. Kids are the future. Together we can make a difference and make the world a better place.*

#### **HIS FIRST TIME**

**WORLD Premiere** | CAN, 2016, 35mm, 6 min.

**WRITER/DIR/PROD:** Angel Violet Hawes

**CAST:** Danny Bristol, Angel Hawes, Melina Suelzle, Jeremy Stewart

*A young man always remembers his "first time". First time being truthful that is. Watch as he learns a valuable life lesson from his girlfriend....sometimes it IS best not to tell the truth.*

#### **LETTER TO HEAVEN**

**WORLD Premiere** | USA, 2016, HD, 5 min.

**WRITER:** Jennia Fredrique Aponte

**DIRECTOR:** Shaman Aponte

**PROD:** Sol Aponte

**CAST:** Genis Wooten, Sol Aponte, Jennia Fredrique Aponte, Trenton Lucas, Arlene Njuru

*Ten-year-old Oscar is tired of getting picked on at school because of his mentally challenged father that he tried so hard to keep a secret. Oscar grows to understand his father's challenges and finds a way to look past them, while learning to be proud of his father for the loving dad he is.*

#### **LILLY NEEDS A RIDE**

USA, 2016, HD, 5 min.

**WRITER/DIR/PROD:** Paloma Perez

**CAST:** Jesse Gilbert, Morgan Wheeler

*Lilly is running away from her mother and finds a friendly man with a personal connection and willingness to help her out. Is accepting a ride from a stranger ever a good idea?*

**THE MAGIC POWER**

USA, 2016, HD, 3 min.

**WRITER/DIR/PROD:** William Lancaster

**CAST:** Maeve Morgan Phoa

*This film follows a girl living in a world where everyone is born with magic powers except her. With help from her brother, she eventually finds her own unique power that is just as magic as everyone else's.*

**MISSION ROAD**

**WEST COAST Premiere** | USA, 2016, HD, 9 min.

**WRITER/DIR/PROD:** Ioannes Palomaria

**CAST:** John Huckert

*A homeless veteran, who is always faithful to his cause, gets another chance to save a life.*

**THE MOBSTERS**

**WEST COAST PREMIERE** | USA, 2017, HD, 7 min.

**WRITER/DIR/PROD:** Evan Hara

**CAST:** Evan Hara, Ben Cheatham, Collin Jarvis

*In a teenager's world without candy, life can be rough. Mobsters who deal different kinds of sweets dominate the streets. However, Donny, one of the head honchos, is trying not to be shut down by Guido, another top gangster. Donny now has to assemble his team, take down Guido, and get the sweets.*

**OCTAVIUS 3 THE HEIST**

**WEST COAST Premiere** | Australia, 2016, HD, 4 min.

**WRITER/DIR/PROD:** James Baras-Miller

**CAST:** Octavius Teddy Bear, Bob Teddy Bear, Buttercup Teddy Bear

*Octavius escapes from prison and frames his nemesis Bob for a major art heist. With the law closing in Bob Teddy Bear must clear his name before he can discover the truth and bring the evil Octavius Teddy Bear to justice.*

**PLANET 98475**

**WORLD Premiere** | USA, 2017, HD, 8 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Noah Z

**PROD:** Noah Z, Rafael Z

**CAST:** Jack Masee, Atlantic Terry

*This story is about the argument between a flesh and blood human and an artificial intelligence robot. The man and robot argue about who is human and who is not, while being stuck on planet 98475 by themselves. They have to learn how to get along.*

**PLASTIC IS FOREVER**

USA, 2016, HD, 19 min.

**DIRECTOR/PROD:** Dylan D'Haeze

**FEATURING:** Dylan D'Haeze

*Dylan D'Haeze, a 13-year-old filmmaker from the San Juan Islands, follows plastic trash to where it ends up—with some surprising results. And he shows how kids can help make a difference in a world that is increasingly dependent on plastic.*

**PLEASE**

**WORLD Premiere** | USA, 2016, HDV, 13 min.

**WRITER/DIR/PROD:** Shirley Sui

**CAST:** Brian Falkner, Sofie Puchley, Noah Jones, Juliette James

*An old clown has a superpower. He can make everyone follow his orders just by saying 'please.' For decades, he tries to find his teenage lover by telling his life story.*

**RECESS**

**WEST COAST Premiere** | USA, 2017, HD, 3 min.

**WRITER:** Aidan Wonderling

**DIRECTORS:** Aidan Wonderling, Brett Elam

**PRODS:** Aidan Wonderling, Brett Elam, Amy Wonderling, Polymyth Productions

**CAST:** Aidan Wonderling, Gabriel Robert, Zach Thomas, Kalia Young, Nola Tallone, Charlotte Moran, Brett Elam, Ava Lovell, Theo Christopherson

*Do you remember being in elementary school and the times you spent during recess? For a kid, it's the toughest choice of the day deciding what to do in those precious 15 minutes.*

**SMILE: A MUSICAL**

**WORLD Premiere** | USA, 2017, HDV, 16 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Sarah Phillips

**PRODS:** Laetitia Leon, Sarah Phillips

**CAST:** Maya Grace Fischbein, Desmond Newson, Susan May Pratt, Aaron McPherson, Gina Hecht, M.J. Ordinario, Sydney Haik

*When Hazel fails to connect with her clinically depressed father, she goes on a musical journey to make him smile.*

#### **STANDPOINT**

**US Premiere** | US, 2016, HDV, 16 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Erik Hirschhorn

**PRODS:** Erik Hirschhorn, Shirley He

**CAST:** Dakota Bailey, Solon Carter, AnaLia Lenchantin, Jonathan Sharp

*Aliza is a Jewish ballarina who must escape Nazi occupied Poland in order to attend to a dance Audition in Prague.*

#### **Dances With Kidz by Pros**

#### **THE ADVENTURES OF WOOLLYFOOT & FRIENDS**

**WORLD Premiere** | UK, 2016, HD, 5 min.

**WRITERS/PRODS:** Ed Hartwell, Sarah Simi

**DIRECTOR:** Ed Hartwell

**CAST:** Ed Hartwell (voice)

*Woollyfoot is a loveable monster living in the wilderness. He explores his environment and makes friends through music, dance and the discarded objects he finds in the forest.*

#### **BAD LITTLE FAIRIES**

**WORLD Premiere** | USA, 2016, HD, 5 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Gayla Goehl

**PRODS:** Gayla Goehl, Nathan Moore, Eric Rottman

**CAST:** Cara Royston, Ruby Matenko, Alondra Munoz, Chynna Merritt, Evangeline Lindes

*When the little fairies in Fairy Fairy Land get a little too curious and mischief gets the best of them, hilarious events to unfold and all the residents of Fairy Fairyland will never be the same.*

#### **THE ELIMINADORA**

USA, 2016, HD, 20 min.

**WRITERS:** Jesus Renteria, P.J. Gaynard

**DIRECTOR:** P.J. Gaynard

**PRODS:** P.J. Gaynard, Jesus Renteria, Ana Renteria, Anne Grauso, Deven MacNair, Amanda Hart

**CAST:** Nadia Renteria, Brenda Banda, William Guirola, Michael Chubb, Tito Santana, Deven MacNair, Rigo Obezo, Andre Salcido, Sidd Munjal

*Ten year old Sofia dream of being a lucha libre champion, like her father before her. However a disapproving mother and overprotective father stand in the way of her plans. So Sofia sets off on a journey that takes her all over the city in an attempt to make her dreams come true.*

## **MR VIOLET**

**CALIFORNIA Premiere** | Iran, 2014, HD, 3 min.

**DIRECTOR:** Abbas Jalali yekta-Mohammad hossein Azam pour

**PROD:** Ehsan Rasoulof

*Mr Violet lives on a mug in a busy cafe. his life is boring and full of loneliness, till the time when presence of a girl on another mug change his life.*

## **PRESSURE**

**WORLD Premiere** | USA, 2016, HD, 9 min.

**WRITER:** Adria Dawn

**DIRECTOR:** David Tarleton, Adria Dawn

**PRODS:** Adria Dawn, David Tarleton, Stacey Flaster, Elizabeth Fauntleroy

**CAST:** Daniel Pass, Meghan Keefe, Jay Metzger, Matt Pierce

*Overwhelmed with the pressure from his parents and peers to succeed in sports, school and activities, a boy struggles to keep it together.*

## **SUPERMOM**

USA, 2016, HD, 14 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Jason Honeycutt

**PRODS:** Jason Honeycutt, Nick Pellegrini

**CAST:** Justine Herron, John Hensley, Kaylee Dennis, Garret T. Sato, Olivia Honeycutt, A Leslie Kies

*"Supermom" is the "must see" (Palm Springs Life) award-winning short film about a daughter who believes her mother is a real life super hero – she might be right. It stars Justine Herron ("Kevin Hart: Let Me Explain") and John Hensley (star of "Nip/Tuck," "Teeth," etc.).*