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# DANCES WITH FILMS

## LET'S GET PHYSICAL

Welcome to the 24th annual DANCES WITH FILMS!

We are incredibly thankful to return to our home here at the Chinese.

By no accident, this year's fest starts off with a collective ROAR. On the precipice of a larger understanding of the world, our eyes are widening. Voices that need to be heard still fight for that opportunity daily in this country and we feel so much hope.

DANCES WITH FILMS was created to champion those voices that need to be heard. Stories that need to be witnessed. If each of us has learned anything over the last many months it's that we've all missed one another... the touch of a hand, the resonance of a voice, a community where we find the best in ourselves. It is within these intimate moments that we truly live and dream.

DWF is blessed with the community we have all created. A family who once again opens its arms to inspired artists from around the globe. Whether it's a whimsical feature, a small documentary of new worlds or a tv pilot that brings a smile to your face - there are extraordinary films to discover throughout this year's festival.

Thank you for joining us.

Thank you for being the inspiration of a new generation of talented voices.

And finally - welcome home.

Leslee Scallon  
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*and crew, that is our family, who really make everything work.*

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 26 @ 7:30PM

# THE ART OF PROTEST

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 45.5 min.

**DIR:** Colin M. Day

**PRODS:** INDECLINE, Dave Navarro, Michael Dolan,  
Rob McCallum, Justin Schoenrock

**FEATURING:** Tom Morello, Dave Navarro, Nadya Tolokonnikova (Pussy Riot),  
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preceded by



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Premiere | USA, 2021, 21.5 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Cy Dodson

**PRODS:** Cy Dodson, Lindsey Seavert

The reprehensible police murder of George Floyd on May 25th, 2020, sparked a global uprising, the epicenter in Director Cy Dodson's Minneapolis neighborhood, revealing his community's emotional reaction to the systematic racial injustice which was witnessed world-wide.

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## **A SHOT THROUGH THE WALL**

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Premiere | USA, 2020, 89.5 min.



SCREENING: FRI. SEPT 3 @ 7PM

**WRITER/DIR:** Aimee Long

**PRODS:** Daniel Langa, Aimee Long

**CAST:** Kenny Leu, Ciara Renée, Tzi Ma, Fiona Fu, Lynn Chen, Clifton Davis, Derek Goh, Dan Lauria, Kelly AuCoin

A Chinese-American police officer's life unravels after he accidentally shoots an innocent black man. Facing trial, he wades through his guilt as he navigates the complicated worlds of media, justice, racial politics and his own morality.

## **ADDICT NAMED HAL**

USA, 2021, 85 min.



SCREENING: FRI. AUG 27 @ 7PM

**WRITER/DIR:** Lane Michael Stanley

**PRODS:** Lowell Blank, Thane Swigart, Lane Michael Stanley

**CAST:** Ray A. Roberts II, Natalie L'Amoreaux, Donato de Luca, Daniela Vidaurre

When Amy is sent unwillingly to a halfway house by her mom, she thinks she is different from everyone else – until Hal, a heroin addict returning to the house from jail, convinces her to give recovery a try. But Amy soon learns that her drinking won't just disappear, and she may have a bigger problem than she thought. This film explores the everyday struggles, joys, and horrors of getting clean.

## **ALEX/OCTOBER**

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 83.5 min.



SCREENING: SAT. AUG 28 @ 9:30PM

**WRITER/DIR:** Josh Hope

**EXEC PROD:** Lisa J Freberg

**PRODS:** Lisa J Freberg, Tara Shayne, CO-PRODS: Normann Pokorny, Brittani Ward

**CAST:** Brad Hunt, Tara Shayne, Ethan Cutkosky, Stacy Edwards, Sophie Leonard, Rivkah Reyes, Elle Walker, Rich Holton, Lisa Zane

A hopeless man places a bizarre classified but his plan to kill himself takes a turn when curiosity drives an aimless young girl to answer.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Premiere | USA, 2021, 110 min.



SCREENING: SAT. SEPT 4 @ 9:30PM

**WRITER/DIR:** Nani Li Yang

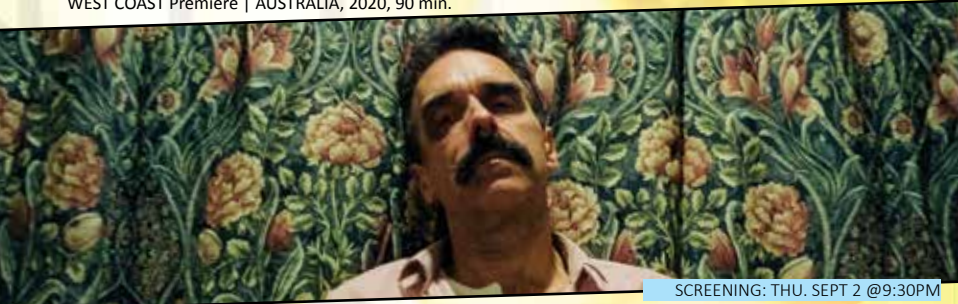
**PRODS:** Nani Li Yang, Troy Chiu, Yue Wang

**CAST:** Ah-Lei Gua, Kathy Wu, Demi Ke, Jiayu Wang, Travis Goodman, Ying Xie, James Taku Leung, Miles Tagtmeyer, Scott Felix, Cameron Duckett

After her son is jailed, a Chinese mother with high expectations struggles to protect her family's remaining reputation by parenting her independent daughter, whom she must seek shelter from with her son's two unmanageable adolescents. A bitter and sweet family drama following the matriarch of the Woo family and her desire to uphold her family. Four people, three generations forced to start a new life together in the U.S., what could go wrong?

## BLOODSHOT HEART

WEST COAST Premiere | AUSTRALIA, 2020, 90 min.



SCREENING: THU. SEPT 2 @ 9:30PM

**WRITER/DIR:** Parish Malfitano

**PRODS:** Martin Thorne, Richard James Allen, Parish Malfitano

**CAST:** Richard James Allen, Dina Panozzo, Emily David, Peter-William Jamieson, Matt Lausch, Natalia Ladyko, Byron Luckey, Hazel Annikki Savolainen, Oliver Levi-Malouf

A mild-mannered driving instructor living with his manipulative and jealous mother descends into obsession and psychosis when a tenant half his age moves in. As the lines between reality and fantasy twist and merge, he hatches a violent plan to win her love.

## BONE CAGE

WEST COAST Premiere | CANADA, 2020, 89 min.



SCREENING: SUN. SEPT 5 @ 7PM

**WRITER/DIR:** Taylor Olson

**BASED on the play by** Catherine Banks

**PROD:** Melani Wood

**CAST:** Taylor Olson, Ursula Calder, Amy Groening, Sam Vigneault, Christian Murray

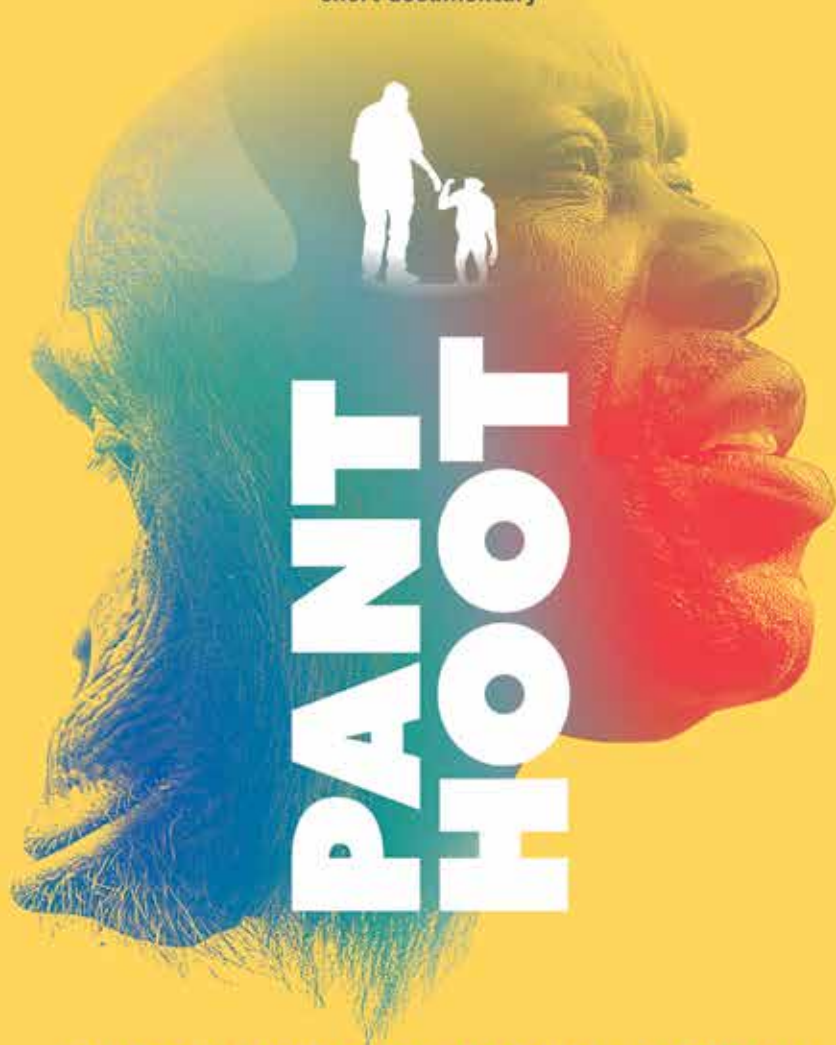
Jamie (Taylor Olson) works a wood processor, clear-cutting for pulp in small-town Nova Scotia. At the end of each shift, he walks through the destruction he has created looking for injured animals and rescues those he can. Adapted from a play by Nova Scotian author Catherine Banks, Bone Cage is a first feature from Halifax actor/filmmaker Taylor Olson that sensitively excavates the tragedy of how young people in rural communities, employed in the destruction of their environment, treat the people they love at the end of their shift.

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**DREAMOVER**

WEST COAST Premiere | RUSSIA, 2021, 100 min.



SCREENING: SUN. SEPT 5 @ 9:30PM

**WRITER/DIR:** Roman Olkhovka**PROD:** Nikita Yefimov**CAST:** Roman Olkhovka, Angelina Savchenko, Ilya Chepyrev

When life turns unbearably miserable, a lonely old man takes part in a medical experiment, reviving a long-forgotten story of his love...

**GHOSTWRITER**

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 81 min.



SCREENING: SUN. AUG 29 @9:30PM

**WRITER:** Jim Lynch**DIR:** Tim Miller**PRODS:** JC Farris, Tim Miller**CAST:** David Lawrence Hamilton, Peter DeFaria, Mary Ann Thebus, Henri Watkins, Francesca Sobrer, Dave Maher, Kellye Howard, Melissa DuPrey, Maria Stephens and Sam Krey

A bartender struggling for years as an unpublished writer helps a combat veteran face his fears over publishing a short story about his time in Iraq.

**HOLIDAYS AT ALL COST**

WORLD Premiere | FRANCE, 2021, 105 min.



SCREENING: TUE. SEPT 7 @ 7PM

**WRITER/DIR:** Stevan Lee Mraovitch**PRODS:** Svetlana Loshchatova, Stevan Lee Mraovitch, Sergey Rodionov**CAST:** Oumar Diaw, Donia Eden, Benjamin Garnier, Lise Marsault Hierro, Antoine Schoumsky, Wesley Weigel, Bastian Malka, Nikola Kmircac

Wanting to take his family on their first vacation, a loving father makes a deal to do a series of outrageous and despicable summer jobs for a free stay at a luxurious resort... What follows is both hysterical and horrifying as the owner attempts to seduce his wife while he finds himself in the most hilariously preposterous positions.



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**WORLD PREMIERE**  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 28 @ 9:30PM PDT

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**KRINGLE TIME**

WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2021, 103 min.



SCREENING: FRI. SEPT 3 @ 9:30PM

**WRITER:** Zan Gillies

**DIR:** Matthew Lucas

**PRODS:** Matthew Lucas, Zan Gillies, Rick Adelson, Gigi Edgley, Jed Luczynski, Lee Perna, Emmett Webster

**CAST:** Benny Elledge, Vernon Wells, Alyssa Keegan, Jeff Wincott, Gigi Edgley

After becoming the unlikely star of a children’s show, a public access TV station manager grapples with the problematic legacy of his predecessor.

**LOVE AND BASEBALL**

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 88 min.



SCREENING: SAT. AUG 28 @ 7PM

**WRITERS:** Steve Acevedo, Joe Boothe, Tate Hanyok, Jerry Montoya

**Adapted from the play “Love and Baseball” by Jerry Montoya**

**DIR:** Steve Acevedo

**PRODS:** Tate Hanyok, Steve Acevedo, Lola Noh, Max Arciniega

**CAST:** Max Arciniega, Tate Hanyok, Asif Ali, Guerrin Gardner, Hugo Medina

A chance meeting sparks love between Will and Michele, but due to poor timing and the reality of life—they strike out twice. If fate gives them another shot—will they hit or miss?

**MY FIONA**

CALIFORNIA Premiere | USA, 2021, 87 min.



SCREENING: FRI. AUG 27 @ 9:30PM

**WRITER/DIR:** Kelly Walker

**PRODS:** Matt Minshall, Tina Carbone, Katherine Sloate

**CAST:** Jeanette Maus, Corbine Reid, Elohim Nycalove, Sara Amini, Ryan Garcia, April Lang

How do you navigate the world when your best friend inexplicably takes her own life? For Jane, she finds herself drawn to Fiona’s wife and child, seeking solace and perhaps more in the relationship that gently unfolds. The question of grief and tenderness and the catastrophic consequences of blending the two come to a head in Jane’s life as she attempts to pick up the pieces and heal.

# ica judges

We are honored to welcome the judges for the 2021 Industry Choice Award for Projects Over 40 Minutes



**Valerie McCaffrey** – Casting Director & Filmmaker  
From April 1994-2000, Valerie held the position of Vice President of Feature Film Casting for New Line/Fine Line Films and from (1988-1994) she was Director of Feature Film Casting at Universal Studios. 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 portrayal and Mr. Furlong’s performance was considered one of the best of his career. As an indie casting director she cast and produced an award-winning film directed 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 just cast “Get Lost” with Ella Bleu Travolta, Terrence Howard, and Sasha Luss which begins shooting in Budapest.

She wrote and directed the award winning short film called “Dirty Bomb” and has written the longer version “A Space between Men”. The screenplay has already garnered awards. Valerie is a member of the DWF Advisory Board.

**Ray Mansfield** is a veteran producer and a founding partner of QC Entertainment. His



passion for storytelling has led him to a 20-year career dedicated to shepherding a diverse array of filmmaker-driven films. Over the course of his career, Mansfield has raised over \$250 million for film “packaging”: development, production and distribution financing which included structuring numerous finance models, and negotiated worldwide distribution deals, intellectual property deals, and above-the-line talent deals.

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. Directed by visionary filmmaker Spike Lee, BlacKkKlansman had its World Premiere screening 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 served as Executive Producer on Jordan Peele’s feature directorial debut Get Out, which QC developed, produced and financed from the initial pitch through its successful release. The acclaimed film became a global box office smash, culminating with Peele winning an Academy Award® for Best Original Screenplay, and Academy Award® nominations for Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Actor for Daniel Kaluuya. Most recently Mansfield served as Producer on Lionsgate’s highly anticipated social thriller Antebellum starring Janelle Monae.



**John Von Thaden** – Sr. Vice President Magnolia Acquisitions. Prior to Magnolia, Von Thaden held positions at various industry related companies such as IFC Films and New Line Cinema. He currently handles acquisitions for Magnolia Pictures genre arm Magnet Releasing, Magnolia Home Entertainment and Magnolia International.

**NEW YEAR**

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 87 min.



SCREENING: SAT. SEPT 4 @ 7PM

**WRITERS:** Nathan Sutton, Elisha Renee Sutton**DIR:** Nathan Sutton**PRODS:** Adam McKain, John Boccardo, Derek Esplin, Hannah Nussbaum, Nathan Sutton, Elisha Renee Sutton**CAST:** Timothy V. Murphy, Elisha Renee Sutton, Kyle Mac, Gillian Shure, Raven Scott, TK Weaver, with Neil Jackson and Nelson Lee

It's New Year's Eve and unhappily married couple, Benjamin and Katherine, are having one last hurrah with their closest friends before moving to New York. The friend group has kept in touch over the years, though their lives have taken different turns. As the night unfolds, each sees who they were to one another versus who they have become. At the end of the night, they are faced with a manipulative and destructive game that Benjamin suggests. The brutal honesty that comes as a result of this game causes fights to break out, old friends to face hard truths, and a gun to be drawn.

**SING TO ME SYLVIE**

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 104 min.



SCREENING: TUE. SEPT 2 @ 7PM

**WRITER/DIR:** Jannette Bloom**PRODS:** Jannette Bloom, Samuel Kidoguchi, Christopher Kozak, Christopher Polanco**CAST:** Jannette Bloom, Christopher Kozak, Marie Fiorillo

Ten years after a failed music career, Sylvie runs into her former bandmate David, now busking and living on the streets of Portland, and offers him a place to stay for three days while her husband is away. Having survived a traumatic childhood, Sylvie's been in the habit of numbing herself to life. David chips away at her refusal to play music and they are soon performing together again, but their emotional connection, tied to the music, begins to resurface. Sylvie must now choose between the security of her current life, or the turbulent life of an artist.

# ica judges

We are honored to welcome the judges for the  
2021 Industry Choice Award for Projects Under 40 Minutes



**Effie T. Brown** is an award winning film and television Producer, known for championing inclusion and diversity in Hollywood, both behind and in front of the camera. Through her company, Duly Noted Inc., Brown has produced several critically acclaimed HBO Films and award winning projects including *Stranger Inside*, Jane Campion's *In the Cut*, *Real Women Have Curves*, *Everyday People* and *Rocket Science*. In 2014, Brown Produced the critically acclaimed independent film *Dear White People* which won numerous awards including the Sundance Film Festival's Special Jury Prize for Breakthrough Talent. Brown produced over 130 episodes of *WIGS*, an award winning, original content channel funded by Google/YouTube. In 2015,

Brown joined Matt Damon and Ben Affleck as Producer and Mentor in the controversial reboot of *Project Greenlight*. Brown joined Lee Daniels Entertainment in 2016 to Executive Produce the hit series *Star* on FOX. Effie is currently on board as the Executive Producer of Disney Channel's *Zombies*, coming out in 2018. The high school musical delivers an inspirational story about tolerance, inclusion, individuality and conviction...but with zombies. Effie is a member of the DWF Advisory Board.

**Grace Royer** is an agent in the Independent Film Group at leading talent and literary agency 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 agency. She received her B.A. in Economics from Barnard College.



**Ruth Vitale** has been at the forefront of independent film production and distribution for more than three decades, including as Founder and Co-President of *Paramount Classics* and as President of *Fine Line Features*. During her tenure at these companies, she launched the careers of many successful filmmakers such as Paul Greengrass, Sofia Coppola, Scott Hicks, John Hillcoat, and Craig Brewer. She has also worked with established talent such as Sam Raimi, Roger Michell, Jonathan Demme, Paul W.S. Anderson, Patrice Leconte, and Barbet Schroeder. Her films have won three Oscars® and received 16 nominations as well as 18 Golden Globe® nominations and two wins. At *Paramount Classics*, she released such award-winning films as *The*

*Virgin Suicides*, *Sunshine*, *You Can Count on Me*, *Sidewalks of New York*, *Bloody Sunday*, *Mostly Martha*, *The Singing Detective*, *Enduring Love*, *The Machinist*, *Mad Hot Ballroom*, and *Hustle & Flow*. *Fine Line* produced and distributed such highlights of independent film as the Academy Award®-winning *Shine*; *The Sweet Hereafter*; *Love! Valour! Compassion!*; *Twelfth Night*; *Gummo*; and *The Winter Guest*. Ruth also served as President of UBU Productions' feature film division from 1988 to 1991. Among other positions, she was Senior Vice President of Production for *United Artists*, where she oversaw production on *Child's Play*, *I'm Gonna Git You Sucka*, and *Roadhouse*. As President of Production for *Vestron Pictures*, she broke ground with the highest-grossing independent film of the time, *Dirty Dancing*. She was also Director of Acquisitions for *The Movie Channel*. Most recently, Ruth was President of *First Look Pictures* and the owner of *The Film Collective*, a consultancy business that helps financiers and companies with the strategic planning for their films in the worldwide marketplace from development and production through distribution. She is a member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences and Special Projects Mentor for *The Peter Stark Producing Program*, USC School of Cinematic Arts, University of Southern California. Ruth is a member of the DWF Advisory Board.

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WORLD Premiere | GERMANY, 2021, 82 min.



SCREENING: TUE. SEPT 7 @ 9:30PM

**WRITER/DIR:** Andreas Z Simon

**PRODS:** Alfred Bayer, Tom Spalek, Andreas Z Simon

**CAST:** Mario Ganss, Jasmin Wagner, Marlene Hoffmann, Micky Jukovic, Nick Benjamin, Götz Otto

A documentary-editor is stuck in a timeloop – and so is the audience. The solution of the problem is simple: All he needs to do is kill a clown and save a mermaid.

**VOODOO MACBETH**

WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2020, 108 min.



SCREENING: SUN. AUG 29 @7PM

**WRITERS:** Agazi Desta, Jennifer Frazin, Morgan Milender, Molly Miller, Amri Rigby, Joel David Satner, Erica Sutherlin, Chris Tarricone

**DIRS:** Dagmawi Abebe, Victor Alonso-Berbel, Roy Arwas, Hannah Bang, Christopher Beaton, Agazi Desta, Tiffany Kontoyiannis Guillen, Zoe Salnave, Ernesto Sandoval, Sabina Vajraca

**PRODS:** Jason Phillips, Miles Alva, Xiaoyuan Xiao

**CAST:** Jewell Wilson Bridges, Inger Tudor, June Schreiner, Jeremy Tardy, Daniel Kuhlman, Wreckless Watson, Ashli Haynes, Gary McDonald, Hunter Bodine

In 1936 Harlem, the first all-Black cast production of 'Macbeth' struggles to make it to opening night amid the downward spiral of their young and untested director – Orson Welles.

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**ALPHA RIFT**

WORLD Premiere USA, 2021, 94 min. RATED: PG-13



SCREENING: TUE. AUG 31 @ 7PM

**WRITER/DIR:** Dan Lantz**PRODS:** James L. Becket, Dan Lantz, Jodie Shultz**CAST:** Lance Henriksen, Aaron Dalla Villa, Rachel Nielsen, Philip Williams, Graham Wolfe, Chris Ullrich, Allyson Mallandra

When a magic helmet thrusts Nolan Parthmore into a world of modern-day knights fighting supernatural evil, he's forced to become the hero he was destined to be.

**THE CATCH**

WEST COAST Premiere I USA, 2020, 97 min.



SCREENING: FRI. SEPT 10 @ 7PM

**WRITER/DIR:** Matthew Ya-Hsiung Balzer**PRODS:** Kierke Panisnick, Amy Durning, Matthew Ya-Hsiung Balzer**CAST:** Katia Winter, Bill Sage, James McMenamain, Kyle Gallner, Emy Coligado, Jere Burns

A troubled woman returns to her estranged family in coastal Maine. With her lobsterman father fighting off an outsider attempting to corporatize the local harbor, Beth and an ex-boyfriend make plans to hijack local drug runners and skip town.

**GENERATION WRECKS**

WORLD Premiere I USA, 2020, 108 min.



SCREENING: SUN. SEPT 12 @4PM

**WRITERS:** Victoria Leigh, Bridget McGarry, Kevin T. Morales**DIR:** Kevin T. Morales**CO-EXEC PRODS:** Patrick McGarry, Kevin T. Morales**PRODS:** Philip Aceto, Bridget McGarry, Victoria Leigh**CAST:** Bridget McGarry, Victoria Leigh, John Gargan, Violet Prete, Noa Solomon, Jibreel Mawry, Sam Poon, Jonah Barricklo, Alice Kremelberg, Okieriete Onaodowan, Emily Bergl, Natalie Shaheen, Dion Costelloe and Heather Matarazzo

Stacy and Liz were best friends until the 7th grade when a mysterious event drove them apart. Stacy joined the popular crowd and bullied Liz, who was outed publicly, and fell in with the freaks and goths. 5 years later Stacy is moved to repair the friendship and invites Liz to join her for a weekend getaway at her lake house where they used to go, but Liz insists she bring her misfit group.

JOHN MAUCERE

# WHAT?

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WHO DECIDES TO TAKE MATTERS INTO HIS OWN... HANDS.

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**LAST NIGHT IN ROZZIE**

WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2020, 80 min.



SCREENING: FRI. AUG 27 @ 4:30PM

**WRITER:** Ryan McDonough**DIR:** Sean Gannet**PRODS:** Joseph Stephans, Ryan McDonough, Sean Gannet, Kris Meyer, Andrew Cahill**CAST:** Neil Brown Jr., Nicky Whelan, Jeremy Sisto, Kevin Chapman

New York lawyer Ronnie Russo (Neil Brown Jr.) is entangled in a complicated web of conflicting loyalties when summoned to his Boston hometown by a dying childhood friend (Jeremy Sisto). Sent on a mission to fulfill his friend's final wish – a reunion with his estranged son – Russo is forced to confront his past and a secret childhood trauma he's kept hidden for over 25 years.

**THEY/THEM/US**

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 90 min.



SCREENING: SAT. SEPT 11 @ 5:30PM

**WRITERS:** Jon Sherman, Melissa Vogley Woods**DIR:** Jon Sherman**PRODS:** Garrett Bates, Chadd Harbold**CAST:** Joey Slotnick, Amy Hargreaves, Lexie Bean, Jack Steiner, Shanna Strong, Sarah Eddy, Abi Van Andel

When two single parents meet on a dating site and move in together, they must blend their family of four teenagers while navigating a new relationship. "They/Them/Us" is contemporary family comedy set against the backdrop of a light-hearted kink world.

**THIS IS NOT A WAR STORY**

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 112 min.



SCREENING: FRI. SEPT 10 @ 9:30PM

**WRITER/DIR:** Talia Lugacy**PRODS:** Talia Lugacy, Rosario Dawson, Noah Lang, Julian West**CAST:** Sam Adegoke, Frances Fisher, Talia Lugacy, Danny Ramirez, Brian Delate

THIS IS NOT A WAR STORY tracks a ragtag group of combat veterans in New York whose anti-war art, poetry and papermaking keep them together, despite the specter of their friend's suicide and the ever-crystallizing fact that healing from war is sometimes an impossible mission.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR FRIENDS?

# NEW YEAR

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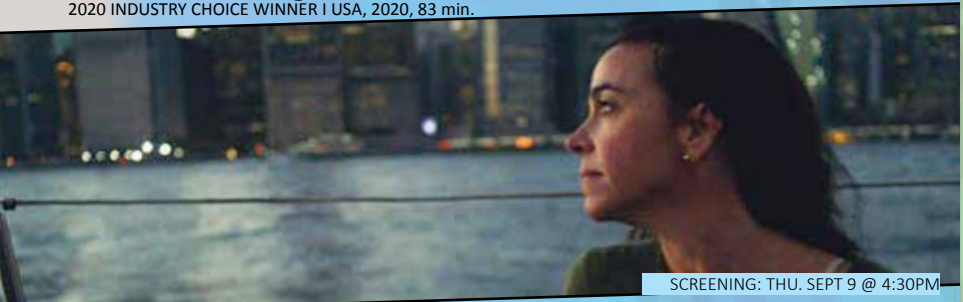
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2020 INDUSTRY CHOICE WINNER | USA, 2020, 83 min.



SCREENING: THU. SEPT 9 @ 4:30PM

**WRITER:** Finnerty Steeves

**DIRS:** Stephen Kunken & Jack Lewars

**PRODS:** Katie Hyde, Finnerty Steeves, Elizabeth Krajewski, Elena Berger Melman, Jamie Zelermeyer

**CAST:** Finnerty Steeves, Jeremy Davidson, John Pankow, Kristine Sutherland, Richard Masur, Michael Emerson, Marin Hinkle, Miriam Shor, Kate Burton, Austin Pendleton, Deborah Rush

This sharp-witted dramedy studies a middle-aged NYC theatre actress suddenly forced to figure out the kind of person she wants to be when her seemingly perfect 15 year marriage comes to an end after she catches her husband having an affair.

**BUCKSKIN**

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 81 min.



SCREENING: TUE. AUG 31 @ 9:30PM

**WRITER/DIR:** Brett Bentman

**PRODS:** Tiffany McDonald, Stuart Alson, Nicole Holland

**CAST:** Tom Zembrod, Blaze Freeman, Robert Keith

Set in 1820, a Texan fur trapper journeys into the mysterious Buckskin woods in the hopes of saving a lost boy.

**DELICATE STATE**

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 89 min.



SCREENING: SAT. AUG 28 @ 7:30PM

**WRITER/DIR/PROD:** Paula Rhodes

**CAST:** Paula Rhodes, Charlie Bodin, Glenn Morshower, Cathy Baron, Charles Halford, Tara Platt, Jonathan Kells Phillips, Dee Freeman, Craig Frank, Ratana, Yuri Lowenthal, Percy Daggs III, Stephanie Sheh, David Matthey, Neil Kaplan, Regina Saldivar, Casey Graf, Leah Ann Cevoli, Dayeane Hutton, Anastasia Washington, Wendy Cutler, Beverly Hynds, Jamie Fishback, Kyle Walters, Cricket Lee, Stephanie Thorpe, Michael Holmes, Damian Beurer, Mandi Moss, Jade Hindmon, Tina Cardinale, Terry Rhodes, Alan Rhodes, Patty Perez, Andrew Seely, and introducing Lincoln Bodin, Elliot Bodin, and Domino

Shot over the course of their actual pregnancy with leads doubling as 2-man crew, Paula and Charlie document their impending parenthood during a time of extreme political division. Their heads remain in the sand about the greater world around them until it upends their privileged life. Now they face a situation social media never prepared them for, but that women all over the world face daily – bringing life into a country torn apart by war.



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**SCREENING:**  
**SUNDAY, SEPT 12 @ 7PM**

# Closing Night Film!

WORLD Premiere  
USA, 2020, 109 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Mars Roberge

**PRODS:** Mars Roberge, Kenneth Shaw, Eric Ragan, Tamas Birinyi

**CAST:** Jack James Busa, HRH Princess Diandra, Debra Haden,  
Jim Sclavunos, Chaka Khanvict, Shia Ho, Gazelle Paulo, Brandon Olson,  
Grinell-Skot Gilmore, Nadia Shimunova, Ari Gold

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A suicidal man from Milwaukee is given a second chance at life in NYC, working as a drag MC while learning the courage from the caring LGBTQ+ community to pursue his dreams, including a relationship with a tap dancing single mom.

## MISTER SISTER



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BASED ON THE INSPIRING TRUE STORY OF WRITER/DIRECTOR GINA M. GARCIA

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**EVAN WOOD**

USA, 2021, 89 min.



SCREENING: THU. SEPT 9 @ 9:30PM

**WRITERS:** Charlotte Louise Spencer, Alejandro Lopez

**DIR:** Niki Byrne

**PRODS:** Matthew Minshall, Charlotte Louise Spencer, Alejandro Lopez, Lucinda Bruce

**CAST:** Charlotte Louise Spencer, Alex Sorian Brown, Trevor Stines, Michael Parr, Amy Walker, Rylee Marshall, MacCallister Byrd, Rachel Thundat, Stef Beaton, Shamari Maurice and Jere Burns

Rachel, a writing student in Los Angeles, finds life disrupted when she receives news of her grandmother's passing. After years away from home, she travels back in an attempt to heal painful family bonds. She experiences both healing and heartbreak while rekindling a romance with an old love and coping with the challenges as her brother Evan struggles with mental health and addiction.

**FOUR COUSINS AND A CHRISTMAS**

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 80 min.



SCREENING: WED. SEPT 8 @ 7PM

**WRITERS:** Raffaella Capp, Elliott Duque Estrada and Maria Capp

**DIR:** Maria Capp

**PRODS:** Jayson Bernard, Maria Capp, Kristi Kilday, Roberto Rosario Jr. Raffaella Capp

**CAST:** Robert Davi, Ayla Kell, Raffaella Capp, Lily Gibson, Natasha Capp, Jayson Bernard, Teri Polo, Jared Sandler, Nicholas Turturro, and Mike Marino

Four cousins are excited to celebrate Christmas with each other until their estranged grandfather summons them home requesting they sing for their beloved grandmother's memorial. The cousins are reluctant to be around their strict grandfather but decide to make the most of the situation and throw a Christmas celebration their grandmother would have enjoyed. The cousins' personal problems all come to a head at the memorial, but with a little pizza and wine, the girls remember family comes first and come together to celebrate their grandmother with their grandfather at their side.

**LIFE IN LONG BEACH**

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 72 min.



SCREENING: MON. SEPT 6 @ 9:30PM

**WRITER/DIR:** Gavin Gaitan

**PRODS:** Gavin Gaitan, Ty Carlin

A look into the people, places, and stories that go on in a day in Long Beach, CA.

# first films

DWF:LA is thrilled to launch the inaugural FIRST FILMS, presenting incredible talent to LA audiences. An encouraging new series where you meet directors and producers at the top of their game as we peel back a layer to discover how they found their success in motion pictures.

## meet MICHAEL LONDON

Michael London is an Academy Award and Emmy nominated producer and the founder of Groundswell Productions. His film credits include "Trumbo," "Sideways," "Milk," "The Family Stone," "thirteen," "Win Win," "The Visitor," "The Illusionist," "The Informant!" and "House of Sand and Fog". His TV credits include "Snowfall," entering its fifth season on FX, the Golden-Globe nominated "SMILF" on Showtime, "The Magicians" for Syfy and the HBO film "Confirmation" starring Kerry Washington as Anita Hill.

London most recently produced "Farming," a drama written and directed by Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje and starring Damson Idris, Kate Beckinsale and Gugu Mbatha-Raw.

London received the 2006 Golden Globe award for Best Picture in the comedy category for "Sideways" which also won best picture honors from the Independent Spirit Awards, The Gotham Independent Film Awards, the Critics' Choice Awards, The National Society of Film Critics, the Los Angeles Film Critics and the New York Film Critics Circle. The film won an Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay.

London spent five years as a production executive at Fox, which he departed as Executive Vice President of Production. He started his career as a staff writer for the Los Angeles Times after receiving his undergraduate degree from Stanford University.

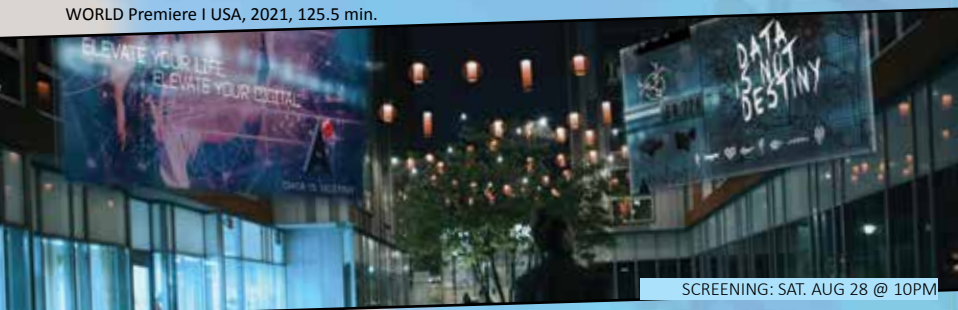
**JOIN US as  
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Michael London  
and screen  
his award  
winning  
film  
TRUMBO**

**WED. SEPT 1 @7PM!**



**MOTO NOSTRA GR 224**

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 125.5 min.



SCREENING: SAT. AUG 28 @ 10PM

**WRITER/DIR:** Warren Lam

**PRODS:** Warren Lam, Christopher Buchanan, Alex Costello, Michael Sorensen

**CAST:** Travis Hinson, Laur Allen, Alex Angarita, Brittany Habel, Michael Sorensen, Victor Chi, Jin Callelo, Tori McPetrie, Erin Su, Andre Ing, Crystal Lee

In the near future, the world runs and needs digital/data and Arknight Industries controls everything because have the only unhackable code technology. It's up to the Moto Nostra, motocross riders who follow the mysterious A-Hole X to inspire an underground movement by expressing the freedom from an analog life. This franchise starter, "GR224", follows the hunt for ancient pre2K digital artifacts scattered in "technology dead zones" many believe hold the secret to reset humanity. Bearclaw, a very damaged rider, is determined to find them while rival Arknight agents want to retrieve them for their own secret agenda.

**SHELLFISH**

WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2020, 82 min.



SCREENING: WED. SEPT 8 @ 9:30PM

**WRITER/DIR:** Hunter Hopewell

**PRODS:** Johnny Brenden, Karla Buhlman, Michael Buhlman, Warren Cobb, Phebe McCorkle, James Hopewell, Nadine Natividad, Francisco Menendez, Tyler Yarbro

**CAST:** Hunter Hopewell, Savannah Joeckel, Mackenzie Amar, Serenity Garcia, Perry Bruno, Brody Dolyniuk, Shari Abdoulah, Michael Abdoulah

Instead of finding a 'real' job, as his parents lovingly put it, stop motion animator Keller attempts to produce a film in a week with his dumbstruck brother and longtime crush. When their shoot goes wrong, Keller must face his own selfishness and decide which is more important, his filmmaking or close relationships, in this coming-of-age comedy with a twist of stop motion animation.

**THE SLEEP: SURVIVAL HORROR (PART ONE)**

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 115 min.



SCREENING: SAT. SEPT 11 @ 8PM

**WRITER/DIR:** Devin Rice

**PRODS:** Jacqueline Rice, Devin Rice

**CAST:** Devin Rice, Stephanie Pearson, Jacqueline Rice, Casey Leach, Samantha Jean, Kaylah Pantaleón, Kendall Chappell, Chris Cleveland, Jordan Wilson, Giselle Torres, Olga Natividad

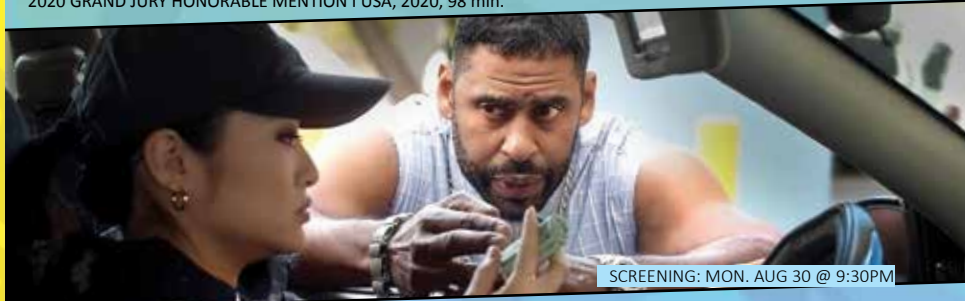
A group of friends are forced through a supernatural psychiatric experiment on Halloween Night where they must survive real-life horrors as well as those unlocked deep within their minds.

WARNING: You will soon enter NEW DIMENSIONS of horror.

## FUSION & SPOTLIGHT FEATURES

### TAKE OUT GIRL

2020 GRAND JURY HONORABLE MENTION | USA, 2020, 98 min.



**WRITERS:** Hedy Wong, Hisonni Mustafa **DIR:** Hisonni Mustafa

**PRODS:** Hedy Wong, Hisonni Mustafa, J. Spencer, Dijon Talton

**CAST:** Hedy Wong, Ski Carr, Lynna Yee, J. Teddy Garcés, Lorin Ly, Dijon Talton

Tera Wong delivers Chinese food for her mother's struggling restaurant located in the "Low Bottoms," an infamous Los Angeles project. And everyone around her, including her unpredictable brother (Saren), are financially trapped in this crime and violence-ridden neighborhood. That is until, Tera takes a job from the local drug Kingpin, moving his "product" inside her takeout food boxes. With the cash rolling in, Tera intends to move the family restaurant to the suburbs and go clean. But after a series of tragic events, the dream that Tera built on a foundation of lies, may crumble.

**UNTOLD: THIS IS MY STORY**

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 90 min.



SCREENING: MON. SEPT 6 @ 7PM

**WRITER/DIR/PROD:** Gina M. Garcia

**CO-PRODS:** Ejola Christlieb Cook, Scott O’Neal, Terri Ivens, Karl M. Lee, Martha Brenckle

**CAST:** Terri Ivens, Melody Butiu, Jennifer Rubin, Carlos Gomez, Simone Lopez, Les Brandt, Julie Goldman, Jason London, Gloria Allred, Dale Raoul, Debra Wilson, Elizabeth Bliss, Fesa Salillas, Nicole Gordon-Levitt, Anne Leighton, Brian Gaskill, Brandy Howard, Quinton Lopez, Ryan Bley, Tammy Lynn Michaels, Steve Crest, Nellie Veitenheimer, Rich Paul, Lisa Arcaro, Ivonne Durant, Molly The Dog, Dereck Roberts, Autumn Federici, Stephanie Fredricks, Ian Patrick Williams, Jay Giannone, Chad Cook, Brian Kamei, Jack Epner, Pam Byrne, Jennifer Laforte, Kiana Politis, Gina M. Garcia

Writer/Director Gina M. Garcia tells her inspiring true story in her feature film debut Untold: This is My Story of the hate crime that triggered disturbing flashbacks to her childhood traumas causing her to seek treatment for P.T.S.D. within the V.A. system. Gina’s journey for the truth implodes her family and nearly takes her life. Starring: Terri Ivens, Melody Butiu, Jennifer Rubin, Carlos Gomez and Civil Rights Attorney Gloria Allred.

**WHAT?**

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 95 min.



SCREENING: THU. SEPT 6 @ 7PM

**WRITER/DIR:** Alek Lev

**PRODS:** Paul Maucere, Cassandra Jones

**CAST:** John Maucere, Josh Breslow, Jeremy Guskin, Amber Zion, Josep Daniel Rosello, Marina Longares Escrichs, Sheena Lyles, Keaton Talmadge, Trevor Murphy, Liz Tannebaum, Christina Schöenfeld, Kay Daigle, Cass Del Castillo, Ruha Taslimi, Anthony Natale, Amanda Peterson, Christy Meyers, John Nicholson, Michael Anthony Spady, Jodi Dennithorne

Filmed in the black-and-white, silent style of Charlie Chaplin, but set in modern-day Los Angeles, **WHAT?** tells the story of a Deaf actor who has had enough of the disrespect and discrimination he confronts in Hollywood. He decides – through sign language, gestures, charades, and whatever it takes – to take matters into his own... hands.

**THE ALTERNATE**

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 87.5 min.



SCREENING: SAT. SEPT 11 @ 11:55PM

**WRITER/DIR:** Alrik Bursell**PROD BY:** Jeffrey Allard **PRODS:** Marcella Cortland and Alrik Bursell**CAST:** Ed Gonzalez Moreno, Natalia Dominguez, Johnny Gilligan, Patrice Biniasia, Jrue Blickman, L. Jeffrey Moore

The Alternate follows Jake, a videographer who discovers a portal to another dimension in which he has everything he has always wanted: the perfect version of his wife Kris, the filmmaking career of his dreams, and the daughter he never had. Jake quickly starts traveling back and forth between these two worlds – spying on his other self, falling in love with the alternate Kris, and getting to know his daughter. Jake soon sees that his alternate is not as perfect as he seems and decides to change places with the alternate Jake and take the good life for himself.

preceded by **ZERO ONE ZERO**

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 12.5 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Graham High**PRODS:** Graham High, Brittany High**CAST:** Charlie Lind, Alysha Young, Trent Thomas, Jim Cash, Ryan Stanger, Mike Leffingwell, Eddie Ramos, Jesse Tiebor, Brittany High, Ryan Huser

Looking to boost his confidence, Chuck tries a new meditation technique and manifests a night he won't forget.

**DANNI AND THE VAMPIRE**

WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2021, 103.5 min.



SCREENING: SAT. SEPT 4 @ 11:55PM

**WRITER/DIR:** Max Werkmeister**PROD:** Caron Clancey**CAST:** Alexandra Landau, Henry Kiely

A madcap drifter tries to reignite a special feeling from her past by helping a vampire achieve his dreams.



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**TAKE**

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 16 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Jeremy Heselup**PRODS:** John Jester, Bonnie Gallanter**CAST:** K.C. Wolf, Alexi Stavrov, Amanda Knapic, Ashley Stauffer, Pouya Rad, John Jester

As eviction looms, a struggling actor turns to crime for survival. But when his getaway doesn't go to plan and he finds himself in the middle of a police chase, he must decide if taking matters into his own hands was the right thing to do.

## LIKE A DIRTY FRENCH NOVEL

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 79 min.



SCREENING: SAT. AUG 28 @ 11:55PM

**WRITERS:** Mike Cuenca, Dan Rojay

**DIR/PROD:** Mike Cuenca

**CAST:** Jennifer Daley, Amanda Viola, Robby Valls, Grant Moninger, Aaron Bustos, Miles Dougal, Joey Halter

A grindhouse noir following a sexually-charged mysterious phone operator, two estranged twin brothers, and a cosplaying femme fatale.

## RUST BELT DRILLER

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 83 min.



SCREENING: FRI. AUG 27 @ 11:55PM

**WRITER:** Aaron Krygier

**DIRS:** David R. Williams, Tilke Hill

**PRODS:** David R. Williams, Aaron Krygier

**CAST:** Aaron Krygier, Jillian Geurts, Veronica Knightly, Steve Jakiel, Andy Rich, Sarah Jeanne, Michael Argentieri, Derek Powell

An artist is driven to homicidal rage by a world gone mad. He turns his studio into a slaughter house, killing his victims with the Drillinator 9,000. The line between reality and insanity becomes blurred as the artist's hallucinations begin to take physical form...or has his madness infected the people around him?

preceded by

## AS GOOD AS DEAD

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 5 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Dave Reda

**PRODS:** Sarah Gordon, Michael Shugrue

**CAST:** Ashley Mary Nunes, Dani Sciacca, Jeffrey Damnit

Zombies, comedy, & good 80's music, what's not to love... Sometimes... You are either the GOOD, the DEAD, or AS GOOD AS DEAD



## ITCH

WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2021, 8 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Matt Cochran

**PRODS:** Matt Cochran, Sam Smith, Torkil Stavdal, Navid Khonsari

**CAST:** Cleo Keahna, Stephen Vining, Sophia Skiles

A troubled teen smokes from a mysterious object which summons a malevolent monster. As he runs to escape it, questions arise as to who the true source of his torment is.

## TINDER TANGO

USA, 2021, 7 min.

**DIR/PROD:** Cecilia Robles

**WRITERS/CAST:** Cecilia Robles & Jordi Caballero

A dreamy Tinder match. Two tango aficionados meet for the first time and it turns out to be a hell of a date!



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# first films

DWF:LA is thrilled to launch the inaugural FIRST FILMS, presenting incredible talent to LA audiences. An encouraging new series where you meet directors and producers at the top of their game as we peel back a layer to discover how they found their success in motion pictures.

## meet PAUL GREENGRASS

Critically-acclaimed British filmmaker, Paul Greengrass, whose semi-documentary style in independent films led to smashing success in Hollywood as the Director of several films in the worldwide blockbuster Jason Bourne franchise starring Matt Damon.

Paul first became interested in filmmaking when he and a friend used their school's Super 8 camera to make an animated horror film using old dolls and artist's dummies. The experience brought him to the realization that he wanted to pursue a career in filmmaking that garnered worldwide accolades and box office success.

He spent the first decade of his career covering global conflict for the ITV current affairs program WORLD IN ACTION. He has written and directed many documentaries, including the Live Aid documentary Food, Trucks and Rock and Roll. He is also an author and co-wrote the controversial bestseller "Spycatcher" with Peter Wright, former assistant director of Britain's MIS. Greengrass has also had a long and distinguished career in British television, where he wrote and directed television films concerned with social and political issues.

His subsequent work as a director, writer, and producer of critically-acclaimed box office successes include "The Bourne Supremacy" (2004), UNITED 93 in (2006) which he wrote, directed, and produced. The powerful dramatic feature told the story, in real-time, of passengers and crew rallying against hijackers on September 11, 2001, "The Bourne Ultimatum" (2007), "Green Zone" starring Matt Damon (2010), Oscar® Best Picture nominee "Captain Phillips" starring Tom Hanks (2013), "Jason Bourne" (2016), the 3 part Netflix series 22 JULY (2018), and "News of The World" starring Tom Hanks which garnered several Oscar nominations (2020)

Greengrass was born in Cheam, Surrey, England, and studied at Queens' College, Cambridge University.

**JOIN US as we meet Paul  
and screen his OSCAR®  
nominated film  
UNITED 93**

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## #NOFILTER WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 13.5 min.

WRITER/DIR: Nathan Crooker PRODS: Nathan Crooker, Maya Korn, Alexis Winter

CAST: Kelly Lamor Wilson, Misha Osherovich, Sam Bixby

#Nofilter addresses the ever-growing issue surrounding Body Dysmorphic Disorder through the eyes of Beth, an insecure twenty-something, who becomes obsessed with an insidious filter, leaving her to question true beauty. It is a cautionary tale for all those obsessed by "likes," being flawless, and thinking that somehow social media is the magical cure-all for happiness. The film stars Kelly Lamor Wilson and Misha Osherovich from "Freaky" and was shot by Jason Banker, the DP of such genre festival darlings as "Toad Road" and "Felt."

## BUMP IN THE NIGHT WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 16.5 min.

WRITER/DIR: Benjamin Allen Smith

PROD: Edwin Ruiz

CAST: Emily Lane, Carl Herzog, Oscar Mansky

A woman moves into her new home. The home is so excited, it throws a party.

## CARL THE EXORCIST USA, 2020, 10 min.

DIR/PROD: Jordan McKittrick

CAST: Zach Tinker, Christina Wolfram, Katie O'Brien, Michael Strassner, Ellie Grace Pomeroy

Father Carl finally gets the chance to perform his first exorcism.

## DARK PASSAGE USA, 2019, 1 min.

WRITER/DIR: Roshni "Rush" Bhatia

PRODS: Andrew Mayne, Virginia Blatter, Roshni "Rush" Bhatia

CAST: Marcus Eddie, Anastasiia Polishchuk

A part time driver's last ride of the night maybe the last ride of his life.

## THE SHELTERED WOMEN WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2020, 9 min.

WRITER/DIR: Matthew P. Higgins

PRODS: Allan Tran, Sam Carmichael, Sophia Eckerle, Michelle Okawa

CAST: Tiffany Dunia, Susan Harmon, Carol Kaufman, Becca Bell, Anita Olanick, Robbie Danzie

Claire visits a women's shelter in search of her missing mother, but an encounter with a mysterious woman suggests all may be a facade.

## SPECIAL DELIVERY UK, 2020, 3 min.

WRITER: Luis Adam Garcia

DIR: John McPhail

PROD: Jack Tarling

CAST: Saskia Ashdown, Ian Sexon

A young delivery driver struggles with one simple direction: DO NOT OPEN THE BOX.

## STEVIE NORTH AMERICA Premiere | USA, 2021, 10 min.

WRITER/DIR: Eric L Thompson

PRODS: Eric L Thompson, AJ Apone, Heather Brawley

CAST: Andrew Garrett, Jake Sidney Cohen, Braden Overwater

Two estranged childhood friends reconcile their relationship during a shady deal.

## TURDUCKEN WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2020, 17 min.

WRITERS: Grant Newcomb Henderson, Aaron Garber (story by)

DIR: Grant Newcomb Henderson

PRODS: Helen Yu, Ciaran Vejby, Patrick Alexander

CAST: Joe Chrest, Lana Young, Eddie Jemison, Katana Lily Marshall

When a passionless family man eats turducken (three bird roast) for the first time, he becomes dangerously obsessed with putting objects into progressively larger objects.

## UNAGI USA, 2020, 6 min.

WRITER/DIR/PROD: Sam Fox

CAST: Sam Fox, Chase Levy

Dinner leads to total metamorphysical mayhem after Ellen finds herself inexplicably changed, consequences of man's inhumanity to the planet.

## YUMMY USA, 2020, 1 min.

WRITER/DIR/PROD: Russell Whaley

CAST: Russell Whaley

When there's a knock at the door... think twice before opening it.

## MIDNIGHT SHORTS GRP 2

USA, 2020, 8.5 min. **CROCKPOT**

**WRITER/DIR:** Ty Jones

**PRODS:** Patrick Rea, Ty Jones

**CAST:** Jessi Burkette, Mike Anderson, Dawn Linneman

Terror awaits a young couple as they fight over going to the young man's parents house the next day for thagksiving.

WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2021, 15.5 min. **CUTTER**

**WRITERS/DIRS:** Dan Repp and Lindsay Young

**PRODS:** Bears Rebecca Fonte and Scott Honea

**CAST:** Nadia Alexander, Leslie Fender, Jen Brown

A teenage cutter in recovery and her overbearing mother are haunted by a ghost who seeks to keep them at odds.

USA, 2021, 2.5 min. **I'M NOT A ROBOT**

**WRITER/DIR/PROD:** Brian Olliver

**CAST:** Marcus Folmar, Hayes Dunlap, Marlene Rhein

When a job applicant struggles to complete a captcha test, his interview escalates from cordial to combative.

CALIFORNIA Premiere | AUSTRALIA, 2020, 15.5 min. **INFERNO**

**WRITERS:** Dean W Law, Katherine Chediak Putnam

**DIR:** Katherine Chediak Putnam

**PRODS:** Brenton Pinsent, Dean W Law

**CAST:** Sam Cotton, Keiran McGinlay, Karen Pudlyk, Melinda Joan Reed, John McNeil

When a family man tears down the remains of his burned-out childhood home in attempt to bury his family's tragic past, he finds himself tormented by something sinister uncovered in the demolition.

CALIFORNIA Premiere | USA, 2021, 13.5 min. **THE OCCULT SON**

**WRITER/DIR:** Patrick Murphy

**PRODS:** Chace McGuire, Travis DuBridge

**CAST:** Chris Markle, Natalie Polisson, Kristen Vaganos

A couple's morning is interrupted when a witch moves in next-door during a solar eclipse.

CALIFORNIA Premiere | USA, 2020, 13.5 min. **PICNIC PALS IN DREAMLAND**

**WRITER/DIR:** David Ferino

**PROD:** Jonathan Rosenblit

**CAST:** Lizzy McGroder, Johnny Smith, Katy Habib, Melinda Dekay

A young woman with paranoid FOMO is left out of her best friends' dream-sharing experience. Psychic adventure ensues.

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 5 min. **PRUDENCE**

**WRITER/DIR:** R.D. Womack II

**PRODS:** Radhika Womack, Rhett Cutrell

**CAST:** LaDios Muhammad, Arianna Scott

In the winter of 1893, Prudence hears strange chanting outside her cabin.

USA, 2020, 8 min. **SNAKE DICK**

**WRITER/DIR:** David Mahmoudieh **PRODS:** George Lako, Annalea Fiachi, Josh Bachove

**CAST:** Poppy Drayton, Sierra Pond, Micah Fitzgerald, Ross Francis

Jill's got the snake. Julia's got the flute. Alone, they have nothing. But together, they have a secret weapon to fight the darkness... Two women on a mysterious journey across the Californian desert are forced to stop for repairs when their car breaks down. At a nearby gas station, they encounter "the locals" who seem hellbent on cat-calling their way into trouble. With their safety in doubt, the girls call on the only defense they have – a deadly and mysterious weapon unlike any other.

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 3.5 min. **VERONICA MILLER**

**WRITERS:** Cade Scott, Kuang Lee **DIR:** Kuang Lee

**PRODS:** Alice Ko, Ben Gelera

**CAST:** Autumn Harrison, Mao Sun, Christine Liao

What starts as a date at a local art gallery, quickly turns to horror... as a young couple accidentally invokes the destructive spirit of a murdered artist.

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 7.5 min. **YOUR HOUSEPLANTS ARE SCREAMING**

**DIR:** Benjamin Roberds

**PROD:** Katie Gregg

Human houseplants are held captive by a giant plant creature. Confined to their pots, the houseplants struggle to comprehend the horror of being shelf ornaments in a grotesque hell house made of flesh, meat, muscle and bone.

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# From Under The Bridge

When Bullies Become Trolls

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**THE ACCIDENTAL PRESIDENT**

USA, 2021, 109 min.



SCREENING: SUN. SEPT 12 @ 1:30PM

**DIR:** James Fletcher**PRODS:** James Fletcher, Eva Kornblum, Ted Guard, Angus Wall, Kent Kubena**FEATURING:** Frank Luntz, Jerry Springer, Joe Trippi, Aaron Sorkin, April Ryan, Matt Schlapp, Amy Chozick, Van Jones, Scott Adams, John Avlon, Prof. Allan Lichtman, Susan Del Percio, Richard Miniter, David Pakman, Steve Schmidt, Mary Katherine Ham, Deb Roy, Anthony Scaramucci, Jonathan Wackrow, Michael d'Antonio, Molly Ball, Piers Morgan, Kellyanne Conway

As America began to try and come to terms with the surprising (and for many voters, horrifying) results of the presidential race of 2016, the subsequent rapid-fire speed of events and jam-packed news cycles meant that nobody would ever have the opportunity to truly and properly reflect on what exactly just happened — and how did it?

THE ACCIDENTAL PRESIDENT is British filmmaker/journalist James Fletcher's quest for those answers. In it, he not only uncovers a detailed play-by-play from all angles on how it all went down, but also the state of America that led to the results.

**BACKSTREET TO THE AMERICAN DREAM**

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 102.5 min.



SCREENING: SUN. AUG 29 @ 5PM

**PROD/DIR:** Patricia Nazario**EXEC PROD:** Dolores Huerta**FEATURING:** Dolores Huerta, Guillermina Vella Río, Chef Ryan Harkins, Chef Roy Choi, Bill Esparza, Luis Valdez and Sal Lopez

A comprehensive look into the successes and struggles of the quintessential 21st century American small business venture — Food Trucks. Backstreet to the American Dream features two vastly different operations in the same city: Grill 'Em All, the prestigious first-season winner of The Great Food Truck Race on The Food Network, and El Pescadito, a Mexican seafood lonchera that's been parking in the same immigrant neighborhood since 1982. Their distinct stories explore Los Angeles' legacy of systemic racism and illuminate the vast interpretations of the modern American Dream.

"10 out of 10... The last time I was this entertained by an art documentary it was Exit Through the Giftshop featuring none other than Banksy."

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# HOLY FRIT

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**BLEEDING AUDIO**

2020 DOC AUDIENCE WINNER | USA, 2020, 91 min.



SCREENING: SAT. SEPT 11 @ 10PM

**DIR:** Chelsea Christer **PRODS:** Erin Persley, Chelsea Christer, Jannette Bivona**FEATURING:** Shawn Harris, Jon Devoto, Justin San Souci, Matt Whalen, Mark Hoppus, Nick Hexum, Tom Higgenson, Cassadee Pope

From inspiring triumphs to heartbreaking setbacks, *Bleeding Audio* relives the explosive career of The Matches and explores what it means to succeed in the digital age of music.

**DEAR IKE: LOST LETTERS TO A TEEN IDOL**

WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2021, 66 min.



SCREENING: SUN. SEPT 5 @ 2:30PM

**DIR:** Dion Labriola**PRODS:** Dion Labriola, Andy Steinlen**FEATURING:** Ike Eisenmann, Talon Bohn, Dion Labriola, Carmella Moore, David Zuder, Andy Steinlen, Patricia Bishop, Lauren Qualls, John DiMascio, Christopher Gaal

Interviews and animation combine with a hilariously hefty dose of 70s and 80s pop-culture nostalgia in this heartwarming documentary that recounts the story of one teenager's all-consuming childhood quest to contact his boyhood idol, Ike Eisenmann (of Walt Disney's "Escape to Witch Mountain" fame). The goal of his mission: to ask Ike to star in an animated science-fiction epic that he was forever developing in an overstuffed three-ring binder. After an exhaustive string of failed attempts, a magical turn of events brings new life to that dream... some 40 years later.

**FIREBOYS**

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 82 min.



SCREENING: SAT. SEPT 11 @ 5PM

**WRITERS/DIRS:** Drew Dickler, Jake Hochendoner**PRODS:** Jake Hochendoner, Drew Dickler, Geoff Pingree, David Sherwin

The untold story of young men incarcerated in California who are offered a way out: by fighting wildfires. Immersive and personal, this coming-of-age story is told from the perspectives of the young men as they summon the courage to fight fires and confront their pasts. From prison, fighting wildfires in the forests of California, and finally, back to their homes on the outside, *Fireboys* examines a correctional path that is both hopeful and destructive; California's fire camps promote rehabilitation but also exploit prison labor to address one of the state's most urgent environmental problems.

# Hollywood Priest

THE STORY OF FR. "BUD" KIESER

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**GLITTERBOX PRES. WHERE LOVE LIVES**

UNITED KINGDOM, 2021, 54.5 min.



SCREENING: SAT. SEPT 4 @ 10PM

**DIR:** BRILLIAMS**PRODS:** Ollie Prince, Simon Dawson, Simon Dunmore

Global nightlife phenomenon Glitterbox presents *Where Love Lives*. The film is a story of music's enduring power of community to accept and embrace, to liberate, even to save lives. It's a story of acceptance and creative expression – empowered, enabled and soundtracked by club music. Through exclusive interviews with titans of nightlife culture, *Where Love Lives* contributors Billy Porter, Honey Dijon, Kathy Sledge, Kiddy Smile, Lucy Fizz, John 'Jellybean' Benitez and many more explore how those driven to the margins of society are welcomed unconditionally to the centre of the dancefloor.

preceded by

**"WORLD PREMIERE VIDEO"  
- THE MUSIC VIDEO THAT SURVIVED  
WHEN MUSIC TELEVISION DIDN'T**

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 12 min.

**WRITER/DIR/PROD:** Mike J. Nichols**FEATURING:** Mike J. Nichols, Dweezil Zappa, Scott Stockman, Ryan Rose with David A. Nichols and Rick Nichols

"WORLD PREMIERE VIDEO..." is an honest, feel-good testament to a time when the world loved Steven Spielberg and George Lucas, and as a consequence, everyday kids were using Super-8 film to make their dreams toward one day making it in Hollywood...

"THIS is just beautifully put together. I got emotional watching..." – Robert Meyer Burnett

**GRIDLOCKED: ON TOUR WITH THE BRIGGS**

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 79.5 min.



SCREENING: SAT. SEPT 11 @ 7:30PM

**WRITER/DIR:** Kevin James Barry**PRODS:** Kevin James Barry, Kathryn Barry**FEATURING:** Joey LaRocca, Jason LaRocca, Derik Envy, Trevor Jackson, Jake Margolis

"Gridlocked" follows the LA-based punk-rock band The Briggs during the band's ten day tour of the west coast with personal interviews from the band's frontman, Joey LaRocca. Joey must navigate a music career that fell short of his youthful expectations as it collided with the realities of maturing and gaining family responsibilities. The story culminates, in what may be the final tour with the band that he loves, with the realization that life doesn't always play out as expected.



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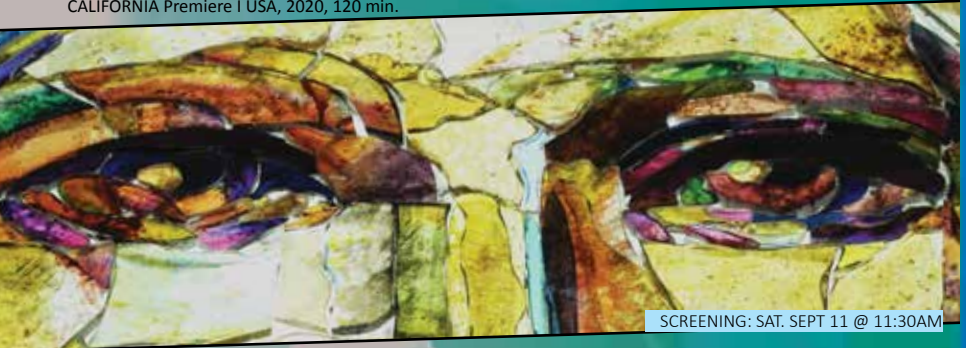
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**PRG**

**HOLY FRIT**

CALIFORNIA Premiere | USA, 2020, 120 min.



SCREENING: SAT. SEPT 11 @ 11:30AM

**WRITERS:** Justin Monroe, Ryan Fritzsche**DIR:** Justin Monroe**PRODS:** Justin Monroe, Chris Saito, Kasey Monroe**FEATURING:** Tim Carey, Narcissus Quagliata, David Judson, Adam Hamilton

In this three-year race against time, Tim Carey, a talented, yet unknown LA artist bluffs his way into winning the commission to create the largest stained-glass window of its kind. The problem is, he doesn't know how to make it. After a desperate search, he finds someone who might have the answer...a famous glass maestro, named, Narcissus Quagliata.

**HOLLYWOOD PRIEST:  
THE STORY OF FR. "BUD" KIESER**

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 64 min.



SCREENING: FRI. SEPT 10 @ 5PM

**WRITER/DIR:** Tom Gibbons**PRODS:** Tom Gibbons, Maria~Elena Poblacion Pineda**FEATURING:** Bob Newhart, Martin Sheen, Tim Matheson, John Amos, Marion Ross, Lee Purcell, Catherine Hicks, Ed Begley, Jr., John Sacret Young, Christine Avila

He started off as a minister, but he ended up as a mogul. A documentary film on the larger-than-life story of a Holy Man in Hollywood who found success in the entertainment industry... but found salvation when he brought national attention to the famine crisis in Africa.



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**I AM HERE**

WEST COAST Premiere | SOUTH AFRICA, 2021, 72.5 min.



SCREENING: SUN. AUG 29 @ 2:30PM

**DIR:** Jordy Sank**PRODS:** Gabriella Blumberg, Jordy Sank**FEATURING:** Ella Blumenthal

Ella is not your average 98-year-old. Her magnetic personality makes her past even more surprising. Follow this spirited South African Holocaust survivor as she reveals her astonishing life journey and unwavering appreciation of life.

preceded by

**BEAR AND FRED**

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 14 min.

**DIR/PROD:** Keith Famie**FEATURING:** Fred Lessing and Hailey Callahan

Michigan student, Hailey Callahan, visits Holocaust survivor Fred Lessing at his home after meeting him at the Holocaust Memorial Center. Fred shares his story of how his boyhood teddy bear was his only family while hiding in Holland and reads an excerpt from a children's book that was written about him and his bear. This story will be featured in an hour long film, Shoah Ambassadors.

**SKY SO BLUE**

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 59 min.



SCREENING: SAT. SEPT 11 @ 3PM

**WRITER/EXEC PROD:** Timothy P. Oliver**DIRS:** Michael J. Finnegan, David L. Trapasso Jr.**PRODS:** Connor Etter, David L. Trapasso Jr.

The 9/11 Memorial in New York is a sacred place. The final resting place for many of the nearly 3,000 victims of the September 11th attacks.

Based on the book, "Finding Fifteen," "Sky So Blue" is a feature length documentary based on families who lost so much on 9/11.

Follow Tim Oliver on his daily walk to work through the memorial. A walk that becomes a journey of love, hope and survival to find five families of 9/11, who relive the final moments of innocent Americans caught up in the attacks and share their unique perspectives on a divided and pandemic-stricken America 20 years later.

"Life is like a theater; often very bad people occupy the best seats." - Euripides

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**THY QUEENDOM COME**

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 65 min.



SCREENING: SUN. AUG 29 @ 7:30PM

**WRITER/DIR:** Marquisa Gardner**PRODS:** Marquisa Gardner, Michael Mejia**FEATURING:** Miss Prissy and Throne Performing Arts Dance Company

Thy Queendom Come displays the story of everyday south central living communicated through the art form known as dance. In this film we will see the company Throne performing, which tells a folktale of different scenarios going on in their community through dance expression and the creative arts.

preceded by

**FAIRIES BASEBALL**

WORLD Premiere | USA/UNITED KINGDOM, 2021, 14.5 min.

**DIR/PROD:** Ruth Fowler**FEATURING:** Tatiana Wills, Lily Wills,

Rebecca Witjas, Evlynn Braithwaite Householder,

Caroline Carter, Carmela Stoddard



Why would anyone over the age of twelve take up ballet? Four older dancers explain the importance of dance to their lives, and give us a sharp reminder of the need for art to survive.

**TOO SOON: COMEDY AFTER 9/11**

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 88 min.

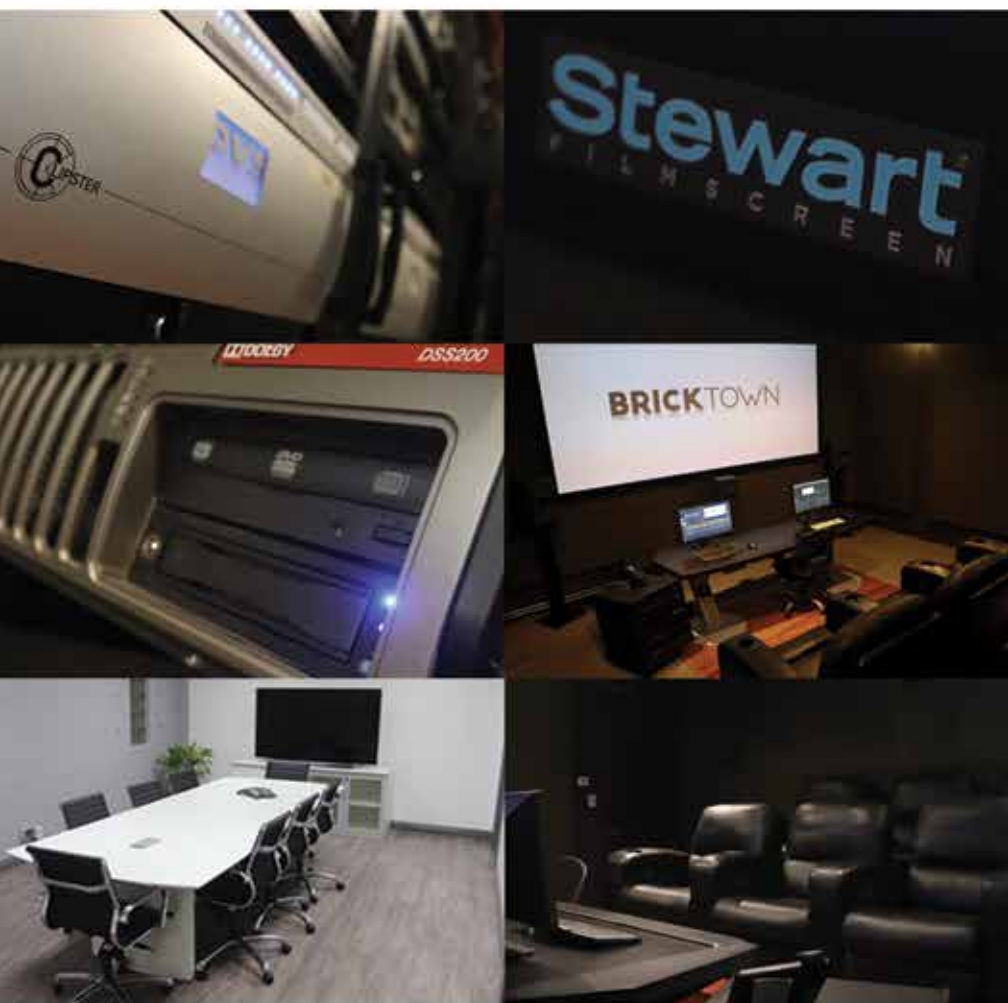


SCREENING: SAT. SEPT 11 @ 2:30PM

**DIRS:** Nick Fituri Scown & Julie Seabaugh**PRODS:** Dan Baglio, Marissa Clifford, Sean Hayes, Todd Milliner, Tammy Chu, Ben Heins, Scott Recchia, Benjamin Stephen**FEATURING:** David Cross, Janeane Garofalo, Matthew Broderick, Nathan Lane, Rob Riggle, Aasif Mandvi, Michael Schur, Marc Maron, Gilbert Gottfried, Matt Walsh, Chris Kattan, Cedric the Entertainer

It seemed incomprehensible to ever laugh again in the aftermath of September 11, 2001. New York clubs closed for the first time in history. Irony was dead. Making light of what had happened? Forget it. As they walked a tightrope of "appropriate" humor in the days, weeks, and years that followed 9/11, Broadway superstars, stand-ups, talk-show hosts, The Onion satirical newspaper, Saturday Night Live players, celebrity roasters, and Daily Show favorites discovered that while their words might cause controversy or even death threats, ultimately their comedy could help a nation heal.

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**UNIQUE**

WORLD Premiere | ISRAEL, 2021, 54.5 min.



SCREENING: SUN. AUG 29 @ 12PM

**WRITER/DIR/PROD:** Nachum Mochiach  
**FEATURING:** Gili Basson

Since being a child, Gili Basson felt like she was in the wrong body. After wandering around many years, when she celebrated her 30th birthday she took the big step. And since carrying her new body and identity, she is searching for the right way for her to live while making progress in the fields of interest in her career and personal life.

preceded by

**LOVING**

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 8.5 min.

**WRITERS:** Neal Treadwell, Hugh Nini  
**DIR:** Matt Hamilton  
**PRODS:** Jackie Hoegger, Neal Treadwell, Hugh Nini, Andrew Bell  
**FEATURING:** Neal Treadwell, Hugh Nini



Loving portrays the history of romantic love between men in hundreds of moving and tender vernacular photographs taken between the years 1850 and 1950. This visual narrative of astonishing sensitivity brings to light an until-now-unpublished collection of hundreds of snapshots, portraits, and group photos taken in the most varied of contexts, both private and public.

**VINYL NATION**

USA, 2020, 92.5 min.



SCREENING: SAT. AUG 28 @ 5PM

**PRODS/DIRS:** Kevin Smokler & Christopher Boone

A documentary dig into the resurgence of vinyl records, the diversification of vinyl fans, and the connective power of music.

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# Backstreet to the American Dream

A DOCUMENTARY BY AWARD-WINNING JOURNALIST PATRICIA NAZARIO  
UN DOCUMENTAL DE LA YA GALARDONADA PERIODISTA PATRICIA NAZARIO



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**ZERO GRAVITY**

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Premiere | USA, 2021, 74.5 min.



SCREENING: MON. AUG 30 @ 7PM

**WRITER/DIR:** Thomas Verrette**PRODS:** Thomas Verrette, Haller Rice

ZERO GRAVITY follows a diverse group of middle-school students from San Jose, CA, who compete in a nationwide tournament to code satellites aboard the International Space Station. Seen through the wondrous eyes of three young students and their first-time coach, they each take an intimate and personal journey to space as their team grows from amateur coders to representing California in the ISS Finals Tournament — the culmination of a summer-long adventure that sees their incredible accomplishment performed by astronauts in orbit.

**DOC SHORTS: GRP 1**

SCREENING: MON. SEPT 6 @ 4:30PM

**THE KIDS ARE STILL HERE**

USA, 2020, 24 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Christopher Ninness**PRODS:** Christopher Ninness, Emmy Andruvile, Jolly Okot**FEATURING:** Dante Basco

A documentary short film about communities in Northern Uganda affected by nodding syndrome — a rare and deadly disease that's been infecting children since the 1960s

**LOVE REACHES EVERYWHERE**

WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2021, 35.5 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Sean Bloomfield**PRODS:** Cimela Kidonakis, Sean Bloomfield**FEATURING:** Gerard Butler, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow

Actor Gerard Butler embarks on a life-changing journey to see how his mother's favorite non-profit organization transforms the lives of children in some of the world's poorest countries.

**PANT HOOT**

CALIFORNIA Premiere | USA, 2020, 22 min.

**DIR/PROD:** Richard Reens**EXEC PRODS:** Barbara Hollweg, Lewis Hollweg**FEATURING:** Stany Nyandwi, Dr Jane Goodall DBE, Jana Jane Swart, Lewis Hollweg

As the world's chimpanzee population dwindles in the wild, one man risks everything to care for a group of mistreated animals rescued by Jane Goodall's Chimp Eden Sanctuary in South Africa. Stany Nyandwi, a survivor of the Burundi genocide, overcomes insurmountable odds to become one of the only humans to master the complicated 'pant hoot' chimp language. Recognizing that it's not just a chimpanzee/human struggle, he's taken it upon himself to reconnect with our closest relatives on this planet. Love knows no man-made boundaries in this universal story about understanding.

# DOC SHORTS: GRP 2

SCREENING: TUE. SEPT 7 @ 4:30PM

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF HOLLYWOOD

USA, 2020, 9.5 min.



DIR/PROD: Nate Barlow

A billboard. Simply a billboard. Long before it became the symbol of the movie industry, the Hollywood Sign had another, more prosaic purpose — a blockbuster-sized advertisement for a housing development. Over the years the world took notice, and the status of the former Hollywoodland Sign evolved,

as did the industry that the soon-to-be Hollywood Sign came to represent. Beyond show business iconography, however, the story of the Hollywood Sign — its ups & downs, modifications, decay, and reconstruction — is a reflection of the times, the story of a town, an industry, a country. Sometimes a sign is not simply a sign.

## BUD GOLDFARB BITES THE BIG APPLE

WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2020, 6.5 min.



DIR: David Ferino

PRODS: Hunt Beaty, Jose Andres Cardona

FEATURING: Charles Scharfman

What's initially meant as a simple tour of Manhattan devolves into a series of shrewd tirades from its (very) unique guide. Bud Goldfarb offers up dating advice, spiritual wisdom, and pre-COVID prescience that's both specific to New York and somehow universal.

## ENDOMIC

WEST COAST Premiere | CANADA/USA, 2021, 10 min.



WRITERS/DIRS/PRODS:

Camille Hollett-French, Ipek Ensari

FEATURING: AJ Simmons, Dr. Ipek Ensari, Natasha Richards, Rhiannon Collett, Sally Zori, Cordelia Titus

An exhaustive meta-analytic doc-meets-mock outlining a mysterious "women's" issue, otherwise known as endometriosis. [1] term used to describe a clinical etiology that thus far has only been identified in primates with a female reproductive system, an anatomical structure of decidedly lower importance in comparison to those of the male primate.

## EVERYTHING BUT FEAR

WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2020, 9.5 min.



WRITER: Joe Neal DIR: Bryan TwZ Brousseau

PRODS: Bryan TwZ Brousseau, Ricky Ray Taylor, Lisa Edward

A short documentary about the life of boxing trainer Francisco Mendez, who immigrated from a small town in Mexico, achieved his American Dream of opening a boxing gym, but then faced his greatest fight — COVID-19 during the height of the pandemic in New York City.

## SKID ROW, LOS ANGELES

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 40 min.



WRITER/DIR: Van Maximilian Carlson

PRODS: Van Maximilian Carlson, Kirk Palayan

FEATURING: Gerald Hall

Intimate portraits of homelessness in Los Angeles told through the eyes of a charismatic Iraq War Veteran, activists fighting to form a Skid Row neighborhood council, and a Skid Row Music Choir, all searching for purpose and connection while overcoming the economic disadvantages of life on Skid Row.

# DOC SHORTS: GRP 3

SCREENING: WED. SEPT 8 @ 4:30PM

## BEHIND THESE WALLS

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 21 min.

DIR/PROD: Caitlyn Hynes



A documentary short that offers an unprecedented lens into a South-Central Los Angeles neighborhood's arduous five-year campaign to end operations at their neighborhood oil drilling site – a site that is part of the largest urban oil field in the nation. Told through the perspective of local residents and community activists, this documentary explores the harsh realities and health consequences of urban oil drilling, while highlighting the perseverance of these activists in the face of adversities and setbacks.

## BIG FEARS, LITTLE RISKS

WORLD Premiere | USA/UNITED KINGDOM, 2021, 36 min.

WRITERS/PRODS: Azel James, Thom Golab

DIR: Azel James

FEATURING: Matty Cardarople, Bruce Ames, Alex Berezow, Fred Chen, Michael Eisen, Nina Fedoroff, Rachel Haurwitz, Nan Hayworth, Benjamin Janaway, Skyler Johnson, Paul Offit, Joseph Perrone, Jose Reyes, Rebekah Rogers, Michael Shermer, James Yu, David Zaruk



Thirty years ago, Walter Cronkite and world-renowned scientists working with the American Council on Science and Health took on the overblown fears of their day. Today, with a pandemic that's taken nearly 3 million lives, it's never been more important to communicate science. Matty Cardarople (Stranger Things) hosts some of the world's leading scientists like Dr. Bruce Ames, Dr. Paul Offit, and others to discuss vaccines, GMOs, and Nuclear Power. Those vilified technologies may be our best hope at ending a global health crisis, feeding the world, and reversing climate change.

# DOWN BEAT GRP 1: A Celebration of MUSIC & DANCE

SCREENING: FRI. AUG 27 @ 2PM

## CAN'T GET ENOUGH - BEGINNERS

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 3min.

DIR/PROD: svn qns

Inspired by the all-consuming force of infatuation, the intricate shapes of dancers' bodies spark a chain reaction across the scenes – much like a row of falling dominoes. The intention was to trap the lead singer of the band in a cycle of reactive behavior until she breaks free.

## CHANEL | SHARING ALL MY COLOURS WITH YOU

NORTH AMERICA Premiere | THE NETHERLANDS, 2021, 7 min.

WRITER/DIR: Arjen Schotel

PRODS: Arjen Schotel, Robin Bruinsma

FEATURING: Chanel Vvent

"I came from an environment from which I learned that there was a certain standard that I could not identify with. At least.. not as a black woman." The music starts. Professional dancer Chanel Vvent removes the imposed straitjacket and steps outside." In "Chanel," the seven-minute and 32-second audiovisual dance story from Arjen Schotel, we are introduced to Chanel Vvent, the Dutch dancer with Surinamese roots. We see and hear how, over time, she steps into different spaces, finds her identity and takes her place.

## DESOLVIDO

COLOMBIA, 2021, 10 min.

WRITER/DIR: Andrés Roa Ariza

PRODS: Colin Rogero, Andrés Roa Ariza

FEATURING: Jimena Diaz, Alex Roma, Maithe Hurtado, Jorge Puerto, Michael Acevedo, Edward Kennedy, Elmer Ruiz

This is the story of a family that represents the collective memory of a country that for more than seventy years has lived in war, which has left more than 260,000 people killed, more than 8,000,000 people displaced from their lands and more than 80,000 missing Colombians. A family that travels through a country submerged in state corruption, precarious health coverage and government abuse that assassinates innocents to pass them off as guerrillas, an act of barbarism known as falsos positivos and that to date has left a balance of 6402 Colombians murdered by the military forces.

## DIAMONDS

AUSTRALIA, 2020, 4 min.

WRITER/DIR: Shaun David Barker

PRODS: Shaun David Barker, Nathan Joyce, Sou Lang Ly, Georgina Nottage, Madeline Dixon, Hadleigh Kirk, Jo Larkin

The first music video ever produced entirely in isolation; "Diamonds" is a spirited account of life brought to a stand-still across the globe, at the very beginning of the 2020 Pandemic.

## DOLL KLAW - YOU SAID

USA, 2021, 6 min.

WRITERS/PRODS: Eric Foss, Roland Castro, Masha Balakireva

DIR: Eric Foss

FEATURING: Jessica Caro, Mike Targus

A mysterious girl drags a dead body into the desert, drops him into a shallow grave, and starts burying him. As she sings she starts to fantasize about new beginnings; new relationships with new people which provokes her to personify her shovel and adopt him/her/it as a smiling new dance partner. But the seemingly lifeless body in the ground has a few surprises up his sleazy sleeves. Music video for "You Said" and "Vermin" by Doll Klaw.

## DOWN

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 3.5 min.

WRITERS/DIRS/PRODS: Thomas Sullivan and Andy Min

FEATURING: Andy Min

This is a music video produced for the 2021 single "Down" by Goodtime. Gilbert the Puppet has a boombox and is waiting for Goodtime. He puts in the cassette and hits play, sending Goodtime on a mind-bending, fantastical journey through the song.

## THE FLAME YOU KEEP

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 5 min.

WRITER/DIR/PROD: Andres Useche

FEATURING: Yusra Mardini, Barack Obama, Andres Useche, Filippo Grandi

The Flame You Keep chronicles the plight of refugees across the globe, including the story of Yusra Mardini who fled from Syria to become an Olympian swimmer and a Good Will Ambassador for UNHCR.

## MELA KOTELUK & KWADROFONIK - TREES

POLAND, 2021, 5.5 min.

WRITER/DIR/PROD: Andrzej Stepouois

FEATURING: Đỗ Hoàng Việt „Shiney”, Mela Koteluk & Kwadrofonik: Bartek Waşik, Emilia Sitarz, Magdalena Kordylasińska-Pekala, Piotr Maślanka; Lumberjacks: Batgerel Bold, Akbulut Kubanychbek, Hai Hung Dinh, Bagakhuu Nyamsuren

In the metaphorical music video, the fairy tale meets reality, and the blue resin – the blood of the tree stops the chainsaws of the lumberjacks. The main character of video confronts the force of nature which results in a transformation into a tree. The music video for the song "Trees" was shot in the Carpathian Forest, where monumental trees are cut. The artists appeal to the public and draw attention to the enormous problem of deforestation.

# DOWN BEAT GRP 1: A Celebration of MUSIC & DANCE

SCREENING: FRI. AUG 27 @ 2PM

WORLD Premiere | FRANCE, 2021, 3.5 min.

## NÎM . HIDEAWAY

WRITER/DIR: Etienne Fu-Le Saulnier

PRODS: Studio V7, Gaïa Maniquant-Rogozzyk, Pablo Chazel

FEATURING: Exocé Oob Kasongo

A man dancing amid the raging elements.

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 3.5 min.

## THE UGLIEST

WRITER/DIR: Victor Ridaura

PROD: Mary Kate van den Berg

FEATURING: Colton Little, Lewaa Nasserdeen

A man drives crying. We don't know why. But we see clues. A box with mementos. A photograph. And as the driver closes his eyes, we're transported to the moment that led to this. Him putting the box in his car, and walking away from the love of his life. We then jump back in time even more. Find the two men saying goodbye. Then back further and see them fighting, but then, all the ugly memories disappear, and we begin to see why they fell in love.

As the video progresses we keep jumping further backwards in time until we reach the night they met.

USA, 2020, 7.5 min.

## WHAT HAPPENED TO STEPHANIE?

WRITER/PROD: Jessica Elizabeth Davenport

DIR: Ciro Ayala

This is the story of two women, Liz and Stephanie along with their male companions Zee and Hayden. We meet them at happy hour, a bar called "Oscillation Friday" in lower Manhattan. Hayden follows Stephanie into a dark club, where we find both elation from love on the dance floor and violence in the face of rejection. In the final scene of "Seduction Trash," Liz and Stephanie are haunted by the aftermath of sudden love, and the human tendency to reenact unresolved traumas.

# DOWN BEAT GRP 2: A Celebration of MUSIC & DANCE

SCREENING: FRI. SEPT 10 @ 2PM

WORLD Premiere | FRANCE, 2020, 4 min.

## ALL OF US IS ONE

WRITER/DIR: Xavier Zahra

PRODS: Tiffany Stern, Actors Factory

FEATURING: Tom Mairat, Paul Paracini, Cindy Bobbio, Valentin Rocher, Morgane Nexon, David Bottazzi, Adèle Georgelin, Alexis Corso, Cesar Chemla, Marion Dauvilliers, Romane Pain, Léa Issert, Eoghan Fehr, Helena Rosenstein, Frédéric Dayan, Jaïs Elalouf

Let's party like it's 1969!

NORTH AMERICA Premiere | USA, 2020, 3.5 min.

## BATMAN

DIR/PROD: Max Korman

FEATURING: Max Gertler, Goldwood, YGB, Lostboy, Notrust

Holy bars and flow Batman! The Delivery Boys give their own take on the classic 1960s superhero tv show.

WORLD Premiere | JAPAN, 2021, 6 min.

## EVENTIDE

DIRS/PRODS: Hamish Campbell and Ruben Fro

FEATURING: Asakí Kuryu

Eventide is a surreal, dreamlike experimental short film merging reality with real-time VFX, set in an abandoned mansion outside of Tokyo.

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 6 min.

## GENEVA JACUZZI'S CASKET

WRITER/DIR: Chris Friend

PROD: Hunter Lee Hughes

FEATURING: Geneva Jacuzzi

Kate Shaw is massively frustrated. She has several shipments of experimental Emote Cartridges past due for delivery to the World Wellness Watch, the current one-world government. Kate is going to miss the deadline. Execution is likely.

WORLD Premiere | CANADA, 2021, 4 min.

## GROUPTHINK

WRITER: Amanda Sum

DIR: Mayumi Yoshida

PRODS: John Alviz, Amanda Sum, Mayumi Yoshida

FEATURING: Amanda Sum

A charming video for Amanda Sum's debut single directed by Mayumi Yoshida. Reflecting on the relationship between humans and machinery, "Grouphink" explores the idea of breaking free from societal expectations with an all female line up donning traditional cheongsam dresses.

# DOWN BEAT GRP 2: A Celebration of MUSIC & DANCE

SCREENING: FRI. SEPT 10 @ 2PM

## HERE/NOT HERE

NORTH AMERICA Premiere | UNITED KINGDOM, 2020, 29.5 min.



**WRITER:** Jonzi D

**DIR:** Bim Ajadi

**PRODS:** Anne Beresford, Andrew Gillman

**CAST:** Nadeem Islam, Catrina Nisbett, Theophilus 'Godson' Oloyade, Ryan Pendley

Here/Not Here is a deaf hip hop music drama combining elements of hip hop dance, football, sign language and visual vernacular – a choreographic and poetic form of sign.

**ONLY ONE** WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 4.5 min.

**DIR/PROD:** Theone Ly

**FEATURING:** Ellen Shieh and Khuê

Women often find themselves pressured by society to be perfect. This is a story about how one woman breaks out of that expectation and finds peace within herself.

**QUARANTINE VALENTINE** WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 4 min.

**WRITERS/PRODS:** Dimitra Korri, Nicholas Kuznacic

**DIR:** Dimitra Korri

**FEATURING:** Dimitra Korri, Nicholas Kuznacic

A woman seeks an escape from her post-apocalyptic reality by playing a new VR figure skating game, "Quarantine Valentine" powered by electronic dance music artist, "Kitteh x Kitteh". As the lines between the real and virtual world start to blur she enters a phase of disillusionment where she experiences failure, success and falls in love with her virtual opponent.

**TRANSCENDING DUALITY** WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 5 min.

**WRITER/DIR/PROD:** Alexa Lautenschlager

**FEATURING:** Brianna Huggins, Matthew "Sunray" Bernal, Alexa Lautenschlager, Kristina Jennifer

During a historically divided time, we must learn to transcend said division by operating in the harmonious middle ground. By means of dance, advanced visual effects, stunt work, and vehemence, this project is a personal attempt at adding to the eclipse of duality our global sentence could use.

**WILSEN: RUINER** WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2020, 5 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Stephen Michael Simon

**PRODS:** Stephen Michael Simon & Halleloo Creative

**FEATURING:** Mitzi Akaha & Tamsin Wilson

Two very different women cross paths out in the mountains.

**THE WORLD'S GONE NUTZ** USA, 2020, 5 min.

**WRITER/DIR/PROD:** Daniel Robert Cohn

**CAST:** Spazzy Squirrel, Mama Squirrel, Tiger Squirrel

How do you tell the story of the nuttiest year in recent history... and do it in under five minutes? Simple – you find a few very talented squirrels to re-enact it all! Utilizing real squirrels from his own backyard, filmmaker/musician Daniel Robert Cohn created an entire squirrel world that captures all the politics, pop-culture, and societal challenges of 2020 in a nutshell. Cohn wrote and performed the song and executed every aspect of the video – all during quarantine.

**YGB RAPPIN ALL FAST** NORTH AMERICA Premiere | USA, 2020, 2.5 min.

**DIR/PROD:** Max Korman

**FEATURING:** YGB, Goldwood, Lostboy, Max Gertler, Notrust

The Delivery Boys speed through Los Angeles on a manic journey to complete a pizza order.

# COMPETITION SHORTS: GRP 1

SCREENING: SAT. AUG 28 @ 1:30PM

## DEAR JESUS

CALIFORNIA Premiere | CAN, 2020, 14 min.

**WRITER:** Emily Coutts **DIR:** Kat Webber

**PRODS:** Emily Coutts, Gina Lomas

**CAST:** Quincy Kirkwood, Lilly Bartlam, Carlyn Burchell, Rosemary Dunsmore, Emily, Coutts, Jonathan Koensgen, Cash Martins,

Jayden Mageste, Holly MacIntyre, Abigail Nadeau, Juliet di Gioacchino, Esmee LaCoe, Jorja Windsor, Jessica Lee, Delaney Coutts, Payton Emmorey, Steve McCarthy



Set in a small town, Dear Jesus is the coming-of-age story of Ella. After forming a connection to Jesus Christ and being crowned the lead of the school play, young Ella begins to believe she can control the outcomes of her life. After tragedy strikes, Ella believes it was her own prayers that were the cause. She will have to reconcile with herself and her faith through a debilitating repentance. Dear Jesus is a chilling tale that examines a child's first encounter with shame and guilt.

## HIRETH

NORTH AMERICA Premiere | UK, 2021, 12 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Konrad Begg

**PROD:** Neil Edson

**CAST:** Tom Rhys Harries, Gemma Whelan, Calum MacPherson



A young man fighting in the war gone by awakens from potentially fatal slumber to be faced with the world as it is now – a tense and snarling place with echoes of his own past ringing in his ears.

## OVER MY DEAD BODY

WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2020, 25 min.

**WRITER/DIR/PROD:** Meital Cohen Navarro

**CAST:** Nakta Pahlevan, Bahram Vatanparast, Mary Apick, Afshin Katanchi, Mahsa Shamsa, Ash Davvand



When a young Jewish Persian – American woman tells her parents that her fiancé is Muslim, they make her choose between him and them.

## SWEET DREAMS BABY GIRL

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 13.5 min.

**WRITER/DIR/PROD:** Jennifer Daley

**CAST:** Jennifer Daley, Dominic Fawcett, Frank Fabuloso, Jaime Sanchez, Disnai Cruz, Mortiquie the dog



Dom and his best friend Jen take his dog to a cheap vet in Tijuana to remove a giant tumor from her leg. In one night they party, make terrible mistakes and totally jeopardize their friendship.

## 3 TEXTS AWAY FROM A DICK PIC

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 11 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Marty Fortney

**PRODS:** Marty Fortney, Carla Lane, David Hayter, Vern Davidson, Stephanie McRiley



**CAST:** Nicole Sullivan — Houston Rhines, Chris Williams, Al Nowicki, Bob Clendenin, Patrick Malone, Shannon Holmes, Jason Packham, Bret Anthony, Jeff Bowser, Parvesh Cheena, Vern Davidson, Brandon Boyce, Evan Arnold, Mace Lombardo, Phil Gray, Ray Chang, Ryan Lagod, Derek Smith, David Hayter, Tanner Kerrins, Sam Clauder, Kyle Davis, Devin McGinn, Tony Jensen, Brooks McBeth, Aric Bellman and Lex Medlin

One woman, 27 men and what just might be a portal to hell.



Directed by Jeremy Heslop  
Starring K.C. Wolf



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# COMPETITION SHORTS: GRP 2

SCREENING: SAT. AUG 28 @ 4PM

## CABIN FOR TWO

USA, 2020, 13 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Sam Hoiland  
**PRODS:** Jillian Nordby, Sierra Oleson  
**CAST:** Pancho Morris



An eccentric man makes a dating tape from his cabin in a post-apocalyptic future.

## ENTITLED

USA, 2020, 10 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Kelsey Fordham  
**EXEC PRODS:** Kelsey Fordham, Alejandro De Hoyos, Tyler Fordham  
**PRODS:** Kelsey Fordham, Nicole Murray  
**CAST:** Kelsey Fordham, James C. Victor, Aria Song, Savira Windyani, Matt Pascua, Claudio Parrone Jr., David Cameli, Elizabeth Thorp, Nia Miranda, Chris Graham



Lenna is thrust into the spotlight when the details of her sexual assault go viral. As her story spreads, lines blur between her physical reality and the social media world when a swarm of strangers force their way into her home and frantically rifle through her belongings.

## THE EXPECTED

CALIFORNIA Premiere | SWEDEN, 2021, 14.5 min.

**WRITER/DIR/PROD:** Carolina Sandvik

A father-to-be ends up in a feverish nightmare after a miscarriage, when a strange entity seems to be growing in the mother's blood.



## THE GUNSLINGER

WORLD Premiere | AUSTRALIA, 2021, 10.5 min.

**WRITER/DIR/PROD:** Rachel Fitzgerald  
**CAST:** Rina Mousavi, James Hangan

A gunslinger fights for agency over her own story against a frustrated narrator who just wants to get their job done.



## WARHORSE

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 12.5 min.

**WRITER:** Chris Schieffelin **DIR:** Joel Kazuo Knoernschild  
**PRODS:** Jeff Brue, Stephen Buchanan, Joel Kazuo Knoernschild, Joaquin Poblete, Chris Schieffelin, Rory Uphold, David Zonshine  
**CAST:** John Ennis, Dave Hawthorne, Josh Fadem



A disenfranchised man one step away from homelessness rails against his own misfortunes and hatches a plan to rebuild his life and achieve the "American Dream." Mirroring reality, his skewed intentions pull him into a deal with the "devil," which he can never go back. But at what costs?

## WE WON'T FORGET

USA/PORTUGAL, 2020, 14 min.

**WRITERS:** Whitney Able, Lucas Elliot Eberl, Edgar Morais  
**DIRS:** Lucas Elliot Eberl, Edgar Morais  
**PROD:** Whitney Able



**CAST:** Whitney Able, John Patrick Amedori, Edgar Morais, Charles-Curtis Sanders, Paul James, Davida Williams, Tommy Snider, J.J. Nolan, Caitlyn Folley, Rafael Morais, Lily Brown, Mário Carvalho, Claire Clancy, Escher Holloway, Robbie Kaller, Kathryn Keenan, Zachary Kemper, Michael Montondon, Amanda Paddock, Jeremy Palmer, Aaron Tyler, Johnny Wactor, James Wilson  
A woman's frustrations boil to the surface while hosting a party for her friends, culminating in a public freakout that turns into collective hysteria.

# DARK PASSAGE



DARK PASSAGE  
A film by  
Roshni "Rush" Bhatia

September 3, 2021 @ 11:55 PM PST

# COMPETITION SHORTS: GRP 3

SCREENING: SUN. AUG 29 @ 1:30PM

## CA•DENCE

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 7 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Michael Mike Canon  
**PRODS:** Kelly Rubin, Luca Malacrino,  
Bill Prokopow, Michael Mike Canon  
**CAST:** Luca Malacrino



A man pulls over in the middle of the desert.

## EL TRISTE

MEXICO/USA, 2020, 14 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Manuel Del Valle  
**PRODS:** Edgar Cortes Campoy, Sebastian Torres Greene,  
Manuel Del Valle  
**CAST:** Matt Scott, Cain Carias



A Drama that takes place on the backstage of a marionette show. This short film follows “El Triste”, an old used ragdoll-like marionette, and his journey of self-acceptance and discovery as he decides to do all it takes to prove to himself and his fellow puppets that he is valuable and worthy of admiration.

## PAPA VOODOO

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 12.5 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Kyle Ensrude  
**PRODS:** May May Luong, Brandon Mowles  
**CAST:** Emmanuel Chukwurah, Caleb Harris, Jordan Toure,  
Deidre Thompson



After a chance encounter with a mysterious stranger, a young boy is given the tools to get back at his adolescent tormentor and must decide how far he is willing to go for revenge.

## RAYMOND

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 14 min.

**WRITERS:** Melisa Wallack, Scott Ashby  
**DIR:** Scott Ashby  
**PRODS:** Melisa Wallack, Buzz, Ryan Westheimer  
**CAST:** Sola Bamis, Angela Gibbs,  
Antwone Barnes, Cory Roberts



Needing cash to get his horn out of hock, a young musician gets caught up in a drug heist.

## THESE WATERS BLEED DEEP

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 11 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Michael Bishop  
**PRODS:** Michael Bishop, Christian Pinto  
**CAST:** Michael Bishop, Xavier Townsend



The first film in a trilogy titled “Fluid”, presenting the past, present, and future effects of slavery, colorism, and homophobia within the African American community. “These Waters Bleed Deep” touches on the psychological and physical turmoil that enslaved Africans faced as they crossed the Atlantic to the Americas, a tragic journey known as the Middle Passage. Still, we want to bring to light the vivacious splendor that is the African culture. Through dance, fashion, lighting, and spoken word, this project aims to show the horrors of the past and the magnificence of what is and can be.

## WOMANHOOD

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 18 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Sierra Swartz  
**PRODS:** Sierra Swartz, Kristina Denton  
**CAST:** Sierra Swartz, Juliette Allison Bailey, Andi Rexha,  
Ryker Baloun, Betsy Moore, Hannah Roby, Marli Scott



Two polar opposite teenage sisters navigate the emotional mishmash of becoming women.

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# COMPETITION SHORTS: GRP 4

SCREENING: SUN. AUG 29 @ 4PM

## AIRWAY

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 3.5 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Jessica Redish

**PRODS:** Kira Leinonen, Jessica Redish

**CAST:** Andrew Brian Carter, Clayton Farris, Jenna Rossman

A crying baby. A smelly seatmate. Any of these things are possible during air travel. But have you ever sat next to a person who won't turn their phone to Airplane Mode? Yeah. This one's for you.



## FIVE MINUTES

WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2020, 5 min.

**WRITER/DIR/PROD:** Christine Khalafian

**CAST:** Jesse LaTourette, Joe O'Dell, Laura Campbell, Mark Escribano, Don O. Knowlton

When a young woman is given five minutes out of the house by her oppressive boyfriend, she bravely turns her moment of freedom into a frantic search for a phone to make a tenuous plea for help.



## FORGOTTEN SONG

WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2021, 11 min.

**WRITER:** Tobin Del Cuore

**DIRS:** Tobin Del Cuore and Tyler Gilstrap

**PRODS:** Samuel Lee Roberts, Tobin Del Cuore, Tyler Gilstrap

**CAST:** Samuel Lee Roberts

A wandering man seeks to reconcile with himself and his past.



## INCOGNITO

CALIFORNIA Premiere | USA, 2020, 29 min.

**WRITERS:** Jacky Song, Jordan Dotson, Zack Zhang

**DIR:** Jacky Song

**PRODS:** Jacky Song, Katie Anne Moy, Jackson Casimiro

**CAST:** Greg Kriek, Tom Wade, Autumn Harrison, Jodi Bianca Wise

A young woman named Isabel claims to have teleported from the past. Authorities remain skeptical of her narrative and later whisk her off to a mental asylum where she confronts her primary doctor, Dr. Phares. While Phares's preliminary diagnosis matches up with the police's speculation, he soon becomes convinced that the enigmatic "Isabel" might have been telling the truth throughout her time in the asylum. As Phares stumbles upon a clue from a mysterious letter along with Isabel's other belongings, a shocking discovery about Isabel's disappearance spurs him to take the case into his own hands.



## LOVING ANNA

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 14.5 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Travis Orozco

**PRODS:** Travis Orozco, Amanda Orozco, Meredith Turner

**CAST:** James Evans, Oriana Lineweaver, Sha'Air Hawkins, Melissa Petrovsky, Brian Ossip, Davielle Waldner, Ava Englenton, Betty Lisojo, Darien LaBeach, Quincie Lewis, Heather Morris, AJ Morris

Alex buys a new augmented reality device that allows him to see, hear, and feel a lost love. It is so lifelike it leads to him ultimately picking a fake reality instead of real human connection.



## TOO MANY BUDDHAS

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 14 min.

**WRITERS:** C. Fraser Press, Maeve Press

**DIR:** C. Fraser Press

**PRODS:** Darren Press, Larry Hirschhorn

**CAST:** Maeve Press, Maria Bamford

Too Many Buddhas takes place in a therapist's office where Nora has just come for a session with Dr. Stevens after performing a devastatingly bad flute solo at her school winter concert, only to learn that her flute teacher has died. While Nora tries to cope with this humbling experience we learn that there is more to this session than meets the eye.





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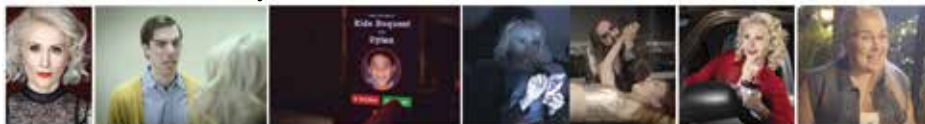
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# COMPETITION SHORTS: GRP 5

SCREENING: SAT. SEPT 4 @ 1:30PM

## ANNIVERSARY

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 6.5 min.

**WRITERS:** Craig Ouellette & Neal McLaughlin  
**STORY BY:** Neal McLaughlin **DIR:** Craig Ouellette  
**PRODS:** Craig Ouellette, Max Solomon  
**CAST:** James Simenc, Katie Peabody, David Crane



Rubin and Lilly are just married, expecting a baby and driving off into the sunset. It was supposed to be the best day of their lives...

## ENOUGH

WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2020, 10 min.

**WRITERS:** Caleb Slain, Nathan Nzanga **DIR:** Caleb Slain  
**PRODS:** Max Losee, Ethan Seneker, Rick Stevenson,  
Hope Alexander, Jennette Vasiljevic,  
La' Charles Trask, Caleb Slain  
**CAST:** Nathan Nzanga, Max Losee, Shawn Telford



Using interviews captured over a decade, enough. is a hip hop film that explores Nathan Nzanga's journey from quirky kid born to Congolese immigrants, to an idealistic teen artist, to a frustrated young man struggling to overcome pain and cynicism. Set against a backdrop of American culture war, the film uses dream logic to sift through Nate's most conflicted feelings about race, policing and grace in a broken world.

## THE HUNTSMAN AND THE HOUND

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 17 min.

**WRITER:** Ryan de Quintal **DIR:** Francisco Ramirez  
**PRODS:** Chris Corpus, Ryan de Quintal, Fred Mancuso,  
Francisco Ramirez, David Ethan Sanders  
**CAST:** Nick Gracer, Ryan de Quintal, Fred Mancuso,  
Leena Kurishingal



Things aren't always what they seem in this dark and brooding Russian crime fable. Two contract killers reunite on a job to assassinate another talented murderer. But when the target doesn't arrive, these two old friends must find a way to pass the time while they wait. Stories are told, drinks are had, and truths are uncovered as the two men begin to wonder about what each other's intentions really are...

## OH, BABY!

WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2020, 10.5 min.

**WRITERS:** Brooke Trantor, Kate Morgan Chadwick  
**DIR:** Brooke Trantor  
**EXEC PRODS:** Kate Morgan Chadwick, Roxanna Dunlop,  
Arden Grier, Marlo McGriff, Nick Pukstas, & Joey Oliva  
**PRODS:** Brooke Trantor, Danielle Argyros, Courtney Stewart,  
Clayton Apgar, David & Michele Chadwick, Annie & Chobe Oliva, Tim Wright  
**CAST:** Kate Morgan Chadwick, TJ Linnard, Samson Moeakiola



Jane is on the hunt for a rockin' one-night stand before an impending arrival.

## SHIFT

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 17 min.

**WRITERS/DIRS:** Chad Crenshaw and Davis DeRock  
**PRODS:** Chad Crenshaw, Davis DeRock and Karen Elizabeth  
**CAST:** Chad Crenshaw, Davis DeRock, Ai vy Bui, Kara Bond,  
Brett Morris, Dawn Linneman, Shawna Peña-Downing



Jordan gives his childhood friend Brian a day off from his illness to do a list of nostalgic activities while avoiding the inevitable changes to their relationship.

## SNAPS

WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2020, 13 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Joseph Mazzella  
**PRODS:** Joseph Mazzella, Sean Barry, Kristin Krall  
**CAST:** Christopher McLinden, Inga Schlingmann,  
Karen Chamberlain, Adam Bradley



Josh suffers from depression, anxiety, and is at the edge of his sanity while attending the funeral of his best friend Carrie. Standing in front of the casket, he is confronted by the undeniable reality of her death. Josh escapes and locks himself in the funeral home bathroom, where he passes out from anxiety. While unconscious, Josh is visited by Carrie, and together they navigate memories, the future, and his current state of existence. Josh is awakened to the realization that this moment might not actually be the end of their relationship, but rather a rebirth that sets him free.

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# COMPETITION SHORTS: GRP 6

SCREENING: SAT. SEPT 4 @ 4PM

## BOSSBABES

WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2020, 14 min.

**WRITERS/DIRS:** Corey Clifford, Ryan Lagod

**PRODS:** Jack Bishop, Justin Njim, Scott Rowe,  
Michael Dolotta, Jenna Doolittle

**CAST:** Monica Sherer, Corey Clifford, Jenna Doolittle,  
Stacy Amma Osei-Kuffor, Dyani Rejae, Courtney Clark



A dark comedy about the cultish world of Multi Level Marketing schemes. Lacy Anne was promised success, friends and the life of a #bossbabe through the multi-level marketing company, Cliff & Roe. What she got was boxes of unsellable product, loneliness and an empty bank account. Ready to reclaim her life, Lacy will do anything to get out of her contract, but this MLM will do anything to keep her in it.

## FLEECED

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 10 min.

**WRITER:** Tue Lombardi

**DIR:** Wesley Alley

**PRODS:** Wesley Alley, Jacob Brumfield

**CAST:** Tim McLaughlin, Ellen Smith



Farmer Johnson, a man of few words, loves his life of solid routines. Every day is exactly the same, from his usual order of two eggs over easy, two strips of bacon, two pieces of toast, orange juice, and his coffee. Even his lottery ticket numbers are the same. On this particular morning Farmer Johnson finds himself in a whole series of brand new experiences as he desperately chases his winning lottery ticket.

## GEORGIA

NORTH AMERICA Premiere | SOUTH KOREA/USA, 2020, 30 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Jayil Pak

**PROD:** Boram Kang

**CAST:** Yang Hee Lee, Chae Kyung Lee



Based on a true story. When the police refuse to investigate their daughter's alleged suicide, two computer-illiterate parents decide to design a protest banner.

## THE JESTER'S SONG

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 11.5 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Michael Woloson

**PRODS:** Al Baker, Michael Woloson, Scott Tinkham

**CAST:** Joey Bader, Chris Kircher, Jared Trevino, Rhoda Pell



It has been years since the occurrence of the Rapture, a massive apocalyptic event in which a large portion of Earth's population is removed from the planet. Those who remain are forced to live off the existing resources. Thomas, a hardened scavenger, fights to survive by taking what he can from anyone whose path crosses with his. But along his journey, something alters the way he sees the world.

## KLUTZ.

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 14.5 min.

**WRITER:** Elizabeth Narciso **DIR:** Michelle Bossy

**EXEC PRODS:** Malka Wallick, Howard Wallick  
& Freda Rosenfeld, David Selden & Julie Wallick

**PRODS:** Mara Kassin, Elizabeth Narciso, Scott & Susan Shay

**CAST:** Malka Wallick, Mara Kassin, Sanjit De Silva, Geneva Carr,  
Angel Desai, Wai Ching Ho, Florencia Lozano, Geoffrey Owens



Zowie lost her sister and is falling down on the job of life. Can't love. Won't go out. Refuses to work properly. But she stumbles upon an accidental superpower: when she falls, when she feels pain — gravity bends so that she can see her sister again. However, the space-time-continuum giveth, the space-time-continuum taketh away, and the next time she hurts, her sister is gone. Frustrated and depleted, Zowie is torn between moving on or withering on the vine. So, in a whis-key fueled dream-state she makes a choice: to fall one last time. On purpose.

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# COMPETITION SHORTS: GRP 7

SCREENING: SUN. SEPT 5 @ 1:30PM

## ALONE

US Premiere | USA, 2020, 20 min.

**WRITER:** J. Scott Worthington **DIR:** William Hellmuth

**PRODS:** Julianna Ulrich, William Hellmuth,  
J. Scott Worthington, John F.K. Parenteau

**CAST:** Stephanie Barkley, Thomas Wilson Brown



Kaya Torres is circling a black hole in a pod, with no one coming, no one to help. She's Alone.

## THE BEAST

WEST COAST Premiere | UNITED KINGDOM/USA, 2020, 13.5 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Luke Howe

**PRODS:** Luke Howe, Paul Maziere, Julien Cornwall

**CAST:** Joe da Costa, Rebecca Banatvala, Sarah Daykin,  
Christopher Adams, Vanessa Hehir



An off-beat, modern-day fairy tale centered on a lonesome beast as he struggles to navigate a shallow dating world.

## BLACK HOLE

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 8 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Jamie Parslow

**PRODS:** Reid Nicewonder, Evan Zissimopoulos

**CAST:** Aaron Moorhead, Leo Camacho, Alexa Cappiello



When a miniature black hole shows up in Eddie's house, he has to learn to deal with it. But as the black hole grows stronger, so too does his obsession as he begins to dance with danger when he utilizes it in his every day life.

## FOR CLOSURE

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 8.5 min.

**WRITERS/PRODS:** Marc Fellner-Erez, Mike Peebler

**DIR:** Mike Peebler

**CAST:** Marc Fellner, Andi Norris, Jeff Budner



A real estate agent desperate to sell a foreclosed house gets more than he bargained for when he shows it to a couple whose marriage is falling apart.

## HOW TO END A CONVERSATION

WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2020, 7.5 min.

**WRITERS:** Phillip Musumeci, Jerry Spears (Additional Writing)

**DIR:** Gregory JM Kasunich

**PRODS:** Gregory JM Kasunich, Phillip Musumeci

**CAST:** Phillip Musumeci, Dewey Morrison, Olga Desyatnik, Paul Michael Bair, Jerry Spears



A heartbroken man, unable to stop calling his Ex, reluctantly enlists a therapist to help him lift the weight of his past relationship off of his shoulders... literally.

## HUNGER

US Premiere | MEXICO, 2021, 18 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Carlos Melendez

**PROD:** Mar Mercado

**CAST:** Damian Rodríguez Martínez,  
Evan Zahid Parra Sánchez, Lilia Mendoza



A child is being tormented by a voracious well demanding food from him. But as he proves unable to satisfy its hunger, he drags himself to find another way of feeding it.



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# COMPETITION SHORTS: GRP 8

SCREENING: SUN. SEPT 5 @ 4PM

## LIMINAL

CANADA, 2020, 12 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Dan Abramovici

**PRODS:** Elsbeth McCall and Ali Mashayekhi

**CAST:** Aaron Poole, Emily Piggford, Vlad Alexis



Steve lives both his past and present concurrently. As time is compressed and he flows through spirals of love and sexuality, Steve finds himself in a transition; stuck between a family life built on half measures, and a desire for a more authentic experience.

## THE LONGEST DAY OF THE YEAR

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 10 min.

**WRITER/DIR/PROD:** Lauren Hoover

**CAST:** Lauren Hoover, Siri Miller, Jeneice Thompson, Duncan Dimanche, Julian Flamer, Mike Falkow



The Longest Day of the Year is a satirical look at the lives of three roommates as they navigate the trials and tribulations, as well as the innate loneliness of quarantining through the pandemic.

## MARGOT'S LAST MEAL

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 4 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Paul B. Cummings

**PRODS:** Matthew Marenyi

**CAST:** Claire Montgomery

Margot has her final meal.



## MINOR CHORDS

WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2021, 3 min.

**WRITER:** Andrii Didyk **DIR:** Natalia Gomez

**PRODS:** Andrii Didyk, Calvin Royal III

**CAST:** Calvin Royal III

Ballet dancer realizing a tough reality after an accident.



## MOUSIE

WEST COAST Premiere | UK, 2019, 17 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** David Bartlett **PROD:** Will Poole

**CAST:** Sasha Watson-Lobo, CJ Johnson, Jack Bennett, Robert Gill, Joshua Lay, Nichole Bird, Somi De Souza, Nigel Cooke

Berlin 1936. Hitler will soon host the Olympics, and the streets are being "cleansed" of Jews and Romani "Gypsies". A seven-year-old Roma girl hides in an old Weimar Club, concealed by dancer Katharina who plans to escape Nazism and take H el ene to America. H el ene won't rest... Sneaking about, the little mouse sees everything – including the arrival of SS Hauptf uhrer Otto, an awkward army conscript. Clumsily making a pass at Katharina, the junior officer is inches away from discovering the little mouse... Decisions have to be made fast, and only the child's ingenuity will save her now...



## MY HOUSE, CARL

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 21.5 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Kemp Baldwin

**PROD:** Ryan Decker

**CAST:** Chris Roberti, Priya Patel, Chris Manely

Pete takes his new girlfriend to see his childhood home before his parents sell it. Unfortunately, his house won't let him leave with just a simple goodbye.



## TRANSFER

USA, 2020, 11 min.

**WRITER:** Sage Mears

**DIRS:** Sage Mears & Aaron Pagniano

**PRODS:** Andrea Iannitti, Sage Mears, Jacqueline Jandrell, Travis Campbell, Jesse Zhu

**CAST:** Jacqueline Jandrell, Andy Bean

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# FUSION SHORTS: GRP 1

SCREENING: MON. AUG 30 @ 4:30PM

## THE BARKING LOT

CALIFORNIA Premiere | USA, 2020, 2.5 min.

WRITER: Debi Bradshaw

DIRS/PRODS/CAST: Debi Bradshaw, Sean Bradshaw

A pet store cashier reveals a special talent to a customer who would be happier just buying his cat food.



## BITS AND PIECES

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 8.5 min.

WRITER/DIR: Lindsay Stidham

PRODS: Lindsay Stidham, Chase Joliet

CAST: Ashley Rae Spillers, Steph Barkley



Two women make a surprise discovery in their cooler after a picnic, and it just might change their lives forever.

## FEMPIRE

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 16 min.

WRITER/DIR: Honora Talbott

PRODS: Honora Talbott, Somebody's Daughter, 3rd Astronaut

CAST: Shukri R. Abdi, Bill Posley, Chris Eckert, Bri Giger



In a near future when women rule the world, a politician visits a "Grooming School" to snag a trophy husband, but her boring date takes a turn when her Stepford-y match stops pretending to be something he's not.

## THE FORGOTTEN PLACE

USA, 2020, 12.5 min.

WRITER: Jeff Locker DIR: Oscar Rene Lozoya

PRODS: Benjamin Dunn, Jeff Locker, Brian Flaccus, Oscar Rene Lozoya, Alex Raines, Jane Hare, James Locker, Celia Cowles

CAST: Jeff Locker, Brian Flaccus



Eric has never had a best friend, aside from Bruce, who's only his best... fish. Making friends is hard enough, but how do you find a best friend? Adapted from Jeff Locker's short play THE FORGOTTEN PLACE, winner of the 43rd Samuel French Off Off Broadway Short Play Festival and 2019 Short+Sweet Hollywood Best Script and People's Choice Best Play, and finalist for the 2019 City Theatre National Award for Short Playwriting. Published by Samuel French/Concord Theatricals.

## GARAGE

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 12.5 min.

WRITERS: Aaron Sanders, Linda Balaban DIR: Aaron Sanders

PRODS: Linda Balaban, Melissa Daniels, John Breinholt, Beau Jarvis

CAST: Adam Kaufman, Mark Collier, Seth Braverman, Linda Balaban, Annette Gomes



When he was five, Joshua was kidnapped by a neighbor and sexually abused in a garage. Forty years later, he returns to the same spot with the desperate hope of stopping the PTSD flashbacks.

## MAN DROPS DEAD

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Premiere | USA, 2020, 13.5 min.

WRITER/DIR: Jason Phillips

PRODS: Jason Phillips and Francesca Maria

CAST: Omar Amir, Curtis Fortier, Mara Hall, Kate Enggren, Joe Abraham



When an unknown man drops dead in a grocery store with no one around to claim him, a reluctant employee must deal with the clean up.

## PEACHES

WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2020, 13.5 min.

WRITER: Max Curry

DIR: Jared Januschka

PRODS: Max Curry, Kyle Krupa, Carbon Films

CAST: Ryan Shoos, Monica Henry, Peaches



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# FUSION SHORTS: GRP 2

SCREENING: TUE. AUG 31 @ 4:30PM

## BEEFIES

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 9.5 min.

**WRITER/DIR/PROD:** Adam Lebowitz-Lockard  
**CAST:** Adam Lebowitz-Lockard, Salome Mergia,  
Goran Ivanovski, Molly Gray



A man tries to make his recently deceased mother's Passover recipe for a pandemic Seder, but discovers he must re-connect with his estranged brother to honor their mom by doing the only thing that makes sense: Cooking. Beefies is a comedic short about family, connection, and trying not to burn down your kitchen.

## FARO

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 16.5 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Matthew Johnson **PROD:** Noémie Sornet  
**CAST:** Venecia Troncoso, Mark Stancato, Oscar Fabela,  
Alison Hanson, Jamila Hache,  
Catalina Tamayo, Owen Campbell



Humanitarian workers venture into the desert night in search of three lost migrants, hoping to find them before they disappear in the elements.

## HELPER

WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2021, 13 min.

**WRITER/DIR/PROD:** Sage Wells  
**CAST:** Arlo Passarelli, River Passarelli,  
Sage Wells, Joe Passarelli



A boy, left alone to care for his brother during quarantine, must avoid his spying neighbor. But when his little brother disappears, he must gather the courage to ask for help, finding it in an unlikely ally.

## HONEY AND CLOVER

US Premiere | USA, 2021, 14 min.

**WRITERS:** Theresa Burkhart Gallagher,  
Jackie Monahan, Matt Gallagher  
**DIR:** Andrea Maxwell  
**PRODS:** Theresa Burkhart Gallagher, Diana C. Zollicoffer,  
Matt Gallagher, Jackie Monahan, Andrea Maxwell  
**CAST:** Theresa Burkhart Gallagher, Jackie Monahan,  
Ray Abruzzo, Dan Lauria, David Barrera



Past and future collide when two former child stars are thrust back in to the spotlight together threatening to reveal their darkest secrets.

## OH CLEM

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 20 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Frannie Williams  
**PRODS:** Frannie Williams, Bryant Marcontel  
**CAST:** Frannie Williams, Vince Calucci



A timid housewife confronts her husband about the disappearance of her best friend.

## TALENTLESS

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 15.5 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Jeff Perreca  
**PRODS:** Jeff Perreca, Anissa Williams  
**CAST:** Shanica Knowles, Raquel Gardner,  
Reign Morton, Katie Enright



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# FUSION SHORTS: GRP 3

SCREENING: WED. SEPT 1 @ 4:30PM

## A GOOD COUPLE

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 13 min.

WRITER/DIR: Robert Gregson

PROD: Jacqueline Dow

CAST: Julie Ann Earls, Alex Mandell



After a blowout fight, Julia's boyfriend is perfect but eerily unrecognizable.

## IN THE EVENT OF MY DEATH

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 20.5 min.

WRITER/DIR: Brian Scott Steele

PRODS: Michael Devin Greenman, Emily Hisey,  
Andrew E. Rudd

CAST: Steve Nagle, Erin Ragland, Jacob Layne Miller, Willie Mullins, Teri Lee Thomas, Vritika Gupta



Jeremy just died. So, in the event of his death, he leaves behind a series of clever clues and witty video messages for his best friend Sam, and his sister Mandy, which sends them on a mini adventure through their past. They get to experience one last day with Jeremy after he's gone, and in the end are compelled to mourn the best way they know how.

## NEWTON'S THIRD

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 7 min.

WRITER/DIR: Robert Postrozny

PROD: Jessica Postrozny

CAST: Robert Postrozny, Henry Postrozny, Annie Postrozny



A father navigates through the challenges and responsibilities of being a parent one morning.

## PLENTY OF FISH

CALIFORNIA Premiere | USA, 2021, 11.5 min.

WRITER: Jules Horowitz

DIR: Joel David Santner PROD: Annika Dawson

CAST: Olivia Spitz, Jules Horowitz, Rori Flynn, John Gearrie,  
Jerrel O'Neal, Rana Kay, Steve N. Bradford, Nicky Romaniello



Plenty Of Fish explores the dating scene in LA and one pair's night out with all the obstacles of taking a chance on love.

## POST SENTENCE

USA, 2020, 16.5 min.

WRITER: Teresa Huang

DIR: Charissa Sanjarernsuithikul

PROD: Melissa Bickerton

CAST: Melissa Bickerton, Oscar Torre



A notorious hitman sentenced to life in prison for his brutal crimes faces the ultimate justice.

## THE SET

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 11.5 min.

WRITERS: Kyle McQuay & Joel Bryant DIR: Joel Bryant

PRODS: Savannah Henry, Joel Bryant, Kyle McQuay

CAST: Armani McNulty, Javon Terrell, Aaron Hillstock,  
Brandon Michael Thomas, Mayze Bryant



A young man faces pressure from his neighborhood to avenge the gang-related murder of his older brother. His indecision leads him towards a path of life-or-death consequences.



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# FUSION SHORTS: GRP 4

SCREENING: THU. SEPT 2 @ 4:30PM

## DESERT LIKE A WITCH

CALIFORNIA Premiere | USA, 2020, 3 min.

**WRITERS/DIRS:** GG Hawkins & Arielle

**PRODS:** Quinn Konarska, Steph Diedrich, & Logan Freethy

**CAST:** Arielle



A delightfully weird scripted short film about an influencer who escapes to the desert to share her step by step guide to “witchy wellness,” but instead goes on a journey of escaping herself. In pursuing self-care superficially, she ultimately unleashes a darkness that overpowers her.

## INS AND OUTS

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 13 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Roger Udwin

**PRODS:** Roger Udwin & Paul Sanchez

**CAST:** Kyle Vonn-Elzey, Nuala Sanchez, Elizabeth Udwin, Mary Trunk



The fortunate live and work safely inside while the rest of the world risks exposure to a deadly outdoor phenomenon. Determined to escape this fate, Charles conceals his contaminated forays outside in a desperate attempt to secure a coveted and life-saving job indoors.

## LIBERTYVILLE

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 17.5 min.

**WRITER:** Suzana Norberg **DIR:** Devin Scott

**PRODS:** Jeanne Scott, Suzana Norberg

**CAST:** Suzana Norberg, Boyana Balta, Keziah Wall, Conor Kowalski, Dragan Sutalo, Milena Balta, Matt Nothelfer, Astrid Lunde, Zoey Wakefield (VO)



At an Orthodox cemetery in the Midwest, 11-year-old Suzana contends with her immigrant grandmother’s tyranny as the family makes their weekly pilgrimage to picnic on Grandpa’s grave. Come for the grief, stay for the show.

## PUNCH ME IN

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 13 min.

**WRITER:** Addie Doyle **DIRS:** Addie Doyle & Megan Gorman

**PROD:** Addie Doyle, Megan Gorman, Will Gregg, Brendan Doyle

**CAST:** Damian Washington, Greg Bornstein, Megan Gorman, Addie Doyle



Maeve, an unknown female music producer in Boston, struggles to earn the respect of a famous client with a big secret.

## SAFE

USA, 2021, 10.5 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Josema Roig

**PRODS:** Domenica Castro, Constanza Castro

**CAST:** Travis Myers, Dia Day, Joshua Bernard



Sometimes danger hides in plain sight.

## TUBES

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 22 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Samantha Laurenti

**PROD:** Rob Livings

**CAST:** Louise Harding, Ian Hopps, Lori Richardson, Curtis Eugene Williams



When their mother is dying, a brother and sister use her toothpaste tubes as a bench marker for how much life she has left.

SEAGLASS  
WINE COMPANY

# UNLEASHED SHORTS

SCREENING: FRI. SEPT 3 @ 4:30PM

## ALINA

USA, 2019, 26 min.

**WRITER:** Nora Mariana **DIR:** Rami Kodeih

**PRODS:** Joshua Owen, Rachele Owen, Nora Mariana, Rami Kodeih, Courtney Prather, Aimen Zeenni

**CAST:** Alia Shawkat, Rebeca Robles, Dorota Puzio, Erika Soto, Edin Gali, Mark McCullough, Weetee Cren Jillian Federman, Sean Harmon



As Nazis separate children from their parents in the Warsaw Ghetto, a gang of women risks everything to smuggle their friend's three-month-old baby to safety. Inspired by true events. Starring Alia Shawkat (ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT, SEARCH PARTY), Edin Gali (MAD MEN), Dorota Puzio, Rebeca Robles (BETTER THINGS), Erika Soto (VIDA), and Mark McCullough (LOGAN LUCKY).

## AMERICAN MORNING

WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2020, 25.5 min.

**WRITER:** Stephen Dexter **DIR:** Robbie Bryan

**PRODS:** Sarah Wharton, Robbie Bryan, Stephen Dexter, Ashley George

**CAST:** Stephen Dexter, Richard Schiff, Valerie Stellar, Lou Martini Jr.



A former music teacher resorts to desperate measures to reconcile his guilt and affect change after the horrors and aftermath of a mass shooting in a suburban elementary school.

## CLASS

WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2020, 18 min.

**WRITERS/DIRS:** Enzo Cellucci, Ash McNair

**PRODS:** Hank Azaria, Enzo Cellucci, Clea DeCrane, Karen Eisenbud, Srinivas Gopalan, Joseph Huffman, David Krumholtz, Jonny Marlow, Rob McGillivray,

Ash McNair, Phillip Nguyen, Gayathri Segar, Ben Stranahan, Michel Tyabji

**CAST:** David Krumholtz, Alina Carson, Enzo Cellucci, Amanda Centeno, Brendan Dalton, Kristin Friedlander, Carson Higgins, Joseph Huffman, Ash McNair



New student Max attends his first ever acting class. He soon discovers that the lines between class and cult begin to blur, as he and his fellow students are subjected to the bizarre but brilliant methods of their eccentric teacher, Adam (David Krumholtz).

## PARTY HOG

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 9 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Dylan Owens

**PROD:** Jake Cox

**CAST:** Lela Roy, Eddie Schmid, Andrew Bair



A documentary about a children's party performer goes awry when their personal life upstages their art.

# TELEVISION BLOCK 1

SCREENING: SAT. SEPT 4 @ 12PM

## MIDDLE OF NOWHERE

WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2021, 48 min.



**WRITER/DIR:** Michele Palermo  
**EXEC PRODS:** Paul Prissel, Michele Palermo  
**PRODS:** Larry Gilbert, Lolly Howe  
**ASSOC. PROD:** Susie Kim  
**CAST:** Elena Wohl, Mark Damon Espinoza, Richard Milanesi, Lisa Goodman, Chris Mollica, Jazmin Caratini, Fran Montano, Anna Talakkottur, Lisa Chess, Krista Warner, Maria Mastroyannis, Luca DeAngelis, Michelle Holmes, Luis Perez

Lisa Giordano-Navarro is in a bind. She's middle-aged, mid-divorce, "mid-career" (yeah, out of work) and starting fresh at fifty, but her larger-than-life family has this middle child feeling stuck. Lisa's still refereeing her aging, combative parents, parenting her messed up brothers, stuck between married and not... and wondering if she'll ever find love. How can she be grown if nothing's changed since she was a kid?! MIDDLE OF NOWHERE is an intimate, raw, deep dive into the universally comic tragedy that is midlife.

## SHORT ADAM

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 34.5 min.



**WRITERS:** Adam Lopez, Bruce Thomas, Matthew Kic, Mike Sorce  
**DIR:** Adam Lopez  
**PRODS:** Adam Lopez, Kristen Baker Trattner, Bruce Thomas, Skyler James Sandak  
**CAST:** Adam Lopez, Bruce Thomas, Celia Imrie, Luna Star, Kristin Elliot, Jamie Martz

A struggling actor living in Los Angeles dreams of success in the entertainment industry and launches an unscrupulous talent search in an effort to survive in Hollywood.

# TELEVISION BLOCK 2

SCREENING: SAT. SEPT 4 @ 2:30PM

## BLOOD DRIVE

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 29 min.



**WRITERS:** Lidia Ryan, Tiffany Aleman, Courtney Paige Barnett  
**DIR:** Suzanne Cate  
**PRODS:** Lidia Ryan, Roger Vaughn, Suzanne Cate, Gavin Stokes

**CAST:** Lidia Ryan, Stacy Howell, Henry Kiely, Alen Kolenovic, Dean Wil, Reggie De Leon, Steven Lee Busby, Lindsay Elston, Rafiq Batcha,

Madonna Magee, Paul Dimotropolous, Nea Dune, Olivia Blue, Ben Sullivan, Sarah Anne Masse, Carl Brooks, Mike Ferguson, Dylin Rodrigo, Tiffany Aleman, Penelope Grimaldi, Sir Christopher Windham, Courtney Paige Barnett

A quirky benevolent vampire loses her money & turns to driving for an uber-popular rideshare platform. What could go wrong? Rose (Lidia Ryan) navigates a mission between temptation and redemption amongst an eclectic community of vampires attempting to fit into the modern world in this fresh horror comedy.

## GRAFTON

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 26 min.



**WRITER/DIR:** Bryan Santiago  
**EXEC PROD:** Nina Fiore  
**PRODS:** Anthony Pedone, Todd Sandler, Katherine Partington, Bryan Santiago  
**CAST:** Katherine Partington, Michael C. Williams, Charlotte Peters, Maureen Hart, Jim Maxwell, Keely Sheehan, Michael Fisher

Jessica Herring (Katherine Partington), a woman consumed by the banality of her life, gets lost on the interstate while looking for her newfound home in Glastenbury, Vermont. She stumbles upon the sleepy town of Grafton to ask for directions at a quaint cafe. She is awestruck when she learns from a few peculiar patrons that "there is no such town as Glastenbury". Upon presenting her ID as proof of residence, she discovers her name is actually Paula Weldon and she lives with her husband, Clifford Weldon (Michael C. Williams), right there in Grafton.

# TELEVISION BLOCK 2 - CONT

SCREENING: SAT. SEPT 4 @ 2:30PM

## SHEPHERDS: DANCE BOOGIE WONDERLAND

WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2020, 26 min.

**WRITERS:** Erica Bardin & Susan Graham

**DIR:** Lauren Fash

**EXEC PRODS:** Jim RIne, Stacey Davis

**PRODS:** Erica Bardin, Susan Graham

**CAST:** Erica Bardin, Chris Mulkey, Joan Severance, Ben Gonzales, Brittany Ishibashi



When dedicated pharmaceutical researcher Madison Shepherds gets fired, she launches an underground psychedelic therapy clinic with her terminally ill father and hippie best friend. They open the Shepherds Clinic from the attached garage in her parents' home in Tucson, unbeknownst to her mother, a Republican senator heavily financed by big pharma.

# TELEVISION BLOCK 3

SCREENING: SAT. SEPT 4 @ 5PM

## 27

WORLD Premiere | MEXICO, 2020, 39 min.

**WRITERS/DIRS:** Jose Ruiz (as Jose Zahual), Juan Helu (as Juan Zahual)

**PRODS:** Pablo Cobo, Gabriel Manzanilla, Mariana Miquelajauregui

**CAST:** Elyfer Torres, José Luis Badalt, Ana Jimena Villanueva, Mauro Sanchez-Navarro, Lisa Owen, Eugenio Cobo, Pablo Cobo, Pablo de la Rosa, Jimena Bilsup, Jose Luis Taboada



Serena is at the top of the music world, but she feels her inner demons taking control. Out of instinct she seeks help from family and friends as she tries to pull away from the industry that gave her everything. Nearby a tormented painter named Alec struggles to find a reason to keep life going. It would be a disaster if both their paths connected, wouldn't it?

## SILVER AGE

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 22.5 min.

**WRITER:** Harrison Lees

**DIRS:** Steve Makowski, Harrison Lees

**PROD:** Leah Richmond Cooper

**CAST:** Mark Bramhall, Robert E. Weiner, Lony'e Perrine, Harrison Lees, Jon Keel



A young underachiever struggles to navigate his grandfather Gus's senile paranoia, attempting to establish a more personal connection before his mind deteriorates completely, all while unraveling the mystery of Gus's past with the help of a sinister stranger.

## STAGE MANAGED

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 27 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Guy Noland

**PRODS:** Luis Ugaz, Guy Noland

**CAST:** Clint Howard, Kara Gibson, Zoe Bright, Carter Thomas, Rebecca Thomas, Derrel Maury, Kate Ponzio, Ethan Averton, Guy Noland, Chris Bey, Chris Bona, Nancy Lantis



A struggling community theater must successfully produce a knock-off production of "My Fair Lady" in order to keep their doors open.

# TELEVISION BLOCK 4

SCREENING: SAT. SEPT 4 @ 7:30PM

## breakLAND

USA, 2021, 23.5 min.



**WRITER:** James Hughes

**DIR:** Luisa Novo

**PRODS:** Luisa Novo, James Hughes, Mario Torres Torres, Marcos Nieves, Phelicia Hughes

**CAST:** Austin Carr, Robert Olsen, Colin A Borden, Josh Nadler, Cameron Gilliam, Daisy Fernandez

Eddy wanted a career in photography. Instead, he's pitching photo sales in the nation's 27th best theme park as he finds himself caught in the middle of new co-workers and old grudges.

## DEAD WEIGHT

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 25 min.



**DIR/PROD:** Eric Ashbrook

**WRITERS:** Eric Ashbrook, Alex Ashbrook

**CAST:** Eric Ashbrook, Alex Ashbrook, Jacob Scara, Anna Stim, John Lee, Jesse Kendall, Matt Mahaffey, Masashi Sakamoto, Tom Simmermaker

Most twins would admit they're joined at the hip. Shannon and Brock Clenchcock, on the other hand, are conjoined at the ass. Literally. After a delivery room incident left Brock in a persistent vegetative state, doctors described the twins' future as "bleak." But, thanks to their business-savvy mother and apathetic father, the whole miserable mess became a hit reality show! Watch as the twins and their best friend Spalding navigate school dances, first dates, and a lot of doctors appointments. Why should private lives stay private when they're this entertaining?

## #WASHED

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 48.5 min.



**WRITERS:** Jerod Couch, Ashlee Lee, Byron Hardy

**DIR:** Jerod B Couch

**PRODS:** Jerod Couch, Byron Hardy, Jamarrio Washington

**CAST:** Byron Hardy, Nadirah Shakir, Ahslee Lee, Dennis Raveneau, Brittney Bluiitt, Jonathan Egbuna

Desperate, pressed and washed-up, a group of aging millennials attain everything they never wanted in pursuit of their vanishing dreams. #WASHED is an indie television series created by 2x regional Emmy winner Jerod Couch. Season 2 features an all-Black ensemble cast. At a crossroads, these multidimensional, and often conflicted characters face a harsh reality: too old to JUST be dreamers, yet young enough to make those dreams a reality. A unique take on the urban coming-of-age story, #WASHED packs a punch as the content hits close-to-home in a relatable, hilarious and dramatic fashion.

## A WORD

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 7 min.

**WRITERS/DIRS:** Antjuan Ward, Mia Hicks

**PROD:** Antjuan Ward

**CAST:** Heather Gibson



A word is a monologue performed series that reflects various issues in today's society. With a theatre meets film approach, this series highlights numerous topics like "black women/men", "LGBT", "immigration", "survivor of sexual assault", etc. Performed by actors with a theatre background, it's a good blend of theatre acting, spoken word and traditional filming.

## INTERROBANG: FOREVER

CALIFORNIA Premiere | USA, 2020, 7 min.

**WRITER/DIR/PROD:** Paige Feldman

**CAST:** Havon Baraka, Connie Love



INTERROBANG is a short-form comedy anthology about moments after sex when being emotionally naked is way more terrifying than being physically naked. The episode 'Forever' asks: How real are the things we say during sex? And can those utterances in the heat of passion actually effect our relationship in the real world?

## LITTLE BOXES: A BIRTH STORY

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 19 min.

**WRITERS:** Leslie Murphy, Sydney Walsh

**DIRS:** Alexandra Wright, Sydney Walsh

**PRODS:** Alexandra Wright, Leslie Murphy, Ellyn Jameson, Risa Bramon Garcia, The BGB Studio

**CAST:** Leslie Murphy, Ellyn Jameson, Ben Huth, Harley Jane Kozak



A series following the various lives that surround one couple's journey to welcoming their first child during a worldwide pandemic. Shot entirely on Zoom by numerous creators and directors, this series explores what it means to stay connected. With this work we celebrate some of the challenges this historic year has put us through and how we have still managed to love, forgive, and grow despite it all.

## LOVE IN 2020

WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2021, 10 min.

**WRITER:** Christina Garofalo Bonifacio

**DIR:** Eirinn Disbrow

**PRODS:** Anna Jaller, Eirinn Disbrow, Christina Garofalo Bonifacio, Brandi Hart Craig

**CAST:** Anna Jaller, Gabrielle Lane, Jeff Pierre, April Lang, Nicole DuBois, Kat Purgal, Ryan Pratton, Jared Bybee, Yolanda Esquivel, Zach Kotski



When the COVID-19 pandemic hits, 28-year-old Kenna Benjamin hates her job and is unsuccessful in love. Now human contact is banned (or at minimum, requires six feet of separation). While everyone around her has a quarantine companion, she takes to dating apps in search of meaningful connection.

# WEB BLOCK 1 - CON'T

SCREENING: SAT. AUG 28 @ 12PM

## THE LUXURY RENTAL

WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2021, 12 min.



**WRITER/DIR:** Narmar Hanna  
**PRODS:** Narmar Hanna, Sarah Haruko  
**CAST:** Narmar Hanna, Eric Edwards, Wojciech Fry Lewis, Emily Berry, Sarah Haruko, Jason Kyle

The Luxury Rental is a new micro short-form comedy web series based in a luxury apartment building in Los Angeles. In each episode, real estate agent Jade has one job; Lease a unit to prospective tenants. However, she also has a problem; overcome the hilarious obstacles that come with the job. We find that luxury is not always what it seems, and you don't always "get what you pay for."

## NEIGHBORS

CALIFORNIA Premiere | USA, 2020, 16 min.



**WRITERS:** Sharrod Williams, Alyssa LeClair  
**DIRS:** Daniel Gaymon, DeShawn Bowens, Elisabeth Willis  
**EXEC PROD:** Sharrod Williams  
**PRODS:** Giuseppe Bausilio, Benjamin Nissen, Russell McCook, John Canning, Peter Pileski  
**CAST:** Sharrod Williams, Joey Rosario, Matthew Petrucelli, Christopher Rice, Gizel Jimenez, Amanda Serrano, Juan Caballer, Shaunice Alexander

Brandon Michael Nase, Elisabeth Willis, Amanda Serrano, Juan Caballer, Shaunice Alexander  
With Broadway shutdown and a virus on the loose, neighbors and besties Sharrod and Joey rely on each other to stay afloat in this "new normal". Ironically, they both end up pursuing interracial relationships. After things quickly go south for Sharrod with his old fling Asher, Sharrod finds himself in a secret love triangle with Joey's new beau, Cameron. Sharrod struggles with how to tell Joey throughout the surprise birthday party he throws for him. Will they survive this Pandemic in their friendship?

## SPANKY

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 11.5 min.



**WRITER/DIR:** Alex Martinez  
**PRODS:** Spencer Valenzuela, Kirk Leins, Sundee Manusakis, Tanmay Mistry, Alex Martinez  
**CAST:** Spencer Valenzuela, LJ Hughes, Jessica Bishop, Kelli Hayes, Steve Suh, Jessica Nielson Pizarro, Michael Geretz, Evan Marshall, David Baptiste, Rocco Leins, Jordana Oberman, Marissa Castañeda, Guilherme Vasconcelos

A struggling actor chases sobriety and a grip on his own reality in this edgy comedy series.

## CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE SERIES

WEST COAST Premiere | USA, 2021, 10 min.

**WRITER:** Deon van Rooyen

**DIRS:** Deon van Rooyen, Linda Palmer, Michael Lockett

**PRODS:** Linda Palmer, Deon van Rooyen, Andrew Onochie

**CAST:** Chhaya Nene, John Tague, Megan Henry, Herman Gambhir, Brett Wagner, Elina Madison, Shelly Munoz, Bruce Windoffer



Human stories of social relevance designed to spark conversation, tolerance and understanding.

## DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 15 min.

**WRITER:** Shannon Phipps

**DIRS:** Caitlin Carleton, Amy Motta, Shannon Phipps

**PRODS:** Shannon Phipps, Brian Phipps, Amy Motta, Caitlin Carleton

**CAST:** Amy Motta, Caitlin Carleton, Patrick Hancock, Christina Carlisi, Dave Florek, Sara Coates, Aaron Coleman, Lisa Arturo, Jaxon Goldenberg



It's not the topic of conversation that makes things difficult for Alex, it's something entirely different. Though she's a fairly reasonable person, she must navigate unpredictable interactions with family, friends, and co-workers that push her to her limits.

## GLASSCOCK PARK

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 15 min.

**WRITERS:** Kevin Carrao & Patricia Rigney

**DIRS:** Sebastian Muñoz, Patricia Rigney & Kevin Carrao

**PRODS:** Kevin Carrao, Lara Fisher, Robin Leabman, James Pomichter & Patricia Rigney

**CAST:** Barry Lynch, Robin Leabman, Natalie Lynch, Alicia Lara, Johnson Cooley, Redetha Deason, James Pomichter, Lara Fisher, Karen Ryan, Patricia Rigney, Kevin Carrao, Beth Fisher, Caroline Morahan, Poonam Basu, Adam Briggs, Victoria Blackburn, Joanna Kelly, Barton Caplan, Stephanie Domini, Samm Hill, Terumi Shimazu & Veronica Barriga



GLASSCOCK PARK is a comedy series where a day at the park may not be what you expect. First episode is an afternoon at Glasscock Park's dog park through the views of both humans and dogs. Second episode has two moms, Margaret and Susan, talking about their kids at Glasscock Park's playground. The last episode has different couples meeting throughout Glasscock Park.

## I WANNA BE SINGLE WITH YOU

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2020, 10 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Rahel Grunder

**PRODS:** Rahel Grunder, Martin Wichmann Andersen, Judith Martin, Alexa Ihrt, We Make Movies, Inc.

**CAST:** Florine Elena Deplazes, Shaun Patrick Flynn, Anu Yadav, Daniel Lee, Tiffany Chen, Tyler Johnson Ellis, Deborah Meister, Michael John Lea, Constanza Palavecino, Marcus Sutton, Wilmer L. Diaz, Martel Shaw



To finally move on after the end of a long-term relationship, a woman, scarred but not scared, begins to look for her new Mr. Right and struggles to find one. So she decides to have many.

# WEB BLOCK 2

SCREENING: SAT. AUG 28 @ 2:30PM

## INDEMNITY: THE RABBIT HOLE

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 8 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Tiffany Littlejohn  
**PRODS:** Tyler Parks, Tiffany Littlejohn  
**CAST:** Tyler Parks, Candice Coke, Jacqueline Nwankwo, Zoë Yeoman, Michael Aguilar, Lauren Sevigny



After Austin Ellis (Tyler Parks), off-grid tech wiz and self proclaimed ‘reality-theorist’ receives a package in the mail, he is sent on a journey to find his AWOL parents before vaccine mogul, Delilah Green (Zoë Yeoman) forces their return. Austin tries to calm his anxiety through weekly therapy sessions with Dr. Charlotte Walker (Candice Coke), who doesn’t always see eye to eye. With the aid of his best friend, Kat Frederick (Jacqueline Nwankwo), a modern day Robin Hood, Austin navigates this new world where cash is obsolete and Indemnity Points are the only form of currency.

## SEXY NAILS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Premiere | AUSTRALIA, 2020, 12 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Tom Slater  
**PRODS:** Tom Slater, Emily O’Connell  
**CAST:** Jacob Warner, Thomas Larkin, Kelly Nguyen, An Ngo Lang, Kate Cheel



Sam and Luca are best friends at the beginning of their 30s who start meeting once a month to have manicures. Sam is married and Luca is single – together they relive all of the glories and failures of their romantic lives and try to make sense of it all. Sexy Nails is a comedy about the absurd, lovely world of male friendship and modern masculinity, and as Sam and Luca embrace the side of them that likes pretty colors, they find themselves asking questions about the rest of their lives as well.

## SINGLE...STILL?

WORLD Premiere | USA, 2021, 10 min.

**WRITER/DIR:** Roxanne Marciniak  
**PRODS:** Roxanne Marciniak, Josef Csongei and Emma Baksi  
**CAST:** Melinda Ratner, Deanna Noe, Olga Konstantulakis, Bill Prather, Olivia Eyman, Rick Lundgren and Yordanos Kibrom Himed



A forty-something woman, Amanda (played by Ratner), has a bitter mother, abandonment issues and a professional matchmaker as a best friend. Her best gal pal, Tracy (played by Noe), tries to help Amanda find love in Los Angeles. How hard could it be?

## STUPID CUPID

NORTH AMERICA Premiere | USA, 2020, 11 min.

**WRITERS:** Sarah Randall Hunt and Yaroslav Altunin  
**DIR:** Yaroslav Altunin  
**PRODS:** Sarah Randall Hunt, Desiree Staples, Elizabeth Bates  
**CAST:** Wayne T. Carr, JJ Hawkins, Joanna Sotomura, Sarah Randall Hunt, Zina Wilde, Amy Jo Jackson, Wunmi Fowora, Adenike Thomas, Desiree Staples, Elijah Guo, Dewey Caddell, Eric Colton, Tyler Hollinger, Dylan Adams, and Miranda West



Four best friends attempt to fix modern love by creating a dating app— too bad they’re the worst people for the job. When the app takes on a mind of its own, they’re forced back into the dating scene to figure out what is and isn’t working in the app as well as their love lives.

# DANCES THE FILMS

**THURSDay**  
AUG 26

**7:30 PM THE ART OF PROTEST**  
PRECEDED BY: SAY HIS NAME: FIVE DAYS OF GEORGE FLOYD

**FRIday**  
AUG 27

**2:00 PM DOWNBEAT GRP 1: A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC & DANCE**  
**4:30 PM LAST NIGHT IN ROZZIE**  
**7:00 PM ADDICT NAMED HAL**  
**9:30 PM MY FIONA**  
**11:55 PM RUST BELT DRIVER**  
PRECEDED BY: AS GOOD AS DEAD | ITCH | TINDER TANGO

**SATurday**  
AUG 28

**12:00 PM PILOTS: WEB GROUP 1**  
**1:30 PM COMPETITION SHORTS: GROUP 1**  
**2:30 PM PILOTS: WEB GROUP 2**  
**4:00 PM COMPETITION SHORTS: GROUP 2**  
**5:00 PM VINYL NATION**  
**7:00 PM LOVE AND BASEBALL**  
**7:30 PM DELICATE STATE**  
**9:30 PM ALEX/OCTOBER**  
**10:00 PM MOTO NOSTRA GR 224**  
**11:55 PM LIKE A DIRTY FRENCH NOVEL**

**SUNday**  
AUG 29

**1:00 PM UNIQUE + LOVING**  
**1:30 PM COMPETITION SHORTS: GROUP 3**  
**2:30 PM I AM HERE + BEAR AND FRED**  
**4:00 PM COMPETITION SHORTS: GROUP 4**  
**5:00 PM BACKSTREET TO THE AMERICAN DREAM**  
**7:00 PM VOODOO MACBETH**  
**7:30 PM THEY QUEENDOM COME + FAIRIES BASEBALL**  
**9:30 PM GHOSTWRITER**

**MONday**  
AUG 30

**4:30 PM FUSION SHORTS: GROUP 1**  
**7:00 PM ZERO GRAVITY**  
**9:30 PM TAKE OUT GIRL**

**TUESday**  
AUG 31

**1:30 PM POWERHOUSE PANEL (See Page 92)**  
**4:30 PM FUSION SHORTS: GROUP 2**  
**7:00 PM ALPHA RIFT**  
**9:30 PM BUCKSKIN**

**WEDSday**  
SEPT 1

**4:30 PM FUSION SHORTS: GROUP 3**  
**7:00 PM SPECIAL EVENT: FIRST FILMS - TRUMBO**  
WITH: PRODUCER MICHAEL LONDON

**THURSDay**  
SEPT 2

**1:30 PM TELEVISION/PILOT PANEL (See Page 92)**  
**4:30 PM FUSION SHORTS: GROUP 4**  
**7:00 PM SING TO ME SYLVIE**  
**9:30 PM BLOODSHOT HEART**

**FRIday**  
SEPT 3

**4:30 PM UNLEASHED SHORTS**  
**7:00 PM A SHOT THROUGH THE WALL**  
**9:30 PM KRINGLE TIME**  
**11:55 PM MIDNIGHT SHORTS: GRP 1**

**SATurday**  
SEPT 4

**12:00 PM PILOTS: TV GROUP 1**  
**1:30 PM COMPETITION SHORTS: GROUP 5**  
**2:30 PM PILOTS: TV GROUP 2**  
**4:00 PM COMPETITION SHORTS: GROUP 6**  
**5:00 PM PILOTS: TV GROUP 3**  
**7:00 PM NEW YEAR**  
**7:30 PM PILOTS: TV GROUP 4**  
**9:30 PM BENEATH THE BANYAN TREE**  
**10:00 PM WHERE IS LOVE + WORLD PREMIERE VIDEO**  
**11:55 PM DANNI AND THE VAMPIRE + TAKE**

# SCREENING SCHEDULE

With the independent film world changing every day, DWF is proud to present FIVE Lunchtime Panels with some of our industry's top professionals focused on what's relevant, new and happening NOW... the "Where?" and "Who?"

# PANEL SCHEDULE

**TUE, AUG 31 @ 1:30PM**

## **POWERHOUSE PANEL**

- **Gerren Crochet** (Endeavor Content Associate)
- **Mark Ordesky** (Producer, LORD OF THE RINGS Trilogy)
- **Warren Kraemer** (UTA Indie Packaging Agent)
- **Syrinthia Studer** (EVP, Awesomeness Films)

**THU, SEPT 2 @ 1:30PM**

## **TV/PILOT PANEL**

- **Robert Munic** (Showrunner/Executive Producer/Writer at STARZ)
- **Adam Glass** (Showrunner/Producer/Writer Comic Books, Screenplays & TV)
- **Daysun Perkins** (SVP, Programming & Development Remedy Television + Branded)

**TUE, SEPT 7 @ 1:30PM**

## **DIVERSITY & INCLUSION PANEL**

### **SPONSORED BY SAGIndie**

- **Katie R. White** (Producer BEST SUMMER EVER)
- **Nic Novicki** (Actor/Comedian/Producer)
- **Jenni Gold** (Filmmaker/Advocate for Film & Media Inclusion)
- **Romell Foster-Owens** (President, Jowharah Films / Filmmaker)
- **Alek Lev** (Writer / Director / Actor of WHAT?)

**WED, SEPT 8 @ 1:30PM**

## **DISTRIBUTION AND FINANCE**

- **Gregoire Gensollen** (COO, Tucker Tooley Entertainment)
- **Nat McCormick** (EVP Distribution & Sales, The Exchange)
- **Adam Krentzman** (CEO, Ouvert Media Group/Producer)
- **Valerie McCaffrey** (Casting Director / Filmmaker)

**THU, SEPT 9 @ 1:30PM**

## **LIGHTS, CAMERA, CASTING!**

- **David Rubin** (President, Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Science/Casting Director)
- **Lisa Beach** (Beach / Katzman Casting)
- **Gayle Pillsbury** (Casting Director)
- **Bonnie Zane** (Casting Director)



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*Panelists subject to change.*

# DANCES WITH THE FILMS

**SUNday**  
SEPT 5

1:00 PM DANCES WITH KIDZ: KIDZ BY KIDS  
1:30 PM COMPETITION SHORTS: GROUP 7  
2:30 PM DEAR IKE: LOST LETTERS TO A TEEN IDOL  
4:00 PM COMPETITION SHORTS: GROUP 8  
5:00 PM POPOVICH: ROAD TO HOLLYWOOD  
7:00 PM BONE CAGE  
7:30 PM DANCES WITH KIDZ: KIDZ BY PROS  
9:30 PM DREAMOVER

**MONday**  
SEPT 6

4:30 PM DOCUMENTARY SHORTS: GROUP 1  
7:00 PM UNTOLD: THIS IS MY STORY  
9:30 PM LIFE IN LONGBEACH

**TUESday**  
SEPT 7

1:30 PM DIVERSITY & INCLUSION PANEL (See Page 92)  
4:30 PM DOCUMENTARY SHORTS: GROUP 2  
7:00 PM HOLIDAYS AT ALL COST  
9:30 PM  $t=E/x^2$

**WEDnesday**  
SEPT 8

1:30 PM DISTRIBUTION AND FINANCE PANEL (See Page 92)  
4:30 PM DOCUMENTARY SHORTS: GROUP 3  
7:00 PM FOUR COUSINS AND A CHRISTMAS  
9:30 PM SHELLFISH

**THURSDay**  
SEPT 9

1:30 PM LIGHTS, CAMERA, CASTING! PANEL (See Page 92)  
4:30 PM before/during/after  
7:00 PM WHAT?  
9:30 PM EVAN WOOD

**FRIday**  
SEPT 10

2:00 PM DOWNBEAT GRP 2: A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC & DANCE  
5:00 PM HOLLYWOOD PRIEST: THE STORY OF FR. "BUD" KIESER  
7:00 PM THE CATCH  
9:30 PM THIS IS NOT A WAR STORY  
11:55 PM MIDNIGHT SHORTS: GRP 2

**SATurday**  
SEPT 11

11:00 AM SPECIAL EVENT: FIRST FILMS - UNITED 93  
WITH: DIRECTOR PAUL GREENGRASS  
11:30 AM HOLY FRIT  
2:30 PM TOO SOON: COMEDY AFTER 9/11  
3:00 PM SKY SO BLUE  
5:00 PM FIREBOYS  
5:30 PM THEY/THEM/US  
7:30 PM GRIDLOCKED: ON TOUR WITH THE BRIGGS  
8:00 PM THE SLEEP: SURVIVAL HORROR (PART ONE)  
10:00 PM BLEEDING AUDIO  
11:55 PM THE ALTERNATE + ZERO ONE ZERO

**SUNday**  
SEPT 12

1:30 PM THE ACCIDENTAL PRESIDENT  
4:00 PM GENERATION WRECKS  
7:00 PM CLOSING NIGHT FILM: MISTER SISTER

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