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94 FILMS

AMT International Film Festival was created to bring together the artistic community locally and internationally. At AMT we deeply believe in fostering creativity in theater and film. Our festival is open to all filmmakers and screenwriters. Building on the success of our Inaugral Festival in 2024 we look forward to bringing you yet another year of wonderful independent films.

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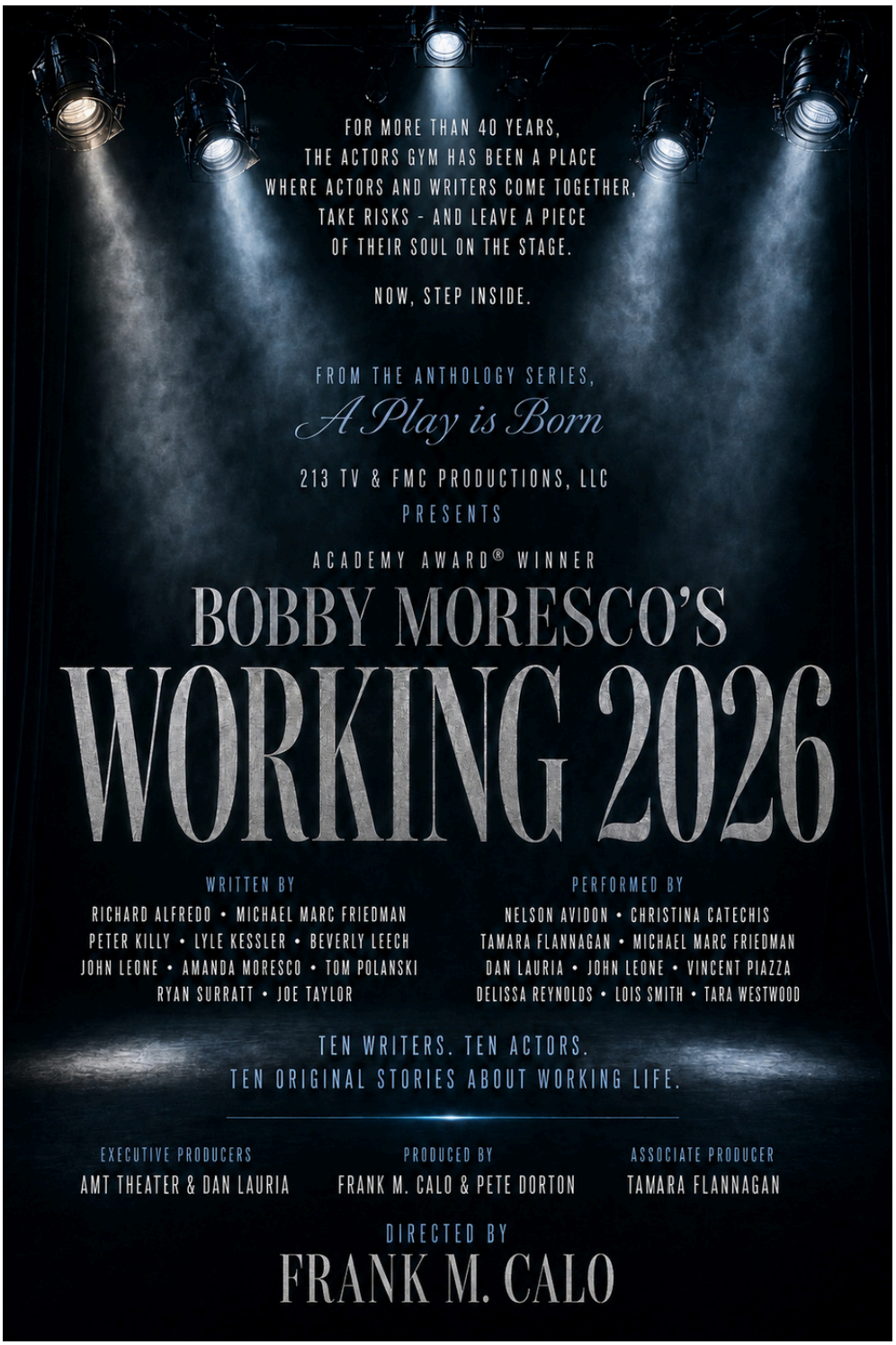
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WORKING – OCTOBER 21, 7PM



The third annual AMT International Film Festival kicks off the week with a special sneak preview of Working Play, a behind-the-scenes feature documentary following Academy Award winner Bobby Moresco as he brings together a group of artists to stage an Off-Broadway play. A moving and intimate glimpse into the rehearsal process, the film features candid interviews with the creators and captures the passion, struggle, and dedication behind bringing a new work to life. Working Play is a tribute to the hands that built America—and a battle cry for the artists fighting to keep these stories alive.

BLOCK A – OCTOBER 22, 4PM

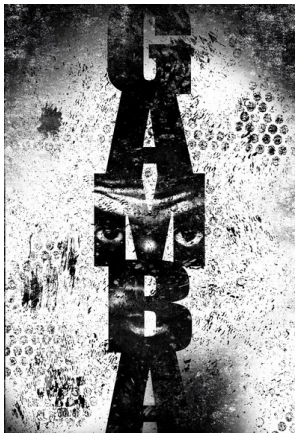


A Mother's Love

Directed by Harald Schwarzenbacher

A mother loses her daughter in an accident caused by her 8-year-old son and struggles to cope with the aftermath and the blame.

Cast: Thamos Hollweg, Benjamin Kleiner, Julia Koch, Beate Kleiner, Anton Noori, Uwe Kleiner, Rita Radinger, Maria
Writer: Harald Schwarzenbacher
Producer: Harald Schwarzenbacher, Tabea Schwarzenbacher



Gamba

Directed by Will Hanley Reed

Gamba follows the journey of a young, up-and-coming boxer struggling to make ends meet. Gamba must navigate the challenges of providing for his family, enduring a fractured relationship with his father, and the unforgiving world of boxing.

Cast: Xavier Jones, Mitch McDonald, CJ Bernard
Writer: Will Hanley Reed
Producer: Will Hanley Reed

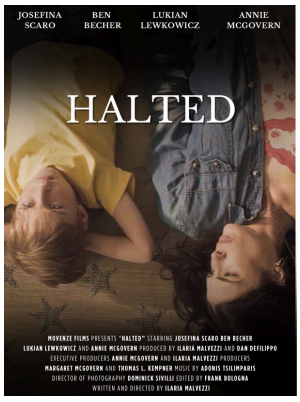


Ordinary

Directed by Ralph C. Schulz

In a world where the extraordinary are caged for entertainment, a clown and a bearded lady dream of escaping the circus to live an ordinary life, only to discover that normalcy might be the strangest act of all.

Cast: Ralph C. Schulz, Natalie Yale
Writer: Jack Feldstein
Producer: Ralph C. Schulz, Jack Feldstein, Molly Healey



Halted

Directed by Ilaria Malvezzi

Lucia and Ben, a couple who struggle with infertility, decide to adopt Maksym, a six year old Ukrainian boy. When Russia invades Ukraine, the escalating circumstances snatch away their last hope of becoming a family.

Cast: Josefina Scaro, Ben Becher, Annie McGovern, Lukian Lewkowicz
Writer: Ilaria Malvezzi, Dan DeFilippo
Producer: Ilaria Malvezzi



Self Custody

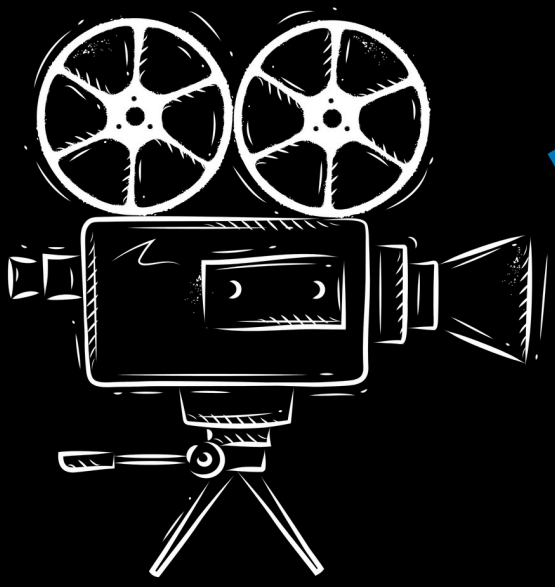
Directed by Fernando Ferro & Zarrett Patten

When a struggling father discovers he unknowingly received a Bitcoin bonus back in 2014--now worth millions--his desperate attempt to reclaim the lost fortune sends him spiraling into a high-stakes world of encrypted wallets, forgotten passwords, and dark web danger.

Cast: Garrett Patten, Adrian Grenier, Henry Cejudo
Writer: Daniel T. McCann
Producer: Jenny Shakeshaft

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A Pocket Guide to Pigeon Watching

Directed by Adam Elliott

A glimpse into the remarkable lives of our closest avian neighbors, and what they reveal about us.

Producer: Stephen Tucker, Celia Aniskovich, Sean Glass, Andrew Grell and Brian Miller

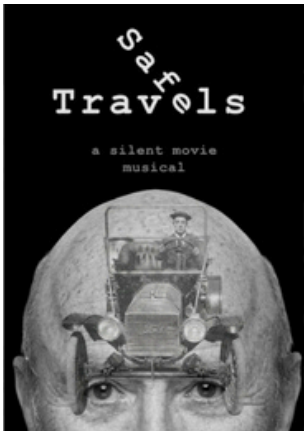


Irregular

Directed by Kyle de Vre

A collection of vignettes illustrating a typical Tuesday at a dive bar in New York City, and the eccentric characters who inhabit the space.

Cast: Ben Jacobson, Mo Stark, Liza Colby, Alex Arthur, Jordan Monaghan, Jonny Maldonado
Writer: Kyle de Vre
Producer: Kyle de Vre, Rachelyn Remz, Richie Corton, Kirk Marcoe



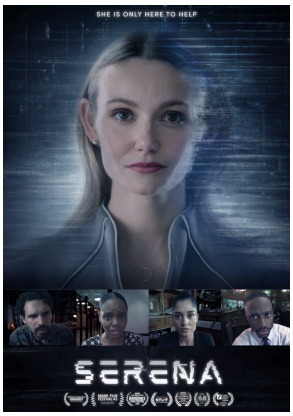
Safe Travels

Directed by Marc Acito

An old man is determined to pass on life-saving advice to others—whether they want to hear it or not.

Cast: Rick Sadle, Neva Small, Lucas Fenig, Tic Treitler, Matthew Simpkins
Producer: Rick Sadle, Halle Sadle

BLOCK C - OCTOBER 22, 8PM



Serena

Directed by Rob Alicea

An unemployed father-to-be is offered a job beta testing a revolutionary new AI chatbot, but as the trial progresses, he realizes that the technology may not be as benevolent as it appears.

Cast: Andi Matichak, Steven Strait, Ashleigh Murray
Writer: P.T. Hylton & Jonathan Benecke
Producer: Jerry Careccio

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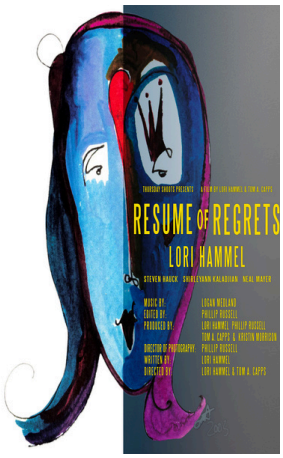
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BLOCK D – OCTOBER 23, 4PM

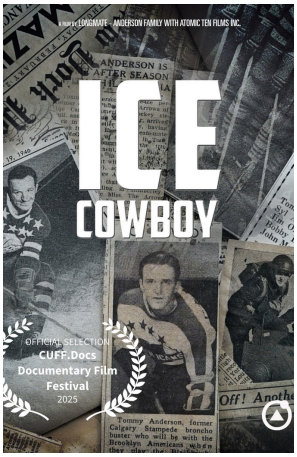


Resume of Regrets

Directed by Lori Hammel & Tom Capps

A job interview quickly unravels when a woman confronts her unfinished projects.

Cast: Lori Hammel, Neal Mayer, Shirleyann Kaladjian, Steven Hauck, Sophia Russel
Writer: Lori Hammel
Producer: Lori Hammel, Tom Capps, Phillip Russell



Ice Cowboy

Directed by Victoria L McFadyen

Ice Cowboy is a short film on Tommy Cowboy Anderson, an NHL phenomenon from the 1940's, who played for the Brooklyn Americans, an iconic hockey team owned by gangster Bill Dwyer. Cowboy won the Hart trophy before enlisting in WWII. He is the only skater to have won the Hart trophy and not be inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Writer: Victoria L McFadyen, Ron Joe, Christina Thomlinson, Robbie Thomlinson
Producer: Victoria L McFadyen



Driven by Angels

Directed by Brett Buesch

At 62 years old, Vaughn Shafer comes out of retirement in a bold attempt to reclaim his title as the fastest man on a motorized skateboard. With the support of a small crew, Vaughn embarks on a 3 year journey to build a machine capable of reaching 100 MPH.

Cast: Vaughn Shafer, Nicholas Costello, Brett Buescher, Louis Buescher, Travis Tripp, Hart Houston
Writer: Brett Buesch
Producer: Nicholas Costello, Brett Buesch, Eve Austin

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The Super

Directed by Michael Marc Friedman

A New York City building super confronts his limits.

Cast: Sayra Player, Betsy Beutler, Mike Keller, Marcia Haufrecht
Writer: Michael Marc Friedman
Producer: Michael Marc Friedman



Surviving Myself

Directed by Juan Cálix

A man relapses on crystal meth behind his husband's back and discovers the grim cost of throwing away his sobriety. Based on the creator's journey into sobriety.

Cast: Alex Puette, Sebastián Treviño, Evan Enslow
Writer: Juan Cálix
Producer: Juan Cálix and (k)nightingale Productions



Stop Time

Directed by Paul Schwartz

Over the course of a single day in New York City, two creative professionals struggling with different forms of loss find themselves moving toward an unexpected encounter that challenges each to reconsider the future.

Cast: Nelson Avidon, Tara Westwood, Patty McCormack, Catherine Quirico, Kelly Deadmon
Writer: Paul Schwartz
Producer: Paul Schwartz



Tiny Pencils

Directed by Brian Russell

The outcome of a one night stand is up in the air. Can a tiny gift make you this happy

Cast: Amanda Gabbard, Matt Bradbury
Writer: Michael McGuirk
Producer: Brian Russell, Lisa DeTullio Russell, Michael McGuirk

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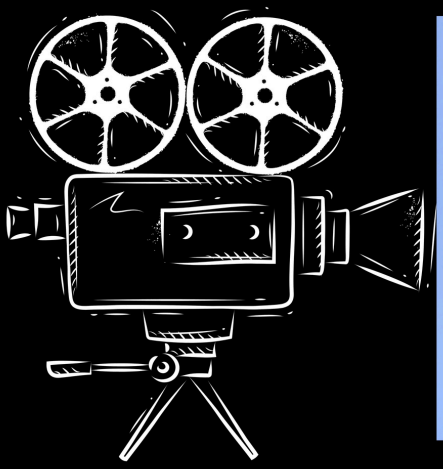
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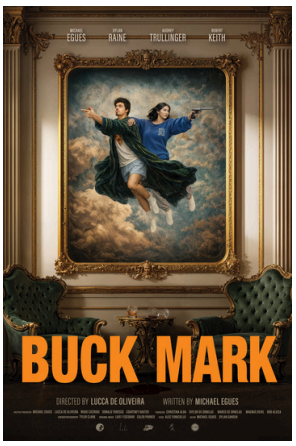
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BLOCK F – OCTOBER 23, 8PM



Buck Mark

Directed by Lucca De Oliveira

A couple's road trip takes a high-stakes adventure turn, after an unexpected gift from a charming ranch owner leads to unsettling truths.

Cast: Michael Egues, Dylan Raine, Robert Keith, Audrey Trullinge
Writer: Michael Egues
Producer: Rob Alicea, Courtney Baxter, Wade Cicierski, Lucca De Oliveira, Michael Egues Don Toresco



Cinch

Directed by Ally Musmeci

A last-minute replacement model gets fitted by a world-renowned designer but, with five minutes to showtime, there's no time to alter the clothes to her body...so he alters her body to fit the clothes.

Cast: Arielle Beth Klein, Eric Paeper, Teal Holliday
Writer: Arielle Beth Klein
Producer: Arielle Beth Klein, Ally Musmeci, Madeleine Joyce, Jarobi Moorhead

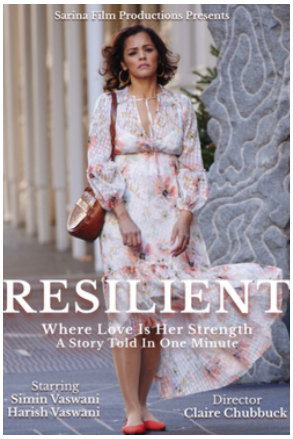


$13

Directed by Melissa Skirboll

When a long-time New Yorker introduces her niece to her beloved city, a doughnut and a waterfront view ignite memories of her greatest, but luckiest, loss.

Cast: Melissa Skirboll, Meghan Martin
Writer: Penny B. Jackson & Melissa Skirboll
Producer: Penny B. Jackson, Tracy Boak, Melissa Skirboll



Resilient: A Story Told in One Minute

Directed by Claire Chubbuck

Inspired by real life events, this one minute microfilm follows a woman as she overcomes a trauma response through her own resilience and the unwavering support of her husband.

Cast: Harish Vaswani, Dominick Sivilli, Sam Garland, Angelica Grace Garson, Harish Vaswani
Writer: Simin Vaswani
Producer: Harish Vaswani, Simin Vaswani

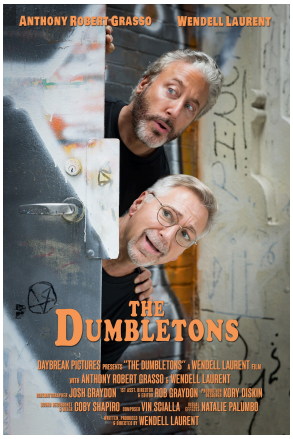


The Shave

Directed by Francisco Solorzano

A former caregiver returns to a residential home to deliver heartbreaking news to a nonverbal autistic man he once cared for. What begins as an awkward reunion transforms into a deeply human moment of connection through a simple act of care, a shave.

Cast: Myla Pitt, Francisco Solorzano
Writer: Francisco Solorzano
Producer: Kenny Neal Shults, Myla Pitt, Kesten Migdal, Francisco Solorzano, Paul Skye Lehrman



The Dumbletons

Directed by Wendell Laurent

When his mother receives grave medical news, Walter Dumbleton is forced to reconcile with his reclusive brother Stan in order to carry out a harebrained scheme to pay for their mother's life saving operation.

Cast: Anthony Robert Grasso, Wendell Laurent
Writer: Wendell Laurent
Producer: Wendell Laurent

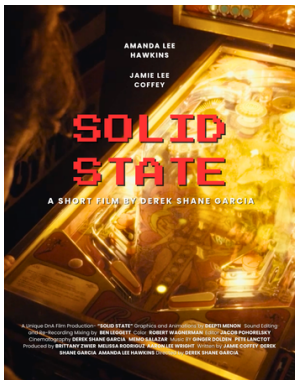


Wanna Be A Star

Directed by Brian Russell

A frustrated actress loses her temper with an indie film director.

Cast: Diane Harrington, Jeanine Bartel, Anthony Robert Grasso
Writer: Brian Russell
Producer: Brian Russell, Lisa DeTullio Russell



Solid State

Directed by Derek Shane Garcia

Two women, Gretchen and Abigail, catch up at a bar in New York City after years apart.

Cast: Jamie Coffey, Amanda Lee Hawkins
Writer: Jamie Coffey, Derek Shane Garcia, Amanda Lee Hawkins
Producer: Melissa Rodriguez, Aaron Lee Wright, Brittany Zwier



A Nice Place to Visit

Directed by Danicah Waldo

In the near future, a new mother struggling with the monotonous challenges of postpartum steals a device from a time-traveling junkie that allows her to escape her difficult reality.

Cast: Rockzana Flores, Alaina Kai Chester, Jessica Sherr, Pasquale Crociata, Mike Mastrangelo, Glenys Várgas
Writer: Aixa Mastrangelo, Gussie Roc
Producer: Dezera Page, Katrina Medoff, Tracy Sayre, Reva Grimball



Stop to Stop

Directed by Samantha Massell Asher Grodman

Carolyn is flooded with political text messages. When a chance encounter reveals the identity of one of her tormentors, she seeks revenge, but finds a spark.

Cast: Samantha Massell, Kadeem Ali Harris, Alex Wyse, Julian Elijah Martinez
Writer: Samantha Massell
Producer: Samantha Massell, Asher Grodman, Ian Adelson, RJ Brown

BLOCK G (AI) – OCTOBER 24, 12PM



The Cinema that Never Was

Directed by Mark Wachholz

Have you ever wondered about all the films we lost—not to time, but to never having existed? Not abandoned projects, but films that were never written, never imagined, never even conceived.

Cast: AI creations
Writer: Mark Wachholz
Producer: Mark Wachholz

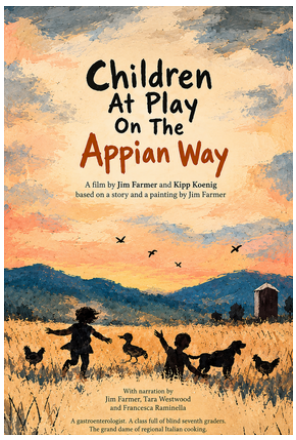


Pupils in Love

Directed by Yoonyoung Kim

Beings born to stare in only one direction, the Eyeballs can never look at one another and therefore can never truly love.

Cast: AI creations
Writer: Bona Hyun
Producer: Minyeong Son

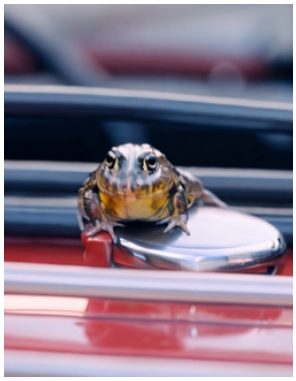


Children At Play On The Appian Way

Directed by Kipp Koenig and Jim Farmer

A gastroenterologist. A class full of blind seventh graders. The grand dame of regional Italian cooking. An abandoned grain silo. Two weeks they will never forget.

Cast: Narrators - Jim Farmer, Tara Westwood, Francesca Raminella
Writer: Jim Farmer
Producer: Kipp Koenig and Jim Farmer



Frog

Directed by Jon Carnoy

Cast: AI creations
Writer: Jon Carnoy
Producer: Jon Carnoy



Lens

Directed by Eduardo Rodriguez

When nine-year-old Alex discovers LENS - a mysterious prototype capable of showing alternative realities - her family becomes the target of ruthless special ops agents. Fleeing across desolate cornfields, Alex, her brother Jim, and their mother, Sam, must risk everything to protect their new friend and unlock its true potential.

Cast: AI creations
Writer: Eduardo Rodriguez
Producer: Eduardo Rodriguez



Nothing Happened

Directed by Oranguerillatan

Today, like yesterday... Nothing Happened.

Cast: featuring Graeme Cornies, AI creations
Writer: Oranguerillatan
Producer: Oranguerillatan



Short Circuit

Directed by Adrien Lhoste

A mother speaks to Lili, her five-year-old daughter who suffers from epilepsy. She lovingly and poetically imagines the play-space her daughter creates in her mind during the seizures in which she loses consciousness.

Cast: AI creations, Manon Colin (voice over)
Writer: Manon Colin
Producer: Manon Colin



Life Swing Again

Directed by Hyung-rae Cho

A young volunteer at a daycare center forms an unlikely friendship with a lonely elderly man through jazz music, giving each other a new rhythm in their lives across generations.

Cast: AI creations
Writer: Hyung-rae Cho
Producer: Hyung-rae Cho



By Means Unknown

Directed by Luc Leclerc

Drawn from the life and writings of Russian absurdist Daniil Kharms, who was arrested, declared insane, and starved to death as his own stories came true around him. A film about the one thing the state could not erase: not the man, but the work, carried out of a dying city in a suitcase.

Cast: AI creations
Writer: Claude and Luc Leclerc
Producer: Above the Void



Dream Tapes

Directed by David Durán

In a world where dreams are chosen, Dreamtapes is a video rental store where each cartridge allows you to live a dreamlike experience in first person. When the technology begins to fail, the lines between escapism and reality blur.

Cast: David Durán, AI creations
Writer: David Durán
Producer: Smaver Microfilms Studio SLU

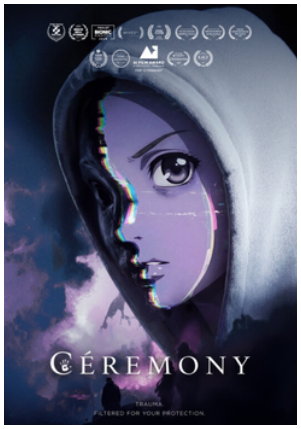


Packing Heavy

Directed by ANDRÉ MACHADO

A mother speaks to Lili, her five-year-old daughter who suffers from epilepsy. She lovingly and poetically imagines the play-space her daughter creates in her mind during the seizures in which she loses consciousness.

Cast: GABE BRANDAO, THIAGO CHAGAS, VICTOR MAIA, AI creations
Writer: ANDRÉ MACHADO
Producer: ANDRÉ MACHADO



Ceremony

Directed by Mark Wachholz

In a near-future where perception of minors in distress is heavily filtered, the only survivor of a city erased in an apocalyptic strike, a 12-year-old girl,is interviewed to tell the world what happened. But she holds the key to a darker truth about children in our society.

Cast: AI creations
Writer: Mark Wachholz
Producer: Mark Wachholz



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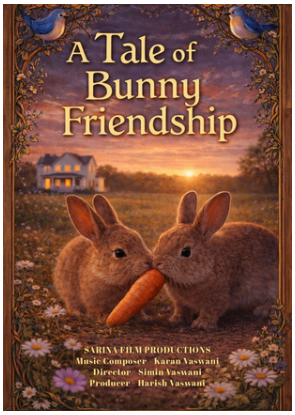
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BLOCK H YOUTH – OCTOBER 24, 2PM



A Tale of Bunny Friendship

Directed by Harish Vaswani

A quiet moment, a lasting bond. When Jelly stands up for him, Sliceker begins to understand what friendship truly means.

Writer: Simin Vaswani
Producer: Simin Vaswani, Nancy Modell



Road Tested

Directed by Olivia Blyn & Simon Ostrower

This road test has nothing to do with driving.

Cast: Simon Ostrower, Rio Zeko, Anthony Fazio
Writer: Jamie Schecner, Ryan J Myers, Anthony Fazio
Producer: Anthony Fazio, Saunder Boyle



Lightning

Directed by Jeffrey Morin

'Lightning' is a short film that introduces a fantasy story of the land of Rah with majestic views of original villages and rolling meadows, castles and seas, with powerful characters of Yazzo, Zill and Clarin.

Writer: Jeffrey Morin
Producer: Jeffrey Morin



Duck

Directed by Caleb Lopez

When a deranged gang leader becomes obsessed with a duck, he kidnaps Bryce Baker, setting off a bizarre and dangerous chain of event.

Cast: Ethan Rice, Aidan Mcfall, Luke Broward, Carl White
Writer: Caleb Lopez
Producer: Michael Madden

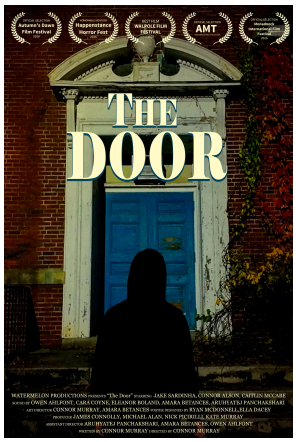


Do Not Enter

Directed by May Abella

After stumbling upon what appears to be a dead body in a sealed classroom, a seventh grader inadvertently sparks a wave of panic among his classmates. As rumors spread and a0ssumptions harden into “facts,” the students learn just how easily fear can shape reality.

Cast: Ella Meyer, Kavanaugh Porter, Olivia Clancy, Izzy Patel, Bowden Cruz, Esme Schorn, Ella Schorn, Colton Breedon
Writer: Anthony Fazio
Producer: Kate Froemmling, Anthony Fazio



The Door

Directed by Connor Murray

While investigating a string of student disappearances, high school journalist Tom discovers a mysterious door on campus tied to the vanishings. As he pushes to expose the truth, he becomes the target of the sinister supernatural force lurking behind it.

Cast: Jake Sardinha, Connor Alson, Caitlin McCabe
Writer: Connor Murray
Producer: James Connolly, Michael Alan, Nick Piccirilli, Kate Murray



This Time It’s Personal

Directed by Ben Stone

An underappreciated detective intern gets an important case, but discovers the dark truth about it.

Cast: Kai Davis, Christopher Aldred-Espinoza, Michael Steinhardt, Scarlett O’Giggles Broward
Writer: Ben Stone
Producer: Michael Madden, Wiley Darden, Elissa Stone, Kevin Stone



Party of the Year

Directed by Anthony Fazio

Jeremy and Eddie are not the most popular kids in school... but that's all about to change if they're able to get uber famous YouTube star Lady Crimson to come to their party! They only get one shot to throw the PARTY OF THE YEAR!

Cast: Jacob Berland, Lawson Wright
Writer: Anthony Fazio
Producer: Danicah Waldo

BLOCK I – OCTOBER 24, 4PM

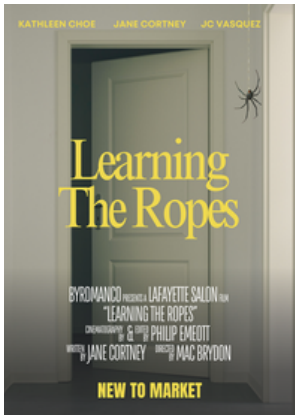


Swipe White

Directed by Andre Toure

A gay Black New Yorker impulsively masquerades as white on a dating app to overcome racial bias and find a match.

Cast: Joey Quinn, Christian Ryan Tai, Jon Luigi Caña, Tony Bordonaro
Writer: Andre Toure
Producer: Andre Toure



Learning The Ropes

Directed by MAC BRYDON

When a novice real estate broker receives on-the-job training from an industry pro, both learn some eye-opening lessons.

Cast: KATHLEEN CHOE, JANE CORTNEY, JC VASQUEZ
Writer: JANE CORTNEY
Producer: Byrdmanco, Lafayette Salon Films, Philip Emeott



Still Here

Directed by Ava Solange

Set on a fall day in rural New York, Still Here. Follows Brooke, as she arrives at her childhood best friend's home, a month after her suicide attempt.

Cast: Mikayla Stoltz, Manuela Monjardim
Writer: Ava Solange
Producer: Manuela Monjardim

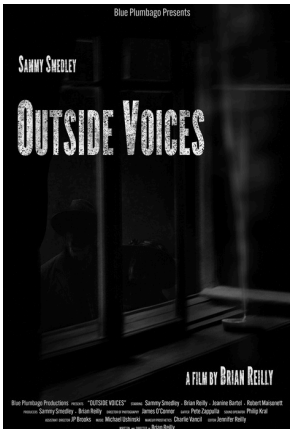


it was the dog

Directed by Robert Haufrecht

With his partnership threatened, a seasoned older attorney agrees to a late-night rendezvous with his ambitious partner's alluring wife, convinced he understands her game. But on a deserted Manhattan street, desire, ambition, and betrayal collide in a sudden act of violence.

Cast: Mark Borkowski, Natalia Volk, Tom Ashton
Writer: Robert Haufrecht
Producer: Robert Haufrecht



Outside Voices

Directed by Brian Reilly

When a woman eavesdrops on her strange neighbors, she gets pulled into a terrifying situation that makes her question her own reality, and threatens to destroy it.

Cast: Sammy Smedley, Brian Reilly, Jeanine Bartel, Robert Maisonett
Writer: Brian Reilly
Producer: Sammy Smedley and Brian Reilly



Girl in the Woods

Directed by Claudia Pak

Trapped in a painful cycle of shame and depression, a woman stumbles upon someone she's long been neglecting: her own inner-child.

Cast: Rachel Lauren James, Francesca Rain
Writer: Screenplay: Ken Crossland; Story by: Rachel Lauren James
Producer: Rachel Lauren James



Shadow Docket

Directed by Kevin B Ploth

Two detectives are confronted by an ambitious lawyer…..and find that their facts don't add up!

Cast: James Henry, Ed Trucco, Michael Sean McGuinness, Kevin B Ploth
Writer: Kevin B Ploth
Producer: Kevin B Ploth, Vanessa Thorpe



Silent Harmony

Directed by Debra Markowitz

Having survived a tragic accident, a celebrated pianist becomes traumatized and emotionally detached until she forms a quiet connection with a local handyman who breaks her silence and restores her will.

Cast: Linda Collins, Travis Grant, Michael Fedele, Julia Winer
Writer: Debra Markowitz
Producer: Linda Collins



Masclooking

Directed by Jonathan Hammond

After two friends discuss the pros and cons and gay dating apps, one starts to get ominous messages from a potential hookup with the handle, MascLooking.

Cast: Daniel Franzese, Patrick Mayuyu, Kevin Keppy
Writer: Jonathan Hammond, Brent Roberts
Producer: Regina Pigsley

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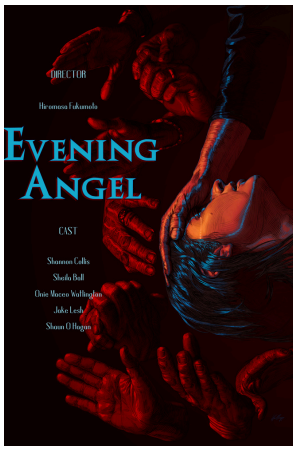


Beyond the End

Directed by Jesse T Lee

Camille is struggling with the loss of her sister when an estranged friend shows up to pay his respects. They navigate their feelings of abandonment and uncertainty while finding a path through their mourning.

Cast: Angel Lu, Tri Le, Yen Wen Chen, Marie Dinolan
Writer: Jesse T Lee
Producer: Ella Nicole Smith, Alice Q Wong



Evening Angel

Directed by Hiromasa Fukumoto

In a Christian Nationalist America, Monika, a single mother, returns to her hometown with her daughter, Jessica, after experiencing a financial crisis. However, Jessica mysteriously disappears. Monika now faces a difficult choice between love and faith in a world where the national narrative is unraveling.

Cast: Shannon Collis, Sheila Ball, Onie Maceo Watlington, Jake Lesh, Shaun O'Hagan
Writer: Hiromasa Fukumoto
Producer: Hsi Cheng, Anja Huang, Mina Huang

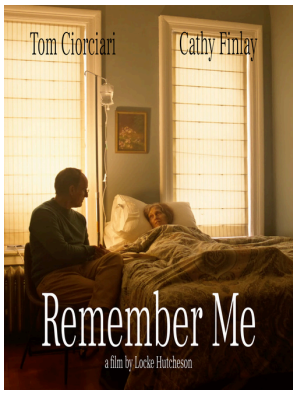


Welcome to Belle View

Directed by Debra Markowitz

A newly widowed, stay-at-home mom must learn to navigate a new job, her first in 20 years, in memory care and rehab, where fire alarms, escape attempts and crazy bosses are just another day.

Cast: Maureen Van Trease, Ava McIntosh, Lana Young, Lou Martini, Jr., Roger Hendricks Simon, Jennifer Plotzke, Bari Hyman, Alexandra Seal
Writer: Maureen Van Trease, Susan Lamkins
Producer: Maureen Van Trease, Susan Lamkins

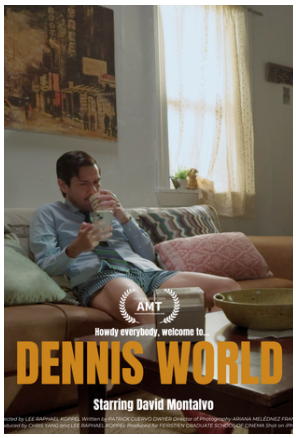


Remember Me

Directed by Locke M Hutcheson

An ailing woman accidentally reconnects with her estranged son and seeks forgiveness before it's too late.

Cast: Cathy Finlay, Tom Ciorciari
Writer: Locke M Hutcheson
Producer: Locke M Hutcheson, Betty Hutcheson, David Hutcheson



Dennis World

Directed by Lee Raphael Koppel

When a painfully ordinary man becomes the internet's latest obsession, he turns his life into content in a desperate attempt to feel seen, only to find that fame deepens the loneliness he can't escape.

Cast: David Montalvo
Writer: Patrick Cuervo Dwyer
Producer: Chris Yang and Lee Raphael Koppel



Comfort Food

Directed by Reena Dutt

A widowed, Indian-American activist chef from Oakland meets her mother-in-law, a redneck Japanese-American drunk from the deep South. Will their battle to survive unbearable loss cause more pain...or stir up a healing pot of COMFORT FOOD?

Cast: June Angela, Shalini Bathina
Writer: Reena Dutt
Producer: Kajri Akhtar, Sheheryar Ahsan



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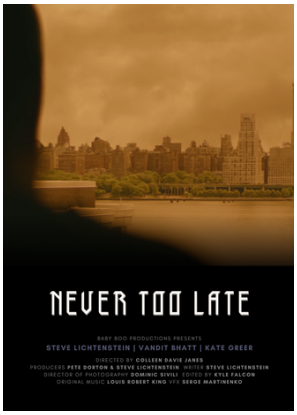


America

Directed by Laura New

Days before a school tragedy strikes, a single mother's effort to relocate her family in search of a better future is unknowingly racing against time.

Cast: Kim Berrios Lin
Writer: Laura New
Producer: Vanessa Hudgens, Oliver Trevena, Desiree Abeyta, Morgan Marcell



Never Too Late

Directed by Colleen Davie Janes

When Cliff's only companion— a virtual assistant—shuts down in a future where the air itself is becoming unbreathable, an asthmatic 70-year-old man's cry for help to a faraway support desk becomes a haunting search for meaning and human connection.

Cast: Steve Lichtenstein, Vandit Bhatt, Kate Greer
Writer: Steve Lichtenstein
Producer: Pete Dorton and Steve Lichtenstein



The Board

Directed by Susannah Nolan

Gate-keeping and microaggressions are on the agenda when a "quick and easy" co-op board interview becomes a travesty of careless prejudices and insulting assumptions. Will anyone stand up and call foul?

Cast: Jes Washington, Lukas Hassel, Rose Kanj, Jenn Plotzke, Bob Celli, Adam Auslander
Writer: Susannah Nolan
Producer: Jennifer Plotzke



The Barbarity

Directed by Marco Cano

In search of a better life in the United States, a Haitian family ventures through the depths of the Darién jungle. A tragic event midway will alter their fate and reveal to them the darkest side of human nature.

Cast: Ilienne Saint Jules, Marc Fabre Levelt Vallon
Writer: Marco Cano
Producer: Franco Bautista, Ale Rubiera, Marco Cano



Safe Harbor

Directed by Megan Hess

Life, Death, and the Texas legislature. A doctor and a hospital attorney navigate the critical medical and legal implications surrounding an endangered mother.

Cast: Tonya Pinkins, Veanne Cox, Kiana Kabeary
Writer: James McLindon
Producer: Theater Resources Unlimited, Janel C. Scarborough, Carley Santori, Cady Huffman



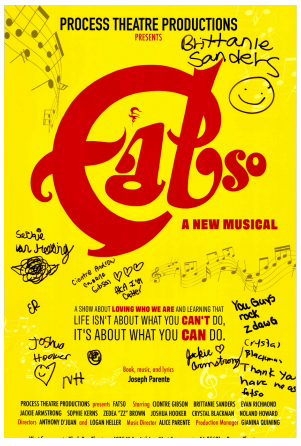
Margo for Real

Directed by Andrea Ashton

Meet Margo, a 40-something out-of-work actress with mother issues who is facing Hollywood and society's cruelest cut: irrelevance. Is it her or is it her birthdate? The only thing that keeps her going is her addiction to therapy.

Cast: Alicia Harding, Simon Feil, Kathleen Regan, Marcia Hopson, JD Salazar, Daniel Jordano
Writer: Michael Goldburg
Producer: Eva Minemar, Alicia Harding

BLOCK L – OCTOBER 25, 12PM



We Got A Show! Fatso the Musical

Directed by Eric Hurst

FATSO – A New Musical was created and produced in 1977 around the themes of "loving who you are" and learning that "life isn't about what you CAN'T do, it's about what you CAN do." The show was explicitly written to be performed by actors with developmental and intellectual disabilities. In early 2023, FATSO's original directors and producers became interested in exploring whether these same foundational messages of FATSO still held up after more than 45 years.

Cast: Ciontre Gibson, Brittanie Sanders, Zedea "ZZ" Brown, Evan Richmond, Jackie Armstrong, Joshua Hooker, Sophie Kerns, Crystal Blackman, Noland Howard
Writer: Joseph Parente
Producer: Joseph Parente and Dennis Curry



Brain. Storm.

Directed by Darren Lee

A playfully musicalized TED-style talk exploring how Beethoven's – and composer Jay Alan Zimmerman's – deafness affects creating music and connection with the world. This short film explores emerging technologies such as music visualizers and brain-mapping.

Cast: Keiji Ishiguri, Dominique Salerno, Jay Alan Zimmerman
Writer: Jay Alan Zimmerman
Producer: Prospect Theater Company



Silent Room

Directed by Kevin B Ploth & Vanessa Thorpe

The core of Silent Room concept—focusing on the empty, frozen-in-time child's bedroom left behind after a school shooting—lends itself powerfully to a dramatic, dark, black- and-white micro short film.

Cast: Kevin B Ploth
Writer: Kevin B Ploth
Producer: Vanessa Thorpe, Kevin B Ploth, Lawrence Gress, Michael Sean McGuinness, Lawrence Gress



The Amazing Andrew

Directed by Jack Feldstein

World-renowned playwright/screenwriter and animator Jack Feldstein created a short documentary film about the writer, actor, and stand-up comedian Andrew Justivig. He thought Andrew was amazing on stage in our last theatre production of "The Anxiety of Laughing." So, we wanted to introduce Andrew as an artist with a disability and commissioned Jack to create an animated interview with Andrew, which he calls "The Amazing Andrew."

Cast: Andrew Justivig, animation by Jack Feldstein
Writer: Jack Feldstein
Producer: Jack Feldstein

BLOCK M – OCTOBER 25, 2PM



The Millenial

Directed by Jaelin Taylor

An actor in the midst of an existential crisis gets an opportunity to make the biggest connection of his career after running into an old friend turned movie star.

Cast: Jaelin Taylor, Pascal Arquimedes, Reuben Reuel
Writer: Jaelin Taylor
Producer: Carlos Maldonado

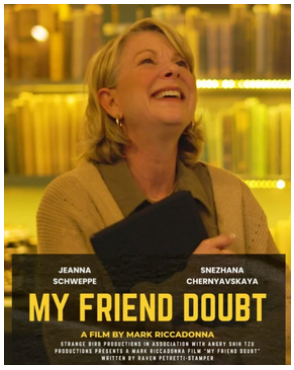


Forget Me Not

Directed by Michelle Bucci, Danielle Herrera Boivin

When a fracture in the multiverse tears them from their parallel lives, a guarded go-go dancer and a spirited cocktail waitress are thrust into a garden between realities- where they must confront the forces that have caged them.

Cast: Michelle Bucci, Danielle Herrera Boivin, Jonothon Lyons, Tommy Simpson
Writer: Danielle Herrera Boivin, Michelle Bucci
Producer: Michelle Bucci, Danielle Herrera Boivin, Timmy Hy



My Friend Doubt

Directed by Mark Riccadonna

With a debut bestseller under her belt, author Betty Ray Robinson is laboring to scribe a stellar follow-up when her old friend Doubt shows up at the door. When this negative Nancy tries to cast a shadow over the writer's confidence, Betty's on the hook to shine a positive light on her life's work.

Cast: Jeanna Schweppe, Snezhana Chernyavskaya
Writer: Raven Petretti-Stamper
Producer: Strange Bird Productions, Josephine Fisher



Sombras

Directed by Anna Capunay

Veronica, a soon to be Registered Nurse, and Robert, a retired NYPD officer on a three-quarter pension, have been married for a decade. They are going through it: post COVID emotions, financial stress, aging parents, and Robert's early, albeit shady, retirement. Veronica is thriving in her career but at home, things are different. Robert is different. Things come to a violent head. Tonight, we find out why.

Cast: Greta Quispe, Wilton Guzman
Writer: Anna Capunay
Producer: Bill McDonald



Archangel

Directed by Sam Platizky

A man crippled by chronic pain and mental illness is forced into action when a late-night delivery job ends in violence, pushing him to face his trauma and choose healing over isolation.

Cast: Dan Gregory, Alicia Giangrisostomi, Christian Keiber, Eva Visco, Isaac Platizky, Kerry McGann, Ernest Mingione, Justine S Harrison
Writer: Sam Platizky
Producer: Sam Platizky, Isaac Platizky, Dan Gregory, Eddie LeBron Jr, Leticia Buchanan, Joey Mosca, Christian Keiber



Still Here

Directed by Ava Solange

Set on a fall day in rural New York, Still Here. Follows Brooke, as she arrives at her childhood best friend's home, a month after her suicide attempt. Determined to be supportive, Brooke overcompensates, offering tea, blankets, and rides to the store.

Cast: Mira Young, Mikayla Stoltz
Writer: Ava Solange
Producer: Manuela Monjardim



Five Stars

Directed by Alonzo Alonzo Rodriguez-Spencer & Ginger Yifan Chen

An online marketplace reseller with a perfect reputation gets a review that taints his five star status hurting him financially. With their back up against the wall they are bent on getting the review changed by any means.

Cast: George Akolade, Kyri Nashiem
Writer: Alonzo Alonzo Rodriguez-Spencer
Producer: Alonzo Alonzo Rodriguez-Spencer

BLOCK N – OCTOBER 25, 4PM



Then, Again

Directed by Mandy Evans

A couple's shifting tides of intimacy, the ebb and flow, the distance and return, and the then and again unfold through restrained yet emotionally resonant dance.

Cast: Mandy Evans, Derek Stratton
Writer: -
Producer: Mandy Evans, Simin Vaswani, Harish Vaswani



Tiny Movements

Directed by Laura Sweeney

Tiny Movements is a short documentary about Jen Green, a professional modern dancer, mother of two who discovered video recordings of her husband raping her after drugging her with high doses of Ambien. The video's time stamps reflect that the abuse had been going on for over four years. She and her children escaped and filed an order of protection.

Cast: Jen Green
Writer: -
Producer: -

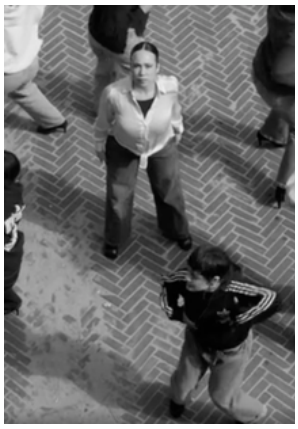


Ev'rybody Wants to be a Cat

Directed Leyla Eames

The dance film explores what it means to choose the life of a performer—to chase the dream, embrace self-expression, and fully commit to the person you want to become. At its heart, the film is a celebration of joy, individuality, and pride in who you are and what you do.

Cast: Caleb Owens, Josie Anderson, Katie Baik, Ellie Williams, Aleisha Burrows, Ava Beaumont, Bridget Castro, Sam Schrek, Lexie Sealy, Sydney Castiglione, Megan Marcella, Bella Burnham, Elise Gjertson, Rebecca Downs, Natalia Dennison
Writer: Leyla Eames
Producer: Leyla Eames

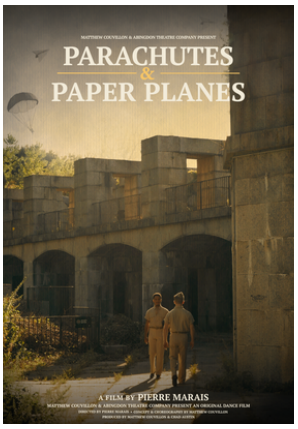


Unity in Vulnerability

Directed Valeria Sánchez Ortiz

Unity in Vulnerability is an intimate journey into the heart of a woman who, by loving and trusting deeply, slowly lost herself. After facing betrayal, abuse, and the pain of giving her heart to the wrong people, she finds refuge in prayer and begins to heal.

Cast: Valeria Sánchez Ortiz, Lizzie Clackson, Shuaishuai Chen, Sophia Cox, Sam Schreck, Chiara Eudeline, Katherine Shu, Agnes Bergdahl
Writer: Valeria Sánchez Ortiz
Producer: Valeria Sánchez Ortiz, Isaac Mariano



Parachutes & Paper Planes

Directed by Pierre Marais. Choreographer: Matthew Couvillon

In the midst of World War II, a parachute rigger and a fighter pilot's forbidden connection deepens amongst the rigid structure of military life and the turmoil of war. Unfolding through sweeping choreography and the ever-present tension between duty and desire, they must find quiet moments of intimacy bounded by the chaos.

Cast: Cory Betts & Carlos Falú
Writer: -
Producer: Matthew Couvillon, Chad Austin, Abingdon Theatre Company



Dance: Traditions Live On

Directed by Samantha Ramsahai

A one-minute film blending five traditional dance forms within a single song — a celebration of cultural diversity and a reminder that traditions live on.

Cast: Aleksandra Gamhewa
Writer: Aleksandra Gamhewa
Producer: Aleksandra Gamhewa



Animated New Yorkers: Jennifer Jiles

Directed by Jack Feldstein

Filmmaker Jack Feldstein is passionate about all things New York... and the Rockettes and Radio City Music Hall are pure iconic NY...so he was compelled to create an episode of ANIMATED NEW YORKERS featuring former Radio City Music Hall Rockette and Speaker ("A Rockette Out of Line") Jennifer Jiles in his series ANIMATED NEW YORKERS.

Cast: Jennifer Jiles, animation by Jack Feldstein
Writer: Jack Feldstein
Producer: Jack Feldstein

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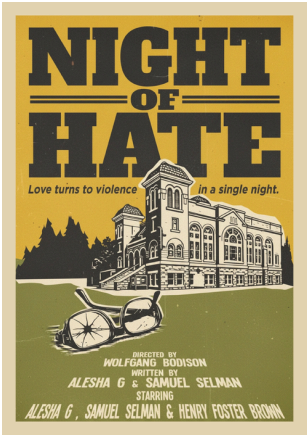


The Door

Di**rected by** James Graham

A small-town sheriff investigating a missing person discovers a freestanding door that tempts her with the life she once refused.

Cast: Annabel O'Hagan, Christian Johansen, Lauren McCann
Writer: James Graham
Producer: Michael Keen, Tali de Assis, Roger Mancusi, David Scarpetti

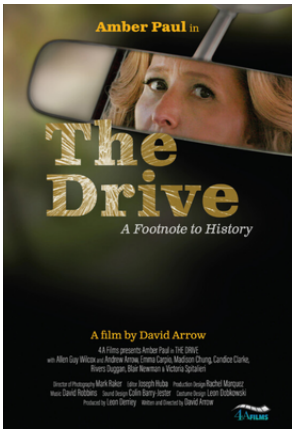


Night of Hate

Directed by Wolfgang Bodison

After the 16th street church bombing rocks Birmingham's black community, a devoted husband and wife clash over the meaning of justice when grief threatens to break their promises of non-violence and pushes them toward a choice that could cost them everything.

Cast: Alesha G, Samuel Selman, Henry Foster Brown
Writer: Alesha G, Samuel Selman
Producer: Alesha G, WolfGang Bodison



The Drive

Directed by David Arrow

On a warm November afternoon in the early 1960s, Liz (Amber Paul) sets off on what should be a routine school carpool. Before the journey is over, an ordinary drive becomes an unforgettable act of courage.

Cast: Amber Paul, Allen Guy Willcox, Rivers Duggan, Andrew Arrow
Writer: David Arrow
Producer: Leon Derriey



Redlining

Directed by Jason Stuart

REDLINING is about a black & white family who live on the same property during the 1970s in the Georgia REDLINING era. The film explores the themes of generational wealth, prejudice, homosexuality, women's rights and the legacy of discrimination in the American South. Who gets to live where? What happens when the parents pass? Who gets the house? And why?

Cast: Jason Stuart, Lee Garlington, Alexandra Paul, Kareem Ferguson, Dalila Ali Rajah, Scott Krinsky
Writer: Jason Stuart, Lee Garlinton
Producer: Jason Stuart, Lee Garlington, Steve Campbell, Dalila Ali Rajah, Kareem Ferguson, Billy Clift



Crosses

Di**rected by** Dmitry Pasichnyuk

The beginning of the Great Patriotic War. The unit is retreating, pursued by German troops. To gain a foothold on a dominant height, the soldiers need to buy some time. An old soldier, a participant of the First World War, is called in to provide it.

Cast: Dirk Martens, Oleg Vasilkov
Writer: Dmitry Pasichnyuk, Evgeniy Setko
Producer: Anna Chizhova



Choice

Directed by Leslie Kincaid Burby

A young Victorian woman is sent to meet her husband's psychaitrist when he discovers that she's not doing what is "expected" of her.

Cast: -
Writer: Meghan Duffy
Producer: -



The Barber

Directed by Jon Carnoy

The local barber has a surprise customer that needs a shave.

Cast: -
Writer: Michael Horelick
Producer:



Riding lessons

Directed by Misti B. Wills

Boy meets Girl, meets Clown; a reflective journey to self-acceptance.

Cast: Sky Lakota-Lynch, Elizabeth Teeter, Dick Monday
Writer: Brett Hursey
Producer: Theater Resources Unlimited, Janel C. Scarborough, Carley Santori, Mike Katona

SHORT SCREENPLAY NOMINEES

Bella

Written by Callan Ditmyer

Joan's dad says to look for her cousin in Central Park by shouting the name of her cousin's dog Bella.

inseparable

Written by David Needham Pearson

A man and a woman find themselves stalked and trapped in an apartment by their newly separated spouses.

Spiderpocalypse

Written by Eugene Hattingh

After generations of human pest control, trillions of spiders across the globe unite to launch a ruthless strike to eradicate mankind—told directly from the spiders' perspective.

You Taste Like Blueberries

Written by Anleigh Hall

On Julia's trip to Berlin, she helps a man get over his breakup.

Fixation

Written by Henry P. Gravelle

“After witnessing the tragic ending of his neighbor's loveless marriage, a teenage peeping-Tom continues his perversion, leading to his tragedy.”

Diary of a Madman

Written by Eugene Hattingh

When a man wakes up in a hotel with total amnesia, his only clue to his past is a disturbing journal, driving him to extreme measures to keep it from being exposed.

Eloise Takes

Written by Katie Casebolt

When the chance to take in a private tour of an old, haunted mental asylum is presented, Morgan Carroll, a recovering paranormal beacon, reluctantly agrees to attend with friends. Despite assurances of safety from the director of the paranormal team, Todd Franks, Morgan can’t help but feel the deep unease of unwanted attention from one of the asylum’s alleged inhabitants.

A Letter to My Penis

Written by Abigail Espinal

A dysphoric trans filmmaker charges headfirst into bottom surgery much to the discontent of her penis.

Agency

Written by Ari Harmon

When Maddie seeks healthcare for a medical crisis, she becomes swept up in the chaos of anti-abortion protesters.

Ashlee Knows

Written by Tommy Britt

A perceptive young girl, obsessed with a show about vampires, interrogates her scandal-ridden uncle to get what she wants from him.

Lab Partners

Written by Tommy Britt

Preeti and Daniel have won the Future Physicians essay contest, but when they struggle to raise their creative writing grades, the nightmare begins.

Sleeps Like the Dead

Written by Peter Hardy

A man who's come to see rehearsals for a play he's written finds himself questioning his past and the truth of what he thought he was writing about.A man who's come to see rehearsals for a play he's written finds himself questioning his past and the truth of what he thought he was writing about.

FEATURE SCREENPLAY NOMINEES

The Last Con

Written by Susan Lerner

An aging con man, desperate to secure high-end care for his wife with dementia, involves his daughter in one last swindle that spins out of his control.

Voodoo Valentinos

Written by Michael Louis Gould

When two teenage guys, ‘losers’, on their way to a party in 1975, flag down a witch-doctor-driven taxi, their ‘winner’ expectations for the night turn stratospheric. Comedy ensues courtesy of a powerful, self-image-boosting voodoo potion, the effects of which are wondrous as they are life-scarring.

Sacred Sun

Written by Michael Louis Gould

‘Out of horror, belief.’
A horrific animal experiment carried out by the military at a solar energy plant in the southern deserts of North America sets off a series of strange, ominous events.

Enyo

Written by John O'Connor

A woman living in an alternate universe America must prevent a catastrophic war - by committing murder.

A Day With My Sister

Written by William King Barnett

Ben, a 15-year old boy struggling with grief, gets a visit from the ghost of his beloved sister Annabelle after she was killed in a tragic hit-and-run accident when they were five, who tells him she's been given one day and one day only to spend with him. But he realizes that he might not be able to let her go after...

Out Here

Written by Jeremy Johnstone

A young Black woman goes to a remote cabin with her friends and new white boyfriend for a ski weekend. A chance encounter with violent locals follows them back to the cabin and turns into a deadly home invasion. Except the encounter may not have been chance at all.

Keep The Doctor Away

Written by Elizabeth Harden

An anonymous graffiti artist smokes weed from an apple and has a premonition of a wildfire that will destroy Los Angeles and take her life on her golden birthday—if she doesn't become famous enough for the city to take her seriously.

MTFTM

Written by Abigail Espinal-Andrade

After beating a defenseless transwoman, a bully wakes up as the opposite sex and succumbs to inevitable dysphoria.

The Kitchen

Written by Earl Crittenden

When an ambitious fair housing advocate secretly renovates her grandmother's rent-controlled Manhattan apartment, she triggers the exact eviction she's spent her career fighting — and a private-equity war that unravels her engagement and her family's buried secrets.

Fly Time

Written by Susanne Björnsdotter Steen

The story begins with Latèer, a highly theatrical and flamboyant housefly, who accidentally gets trapped inside a huckleberry pie takeout box at a diner and is transported to a sprawling Montana cattle ranch.

Escape to Alcatraz

Written by Eugene Hattingh

A Horror Comedy about a movie nerd who leads a group of people to safety during a zombie/werewolf/vampire/ bunny apocalypse. Think Monty Python meets Zombieland.

Plushed Spirit

Written by Abigail Espinal-Andrade

A high school lesbian and a possessed transwoman must collect the rouge body parts of a warlock before they destroy a small town on prom night.

Defined

Written by Nick Fuller

A young bodybuilder begins taking hormones to win, while his new boyfriend takes them to become himself — but surviving their families, society, and their own reflections may cost them everything.

Old Wounds

Written by Tom Wardach

When his son becomes the victim of bullies, a father's dark past awakens his own need for retribution, and strengthens his resolve to help his son.

Betrayal of Reason

Written by C.Hope Belmont

When a narcissistic, religious zealot focuses her twisted intentions on a unsuspecting woman, an innocent family gets hurt and the childrens lives are at stake
(Based on a true story)

Doggo

Written by Brady O Bryson

A war-broken veteran and a grieving teenager escape a psychiatric asylum and race across the Northeast to reclaim the veteran's missing dog, only to discover that the real journey was always about finding each other.

The One Armed Gunman

Written by Anthony A Miller

After completing a job, a top mercenary is brutally attacked by unknown assailants in a vehicular collision. He wakes up in a stronghold after losing consciousness with no left arm and the two strangers who kept him alive. Wanting answers and revenge, the mercenary learns to accept help from his new partners and a prosthetic marvel that makes him even deadlier than before.

SALLY AND GLEN AT THE PALACE

Written by Peter Morris Hardy

Love stories come in all different shapes and sizes. A touching and funny comic drama about the growing friendship between two college students working together at a movie theatre in the 1970s, and the events that change their lives.

LIST OF AWARDS

Grand Prize - $500 FOR THE BEST OVERALL FILM (FEATURE OR SHORT) - THE POWER AWARD
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BEST SCREENPLAY - THE BOBBY MORESCO AWARD

BEST DOCUMENTARY - THE TIMES SQUARE ALLIANCE AWARD
sponsored by Tom Harris

BEST OVERALL PERFORMANCE - THE DUTCH
sponsored by The Behrins Law Firm

BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY - THE GOTHAM AWARD
sponsored by David Schwartz of Gotham Government Relations

BEST LIGHTING - THE 4WALL ENTERTAINMENT AWARD
sponsored by 4Wall Entertainment

AWARD CATEGORIES

BEST SHORT DOCUMENTARY
BEST FEATURE FILM
BEST SHORT FILM
BEST AI FILM
BEST ORIGINAL SCORE
BEST FEATURE SCREENPLAY
BEST SHORT SCREENPLAY
BEST DIRECTOR
BEST ACTRESS
BEST ACTOR
BEST EDITING
BEST PRODUCTION DESIGN
BEST COSTUMES
BEST PRODUCER

SPECIAL THANKS

Al Tapper
Sam Berland
Bobby Moresco
Dan Lane Williams
Callan Ditmyer
Michael Reilly
Kelli Maguire
Donato De leso from Vias Wine
Remy from East River Plaza Spirits & Wine
Lillian Blankenship
Tracey Wilson
Jack Feldstein
Jigme Peden
Steven Ditmyer
Dan Lauria
David Sonkin
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