

March II-19, 2020

Welcome! There is something magical about the number seven... and here we are... Our seventh year. We are thrilled to be screening at the Laemmle Playhouse 7, and we have to thank everyone from our sponsors to our volunteers for their tireless hard work in helping put this event together. Every year we have a blast, and welcome people from all over the world to share in the joy of PIFF. If you are returning, thank you for helping us foster community, and if you are new, get ready for a wild ride!

Jessica Hardin Festival Director

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PASSES

Passes can be purchased directly off of our website (www.pasadenafilmfestival.org) or at Will Call at the Laemmle Playhouse 7 Cinema located at 673 E. Colorado Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91101. It is only \$160 for an *All-Access* Pass (less than \$2 per film), \$110 for a *Screener & Lounge* Pass (includes all events except the Gala), \$50 for a *Gala* Pass and \$35 for a *Day* Pass. If you would like to attend the Great Gatsby Gala & Award Ceremony, or our Filmmakers Lounge, a pass is required for admission. If purchasing a day pass, please email info@pasadenafilmfestival.org to let us know which day you would like to attend. The Passholders Lounge and Great Gatsby Gala & Award Ceremony are for those over the age of 21.

GREAT GATSBY GALA & AWARD CEREMONY

Passes will not be sold at the door.

PASSES ARE NOT MAILED, BUT CAN BE PICKED UP AT WILL CALL AT THE START OF THE FESTIVAL. Please be sure to show picture I.D. when picking up your pass. You will also need to show ID for admittance to the Filmmakers Lounge and Great Gatsby Gala & Award Ceremony. Our program is designed for adults.

TICKETS FOR INDIVIDUAL BLOCKS

Tickets for individual blocks are only \$15.00 and can be purchased/reserved at www.Laemmle.com or directly at the theatre Box Office: 673 East Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA, 91101 **626.844.6500**, **626.844.6444**, or **310.478.1041**

PASS PICKUP

All passes must be picked up in person. You will be asked to show photo I.D. We encourage picking up your pass at least 30 minutes before your first screening.

WHY BUY A PASS?

When you purchase a pass, you receive priority seating for a full days' worth of films, Q and As, and panel, access to our Passholders Lounge with an open bar and Girl Scout cookies, as well as special discounts about town.

CAN I BUY JUST ONE TICKET TO JUST ONE MOVIE?

Yes. Either at www.laemmle.com or in person at the Laemmle box office.

ARE THERE FREE EVENTS AT THE FESTIVAL?

Yes, there are! We have made every effort to create something for everyone. Our panel on Saturday, March 14 at Vroman's Bookstore is *free and open* to the public. Seating is on a first come, first served, basis. There is complimentary parking behind the store.

CAN WE SPEAK WITH FILMMAKERS OR ACTORS AT THE FESTIVAL?

Of course! This is one of the special perks of film festivals. Not only can you take in a film, but you can also get up close and personal with the filmmakers... as questions at our Q and A sessions, or chat with them at one of our parties! This is a fantastic resource to learn about independent cinema.

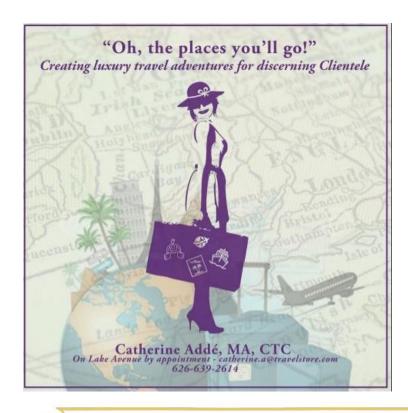
Please arrive at least a half-hour ahead of time, especially if you haven't yet purchased your pass/ticket. Seating is based on a first come, first served basis. Passholders are given priority seating. All screenings take place at the Laemmle Playhouse 7 Cinema located at 673 E. Colorado Blvd. Pasadena, CA, 91101. www.laemmle.com

Please visit each venues website for parking information.



About Us





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@PasFilmFest

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We seriously could not have done this without you.
People have worked unbelievably hard, all for their love of film. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you.



Schedule of Events



Please arrive at least a half-hour ahead of time.

Screenings:

Laemmle Playhouse 7 Cinema: 673 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA, 91101 (www.laemmle.com)

Theatre Parking:

Parking is located at the City lot on the corner of El Molino and Union for a rate of \$1.00 per hour or a flat rate of \$5.00 per day.

Street parking is also available, but restricted. Please read all posted signs.

ALSO: The Trio Apartments across the street on El Molino offer parking for a \$4.00 flat rate.

Passholders Lounge:

Join us at the fantastic **Lyd and Mo Photography Studio** for podcasts, mingling with the stars, Girl Scout cookies, and an OPEN bar.

Thursday, March 12th, Friday, March 13th, Saturday March 14th, and Sunday, March 15th. 9:00 PM to midnight

27 N. Mentor Ave, Pasadena, CA 91106 (626) 893-6618 www.lydandmo.com

Panel:

Presented by the Scriptwriters Network
Saturday, March 14th at 2:00 pm

Vroman's Bookstore: 695 East Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91101
(626) 449-5320 www.vromansbookstore.com
Complimentary Parking in the lot behind the store.

Thursday, March 12th

~2:30 P.M.~ Red Carpet Arrivals~

~3:00 P.M.~ Film Screenings Begin

~9:00 P. M. to midnight~ Passholders Lounge at Lyd and Mo

Friday, March 13th

~3:00 P.M. ∼ Film Screenings Begin

~9:00 P.M. to midnight~ Passholders Lounge at Lyd and Mo

Saturday, March 14th

~Noon~ Film Screenings Begin

~2:00 P.M.~

Panel

**Breaking into Screenwriting!*

Presented by the Scriptwriters Network at Vroman's Bookstore

~9:00 P. M. to midnight~ Passholders Lounge at Lyd and Mo







Sunday, March 15th

~Noon~ Film Screenings Begin

~9:00 P.M. to midnight~ Passholders Lounge at Lyd and Mo

Monday, March 16th

~7:10 P.M.~ Film Screenings Begin

~9:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.~ Anayas Restaurant

Tuesday, March 17th

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

~5:00 P.M.~ Film Screenings Begin

~**9:00 P.M. to 11P.M.**~ Blaze Pizza

Wednesday, March 18th

~6:00 P.M.∼ Film Screenings Begin

~**9:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.**~ Blaze Pizza

Thursday, March 19th

The Great Gatsby Gala & Award Ceremony

Re-live the roaring 1920's at this hidden gem.
We recommend the cocktail the "Bees Knees" Yum!
Featuring April Eckfeld and Mike Rad as our Master and Mistress of Ceremonies.

Over 21 only. Passes will not be sold at the door.

The Speakeasy

25 N. Raymond Ave., Pasadena, CA, 91103 (626) 676-1205 www.speakeasypasadena.com

~**7:00 P.M.**~ Red Carpet

~**8:00 P.M.**~ Award Ceremony

Thank you and see you next year!







Schedule of Films



Thursday, March 12th

Block 1: 3:00 pm

Represent

PASADENA: Exploring Solutions To

Reduce Gang Violence

Block 2: 5:05 pm

Don't Fear The Healer

Groups of Two

The Same Story

The Lightning Man

ALINA

Block 3 - 7:05 pm

Osuba

Fellowship

EmBlem

Salton

We Die Alone

Block 4: 9:05 pm

Rocket

MANHUNT

uTransfer

Afterdeath

The Exhibition

For the Goblins

Ghost in the Gun

Friday March 13th

Block 5: 3:00 pm

Forever Voters

THOSE WHO SERVE

Block 6: 5:20 pm

Sing, Cowboy, Sing

Broken Lilies

1, 2, 3, All Eyes on Me

Twelfth Round

SONNTAG

Litany for Mister President

Block 7: 7:20 pm

Your Hand In Mine

Dark Harbor

Block 8: 9:30 pm

The Plane

Time Is A Nagra

To Your Last Death

Saturday, March 14th

Block 9: Noon

Drown the Clown

Silences

Down To Nothing

Sammy

Piggy Bank Proposition

Ghazaal

Fish Head

Block 10: 2:05 pm

Nineteen Ninety-Three

Life Line

No Big Deal

Lady Parts

After Emma

Weep Not

She & Her

Watermark

Block 11: 4:10 pm

Postal

Quiet Noise

Seeping Blue

Forget Me Nots

Words to Live by

Intervention

Stucco

Block 12: 6:15 pm

Labor Relations

Honesty Weekend

Block 13: 8:25 pm

Trial By Fire

The S.H.U.

Block 14: 10:25 pm

Voices

PREFIGURED

Cassandra

Boo

Jane Doe



Sunday, March 15th

Block 15: Noon

Into Light
Future
Mochitsuki
Flight of the Dodo
Chocolate chip cookies
Here Today
Andean Condor
Portraitist

Block 16: 1:50 pm

A Colourful Red THE ILLEGAL

Block 17: 4:00 pm

HAND-DRAWN

Two Birds
The Keeper
Midnight
Off Season
Green Mama
CRINGE

Block 18: 6:25 pm

Oh, Sorry Danger! Danger!

Block 19: 8:30 pm

Baichi and the Three Blind Rats
THIS IS FINE
LA DEGOLLADORA
Lake House Lottery
Modus Operandi:
Pseudo Fantasies of a
Fucked Up Shrink
Casey229
To Serve and Protect
Dig Your Own Grave

Monday, March 16th

Block 20: 7:10 pm

Highland Home That Winning Feeling Shangri-La Letters To God Pipe Dream The Most Beautiful

Block 21: 9:15 pm

Closure
Within Reach
Mel
Like Holy Wine
End of Summer
TXT...
Two Paper Nightingales
Perfumer

Tuesday, March 17th Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Block 22: 5:00 pm

Viscous Odd Girl Killer Date Living In Anger Progeny

Block 23: 6:55 pm

How To Buy A Baby Wonderwood Nowhere To Nun Furca Appy Days Off Beat

Block 24: 8:55 pm

PROOF
Rescued (Rescatado)
Honor Student
In Colors
US MX
(t)here
Under Darkness

Wednesday, March 18th

Block 25: 6:00 pm

Behind the Festival Occupational Octaves In the Same Direction: Jeff Pifher & Socrates' Trial God Bless The Cook

Block 26: 7:30 pm

L'EAU EST LA VIE (WATER IS LIFE): FROM STANDING ROCK TO THE SWAMP Back From The Brink Bobcats on Three

Block 27: 9:35 pm

The Identity Pas De Deux Wrightwood Andy Asperger Kaaway (Enemy) Lingering Erin

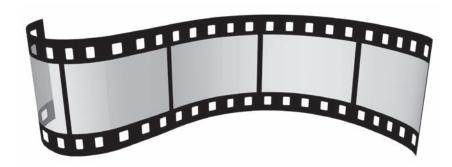






Alphabetical Film Listing





1, 2, 3, All Eyes on Me



Block 6 Friday, March 13 5:20 pm (15 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: When a crisis suddenly engulfs an elementary school campus, Ms. Leena, a determined art teacher tries everything she can to save her frightened class.

Producer: Emil Gallardo, My-Hanh Lac,

Derek Ho

Director: Emil Gallardo Website: waterlightfilms.com IG: @waterlightfilms

A Colourful Red



Block 16 Sunday, March 15 1:50 pm (12 min.)

Synopsis: Traveling to Indonesia to work for a high-profile client, Meagan Bourne, a young freelance photographer, unknowingly becomes a part of a story much bigger than herself, one that has been happening for over six years and to hundreds of other people in the freelance industry.

Producer: Costa Karalis

Directors: Jack Owen, Costa Karalis

After Emma



Block 10 Saturday, March 14 2:05 pm (10 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: A father's difficult road to acceptance after a tragic event.

Producers: Gabrielle Stone, Elizabeth Mihelich,

Nick Terry, JT Mollner Director: Gabrielle Stone

Website: instagram.com/afteremmafilm

IG: @afteremmafilm

FB: Facebook.com/After Emma

Afterdeath



Block 4 Thursday, March 12 9:05 pm (11 min.)

Synopsis: If you knew the love of your life could be brought back from death, would you risk everything for one more hour with them?

Producer: Wylie Rush Director: Wylie Rush

Website: wylierush.com/afterdeath

ALINA



Block 2 Thursday, March 12 5:05 pm (26 min.)

Synopsis: 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 Pary).

Awards: Best Short Film – *BAFTA*Producers: Joshua Owen, Rachelle Owen,
Nora Mariana, Aimen Zeenni, Courtney Prather

Director: Rami Kodeih

Andean Condor



Block 15 Sunday, March 15 Noon (15 min.)

Brazil

Synopsis: Maril is a lonely woman who recently suffered a great loss. To recover, she decides to do the end of the world. Along the way, she meets Mano. An extrovert and optimistic guy who will help her through her journey.

Producers: Will Mazzola, Carol Saraiva, Felipe Meneghel, Igor Ferreira

Nora Mariana, Aimen Zeenni, Courtney Prather

Director: Will Mazzola

Andy Asperger



Block 27 Wednesday, March 18 9:35 pm (14 min.)

L.A. County Premiere

Synopsis: Persistently rejected by others, an autistic man has to confront his own prejudices after he seemingly meets the perfect companion.

Producers: Matt Nordstrom, Daniel Becker Director: Josh Litman

Baichi and the Three Blind Rats



Block 19 Sunday, March 15 8:30 pm (6 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: A gang beats and interrogates three of their members for ratting out their boss.

Producer: Jeff Fong **Director:** Jeff Fong

FB: facebook.com/baichifilm

IG: @baichifilm

Appy Days



Block 23 Tuesday, March 17 6:55 pm (21 min.)

Synopsis: Randy misses the "good old days." When slapped in the face by his families over distraction of smart technology the only choice appears to be to join them. With the discovery of a vintage TV, Randy soon finds a better solution.

Awards: Best Short – Chesapeake Film Fest 2019, Best Ensemble Comedy – KAPOW Intl Film Fest Producers: Eric Dyson, Megan Morris, Hank

Lambert

Director: Eric Dyson

Website: ericdyson.net/current-event-links FB: Facebook.com/RollinWithDice/

Behind The Festival



Block 25 Wednesday, March 18 6:00 pm (9 min.)

Synopsis: Documentary - What does it take to run

a film festival?

Director: Taylor Speights

Back From The Brink



Block 26 Wednesday, March 18 7:30 pm (30 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: Marine Corps veteran and filmmaker Dustin Jones sets out to understand the suicide epidemic among veterans through the lens of his former comrade, Bill Kirner. Bill's marriage, and his life, are threatened by PTSD.

Awards: Best Short – Docs Without Borders Film

Festival

Producers: Dustin Jones, Emma Pettinga Directors: Dustin Jones, Emma Pettinga

Website: dustincjones.com/back-from-the-brink.html

IG: @backfromthebrinkfilm

Bobcats On Three



Block 26 Wednesday, March 18 7:30 pm (40 min.)

California Premiere

Synopsis: A powerful story of the Paradise High School Girl's Basketball Team's perseverance in the aftermath of the most devastating wildfire in California history. It's the story of female athlete's coming together and refusing to give up on the sport that they love.

Producers: Michael Shevloff and Jeff Taupier

Co-Producer: Emily Kretzer Director: Alison Taupier Website: BobcatsOnThree.com

IG: @bobcatsonthree

Boo



Block 14 Saturday, March 14 10:25 pm (15 min.)

Synopsis: A traumatic event forces a recovering addict to face her demons, without her worried fiancé uncovering the truth. Over the course of a rough night, Devi, 7 years sober, must make a difficult choice between who she loves and what she loves.

Producers: Rakefet Abergel and Marshall Langohr Director: Rakefet Abergel Website: MeetMyBoo.com

FB: facebook/booshortfilm, /cyclamenfilms

IG: @cyclamenfilms, @kef827

Broken Lilies



Block 6 Friday, March 13 5:20 pm (10 min.)

Synopsis: The story of a young couple grappling with an upcoming event that could strengthen their relationship or destroy it. Either way, loss is inevitable.

Awards: Award of Merit-Women Filmmakers, Award of Merit: Film Short-Best Shorts Competition.

Producers: Ben Katagiri and H. Russell Wilks

Director: Chantalle Todd Website: rostedlens.com

FB: facebook.com/FrostedLensEntertainment/

IG: @frostedlensentertainment

Casey229



Block 19 Sunday, March 15 8:30 pm (14 min.)

California Premiere

Synopsis: Pam comes to confront her husband's mistress, only to find out things are not what she has imagined them to be.

Producers: Kevin Kane, Nick Marshall, Booker Garret

Director: Nick Marshall Website: BobcatsOnThree.com FB: facebook.com/TheCollectiveNY/

IG: @bobcatsonthree Twitter: @collectivenyorg

Cassandra



Block 14 Saturday, March 14 10:25 pm (13 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: Last summer, Illinois was confronting a series of bizarre murders. At each crime scene, police found a sketch of a house which turned out to be the location of the next murder.

Awards: Best Director-Crime Short, Anatomy Crime & Horror International Film Festival, Athens, Greece

Producer: Madison Jones Director: David E. Tolchinsky

Website: institutional quality productions.com FB: Facebook.com/Cassandra The Film/

IG: @cassandramovie Twitter: @Cassandramovie

CRINGE



Block 17 Sunday, March 15 4:00 pm (23 min.)

Synopsis: Cringe is a midwestern vendetta set in the dead of winter at a corner bar. Delving headfirst into an abyss of toxic masculinity, this harrowing tale exploring the personal ramifications of an online child predator, is full of twists and turns.

Producers: Franki Cambeletta, Scott Leiendecker,

Jeremy David King Director: Leo B. Ramsey Website: shiftfilms.net

FB: Facebook.com/CassandraTheFilm/

IG: @cringefilmstl

Dig Your Own Grave



Block 19 Sunday, March 15 8:30 pm (13 min.)

Synopsis: Reggie brings Dan into the desert to dig his own grave, but the ground is really hard and this is going to take much longer than either of them anticipated. A comedy about the fragility of the male ego.

Producer: Greg Kindra Director: Kirk Larsen

Website: digyourowngravemovie.com/

Chocolate chip cookies



Block 15 Sunday, March 15 Noon (13 min.)

Synopsis: To complete the entry test of the Bravery club, a friendless young boy Charlie puts laxatives into chocolate chip cookies and delivers it to the creepy old man Jack living next door, but eventually finds friendship with him.

Awards: Best Comedy Short-2019 San Diego

International Kids' Film Festival

Producer: Lingyu Meng Director: Tianzhao Zhang

FB: /Short Film: Chocolate Chip Cookies IG: ChocolateChipCookies_Shortfilm

Danger! Danger!



Block 18 Sunday, March 15 6:25 pm (77 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: It's 1985 and adventurer, Jonathan Danger, has just crash landed onto an island off the coast of Africa, looking for a temple that may be his ticket to go back in time. Too bad the Soviets got there first.

Producers: Nick and Lexie Trivundza Directors: Nick and Lexie Trivundza Website: danger-danger.com

Don't Fear The Healer



Block 2 Thursday, March 12 5:05 pm (5 min.)

Synopsis: After digging up an old keepsake box, a woman hosts a peculiar dinner party where the contents of the box are not what she expected.

Producers: Charly West Productions, Sarah Hanner

Director: Sarah Hanner Website: danger-danger.com IG: @sarahhannerfilms

Closure



Block 21 Monday, March 16 9:15 pm (8 min.)

Synopsis: "Closure" follows Tom, a young man who has just received a voicemail from his ex, Julie. Caught between their desires, they must confront their past relationship and uncertain future. The story was based on a one-word theme: Self-Satisfaction.

Producers: Shay McCleavy and Elizabeth Maines

Director: Shay McCleavy FB: facebook.com/closureafilm IG: instagram.com/closure_film Twitter: twitter.com/film_closure

Dark Harbor



Block 7 Friday, March 13 7:20 pm (91 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: When Olivia, at nearly 9 months pregnant, must return home to Maine for her father's funeral, she discovers haunting well-kept family secrets. When those secrets come after her, she must fight for her own life and the life of her unborn child.

Producers: Edwin Stevens, Cory Pyke, Jillian Armenante Director: Joe Raffa Website: apsfilmsllc.com/dark-harbor IG: @dark_harbor_film

Down to Nothing



Block 9 Saturday, March 14 Noon (14 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: A timid and lonely man goes in search the popular girl he loved from afar in high school. What he discovers is that he must finally let go of the past.

Producer: Brooks Yang Director: Rory Kelly

Website: apsfilmsllc.com/dark-harbor

IG: @downtonothing_film

Drown the Clown



Block 9 Saturday, March 14 Noon (8 min.)

California Premiere

Synopsis: When a young girl fails to dunk a clown at a county fair, her father steps up to avenge her loss. He then finds himself goaded into an escalation with the Clown, whose remarks cut close to the bone, leaving the father more invested in the game than he intended.

Awards: Best Drama Short- Coney Island Film Festival

Producers: Michael Reilly, Isabella Olaguera

Director: Sinclair Rankin Website: sinclairrankin.com

Erin



Block 27 Wednesday, March 18 9:35 pm (17 min.)

Synopsis: After finding a lost letter, an aeronautical engineering student seeks escape from 1960s academia by becoming pen-pals with a mysterious Brit; when they finally meet, he must decide what's more important, reality or fantasy.

Awards: Best Director–Global Shorts Film Festival, Best Short Film–Oniros Film Awards Producers: Cindy Lu and Myles Yaksich

Director: Myles Yaksich Website: erin-film.com IG: @erinshortfilm

Fish Head



Block 9 Saturday, March 14 Noon (16 min.)

Synopsis: A turbulent, Filipino-American coming of age story, which chronicles defining moments in the life of Milo, a young boy struggling with identity, adversity and being bullied at school.

Producers: Cynthia Shreves, Marcos Durian,

Ee T. Lim

Director: Marcos Durian Website: fishheadthemovie.com FB: facebook.com/fishheadthemovie/ IG: instagram.com/fishheadthemovie/

EmBlem



Block 3 Thursday, March 12 7:05 pm (25 min.)

Synopsis: A genetically enhanced Latina soldier is dispatched on a mission to retrieve a package. Feeling betrayed she must decide between completing the assignment or following a new path.

Producers: Kaleigh Herter, Eduardo A. Letamendi, Luz M. Letamendi, Kimberle Christian,

Alex Pissios

Director: Eduardo A. Letamendi Website: vimeo.com/letamendi

FB: facebook.com/RisingUpFilmProductions IG: instagram.com/directorwriterletamendi Twitter: Twitter: twitter.com/risingupfilm

Exhibition, The



Block 4 Thursday, March 12 9:05 pm (15 min.)

Synopsis: A story about Sam, a student filmmaker battling a period of insecurity and self doubt in working on his Senior Thesis film. While looking after an art gallery space for his boss, a middle aged filmmaker named Ethan strolls into the gallery. Using the abstract art in the gallery as a guide, Sam takes Ethan on a surrealist journey to get to the core of the issues with his thesis film.

Producer: Sam Shapiro Director: Sam Shapiro Website: exhibitionfilm.com

Flight of the Dodo



Block 15 Sunday, March 15 Noon (10 min.) CANADA

California Premiere

Synopsis: A young boy who dreams of flying struggles to escape the confines of his difficult life.

Producers: Taras Demian Groves, Nach Dudsdeemaytha Director: Taras Demian Groves Website: flightofthedodo.com FB: facebook.com/flightofthedodo

End of Summer



Block 21 Monday, March 16 9:15 pm (15 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: On the way to college, Dawn's life is flipped upside down when her father is struck by a heart attack in the middle of the desert.

Awards: Silver Whiskers Award-IndieWorks

Producer: Roxy Shih Director: Serena Kuo

Website: endofsummerfilm.com IG: @downtonothing film

FB: facebook.com/endofsummerfilm, IG: instagram.com/endofsummerfilm, Twitter: twitter.com/endofsummerfilm

Fellowship



Block 3 Thursday, March 12 7:05 pm (11 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: A group of female filmmakers show up at a studio directing fellowship expecting a chance to direct the next big blockbuster, but when they arrive, they find out it's a fight to the death!

Awards: Grand Prize-Women on the Dark Side of Film, Best Action Direction-Boobs and Blood Film Festival Producers: Anna Gerstenfeld, Devon Balsamo-Gillis, Madeleine Paul, Melissa Zeigler, Melissa Kyle

Director: Emma Kazarian

FB: facebook.com/fellowshipthefilm

IG: @fellowship_film

For the Goblins



Block 4 Thursday, March 12 9:05 pm (16 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: An ordinary college student Sebastian gets kidnapped by Goblins on his way home from a party. With the desire of getting some goblin wine, he makes a deal with the Goblins. Sebastian brings home a young Goblin, RRRUBY, who does not understand anything about human society but he has to perform it the way of acting like a human being.

Producer: Yuan Wang Director: Hypnus Yao

FB: facebook.com/fellowshipthefilm IG: instagram.com/forthegoblins/

Forever Voters



Block 5 Friday, March 13 3:00 pm (7 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: Why do only 36% of 18-25 year olds actually vote? Many high school seniors are eligible to vote and have very strong opinions about what needs to change! The League of Women Voters is stepping in to educate high schoolers to prepare them for voting.

Producer: Sky Bergman Director: Sky Bergman Website: forevervoters.com FB: @ForeverVoters IG: @forevervoters Twitter: @forevervoters

Future



Block 15 Sunday, March 15 Noon (4 min.)

U.S. Premiere

Synopsis: A kid wakes up to find out his ukulele has flown away. He starts searching for it all over the city as he needs it to sing his song.

Awards: Award of Excellence–IndieFest Film Awards Producer: Mariana Mucci Director: Christian Castagna

God Bless the Cook



Block 25 Wednesday, March 18 6:00 pm (20 min.)

Synopsis: Chef Roslyn Spence trained at Le Cordon Bleu in Paris, but her biggest critic remains her mother, a 94-year-old self-taught cook for Hollywood's biggest stars.

Producer: Soraya Simi, Angela Webb-Pigg Directors: Zoe Malhotra, Annalise Pasztor

Forget Me Nots



Block 11 Saturday, March 14 4:10 pm (13 min.)

Synopsis: In the wake of their parents'untimely death, twins Lucy and Leo must re-evaluate their relationship, or risk losing one another forever.

Producers: Danice Cabanela, Robert Santi,

Stephanie Renaud Director: Daniel Marcha

Website: www.flightofthedodo.com FB & IG: @forgetmenotsfilm -and-Twitter: @ForgetMeNotsLA

Ghazaal



Block 9 Saturday, March 14 Noon (15 min.) INDIA

L.A. County Premiere

Synopsis: When 13-year-old Ghazaal, a feisty refugee starts her monthly period while she resides in a refugee camp, she tries to make ends meet by stealing and cheating people. The movie explores the absence of basic human necessities that are considered a luxury by women who's survivors of war.

Awards: Best international short film–South Dakota Film Festival, Best student film–Calcutta

Cult International Film Festival Producer: Kevin Wang Director: Ragini Bhasin Website: ghazaalthemovie.com/

Green Mama



Block 17 Sunday, March 15 4:00 pm (19 min.)

Synopsis: When Farrah, an out-of-luck bartender, gets fired and pregnant on the same day, she robs her boss and takes off to the desert with her less than thrilled, carefree boyfriend, Ellis. Can they handle life on the lam or will they but heads and burn down like Bonnie and Clyde?

Producers: Katie Mamie, Jake Macpherson

Director: Jake Macpherson Website: ghazaalthemovie.com/

Furca



Block 23 Tuesday, March 17 6:55 pm (15 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: After another morning of mundane interactions with her boyfriend, a woman reaches her breaking point and throws a fork across the room.

Producer: Marisa Hood, Maggie McGovern,

William Greenburg
Director: Jonathan Kehoe

FB: facebook.com/fellowshipthefilm

IG: #furcafilm

Ghost in the Gun



Block 4 Thursday, March 12 9:05 pm (30 min.)

Synopsis: A man left for dead encounters a possessed gun and transforms into a gunslinger bent on avenging his wife's murder, but unbeknownst to him the gun has a vendetta of its own.

Producers: Sam Purdy, Tony Jonick, Stephen Berke,

Rena Yamamoto Director: Andrew Chen

Website: filmfreeway.com/ghostinthegun FB: facebook.com/ghostinthegun/ Twitter: twitter.com/ghostinthegun

Groups of Two



Block 2 Thursday, March 12 5:05 pm (12 min.)

Synopsis: Two actors at an audition struggle to distinguish between their true feeling and the direction they've been given.

Awards: Best Romantic Short Film–Independent Film Festival 2020

Producers: Bobby Slaski, Alejandro Ramos,

Lindsay MacDougall Director: Bobby Slaski

HAND-DRAWN



Block 17 Sunday, March 15 4:00 pm (8 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: A comic book writer must overcome his inner demons in the world he created.

Producer: Andrew York Director: Bolun Wei

Honesty Weekend



Block 12 Saturday, March 14 6:15 pm (90 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: A young married couple on the rocks who are prescribed a weekend of total honesty with one another...the same weekend they are going out of town with friends.

Producers: Lori Kaye, Leslie Thomas, Colin MacDougall **Director:** Leslie Thomas Website: honestyweekend.com/ IG: @honestyweekendmovie Twitter: @honestyweekend

Identity Pas de Deux, The



Block 27 Wednesday, March 18 9:35 pm (7 min.)

California Premiere

Synopsis: An androgynous individual tries to make it through the New York City subway system, while her masculine and feminine sides fight for

Producers: Kiah Amara, CS Fischer, Ariel Relaford **Director: CS Fischer**

Here Today



Block 15 Sunday, March 15 Noon (13 min.)

Synopsis: In this powerful break-out film, a high school girl struggles to find her own identity with a new group of friends and discovers that together, their choices have an impact beyond what they ever imagined.

Awards: Best Student Drama Short-Indie Short Fest,

Best Acting Ensemble-IndieX Film Fest **Producers: Erica Arvold**

Director: Erica Arvold Website: ghazaalthemovie.com/ FB & IG: @heretodaymovie Twitter: @heretodaymovie

Honor Student



Block 24 Tuesday, March 17 8:55 pm (15 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: A recent college graduate is being forced to go back to China because he didn't win the H-1B working visa lottery. Not wanting to disappoint his family, he attempts to get a visa by orchestrating a fake crime in order to acquire a visa for victims of criminal activities.

Producer: Andrew York Director: Haonan Jiang IG: @honorsstudentfilm18

ILLEGAL, THE



Block 16 Sunday, March 15 1:50 pm (86 min.)

Synopsis: A grittily realistic story about a young film Synopsis: Lauris, a Latina immigrant adjusting to life school student from middle-class India who's forced to drop out to support his family while staying in the United States as an undocumented worker.

Awards: Jury Award-Mumbai International Film Festival, Audience Award Best Feature-Vancouver

South Asian Film Festival,

Producers: Danish Renzu, Tara Tucker

Director: Danish Renzu

FB: facebook.com/theillegalmovie IG: instagram.com/theillegalmovie

Highland Home



Block 20 Monday, March 16 7:10 pm (5 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: A young girl exploring her family's attic discovers a trunk filled with memories and a timeworn journal. The girl is transported to another time and place, where the wonders depicted within evoke a musical tribute to one woman's true love.

Awards: Best Director (Super Short Film)-Florence Film Awards, Best Song-Los Angeles Film Awards Producers: Kurt Rosenberg (EP), Brent Rogers, Zach

Stevens, Dan Schaefer Director: Dan Schaefer

Website: highlandhomefilm.com Twitter: @FilmHighland

How to Buy a Baby



Block 23 Tuesday, March 17 6:55 pm (10 min.)

CANADA

California Premiere

Synopsis: After many failed rounds of infertility treatments, Jane and Charlie are in the throes of adoption, a process steeped in paperwork, parenting classes, home inspections and difficult decsions about just how far they are willing to go to become parents.

Awards: Best Fiction Web Program or Series),

Canadian Screen Award

Producers: Lauren Corber, Wendy Litner

Director: Adriana Maggs Website: locomotionpix.com IG: @howtobuyababy

In Colors



Block 24 Tuesday, March 17 8:55 pm (16 min.)

with her new husband in an Arizona border town, finds her values tested when Julieta, an undocumented immigrant seeks shelter on her property.

Awards: Best Narrative Short-Indie & Foreign Film Festival; Best Short Film-Panamanian International Film Festival

Producers: Stephanie Willis, Jason Philips,

Karla Luna Cantu

Director: Stephanie Willis IG: @incolors_2019

In the Same Direction: Jeff Pifher & Socrates' Trial



Block 25 Wednesday, March 18 6:00 pm (17 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: From the inception of a musical idea, through the recording process and live performance, this short documentary tells the story Jeff Pifher and his band Socrates' Trial and their idea of what jazz can be today.

Awards: Honorable Mention-Los Angeles Film

Awards (2020) Producer: Jeff Pifher Director: Alexander Craven

Website: jeffpifher.com/inthesamedirection

FB: facebook.com/jeffpifhermusic

Iane Doe



Block 14 Saturday, March 14 10:25 pm (25 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: A pair of detectives pursue an elusive predator kidnapping women in the San Fernando Valley when they stumble across a victim uncertain she wants to be saved.

Awards: Best Actress, Best Duo, Best Ensemble, Best Narrative, Best Editing-*Top Shorts* Producers: John Elsen; Amanda Lamberti; Brett

Rickaby; Paola Deocampo Director: Brett Rickaby

FB: facebook.com/janedoethemovie IG: instagram.com/janedoethemovie

Killer Date



Block 22 Tuesday, March 17 5:00 pm (14 min.)

Synopsis: Awkward and aspiring serial killer, Ed Larson invites his next victim out on a date but date night begins to veer off course.

Awards: Best Narrative Short-Short and Sweet Film Festival, Best Horror Short-Hyperwave,
Best Short (Audience Award)-Out on Film
Producers: Brandon Shypkowski, Joey Beni,
Mike C. Manning
Director: Colton Tran
IG: @killerdatemovie

Intervention



Block 11 Saturday, March 14 4:10 pm (15 min.)

Synopsis: A woman faces depression and opioid addiction, encountering an unlikely source of help. Is it strong enough to help the young mom break her, and her family's, destructive cycle? Does she end it all, or choose to make a change, however small, and survive for her daughter.

Producers: Julia Silverman, Linda Palmer,

Janel Tanna

Director: Linda Palmer

Website: intervention.refinedrebel.studio FB: facebook.com/Intervention the movie IG: instagram.com/theillegalmovie

Kaaway (Enemy)



Block 27 Wednesday, March 18 9:35 pm (13 min.)

Synopsis: Set in the mid '90s of the U.S. and focuses on two 11-year-old Filipino boys. Jonathan was born and raised in the U.S., while Calag was born and raised in the Philippines. After getting into a fight at school, they are forced to spend the day at the same house and the discord is inescapable.

Producer: Kamali Gilbert Director: Wester Demandante

Website: westerdemandante.com/kaaway FB: facebook.com/kaawaythefilm/

IG: @kaaway_shortfilm Twitter: @Kaaway_Film

L'EAU EST LA VIE (WATER IS LIFE): FROM STANDING ROCK TO THE SWAMP



Block 26 Wednesday, March 18 7:30 pm (24 min.)

Synopsis: On the banks of Louisiana, fierce Indigenous women are ready to fight—to stop the corporate blacksnake and preserve their way of life. They are risking everything to protect Mother Earth from the predatory fossil fuel companies that seek to poison it.

Producer: Melissa Cox Director: Sam Vinal

Website: mutualaidmedia.com/water-is-life FB: facebook.com/mutualaidmedia

Into Light



Block 15 Sunday, March 15 Noon (14 min.)

Synopsis: A man wakes up in his apartment to find his deceased girlfriend standing next to his bed, looking alive and well. This musical short film asks the question: if you had a chance to talk to the love you lost, what would you say?

Awards: Best Score (Platinum Award)–Independent Short Awards, Best New Filmmaker, Short Film– Chandler International Film Festival

Producers: MJM Lighting Productions LLC,

Sarah Busic, Jimmy Marino Director: Richard Israel IG: @intolightmovie

The Keeper



Block 17 Sunday, March 15 4:00 pm (14 min.)

L.A. County Premiere

Synopsis: A lonely widow yearning for connection, meets a collector of art at a speed dating event. Surrounded by a world of desperation, they make a palpable connection, but what they are looking for in each other is vastly different.

Producers: Laura Delano, Bob Celli

Director: Bob Celli

FB: www.facebook.com/delanocelli/

IG: @delanocelli Twitter: @cellib4

LA DEGOLLADORA



Block 19 Sunday, March 15 8:30 pm (7 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: An exhausted nurse loses her mind on her quest to find silence.

Producers: Marco Antonio Gutierrez-Garza, Vanessa Lua

Director: Vanessa Lua IG: @Whatthehelldidshesay

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Labor Relations



Block 12 Saturday, March 14 6:15 pm (7 min.)

Synopsis: Emogen Farrar is pregnant and it's her due date, it also just happens to be the same day she has a big presentation to give at work. As her contractions start, Emogen finds it hard to believe that no one is talking to her about her coming baby and everyone is focused on work.

Producers: Amanda Markowitz, Victoria Matlock

Directors: Karisa Bruin

FB: facebook.com/laborrelationsfilm

Letters to God



Block 20 Monday, March 16 7:10 pm (15 min.)

FRANCE

American Premiere

Synopsis: Since his daughter's death, Moshe lives alone rejecting his wife whom he blames for this tragedy. In order to get out of his confinement, he accepts a job at a special post office branch, in charge of letters sent to God from all over the world. Confronted to some strange events, Moshe will understand that only forgiveness can bring him to life again.

Producer: Bérengère Barrier Director: Yves Cohen

Like Holy Wine



Block 21 Monday, March 16 9:15 pm (11 min.)

Synopsis: Heart-broken and unable to leave after a breakup, a women speaks her final words to her lover, through dance.

Producers: Kristin Campbell-Taylor, Destinee Stewart

Directors: Leonora Pitts

Lady Parts



Block 10 Saturday, March 14 2:05 pm (10 min.)

Synopsis: A not-yet-famous actor finally gets her big break only to realize the glass ceiling can also be a camera lens. She experiences a series of funnybecause-they're-true setbacks and putdowns.

Awards: Best Narrative Short–*Hollyshorts 2019*, Best Narrative Short–*Tallgrass Film Festival 2019* Producer: Rob Frings, Erin Rye, Jessica Sherif

Director: Erin Rye, Jessica Sherif Website: ladypartsthemovie.com FB: facebook.com/mutualaidmedia

IG: @ladypartsmovie Twitter: @ladyparts_movie

Life Line



Block 10 Saturday, March 14 2:05 pm (10 min.)

Synopsis: An oppressed woman, Sadie, tries to break free from the clutches of her fiance while toying with the idea of suicide.

Producers: Nicholas Barber, Justin Bellow, Ellis Miller, Michael Simidian, Juan Raymundo Ramos Director: Gabriel Adams IG: @howlinggaleentertainment

Lingering



Block 27 Wednesday, March 18 9:35 pm (16 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: After a tragic injury destroys her gymnastics career, Ava is trapped at home with her mom and no future. An unexpected visit from her estranged sister Nicole forces Ava to look beyond herself for a sense of direction.

Producer: Lorena Lourenco **Director:** Sarah J. Sommers

Website: sarahjsommers.com/lingering

IG: @lingeringshortfilm

Lake House Lottery



Block 19 Sunday, March 15 8:30 pm (11 min.)

Synopsis: It's an American dream: A close group of friends headed to alake house for a weekend getaway. But when they haphazardly win the lottery onthe drive up, all bets are off.

Producers: Mary Fellows, Charlie Fellows

Director: Charlie Fellows Website: lakehouselottery.com IG: @lakehouselottery

Lightning Man, The



Block 2 Thursday, March 12 5:05 pm (20 min.)

Synopsis: The story of Rafi Cohen in 1973 Los Angeles, who struggles to come to terms with the foreclosure of his barbershop. A barber-sonderkommando in the Treblinka death camp, Cohen deals with the guilt of being a survivor.

Awards: Best Drama-Florence Film Awards, NFFTY Audience Award-Melech ha Melachim Film Festival

Producer: Bella Wadhwani Director: Jonathan Goetzman Website: lakehouselottery.com IG: @lightningmanmovie

Litany for Mister President



Block 6 Friday, March 13 5:20 pm (20 min.)

L.A. County Premiere

Synopsis: It's About a Cat.

Producers: Alecc Bracero, Daniel Tantalean

Director: Christopher Meyers Website: LFMPfilm.com FB: @LFMPfilm

IG: @LFMPfilm

Living in Anger



Block 22 Tuesday, March 17 5:00 pm (17 min.)

North America Premiere

Synopsis: After Vikram returns home from prison, he finds his brother, Suresh, bruised and bandaged while under his Uncle Anand's care. The brothers make the decision to flee from Anand's control. As they drive into the desert, they are haunted by their past.

Awards: Honorable Mention-Best Thriller for

Florence Film Awards
Producer: Evan McGann
Directors: Keshav Srinivasan

Midnight



Block 17 Sunday, March 15 4:00 pm (15 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: Reeling in grief over her brother's death, Dara enlists the help of her brother's problematic ex-girlfriend on a quest for revenge. As they descend into the seedy underbelly of the drug world, Dara quickly realizes she's in over her head.

Producers: Jaime Saginor, Tony Lugo

Directors: Tony Lugo IG: @midnight_short

Most Beautiful, The



Block 20 Monday, March 16 7:10 pm (21 min.)

L.A. County Premiere

Synopsis: Isolated in an unforgiving landscape, an expecting mother navigates the abusive relationship with her husband in the pursuit of a spiritual freedom just beyond her reach.

Producer: Patrick Frey Director: Rachel Irene Wilke Website: themostbeautifulfilm.com IG: @themostbeautifulfilm

MANHUNT



Block 4 Thursday, March 12 9:05 pm (9 min.)

L.A. County Premiere

Synopsis: A dangerous fugitive breaks into a home just as an adventurous girl breaks out of her bedroom and the two worlds collide.

Producers: Neil Andrew Cerullo, Shannon Hardy,

Jack Martin

Director: Jack Martin

Website: jackmartinfilm.com/manhunt

IG: @jackmartinfilm

Mochitsuki



Block 15 Sunday, March 15 Noon (5 min.)

L.A. County Premiere

Synopsis: Join one close-knit intergenerational community who revels in the ceremonial pounding of the cooked rice, the forming of the warm Mochi cakes, and of course eating the yummy results!!

Producer: Sky Bergman Director: Sky Bergman

Website: skybergmanproductions.com

FB: @skybergmanproductions IG: @skybergmanproductions Twitter: @skybergmanproductions

Nineteen Ninety-Three



Block 10 Saturday, March 14 2:05 pm (6 min.)

Synopsis: A young woman is psychologically haunted by her mother's unsolved murder as she tries to take a step toward healing.

Producer: Nicole Serrato Director: Jasmin Marsters Website: 1993shortfilm.com IG: @1993shortfilm Twitter: @1993shortfilm

Mel



Block 21 Monday, March 16 9:15 pm (10 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: The story of a woman longing for a perfect body deals with her personal demons through dance. When people treats Mel differently, how should she make peace with herself?

Awards: Best Editing-2019 London Independent

Film Awards

Producers: Esteban Zuluaga, Brittany Roker,

Pratyusna Sahoo

Director: Yuan Elizabeth Liang

Modus Operandi: Pseudo Fantasies of a Fucked Up Shrink



Block 19 Sunday, March 15 8:30 pm (11 min.)

Synopsis: The story of Dr. Markovski, a self-medicating psychiatrist meandering through his every day life, driven to exhaustion by his colorfully eccentric clientele and overly bubbly secretary. But when he loses the one thing holding his life together, the lines between reality and fantasy begin to blur.

Producers: Eric Goldsmith, Kurt Csolak,

Michael Tyrell

Director: Eric Goldsmith

No Big Deal



Block 10 Saturday, March 14 2:05 pm (7 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: A high school couple buying booze find themselves in a situation spiraling out of control.

Producer: Michael Paisner Director: Thomas Mentel

Nowhere to Nun



Block 23 Tuesday, March 17 6:55 pm (13 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: Inspired by a true story, two nuns go on the run when they discover they are about to be sent to a retirement home.

Producers: Jabari McDonald, Austin Hsieh Director: Austin Hsieh

Occupational Octaves



Block 25 Wednesday, March 18 6:00 pm (10 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: On Long Island, New York, a unique piano program for people with Special Needs is redefining the way the music can be taught, helping people with Autism develop life skills both inside and outside of the music studio.

Producer: Max Watkins Director: Max Watkins

Odd Girl



Block 22 Tuesday, March 17 5:00 pm (13 min.)

CANADA U.S. Premiere

Synopsis: Dylan, a popular and charismatic high school student, finds his perfect existence suddenly compromised by the unwelcome attentions of lonely outcast, Belinda. Much to Dylan's disappointment, his best friend, Mindi, takes pity and invites her into their inner circle. This increasingly abnormal behaviour becomes intertwined with eerie supernatural forces.

Producers: Gina Hole Lazarowich, Paulo Agelidis Executive Producers: Andy Wong, Rami Kahlon

Director: Rami Kahlon FB: facebook.com/oddgirlfilm/

IG: @oddgirlfilm, @ramikahlon, @ndsocial

Off Beat



Block 23 Tuesday, March 17 6:55 pm (20 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: A pizza delivery man, stuck in his comfort zone, discovers the world of Ballroom Dancing.

Producers: Eric Moots, Songxin Xie Director: Derin Kiyak FB: @buthesisfilm

Off Season



Block 17 Sunday, March 15 4:00 pm (18 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: Long after the legalization of marijuana, one of the last remaining illegal farms is fought over.

Producers: Melissa Vitello, Bryan Ricke, Katherine Lundahl

Director: Melissa Vitello

Oh, Sorry



Block 18 Sunday, March 15 6:25 pm (15 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: A grieving young woman leans on her younger brother for emotional support until a spontaneous night out forces her to confront her denial.

Producers: Cindi Rice, John Frank Rosenblum Directors: Justin Giddings, Ryan Patrick Welsh

FB: /ohsorrymovie IG: /ohsorrymovie Twitter: /ohsorrymovie

Osuba



Block 3 Thursday, March 12 7:05 pm (6 min.)

ITALY

Synopsis: When love hurts and becomes crazy women need to take action

Awards: Best Short Film-Fight4rights Film Festival, Best Short Film-Vision International Film Festival

Producer: Antonio Borrelli Director: Federico Marsicano

Pasadena: Exploring Solutions to Reduce Gang Violence



Block 1 Thursday, March 12 3:00 pm (90 min.)

Synopsis: A powerful solution driven documentary that is sure to shed light on the dynamics of gang violence that exist in the 23 square mile, world-renowned city of Pasadena, California.

Producers: Steven Sneed, Jason Hardin, Michael Towns

Associate Producers: Thomas Bunn, Brian Biery,

Frank Gibbs

Director: Steven Sneed Website: sclaz.com/film

Perfumer



Block 21 Monday, March 16 9:15 pm (24 min.)

Synopsis: Pedro Marquez is a proud and prestigious perfumer, also the mentor of his daughter. But one day he discovers he is losing his sense of smell, still, he is too proud to ask for help. As the deadline to turn the project approaches, Pedro has to decide whether to open up or to risk his reputation and complete the product blindly.

Producer: Navaneeth Balasubramanian Director: Paloma Lingwei Chen Website: elperfumistafilm.com FB: @Elperfumistashort IG: @el_perfumista_film

Piggy Bank Proposition



Block 9 Saturday, March 14 Noon (14 min.)

Synopsis: A precocious little girl strikesup a friendship with the hitman she propositions to kill her stepfather.

Awards: Best Advanced Student Film-Catalina Film Festival, Best Child Actor-Catalina Film

Producers: Madi Maghdessian, Ericka de Alexander

Director: Michael Lappen FB: @buthesisfilm

Portraitist



Block 15 Sunday, March 15 Noon (16 min.)

LUXEMBOURG

Synopsis: A grandfather at the edge of despair is called to care for his dying granddaughter. Through art, he kindles a relationship with her that brings beauty to the darkness in their lives.

Producer: Cyrus Neshvad Director: Cyrus Neshvad

Website: imdb.com/title/tt10395714/?ref_=fn_al_

tt_1

Pipe Dream



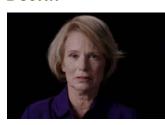
Block 20 Monday, March 16 7:10 pm (20 min.)

Synopsis: This is the story of an actress who, with nothing but her talents and determination, would go from anonymity to Broadway stardom within a few short years. She would later become known as the beloved legend of stage and screen, Carol Burnett.

Awards: Audience Award (Best Short Film)–
Sacramento Film & Music Film Festival
Producers: Chris King, Heather King

Director: Chris King FB: facebook.com/Watermark-Films-104439926264854/

Postal



Block 11 Saturday, March 14 4:10 pm (5 min.)

Synopsis: Based on true events, "Postal" is set in one of the few places that we're all forced to face each other. A film on mental illness, and the madness of those who don't understand.

Producers: Naaji Adzimah, Steve Carmona

Director: Naaji Adzimah Website: thepostalfilm.com FB: facebook.com/postalfilm

Plane, The



Block 8 Friday, March 13 9:30 pm (3 min.)

Synopsis: A music video for Ryan Pollie's song "The Plane." Dedicated to Richard Russell, a young man who struggled with mental health, and on August 10th, 2018, stole an airplane from the tarmac at SeaTac. In a world of rage, hate and school shootings, one man just wanted to fly.

Producer: Nick Gillin Director: Nick Gillin IG: @Nassault

PREFIGURED



Block 14 Saturday, March 14 10:25 pm (10 min.)

L.A. County Premiere

Synopsis: A woman experiencing a strange phenomenon seeks out an esoteric support group.

Producer: Lauren Brooks Director: Zeshaan Younus Website: zmyounus.com IG: @zmyounus

Progeny



Block 22 Tuesday, March 17 5:00 pm (29 min.)

Synopsis: When a blue-collar man is forcibly implanted with his alien boss's parasitic offspring, he asks his wife to help him remove the parasite – a dangerous and forbidden act that puts their marriage – and their lives – at risk.

Awards: Best Sci-Fi Short–San Jose International Short Film Festival, Sherman Oaks Film Festival

Producer: Gregory M. Schroeder Director: Justin Daering Website: progenymovie.com/ FB: facebook.com/withdrawnmovie/ IG: instagram.com/progeny_movie/

PROOF



Block 24 Tuesday, March 17 8:55 pm (10 min.)

Synopsis: An immigration officer asks a young Pakistani woman to present "material proof" that she is entering the marriage with a US citizen "in good faith."

Awards: Best Set Design-European Cinematography Awards Producers: Sonny Chatrath, Darren Cole, Nora Jaenick, Adi Katz, Richard A. Stein, Judy Toma

Director: Nora Jaenicke

Website: augohr.de/catalogue/proof

FB: Proof The Short Film

Quiet Noise



Block 11 Saturday, March 14 4:10 pm (13 min.)

Synopsis: Max battles his inner demons, finding the courage to trump them and emerges victorious.

Producers: Patrick Raymond, Chris Kimball,

Cash Phillips

Director: Patrick Raymond Website: quietnoisefilm.com FB: facebook.com/quietnoisefilm/

IG: @quietnoisethefilm

Represent



Block 1 Thursday, March 12 3:00 pm (6 min.)

Synopsis: A young man's world is turned upside down during a school field trip to the art museum.

Producers: Joshua Gonzales, Chris Heck, Nikki DeLeon Martin, Michael Bartley Director: Chris Heck IG: @chrisheck13, @phxart

Rescued (Rescatado)



Block 24 Tuesday, March 17 8:55 pm (15 min.)

Synopsis: A young boy, Anselmo, faces his fears with motivation from his favorite comic book hero "The Mighty Blitz" and learns to stand up for himself with the help of his mother.

Awards: Best Fantasy Short-Seattle Wine and

Film Festival

Producers: Arturo Vargas, Kseniya Yorsh

Director: Arturo Vargas Website: desertskifilms.com FB: facebook.com/desertskifilms

Rocket



Block 4 Thursday, March 12 9:05 pm (6 min.)

Synopsis: Barricaded in the safety of a closet, a young couple tries to distract themselves from the chaotic world outside.

Producer: Julia Dillard Director: Christian Walsh Website: zmyounus.com IG: @zmyounus

S.H.U., The



Block 13 Saturday, March 14 8:25 pm (80 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: A mind-bending journey into solitary confinement seen through eyes of an African American inmate serving a life sentence for murder. Fighting for his appeal, he is thrown into The S.H.U. where his horrific descent into madness is aggravated by a hardened female guard hell-bent on her own form of justice.

Producers: Pete Kirtley, Matthew Temple, Jessa Zarubica, Aaron Fjellman Director: Aaron Fjellman FB: facebook.com/SHUmovie/

Salton



Block 3 Thursday, March 12 7:05 pm (24 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: Owing a debt to a dangerous criminal, two young women set out to rob an empty date ranch. However, their plans quickly unravel when they arrive to find the corpse of an old man. Both women grapple with their consciouses and face the consequences.

Producers: John Redlinger, Holly Blair Director: Holly Blair IG: Salton_The_Film

Same Story, The



Block 2 Thursday, March 12 5:05 pm (19 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: New England, 1976. As Madeline witnesses the trial of an old friend, she is confronted with all the events, mistakes and misunderstandings that brought them all there.

Awards: 2nd Best of the Fest–Feel the Reel International Film Festival Producers: Paolo Cenci, Linus Schill Director: Alice Airoldi IG: @thesamestory_film

Sammy



Block 9 Saturday, March 14 Noon (14 min.)

AUSTRALIA

Synopsis: In a war torn Australia where survivors seek refuge underneath the ground, ten year old Sammy struggles to build a hot air balloon so she and her little brother Max can find their parents.

Awards: Best Production Design-Ozflix Ozsnax Awards, Melbourne, Australia, Best Family Short-Silicon Beach Film Festival, US

Producers: Rachele Wiggins, Dana-Lee Mierowsky Bennett, Enzo Tedeschi

Director: Dana-Lee Mierowsky Bennett FB: facebook.com/SammyShortFilm/

IG: @Sammy

Seeping Blue



Block 11 Saturday, March 14 4:10 pm (13 min.)

Synopsis: A suicide prevention hotline worker ends up receiving help from the other end of the line.

Producer: David Hebrero
Director: Deja Gordon
Website: mms-distribuciondecortometrajes.es/
catalogo/seeping_blue.asp
IG: instagram.com/wingze___,
instagram.com/cinemahebrero

Shangri-La



Block 20 Monday, March 16 7:10 pm (13 min.)

Synopsis: In 1958 Palm Springs, an exiled cop discovers his chance at redemption when a movie star enlists him to destroy the mob boss who controls her career.

Awards: Best Short Film-Hollywood Reel
Independent Film Fest 2020

Producers: Noelle Hubbell, Maurissa Tancharoen

Megan Thomas Bradner

Directors: Kimberly & Wendy Willming Website: duplicitystudios.com/#/shangrilafilm/

IG: instagram.com/shangrilafilm/ Twitter: twitter.com/shangri_lafilm

She & Her



Block 10 Saturday, March 14 2:05 pm (17 min.)

Synopsis: Daytime Emmy® Winner Carolyn Hennesy stars as PoppySinclaire, a former actress forced to confront her past and re-examine her present when an old friend and a young actress come crashing into her life.

Awards: Best Short Film, Best Screenplay-Trinity

Producers: Rosie Grace, Sophia Zach

Director: Nate Hapke

Website: natehapke.com/sheandher FB: facebook.com/SheAndHerFilm/ Twitter: twitter.com/SheAndHerFilm

SONNTAG



Block 6 Friday, March 13 5:20 pm (20 min.)

ARGENTINA / CZECH REPUBLIC

Synopsis: Florian, a 17-year-old boy, is granted his first Sunday outing from the psychiatric hospital where he has been for 6 months. He meets his mother, who is fearful of having lost her son. Despite her fears, this day Florian is determined to find his best friend's parents and to ask for their forgiveness.

Producer: Mariano Cabaco **Director:** Mariano Cabaco

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Silences



Block 9 Saturday, March 14 Noon (9 min.)

Synopsis: A young couple shares one last conversation, in the wake of a car accident, that proves to be a revelation.

Awards: 2016 Shore Scripts Screenwriting

Competition Semi-Finalist

Producers: Ohad Ira Amram, Rob Debakey,

Philippe Macridis

Director: Ohad Ira Amram

Sing, Cowboy, Sing



Block 6 Friday, March 13 5:20 pm (8 min.)

L.A. County Premiere

Synopsis: The story of a man, his dog, and the end of the world.

Producers: Kyle Cooper, Lawrence Thunell **Director:** Kyle Cooper

Website: kyle-cooper.com

IG: @who_is_kyle_cooper, @jackalope_factory

Stucco



Block 11 Saturday, March 14 4:10 pm (17 min.)

Synopsis: An agoraphobic woman finds a suspicious, hollow wall in her house.

Producers: Janina Gavankar, Snehal Patel Directors: Janina Gavankar, Russo Schelling Website: STUCCOshortfilm.com IG: instagram.com/STUCCOshortflim Twitter: twitter.com/STUCCOshortfilm

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Block 24 Tuesday, March 17 8:55 pm (17 min.) INDIA/USA

L.A. County Premiere

Synopsis: Rhea, a young Indian girl living in the US, is struggling to make a decision that impacts her life and dreams - whether to stay in the US or go back to India due to visa circumstances.

Awards: Best Actress-The Monthly Film Festival, (Online Film Competition) Best Drama- Alaska International Film Awards (Online Film Copetition)

Producer: Leah Khambata Director: Snigdha Kapoor Website: thereshortfilm.com FB: facebook.com/thereshortfilm/ IG: nstagram.com/thereshortfilm

That Winning Feeling



Block 20 Monday, March 16 7:10 pm (7 min.)

Synopsis: A look into the world of underground high stakes chess matches, through the lens of a man who is addicted to the feeling of winning them.

Awards: Best Advanced-PCC Film Fest, Audience Favorite-PCC Film Fest

Producers: Luc Mariscotti, Zhaoju Zhou,

Ellin Aldana

Director: Luc Mariscotti

THIS IS FINE



Block 19 Sunday, March 15 8:30 pm (7 min.)

Synopsis: A meteor is hurtling towards Earth, and there's nothing we can do to stop its imminent impact. For three exbest friends, that might be the best thing that's ever happened to them.

Awards: Best Sci-Fi-Golden State Film Festival,

Best Film-Indie Short Fest

Producers: Roth Rind, Jay K. Raja

Directors: Roth Rind Website: thisisfinemovie.com

IG: #thisisfinefilm

THOSE WHO SERVE



Block 5 Friday, March 13 3:00 pm (96 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: They risked their lives for their country. Now they're on the front lines of a new battlefield: the courtroom. Those Who Serve documents the journeys of three psychologically wounded American combat veterans who've committed crimes and are now struggling to find a just outcome in our judicial system.

Producers: Jeff Werner, Ken Carlson **Director: Jeff Werner** FB: facebook.com/wernitor/

Time Is A Nagra



Block 8 Friday, March 13 9:30 pm (14 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: A woman turns her and her husband into birds, and discovers the true reality of existence, but he just wants to hang out with her.

Producer: Sean Pecknold Director: Sean Pecknold

Trial By Fire



Block 13 Saturday, March 14 8:25 pm (14 min.)

L.A. County Premiere

Synopsis: California, December 2017: During the devastating Thomas Wildfire, inmate firefighters relish the opportunity to emerge from their restraints, finding serenity and a sense of purpose through the work that they devote their lives to.

Awards: Best Short Documentary-San Luis Obispo

International Film Festival Producer: Carissa Moore Director: Alex Astrella

Two Paper Nightingales



Block 21 Monday, March 16 9:15 pm (17 min.)

Synopsis: A fairy tale illustrated simultaneously from three distinct cultural perspectives. The story tells of two princesses who are torn apart by prejudice when the young princess fraternizes with a warring state.

Awards: Best Short Documentary-San Luis Obispo International Film Festival

Producers: Jeffrey Haskell, Georgia Franklin-Willis

Director: Kaylin George

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To Serve and Protect



Block 19 Sunday, March 15 8:30 pm (14 min.)

Synopsis: Luther starts his day pepper-sprayed by police-his last test before graduating Police Academy. We follow Luther as he raises his daughter, while fighting crime, in a racialized world.

Awards: Best Film (Comedy)-Oaxaca Film Fest Producers: Sheila Vatan-Woodall, Alison Wunderland

Directors: Kenneth Vatan-Woodall

Website: TSAPFilm.com IG: #thisisfinefilm

Twelfth Round



Block 6 Friday, March 13 5:20 pm (15 min.)

AUSTRALIA

Synopsis: After his pregnant wife's lymphoma medicine is cancelled, an African-Australian boxer must illegally procure enough medication to carry their baby to term.

Awards: Best Narrative Short-Pan African Film

Festival L.A

Producer: Kristen Hodges Director: Nir Shelter Website: TSAPFilm.com IG: #thisisfinefilm



Block 21 Monday, March 16 9:15 pm (16 min.)

Synopsis: A cantankerous old man that loves plants more than people, is befriended by a young neighbor girl who attempts to share her love of modern technology-based communication.

Awards: Best Narrative Short-Seattle Transmedia International Film Festival 2019

Producers: Cory C. Dangerfield, Dangerworks LLC, Brandon Ray Olive, Moonroc Media, Gabriel Basquez

Director: Brandon Ray Olive FB: The Art of Cory C. Dangerfield, IG: Moonroc Media @ moonroc

To Your Last Death



Block 8 Friday, March 13 9:30 pm (92 min.)

L.A. County Premiere

Synopsis: After a troubled young woman barely survives a night of terror arranged by her vengeful, billionaire father which killed her three siblings, she is sent back in time to do it all over again by a race of intergalactic gamblers who wager on human conflicts.

Awards: Best Film-Neff Horror Film Festival 2019, Best Film-Horror Avenue Film Festival 2019 Producers: Cindi Rice, Paige Barnett, Jason Axinn Director: Jason Axinn

Website: toyourlastdeath.com
IG: #ToYourLastDeath

Two Birds



Block 17 Sunday, March 15 4:00 pm (13 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: Kate and Danny are hit-men on a routine job. When something goes wrong, the pair have to work together and think quick on their feet before time runs out.

Producers: Ross Cabell, Patrick Haadsma,

Robby Piantanida Director: Ross Cabell

Under Darkness



Block 24 Tuesday, March 17 8:55 pm (20 min.)

L.A. County Premiere

Synopsis: Based on a true story in World War II Poland, a young Jewish woman struggles to survive after her family is murdered. Refusing to give up, she joins the Soviet resistance, and realizes that through photography she can remember the past while documenting for the future.

Awards: Jury Award for Woman Filmmaker– Director's Guild of America Student Film Awards 2019 Producers: Merissa Jane Lee, Michael Orion Downing, Caroline Friend, Nick Benjamin

Director: Caroline Friend

Website: carolinefriend.com/under-darkness

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US/MX



Block 24 Tuesday, March 17 8:55 pm (16 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: In the not too distant future, we follow LEAH, 36, and her daughter, ARIEL, 7, as they race against the clock to immigrate across the U.S./Mexican border before sunrise. As officers close in, the direction they run becomes less and less clear.

Producers: Liliana Granados, Don Ohmer,

Chase Block, George C. Hall Director: Joseph Hooten

uTransfer



Block 4 Thursday, March 12 9:05 pm (10 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: *uTransfer* is a new device that allows for certain U.S. Citizens to transfer their consciousness into a utopia called the New World. Dean finds himself in a dire situation to achieve this. Can he do it?

Producer: Giorgio Miraflor **Director: Giorgio Miraflor**

Viscous



Block 22 Tuesday, March 17 5:00 pm (10 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: A man sets out to search for a missing loved one and what he discovers is more terrifying than he could have ever imagined.

Producer: Christopher Leon Price **Director: Christopher Leon Price** Website: CLPFILM.com

Voices



Block 14 Saturday, March 14 10:25 pm (5 min.)

Synopsis: A troubled young man is desperate to bury his past.

Producers: Gavin Samples, Matt Michael **Director: Keith Samples**

Watermark



Block 10 Saturday, March 14 2:05 pm (24 min.)

five years, she is unexpectedly haunted by her sexual assault from ten years earlier. Fighting for a normal life, she constructs an imagined space in her mind to revisit that traumatic night and battle her attacker's grasp on her reality.

Awards: Best Featurette-Indie Fan Film Fest, Best Statement film-Rendevous Film Festival

Producer: Daniel Leighton Director: Rebecca Maddalo

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We Die Alone



Block 3 Thursday, March 12 7:05 pm (24 min.)

Synopsis: When Meg moves in with her boyfriend of Synopsis: A chance encounter dangerously intertwines the lives of three people with differing perspectives on

> Awards: Best After Dark Short-Indie Memphis, Best Horror Short, Best Supporting Actress-FilmQuest Producers: Marc Cartwright, Baker Chase Powell

Director: Marc Cartwright Website: WeDieAloneFilm.com FB: facebook.com/wediealonefilm/ IG: instagram.com/watermarkthesisfilm

Twitter: @WeDieAloneFilm

Weep Not



Block 10 Saturday, March 14 2:05 pm (13 min.)

Synopsis: When a survivor of a childhood trauma faces her abuser as an adult, whose truth really counts.

Producers: Cheray O'Neal, Tony Okugbowa, **Lenore Thomas Douglas Director:** Lenore Thomas Douglas IG/Twitter: @weepnotfilms

Within Reach



Block 21 Monday, March 16 9:15 pm (9 min.)

Synopsis: A plucky woman must redfine her ideas of Synopsis: A dark comedy that uses surrealism to what truly makes her deeply fulfiled, when all she's known is external validation.

Producer: Heather Fusari **Director:** Heather Fusari Website: badbfilms.com IG: @badbfilm, @hfusari

Wonderwood



Block 23 Tuesday, March 17 6:55 pm (12 min.)

highlight the absurdities of the female experience. Come on down the rabbit hole in this modern day twist on Alice in Wonderland. Wonderwood: When Hollywood and Wonderland have a one night stand.

Awards: Best Narrative Short-International Independent Film Awards, Best Short-IndieX Film Festival Producers: Tara Lynn Rye, Jane Stupp-O'neill, Magen Ashley Young, Zachary Wright Director: Tara Lynn Rye FB: facebook.com/wonderwoodfilm IG: @wonderwood_film

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Words to Live by



Block 11 Saturday, March 14 4:10 pm (13 min.)

Synopsis: A young woman heading out to a bar encounters a young man who asks her to talk him out of committing suicide.

Producer: Jane Petrov Director: Mark Tapio Kines Website: cassavafilms.com IG &Twitter: @marktapiokines

Wrightwood



Block 27 Wednesday, March 18 9:35 pm (10 min.)

Synopsis: Scott is hoping for a relaxing weekend, but finds his friends exhibiting bizarre behavior that is either an endless prank or something more disturbing. What comes next turns the cabin in the woods genre on its head.

Producers: Rachel Amanda Bryant, Skyler Caleb, Charlene Weiss, Daniel Weiss, Wes Weitzenhoffer Directors: Daniel Weiss, Skyler Caleb FB: Facebook.com/WrightwoodFilm

Your Hand In Mine



Block 7 Friday, March 13 7:20 pm (6 min.)

Synopsis: When his fiance's hand is pinned in the door of their burning car, Simon must decide whether to prioritize her life or her life's passion.

Producer: Geena Marie Hernandez

Director: Chris Violette

Website: chrisviolette.net/your-hand-in-mine

IG: @chris_violette

Screenplay Finalists

After Sameerah Luqmaan-Harris
Angered Donnalyn Vojta
Benny B Michael Hogan
Cactus Junction Philip C. Sedgwick

Can we be Friends? Sarah Goussé
The Committee Nick Santos

Da Sol Corbin Billings and Josh Lipton

The Echo Worlds - Travis Misenti

Pilot Script: Parts One and Two

Ivy

Field Trip Claudio Martinez-Valle

The Good Badman Megan Breen

Hard Cold Truth Patrick L. McConnell

In Gods We Trust Afonso J. Henrique and

Marcel Sorza Jeffrey Morin

Jessica's Gift Jim Garrison

Kid Soldier Kelly Jean Karam

The Killing Moon Jerry Jenae Sampson

Kirkwood Dax Phelan

Made in America Anonymous

Mike and Seth Daniel Talbott and

Lovell Holder

The Mortality Game Ed Vela

Nothing to Lose Scott A. Lopez and

Jesús F. Jauregui

Other Side Alvin Ziegler

Project Fog Adva Reichman

The Quicksilver Pleasure Club Matt Pacini

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