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at Laemmle No. Ho 7

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We created this festival in the depths of the Great Recession. We continued through the Global Pandemic and are thrilled to be one of the few film festivals that were live and in person in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and now, 2026! We owe a debt of gratitude to Greg Laemmle for his support and flexibility during these unprecedented times.

Now we have made it to our THIRTEENTH year! Such an enormous milestone. A world of gratitude to our sponsors, filmmakers, screenwriters, staff and volunteers for making this happen. Without you, we could not do what we do. As we say, you all make the hard work well worth it!

Yours in film,
Jessica Hardin
Festival Director



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PASSES

Passes can be purchased directly from our website: pasadenafilmmfestival.org or at Will Call at the Laemmle NoHo 7 Cinema located at 5240 Lankershim Blvd., North Hollywood, CA, 91601. (310) 478-3836

\$299 for a **PLATINUM Pass**

\$99 for an **ALL ACCESS Pass**

\$59 for the **PIFF Gala & Award Ceremony**

\$35 for an **ALL Day Pass**

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. and proof of purchase when picking up your pass. You will also need to show ID for admittance to PIFF Gala & Award Ceremony. To attend The PIFF Gala & Award Ceremony, a pass is required for admission. Passes will not be sold at the door, but can be picked up at the event. Over 21 only for the Gala.

TICKETS FOR INDIVIDUAL FILM BLOCKS

Tickets for individual film blocks are only \$18 and can be purchased/reserved at www.Laemmle.com or directly at the Laemmle NoHo 7 Cinema Box Office: 5240 Lankershim Blvd., North Hollywood, CA, 91601.

PASS PICK UP

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. There are sometimes lines to pick up a pass, as well as lines to enter the auditorium. Plus, people want to take pictures on the Red Carpet, possibly interview with press, and grab something at the concession stand. Please give yourself ample time.

WHY BUY A PASS?

When you purchase a pass, you receive priority seating as well as guaranteed seating for a full day's worth of films, Q and A's, and access to our nightly Passholders Lounge. Passholders receive Happy Hour prices until closing! The Passholders Lounge is located at BREWS BROTHERS, a short walk from the Laemmle NOHO 7 Theatre, and they are staying open late just for us! Anyone can see any movie, anywhere, at any time, but networking and the people you meet is what makes a film festival special!

CAN WE SPEAK WITH THE FILMMAKERS AND 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 interact with the filmmakers during 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 first come, first serve. Passholders are given priority seating. All screenings take place at the Laemmle NoHo 7 Cinema: 5240 Lankershim Blvd., North Hollywood, CA, 91601
www.Laemmle.com

Please visit each venue's website for parking information.

ABOUT US

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A special shout out to our Volunteers and Interns!

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

FILM SCREENINGS & PANEL at LAEMMLE NOHO 7 CINEMA

Box Office opens one hour prior to screening time. Please arrive at least a half-hour early.
5240 Lankershim Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601 (310) 478-3836 www.laemmle.com

PASSHOLDER LOUNGE & RADICAL REWIND 80s BASH at BREWS BROTHERS

Join us at Brews Brothers. Passholders enjoy Happy Hour prices until closing.
5140 Lankershim Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601 (818) 308-6208 brewsbrotherscraftbeer.com

PIFF GALA & AWARD CEREMONY at DER WOLF

Old Hollywood Glamour. Over 21 only. Black Tie optional. No passes will be sold at the door.
72 N Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91103 (626) 219-6054 www.thederwolfpasadena.com



THURSDAY, APRIL 9th

~ 1:00 PM ~
Box Office Opens

~ 1:35 PM ~
Film Screenings Begin

~ 9:00 PM ~
Opening Night Party
Radical Rewind 80s Bash
at Brews Brothers
(1980s attire encouraged)

FRIDAY, APRIL 10th

~ 12:00 PM ~
Free Panel
State of the Industry Today from
a Talent Agent's Perspective
*Self-tapes, self-submissions, marketing
yourself, creating your own content, changing
your mindset to book the room and the job
& finding the right agent for representation*

Featuring Jake O'Flaberty representing the
Dangerfield Talent Agency.

at Laemmle Noho 7 Cinema

~ 12:30 PM ~
Box Office Opens

~ 1:25 PM ~
Film Screenings Begin

SATURDAY, APRIL 11th

~ 11:00 AM ~
Box Office Opens

~ 11:30 AM ~
Film Screenings Begin

SUNDAY, APRIL 12th

~ 11:00 AM ~
Box Office Opens

~ 12:00 PM ~
Film Screenings Begin

MONDAY, APRIL 13th

~ 1:00 PM ~
Box Office Opens

~ 2:00 PM ~
Film Screenings Begin

TUESDAY, APRIL 14th

~ 1:00 PM ~
Box Office Opens

~ 1:35 PM ~
Film Screenings Begin

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15th

~ 1:00 PM ~
Box Office Opens

~ 1:35 PM ~
Film Screenings Begin

THURSDAY, APRIL 16th

PIFF Gala & Award Ceremony
at Der Wolf
(Old Hollywood Glamour attire)

~ 6:00 PM ~
Red Carpet

~ 8:00 PM ~
Award Ceremony

Thank you and see you next year!

SCHEDULE OF FILMS

THURSDAY, APRIL 9th

BLOCK 1 - 1:35pm [86 min]

Nani
I Came with Earrings
Out of the House
Asher Baby
J.J.
Lifesaver
Marcelo Dreams of Charros

BLOCK 2 - 3:40pm [90 min]

California is Burning
Altadena: The Heart, The Art & The Soul
Grind
Paredes Entre Tú y Yo (Walls Between You and Me)
The Motorcycle Man

BLOCK 3 - 5:40pm [91 min]

What Happens in Vegas
1.21 Gigawatts (Director's Cut)
Cosmic Crusaders
Dance Floor '86
Recovering
Dungeon of Deceit
The One-Minute Problem

BLOCK 4 - 7:45pm [107 min]

Chocolate Milk
Blood Yolk

OPENING NIGHT PARTY - 9:00pm

Radical Rewind *80s Bash*

1980s-themed attire is encouraged
(at Brews Brothers)

FRIDAY, APRIL 10th

FREE PANEL - 12:00pm [60 min]

State of the Industry Today from a Talent Agent's Perspective
(at Laemmle NoHo 7)

BLOCK 5 - 1:25pm [90 min]

Sake Battle
Cindy
Go Down, Diller
Isle of Devils
The Ride

BLOCK 6 - 3:30pm [94 min]

The Forgotten Door
Hangtown
Boundless Borders

BLOCK 7 - 5:35pm [86 min]

The MJ Mishap
Betty & Mary: The Actors Prepare
Mid-lennial Life Crisis
Standby
The Company

BLOCK 8 - 7:40pm [100 min]

Rain Check
By the Grape of God

BLOCK 9 - 9:55pm [107 min]

The Last Hunt
Blindsided
Invasion '53
Between Dog and Man
Lone Wolf
Internal Color
Animal Games

SCHEDULE OF FILMS

SATURDAY, APRIL 11th

BLOCK 10 - 11:30am [86 min]

A Witness
East Did Meet West
Eclipsed Hearts
The Demon Core
Only Here and Now

BLOCK 11 - 1:25pm [77 min]

2020
The Talk
Unforgotten
Echoes of the Palisades
The Wren in the Wood
Lineage
The Last Act

BLOCK 12 - 3:20pm [86 min]

Mors
Forerunner
The Hiring Protocol
Amadeus
Dragon and Me: Prologue
Abducted and Alone

BLOCK 13 - 5:20pm [107 min]

Touched

BLOCK 14 - 7:35pm [105 min]

Moonflower
Til Death...Do You.

BLOCK 15 - 9:50 pm [92 min]

Call Me
W.H.W.D.
The Tower
All Your Sisters

BLOCK 15 *(Cont.)*

Mommy Knows Best
Trending
All You Need
Puberty for Humans
Party People
Seance for the 'Gram

SUNDAY, APRIL 12th

BLOCK 16 - 12:00pm [59 min]

Marina's First Great Adventure
TATTERS! A Puppet Story
Lotus Lagoon
Yellow Jersey
Making Beauty

BLOCK 17 - 1:55pm [91 min]

Little Matchmakers
The McRoommate
Seasonal Work
A Man Apart
No Feedback
American Wei
Dad Bod
What Are We?
This is Private

BLOCK 18 - 4:00pm [93 min]

Are You a Friend of Dorothy?
Violet Vendetta
The Hike
The Axe Forgets
Foxbody
The Interview

SCHEDULE OF FILMS

BLOCK 19 - 6:00pm [93 min]

The Rocket
Antonio's Road

BLOCK 20 - 8:00pm [106 min]

Lords
Flowers
Detention

MONDAY, APRIL 13th

BLOCK 21 - 2:00pm [81 min]

Already Arrived
The Intention Invention
Our Attic
Quick Fix
Arman
Clean Slate
Portrait

BLOCK 22 - 4:00pm [97 min]

The Man in the Upper Room
Who Knew: Dyslexia is a Way of Thinking
Bhangra Baby
Alpha Aid: From Compassion to Action
Yokoji

BLOCK 23 - 6:05pm [87 min]

The Silent Contender
Life Support
Shadows
Footprints
Walkies
Lucy's Last Dance
Pas Vraiment Ordinaire (Not Really Ordinary)

BLOCK 24 - 7:55pm [101 min]

3 Minutos
Flamingo
Flocky
Teenhood
12 Hours
Reconsolidation
My Dead Mom
Five Stages Until

TUESDAY, APRIL 14th

BLOCK 25 - 1:35pm [87 min]

Defne
Is That a Mirage?
Dick's-A-Thon
Emmanuel

BLOCK 26 - 3:40pm [96 min]

1247 Steps
El Bar De Hernando
The Tourist
Sticky
First Date Conversations
Knights and Relationships
Across the Aisle
The Debt

BLOCK 27 - 5:45pm [88 min]

Transference
The Retirement Party
F Minor
Guided Echoes
Dizzy
Criterion

SCHEDULE OF FILMS

BLOCK 28 - 7:50pm [102 min]

MascLooking
Sirens
Palate Cleanser
The Stones of Dunamase Castle
California Dreaming
The Day Is Young

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15th

BLOCK 29 - 1:35pm [97 min]

The River of Life & Death
Change Makers
Vasco da Gama: The Infinite Sea

BLOCK 30 - 3:45pm [97 min]

Off the Record
Mashhad
One Fighting Irishman
Higher Education

BLOCK 31 - 5:50pm [87 min]

Embers
Going for Home

BLOCK 32 - 8:00pm [89 min]

Comets
Saverio
Danny Boy
In the Dark
Cake
A King's Curtain



ALPHABETICAL LIST OF FILMS

1.21 GIGAWATTS (DIRECTOR'S CUT)

Block 3 : April 9th at 5:40pm
Running Time : 6 min



This official music video for the song "1.21 Gigawatts" by No More Kings is our love letter to the beloved *Back to the Future* franchise. Join Pete (Lead singer of No More Kings) as he uses a DeLorean Time Machine to restore the correct timeline after he awakens in Hill Valley to find his band's future has been rewritten.

Producer: Tamara Gray
Writer: Tamara Gray
Directors: Erik Deutscher & Tamara Gray
Actors: Pete Mitchell, Adam DeGraide, Shawn Crosby, Leigh Vandiver, Josh Knorr, Don Coulter, Mario Anes

Website: www.binarypines.com
Social Media: @binarypines (IG)

3 MINUTOS

Block 24 : April 13th at 7:55pm
Running Time : 5 min



Under the time pressure of a potentially life changing test, a young couple unexpectedly takes a quick but meaningful look at their past, present and potential future.

Producers: Alexandra Grace, Douglas Ryan
Writer: Douglas Ryan
Director: Douglas Ryan
Actors: Alexandra Grace, Austin Barnes

Website: www.comparisonpictures.com
Social Media: @comparisonpictures (IG)

12 HOURS

Block 24 : April 13th at 7:55pm
Running Time : 13 min



Over the course of twelve harrowing hours, a desperate mother frantically searches for her missing teenage son, who battles a substance use disorder fueled by fentanyl. Based on a true story.

Producers: Cronin Cullen, Malia Baker, Melanie Mahanna
Writer: Kelly Stanphill
Director: Kelly Stanphill
Actors: Leonora Pitts, Malia Baker, Melanie Mahanna, J. Mallory McCree, David Haley, Gloria Lainó, Andrew Secunda, Santeon Brown

Website: N/A
Social Media: @12hoursshortfilm (IG)

1247 STEPS

Block 26 : April 14th at 3:40pm
Running Time : 10 min



One summer night in Lyon, Romain walks Elsa home and decides he will finally confess his feelings. With 1,247 steps to her door, each one becomes a battle between desire and self sabotage, until he must decide whether to cross the line.

Producer: Sebastien Roignant
Writer: Sebastien Roignant
Director: Sebastien Roignant
Actors: Jérémy Breut, Lou Heyman, Noa Sellami

Website: N/A
Social Media: @funquatre (IG)

Country of Filming: France
Premiere Status: West Coast

2020

Block 11 : April 11th at 1:25pm
Running Time : 9 min



An agoraphobic woman lives by carefully controlled routines. When an unexpected phone call breaks through her isolation, the sense of order she depends on begins to falter.

Producers: Natalie St. Peter, Alejandro Lalinde, Anderson Vilien
Writer: Alejandro Lalinde
Director: Alejandro Lalinde
Actors: Natalie St. Peter, Debbie St. Peter, David St. Peter, Alex Ferrifno

Website: www.alejandrolalinde.net/2020film
Social Media: @2020shortfilm (FB); @2020_shortfilm (IG); @alejandrolalinde_dp (IG)

ABDUCTED AND ALONE

Block 12 : April 11th at 3:20pm
Running Time : 25 min



A recently married NASA scientist is kidnapped by aliens, only for them to die from her diseases. She then must convince the ship's AI computer system to bring her home.

Producer: Chenyue "Ellie" Guo
Writer: Tivoli Silas
Director: Tivoli Silas
Actors: Dayandra de Miranda Leão, Ann Sonnevill, Daniel Joo

Website: N/A
Social Media: @tivoli.silas (IG); @tivolisilasilmmaker (FB)

Premiere Status: LA County

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF FILMS

ACROSS THE AISLE

Block 26 : April 14th at 3:40pm
Running Time : 8 min



An idealistic congressman attempts to woo his colleague from the rival political party.

Producers: Matt Tornero, Delaney Heil

Writer: Thomas Block

Director: Thomas Block

Actors: Tiago Santos, Shannon Spangler, Brendan Mokler, Griffith Munn, Megan Hartung

Website: www.filmsbyghostlight.com/acrosstheaisle

Social Media: @filmsbyghostlight (IG)

ALL YOU NEED

Block 15 : April 11th at 9:50pm
Running Time : 12 min



A desperate, isolated woman must battle an internet demon disguised as a wellness influencer before she eats her soul. Drowning in toxic positivity, social media wellness-speak, and the fear of not looking cool, will she muster her courage to reach out for help before it's too late?

Producers: Thomas Magnuson, Paula Crichton De Alba

Writer: Alison Stolpa

Director: Paula Crichton De Alba

Actors: Alison Stolpa, Kate Ly Johnston, Raquelle Wallace

Website: N/A

Social Media: @paulacrichton (IG)

Premiere Status: World

ALL YOUR SISTERS

Block 15 : April 11th at 9:50pm
Running Time : 9 min



A cerebral anthology/mystery about a disturbing and new social media ecosystem, where multiple lives intersect and collide under the influence of sentient AI.

Producers: David A. Daniels, Anna Daniels, Homer Rabara

Writers: David A. Daniels, Anna Daniels

Director: David A. Daniels

Actors: Jennifer Field, Allen Theosky-Rowe, Julie Schmid, Allison von Hausen, Dania Denise, Kenzie Spoltore, Anastasia Crunk

Website: www.goldhillpictures.com

Social Media: @goldhill_pictures (IG);

@wearegoldhillpictures (FB)

Premiere Status: West Coast

ALPHA AID: FROM COMPASSION TO ACTION

Block 22: April 13th at 4:00pm **Running Time:** 27min



From training first responders in the Philippines in the aftermath of a deadly typhoon, to supplying Ukrainian paramedics with a pair of ambulances through Moldova, and combatting wildlife crime in Namibia, Alpha Aid is a Los Angeles based NGO on a mission to help the World, help itself.

Producers: Hermann Binek, Aliya Colvard

Writers & Directors: Leanne Melissa Bishop, Michael P. Mason

Actors: Hermann Binek, Richard Horowitz, Bernd Curschmann, Raymond J. Striler, Kris Gizanowski, Bobby Slavov

Social Media: @AlphaAidNGO (IG);

@AlphaAidFirstResponders (FB)

Country of Filming: USA, Philippines, Namibia, Belgium, Moldova

Premiere Status: World

ALREADY ARRIVED

Block 21 : April 13th at 2:00pm
Running Time : 6 min



Two exes drive, trying to overcome miscommunication, language and regret. They're doomed before they even begin.

Producer: Ryan Bean

Writer: Ryan Bean

Director: Ryan Bean

Actors: Ryan Bean, Akiyo Fujimura

Website: N/A

Social Media: @ryan.c.bart (IG)

ALTADENA: THE HEART, THE ART & THE SOUL

Block 2 : April 9th at 3:40pm **Running Time** : 32 min



A vibrant, heartfelt tribute to a community powered by creativity, history, and an unbreakable sense of belonging.

Producers: David Conolly, Eric Dyson

Writer: Eric Dyson

Director: Eric Dyson

Actors: (unattributed)

Website: www.ericdyson.net

Social Media: @therealericdyson (IG)

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF FILMS

AMADEUS

Block 12 : April 11th at 3:20pm
Running Time : 19 min



The USS Amadeus is launched on a two year journey to settle a nearby habitable planet, Proxima.

Producers: David Šášik, Lindsey Delamontaigne, Patrick Day

Writers: David Šášik, Lindsey Delamontaigne, Madeleine Phillips, Marlee Forsyth

Directors: David Šášik, Lindsey Delamontaigne

Actors: David Šášik, Lindsey Delamontaigne, Patrick Day, Madeleine Phillips, Marlee Forsyth, Kristen Daniels

Website: N/A

Social Media: @firstgenerationprod (IG);

@david_sasik (IG); @madeleinegracephillips (IG/FB);

@lindseydelamontaigne (IG); @marleedoesitall (IG)

ANTONIO'S ROAD

Block 19 : April 12th at 6:00pm
Running Time : 85 min



It's 1929. Antonio is an Italian artist; Mary's an Irish widow. Each makes the difficult decision to leave everything behind and immigrate to America, but it will take the next generation to achieve the American dream. A story of hope and resilience.

Producers: Lady In Ermine Productions, Filo Production

Writer & Director: Donna DiGiuseppe

Actors: Andrew Rogers, Toni Maddocks, Valeria Di Menno, Heidi Schooler

Website: www.ladyinermine.com

Social Media: @donnaDIGIUSEPPE (IG);

@antoniosroad_film (IG)

Country of Filming: USA, Italy
Premiere Status: World

AMERICAN WEI

Block 17 : April 12th at 1:55pm
Running Time : 15 min



Wei is a young Chinese adult who truly believes he is American. *American Wei* is a tragicomic satire about identity, assimilation, and the absurd limits of chasing a dream that was never meant for you.

Producers: Will Mazzola, Bianca Halpern

Writer: Duda Hernandez

Director: Will Mazzola

Actors: Oliver Wang, Carly Wilson, Allen Marsh

Website: N/A

Social Media: @americanwei_ (IG)

ARE YOU A FRIEND OF DOROTHY?

Block 18 : April 12th at 4:00pm
Running Time : 9 min



In the 1950s, a seasoned police detective is assigned to investigate a suspected homosexual couple, forcing him to confront the morality of his duty in a world where justice and prejudice collide.

Producers: Andrés García, Santiago Mier, Alejandra Rosales

Writers: Andrés García, Bassel Z. Malhas

Director: Andrés García

Actors: Evan Strand, Will Domke, Nicco Caruso, Paul Russell Laverack, Scott Seiffert, Josie Wald, James Carter Montgomery, Dwight Evans

Website: N/A

Social Media: @producedbyandygarcia (IG)

ANIMAL GAMES

Block 9 : April 10th at 9:55pm
Running Time : 21 min



On a weekend getaway to Joshua Tree, two young women befriend a seemingly lost man, but as hidden motives emerge, what they discover is just the beginning of a sinister game.

Producers: Caleb King, Nick Tag

Writer: Nick Tag

Director: Caleb King

Actors: Delaney Hogan, Max Reeves, Nick Tag

Website: www.imdb.com/title/tt33397917

Social Media: @calebkingdirector (IG)

ARMAN

Block 21 : April 13th at 2:00pm
Running Time : 12 min



Feeling overwhelmed and isolated on the day of his wedding, Arman, a closeted gay immigrant, has to lie to his family in Iran on the phone about his marriage.

Producers: Farzad Kiyafar, Michael Watt

Writer: Farzad Kiyafar

Director: Farzad Kiyafar

Actors: Nima Rakhshanifar, Jeremy Urann, Kate Krieger, Nahzi Nikki, Katie Kelley

Website: N/A

Social Media: @armanindiefilm (IG)

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF FILMS

ASHER BABY

Block 1 : April 9th at 1:35pm
Running Time : 14 min



A picture-perfect influencer couple, eagerly anticipates the arrival of their unborn son, Asher, as cracks appear in their seemingly flawless facade.

Producers: Paulina Lagudi Ulrich, Alyssa Najafi, Cooper Ulrich, Heston Horwin
Writers: Paulina Lagudi Ulrich, Alyssa Najafi
Director: Paulina Lagudi Ulrich
Actors: Heston Horwin, Katie Parker, Chase Cargill, Michael Love, Jordan Baird, Alyssa Najafi

Website: N/A
Social Media: @saylittle_ (IG)

THE AXE FORGETS

Block 18 : April 12th at 4:00pm
Running Time : 19 min



In 1888, James S. Jameson, heir to the Jameson Whiskey dynasty, returns to Ireland after a year long expedition to the Congo. Things start to unravel as he attempts a return to normality. Will he choose to face the truth? Or will he choose the axe once more? (Inspired by a true a story.)

Producer: John Christopher
Writer: John Christopher
Director: John Christopher
Actors: Harry Butler, Aine Collier, Bosco Hogan

Website: N/A
Social Media: @the_axe_forgets (IG)

Country of Filming: Ireland

BETTY & MARY: THE ACTORS PREPARE

Block 7: April 10th at 5:35pm Running Time: 12 min



A middle-aged actress grapples with a fading career and aging body while preparing for a laughably low-stakes audition, only to be interrupted by a younger rival.

Producers: Dana Lyn Baron, Lauren Selman
Writer: Dana Lyn Baron
Director: America Young
Actors: Dana Lyn Baron, Tally McCormack

Website: www.bettyandmary.com
Social Media: @bettyandmaryfilm (IG/FB)

BETWEEN DOG AND MAN

Block 9 : April 10th at 9:55pm
Running Time : 10 min



A man traveling along an empty road at night hits a dog. What ensues is a testimony to the centuries old bond between man and dog.

Producers: Fabian Martin, Victor Martin, Eddy Martin, Austin LaCroix
Writer: Fabian Martin
Director: Fabian Martin
Actor: Eddy Martin

Website: www.manoamanoproductions.com
Social Media: @fabe.films62 (IG)

Premiere Status: World

BHANGRA BABY

Block 22 : April 13th at 4:00pm
Running Time : 12 min



After losing the woman who brought color and rhythm to his life, a father is left raising his son in silence. That silence shatters when the boy dances to the lovers' cherished song, awakening ghosts the father can no longer ignore. In a collision of memory and movement, they embark on a journey of emotional reckoning.

Producers: Olga Gabris, Amrit Hansra, Rajvir Shahi
Writers: Amrit Hansra, Rajvir Shahi, Ashna Sharan
Directors: Rajvir Shahi, Kirandeep Karnati
Actors: Amrit Hansra, Suman Nagarkar, Urvi Kohli, Aarush Mehta, Vihaan Ailiani, Chanpreet Singh, Smera Aiya, Monica Mehta Chitkara, Gemma Pakzad

Website: www.imdb.com/title/tt32545168
Social Media: @2docmedia (IG)

BLINDSIDED

Block 9 : April 10th at 9:55pm
Running Time : 8 min



A blind schoolteacher struggles to survive through a nightmarish night when an alien spaceship crashes and unleashes a monstrous predator. This unique horror short film features an all low-vision cast and places the audience in the POV of a blind protagonist who is only able to hear what happens around her.

Producers: Ana Krista Johnson, EmLee Vassilos
Writer: P. Patrick Hogan
Director: P. Patrick Hogan
Actor: Crystal Loverro

Website: www.jhdanger.com
Social Media: @ppatrickhogan (IG); @crystalloverro (IG)

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF FILMS

BLOOD YOLK

Block 4 : April 9th at 7:45pm
Running Time : 100 min



After returning to her family's decaying farm, an estranged writer confronts a dark secret that forces her to question her twin brother's involvement in a string of murders — and her own capacity to kill.

Producers: Harbour View Pictures, Kennedy Martin
Writers: Dani Alvarado, Myles Yaksich
Director: Myles Yaksich
Actors: Dani Alvarado, Lucca De Oliveira, Shayn Herndon, Aaron Lyons, Kennedy Martin, Aria Clare Nice, Jordan Lane Shappell, Andrew Simon, Kym Wilson

Website: www.harbourviewpictures.com/blood-yolk
Social Media: @bloodyolkmovie (IG)

Premiere Status: World

CAKE

Block 32 : April 15th at 8:00pm
Running Time : 15 min



Annabelle and Jack are isolated, young adults living in the same apartment complex. Annabelle has decided it is time to take her own life and has created a schedule to do so, but through a hilarious and human sequence of events, Annabelle finds herself baking a cake for Jack's late mother in order to stick to her timeline.

Producers: Anja Racić, Peter Winkelmann
Writer: Olivia Cade
Director: Olivia Cade
Actors: Peter Winkelmann, Anja Racić

Website: N/A
Social Media: @peter.winky (IG); @racicanja (IG); @oliviacadee (TT); @thetrashwitch (IG)

BOUNDLESS BORDERS

Block 6 : April 10th at 3:30pm
Running Time : 54 min



An undocumented student from Guatemala overcomes language barriers and the threat of deportation to pursue his dream of higher education in the U.S.

Producers: Heather Flores, Meena Singhal
Writer: N/A
Director: Alessandro Gentile
Actor: Victor Andrade

Website: www.r88productions.com
Social Media: @boundlessbordersfilm (IG)

Country of Filming: USA & Guatemala

CALIFORNIA DREAMING

Block 28 : April 14th at 7:50pm
Running Time : 25 min



Years after an ugly fight with her family, Jean returns home pregnant; searching for a chance for her unborn son.

Producers: Max Woods, Andres Luna III, Adam Kingsley
Writer: Andres Luna III
Director: Andres Luna III
Actors: Sophia Delphi, Samuel Alfiler, Diego Parada

Website: www.imdb.com/title/tt34232941
Social Media: @californiadreamingfilm (IG); @a.lunaiii (IG)

Premiere Status: World

BY THE GRAPE OF GOD

Block 8 : April 10th at 7:40pm
Running Time : 96 min



Two priests embark on a madcap wine tasting weekend in Solvang, CA to find the perfect communion wine only to spiral into a full on identity crisis.

Producers: Sean Szatkowski, Marisa Laurance, Kevin Hickey
Writer: Kevin Hickey
Director: Colmille Donston
Actors: Kirk Baltz, Sean Szatkowski, Melanie Mahanna, Santeon Brown, Tristian Kinney, Dani Keaton, Olivia Lodge

Website: www.bythegrapeofgod.com
Social Media: @bythegrapeofgod (IG)

Premiere Status: West Coast

CALIFORNIA IS BURNING

Block 2 : April 9th at 3:40pm
Running Time : 10 min



In a poetic story of resilience, Altadena residents and first responders recall the damages and response after the Eaton Fire burned their historic community.

Producer: Bennett Curran
Writer: Bennett Curran
Director: Bennett Curran
Actors: N/A

Website: www.californiasburning.com
Social Media: @californiasburning (IG)

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF FILMS

CALL ME

Block 15 : April 11th at 9:50pm
Running Time : 3 min



Official music video for HiiiTriiibe's song "Call Me" by Dean Cee. A modern female, in pursuit of happiness and the perfect social media image, orders different boyfriend models from a "Boyfriend On-Demand" company.

Producers: Hajji Golo Golightly; Eugene Khazin
Writer: Eugene Khazin
Director: Eugene Khazin
Actors: Dilvin Tanik, Dean Cee, Anthony Hoard, Hajji "Golo" Golightly, Azhae Xavion Jobs, Uzo Opara, Dave Cameron, Eliana Han

Website: www.hiiitriibe.com
Social Media: @hiiitriibe (IG); @dean.ceec (IG); @eugenekhazin (IG/FB)

CINDY

Block 5 : April 10th at 1:25pm
Running Time : 21 min



Cindy follows two strangers whose chance encounter turns into an unexpectedly intimate night, forcing them to confront the quiet weight of who they are and who they might become. What begins as casual connection slowly reveals deeper vulnerability, blurring the line between escape and honesty.

Producer, Writer & Director: Al Chang
Actors: David Vaud, Jasmine Kim, Scott Bolger, Luke Chang, Jason Pierce, Katrina Cachola, Tyler Phan, Gillian Bui, Elias Enguanocho, Josh Frieder, Al Chang, Kang Kim, Clara Choi, Sam Lee

Website: www.4lcfilm.com
Social Media: @4lcfilm (IG)

CHANGE MAKERS

Block 29 : April 15th at 1:35pm
Running Time : 20 min



Lefteris Arapakis was born to be a 6th generation fisherman in Greece. Instead, he started the country's first-ever fishing school, training fishermen to remove plastic garbage from local waters and convincing this ancient profession – including his own family – of the need to protect the Mediterranean Sea and beyond.

Producer: Mary Cardaras
Writer: Casey Beck
Director: Casey Beck
Actors: N/A

Website: www.imdb.com/title/tt38350273
Social Media: N/A

Country of Filming: Greece

CLEAN SLATE

Block 21 : April 13th at 2:00pm
Running Time : 19 min



A woman confesses her biggest secret to the man she loves at the most inopportune time.

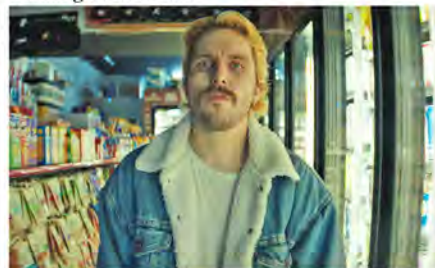
Producers: Lenka Somolova, Jade Chiarini, Janice Bryant Howroyd
Writer: David Pleiss
Director: David Pleiss
Actors: Connor Noyes, Lindsay Elston, Gabe Fonseca, Mason Kose Marchand, Russell Kohlmann, Brooke Miller, Linda Nile, Marc Sylwestrzak

Website: www.cleanslatethemovie.com
Social Media: N/A

Premiere Status: North America

CHOCOLATE MILK

Block 4 : April 9th at 7:45pm
Running Time : 7 min



A woman pursued by a menacing stranger takes shelter in a nearby corner store where a clerk is left to defend her.

Producers: Olivia Benedict, Connor Clewett, Evan Smith, Wyatt Whipple
Writers: Wyatt Whipple, Connor Clewett
Director: Wyatt Whipple
Actors: Caleb Emery, Jessicah Nicole, Wyatt Whipple

Website: N/A
Social Media: @chocolatemilkfilm (IG); wyattisnic (IG)

Premiere Status: LA County

COMETS

Block 32 : April 15th at 8:00pm
Running Time : 12 min



Nan is eighty years old, and living in a nursing home. Frightened and alone, and with her Alzheimer's getting worse, she asks every day to go "home." As she loses precious memories and stops recognizing those closest to her, a new resident brings her hope.

Producers: Andrew Bergamo, Kristin Couture (Exec. Producer), Emily Brough (Co-Producer)
Writer & Director: Amy Roy
Actors: Guerrin Gardner, Bart McCarthy, Valentina Garcia, Emily Happe, Lisa Richards, Ali Hill, Robert Craighead

Website: www.imdb.com/title/tt32648674
Social Media: @andrew_bergamo (IG); @guerrin (IG)

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF FILMS

THE COMPANY

Block 7 : April 10th at 5:35pm
Running Time : 18 min



The sh*tshow must go on! A well-meaning, high-strung director steers his company through a hectic final rehearsal full of fragile egos, toilet emergencies, and a Cockney clowning interlude. With Chandra from TheTheatreLadyBlog.com set to critique their efforts, this ramshackle, lovable bunch must hold tight to the core of their art: each other.

Producers: Matthew Moynihan, David Cyr Kerns
Writers: David Cyr Kerns, Josh Tobin
Director: David Cyr Kerns
Actors: Josh Tobin, Miriam LaChioma, Eme Ikwaakor, Alexander Ward, Becca Scott, Philip Labes, Ebony Hardin, Steven LaChioma

Website: www.filmfreeway.com/TheCompany2025
Social Media: N/A

DAD BOD

Block 17 : April 12th at 1:55pm
Running Time : 10 min



A personal trainer forces his young son to shoot and edit his videos, but the son has his own artistic vision.

Producer: Potion Mixers Motion Pictures
Writer: Evan Geary
Director: Evan Geary
Actors: Evan Geary, Joseph Haro

Website: N/A
Social Media: [@potionmixersmotionpictures](https://www.instagram.com/potionmixersmotionpictures) (IG)

COSMIC CRUSADERS

Block 3 : April 9th at 5:40pm
Running Time : 11 min



An obsessive sci-fi fan's quest for a limited-edition pizza pulls him into a reality-bending adventure that just might cost him his best friend.

Producers: Jordyn Caldwell, Catherine Dawsey
Writers: Danny Nsouli, Joseph Mueller
Director: Danny Nsouli
Actors: Andrew Solari, Nick Trafton, Lindsay Nelsen, Brandon Guevara, Blake Farha

Website: www.dannynsouli.com/cosmic-crusaders
Social Media: [@dmansoul1](https://www.instagram.com/dmansoul1) (IG)

DANCE FLOOR '86

Block 3 : April 9th at 5:40pm
Running Time : 15 min



A determined teenage breakdancer defies his disapproving step father's demands to give up dancing for a 'real career' and seizes an opportunity to prove to his idol he's got the right moves.

Producer: Adam Ferenczy
Writers: Ernest Govea, Phineas Larson, Adam Ferenczy
Director: Ernest Govea
Actors: Jesse Beeson, Xavier Contreras, Jamal Douglas, Shelley O'Rourke, Eddie Alfaro, Lisette Miranda, Gonsalo Condo Salas, Jose Andres Arroyo Racine

Website: N/A
Social Media: [@ernestgovea](https://www.instagram.com/ernestgovea) (IG)

Premiere Status: LA County

CRITERION

Block 27 : April 14th at 5:45pm
Running Time : 22 min



After the devil is thrown out of Heaven, he goes into the desert to confront his replacement.

Producer: Joanna Fang
Writer: Frank Reynolds
Director: Frank Reynolds
Actors: Joseph Boehm, Will Rothhaar

Website: N/A
Social Media: [@criterion_short_film](https://www.instagram.com/criterion_short_film) (IG)

Premiere Status: West Coast

DANNY BOY

Block 32 : April 15th at 8:00pm
Running Time : 15 min



Upon returning home after a four-year stint in prison for drinking and driving, Danny attends mandatory AA meetings to make amends with an unforgivable act which comes back to haunt him.

Producers: Ian Phillips, Han Tan, Aidan Wheeler
Writer: Cory Gorman
Director: Cory Gorman
Actors: Devin Brochu, Anna Maria Strickland, Lya-Jane Marie Gitlis, Travis Hammer

Website: www.seedandspark.com/fund/danny-boy-use
Social Media: [@crgorman85](https://www.instagram.com/crgorman85) (IG)

Premiere Status: World

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THE DAY IS YOUNG

Block 28 : April 14th at 7:50pm
Running Time : 20 min



A broken old man, haunted by his lost dreams, is granted an unexpected second chance at redemption by transforming into his younger self to chase his lifelong goal of becoming a boxing legend.

Producers: Luca Irvin, Ryan Rathbun, Taymour Ghazi, Joey Cavazos
Writers: Luca Irvin, Joey Cavazos
Director: Taymour Ghazi
Actors: Luca Irvin, Robert Craighead, Dee Wallace, Taymour Ghazi, Elester Latham, Madison Taylor, Elijah Lockhart, Alex Will Brooks, Zane Hampton

Website: N/A
Social Media: @thedayisyounghortfilm (IG)

THE DEMON CORE

Block 10 : April 11th at 11:30am
Running Time : 27 min



A dramatization of the final days of Louis Alexander Slotin, the physicist who sacrificed his own life in order to save his colleagues during a criticality incident in 1946 involving a plutonium core known as the "Demon Core".

Producers: J. Zachary Thurman, Sabatino Ciatti Jr., Halle Cottle, Michelle Snow
Writer: J. Zachary Thurman
Director: J. Zachary Thurman
Actors: Connor Paolo, Sam Jacobs, Ryan Lucy, Drew Waters, Warren Davis

Website: www.thedemoncorefilm.com
Social Media: @thedemoncorefilm (IG)

Premiere Status: California

THE DEBT

Block 26 : April 14th at 3:40pm
Running Time : 25 min



Kelsey, a once thriving creative director, has a bizarre, yet familiar encounter with fate while working her soul-crushing debt collection job, forcing her to confront the present or be haunted by her future.

Producers: Krystal Knight, Darius Clemons
Writer: Krystal Knight
Director: Krystal Knight
Actors: Crystal Gix, Tasia Williams, Socorro Jones, Tracie Frank

Website: www.filmfreeway.com/TheDebt832
Social Media: @thedebt.shortfilm (IG)

DETENTION

Block 20 : April 12th at 8:00pm
Running Time : 83 min



When four high schoolers get "Saturday Detention", they quickly realize things just got a whole lot worse when what they thought was just a waste-of-time detention turns into a nightmare... Group Therapy!

Producers: Holly Mavar, Mark Cameron, Emma Cameron, Kelly Van Horn, Tom Ingram (Exec. Prod.)
Writer: Emma Cameron
Directors: Emma Cameron, Mark Cameron
Actors: Elizabeth Mitchell, Emma Cameron, Anna Mulia, Bianca Mariani, Ian S. Peterson, Ricky Spaulding, Glenn Keogh, Matt Eldridge, David Cox, Sean Cameron, Beth DeVries, Tom Ingram, Chris Soldevilla, Christen Karle Muir

Website: www.detentionthemovie.com
Social Media: @detentionthemovie (IG)
Premiere Status: World

DEFNE

Block 25 : April 14th at 1:35pm
Running Time : 20 min



Seeking a doctor for her grandmother, Defne sees three men bury a bag in the woods, and soon the danger finds her home.

Producers: Sait Dindar, Hamdi Furkan Yıldırım
Writer: Hamdi Furkan Yıldırım
Director: Hamdi Furkan Yıldırım
Actors: Lidya Akkus, Enes Göçmen, Fahri Öztezcan

Website: N/A
Social Media: @defneshortfilm (IG)

Country of Filming: Turkey
Premiere Status: California

DICK'S-A-THON

Block 25 : April 14th at 1:35pm
Running Time : 18 min



26 Miles, 5 Meals, 1 Wild Tradition. Learn about Seattle's wackiest marathon to honor a friend, and give back to the outdoors.

Producers: Sean Goodwin, Braden League, Dylan Young
Writer: N/A
Director: Dylan Young
Actors: N/A

Website: N/A
Social Media: @dicksathonfilm (IG); @dylancutsthings (IG)

Premiere Status: California

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DIZZY

Block 27 : April 14th at 5:45pm
Running Time : 17 min



Another night out for two best friends. Fate and drugs collide to turn their night upside down. By sunrise, the two of them have had an adventure that showcases the innocence and dangers coming of age in a bygone era.

Producers: Rooter Wareing, Nick Cassavetes, John Pierce, Hannah Swayze, Stuart James, Jared Kurt
Writers: Zac La Roc, Olivia Allen
Director: Zac La Roc
Actors: Sydney Taylor, Hannah Kepple, Olivia Allen, Chad Crone, Kayla Blake, Philip Michael, Vel-9, Justin Ellings, Rooter Wareing

Website: www.imdb.com/title/tt31541006
Social Media: @dizzy.mov (IG)

EAST DID MEET WEST

Block 10 : April 11th at 11:30am
Running Time : 15 min



Inspired by the 1930s court case Roldan vs. Los Angeles County, Filipino Salvador Roldan and English Marjorie Rogers must find a way to convince an attorney to fight for their marriage despite the anti-miscegenation laws of the time.

Producer: Alexis Berganio
Writers: Aiko Lozar, Alexis Berganio
Director: Aiko Lozar
Actors: Kev Martinez, Tatyana Aravena, Eliza Kanter, Sharon Gardner, Francisco Martin

Website: www.eastdidmeetwest.org
Social Media: @eastdidmeetwest (IG)

Premiere Status: West Coast

DRAGON AND ME: PROLOGUE

Block 12 : April 11th at 3:20pm
Running Time : 20 min



When a mysterious extraterrestrial artifact is accidentally uncovered, it sparks a profound dilemma: stay bound by the rules of the ordinary — or follow intuition into the unknown world, where friendship and new horizons await beyond the limits of convention.

Producer: Alexey Kashpersky
Writer: Alexey Kashpersky
Director: Alexey Kashpersky
Actors: Alexey Kashpersky, Tamerlan the Iguana

Website: www.dragonandme.com/movie
Social Media: @dragon.and.me (IG)

Premiere Status: California

ECHOES OF THE PALISADES

Block 11 : April 11th at 1:25pm
Running Time : 5 min



A wildfire victim returns to the remnants of his childhood home. In this short documentary, award-winning photographer and filmmaker Ken Sax powerfully captures Claude Harvey's emotional return to the ruins of his former home in the Pacific Palisades neighborhood of Los Angeles, California.

Producer: Ken Sax
Writer: N/A
Director: Ken Sax
Actor: Claude Harvey

Website: www.filmfreeway.com/EchoesofthePalisades
Social Media: @echoesofthepalisadesfilm (IG); @kensax (IG)

Premiere Status: LA County

DUNGEON OF DECEIT

Block 3 : April 9th at 5:40pm
Running Time : 15 min



A boy escaping his parents' conflict through gaming suddenly finds himself transported into the adventure game he's playing.

Producer: Cate Fogarty
Writer: Chris Edgar
Director: Chris Edgar
Actors: Lander Eastland, Michelle Lee Barton, Brayden K. Lo, Carter Kelley

Website: www.imdb.com/title/tt39196460
Social Media: @cedgarmusic (IG)

Premiere Status: West Coast

ECLIPSED HEARTS

Block 10 : April 11th at 11:30am
Running Time : 5 min



On the way home from a six month mission, the crew runs into an unexpected surprise.

Producers: Brian Shakti, Matt Lucas, Tim Pipher
Writer: Brian Shakti
Director: Brian Shakti
Actors: Allison Walter, Brian Shakti

Website: N/A
Social Media: @brianshakti (IG); @allison.a.walter (IG)

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EL BAR DE HERNANDO

Block 26 : April 14th at 3:40pm
Running Time : 8 min



Yiyo works at a Salsa Bar as a bartender, but tonight before starting his shift, he falls in love with a woman who has attended the venue. During the night, he must take a step out of his comfort zone when he realizes he might have a chance with this beautiful woman.

Producer: Andres Garcia
Writer: Andrés Felipe Bernal Fariás
Directors: Andrés Felipe Bernal Fariás, Maria Gomez
Actors: Nicolas Marin, Celia Rojas, Tomas Mejía, Mariajose Garcia

Website: www.bernalarias.com/ebdh
Social Media: @bernal_ph (IG)

F MINOR

Block 27 : April 14th at 5:45pm
Running Time : 15 min



A struggling musician is plagued by feelings of insecurity when he discovers he was never a target of his music teacher's predatory behavior.

Producer: Josh Litman, Yifen Low, Jason Nott
Writer: Josh Litman, Jason Nott
Director: Josh Litman
Actors: Jason Nott, Sam H. Clauder II, Jacques-Henri Hutchison, Yifen Low, Joe Nassi, Hally Smith, Noella Akwiri, Guy Alter, David Ball, Simon Sigal

Website: www.imdb.com/title/tt29336800/
Social Media: @fminorfilm (IG); @litmanthehitman (IG)

EMBERS

Block 31 : April 15th at 5:50pm
Running Time : 4 min



Inspired by the Eaton and Palisades wildfires that shook Los Angeles to its core, *Embers* fuses original music with evocative imagery to process the tragedies we endure, the grief we carry, and the generational cycles we inherit. Created entirely without the use of AI, this piece is a visceral meditation on loss, renewal and the duality of nature.

Producer: August Falcon
Writer: August Falcon
Director: August Falcon
Actors: N/A

Website: www.augustfalcon.com
Social Media: @augustfalcon (IG)

Premiere Status: North America

FIRST DATE CONVERSATIONS

Block 26 : April 14th at 3:40pm
Running Time : 14 min



Zoe and Scott's first date is upended when she receives a difficult phone call about her estranged father. As the two delve into questions of morality, family, and conviction, the night becomes a self examination of choices and old wounds.

Producers: Molly Carpenter, Susan Kemp
Writer: Susan Kemp
Director: Susan Kemp
Actors: Wade Deschamps, Mikki Hernandez

Website: N/A
Social Media: @firstdateconversations (IG)

Premiere Status: World

EMMANUEL

Block 25 : April 14th at 1:35pm
Running Time : 36 min



A man's fate is determined at a crossroad, where mercy and revenge are in the hands of another, by a single act which both defies and defines.

Producer: JA Williams
Writer: JA Williams
Director: JA Williams
Actors: Sandrine Malary, Travis McLean, Camden "CJ" Amare

Website: www.rlpfilms.com/emmanuel
Social Media: N/A

FIVE STAGES UNTIL

Block 24 : April 13th at 7:55pm
Running Time : 17 min



When her husband chooses to stop treatment, a grieving woman leans on dance to survive the silence, while her daughter struggles to bridge the gulf between denial and acceptance.

Producers: Mark Holte, Maribeth Ackerman, Ryan Jolly, Faith Lavon
Writer: Faith Lavon
Director: Presley Paras
Actors: Faith Lavon, Katherine Haysbert, Joe Hogan, Gina Taliaferro, Sean McHugh

Website: N/A
Social Media: @fivestagesuntil_official (IG)

Premiere Status: World

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF FILMS

FLAMINGO

Block 24 : April 13th at 7:55pm
Running Time : 9 min



A tired mother struggles to answer some difficult questions posed by her young daughter during a late-night potty break.

Producers: Tracey Kaplan Golden, Vance Smith
Writer: Tracey Kaplan Golden
Director: Ivan Diaz
Actors: Tracey Kaplan Golden, Parker Grace Golden

Website: www.imdb.com/title/tt32648177
Social Media: N/A

FLOCKY

Block 24 : April 13th at 7:55pm
Running Time : 12 min



FLOCKY is an animated allegory navigating pregnancy, exploring the connection between a mother and her unborn child. Set in a melancholic and enchanting world, the story captures the essence of love, and the poignant nature of loss.

Producers: Esther Casas Roura, Juan Carlos Concha
Writer: Esther Casas Roura
Director: Esther Casas Roura
Actors: Kaylin Lee Clinton, Chaka da Silva

Website: www.ecrfilms.com/flocky
Social Media: @flockyshortfilm (IG)

FLOWERS

Block 20 : April 12th at 8:00pm
Running Time : 19 min



Candace is a struggling waitress trying to catch a break—and the bus. After a nightmare job interview, she misses her bus to work and gets followed by a guy at a bus stop—already a start to a terrible day. That is, until she meets Jeff, who just got stood up... on his anniversary. *Flowers* is a dark comedy about chance, chaos, and the unpredictable nature of cause and effect.

Producer, Writer & Director: Matthew Oquendo
Actors: Marina Aligh, Peter Banachowski, Cuauhtemoc Reyes, Andres Antonio Perez, Matt Jones, Scotty Ryerson, Cody Johnson

Website: www.matthewoquendo.com/metroseason2
Social Media: @la_metro_project (IG)

Premiere Status: LA County

FOOTPRINTS

Block 23 : April 13th at 6:05pm
Running Time : 16 min



Haunted by uncontrollable inner turmoil and the overbearing weight of loss, a young man must find a way to live inside his pain. *Footprints* is a meditation on survival, faith, and what it means to carry on.

Producers: Owen Klee, Ethan Neihart
Writer: David Woods
Director: David Woods
Actors: Jake Kline, Owen Klee, Nathan Brown

Website: www.okay-productions.com
Social Media: @okay.collective (IG)

Premiere Status: West Coast

FORERUNNER

Block 12 : April 11th at 3:20pm
Running Time : 6 min



Armed with a wristwatch that can see sixty seconds into the future, a college student tries to impress his professor.

Producer: Nathan Conlan-Gildred
Writer: Catherine Hubanks
Director: Catherine Hubanks
Actors: Jackson Sinatra, Stephan Pratt

Website: www.imdb.com/title/tt37244679/?ref_=fn_t_3
Social Media: @miabazo (IG); @jackson.sinatra (IG); @stephanpratt (IG); @catherine_does_things (IG)

Premiere Status: LA County

THE FORGOTTEN DOOR

Block 6 : April 10th at 3:30pm
Running Time : 20 min



A broken and forgotten man finds a discarded door among the garbage. That door opens to any place on earth, as long as there is a door there, too. With each step through this door, the joy of life returns to him, but he will experience an even more amazing turn in his life when he finds himself in the very place he once decided to leave - his hometown.

Producers: Marat Khalikov, Konstantin Swiderski
Writer & Director: Anzor Mulkoev
Actors: Alexander Shugarov, Antonina Taranta, Nika Volkova

Website: www.imdb.com/title/tt39239198
Social Media: N/A

Country of Filming: Russia
Premiere Status: LA County

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF FILMS

FOXBODY

Block 18 : April 12th at 4:00pm
Running Time : 15 min



1984, Texas. A bank thief returns to his wife and child with a gunshot wound and a briefcase full of money. What follows is a violent, hallucinogenic, and surprising exploration through music, dances, and gunplay.

Producers: Nika Burnett, Maya Donato
Writer: Cameron Monaghan
Director: Cameron Monaghan
Actors: Kelli Berglund, Cameron Monaghan

Website: N/A
Social Media: @brokenclawproductions (IG)

GO DOWN, DILLER

Block 5 : April 10th at 1:25pm
Running Time : 23 min



Stressed-out single father and hotel security officer, Diller McCasslin's world is thrown upside down when, at his favorite fast-food restaurant, he encounters a bear that talks. Diller turns to his work nemesis, Leon the Wine Guy, for advice who insists they must "show that bear who knows best".

Producer: Andrew Bateman
Writers: Eric Howerton, Andrew Bateman
Director: Andrew Bateman
Actors: Ryon Thomas, Lauren Robinson, Ben Hilzer

Website: www.pabloagua.com/project/go-down-diller
Social Media: @balthazarkrasnow (IG)

Premiere Status: California

GOING FOR HOME

Block 31 : April 15th at 5:50pm
Running Time : 82 min



After the devastating Eaton Canyon fire leaves families displaced, a Little League team becomes an unlikely anchor—carrying a fractured community through loss, recovery, and an improbable season.

Producer: Sue Cremin
Writer: Eric Simonson
Director: Eric Simonson
Actors: N/A

Website: www.goingforhomefilm.com
Social Media: @goingforhomefilm (IG)

GRIND

Block 2 : April 9th at 3:40pm
Running Time : 16 min



When John, an aspiring sneaker designer in East Los Angeles, gets the opportunity of his life to be featured in his idol's pop-up shop, his best friend and business partner tries to pull him down his own divergent path as he promises John's shoe design to a gang.

Producer: Mark Apicella
Writer: Mark Apicella
Director: Mark Apicella
Actors: Giovanni Cristoff, Alma Martinez, David Gurrola, Rey Gallegos

Website: www.grindfilm.com
Social Media: @grind_shortfilm (IG)

GUIDED ECHOES: THE TALE OF ELI & MUSE

Block 27: April 14th at 5:45pm Running Time: 15min



An introverted 27-year-old who hasn't learned to grow up lives with his imaginary friend.

Producers: Juliet Lucas, Lydia Wills, Seth Dacio
Writer: Seth Dacio
Director: Seth Dacio
Actors: Austin Titka, Jasper Capalad

Website: www.filmfreeway.com/sethdacio
Social Media: @sethdfilms (IG)

HANGTOWN

Block 6 : April 10th at 3:30pm
Running Time : 22 min



A 12-year-old Latino kid, who doesn't speak a word of Spanish, finds a father figure in a fleeing Mexican immigrant and takes charge when armed vigilantes close in on both of them.

Producers: Jason R. Martinez, David Aguilar, Luis Guizar
Writer: David Aguilar
Director: David Aguilar
Actors: Geovanni Ryan, Ricardo Cisneros, Kikéy Castillo, Erik Jorn Sundquist

Website: www.hangtownmovie.com
Social Media: @hangtownfilm (IG)

Premiere Status: LA County

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HIGHER EDUCATION

Block 30 : April 15th at 3:45pm
Running Time : 31 min



A coming-of-age drama that follows idealistic sociology major Mia and her best friend Ryan as they navigate the trials of college life. Amid systemic failures and personal struggles, their dreams and feelings of isolation deepen—ultimately forcing them to confront who they are and who they want to be.

Producers: Elizabeth LiMei, Mckenzie Townsend
Writer: Elizabeth LiMei
Director: Elizabeth LiMei
Actors: Elizabeth LiMei, Orion Smith

Website: www.elimeistudios.wixsite.com/my-site-2
Social Media: @limei.studios (IG)

THE HIKE

Block 18 : April 12th at 4:00pm
Running Time : 15 min



A darkly comedic, morally twisted story of friendship gone wrong in the woods.

Producers: Erik Palladino, Eric A. Pot
Writer: Erik Palladino
Director: Erik Palladino
Actors: Erik Palladino, Alex Feldman, Daniela Ruah

Website: N/A
Social Media: @erikpalladino (IG)

THE HIRING PROTOCOL

Block 12 : April 11th at 3:20pm
Running Time : 13 min



In the near future, Agathe undergoes a job assessment. She soon discovers some unsettling new recruitment techniques—ones that will leave a lasting mark on her.

Producers: François Choquené, Léa Braquet
Writer: François Choquené
Director: François Choquené
Actors: Steve Tientcheu, Adèle Galloy, Francesca Domenichini, Louise Gregory, Jules Bahloul, Laurent Cyr, Bénédicte Fantin

Website: N/A
Social Media: @francois_choquene (IG)

Country of Filming: France

I CAME WITH EARRINGS

Block 1 : April 9th at 1:35pm
Running Time : 12 min



This is a personal story inspired by the real-life video that Hahn Ponder uploaded to YouTube intended for her unknown birth mom in Vietnam.... It all begins when Leah's adoptive mom gifts her a pair of diamond earrings that force her to overcome more than just a brown belt test.

Producers: Andrew Carlberg, Toby Louie
Writers: Jonathan Caren, Hahn Ponder
Director: Jonathan Caren
Actors: Marcia DeBonis, Marguerite Moreau

Website: www.jonathancaren.com
Social Media: @jonthecaren (IG)

IN THE DARK

Block 32 : April 15th at 8:00pm
Running Time : 16 min



A struggling photographer reunites with her first love in their hometown to restage his portrait, bringing back old memories that force them to confront the traumatic end to their relationship—and the limits of forgiveness.

Producers: Eden Ohayon, Molly Ehrenberg-Peters, Alexandra Nedved
Writer: Eden Ohayon
Director: Molly Ehrenberg-Peters
Actors: Eden Ohayon, Brent Michal

Website: www.goodshoutproductions.com/in-the-dark
Social Media: @goodshout.prods (IG)

Premiere Status: West Coast

THE INTENTION INVENTION

Block 21 : April 13th at 2:00pm
Running Time : 5 min



An idealistic inventor develops a technology capable of detecting the true intentions of anyone it targets. This hand-drawn animation is a dark comedy that explores the intersection of technology, perception, and human nature.

Producer: R.J. Sullivan
Writer: R.J. Sullivan
Director: R.J. Sullivan
Actors: Coulter Rail, Portia Boorhoof, Anna Simpson, Alfred Smith, Paul Baichoo

Website: www.theintentioninvention.com
Social Media: @r.j.sullivan_animation (IG)

Premiere Status: LA County

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF FILMS

INTERNAL COLOR

Block 9 : April 10th at 9:55pm
Running Time : 17 min



A troubled woman reconnects with her unborn child.

Producer: Anastasiya Asambadze
Writer: David Asambadze
Directors: David Asambadze, Anastasiya Asambadze
Actors: Heidi Berg, Garry Geiken, Yifen Low

Website: www.imdb.com/title/tt40600234
Social Media: @migrantfilm (IG)

Premiere Status: World

THE INTERVIEW

Block 18 : April 12th at 4:00pm
Running Time : 24 min



An ex-con desperate to find a job finally sees a glimmer of hope, but he discovers this is no ordinary job and no ordinary interview.

Producers: Harry Heng, Frances Hutchison, Kai Kim, Lucille OuYang
Writers: Kai Kim, Leonard Robinson
Director: Kai Kim
Actors: Leonard Robinson, Leslie Stevens, Gale Hansen, Timothy Davis, David Lee Russek

Website: www.whitecranepictures.com
Social Media: @whitecranepictures (IG)

INVASION '53

Block 9 : April 10th at 9:55pm
Running Time : 10 min



a thrilling and comedic parody of 1950s sci-fi, where a man-eating alien crashes a suburban cocktail party, turning a normal evening into a chaotic fight for survival.

Producers: Kurt Uebersax, Danielle Weinberg
Writer & Director: Danielle Weinberg
Actors: Jeffrey Combs, Annie Gill, John Judy, Nicole Halmos, Rick Kain, Michal Sinnott, Dan Franko, Zach Brewster-Geisz, Lisa Randazzo Kearns, Vince Eisenson, William L. Thomas

Website: www.writtenbydanielleweinberg.com
Social Media: @invasion_53 (IG); @Invasion53Film (FB)

Premiere Status: LA County

IS THAT A MIRAGE?

Block 25 : April 14th at 1:35pm
Running Time : 13 min



Juniper ventures into a dystopian wasteland to trade a precious Thickberry for a rare medicine called Serenity, hoping to save her family and community from the deadly Sprayings while battling her own illness. Haunted by surreal visions and accompanied by her sarcastic talking tumor, Lump, she confronts a deeper struggle between sacrifice and self-fulfillment as she searches for meaning in a broken world.

Producers: Grace Shi, Oona Yaffe, Teddy Ninh, Ryan Rambach
Writer & Director: Grace Shi
Actors: Emma Galbraith, Asante Blackk, Jade Chang

Website: N/A
Social Media: @isthatamirageshort2025 (IG)

ISLE OF DEVILS

Block 5 : April 10th at 1:25pm
Running Time : 22 min



In 1543, a Portuguese missionary washes ashore after his ship is torn apart in a violent storm. The sole survivor of his ill-fated ship, Father Damião, struggles to survive when he encounters a mysterious woman, and his curiosity, combined with a desperate need for companionship, draws him to her despite his wariness about who, or what, she might be.

Producers: Kalilah Robinson, Liana Nanang
Writer: Kalilah Robinson
Director: Stas Bondarenko
Actors: Jason Eddy, Katie Parker

Website: N/A
Social Media: @dpkali (IG)

Country of Filming: Bermuda

J.J.

Block 1 : April 9th at 1:35pm
Running Time : 15 min



We follow Jahan and Kiersten Bakshi as they are attending their foster son's hearing. The court setting is the central focus, as witnesses and the social service department are fighting for the removal of parental rights to keep J.J. safe from his mentally ill mother.

Producers: Anne Beyer, Adam Dietrich, Elliott Gilbert
Writers: Paula Goldberg (script), Anne Beyer (story)
Directors: Adam Dietrich, Elliott Gilbert
Actors: Anne Beyer, Jason Douglas, Aalok Mehta, Nikki Dixon, Amanda Joy Erickson, Denise Lee, Arianne Martin, Ren Fanka, Nene Nwoko, Major Dodge, Jacob White Billberry

Website: www.imdb.com/title/tt39398794
Social Media: N/A

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF FILMS

A KING'S CURTAIN

Block 32 : April 15th at 8:00pm
Running Time : 17 min



A career woman's love and devotion to her Shakespearean actor father are tested when his descent into Alzheimer's jeopardizes her chance for a coveted promotion.

Producers: Grant M. Johnson, Allison Dayne
Writers: Allison Dayne, Grant M Johnson
Director: Grant M. Johnson
Actors: Allison Dayne, Charles E. Gerber, Stephen McKinley Henderson, Austin Pendleton, Veanne Cox

Website: N/A
Social Media: @akingscurtain (IG);
@A-Kings-Curtain (FB)

THE LAST HUNT

Block 9 : April 10th at 9:55pm
Running Time : 6 min



Two ghost hunting brothers entertain quitting the business, and on their last hunt, one comes back ... not quite himself.

Producers: Giselle Vazquez, Meera Peermohamed, The JQ Brothers, Michael Gilmore
Writer: Giselle Vazquez
Director: Giselle Vazquez
Actors: Jimmy Quemada, Jordan Quemada

Website:
www.gisellevazquez.com/post/the-last-hunt-short-film
Social Media: @agoodvibeproduction (IG)

Premiere Status: LA County

KNIGHTS & RELATIONSHIPS

Block 26 : April 14th at 3:40pm
Running Time : 11 min



A chance encounter between two knights with troubled history leads to them unpacking their pasts. When we run into an ex, don't we all feel a bit like a knight in armor?

Producers: Alecia Orsini Lebeda, Sam Tung
Writers: Sam Tung, Oscar Westberg (Based on his comic)
Director: Sam Tung
Actors: Krystle Martin, Brandin Elmore

Website: N/A
Social Media: @knightsandrelationships (IG)

LIFE SUPPORT

Block 23 : April 13th at 6:05pm
Running Time : 11 min



Inspired by true stories, an emergency doctor struggling under the weight of life and death decisions must confront his own hidden traumas as he teaches a young medical student what it truly means to save a life.

Producer: Bonnie Kim
Writer: Andrew Chu
Director: Jamon Tolbert
Actors: Andrew Chu, Abigail Johnson, Iris Anthony, Karolina Kwasniak

Website: www.lifesupportfilm.com
Social Media: @drandychu (IG)

Premiere Status: LA County

THE LAST ACT

Block 11 : April 11th at 1:25pm
Running Time : 14 min



After a brutal audition strips away her dignity, a struggling actress refuses to disappear quietly. What begins as defiance spirals into a psychological confrontation with irreversible consequences.

Producer: Zilong Zee
Writer: Zilong Zee
Director: Zilong Zee
Actors: Lauren Karaman, Al Pagano, Ty Ravenel, Francesco Pireddu, Chris Mauro, Teresa Hui

Website: www.visionzproductions.com/currentprojects
Social Media: @vision_z_productions (IG)

Premiere Status: LA County

LIFESAVER

Block 1 : April 9th at 1:35pm
Running Time : 15 min



Repeatedly dismissed with "boys will be boys", six-year-old Daisy May begins to believe she must protect herself. As the women in her life navigate their own complicated realities, Daisy makes a dangerous decision she's too young to fully understand.

Producers: Jaye Jackson Pniewski, Catherine Cobb Ryan
Writer & Director: Catherine Cobb Ryan
Actors: Lainey Knowles, Katy Wilson, Catherine Cobb Ryan, Hudson Lenz, Mickey Cole Jr., Robert Pralgo, Sharon Blackwood, Amanda Fallon Smith

Website: www.moonhillpictures.com
Social Media: @lifesaverfilm (IG);
@Lifesaverfilm (FB)

Premiere Status: LA County

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF FILMS

LINEAGE

Block 11 : April 11th at 1:25pm
Running Time : 24 min



Based on a true story set in Depression-era California, 13-year-old Betty discovers a mysterious secret in her decrepit home. She soon realizes it's tied to a painful history, and it's up to her to create the healing her family desperately needs.

Producer: Michelle West
Writer: Michelle West
Director: Michelle West
Actors: Cailin Peluso, Christopher Callen, Michelle West, Kyle Williams, Circus-Szalewski

Website: www.itsmichellewest.wixsite.com/lineage
Social Media: @its_michellewest (IG); @lineageshortfilm (IG & FB)

LITTLE MATCHMAKERS

Block 17 : April 12th at 1:55pm
Running Time : 12 min



Nick has been very lonely since his wife passed away and his granddaughters decide to find him a match, which includes crashing a senior speed dating event.

Producers: Sy Rosen, Eliza Roberts
Writer: Sy Rosen
Director: Rachel Borders
Actors: Summer Kitchens, Sienna Kitchens, Penny Johnson Jerald, Eric Roberts

Website: N/A
Social Media: @rachelraybow (IG)

LONE WOLF

Block 9 : April 10th at 9:55pm
Running Time : 15 min



An insomniac, hired gun begins to question her sanity when she runs into one of her previous victims alive and well.

Producers: Rich Van Tine, Matt Van Tine, Tim Simek, AnaElise Beckman, Ryan Kuna
Writer: Rich Van Tine
Director: Matt Van Tine
Actors: Aly Trasher, Tim Simek, William Gabriel Grier

Website: N/A
Social Media: @lonewolf_shortfilm (IG)

LORDS

Block 20 : April 12th at 8:00pm
Running Time : 5 min



Alex, a gifted but conflicted teen, is torn between a promising college future and the dangerous pull of a local gang. Alex is guided by a caring counselor yet tempted by a magnetic gang leader. As he faces impossible choices, his search for identity and belonging reveals the thin line between ambition and survival in a world offering no easy way out.

Producer, Writer & Director: Marvin Glover
Actors: Daniel Hoffman, Leanne Melissa Bishop, Michael S. Garcia

Website: www.lordsmovie.com
Social Media: @lords.movie (IG)

LOTUS LAGOON

Block 16 : April 12th at 12:00pm
Running Time : 11 min



Lian and her best friend, a red panda named Buddy, have a whole tropical island to have fun and find adventures to fill the summer!

Producer: Cindy Ge
Writers: Cindy Ge, Michael Benet, Jeff Hylton
Director: Michael Benet
Actors: Laura St. John, Jennifer Mae Santos, Craig Ross, Bobby Gaglini

Website: N/A
Social Media: N/A

LUCY'S LAST DANCE

Block 23 : April 13th at 6:05pm
Running Time : 14 min



After learning of her cat Lucy's terminal diagnosis, June is buoyed by her friends who throw her a party to celebrate the life they have.

Producers: Nate Hapke, Rosie Grace, Marisa Hood
Writers: Rosie Grace, Marisa Hood
Director: Rosie Grace
Actors: Marisa Hood, Melanie Thompson, Julie Schmid, Jamie Miller, Nate Hapke

Website: www.natehapke.com/lucyslstdance
Social Media: @smalltallprod (IG); @codependentmedia (IG)

Premiere Status: World

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF FILMS

MAKING BEAUTY

Block 16 : April 12th at 12:00pm
Running Time : 13 min



A young artist tries to beautify the world with increasingly savage results.

Producers: Tammy Salzl, David Baron

Writer: Tammy Salzl

Director: Tammy Salzl

Actors: Neli Kastrinos, Maureen Rooney, Ecko Goffic, Tom Edwards

Website: www.makingbeautyfilm.com

Social Media: @makingbeauty_film (IG); @tammysalzl (IG)

Country of Filming: Canada

Premiere Status: West Coast

A MAN APART

Block 17 : April 12th at 1:55pm
Running Time : 7 min



A femme fatale hires a down-on-his-luck detective to prevent her husband's murder. He agrees to take on the case, however, in doing so, he is forced to wrestle for his very soul.

Producer: CJ Hoke

Writer: Nate Myers

Director: Nate Myers

Actors: Will Forte, Natalie Palamides

Website: N/A

Social Media: @good_nate_and_goodLuck (IG)

THE MAN IN THE UPPER ROOM

Block 22 : April 13th at 4:00pm
Running Time : 6 min



A poetic short documentary about a 35mm film projectionist, exploring themes of solitude, craftsmanship, and storytelling tradition. The film is shot in a single day inside one of the last film-equipped theaters in Texas.

Producer: Sean Alan Stone

Writer: Sean Alan Stone

Director: Sean Alan Stone

Actor: Chad Pierce

Website: www.nomossproductions.com

Social Media: @seanalanstone (IG); @nomossproductions (IG & FB)

Premiere Status: USA

MARCELO DREAMS OF CHARROS

Block 1 : April 9th at 1:35pm
Running Time : 19 min



Marcelo, a third generation Mexican-American teen, sets out to learn more about his heritage, but in doing so, he must face his biggest challenge: his strained relationship with his dad.

Producers: Emily Franco, Darien Jewel

Writer: José Valle Jr

Director: José Valle Jr

Actors: Carlos Ivan, Sofia Martinez, Ben Martinez, Cosette Bonilla, Alejandro Sangines, José Valle Jr, Fernanda Lopez

Website: N/A

Social Media: @marcelosdreamsofcharros_film (IG)

MARINA'S FIRST GREAT ADVENTURE

Block 16: April 12th, 12:00pm Running Time: 13 min



Marina, a restless droplet of water, yearns to leave the ocean and see the world like her sisters. Comforted by her friend Medea, she learns to wait patiently for her day to come. Swept upward by unexpected forces, Marina will be carried away from home and transformed into new versions of herself.

Producer: Diego Salazar Lira

Writers: Diego Salazar Lira, Dalia de la Peña Wing

Directors: Themis Wing, Diego Salazar Lira

Actors: Azucena Flores Pizaña, Laura Sofia Domínguez, Viviane Angélique Ortega, Génesis De Castro, Josh Swezey

Website: www.ludoc.tech

Social Media: @puntozerocreative (IG)

Country of Filming: USA & Mexico

MASCLOOKING

Block 28 : April 14th at 7:50pm
Running Time : 9 min



After two friends discuss the pros and cons of gay GPS-based dating apps, one of them starts to receive messages from an ominous source.

Producer: Regina Pigsley

Writer: Jonathan Hammond

Director: Jonathan Hammond

Actors: Daniel Franzese, Patrike Mayuyu

Website: N/A

Social Media: @masclookingthemovie (IG)

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF FILMS

MASHHAD

Block 30 : April 15th at 3:45pm
Running Time : 20 min



A young Jewish girl in 1940s Iran risks everything when her hidden identity is exposed, endangering her secret friendship with a Muslim neighbor.

Producers: Cédric Chabloy, Noam Dromi, David Katznelson, Elizabeth Reynolds, Adriana Rotaru, Jami Rudofsky, Sarah Solemani, Greg Zekowski
Writer: Sarah Solemani
Director: Sarah Solemani
Actors: Aunika Riahi, Ainaz Azarhoush, Neeve Junaid, Shayan Ardalan, Bodhi Tabatabai, Elyau Bialobos, Al Nouri, Maryam Pouradam, Arek Tatevossian

Website: www.mubi.com/en/us/films/mashhad-2025
Social Media: @mashhadmovie (IG)

THE McROOMMATE

Block 17 : April 12th at 1:55pm
Running Time : 2 min



Two hungry roommates clash over takeout. One's human. One's deep-fried.

Producers: PJ Koll, Tim Pries
Writers: The Perez Bros
Directors: The Perez Bros
Actors: Jimmy Gagarin, Jeff Fischer

Website: www.perezbros.com/4.html
Social Media: @PerezBros (IG & FB)

Premiere Status: LA County

MID-LENNIAL LIFE CRISIS

Block 7 : April 10th at 5:35pm
Running Time : 23 min



About to turn forty and caught between youth and adulthood, Carlie's overactive bladder and underactive career push her into a bucket list of questionable choices in search of her true purpose.

Producers: Vanessa Jackson, Santiago Calogero, John Eliot Jordan, Carlie Mantilla-Jordan
Writer: Carlie Mantilla-Jordan
Directors: John Eliot Jordan, Carlie Mantilla-Jordan
Actors: Carlie Mantilla-Jordan, Kevin Woo, Abe Farrelly, Skyler Stone, Cameron Somers

Website: N/A
Social Media: @carliemantillajordan (IG)

THE MJ MISHAP

Block 7 : April 10th at 5:35pm
Running Time : 9 min



A Michael Jackson tribute acapella group prepares for the biggest performance of their careers, but when the lead member of the group doesn't know about MJ's "controversial" past, it throws the fate of the group in jeopardy.

Producers: Parker Green, Kai Cohen, Preston Green
Writer: Parker Green
Directors: Parker Green, Kai Cohen
Actors: Parker Green, John Duffy, Tranner Gouchenour, Preston Green, Ethan Land, Isaiah Khalil

Website: N/A
Social Media: @themjmishapshortfilm (IG)

MOMMY KNOWS BEST

Block 15 : April 11th at 9:50pm
Running Time : 10 min



A schoolteacher starts a YouTube channel about pregnancy with good intentions, but slowly becomes unrecognizable.

Producers: Christina Reis, Emma Maltby
Writer: Christina Reis
Directors: Christina Reis, Emma Maltby
Actors: Christina Reis, Emma Maltby, Emily Faris

Website: www.christinareis.com/about
Social Media: N/A

MOONFLOWER

Block 14 : April 11th at 7:35pm
Running Time : 6 min



Drowning in her sorrows, a distressed woman must find herself as she's overwhelmed by her inner emotions.

Producers: Juan Manuel Dominguez, Lianna Wainwright
Writer: Lianna Wainwright
Director: Lianna Wainwright
Actor: Kaylei Wainwright

Website: N/A
Social Media: N/A

Premiere Status: World

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MORS

Block 12 : April 11th at 3:20pm
Running Time : 4 min



An immersive, dreamlike journey through time - where Mors, the god of death born of chaos, wanders the shadows of history. Her presence lingers through the rise and fall of humankind, offering salvation amid the tragedies.

Producer: Xiaowen Daisy Wu
Writer: N/A
Director: Harry Cilin Chen
Actors: N/A

Website: N/A
Social Media: N/A

THE MOTORCYCLE MAN

Block 2 : April 9th at 3:40pm
Running Time : 11 min



An easy-riding and sharp-tongued guide offers insight to two young travelers in Northern California's Santa Cruz Mountains. (Starring Tony Award-winner John Glover.)

Producers: Jason Ward, Tristine Skyler, Patrick McKee
Writer: Jason Ward
Director: Jason Ward
Actors: John Glover, Austin R. Grant, Langley Ward, Phoenix Parnevik

Website: N/A
Social Media: @blueredwoodfilm (IG)

MY DEAD MOM

Block 24 : April 13th at 7:55pm
Running Time : 18 min



Emmy is trying to live her best life... if her dead mother would JUST. STOP. TALKING. She's dead but she's still disappointed.

Producers: Lauren Corber, Wendy Litner, Palmer Baranek
Writer: Wendy Litner
Directors: Chandler Levack, Wendy Litner
Actors: Lauren Collins, Megan Follows, Rainbow Sun Francks, Daniel Maslany, Daniel Kash, Matt Murray

Website: www.locomotionpix.com/my-dead-mom
Social Media: @mydeadmomseries (TT); @MyDeadMom (IG); @My-Dead-Mom (FB)

Country of Filming: Canada

NANI

Block 1 : April 9th at 1:35pm
Running Time : 10 min



Caught between cultures and generations, a young woman takes her Nani on a final, defiant adventure.

Producers: Shardul Sharma, Lorraine Guyyesse, Grace Presse
Writer: Mainak Dhar
Director: Mainak Dhar
Actors: Bushra Khan, Sunita Mukhi, Nirvan Patnaik, Shurud Shanto, Rumela Ganguly, Justin Alex

Website: N/A
Social Media: @nanishortfilm (IG)

NO FEEDBACK

Block 17 : April 12th at 1:55pm
Running Time : 8 min



While a team of professional bank robbers wait for the heist to begin, their nerves and egos clash as their penchant for improv and killer impressions threaten to unravel their meticulously laid plans.

Producer: Benjamin Ryan
Writer: Benjamin Ryan
Director: Benjamin Ryan
Actors: Adrian Epulso, Steve Maresca, Murray Clapham, Tayla Holborow

Website: N/A
Social Media: @benjaminryan_film (IG)

Country of Filming: Australia
Premiere Status: West Coast

OFF THE RECORD

Block 30 : April 15th at 3:45pm
Running Time : 15 min



At the height of the Vietnam War, a budding journalist eager to make a difference stumbles across the story of his career. Years later, he is forced to confront the consequences.

Producers: Eva Menzo
Writers: Xander T. Byrnes, J.T. Salcido
Director: J.T. Salcido
Actors: Jeremy S. Walker, Jay Phoenix, Andrew Oliveri, Sharon Gardner

Website: N/A
Social Media: @off.the.record.thesis (IG)

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ONE FIGHTING IRISHMAN

Block 30 : April 15th at 3:45pm
Running Time : 30 min



One Fighting Irishman, narrated by actor George Takei, is the little-known story of civil rights attorney Wayne M. Collins who filed lawsuits on behalf of more than 5,500 detainees who renounced their U.S. citizenship while incarcerated at the embattled Tule Lake Segregation Center, considered the worst of the ten WWII detention centers. It will explore the issues that led to segregation and the unprecedented mass renunciations, and why it took more than 23 years to retrieve citizenship for nearly all of them.

Producer, Writer & Director: Sharon Yamato
Actor: George Takei

Website: www.waynecollinsfilm.com
Social Media: @onefightingirishmanfilm (IG)

OUR ATTIC

Block 21 : April 13th at 2:00pm
Running Time : 6 min



A couple moves into together, but the attic of their new home might not be ready to welcome them.

Producers: AJ Tedesco, Daniel Aubert
Writer: Sereida Mar Arrieta
Director: AJ Tedesco
Actors: Joey Arvizu, Jaedra DiGiammarino

Website: www.imdb.com/title/tt40387884
Social Media: N/A

Premiere Status: World

THE ONE-MINUTE PROBLEM

Block 3 : April 9th at 5:40pm
Running Time : 20 min



When a Spanish immigrant who's trying to invent teleportation in his garage sucks too much power from the electrical grid, a Department of Water and Power inspector vows to shut him down, putting both his invention and his relationship with his pregnant wife at risk.

Producers: Nicolás Delgado de la Cámara, Juanxu Álvarez
Writer & Director: Nicolás Delgado de la Cámara
Actors: Gorka Otxoa, Marta Guerras, Kwami Odoom, Brendan Coyle

Website: www.thempi.org/film/the-one-minute-problem
Social Media: @movingpictureinstitute (IG & FB); @nickdelgadofilm (IG)
Country of Filming: Spain
Premiere Status: West Coast

OUT OF THE HOUSE

Block 1 : April 9th at 1:35pm
Running Time : 13 min



A dark comedy that follows Jana as she navigates how to be a "good Hindu" in a time when religion is not sexy. When Jana gets her period during the festival of Navarathiri, a boozy accident thwarts her plans to abide by traditional Hindu customs.

Producers: Angie Gaffney, Eugene Sun Park, Vinithra Raj, Brittani Ward
Writer: Vinithra Raj
Director: Brittani Ward
Actors: Cordelia Dewdney, Jahking Guillory, Madhumathi Kumar, Rajagopalan Mahadevan, Vinithra Raj, Anagha Rajagopalan, Lalitha Rajagopalan

Website: www.filmfreeway.com/OutOftheHouse
Social Media: @OutOftheHouseFilm (IG)

ONLY HERE AND NOW

Block 10 : April 11th at 11:30am
Running Time : 21 min



1942, the world is at war but newlyweds Marjorie Hua and Tom Carlson wait in the hotel lobby for their honeymoon suite. Tomorrow, Tom leaves for the war and neither can help ricocheting between joy and the fear that this first night together may be their last.

Producers: Eugenia Bostwick-Singer, Michael Hopkins
Writer: Eugenia Bostwick-Singer
Director: Raymond Singer
Actors: Ana Ming Bostwick-Singer, Sawyer Patterson, Brian Kale, Sheelagh Cullen, Michael Hopkins, Jennifer Gouche

Website: www.cuttothestoryfilms.com
Social Media: @cuttothestoryfilms (IG)

PALATE CLEANSER

Block 28 : April 14th at 7:50pm
Running Time : 15 min



Desperate to secure health insurance for his daughter with cancer in a Corporate American dystopia, a father attends a job interview at a mysterious company and discovers a sinister prerequisite.

Producers: Charla Fonseca, Cain Graham, Tori Lane Ross
Writer: Cain Graham
Director: Tori Lane Ross
Actors: Cain Graham, Tori Lane Ross, Josiah Overstreet, Lisa Stefanic

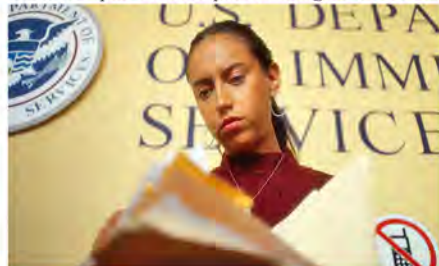
Website: www.linktr.ee/palatecleanserfilm
Social Media: @palatecleanserfilm (IG)

Premiere Status: West Coast

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PAREDES ENTRE TÚ Y YO (WALLS BETWEEN YOU AND ME)

Block 2 : April 9th at 3:40pm Running Time : 19 min



With her father's green card interview looming the next day, Miriam, a 21-year-old aspiring chef, returns home expecting to celebrate her birthday—only to find a broken food truck and a fractured bond waiting for her. Faced with the responsibility of sponsoring him, she must decide whether she can let go of resentment before she risks losing him for good.

Producers: Catalina Garayoa, Gonzalo Martin
Writer: Catalina Garayoa
Director: Jacob Franco
Actors: Catalina Garayoa, Pedro Pano, Gonzalo Martin, Gary Gunter

Website: N/A
Social Media: @paredesentretuyo (IG)

Premiere Status: California

PORTRAIT

Block 21 : April 13th at 2:00pm
Running Time : 26 min



After winning the Global Press Photo of the Year for a portrait of a deceased victim, a war photographer confronts his guilt and superstitions during an interview with a morally driven journalist, leading to a breakdown that terrifies him while captivating her.

Producers: Rianjali Bhowmick, Saman Hasan, Ishq Pradhan, Jamie Buckner, Sophie Fazio
Writer & Director: Ishq Pradhan
Actors: Thomas Sadoski, Jasmine Cephas Jones, Saman Hasan

Website: N/A
Social Media: @portrait_the_film (IG); @amourfilms (IG); @ishqpradhan (IG); @rianjalimusic (IG); @samanhasanofficial (IG); @mildmannerdtimid (IG)

Premiere Status: World

PARTY PEOPLE

Block 15 : April 11th at 9:50pm
Running Time : 13 min



Kate, a young woman riddled with social-anxiety, attends a surprise party with a group of people she doesn't know. What's the worst that could happen?

Producers: Taylor Kottke, Carter Carstens, Brian Hartley, Clayton Conroy, Jorie McDonald
Writer: Taylor Kottke
Director: Brian Hartley
Actors: Taylor Kottke, Kevin Holloway-Harris, Christina Colgan, Della Atherton, Kasan Butcher

Website: N/A
Social Media: @partypeoplethefilm (IG)

Premiere Status: West Coast

PUBERTY FOR HUMANS

Block 15 : April 11th at 9:50pm
Running Time : 13 min



Puberty for Humans is perfect for your nervous health class students as they approach their inevitable cybernetic bodily changes. In this short educational video, Linus, an insecure prepubescent teenager, learns that everything will be okay... for everyone else.

Producers: Justin Ricafort, Zach Zahorik
Writer: Wester Demandante
Director: Wester Demandante
Actors: Chris Pavon, David Scott Greene

Website:
www.westerdemandante.com/pubertyforhumans
Social Media: @puberty_for_humans (IG)

PAS VRAIMENT ORDINAIRE (NOT REALLY ORDINARY)

Block 23: April 13th at 6:05pm Running Time: 16min



A young boy must persuade his schizophrenic mother to go to the hospital after his father and the police have failed, while the young boy protects his little sister from the painful truth.

Producer: Gil Henry
Writer: Gil Henry
Director: Gil Henry
Actors: Jordan Belfi, Floriane Andersen, Guy Heilweil, Vivian Stein, Adam William Ward

Website: N/A
Social Media: @pas_vraiment_ordinaire (IG)

QUICK FIX

Block 21 : April 13th at 2:00pm
Running Time : 8 min



Beginning as your classic "Autozone" style car commercial, a man tries to take care of his things. We quickly learn he's in a bit over his head with this job. As his frustrations mount, he thinks back to a recent breakup that's making him question buying the car to begin with.

Producer: Joe Blank
Writer: Will Smart
Director: Will Smart
Actors: Will Smart, Hannah Hedrick, Nick Malak

Website:
www.seedandspark.com/fund/quick-fix#story
Social Media: @quickfixfilm (IG)

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF FILMS

RAIN CHECK

Block 8 : April 10th at 7:40pm
Running Time : 4 min



A young person's varying attempts to end their life keep getting derailed by scheduling conflicts.

Producer: Sophia Kawaguchi
Writer: Sophia Kawaguchi
Director: Sophia Kawaguchi
Actors: Jason Christopher, Taquin

Website: N/A
Social Media: @sophia.kawaguchi (IG)

Premiere Status: World

RECONSOLIDATION

Block 24 : April 13th at 7:55pm
Running Time : 15 min



After a tragic accident takes the life of his best friend, a grief-stricken introvert copes with the loss using memory-alteration therapy, but he soon learns that some memories don't want to be forgotten.

Producers: Gayle Fine, Brandon Weis, Blake Ellis, Abbie Lucas, Marcus Markou, Bernadette Flynn, Blare Media
Writers: Blake Ellis, Brandon Weis, Michael Oldham
Director: Abbie Lucas
Actors: Blake Ellis, Brandon Weis, Alison Allwine, Tony Sanders, Cherise Silvestri

Website: www.filmfreeway.com/ReconsolidationFilm
Social Media: @reconsolidationfilm (IG)

RECOVERING

Block 3 : April 9th at 5:40pm
Running Time : 18 min



In *ReCovering*, two teenaged, aspiring archeologists make a big find that would give fame & fortune. But some discoveries aren't meant to be shared with the world.

Producers: Lisa Mamazza, Ryan Biel, Rafaell Teixeira
Writers: Justin Orkin, Rafaell Teixeira, Lisa Mamazza
Director: Ryan Biel
Actors: Vernee Watson, Travis Wolfe Jr, Camren Conerly, Travis Wolfe Sr

Website: N/A
Social Media: @recoveringfilm (IG)

THE RETIREMENT PARTY

Block 27 : April 14th at 5:45pm
Running Time : 7 min



A meek antique dealer is gaslit by a bombastic, hyper-confident coworker who leads half of the office to believe an absurd alternate version of the previous 10 minutes of their shared reality.

Producers: Justin & Kristin Schaack
Writers: Tom Reed, Justin & Kristin Schaack, Logan Martin, Paul Winkles
Directors: Justin & Kristin Schaack
Actors: Taj Ruler, Tom Reed, Cynthia Schreiner Smith, Mario Howard, Rocco Bonello, Erin Drummond, David Mair, Kristin Schaack, Bick Smith, Rob Walstead

Website: www.abovethelineentertainment.com
Social Media: @AbovethelineEnt (IG & FB)

Premiere Status: West Coast

THE RIDE

Block 5 : April 10th at 1:25pm
Running Time : 16 min



A '76 Plymouth reflects on its journey, witnessing decades of human life, capturing moments of freedom, temptation, and redemption as it changes hands from one owner to the next.

Producers: Anila Nugmanova, David Hachuns
Writers: Grigory Borodavkin, Slava Denisov
Director: Slava Denisov
Actors: Ron Perlman, Fernando Lopez, Emiliano Lopez, Michael Jovanovski, Isabel Powell, Josh Stone, Martha Shaw

Website: N/A
Social Media: @theridefilm2025 (IG)

THE RIVER OF LIFE & DEATH

Block 29 : April 15th at 1:35pm
Running Time : 53 min



The River of Life & Death follows a wildlife tracker's perilous journey through Borneo's untamed rivers in search of the last pygmy elephants. Aboard a handmade bamboo raft, the 2-man crew confronts police, man-eating crocodiles, and the fragile balance between human survival and the wild.

Producers: Paddy Hackett, Tarzan Etowski
Writer: Paddy Hackett
Director: Paddy Hackett
Actors: Tarzan Etowski, Paddy Hackett

Website: N/A
Social Media: @photodaddy (IG)

Country of Filming: Malaysia (Borneo)
Premiere Status: West Coast

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF FILMS

THE ROCKET

Block 19 : April 12th at 6:00pm
Running Time : 8 min



A woman struggling with the loss of her father confronts her grief by restoring the model rocket they built during her childhood.

Producers: Bruno Barros, John Licata, Mike Gomes, Jim Kulakowski, Pedro Chaves
Writer: John Licata
Director: Pedro Chaves
Actors: Bonnie Piesse, Daniel Lundh, Mabel Hoekstra Ferreira, Bruno Barros

Website: www.chavata.com/the-rocket
Social Media: @chavataproductions (IG & FB)

Country of Filming: Portugal
Premiere Status: World

SAKE BATTLE

Block 5 : April 10th at 1:25pm
Running Time : 8 min



Two women arrive at a bar, each invited to a culturally charged drinking battle: Japanese sake versus Italian wine. As Tsubaki's quiet restraint clashes with Natalia's expressive flair, their rivalry gradually transforms into an unexpected moment of mutual respect.

Producer: Nanase Imoto
Writer: Nanase Imoto
Director: Nanase Imoto
Actors: Nanase Imoto, Natalia Pierina, Yu Vitor

Website: N/A
Social Media: @nanase.actor (IG); @nata_mtzep (IG); @yu_vitor_actor (IG)

Premiere Status: World

SAVERIO

Block 32 : April 15th at 8:00pm
Running Time : 14 min



In this "coming of aging" dramedy, Mac, a determined, Korean American influencer, finds an elderly, Mexican man abandoned in her car, and must grapple between her aspirations and an unsupportive healthcare system, and unwittingly journeys toward a new destination.

Producers: Connie Jo Sechrist, Ellen Ancui
Writer: Ellen Ancui
Director: Ellen Ancui
Actors: Quincy Cho, Roberto Medina, Scott Alin

Website: www.saveriothefilm.com
Social Media: @saveriothefilm (IG)

SEANCE FOR THE 'GRAM

Block 15 : April 11th at 9:50pm
Running Time : 11 min



Three wannabe influencers stage a fake seance live for their followers, but the consequences are all too real.

Producers: MacKenzie Marlowe, Will Levinger
Writers: Sam Schlenker, Will Levinger
Director: Sam Schlenker
Actors: Cassandra Crotzer, Daniel Figueroa, Ecksley Smith, Michelle Torian, Jacob Zelonky

Website: www.letterboxd.com/film/seance-for-the-gram
Social Media: @seanceforthegram (IG)

SEASONAL WORK

Block 17 : April 12th at 1:55pm
Running Time : 12 min



Becoming a part time seasonal sales associate at Hot Topic will take the interview of a lifetime... and some Christmas magic.

Producers: Michael Canale, Jason Harris, Jeff Zampino
Writers: Jason Harris, Scott David Johnson
Director: Jason Harris
Actors: Ashlee Grubbs, Nicole Unger, Jason Harris

Website: N/A
Social Media: @seasonalworkfilm (IG); @jasonharriscomedy (IG)

Premiere Status: West Coast

SHADOWS

Block 23 : April 13th at 6:05pm
Running Time : 16 min



Young brothers Max and Noah find sanctuary in an imaginary world made of shadows, but when reality collapses in around them, they must face the dark together.

Producers: Julianna Oommen, Parco Richardson, Sarah Brannan
Writer: Madina Khan
Director: Alejandra Vidal
Actors: Luca Vidal, Mateo Vidal, Elizabeth Woodworth, Julianna Oommen

Website: www.ale-vidal.com
Social Media: @alevidal (IG); @madina.writing (IG); @lizzyw36 (IG); @julieoommen (IG)

Premiere Status: California

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF FILMS

THE SILENT CONTENDER

Block 23 : April 13th at 6:05pm
Running Time : 7 min



A seasoned boxer grapples with an overwhelming fear as he prepares for a pivotal moment in his life. It becomes clear that the battle ahead is unlike any he has faced before...one that will redefine the true meaning of courage.

Producers: Layla O'Shea, Dax Campbell
Writer: Layla O'Shea
Director: Layla O'Shea
Actors: Dax Campbell, Jaimyon Parker, Daniel Tolbert

Website: N/A
Social Media: @The-Silent-Contender (FB)

SIRENS

Block 28 : April 14th at 7:50pm
Running Time : 14 min



A single mother seeks justice for the murder of her son by a police officer, but before confronting the external battle, she must first reconcile with her own past.

Producer: Maria Valdez
Writer: Maria Valdez
Director: Maria Valdez
Actors: Susan Santiago, Ian Stanley, Tina D'Marco, Jessie Serpas

Website: www.mariavaldez.com
Social Media: @mvaldez99 (IG)

Premiere Status: LA County

STANDBY

Block 7 : April 10th at 5:35pm
Running Time : 24 min



A disheartened, but dedicated middle-aged gay actor, living and working in NYC as a standby for an off-Broadway show, has his love for his art reawakened --with a jolt--in this valentine to the Theater.

Producers: Dee Shroff, Robert Gomes
Writer: Robert Gomes
Director: Robert Gomes
Actors: Reed Birney, Pat Nesbit, Kelly Bishop, AJ Cedeño, Chuck Blasius, Jenelle Chu, Safia Harris, Justin Withers, Grace Dumdaw, Brian Keene

Website: www.standbythefilm.com
Social Media: @standbythefilm (IG & FB)

STICKY

Block 26 : April 14th at 3:40pm
Running Time : 12 min



Alina finds herself caught between two worlds as she explores a romantic connection with her neighbor and with an unknown bus rider that has been leaving her notes.

Producer: Zach Berston
Writer: Zach Berston
Director: Natalie Venable
Actors: Ava Romano, Josh Arrich, Ella Marchal, Jim Allen, David Trajan, Todd Steeb

Website: N/A
Social Media: @sticky.shortfilm (IG); @zachberston (IG); @natalievenable (IG)

Premiere Status: LA County

THE STONES OF DUNAMASE CASTLE

Block 28 : April 14th at 7:50pm
Running Time : 18 min



In the shadow of ancient Irish ruins, the aftermath of a heist unravels into deadly betrayals as four thieves learn that trust is the most dangerous currency of all.

Producer: Melissa Jo Peltier
Writer: John Gray
Director: John Gray
Actors: Aoibhinn McGinnity, Desmond Eastwood

Website: N/A
Social Media: @bayrde (IG)

Country of Filming: Ireland
Premiere Status: West Coast

THE TALK

Block 11 : April 11th at 1:25pm
Running Time : 6 min



What begins as a tender conversation between a father and son slowly reveals the unseen weight carried by the women in their lives. As the truth unfolds, the personal becomes political, exposing a system that does not protect everyone equally and turning love into a quiet reckoning with loss, legacy, and injustice.

Producers: Hila Cage Coppola, Christina Cannarella
Writer: Hila Cage Coppola
Director: Hila Cage Coppola
Actors: Kareem Zion, Jazmin Garcia, Spencer McNish

Website: www.uncagedproductions.com; www.imdb.com/title/tt37876373
Social Media: @bonafidesavage (IG)

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TATTERS! A PUPPET STORY

Block 16 : April 12th at 12:00pm
Running Time : 10 min



Meet Marvin! A silly puppet who learns an important lesson after he is diagnosed with a terminal illness.

Producer: Jinchen "Spencer" Zhu
Writer: David Stanek
Director: David Stanek
Actors: Caden Healander, Kahbia Sada, Manik Bahl

Website: www.no-panic.co
Social Media: @jodiiwatts (IG); @kahbiasada (IG); @cadenhealander (IG); @heyitsmanik (IG)

TEENHOOD

Block 24 : April 13th at 7:55pm
Running Time : 13 min



Following an unintended pregnancy, a troubled Chinese-American boy faces the crushing responsibility and emotional weight of fatherhood, past and present.

Producers: Jiayang Liu, Richard Yunqi Li, Boris Liu, Adam Bloodgood
Writers: Jiayang Liu, Peter Zhu
Director: Jiayang Liu
Actors: Jackie Tran, Katie Brown, Felix Garcia, James Sico

Website: N/A
Social Media: @teenhoodfilm (IG)

THIS IS PRIVATE

Block 17 : April 12th at 1:55pm
Running Time : 14 min



A stripper cunningly decides to use her private dances as therapy sessions in order to prevail in her collegiate psychology class.

Producer: Caitlyn Durkin
Writer: LeAndre Thomas
Director: LeAndre Thomas
Actors: Birgundi Baker, Joseph Rye, Wendy Feign, Matthew Baetz, Skip Howland, S.B. Grey, William Romano-Pugh

Website: N/A
Social Media: @fromtheprojectionbooth (IG)

Premiere Status: LA County

TIL DEATH...DO YOU.

Block 14 : April 11th at 7:35pm
Running Time : 98 min



In a desperate attempt to salvage their fractured relationships, three couples travel to a remote island for an exclusive healing retreat. When the hostile natives turn the tranquil getaway into a deadly nightmare, the couples must fight not only for their relationships—but for their lives.

Producers: Andra Fuller, Chris Beal
Writer: Andra Fuller
Director: Andra Fuller
Actors: Michael Beach, Elise Neal, Tionne "TBoz" Watkins, Judi Johnson, Andra Fuller

Website: www.imdb.com/title/tt33362770
Social Media: @mrdrefuller (IG)

TOUCHED

Block 13 : April 11th at 5:20pm
Running Time : 107 min



Haunted by the tragedy that shattered his family, Martin has spent years running from his past. But when he becomes the sole guardian of his teenage granddaughter Angel, a girl with special needs, his carefully isolated existence begins to unravel. As he struggles to care for her, it is Angel—through her unique perspective and unwavering spirit—who guides him on an unexpected journey of redemption.

Producers: Mark Vidano, Marco Bazzi
Writers: Mark Vidano, Marco Bazzi
Director: Marco Bazzi
Actors: Cassie Earl, Mark Vidano, Amy Copsy, Joyce Hii, Sarah Sypniewski
Website: www.patriotfilming.com
Social Media: @patriot_filming (IG)

Premiere Status: World

THE TOURIST

Block 26 : April 14th at 3:40pm
Running Time : 13 min



Japanese business woman Akiko Takeshi discovers love on a trip to Goa.

Producers: Safdar Rahman, Jeff Allard, Peter Zerzan
Writers: Melissa Pennel, Peter Zerzan
Director: Peter Zerzan
Actors: Miho Saito, Mathieu Szymkowiak

Website: www.kuamito.com
Social Media: @pzerzan (IG)

Country of Filming: India

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THE TOWER

Block 15 : April 11th at 9:50pm
Running Time : 8 min



A fearless activist ignites a national spark with a televised call for freedom, unknowingly casting himself into the crosshairs of a shadow government agency. As their influence closes in, he must cling to any surviving truth—or risk becoming part of the very machine designed to silence him.

Producers: Ethan Zell, Viviana Raker
Writer & Director: Ethan Zell
Actors: Luka Salib, Celeste Lagrange, Max Manwaring-Mueller

Website:
www.wavefivemedia.wixsite.com/wave-5-studios
Social Media: @wavefivestudios_ (IG)

TRANSFERENCE

Block 27 : April 14th at 5:45pm
Running Time : 10 min



Gray, a wealthy entrepreneur, is on the eve of having the neurons of a dying composer implanted in his brain when he visits an old college friend. But Gray's revelation that he will finally obtain the artistic success they both desired doesn't get the reaction he wanted.

Producers: Adrienne Sharp, Todd Sharp
Writer: Todd Sharp
Director: Hank Bunker
Actors: Conor Murphy, Frank Demma, Amy Cosentino

Website: www.toddsharpwriter.com
Social Media: N/A

Premiere Status: World

TRENDING

Block 15 : April 11th at 9:50pm
Running Time : 10 min



Andres, disengaged and apathetic, finds himself in a physical altercation during school. When his older brother intervenes to protect him, Andres chooses to document the brutality on his phone, exposing the corrosive impact of social media on a desensitized and detached youth.

Producer: Sergio Monserrate
Writer: Felix Martiz
Director: Felix Martiz
Actors: Caleb Anthony Martinez, Sebastian Segura, Johnny Briseño, Elena Rojas

Website: www.felixmartiz.com
Social Media: @trendingfilm2024 (IG)

UNFORGOTTEN

Block 11 : April 11th at 1:25pm
Running Time : 9 min



When a woman runs into a forest fire to rescue horses, her family is left to deal with the consequences of her selfless decision.

Producers: Yelena Krivosheyeva, Amanda Renee Knox
Writer: Amanda Renee Knox
Director: Amanda Renee Knox
Actors: Sophia Adler, Sharon Angela, Ezekiel Bridges

Website: N/A
Social Media: @unforgotten_movie (IG)

Premiere Status: World

VASCO DA GAMA - THE INFINITE SEA

Block 29 : April 15th at 1:35pm
Running Time : 23 min



In 1497, King Manuel I of Portugal charged Vasco da Gama with the task of going to India by sea, crossing oceans, facing storms, and the hearts of men. In one of the most famous journeys in history, this man from Sines will change Portugal... and the world.

Producers: Antonio Costa Valente, Nelson Martins, Júlia Rocha, Diogo Vilhena
Writer: Bruno Martins Soares
Director: Cláudio Jordão
Actors: José Alegre, Ivo Canelas, Maria d'Aires, André Gago, António Guerreiro, Nelson Martins, Ricardo Mendonça, João Paulo Nunes

Website: N/A
Social Media: @claudio_jordao (IG)

Country of Filming: Portugal

VIOLET VENDETTA

Block 18 : April 12th at 4:00pm
Running Time : 11 min



Wannabe filmmakers Luke and Hunter will do anything to finish their dream project—including fighting off the hitmen sent by the shady 'executive producer' bankrolling them.

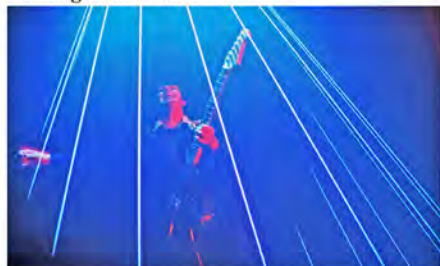
Producers: Jessica Solari Hayden, Adam Hemmert
Writers: Ted Hayden, Theo Olesen
Director: Ted Hayden
Actors: Brandon H. Lee, Hector Melgoza, Merlin Ripley, Scott Sheldon, Ashley Kim

Website: www.violetvendettafilm.com
Social Media: @violetvendettafilm (IG)

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W.H.W.D.

Block 15 : April 11th at 9:50pm
Running Time : 4 min



A comedy metal song about the state of mankind in the internet age.

Producers: Timothy Hautekiet, Ryan Blewett, Alexander Arntzen

Writer: Timothy Hautekiet

Director: Timothy Hautekiet

Actors: Timothy Hautekiet, Ryan Blewett, Tom Webster

Website: www.extraordinaryalienfilms.com

Social Media: @extraordinaryalienfilms (IG); @ExtraordinaryAlien (FB); @ExtraAlienFilms (X)

Premiere Status: North America

WALKIES

Block 23 : April 13th at 6:05pm
Running Time : 10 min



Esther, a woman in her late twenties doing her best to manage depression and anxiety, buys a robotic dog to help her actually leave the house and take daily walks. What begins as a small, practical step toward feeling better ends up opening the door to friendship, connection, and a reminder that she's not as alone as she thought.

Producer: Roe Moore

Writer: Laura Thomas

Director: Roe Moore

Actors: Mariana Aróxa, Erik Orjiako, Anne Arreguin, Eve-Yasmine Saoud-Easton

Website: www.piepieproductions.net/walkies

Social Media: @PiePieProd (IG); @Roe_Mo (IG); @MarianaAroxa (IG); @tombotrobotics (IG & FB)

Premiere Status: World

WHAT ARE WE?

Block 17 : April 12th at 1:55pm
Running Time : 13 min



Things get awkward after a couple is forced to explain their complicated relationship after being pulled over by a cop.

Producers: William Burney, Rohan Kumar

Writer: William Burney

Director: William Burney

Actors: Kasian Wick, Sophia Delphi, Ross Rebennack

Website: N/A

Social Media: @whatarewefilm (IG)

WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS

Block 3 : April 9th at 5:40pm
Running Time : 6 min



A suburban goth goes to great lengths to find out "what happens in Vegas".

Producers: Margaret Borchert, Clev Dominguez

Writer: Jewell Karinen

Director: Jewell Karinen

Actors: Belle Adams, Jewell Karinen, Bradford Wilson

Website: www.jewellkarinen.com

Social Media: @hellojewell (IG)

WHO KNEW: DYSLEXIA IS A WAY OF THINKING

Block 22: April 13th at 4:00pm **Running Time:** 30min



Sue Blyth Hall is on a mission to challenge the conventional view of dyslexia—and with the help of others—show that dyslexia is a gift.

Producer: Sue Blyth Hall

Writer: Sue Blyth Hall

Director: Kelly Conlin

Actors: N/A

Website: www.thewds.org/documentary-who-knew

Social Media: @niceladyproductions (IG & FB)

Country of Filming: Canada

A WITNESS

Block 10 : April 11th at 11:30am
Running Time : 20 min



Three people, brought together by fate after growing up in a post-apocalyptic world, have little understanding of basic human emotions like love. As James watches Jane and Bodhi's romance unfold, he documents their story through the lens of his favorite authors, Shakespeare and Stephenie Meyer. Like most great love stories, tragedy is never far behind.

Producers: Max Wilbur, Drue Knapp, Beau Knapp, Harry Knapp, 6DEGREES Films

Writer: Drue Knapp

Director: Noelle Miller

Actors: Drue Knapp, Emilio Garcia Sanchez, Alex MacNicoll

Website: N/A

Social Media: @awitnessfilm (IG)

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THE WREN IN THE WOOD

Block 11 : April 11th at 1:25pm
Running Time : 11 min



After her mother's funeral, Wren returns to her childhood home for the first time in years. There she finds a ruined house, strange clues, and a dark presence among the trees.

Producers: Megan Jensen, Melissa Romberg
Writer: Emma Baker
Director: Emma Baker
Actors: Emma Baker, Kristin Baker, Julian Nowik

Website:
www.emmabakerfilm.com/work/for-wren-897t5
Social Media: @thewreninthewoodfilm (IG)

Premiere Status: World

YELLOW JERSEY

Block 16 : April 12th at 12:00pm
Running Time : 12 min



A story of loss, hope and the power of cycling. A ten-year-old boy transforms his small town streets into a Tour de France, chasing his dream that will define his future.

Producers: Alphonso McAuley, Daniel Rodriguez, Damien Smith, Hans van Doornewaard, Andrew Wright, Heather Smith
Writer & Director: Damien Smith
Actors: Brandon Altbush, Bennett Battles, Greyson Battles, James Battles, Tamara Battles, Wade Benton, Oscar Camacho, Claire Clawson, Ethan Clawson, James Finn Miller, Maxwell Miller, Ryan Nicholls, Evelyn Wetzzel, Izzy Wetzzel, Wells Wetzzel, Matthew Wolf, Shelby Young

Website: N/A
Social Media: @damiensmithace (IG)

YOKOJI

Block 22 : April 13th at 4:00pm
Running Time : 22 min



A meditative documentary that explores the daily rhythms and inner world of the residents of Yokoji Zen Mountain Center, a remote Buddhist lay-monastery nestled in Southern California's San Jacinto Mountains.

Producer: Jacque Rabie
Writer: N/A
Director: Jacque Rabie
Actors: Charles Tenshin Roshi, Spencer Kyozan Durham

Website: www.jacquerabie.com
Social Media: @jacquerabie (X); @jacquejrabe (FB)

Premiere Status: North America



SCREENPLAYS, TELEPLAYS & STAGE PLAYS

OFFICIAL SELECTIONS

BLESS-ED (IS THIS TOWN?) by Wendy M. Wilkins *(Feature Screenplay/ Teleplay)*

BLIND PURSUIT by Debi Yazbeck *(Feature Screenplay/ Teleplay)*

BURNT UMBER by Seth Christian *(Feature Screenplay/ Teleplay)*

CRYPTIC by Ed Vela *(Stage Play)*

DEATH IN POLAND by Grant Huffman *(Feature Screenplay/ Teleplay)*

DOG NAMED CISCO, A by Jean R.Vives *(Feature Screenplay/ Teleplay)*

EVEN KOALAS CAN GET CHLAMYDIA by Ed Vela *(Stage Play)*

FIRST PRIZE by Israela Margalit *(Stage Play)*

GHOST OF YOU, THE by Megan Smith-Harris *(Feature Screenplay/ Teleplay)*

HENCH by Chloe Hawker *(Short Screenplay/ Teleplay)*

HOT MANGA GIRL by Beatrice Yilin Jiang *(Television Script - Sitcom)*

I FOUND A GUN by Will Lee & Ian Hedman *(Feature Screenplay/ Teleplay)*

LETTER OF LOVE & SORROW, A by Brett Howard Nelson *(Feature Screenplay/ Teleplay)*

MADE CLEAN by Seth Christian *(Feature Screenplay/ Teleplay)*

NAYA AND THE GOLDFISH by Vanessa Lua *(Short Screenplay/ Teleplay)*

NOTHING TO LOSE by Scott Anthony Lopez & Jesus Francisco Jauregui *(Short Screenplay/ Teleplay)*

POE & CO. by Lawrence Riggins *(Television Script - Drama)*

PUNCH THE LINE by Paul Roland *(Feature Screenplay/ Teleplay)*

REBEL by Maria K. Singh *(Short Screenplay/ Teleplay)*

SALLY WHITE by Katrina Jaxson *(Television Script - Sitcom)*

SAVE THE MAN by Kevin Stuart Brodie *(Stage Play)*

SENIOR CENTER by Erin Gonyeau *(Short Screenplay/ Teleplay)*

SENSELESS CONFIDENTIAL by Martin Bannon Beaudet *(Feature Screenplay/ Teleplay)*

SHOW, THE by Karen Dee Carpenter *(Short Screenplay/ Teleplay)*

TABLE FOR TWO by Christian Belmonte *(Short Screenplay/ Teleplay)*

TALES OF THE SOUTHERN GOTHIC by Patrick Groff *(Feature Screenplay/ Teleplay)*

THIS WASN'T IN THE SCRIPT by Terry Gingles *(Feature Screenplay/ Teleplay)*

TROPHIES by Phillip Cook *(Television Script - Drama)*

WET BOYS by Ed Vela *(Television Script - Drama)*

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