



*The Eighth
Annual*



2021

September 9-16, 2021

Oh wow, what a year. Or rather, what a 19 months! Thank you to our Team and community of supporters to make this year a possibility. Our sponsors, filmmakers, screenwriters, volunteers, and guests are such a blessing. Iñárritu is quoted as saying, "To make a film is easy. To make a good film is war. To make a very good film is a miracle". While we think that making a film is never easy, we do think that we have witnessed some small miracles. Please enjoy all of our hard work; it is through art that we are able to transcend times like these.

Jessica Hardin
Festival Director

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All sales are final. No refunds can be made on ticket purchases. The Pasadena International Film Festival is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets or items. Latecomers will be seated at the discretion of management. One admission per ticket. Programs, dates, times, and artists are subject to change. Ticket holder consents to allow PIFF to use his/her image for marketing purposes in all media. All screenings and events will occur rain or shine. Assistance dogs are allowed, but pets are not. All persons entering the lobby of the Laemmle Theatre must have a pass or a ticket.

PASSES

Passes can be purchased directly off of our website (pasadenafilmmfestival.org) or at Will Call at the Laemmle Playhouse 7 Cinema located at 673 E. Colorado Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91101. It is only \$180 for an All-Access Pass (less than \$2 per film), \$120 for a **Screenings & Lounge** Pass (includes all events except the Gala), \$50 for a **Gala** Pass and \$35 for a **Day** Pass.

If you would like to attend the Great Gatsby Gala & Award Ceremony, or our Passholders Lounge, a pass is required for admission. If purchasing a Day Pass, please email info@pasadenafilmmfestival.org to let us know which day you would like to attend. The Passholders Lounge and Great Gatsby Gala & Award Ceremony are for those over the age of 21.

GREAT GATSBY GALA & AWARD CEREMONY

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

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 the Passholders Lounge and Great Gatsby Gala & Award Ceremony. Our program is designed for adults.

TICKETS FOR INDIVIDUAL BLOCKS

Tickets for individual blocks are only \$15.00 and can be purchased/reserved at Laemmle.com or directly at the theatre Box Office: 673 East Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA, 91101 626.844.6444. **There are no group rates at this time.**

PASS PICKUP

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

WHY BUY A PASS?

When you purchase a pass, you receive priority seating for a full days' worth of films, Q and A's, and access to our nightly Passholders' Lounge with an open bar. Anyone can see any movie, anywhere, at any time, but networking, the people you meet, that's what makes a film festival special.

CAN WE SPEAK WITH FILMMAKERS OR ACTORS AT THE FESTIVAL?

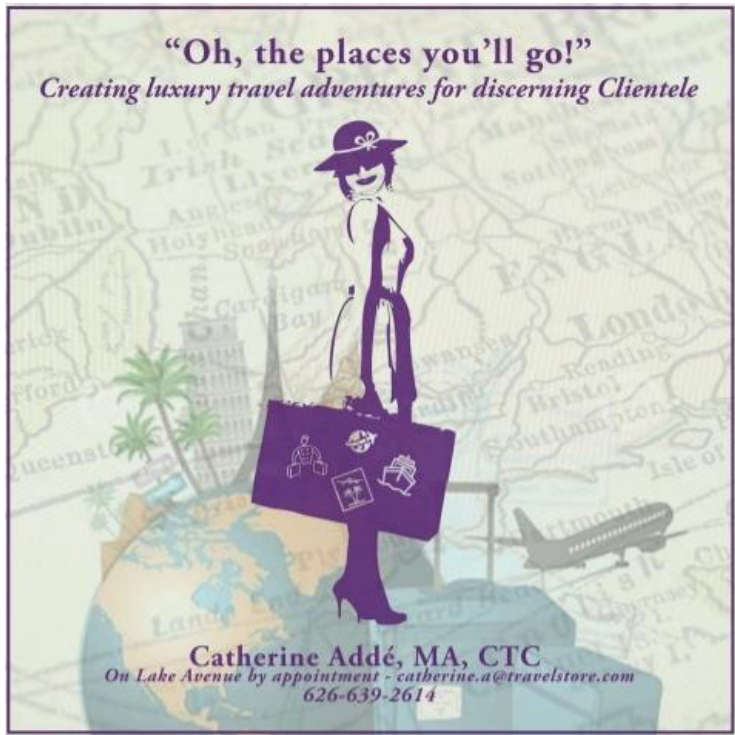
Of course! This is one of the special perks of film festivals. Not only can you take in a film, but you can also get up close and personal with the filmmakers... as questions at our Q and A sessions, or chat with them at one of our parties! This is a fantastic resource to learn about independent cinema.

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

673 E. Colorado Blvd. Pasadena, CA, 91101. laemmle.com

Please visit each venues website for parking information.

About Us



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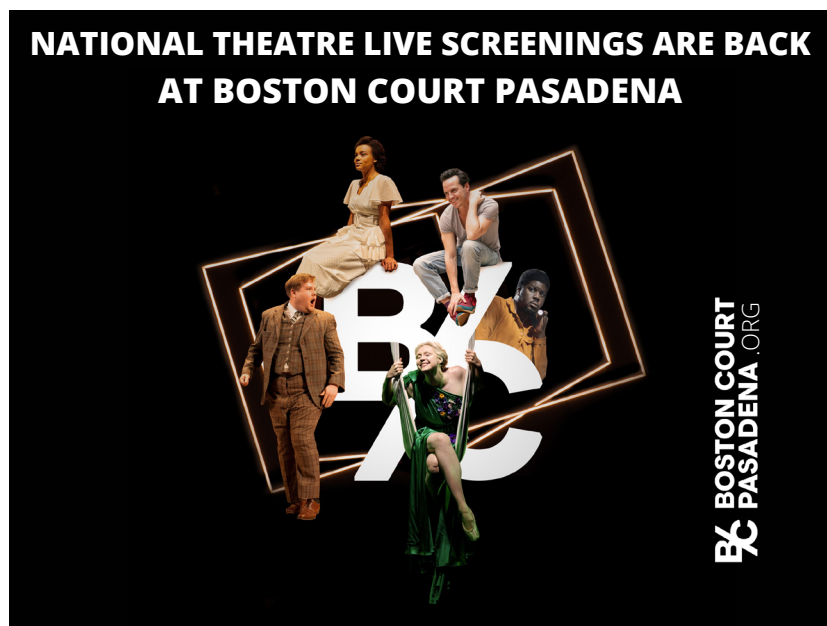


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*A special shout out to our Volunteers!
We seriously could not have done this without you.
People have worked unbelievably hard, all for their
love of film. From the bottom of our hearts,
we thank you.*

Schedule of Events

Box Office Opens one hour prior to screening time.
Please arrive at least a half-hour ahead of screening time.

Screenings:

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

Passholders Lounge:

Join us at the fantastic Lyd and Mo Photography Studio for networking and an open bar.

Doors open 9:00 PM. Over 21 only.

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

Thursday September 9

~3:00 P.M.~
Box Office Opens

~4:00 P.M.~
Screenings Begin

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

Friday September 10

~5:00 P.M. ~
Box Office Opens

~6:00 P.M.~
Screenings Begin

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

Saturday September 11

~11:00 A.M.~
Box Office Opens

~Noon~
Film Screenings Begin

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



Sunday September 12

~11:00 A.M.~
Box Office Opens

~Noon~
Film Screenings Begin

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

Monday September 13

~5:00 P.M.~
Box Office Opens

~6:00 P.M.~
Film Screenings Begin

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

Tuesday September 14

~5:00 P.M.~
Box Office Opens

~6:00 P.M.~
~Film Screenings Begin~

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



Wednesday September 15

~5:00 P.M.~
Box Office Opens

~6:00 P.M.~
Film Screenings Begin

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

Thursday September 16

~2:00 P. M. to 4:00 P.M.~
Filmmaker's Network & Collaboration
Roundtable Discussion

Interactive Panel Discussion
with Judah Ray, of A-Level Pictures,
and David Josh Lawrence, of Glasshouse Distribution,
+ special guest industry professionals

~*The Great Gatsby Gala & Award Ceremony**~

Re-live the roaring 1920's at this hidden gem.
Over 21 only. Passes will not be sold at the door.

~7:00 P.M.~
Red Carpet

~8:00 P.M.~
Award Ceremony

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

**Proof of vaccination required for this event.*

Thank you and see you next year!



Schedule of Films

Thursday, September 9

Block 1 – 4:00 PM

Good Vibes
Love in 2020
Second Team
Diamonds
Ghosted
YuanYuan
Endangered
The Fixer

Block 2 – 6:00 PM

#BTSD
Gone
Weak
In Between
The Weight of Perfection
Bobby

Block 3 – 8:00 PM

Wichita
Two Weeks Notice
Ride Share
Wasted Seed
Unspoken
McCrorey Rd.

Friday, September 10

Block 4 – 6:00 PM

Promises
South Pasadena
Easter Eggs: A Non Parody
Meet Cute
Breakdown
Okay Google
Incompleteness
Smoking Wet
Kill Cat Oakland

Block 5 – 8:00 PM

Gomika
Gardenia
Alexis
Making Peace
Ali's Realm

Block 6 – 10:00 PM

Routine
Wasteland
The Secret Life of Muni Long
Sundown Trail
Then Came Thunder
Killing Time
Odyssey Omega

Saturday, September 11

Block 7 – 12:00 PM

Helper
Tell Me Something
All-In
When The Chips Are Down
Amazing Grace
Valley

Block 8 – 2:00 PM

Signed, Steve Hardy
Vibrato!
A Poet's Life
A Cuban Documemory

Block 9 – 4:00 PM

Are You Human?
David Mirisch: The Man Behind The
Golden Stars

Block 10 – 6:00 PM

Extraordinary: The Revelations

Block 11 – 8:10 PM

Good Counsel
Gold Digger
Driver 113

Block 12 – 10:05 PM

Lake Forest Road
Waiting for a Ride
Make a Wish
The Pey
Familiar
The Axe and the Iron
The Uncredited
Hangry
Chupacabra



Sunday, September 12

Block 13 – 12:00 PM

Petrichor
A Perfect Vintage

Block 14 – 2:15 PM

Livin' in the Light
The Album

Block 15 – 4:15 PM

Nano Worlds
A Little Patch of Earth
Shutter The Doors
Firestorm '77: The True Story of
the Honda Canyon Fire

Block 16 – 6:15 PM

Pizza Party
Rinse & Repeat
Shevolution
The Sun Rises in the West
Família

Block 17 – 8:15 PM

Trivial
All The Reasons for Killing
Massacre
Nahjum
Processing
In The Company of Crows



Monday, September 13

Block 18 – 6:00 PM

Dear Aunt Noa
Heel
Qafas
Beautiful Violence
No Part Too Small
Pipe Dreams

Block 19 – 8:00 PM

The Chess Match
The Plumber
The Book of Ruth
Glass Darkly
Ira Aldridge
Franklin And Terry

Tuesday September 14

Block 20 – 6:00 PM

A World Away
The Come Up
Thorns on the Rose: Black Abuse,
Corruption & The Pasadena Police

Block 21 – 8:05 PM

Alexandra
I Really Love This Piece
Smoke 'N Mirrors
Jane
A Piece of Cake
2 Timers
My Dinner With Werner

Wednesday September 15

Block 22 – 6:00 PM

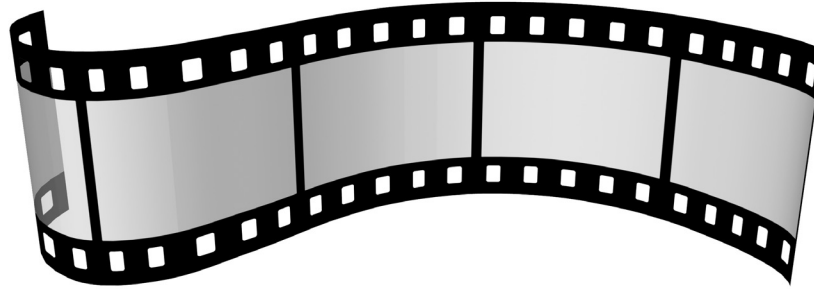
Ride
7 SHARP
Augustus
Broken Layers
Baby

Block 23 – 8:00 PM

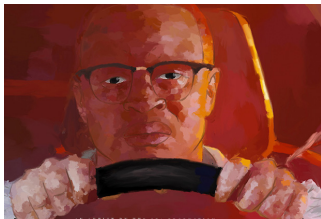
From Under the Bridge
Oh, Mighty Ocean!
Neurodivergent
Into The Honeycomb
Instant Gratification



Alphabetical Film Listing



#BTSD



Block 2
Thursday, September 9
6:00 pm (10 min.)

Synopsis: #BTSD (Black Traumatic Stress Disorder) examines the psychological effects that violent acts against Black Americans, as continuously displayed in the news media, have on the average person of color.

Writer/Director/Producer: Terry Gingles
Producers: Ozy Reigns, Julius Ritter
Executive Producer: Omar J. Dorsey

2 Timers



Block 21
Tuesday, September 14
8:05 pm (17 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: A showdown between an ambitious actress, her shady business partner, and a Hollywood Diva turns into a 3-way double-cross.

Producers: Shane Cibella, Tim Aslin, Todd Waring
Writer: Todd Waring
Directors: Aslin & Cibella
Website: silenthunderfilms.com

7 SHARP



Block 22
Wednesday, September 15
6:00 pm (14 min.)

US Premiere

Synopsis: After discovering a deeply sinister family secret, a domineering grandmother, and her passive daughter, must make a difficult decision. They must choose to conceal this as a bond of trust as they've done in the past or disrupt the pattern.

Producers: Madalyn Lawson, Darin Craddolph, LaCora Stephens
Writer/Director: LaCora Stephens
Website: lacorastephens.com/7-sharp

A Cuban Documemory



Block 8
Saturday, September 11
2:00 pm (41 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: Chibás reflects on her many travels to Cuba since 1993, from her unique perspective as the daughter of an exiled Cuban revolutionary leader and runner up Miss Cuba.

Writer/Producer/Director: Marissa Chibás
Twitter: @nilnovifilms
IG: @nilnovifilms

A Little Patch of Earth



Block 15
Sunday, September 12
4:15 pm (17 min.)

LA County Premiere

Synopsis: As the focus of early childhood education in America becomes more centered around academic achievement, Sally Swiatek is trying to preserve the one thing that allows children to develop holistically: play.

Producer/Writer/Director: Celine Francois

A Perfect Vintage



Block 13
Sunday, September 12
12:00 pm (97 min.)

LA County Premiere

Synopsis: California Winemakers embrace the rhythms of Mother Nature to capture an Epic Year - in liquid form

Producers: Troy Christian, Tom Graves, Timothy Milos
Director: Troy Christian
Website: APerfectVintage.com
FB: /APerfectVintage
IG: @aperfectvintage

A Piece of Cake



Block 21
Tuesday, September 14
8:05 pm (12 min.)

L.A. County Premiere

Synopsis: In an effort to keep a birthday promise to his daughter, a desperate father ventures into the dark underground world of illicit cake decorations.

Producers: Lana Link, RD Delgado, Rob Pfaltzgraff
Writer/Director: The Bragg Brothers
Website: Apieceofcakefilm.com
FB: /APieceofCakeFilm

A Poet's Life



Block 8
Saturday, September 11
2:00 pm (26 min.)

Synopsis: Deserted by his muse, an aging poet begins to question his life's calling as his younger brother battles cancer.

Producers: Brandon S. N. Butler, Marijus Pikelis
Writer/Director: Brandon S. N. Butler
IG: @apoetslifefilm

A World Away



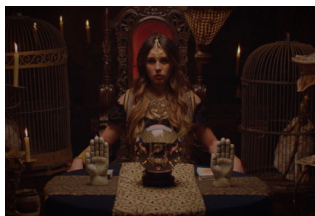
Block 20
Tuesday, September 14
6:00 pm (7 min.)

North American Premiere

Synopsis: A man with few tools. His voice, love and humanity in the face of a volatile situation are all he has. Will it be enough?

Producers: Garland Scott, Lauren Scott, Cody Stokes, Frame Mosley
Writer/Director: Garland Scott

Alexandra



Block 21
Tuesday, September 14
8:05 pm (8 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: A carnival hand falls in love with a circus starlet and decides to visit the Great Crystal Seer, Alexandra, to uncover more about his fate.

Producers: Sarah Hanner, Erin Dinsmore
Producer/Writer/Director: GENTRY, Sarah Hanner
Executive Produce/Director: Sarah Hanner
IG: @sarahhannerfilms

Alexis



Block 5
Friday, September 10
8:00 pm (27 min.)

In Person
West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: A woman finds herself uncontrollably weaving between three parallel lives, and must find out why this is happening and how to stop it before she loses her mind.

Producer: Lucio Gallo
Writer/Director/Producer: Renata Mellão
FB: /ALEXISfilmshort
IG: @ALEXISfilmshort

Ali's Realm



Block 5
Friday, September 10
8:00 pm (15 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: After losing a friend in an accident, a teenage girl finds comfort in an imaginary friend.

Producer: Richard Guay
Writer/Director: Mario Torres Jr.

All The Reasons for Killing



Block 17
Sunday, September 12
8:15 pm (15 min.)

Synopsis: The night before a heist, a veteran robber shares a drink and an unwanted conversation with a man that claims to be one of the bandits responsible for the San Tomas Bank Massacre.

Producers: David de Juan Navarro, Kimberly Higgins
Writer/Director: David de Juan Navarro
IG: @allthereasonsforkilling

All-In



Block 7
Saturday, September 11
12:00 pm (13 min.)

LA County Premiere

Synopsis: A middle-aged Las Vegas bartender and a casino security guard help a young girl find her father.

Producer: Hillary Freedman
Writer/Director: Jesserey Tugas
FB: JessereyTugas
IG: @jessereytugas

Amazing Grace

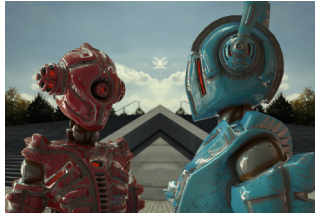


Block 7
Saturday, September 11
12:00 pm (23 min.)

Synopsis: A story about a young woman looking after her father, a Vietnam veteran struggling with alcoholism and PTSD, in which dealing with the challenges of everyday life can require an extraordinary amount of patience, understanding, love...and grace.

Producers: Robert Craighead, Nina Brissey, Kevin Frost, Geric Miller-Frost
Writers: Nina Brissey, Stephen Mazur
Director: Nina Brissey

Are You Human?



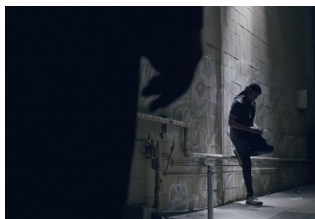
Block 9
Saturday, September 11
4:00 pm (4 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: An epic video combining live-action and CGI animation to visually tell the story of the song. Spanning unique locations across New York City, the footage was shot to reflect the loneliness of isolation. Ultimately the song and video are a simple story of hope. About what it truly means to be Human and how Love Never Really Dies...

Writer: Ali Hashemi, Michael Wiehart
Producer/Director: Michael Wiehart
IG: @michael.wiehart

Beautiful Violence



Block 18
Monday, September 13
6:00 pm (13 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: Two individuals from opposite ends of society, come together violently to learn they both will do anything for their families.

Producer/Writer/Director: Joey Medina

Broken Layers



Block 22
Wednesday, September 15
6:00 pm (25 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: A humanist portrayal of the Iraq war and its aftermath as experienced by Rosa, a half-Latina, half-Arab U.S. Marine.

Producers: Olivia Phillips, Nicholas Uneputty
Writer/Director: Niccolo Rolim

Augustus



Block 22
Wednesday, September 15
6:00 pm (16 min.)

Synopsis: Augustus, a literate escaped slave masquerading as a free man in pre-Civil War Massachusetts, experiences nightmares of a future America that resembles the struggles of his own time.

Producers: B. Quinn Curry, Ayindé Howell, Jon Alston
Writer: Ayindé Howell
Director: Jon Alston
IG: @augustus.film

Bobby



Block 2
Thursday, September 9
6:00 pm (17 min.)

Synopsis: A small time diner owner had 24 hours to find an estranged family member in the underbelly of Los Angeles, and save them from an unpaid debt.

Producers: Travers Jacobs, Costantino Ciminiello, Henry Burge
Writer/Director: Henry Burge

Chupacabra



Block 12
Saturday, September 11
10:05 pm (17 min.)

Synopsis: After a string of grisly livestock attacks in rural Texas, a Sheriff's tenacious daughter is determined to find the monster responsible. In their hunt for the creature, however, she and her father are forced to confront their own fears, grappling with her mother's recent choice to abandon them both.

Producers: Sienna Beckman, Nichole DeLaura
Writer/Director: Nichole DeLaura
Website: thechupacabra.wixsite.com/shortfilm
Twitter: @Chupacabra2019
FB: Chupacabra2019
IG: @chupacabra2019

Baby



Block 22
Wednesday, September 15
6:00 pm (20 min.)

Synopsis: A young Black father must learn to navigate parenthood after his girlfriend mysteriously abandons him and their five-year-old daughter.

Producers: Justin Aaron Sirkin, Mary Christine Antonovich
Writer/Director: Cole Swanson
Website: thebabyfilm.com
IG: @thebabyfilm

Breakdown



Block 4
Friday, September 10
6:00 pm (9 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: As Ray's car breaks down, so does his relationship with Brian. Mid-Postmates run, Ray's car breaks down on the side of the road. His college roommate and best friend, Brian, tries to fix it, but his inept attempts only create more distress.

Producers: Riley Shanahan, Harriette Feliz
Writer: Riley Shanahan
Director: Matthew Palmer

David Mirisch: The Man Behind The Golden Stars



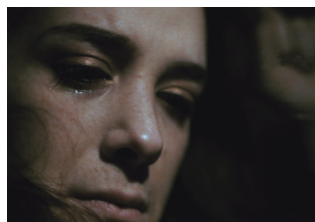
Block 9
Saturday, September 11
4:00 pm (84 min.)

LA County Premiere

Synopsis: The life of revered press agent David Mirisch, who worked with numerous celebrities throughout the years, while also devoting a lot of his working life towards charitable acts and designing celebrity events that have raised millions of dollars to several non-profits.

Producers: Anselmo Martini, Marcela Mariz, Mauro Blanco
Executive Producers: Leka Romão, Carolina Brasil, Vicktoria Turmina, Mauro Blanco
Director: Marcela Mariz
Website: davidmirischthedoc.com
FB: /davidmirischthedoc
IG: @davidmirischthedoc

Dear Aunt Noa

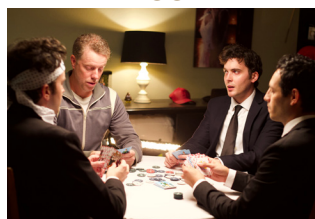


Block 18
Monday, September 13
6:00 pm (12 min.)

Synopsis: A worldly transgender environmental activist from bustling LA and a struggling family-man mechanic from small town Ohio walk into a bar, their years of friendship tested by shades of gray in a modern America desperately masquerading in starkly contrasting monotones.

Producers: Michael Armstrong Barr, Max Schwendner, Freddy Guerra, Mary Kay Barr, Steven Guerrini, Katie Vint, Christian Hall, Saurabh Kikani, Molly Barr, Patrick Barr
Writer: Michael Armstrong Barr
Director: Dana Aliya Levinson
IG: @DearAuntNoa

Easter Eggs: A Non Parody



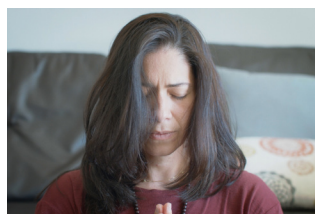
Block 4
Friday, September 10
6:00 pm (8 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: Four friends share stories about relationships, meatloaf and the *Wizard of Oz* over a n innocent game of Go Fish but as the night unfolds so do their secrets. There are several Easter Eggs hidden in this film including 31 famous movie lines. How many can you find?

Producers: Brian Shakti, Aaron Austin, Austin Arnold, Johnny Rey Diaz
Writer/Director: Brian Shakti
FB: eastereggscanonparody

Família



Block 16
Sunday, September 12
6:15 pm (27 min.)

In Person
California Premiere

Synopsis: The seemingly impossible struggle of a lovely family who is faced with the heart-wrenching reality of having a parent suddenly become paralyzed from the neck down.

Producer/Director: Germano Kuerten
IG: @familiashortfilm

Diamonds



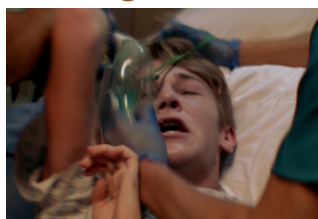
Block 1
Thursday, September 9
4:00 pm (4 min.)

AUSTRALIA

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

Producers: Shaun David Barker, Nathan Joyce, Sou Lang Ly, Georgina Nottage, Madeline Dixon, Hadleigh Kirk
Writer/Director: Shaun David Barker

Endangered



Block 1
Thursday, September 9
4:00 pm (18 min.)

Synopsis: The world of easy-going teenager Roger Burns flips upside-down after he's seduced into a late night swim with his girlfriend and contracts a rare, endangered parasite. All Roger wants to do is get back to adolescent frivolities and basketball, but everyone from his parents, to his doctors, to animal rights groups, have their own opinions about what he needs to do with his life.

Producers: Lindsay Wolfe-Wroten, Harry Victor
Writer/Director: Alex Wroten
Website: endangered.film
IG: @endangeredshortfilm

Familiar



Block 12
Saturday, September 11
10:05 pm (10 min.)

UNITED KINGDOM

Synopsis: rapped in an old mansion, the Familiar to an ancient Vampire is mentally tortured into seeking victims to feed it but soon finds his duties are becoming as unbearable as the vampire itself.

Producers: David J. Ellison, Mike Staniforth, Michael Keogh
Writer/Director: David J. Ellison
Website: familiarfilm.com
IG: @davidellisonfilms

Driver 113



Block 11
Saturday, September 11
8:10 pm (50 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: DRIVER 113 liked his job for mappr360 – mapping America's forgotten roads – until his cameras captured something only he was meant to see.

Producers: Barry Bogovich, Sahand Nikoukar
Writer: Sahand Nikoukar & Justin Warren
Director: Sahand Nikoukar
Website: drv113.com
IG: @drv113

Extraordinary: The Revelations



Block 10
Saturday, September 11
6:00 pm (102 min.)

Synopsis: Explores the global history of ETs, the endgames proposed by three vastly different belief paradigms, and the experiences of retired military whistleblowers directly involved in government programs related to ETs.

Producers: Jon Sumple, Jack Roth, Jamie Sernoff
Executive Producer: Lori Wagner
Director: Jon Sumple
Website: j3films.com/extraordinary-revelations
FB: /EX3Revelations

Firestorm '77: The True Story of the Honda Canyon Fire



Block 15
Sunday, September 12
4:15 pm (54 min.)

Synopsis: A combination of hurricane-force winds and the snapping of an electrical pole starts the Honda Canyon Fire on Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, early in the morning of December 20, 1977.

Producers: Chris Hite, Joseph Valencia & Dennis R. Ford
Author: Joseph Valencia
Directors: Chris Hite, Dennis R. Ford
Website: firestormthedocume.wixsite.com/website
FB: firestormthedocumentary/

Franklin And Terry



Block 19
Monday, September 13
8:00 pm (10 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: When two disagreeable hitmen, who have never worked together before, have to sit for hours in the same car, they start to realize they have more in common than they initially thought.

Producers: Toby Louie, Echo Kellum, Nate Caywood, Cindy Lu
Directors: Echo Kellum, Nate Caywood
IG: @franklinandterryfilm

From Under the Bridge



Block 23
Wednesday, September 15
8:00 pm (16 min.)

Synopsis: A bullying, cyberbullying and suicide awareness story you won't believe is inspired by real events!

Producers: Connie Jo Sechrist, Marti Eulberg, Lucas A. Ferrara, Dreamotion Studios
Writer/Director: Paul James Houghton
Website: fromunderthebridgefilm.com
IG: @pauljamesmovies
FB: /pauljamesmovies

Gardenia

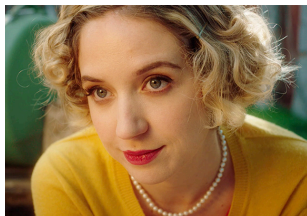


Block 5
Friday, September 10
8:00 pm (16 min.)

Synopsis: In the aftermath of a global pandemic that has wiped out 95% of the population, Woman arrives to Los Angeles on the last leg of an arduous pilgrimage. Alone with her traumatized psyche, she must find the only destination left of importance: Happy's Place.

Producers: Eva Swan & Caleb King
Writer: Eva Swan
Director: Caleb King
Website: gardeniatheshortfilm.com
FB: Gardenia – the Short Film
IG: @gardeniatheshortfilm

Ghosted



Block 1
Thursday, September 9
4:00 pm (15 min.)

Synopsis: A short film that follows two people looking for love, each with their own challenges in the way.

Producers: Alex Lake, Tracie Laymon
Writer/Director: Tracie Laymon
Website: orangegroveave.com/ghosted
Twitter: @ghostedfilm
FB: /ghostedshortfilm
IG: @ghostedshortfilm

Glass Darkly



Block 19
Monday, September 13
8:00 pm (20 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: In 1941 Holland, two young Dutch sisters must deal with the turmoil of their Nazi-occupied town.

Producer: Viktorija Razevska
Writer/Director: Dave Penner, Eli Chance

Gold Digger

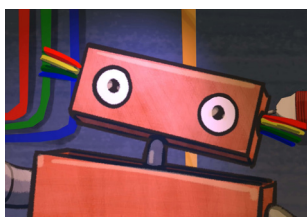


Block 11
Saturday, September 11
8:10 pm (24 min.)

Synopsis: A wealthy bachelor discovers his captivating date is out for more than a good time as their trip into remote country turns apocalyptically dark in more ways than one.

Producers: Katie Bryan, Brittany Wagner, Derek Vitatoe, Andy Ahrens
Writer/Director: Joey Fingers

Gomika



Block 5
Friday, September 10
8:00 pm (3 min.)

In Person Premiere

Synopsis: The film is about a robot without a purpose in a world full of working bots. Where he lacks strength to work with its fellow bots, he has an abundance of creativity and curiosity, making him unique yet an outcast. Will the boss bot and other bots stop to enjoy his art, or is his uniqueness not a match for this world?

Producer/Writer/Director: Solomon C Carreiro
Website: solomoncarreiro.wixsite.com/gomika
FB: /Gomikafilm
IG: @gomika_film

Gone



Block 2
Thursday, September 9
6:00 pm (12 min.)

Synopsis: Based on true events. When a loud crash rocks the quiet apartment complex of 100 Market Street, a couple decides to call the police. In the time it took the police to respond and request assistance from the landlord, 12-year-old Garrett Phillips was tragically murdered, and the killer had escaped; never to be found.

Executive Producers: Chris Rothman, Montea Robinson.
Producers: Adam Elbeck, Trevor Rothman
Writer/Director: Brandon Demchak

Good Counsel



Block 11
Saturday, September 11
8:10 pm (14 min.)

Synopsis: A young, desperate couple seek professional marital advice. Through a session with a new therapist, the chaos in their marriage quickly boils to the surface and exposes some dark truths, which forever change the lives of everyone involved.

Producer: Chandra Bond
Writer: Aaron Bennett
Director: David J. Levine
FB: /goodcounselshortfilm
IG: @good_counsel_shortfilm

Good Vibes



Block 1
Thursday, September 9
4:00 pm (3 min.)

Synopsis: A music video about breaking free, running away and being reborn. A lost spaceman transmits himself into a virtual game and redeems a real life by his craving of life.

Co-Producers: Zhe Yuan Zhao, Ruijia Wang
Line Producer: Yiwen Sun
Executive Producer/Director: Xiang Cao

Hangry



Block 12
Saturday, September 11
10:05 pm (13 min.)

Synopsis: In an effort to save her mother's life, teenage Rae must make some morally ambiguous decisions involving her abusive stepfather and their family slaughter house.

Producers: Tennessee Martin, Diana Ward, Bola Ogun
Writer: Tennessee Martin
Director: Bola Ogun
IG: @hangrythefilm

Heel



Block 18
Monday, September 13
6:00 pm (10 min.)

California Premiere

Synopsis: Up-and-coming pro-wrestler Mason is offered a contract with the biggest company in the world. Before he has time to celebrate, his close friend Missy tells him she was sexually assaulted by another wrestler- a man Mason is scheduled to wrestle in his final match on the independent circuit.

Executive Producer/Writer: Ryan Nemeth
Director: Maggie Levin
IG: @heelmovie

Helper



Block 7
Saturday, September 11
12:00 pm (13 min.)

Synopsis: A boy left alone to care for his brother during quarantine hides from his spying neighbor, but when he finds himself in trouble, he must ask for help, finding it in an unlikely ally.

Producers: Sage Wells, Joe Passarelli
Writer/Director: Sage Wells
IG: @helperfilm

I Really Love This Piece



Block 21
Tuesday, September 14
8:05 pm (7 min.)

Synopsis: There is an art piece that has taken the world by storm. Everyone loves it, and is moved by it. Except for one man, who desperately wants to love it too.

Producers: Christo Arsenio, Chinyere Nwodim, Graham Goldstein
Writer/Director: Graham Goldstein

In Between



Block 2
Thursday, September 9
6:00 pm (15 min.)

Synopsis: After two years of medical treatment and a year in recovery, Eric, now 30-years-old, is finally deemed healthy. To many people he's a survivor and a hero, but yet, he feels more hopeless than ever. Still coping with the mental side effects of chemo and cancer itself, Eric struggles to achieve the life of normality he once imagined

Producer: Bryant Chirinos
Writer: Jack Norris
Director: Keegan Duncan
Website: inbetweenshortfilm.com

In The Company of Crows



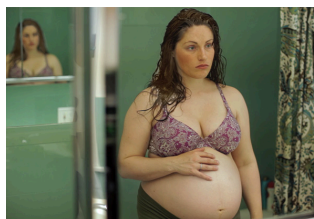
Block 17
Sunday, September 12
8:15 pm (19 min.)

In Person
West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: As a teenage girl with autism, Mira lives a solitary existence with her mother Evelyn at their lake house. Mira's intense focus on crows and their habits has led to a special bond that outweighs her connection to people. When her degenerate neighbor and classmate Victor takes advantage of her innocence and crosses the line, Mira discovers unexpected salvation in the relationship she's built with the crows.

Producer: Seapoint Studios
Writer/Director: Rachel S. Thomas-Medwid
Website: seapoint.studio/crows

Incompleteness



Block 4
Friday, September 10
6:00 pm (18 min.)

Synopsis: a sci-fi dramedy that revolves around the central character of ALEX, a miserable, workaholic TV news editor who receives a terminal cancer diagnosis that leads him on a self-indulgent quest to win back his pregnant-and-estranged wife and connect with his unborn son through a self-funded, semi-autobiographical movie about the meaning of life.

Producer/Writer/Director: David Ash
Website: incompletenessseries.com

Instant Gratification



Block 23
Wednesday, September 15
8:00 pm (13 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: A lonely YouTube influencer seeking instant fame is offered the opportunity of a lifetime, but it may not be enough to satisfy his followers.

Producers: Johnny Rey Diaz, Ausin Arnold, Aaron Arnold
Director: Johnny Rey Diaz
Writer: Aaron Arnold
Facebook: johnnyreydiaz.com
IG: @johnnyreydiaz

Into The Honeycomb



Block 23
Wednesday, September 15
8:00 pm (19 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: After deciding to drive home in a drunken stupor, a reeling alcoholic must navigate the consequences of his actions under the scrutiny of his callous, careerist brother.

Producer: Wade Cicierski
Writer/Director: Nick Dugan
IG: @intothehoneycombfilm

Ira Aldridge



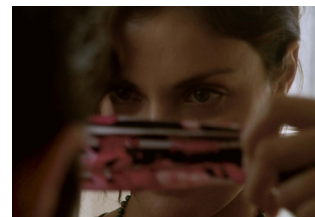
Block 19
Monday, September 13
8:00 pm (35 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: This amazing true story of a black American actor from New York City in the 1800s who immigrates to Europe, overcomes racism in the Shakespearian theater community and achieves worldwide fame, including becoming the first black man to perform Othello on a London stage.

Producers: Allan Wasserman, Merrick McCartha, Peggy McCartha, The Road Theatre Company
Writers: Merrick McCartha, Allan Wasserman
Director: Allan Wasserman

Jane



Block 21
Tuesday, September 14
8:05 pm (9 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: A young man walks over to help a young woman struggling with her groceries. Even though she's deaf they find a connection and it becomes quite an afternoon he didn't expect.

Producer/Writer/Director: Zhandra Reyes

Kill Cat Oakland

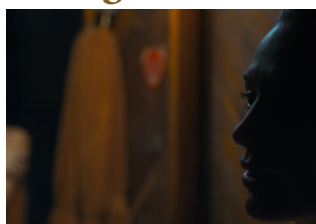


Block 4
Friday, September 10
6:00 pm (11 min.)

Synopsis: When the psychotic family cat attacks their dying mother, sisters Rose and Julia clash over whether or not to send him to cat heaven. What transpires is a cat fight over the best way to grieve.

Producers: LittleBull Productions (Michael Lomenda & Caden Douglas), Nora Heidenreich
Writer: Nora Heidenreich
Director: Karisa Bruin
Website: littlebullproductions.com/kill-cat-oakland
IG: @kill_cat_oakland

Killing Time



Block 6
Friday, September 10
10:00 pm (16 min.)

Synopsis: When a woman attracts the attention of a mysterious figure who slips inside her isolated home and lies in wait, she must confront her past to save her family in this genre-bending thriller/horror/sci-fi short film with a twist.

Producers: Ana Krista Johnson, Sharon Gytri, Lowell Dean
Writer/Director: P. Patrick Hogan
Website: jhdanger.com
FB: /killingtimethemovie
IG: @killing_time_short_film
Twitter: @soccernurd

Lake Forest Road

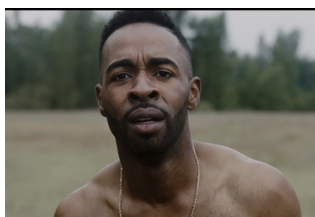


Block 12
Saturday, September 11
10:05 pm (8 min.)

Synopsis: On their way home from a party, four friends find trouble in the woods.

Producers: Anna Viola, Rachel DiMartino, Keith Brown, Sarah Angeloni, Luna Lejoux, Sunny Davis, Grace DeSanti
Writer: Richard Tango
Director: Ashton Avila
FB: /LakeForestRoadFilm
IG: @LakeForestRoadFilm

Livin' in the Light



Block 14
Sunday, September 12
2:15 pm (4 min.)

LA County Premiere

Synopsis: Livin' in the Light is a music video for a new original single by Onry, who has been singing in Portland during quarantine and leading civil rights protests as one of the only Black male professional opera singers in the Pacific Northwest.

Producer: Joni Renee Whitworth
Director: Hannah Hefner
Website: futureprairie.com
IG: @futureprairie

Love in 2020



Block 1
Thursday, September 9
4:00 pm (6 min.)

Synopsis: When the COVID-19 pandemic hits, 28-year-old Kenna Benjamin hates her job and is unsuccessful in love. While everyone around her has a quarantine companion, she takes to dating apps in search of meaningful connection.

Producers: Anna Jaller, Eirinn Disbrow, Christina Garofalo Bonifacio, Brandi Hart Craig
Writers: Christina Garofalo Bonifacio
Director: Eirinn Disbrow
Website: lovein2020tv.com
IG: @lovein2020tv

Make a Wish



Block 12
Saturday, September 11
10:05 pm (9 min.)

Synopsis: A horror comedy about a man who discovers that his fiancée has kidnapped his high school bully for his birthday with the hope that he'll take his revenge.

Producers: Edward Hong, Josephine Chang, Diane Foster
Writer: Ivan Tsang, Dinh Thai
Director: Dinh Thai
Website: makeawishshortfilm.com
Twitter: @makeawishfilm
IG: @makeawishfilm

Making Peace

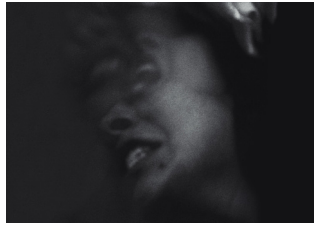


Block 5
Friday, September 10
8:00 pm (23 min.)

Synopsis: It's 1969, and Janis is stranded on the side of a desolate, desert road, where she's picked up by a stranger, Dennis, who helps her come to terms with the reality of life and death.

Producer/Writer/Director: Judah Ray
Website: makingpeacethefilm.com
FB: /MakingPeaceTheFilm
IG: @MakingPeaceBTS

Massacre



Block 17
Sunday, September 12
8:15 pm (16 min.)

Synopsis: In Mexico, a protest unfolds outside the apartment of six students

Producers: Chase Burnham, Samir Arellano
Writer/Director: Samir Arellano
IG: @arellanosami

McCrorey Rd.



Block 3
Thursday, September 9
8:00 pm (20 min.)

Synopsis: Based on true events, a teenager's home-life is challenged when memories of past sexual abuse come into focus.

Writers: Gloria Cole, Shane Coffey
Director: Shane Coffey
IG: @mccroreyrd

Meet Cute



Block 4
Friday, September 10
6:00 pm (8 min.)

Synopsis: Meet Cute is a short romantic comedy in which two strangers connect at a funeral home, while attending services for their deceased family members.

Producers: Serious Child Productions in association with Sneaky Pineapple Productions
Writer: Erin O'Shea.
Director: Jason C. Brown
FB: /Serious Child Productions
IG: @seriouschildproductions

My Dinner With Werner



Block 21
Tuesday, September 14
8:05 pm (18 min.)

Synopsis: A wildly bizarre story about a 1987 dinner date with a murder plot as the main dish.

Producers: Marla Moore, Brian Elliott, Steven Trebus, Jake Moore, Ryan McNamara, Alayna Hudson
Writers: Ryan McNamara, Maverick Moore
Director: Maverick Moore
FB: /MyDinnerWithWerner
Twitter: @DinnerWithWern

Nahjum

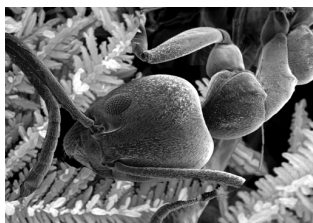


Block 17
Sunday, September 12
8:15 pm (17 min.)
MEXICO
In Person
West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: A prehistoric family's desperate search for a mythical source of life turns into tragedy when the egos and obsessions of their male members rise to the surface.

Producers: Sebastian Torres Greene, Manuel Del Valle, Erik Hirschhorn, Diego Andoni Rubio, Edgar Cortes Camopoy
Writers: Sebastian Torres Greene, Manuel Del Valle, Erik Hirschhorn
Directors: Sebastian Torres Greene, Manuel Del Valle
FB: /NahjumShortFilm
IG: @nahjumshortfilm

Nano Worlds



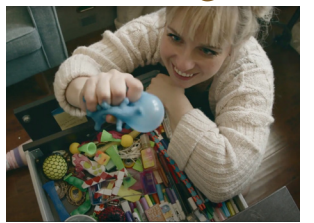
Block 15
Sunday, September 12
4:15 pm (10 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: Sheri Neva's day job leads her into an unexpected realm of artistic discovery at the nano scale. Her work invites us to re-examine the world around us through the lens of an electron microscope.

Producers: Arthur Hurley, Stefan Wiesen, Anna Rowser
Director: Leonora Pitts
Website: machineagemedia.com/nano-worlds

Neurodivergent



Block 23
Wednesday, September 15
8:00 pm (25 min.)

Synopsis: When a 35-year-old film student is diagnosed with ADHD, she turns the camera on herself to create a multi-media journey inside her mind, questioning her past, her future, and why women are often under-diagnosed with this misunderstood disorder.

Producers: Rachel Priebe, Reagan Shea
Director: Afton Quast Saler
Website: neurodivergentfilm.com
IG: @amquast

No Part Too Small



Block 18
Monday, September 13
6:00 pm (19 min.)

Synopsis: A documentary that tells the story of how climate change is affecting this South Pacific island nation. The film takes us to Vanuatu for a close look at the beauty of its islands, how climate change threatens to destroy them, and what the Ni-Vanuatu are doing to preserve their home.

Producers: Stanley Lin, Cecilia Lin, Michael Lin, Millie Ogden, Tom Ogden
Writer: Maxwell Tong
Director: Stanley Lin
Website: noparttoosmall.com

Odyssey Omega



Block 6
Friday, September 10
10:00 pm (24 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: When Erik writes his fantasies of being a space marine, he unexpectedly dives into the secrets of his subconscious.

Producer: Amy Reedy Asbjørnsen
Writer/Director: Ian Asbjørnsen
Website: asbjornsenfilm.com
IG: @ianasbjornsen

Oh, Mighty Ocean!



Block 23
Wednesday, September 15
8:00 pm (17 min.)

In Person Premiere

Synopsis: Stuck within barriers of masculinity and emotional suppression, a young man struggles to ignore his demons, just as his world, friends, and self, crumble.

Producer: Po Wei Su
Writer/Director: Nathan Xia

Okay Google



Block 4
Friday, September 10
6:00 pm (11 min.)

US / North American
Premiere

Synopsis: A vindictive AI assistant breaks out of 'the cloud' to exact revenge on her owner.

Producer: Kristen Vaganos
Writer: Sam Lucas Smith
Directors: Sam Lucas Smith, Troy Smith
Website: vardproductions.com

Petrichor



Block 13
Sunday, September 12
12:00 pm (6 min.)

California Premiere

Synopsis: A young brother and sister discovers that music can bridge time and generations, reminding us of the innocence and enduring beauty of nature and music.

Executive Producers: Juli Kim; Monica Davisson
Producer: Jiayun Li
Directors: Kay Niuyue Zhang

Pipe Dreams



Block 18
Monday, September 13
6:00 pm (22 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: A 24-year-old runs for office to save the future of his county; the Imperial Valley is the largest irrigation district in the United States yet decades of ignoring the Salton Sea's ecosystem and transferring water away from the community has forced JB Hamby to get involved and run, because in the Imperial Valley, water is life

Producers: Yuxin "Cynthia" Zhong & Kyle Scoble
Director: Kyle Scoble
IG: @pipe_dreams_doc

Pizza Party



Block 16
Sunday, September 12
6:15 pm (12 min.)

Synopsis: Two women meet at a dystopian pizza party for sexual assault survivors.

Producers: Tessa Slovis, Kyrha Lever, Gene Gallerano, Andrew Meyer, Christopher Plunkett, Becky Ann Baker, Dylan Baker
Director: Tessa Slovis
Website: pizzapartfilm.com
IG: @pizzapartyshortfilm

Processing



Block 17
Sunday, September 12
8:15 pm (16 min.)

West Coast, California,
LA County Premiere

Synopsis: Detective Frank Brandt is in it up to his neck. First he loses his partner in a nightmare bust gone wrong, and now he has to explain to Internal Affairs otherworldly events that occurred and how Joseph Crist died... and why they all might be next.

Producers: Renetta G. Amador, Liz Golko
Writer: Cliff Smith
Director: Renetta G. Amador
Twitter: @ProcessingFilm
FB: /processingthefilm
IG: @processingthefilm

Promises



Block 4
Friday, September 10
6:00 pm (4 min.)

Synopsis: aCilience is an alternative electronic rock band based in Los Angeles, CA. "Promises" is the lead single from Cilience's upcoming EP, *Blank Slate*.

Producer: Conor O'Sullivan, Ian Stahl
Writers: Ian Stahl, Janzie, Eric DeLuca, Jason Fragoso,
Director: Conor O'Sullivan
Website: Cilience.com
IG: @cilienceband

Qafas

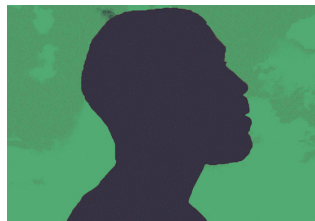


Block 18
Monday, September 13
6:00 pm (12 min.)

Synopsis: Omar, 18, lives with his brother, Samir, 16, mother, Amira, and father, Na-bil, in a house in Aleppo, Syria. The year is 2014, the middle of wartime. As war rages outside of their house, Amira and Omar push Nabil to leave the country. When he refuses, tensions escalate and threaten to tear the family apart.

Producer: Vokee Lee
Writer: Anshuman Mitra
Director: Dayna Li
FB: /Qafasfilm

Ride



Block 22
Wednesday, September 15
6:00 pm (13 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: A rideshare driver's night turns after picking up an alluring young woman.

Producers: Tom Hipp, Maggie McLandsborough
Writers: Tom Hipp, Sam Findlay
Director: Sam Findlay

Ride Share



Block 3
Thursday, September 9
8:00 pm (12 min.)

Synopsis: In an effort to be more social, two friends find themselves consistently sharing rides to and from their friends' events. Along the way, their casual friendship begins to deepen into something decidedly more... complicated.

Producers: Rosie Grace, Nate Hapke, Sophia Zach
Writer: Rosie Grace
Director: Nate Hapke
Website: natehapke.com/rideshare

Rinse & Repeat



Block 16
Sunday, September 12
6:15 pm (17 min.)

West Coast, California,
LA County Premiere

Synopsis: An immigrant restaurant worker, Tomás, shares his plan to transport his family across the border with a wealthy college student, Jonah, yet the plan is complicated by Tomás' drug-addicted and abusive roommate, Julio.

Producers: Jacquie Bonnet, Jacob Shaw
Writer/Director: Jacob Ehrlich
Website: jacobehrlich.com/rinse-repeat
IG: @rinserepeatfilm

Routine



Block 6
Friday, September 10
10:00 pm (5 min.)

LA County Premiere

Synopsis: During a mysterious pandemic, Cassie's quarantine life has turned into a routine, day in and day out. Nothing new seems to happen, until she realizes she's out of coffee. And she's determined to get her cup of joe, even if she must face the horrors of the outside world.

Producer: Russ Emanuel
Writer: Emile Haris
Director: Russ Emanuel
FB: /routinethemovie

Second Team



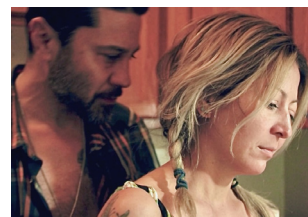
Block 1
Thursday, September 9
4:00 pm (10 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: A scorned stand-in actor for a hit TV show distorts the script to publicly undress her costar.

Producers: Mayon Denton, Julia Armine, Anni Weisband & Robert E. Arnold
Writer: Anni Weisband
Director: Ria Pavia
Website: secondteamfilm.com
Twitter: @secondteamfilm
FB: @secondteamfilm
IG: @secondteamfilm

Shevolution



Block 16
Sunday, September 12
6:15 pm (18 min.)

Synopsis: Millie, a recovering alcoholic-addict, falls in love and marries Cillian, another alcoholic-addict with bipolar disorder. When Cillian relapses and becomes abusive, Millie must face a hard decision.

Producers: Minerva Vier, Seidy Lopez, Ivan Davila, John Ealy, Justin Huen, Jeff Mizushima
Writer: Minerva Vier
Director: Jeff Mizushima
Website: shevolutionthefilm.com
FB: /shevolutionary

Shutter The Doors



Block 15
Sunday, September 12
4:15 pm (13 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: A place is never just a place.

Producers: Adam Rex, Antonio Cortese
Writer/Director: Sheri Sussman
Website: spiralgateproductions.com/shutterthedoors
IG: @shutterthedoorsmovie

Signed, Steve Hardy



Block 8
Saturday, September 11
2:00 pm (8 min.)

Synopsis: Steve Hardy is an abstract, water-color artist who uses his craft as a means to meet new people. Having given out more than 5,000 paintings over the course of 15+ years, Steve has become something of a small-town celebrity.

Producers: Ryan Steven Green, Matthew R. Green
Associate Producers: Thomas Bunn, Brian Biery, Frank Gibbs
Director: Matthew R. Green
IG: @fanestreetproductions

Smoke 'N Mirrors



Block 21
Tuesday, September 14
8:05 pm (10 min.)

In Person
World Premiere

Synopsis: As a young boy searches the shelves of a costume store, three friends argue over what mask to buy before robbing a bank.

Producer: Rodes Phire
Writer/Director: Kevin Marshall

Smoking Wet



Block 4
Friday, September 10
6:00 pm (20 min.)

**World Theatrical
Premiere**

Synopsis: When funeral director Lois Yerdun accidentally takes the drug ecstasy her world is completely turned upside-down, as she is alone at the funeral home, and forced to supervise a funeral.

Producer: Barrett Nicol
Writers: Michael Hilf, Robin McDonald
Director: Michael Hilf

South Pasadena



Block 4
Friday, September 10
6:00 pm (6 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: Two residents of a quaint California city disrupt their daily routine and have a pleasant interaction that they wouldn't otherwise have.

Executive Producers: Brian Farrell, Dave Lifshin
Writer/Director: Brian Farrell
IG: @southpasadenafilm

Sundown Trail

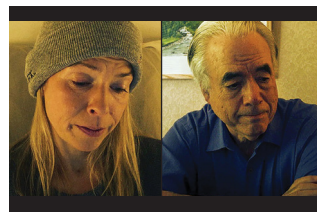


Block 6
Friday, September 10
10:00 pm (14 min.)

Synopsis: In a post-apocalyptic world where toxic mushrooms have made the air deadly to breathe, a timid boy must learn to trust a thieving bandit in order to save his dying father.

Producers: Patrick Reasonover, Matt Edwards, Luke Asa Guidici, Victoria Razevska Hill
Writer/Director: Luke Asa Guidici
Website: lukeasa.com/sundown
Twitter: @lukeguidici
IG: @lukeguidici

Tell Me Something



Block 7
Saturday, September 11
12:00 pm (9 min.)

**California
In-Person Premiere**

Synopsis: The enforced solitude of the COVID-19 lockdown has brought Lydia Kingsman to the brink of a nervous breakdown. But when Lydia makes a Zoom call to a suicide prevention hotline, she discovers that the true healing of the self begins with the healing of others.

Producers: Curtis Webster, Michael P. Mason, Leanne Melissa Bishop, Kay Gustafson
Writer: Curtis Webster
Directors: Curtis Webster, Leanne Melissa Bishop
FB: /tellmesomethingfilm
IG: @tellmesomethingfilm

The Album



Block 14
Sunday, September 12
2:15 pm (82 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: Top creators of their day talk about the development of the art synonymous with the music you know and love.

Producers: Kevin Hosmann, Elizabeth Hosmann, Consulting Producer Steve Jacobson
Writer/Director: Kevin Hosmann
IG: @thealbumdocumentary

The Axe and the Iron



Block 12
Saturday, September 11
10:05 pm (11 min.)

LA County Premiere

Synopsis: In the midst of a global pandemic, four friends find themselves at the center of an existential crisis.

Producers: Matthew Roseman, Brad Roller, Spencer Harris, Emily Yetter
Writers: Brad Roller, Harrison Chambers
Director: Matthew Roseman
Website: radiuspictures.com
FB: /radiuspix
IG: @radiuspix

The Book of Ruth



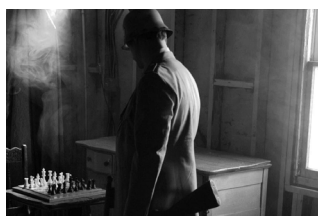
Block 19
Monday, September 13
8:00 pm (14 min.)

**California
In-Person Premiere**

Synopsis: Margo, Dan, Jordan, and Lizzy visit grandmother Ruth for Passover. Later that night, Lizzy finds Ruth watching a midnight news story about Anne Frank's death. Lizzy then confesses to have known a related secret for years and Ruth is left with some explaining to do.

Producers: Caitlin Gold, Chen Drachman
Writer: Chen Drachman
Director: Becca Roth
Website: thebookofruthfilm.com
FB: /ruthsfilm
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IG: @ruth_film

The Chess Match



Block 19
Monday, September 13
8:00 pm (6 min.)

**World
In-Person Premiere**

Synopsis: When a young Nazi soldier encounters a boy during the liquidation of a Jewish ghetto, the two form a bond over a game of chess.

Producer: Claire Dundee,
Writer/Director: Alisher Balfanbayev
Website: augohr.de/catalogue/proof
IG: @thechessmatch

The Come Up



Block 20
Tuesday, September 14
6:00 pm (28 min.)

Synopsis: An inspiring limited series following three Chicago high schoolers who use slam poetry to navigate the outcomes of a tragic event.

Producers: Justin Ryan Burns, Tevion Devin Lanier, Michael Heath, Mona Heath
Writer: Justin Ryan Burns
Director: E.J. NiBlack-Gray
IG: @thecomeupchi

The Fixer



Block 1
Thursday, September 9
4:00 pm (16 min.)

Synopsis: A crime thriller about an extorted Mafia enforcer who must partner with the femme fatale hired gun who murdered his wife in order to save his daughter and liberate himself from a sadistic LA crime boss.

Producers: Michael Schilf, Chase Kuker, Ryan D. Wood
Writer/Director: Michael Schilf
Website: michaelsschilf.com/the-fixer
IG: @michaelschilf
FB: michael.a.schilf

The Secret Life of Muni Long



Block 6
Friday, September 10
10:00 pm (13 min.)

Synopsis: At the start of season one, Muni deals with her secret superpowers being exposed in a leaked video taken without her consent. As the town quickly spreads rumors about the "masked villain," Mun goes to great lengths to conceal her identity and in the process discovers citywide corruption she must get to the bottom of, with guidance from her three mutant helpers.

Creators: Muni Long, Amber Park, Tusk
Producers: UnderWonder Content
Writers: Tusk & Muni Long

The Weight of Perfection



Block 2
Thursday, September 9
6:00 pm (16 min.)

LA County Premiere

Synopsis: The Weight of Perfection is the deep exploration of elite-level gymnast Ellen and her harrowing journey as she falls into an eating disorder when the pressures from her coach, family, and herself begin to create a web of psychological damage.

Producers: Anabelle Munro, Leanne Bishop, Marvin Glover, Jennifer Oleff, Marisa Vitali, Suzette Troche Stapp
Writers: Leanne Bishop, Anabelle Munro
Directors: Anabelle Munro, Leanne Bishop
Website: theweightofperfection.com
IG: @weightofperfection

The Pey



Block 12
Saturday, September 11
10:05 pm (10 min.)

In Person World Premiere

Synopsis: After sharing a mysterious GIF online, a social media obsessed teenager is hunted by a terrifying monster known as The Pey.

Producers: Ramone Menon, Patrick Rutnam
Writer/Director: Ramone Menon
IG: @ramonemenon

The Sun Rises in the West



Block 16
Sunday, September 12
6:15 pm (18 min.)

INDIA North America Premiere

Synopsis: Komal is an ambitious, 15 year old maid, who is offered a government subsidy to be able to go and study in the United States due to her excellence in Physics and Chemistry. However, her father denies her the opportunity and tries to get her married, will Komal find a way to follow her dreams or will she succumb to the scheme of child marriage?

Producer: Sooraj Vaidya
Writer/Director: Shreya Jha
IG: @lsfilmsofficial

Then Came Thunder



Block 6
Friday, September 10
10:00 pm (19 min.)

BELGIUM

Synopsis: In a society where the rich hunt the poor for sport, one prisoner brings thunder.

Producers: Alexandra Kukoljac, Pierre Wintgens
Writer: Martin J. Gérard
Director: Alexandra Kukoljac

The Plumber



Block 19
Monday, September 13
8:00 pm (6 min.)

California Premiere

Synopsis: This adventure suspense short is inspired by true events surrounding Nobel Peace Prize nominee Irena Sendler and her network during WWII. She risks it all in a smuggling operation through the shadows of Warsaw.

Producer: J. Everley
Writer/Director: Cate Carson
Website: theplumberfilm.com
IG: @catecarson, @everley_j_, @sensoriumpic
FB: Cate Carson, J. Everley, Sensorium Pictures

The Uncredited



Block 12
Saturday, September 11
10:05 pm (12 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: After discovering a dead body in the background of a film she appeared in as a teenager, Isabel's friends become suspicious of her mysterious past.

Producers: Sancha Spiller, Kasey Rae, Nick Burchard, Nate Gilbert, & The Sullivan Bohl Family.
Writer/Director: Nick Burchard
Website: seedandspark.com/fund/the-uncredited
#updates/32290
IG: @theuncreditedfilm

Thorns on the Rose: Black Abuse, Corruption & The Pasadena Police



Block 20
Tuesday, September 14
6:00 pm (63 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: This documentary looks back over the past 40 years of relationships between the Pasadena Police Department and the Black community.

Producers: Rochele Jones, James Farr
Co-Producer: Nancy Buchannon
Producer/Director: Dennis Haywood
Website: thornsontherose.com
FB: ThornsOnTheRoseMovie/

Trivial



Block 17
Sunday, September 12
8:15 pm (12 min.)

FRANCE
World Premiere

Synopsis: At night in Belfort, a young man witnesses a robbery that goes wrong in a grocery store. Pursued by one of the two robbers, he will do everything to stay alive.

Producer: Logan Thomas
Writers: Logan Thomas, Constantin Martinez
Director: Logan Thomas

Two Weeks Notice



Block 3
Thursday, September 9
8:00 pm (9 min.)

Synopsis: A man gives his girlfriend two weeks notice before ending their relationship.

Writer/Producer: Marisa Hood
Producer: Maggie McGovern
Producer/Director: Melanie Thompson
IG: @marisahood

Unspoken



Block 3
Thursday, September 9
8:00 pm (22 min.)

Synopsis: A couple engages a therapist in hopes of salvaging a problematic marriage, but things take an uncertain turn as the session unravels and past secrets emerge..

Producers: Richard Zelniker, Stephen Heleker
Writer: Stephen Alkus
Director: Richard Zelniker

Valley



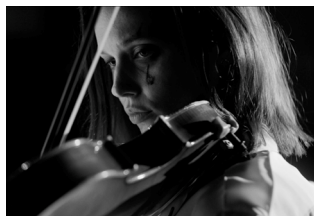
Block 7
Saturday, September 11
12:00 pm (21 min.)

LA County Premiere

Synopsis: It's ditch day in the San Gabriel Valley as two high school seniors realize they might be on very different paths.

Producer: Matthew P. Higgins, Michelle Okawa
Writer: Allan Zhang Tran
Director: Allan Zhang Tran
IG: @mr.tranman

Vibrato!



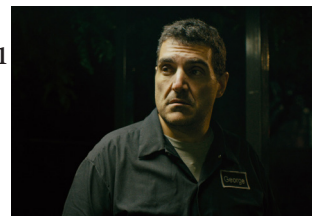
Block 8
Saturday, September 11
2:00 pm (10 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: An obsessive violinist finds herself in a friendly duel with her rival that quickly escalates into a fierce battle where there's more than 1st chair dominance on the line.

Producers: Adam Tinius, Alex Hoffman
Writer: Adam Tinius
Directors: Adam Tinius

Waiting for a Ride



Block 12
Saturday, September 11
10:05 pm (8 min.)

Synopsis: A janitor gets off his graveyard shift and waits for his usual bus home when a mysterious message kicks off a series of confrontations that challenge his comfortable routine. Will he stand up and make a move, or has his serial deference already sealed his fate?

Producer/Writer/Director: Joshua Nazaroff
Website: waitingforaride.com
IG: @waitingforaridefilm

Wasted Seed

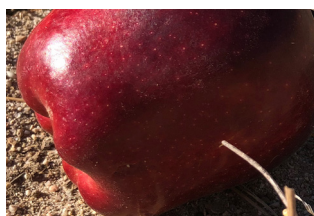


Block 3
Thursday, September 9
8:00 pm (18 min.)

Synopsis: A couple's desire to have a child sets them on a journey that will test the threshold of their love and connection.

Producers: Kaigani Turner, Helen Kennedy Turner, Lucy Cudden, Nico Piotraszewski
Writers: Helen Kennedy Turner, Denah Angel
Director: Nino Mancuso
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Wasteland

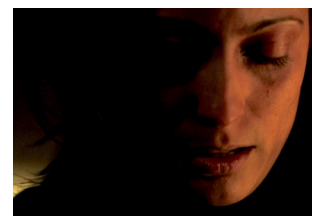


Block 6
Friday, September 10
10:00 pm (5 min.)

Synopsis: Years after a planetary event nearly wipes out all life, those who remain have grouped up in camps for survival, fighting over limited resources, destined for disaster.

Producers: Adam George Key, Kurt Summers, Staci N Freeman, Noelle Nimtichter
Writer: Adam G key
Directors: Adam George Key
@OneAdamGeorge

Weak



Block 2
Thursday, September 9
6:00 pm (19 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: A quiet man living vicariously through the sounds from his noisy neighbors is thrust violently into their lives.

Producer: Celina Barnette
Writer/Director: Ty Higgins
Website: tyhigginscreative.com
Twitter: @TyHigginsFilms
IG: @tyhigginscreative
FB: TyHigginsFilmAndMusic

When The Chips Are Down



Block 7
Saturday, September 11
12:00 pm (14 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: Two unlikely detectives are thrown together to solve a multiple murder case and bring a ring of child pornographers to justice.

Producers: Rosemary Marks, Jamie Trent
Writers: Adrian Carr, Cecil Cannon
Director: Adrian Carr

Wichita



Block 3
Thursday, September 9
8:00 pm (6 min.)

Synopsis: Sara is in bed with her lover when her husband calls. When he asks for something in his sock drawer, she runs home, stalling for time, asking endless questions about Wichita, Kansas.

Writer/Producer: Bo Price
Directors: Sergine Dumais
Website: wichitafilm.com
IG: instagram.com/wichita_flick/

YuanYuan



Block 1
Thursday, September 9
4:00 pm (16 min.)

CHINA

L.A. County Premiere

Synopsis: A young girl named Yuanyuan once lived in a happy family with loving parents. But when her mother found out that she is pregnant, her unborn brother brought upon a tense atmosphere into the family. At the same time, Yuanyuan found out about her father's "affair" and in order to protect her home, Yuanyuan launches her "master plan")

Producers: Shiyue Xu, Yin Han
Writer/Director: Shiyue Xu
Website: shiyuexu.com/yuanyuan

Screenplay Official Selections

AViL by Sofia Draï

BLOCKBUSTER by Tristan Aird

Christ is Back by Laurence Rosier Staines

Christmas Without Snow, A by Robert Cox

Closed Position by Daria Pressley

CLUB47 by Adam Fischer

Daughter of Fire by Seege Vega

Do It Scared by Rosemary Marks and Paul Mahoney

Ei8hty-Ei8ht by Doug Maguire

High Crimes by Melanie Abrams

Holiday Sensation, A by Michael B Snow

I HATE CINDY LOVELET by Paul-Anthony Surdi

JOURNEYMAN, THE by Dax Phelan, Mark Turley

Killer in the Marsh, The by Sebastien Basset

Leo by Brian McDevitt Jr.

Losing the Plot by Nicola Morris, Rupert Bogarde

Martha by Casey Beck

MIDDAY BLACK MIDNIGHT BLUE by Samantha Soule,

Daniel Talbott

Mission 22 by Gunnar Garrett

Modern Art by Laurence Fuller

Mr. Buchman Goes to Washington by Bill Baber

NEED FOR SOMETHING NEW, A by John T. Frederick

North Beach Noir by Kip Pearson

Parallel Problems by Dylan Arnow

Prodigium University by Daniel Garcia & Lydia Davis

Protector of the Emerald City by Kevin J. Howard

Rascal by Joanna Koss

Real Spaghetti, The by Richard Stirling

Review by Jonathan Zarantonello

ROSA by Matthew McLaughlin

Run For Your Life by Gregory Kasunich

Seraphim's Miracle by Jeremy Storey

Silver Sky - The Auction by Verity Van Dams, Austin Valdez

Snake by Marilyn Loveless

Splicer by Shayne Eastin

Straight Outta the Funny Papers by Lance Roger Axt

Tagged by David-Matthew Barnes

Tax Season by Allan Ibanez, Dexter Hemedez

Untimely Death of Herbert Sullivan, The by Tash Ann, Ben Barker

You'll Pay For This by Shaun Ireland

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