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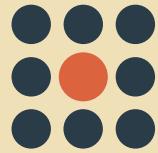
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1000 O**Director: Barbara Peikert** 07:00

An artificial umbilical cord inflates into cartoon bubbles with embryonic thoughts of a fetus.

**3 MINUTOS****Director: Douglas Ryan** 05:00

A young couple unexpectedly takes a quick but meaningful look at their past, present and potential future.

**30 SOMETHING PILOT****Director: Joenique C. Rose** 22:00

A group of friends learn to navigate a new decade with new problems.

**85 PERCENT****Director: Sathya Miele** 07:55

Terry is the worst hitman in the world.

**A CITY THAT CARES****Director: Aaron Hosé** 13:32

A legal educator reflects on her work as an activist along the US-Mexico border.

**A LETTER OF LAST RESORT****Directors: Timmy Hanlon,****Justice Love** 07:07

A man who hand-built a bomb shelter deals with the grief of losing his wife and child to nuclear warfare.

**A LITTLE HUMAN SPARK****Director: Bill Dwyer** 13:10

Dream Voice Solutions, A singer-songwriter content placement company is getting driven out of the business after 25 years by A.I.



A LITTLE SAD

Director: Annie Keenan Winerip 07:38
 When a couple sits for a portrait at an art market, the girlfriend is drawn "a little sad."

**A NIGHT TO REMEMBER**

Directors: Creighton Smith, Michael Kelly 13:00

After attending a friend's wedding, Hannah wakes up with a hangover, & no clue where her husband George could have gone.

**A SIMPLE LIFE**

Director: Manoa Raine 06:00

A family of Sims have been living in peace since their gamer "god" stopped playing with them.

**A SIMPLE PAYDAY**

Director: James Kondelik 26:15

Dimwitted kidnappers snatch an heiress and hold her for ransom and they are to pick up their money in the remote mountains.

**A SLEEPER'S SILENCE**

Director: Ross Raventos 12:11

When Phillip has an accident that delays his return to work, John decides to visit him in the hospital as often as he can.

**A STUDIO NIGHT**

Director: James Ken Blackmon 13:15

While in the recording studio late one night, struggling singer/songwriter Riya (Skyler Davenport) is caught off guard.

**A TOUR OF ONE CITY: THE HISTORY OF THE NEGRO LEAGUES IN NASHVILLE, TN. & BEYOND**

Director: Dr. H. Kimbro-Hamilton 57:16
 This documentary reflects the growth of Black baseball in Nashville that flourished well into the 1960s.



A TREE IN THE WOODS**Director: Andy Southern 1:16:00**

Grief drives a man into isolation after the loss of a loved one.

**A VILLAGER ELEGY****Director: Konstantin Lavysh 13:26**

When an old Villager buries his last friend, he decides to take his own life. A Guardian Angel intervenes, but is he there for the Villager?

**A WEEK****Director: Tony Rakshith 13:01**

Rebecca finds herself grappling with the challenges of maintaining a peaceful job while also dealing with interference from her husband.

**ABBY'S TURN****Director: Chelsea Kwoka 8:47**

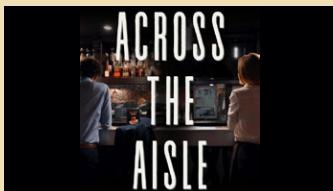
Constantly daydreaming of dancing, Abby asks herself if she can release control over her daughter's life, or accept that she is "just a mom".

**ACROSS FROM****Director: Zhuoqian Yu 10:00**

A young Chinese immigrant, struggling to make rent in Los Angeles, takes a high-paying housekeeping job at a wealthy mansion.

**ACROSS THE AISLE****Director: Thomas Block 7:36**

Teddy, a young congressman, is celebrating his first big legislative win at a bar when a congresswoman stops by to congratulate him.

**ADAM IS DEAD****Directors: Lily Richards, Caroline Ullman 11:00**

Freshly broken up with by a yet another horrible man she thought was the love of her life, Davia heads towards a night of binge drinking.



ADENTRO**Director: Javier Solórzano****Casarín 2:15:28**

After their mother's death, a young woman and her two brothers return to their childhood home, a place of pain and trauma.

**ALBIE****Director: Benjamin Wachtel 3:35**

ALBIE follows a retired literature professor grieving the loss of his wife to dementia.

**ALEXIA****Director: Frank Most 11:59**

When Paul is gifted an "Alexia" home device from his grandmother from Greece, he feels a connection to his beloved grandmother.

**ALIASAS****Director: Juan Diego Ramirez 27:42**

Laura, a college professor, is contemplating participating in a Pro Palestinian demonstration during commencement as an act of solidarity.

**ALICE, FIVE MINUTES BEFORE SUNSET****Directors: Davi Kinski,****Rodrigo Ferraz 7:20**

Amidst the daily chaos of São Paulo, Alice walks with a silent purpose. With only five minutes to change everything—or nothing.

**ALICIA & JEROME SEASON II****Director: Diana Atai 14:51**

This series is a dramatic-comedic web series centered on the unique friendship between two business partners - Alicia & Jerome.

**ALL HEART****Directors: Will McCormack,****Michael Govier 9:00**

A father visits a young man who has a connection with his late daughter.



ALMOST DEAD ISSUES**Director: Mach3 3:28**

Danny Bishop is in the middle of a very uneventful blind date with Sadie until his irritating ex-girlfriend Kelsey comes to infiltrate it.

**ALONE ON THE MOUND****Directors: John Jeffrey Condit, Tom Friend 1:20:00**

Pete Rose eclipsed Ty Cobb as Major League Baseball's all-time hits leader 40 years ago, and Eric Show sat on the pitching mound.

**ALONE TOGETHER****Director: Tobin Carter 24:01**

Following a rapture-esque apocalypse, EDDIE traverses the desolate Earth searching for other survivors.

**ALPHA MACRO****Directors: Mark Nielson,****Ryan Gilmer 5:00**

A B&W 35mm film, motivated by Jean-Luc Godard's Alphaville (1965).

**AM I HERE?****Director: Regina Gutiérrez Wilson 7:21**

In an empty bar, a man drinks to forget his late wife—until three ghosts appear to challenge him.

**AMERICAN STREAM****Director: Chandler Chavez 1:42:48**

Kyle Jordan is an aimless 20 something, working a dead end job and living with his high school sweetheart, Sammi.

**AN AMERICAN ABROAD****Director: Marcia Kimpton 1:45**

Marcia, a former late-night show starlet, embarks on a journey around the world, hosting a travel show.



ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Director: Sarah Bell 3:18

A husband rushes to make a nice dinner at home for his anniversary, only to realize he misinterpreted his wife's text about their plans.



ANOTHER DAY

Director: Lionel "Lonny" Ziblat 3:07

This music video was shot in the Patagonia especially for this song. Another Day was taken from Lonny Ziblat's album 'Dream Hunting'.



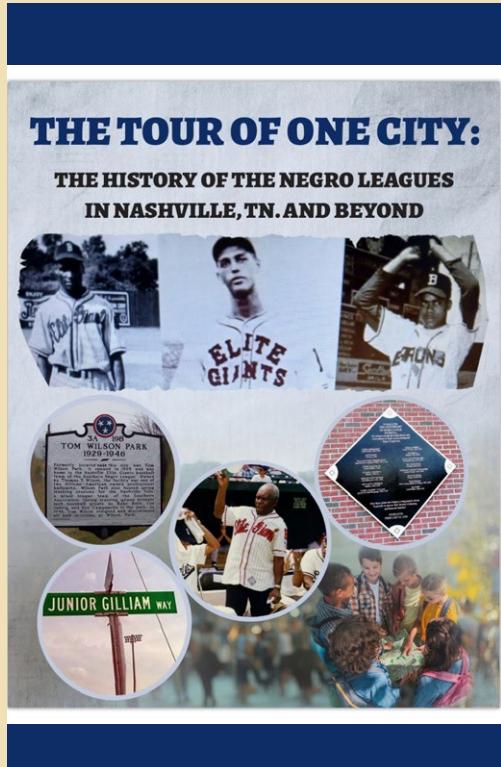
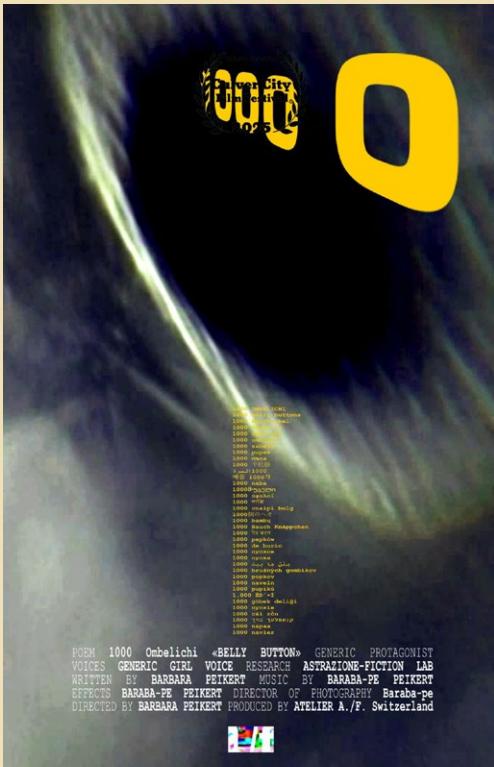
ARGIE BERMAN

Director: Fon Davis 9:08

A recovering alcoholic uses her coming out story in her stand-up act to explain her addiction and her relationship with her mother.



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AT THE MERCY OF FAITH**Director: Andrew Arguello** 19:19

A preacher's attempts to rebuild his life are upended by haunting visions, forcing him to confront the demons of his past.

**ATLAS****Directors: Janna King,****Ava Taulere** 3:23

Jane Doe opens the music video for their song "Atlas" off their sophomore album, FOUND.

**AUDITION****Director: Scott McCullough** 12:52

Carolyn Morse, a down on her luck actress, makes her final audition and her future is riding on it.

**AUNT CINDY AND THE ALCHEMIST****Director: Devin Scott** 11:21

Aunt Cindy and The Alchemist is a short film that revolves around a seemingly ordinary family whose lives take a surprising turn.

**BACK TA LIFE.****THOUGHT CHA KNEW!****Director: Maurice Smith** 2:11

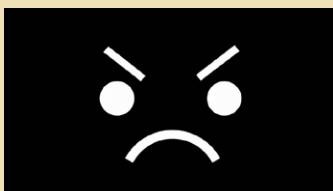
Miracles are real bruh.

**BAD ALICE****Director: Fia Perera** 23:00

Bad Alice is a dark comedy thriller about an everyday woman who dives into the dark underbelly of scammers.

**BAD COMPANY****Director: Dory Noriega** 27:07

After his dad's mysterious disappearance- I mean death! Dylan the Dethroner takes over as CEO of a company of supervillains.



BAD FENCES**Director: Luke Howe 10:35**

Two suburban neighbors get into a property dispute that spirals out of control.

**BAD FRIENDS****Director: Mikelle Virey 12:28**

Max returns from jail to confront his former best friend and partner Chris about their shady past before proposing one last job.

**BALL THOUGHTS****Director: Gabriel Glover 19:10**

Sometimes balls are just playful toys, but another thing to them is they have thoughts too.

**Ball Thoughts***A short by Gabriel Glover***BARBY Q****Director: Mattias Gordon 3:07**

Our friend aches for romance. He uses social platforms, 'optimal packages' and other fast solutions to achieve it.

**BECKER****Director: Rony Shino 3:42**

Drunk at a bar, Becker's greed takes the matters of his divorce too far with the help of a stranger.

**BEFORE THEY FORGET****Director: Teresa Garza 8:08**

In a dystopian future where families are torn apart, a mother is granted one annual reunion with a digital simulation of her child.

**BEHIND THE MIC:****THE ARVIE LOWE JR. STORY****Directors: Deji Emmanuel,****Amber Mitchell 10:14**

Explores representation, resilience, and the ongoing challenges and triumphs of being a Black artist in Hollywood.



BELLOW

Director: Miguel Lopez de Leon 42:53
An exhausted man tries to survive a relentless haunting.

**BENEATH THE SAME SKY**

Director: Christine Kane 11:39
In the borderlands of El Paso, Texas, Fidel confronts the complex reality of his life as a Border Patrol agent.

**BESPOKE**

Director: Eduardo Cisneros 21:15
HAMZA is a young South Asian man living in Amsterdam. He's sold his small start-up for billions of dollars!

**BEST MOM EVER**

Director: Chaewon Suh 13:00
The film's story follows a new mother who faces challenges after returning to work.

**BETTER NOT WRITE**

Director: Tatyana Batalova 12:20
Acclaimed crime author Christine Hartley has made a name for herself writing chilling novels about an elusive serial killer, Oswald Carrow.

**BETTY**

Director: Leticia Buchanan 8:50
Dr. Joseph Banta embarks on a self-proclaimed mission to save the world, aided by his A.I. servant, Betty.

**BETTY & MARY:
THE ACTORS PREPARE**

Director: America Young 11:40
Betty, a middle-aged actress, prepares for yet another low-stakes one-liner when she's suddenly crippled by excruciating pain.



BEYOND FIGHT OR FLIGHT**Director: Justin Smith** 50:33

This film challenges the idea that stress is a binary response. It explores adaptive systems that shape how we survive, and how we heal.

**BEYOND THE MOONLIGHT****Director: Natalie Rodriguez** 9:00

During a brutal dance rehearsal, a reserved dancer uncovers the disturbing truth behind her sister's intense training.

**BIG ROCK BURNING****Director: David Goldblum** 29:53

An intimate documentary exploring the resilient spirit of Malibu's Big Rock community as they rebuild from the ashes of the devastating Palisades Fire.

**BIGFOOT NAVAJO NATION****Director: Richard Adam Lima** 25:24

For thousands of years the Navajo have dealt with Yei'iitsoh, the creatures we call Bigfoot.

**BIRTH****Director: Jumana Radi** 1:58

This experimental, movement-driven film aims to poetically celebrate the miracle of being a woman.

**BLACK ROSE****Director: Merridith Allen** 6:45

A former MMA fighter gets a second shot at her dream career, but she must choose between her family and her destiny.

**BLINKO****Director: Stewart Jackson** 10:00

Maran is a mother from a Christian community in Northern Nevada. We meet her the day she's reached a breaking point with her faith.



BLUE ZEUS**Directors: Rocky Romano,****Miranda Winters 1:15:00**

"Blue Zeus" shines light on the plight of America's wild horses, exposing a corrupt government system rampant with animal abuse.

**BLUEBEARD****Director: Lindsey Ruggles 7:10**

A modern adaptation of the French folk tale, this film is about Bluebeard's first love -- and Sophia's courageous escape.

**BOKEH****Director: Ivan Salcedo 8:00**

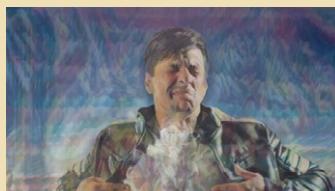
Marisol Sacramento, Ben Levin and, Michael Spound star in a horror film about a photographer trapped in a darkroom with a spirit.

**BOUNLESS BORDERS****Director: Alessandro Gentile 1:00:00**

An undocumented student from Guatemala overcomes language barriers, financial struggles, and the threat of deportation.

**BOXTRIP****Directors: Darius Saberzadeh,****Joshua Lang 19:58**

Nathan lives out of his car, drifting through an aimless life and hiding in the comfort of isolation.

**BRAVO AMERICA****Director: Pete Stamatelatos 17:15**

Interrelated characters with decisions to make upon the arrival of Miss Corona, all of whom are connected with the local Greek pizzeria.

**BULLETS, BLADES AND BLOOD****Directors: Warren Foster Sr.,****Robert Parham 1:13:23**

Marcus Blades is a lethal gun for hire, a man who lives by the sword and the gun—until his world shatters.



BUNNY

Director: Barrington

Smith-Seetachitt 13:57

A con man moves in with a lonely woman in order to steal her money, but finds himself taunted by her stuffed bunny.



BUYER BEWARE

Director: Mat Dann 9:43

Walter hasn't had it easy. Raised by a witch, and forced into adopting the life of a serial killer - he's utterly, completely alone.



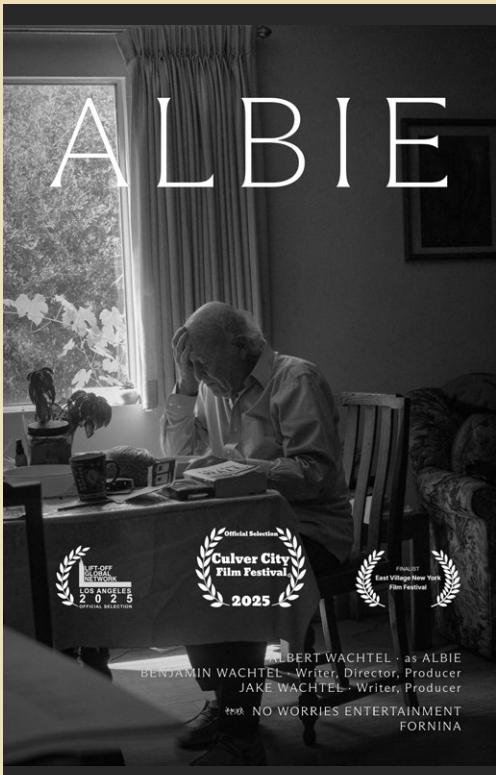
CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY 99

Director: Katie Marks 2:19

Rose and Jen of The Softies have been on some adventures touring along California's Highway 99 back in the 90's.



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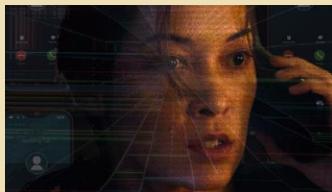
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CALL 154**Director: Matt Moeller 11:30**

Every night at 11:11, Toni gets a call where she can hear herself being chased and killed by a Eldritch horror.

**CAMERON WAS A RED WINGS FAN****Director: Gabe Veenendaal 20:00**

After the passing of their estranged father, a group of siblings reunite.

**CANE CREEK****Director: Josh Coates 7:16**

A cobbler joins a mob that attacks a Mormon congregation in rural Tennessee, only to confront the horror of what he's done.

**CAPTAIN KEITH****Director: Miles Presha 13:26**

An aspiring inner-city superhero stuck working at a party rental store finally gets his chance to shine.

**CARNEY HALLELUJAH****Director: Anne Paquette 34:03**

Carny Hallelujah! is about two young women have escape their oppressive lives by the men who they are supposed to trust the most.

**CASH 2****Director: Stan Harrington 1:19:10**

Cash Prior, finds himself pulled back into the fray once again to help rescue his ex-wife from a former foe.

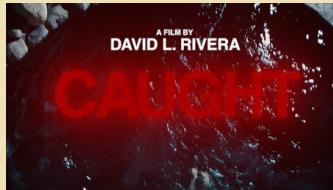
**CATRINAS IN THE CITY OF ANGELS****Director: Veronica Bradham 8:30**

Short docuseries of a cultural gatherings. Viva Los Muertos photomeets are designed for photographers and artists alike.



CAUGHT**Director: David L. Rivera 8:00**

During a night of creative writing, a young horror novelist unwittingly blurs the line between fiction and reality.

**CINDY****Director: Al Chang 21:00**

An aspiring rapper takes a vague driving gig hoping for a quiet night to himself. Instead, he meets Cindy.

**CLAIRE, SARA AND MARY****Director: Gianna Kelliher 16:56**

Sara and Mary are roommates, everything's cordial until Sara brings home Claire and the women begin to swap and lose their identities.

**CLARA BERTA:
AN ARTIST'S JOURNEY****Director: Ayrton Carrazco 19:23**

A poignant short documentary that highlights the healing power of art through the life of Clara Berta.

**CLIMB****Director: Darsh Thakker 13:57**

Logline here.

**CLOSURE****Director: Michael Rojo 10:55**

While at a funeral for an uncle he barely knew, Jonathan must sneak out to avoid more uncomfortable conversations.



Written & directed
By
Michael Rojo

COCO WORLD**Director: Drew Muxlow 1:26:41**

Who is Coco? She's cute, quirky, and a rising star at her makeup pyramid scheme.



CODED HEARTS**Director: Krishita Keyur Desai 29:57**

Coded Hearts is a personal documentary about grief in the age of artificial intelligence.

**COLD CREAM****Director: Tony Torrisi 22:00**

An old time actor has one more chance to leave an iconic legacy by doing one more play in of all places.... Wyoming.

**COME AS YOU ARE****Director: Xiaolin Mai 00:47**

A woman trapped in her husband's football obsession stumbles into a fleeting connection with a stranger.

**COME WALK WITH ME****Director: James Carey 18:02**

A young man (Michael) returns home when he hears that his best childhood friend (Ellen) is engaged to be married.

**CON MAN****Directors: James Douglas Cooper,****Liam Finn 3:00**

A rollicking ride through Liam Finn's mind, expressed via a live action performance and 3,912 hand drawn frames of rotoscoping.

**CONCRETE ANGEL****Director: Anthony Geets Sylvester 7:46**

Karla is stuck at a crossroads in her life, and feels like everything is her fault.

**CONTAMINANT****Director: Danny Cano 17:03**

When someone brings a toxic substance that turns people into monsters to a 1950s party, everyone quickly turns on one another.



CONTINUE US**Director: Jahthane Walwyn-Bent 11:55**

A weary and troubled man, returns home one night, only to find himself trapped in an unrecognizable, shifting labyrinth of homes.

**CONTRACT TRACING****Director: Amy Tofte 1:30:00**

Contact Tracing is inspired by the true story of a public health nurse assigned to track covid-positive cases for the CDC.

**COOKIE DEMON****Director: Darren Haskins 10:09**

When a mans lust for life's delicious gifts becomes too much he is faced with the consequences of his obsessions.

**CRANIAMACHINA****Director: Devin Gardner 2:12**

A man will go to disturbing scientific lengths to revive his dead partner.

**CREEP****Director: Grant Simmons 7:57**

A surreal black and white short film about the horrific mind of someone suffering from schizophrenia.

**CROSS MY HEART****Director: Nicholas Laudicina 8:08**

A short dark comedy about a determined woman who must overcome her boyfriend's shortcomings .

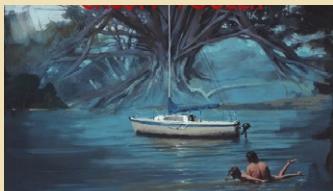
**CROSSING TAHOE****Director: Lis Bartlett 24:00**

Against all odds in the early days of 2020 lockdown, one open water marathon swimmer trains for and attempts to swim 21 miles.



CRUSTY FOULER**Director: John Giacobbe 1:12:00**

A couple in mourning head out on an impromptu sail, each with a dark secret in tow....

**CTRL-ALT-RIGHT:****A SHORT PORTRAIT OF GUILLERMO****Director: Dane Sprague 10:00**

A young man reflects upon his alt-right radicalization and how he came back from the edge.

**D.E.A.T.H. GROUP****Director: Curnal Achilles Aulisio 10:10**

Sage, a young influencer obsessed with the 1940s legend Captain Mississippi, dies while trying to uncover the mystery of her disappearance.

**DAD BOI****Director: Evan Geary 9:44**

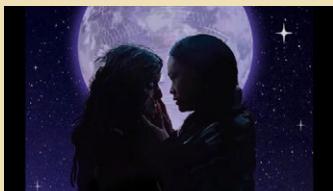
A dad forces his 11-year-old son to help him make fitness content.

**DADDIES BOI****Director: Jason Avezzano 14:58**

Desperate to maintain their lifestyles, two aging sugar babies dive headfirst into the bizarre underworld of the "desire economy."

**DEAD GIRL****Director: Kenz Benmosbah 9:13**

After her untimely death, Dani comes back from the dead on Halloween night and goes on a quest to win her fiancée back.

**DEADLINE****Director: Alex Gardels 5:18**

When a young woman is called into work on the weekend, it does more than just kill her plans.



DEAR HOPE**Director: Anthony Geets Sylvester 16:29**

A man named Thomas grieving his wife after a fatal car accident. His grief takes over his life and destroys his relationships.

**DECEMBER****Director: Dalten Martin 4:38**

December is a visual poem about grief, friendship, and remembering those we've lost.

**DEEP TIME****Director: William Barrios 18:09**

Six scientists tasked with investigating a mysterious natural phenomenon find that this 'routine job' is far more dangerous than they thought.



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STORY BY JUMANA RADI

DEVIL'S DILEMMA**Director: Darren Coyle 8:21**

Being evil isn't all it's cracked up to be.

**DIEZ SEGUNDOS****Director: Gloria Laino 16:00**

After years of guilt following the loss of his best friend, Fredi finds his peace through a mystical sign.

**DILEMMA****Director: Trevan Jay Hiatt 13:56**

Dilemma is a tense psychological thriller that delves into the consequences of a single, reckless decision.

**DINNER WITH QUINN****Director: Dawn Fields 9:00**

A young woman who seemingly has everything drops a devastating bombshell on her sister over dinner.

**DISCO ALLEY****Directors: Grace Marie Seufert,****Mac Flanagan 10:56**

In Venice Beach's historic "Disco Alley", roller skating is more than motion — it's memory, medicine, and movement in unison.

**DIVERSITY PLAZA****Director: Kesang Tseten 1:08:00**

Recent immigrants, the Nepali, Tibetan and Bhutanese, have shaped a piece of America in their own image in Jackson Heights, Queens.

**DOG STAR DAYS****Director: Justin Young 20:00**

Julian Aleo, a slick-talking real estate hustler, cons a veteran, Howard, out of his savings.



DON'T FEAR**Director: Karla Guy** 1:44:00

The music video to the song "Don't Fear" from the movie FanFobia.

**DOOR TO DOOR****Director: Jerry Weil** 4:36

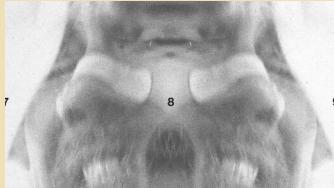
A door to door salesman is looking to change professions.

**DOUBLE BLADE****Director: Camille Solari** 60:00

5 year old Blade Dean is in search of a best friend and begins having visions of a girl that looks just like her.

**DOUBLE EDGED****Director: Tony Rakshith** 12:41

Alex is about to kill himself and he gets a phone call from the past questioning his life choices which postpones his death.

**DREAM A WORLD****Directors: Barry Rosenthal,****Christo Tsiaras** 1:01

The state of the foster care system in Los Angeles and one organization that is helping foster youth find careers in film-making.

**DRIP****Director: Margaret Seid** 4:30

When Anna agrees to look after her friend's cat for the afternoon, she leaves to get ice cream instead.

**EARBUDS****Director: Archana Shinde** 16:00

A South Asian couple finds the answer to their relationship problems during a blackout...while a zombie breakout brews outside their door.



ECHOES OF THE FOREST**Director: Nestor Vinelli 20:00**

Three students get trapped in their own video game and need to help the guardian Elyria find the Heart of Elderine.

**ECHOES OF WIDE RUINS****Director: Daniel Smith 1:39:00**

A historical documentary exploring the story of a trader at the Wide Ruins Trading Post on the Navajo Reservation in the 1970s.

**EKO****Director: Soojin Lee 24:45**

On a remote Korean island where youth have vanished and elders linger, a young Indonesian migrant named Eko arrives.

**ENTER THE ROOM****Director: Harry Waldman 15:00**

A young adult (Brian) is visited by his brother, Jeremy, who needs a place to stay as he settles into his new city.

**ERIC'S LAST DROP****Director: Dalton Causey 17:32**

Eric invites his friends over for drinks, cake, and the worst news imaginable.

**ESTHER'S INTERSTELLAR VISION****Director: Esther Ancrum 10:50**

A woman wanders the wilderness with her telescope, unveiling the universe through astrophotography.

**EUGENE O'NEIL'S THE FIRST MAN****Director: Hardeep Giani 1:40**

This psychological romantic drama set in 1920s Connecticut, delves into themes of obsession, grief and betrayal.



EVERGREEN**Director: Cierra Gladden 10:48**

During her final Thanksgiving as a college student, Andrea struggles to see eye-to-eye with her mother, Victoria.

**EXTENDED WARRANTY****Directors: Tess Sullivan, Sara Carpenter 14:13**

When her forever friend malfunctions without an extended warranty, Ledy puts her faith in human connection.

**FABRICATION****Director: Amy Joyce Winkler 4:14**

A woman who is consumed by the ideal that less is worth more, doesn't recognize what's rising beneath the surface.

**FALAFEL****Director: Rony Shino 4:48**

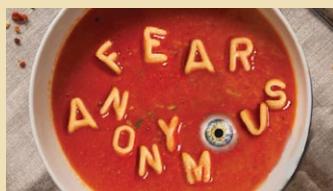
Two old friends spiral into yet another absurd argument—this time over who invented falafel.

**FEAR AND TREMBLE****Director: Alci Rengifo 10:54**

El Salvador in 1964. The radical poet Roque Dalton (Oscar Torres) finds himself imprisoned by the secret police after returning from Cuba.

**FEAR ANONYMOUS****Director: Bron Theron 1:24:00**

A stranger walks in to a fear and trauma self help group. The new member shares the biggest fear a human could have... death.

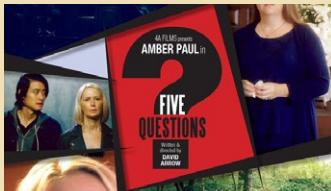
**FIRST PERSON SAVIOR****Director: Ramzi Abed 1:20:59**

An American tragi-comedy birthed by video games, guns, poverty, mental illness and nature.



FIVE QUESTIONS**Director: David Arrow 11:16**

In Five Questions, Jill, a young woman played by Amber Paul, comes to terms with an early trauma in her life.

**FLOATING ECSTASY****Director: Ryder Dueck 10:11**

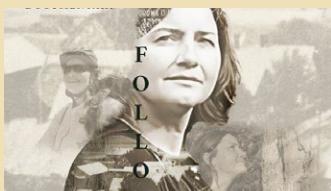
In 1972 West Hollywood, two strangers cross paths at a hotel pool.

**FOCAL POINT****Director: Raphael Buisson 22:22**

In a dystopian future, a grieving scientist discovers Earth exists within a single neuron.

**FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS
OF MY ANCESTORS****Directors: U. Koehler, K. Wermke 60:06**

"Following in the Footsteps of My Ancestors" is a personal documentary film by Ute Köhler about her family history.

**FOUNDRY****Director: Cameron Su 5:11**

In FOUNDRY, a lone figure on the run faces off against a pair of armed assailants.

**FRANKIE****Director: Lina Engborg 14:59**

A woman lost in the desert is confronted by a peculiar talk show host, who provokes her into finding herself.

**FRIDAYS****Director: Lenore Jones 35:00**

A DRAMEDY about love, loyalty and shattered norms



FRITCHI MANOR**Director: Jermaine Alexander 11:35**

Step into the haunting world of Fritch Manor, where every shadow holds a secret and every meal tells a chilling story.

**FROM THE FACE OF AN ANGEL****Director: Gery Ferretti 14:00**

A grieving family discovers their deceased Grandfather's good luck charm may posses Divine powers.

**GARDEN VALLEY****Director: Manuel Navarro 27:36**

Inspired by the Mann family murders of 1988, Garden Valley follows two friends lost in a haze of heavy metal, parties, drugs, and romance.



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A FILM BY TONY SYLVESTER

Dear Hope,

"You do not realize what I am doing now, but later you will understand"

John 13:7

Best Drama Short
Indie Vegas
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**SYLVESTER
STUDIOS**


GENERATION WELL**Director: Jack Serra 17:46**

After a serious run in with the law, a young woman becomes obsessed with an officer who looks identical to her deceased father.

**HOST****Director: Brina Palencia 3:53**

Music video for Brina Palencia's song "Ghost." A young girl meddles in a magic she shouldn't have.

**GOING DOWN****Director: Jordan Marder 9:11**

Victor meets Maria an unrecognised patient of his, exposes him and confronted with the truth and lies he holds inside of his past.

**GONNA DIE MORE****Director: Jarrod Holloway 19:00**

Newly released from a psychiatric hospital in the 1980s, Ennis discovers a message that leads him into a supernatural mystery.

**GOOD BOY****Director: Brett Robert Culbert 8:11**

A journey of how two wandering souls find exactly what they are looking for.

**GOOD DOGS****Director: Kyle Bastin 11:13**

Two dogs, convinced their beloved human is never going to come home, fall into irreparable despair.

**GOOD FORTUNE****Director: Keldon Duane-McGlashan 9:00**

After amassing a debt he cannot pay, a compulsive sports bettor looks for a way to change his fortune.



GRAN FONDO**Director: Joseph Siino 8:37**

In Rome, a Russian expat lures his Silicon Valley protégé into completing a covert A.I. project for a shadowy European organization.

**GRAVE EXPECTATIONS****Director: Larry Ziegelman 13:04**

Jacob has kept his childhood trauma a secret from his wife until today, when he surprises her with a nighttime trip through a cemetery.

**GREEN****Director: Austin Tackman 24:47**

When Scott, the VP of Publicity at TerraFlow, a well known tech company, is betrayed by his boss, he seeks a fresh start.

**GROUP HOME GRADZ****Director: Anja Christie-Johnson TIME****HERE**

A reunion story about group home counselors who wondered what happened to the teen girls they worked with years before.

**HALAL DREAMS****Director: Mohammed Mamdouh 8:10**

On a cold night, under the pulse of neon and motion, an Egyptian halal food cart worker spends his day trying to call his daughter.

**HARBOUR CHRONICLES****Director: Chris Sardelis 1:28**

Set in Seal Beach, Harbour Chronicles follows iconic board shaper Rich Harbour as he crafts surfboards and a legacy.

**HE MADE HIS BED****Director: Maddy Freeman 15:00**

When he realizes how he hurt the son he left behind, a divorced father reconsiders how to raise his kids from his separate marriages.



HEART ON THE DIAMOND**Director: Martha Rodriguez** 12:56

A heartfelt story about Cecilia, a 15-year-old baseball player, and her mother Gloria, who grapples with the challenges of immigration.

**HIGH ROAD****Director: Isaiah Francis** 20:00

A white MAGA father and his Latina daughter have an encounter with a Black man while taking a road trip across the desert.

**HOLLYWOOD ACTOR JOBS****INFOMERIAL****Director: Phillip E. Walker** 7:48

Introduces how to become employed as a full-time Hollywood actor.

**HOLOCAUST DAY****Director: Yevgeny Gratvol** TBA

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**HOT FASCIST JIZZ****Director: Jayme Kusyk** 17:54

A woman asks to use her friend's husband's sperm to make a baby -- even though he's a racist cop.

**HOW I SPENT****MY SUMMER VACATION****Director: Kenneth R. Frank** 1:22

Thirteen-year-old Grace confronts her own mortality as her family spends summer at her grandfather's house during his illness.

**HRH QUEEN****MARIAM AMOR TORRES****Director: Maurice Smith** 2:00

Combination of philanthropic and tourism dynamics to heal the marginalized.



“I”

Director: Alessandro Gordillo 12:40
 “I” depicts the misadventures of a mysterious man in a denim jacket his metaphysical tirade silently torture him.



I AM NOT ALONE

Director: Cass Chang 12:16
 The story of Sami, a woman navigating the silent struggles of life, through vignettes of her journey toward connection and acceptance.



I LOVE BOOKS

Director: Camille Solari 24:00
 Blade and Charlie, devoted members of their local Book Club, are tired of reading about adventures—they want to live them.



IBLIS

Director: Jay Smith Ackerman 29:59
 Noah is a young musician who can't seem to catch a break. One day he discovers a device that allows him to manipulate time.



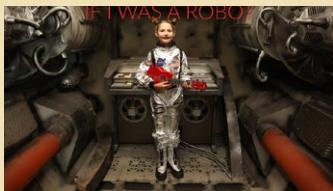
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Director: Adam Starks 9:01
 A young Black man finds himself in a surreal and menacing interrogation room, confronted by two faceless figures.



IF I WAS A ROBOT

Director: Camille Solari 9:37
 Charlie is fed up with having a little sister Blade and Blade's wild imagination takes over where she becomes a stand up comedy.



IF THE SUN DIES

Director: Mohe Pinkston 3:22
 Official music video for the song “If the Sun Dies,” by Greg Weeks.



IMMIGREAT**Director: Brandon Widener 55:00**

ImmiGreat is the extraordinary true story of Victor Galvan, an undocumented immigrant who risked everything.

**IMPOSSIBLE DREAM****Director: Patricia Bury Salier 15:50**

Tom W. Bury's lifelong dream is to build a weekend cabin in the woods on top of a mountain in Upstate New York.

**IN BETWEEN****Director: Tarun Ramnani 5:07**

When a couple's anniversary ends in tragedy, death cannot break their bond.

**IN BULK****Director: Jean-Marc K. Mavinga 1:57:02**

Devonte fought his demons in the gym, sculpting his pain into strength until one brutal accident shattered his destiny.

**IN THE LIMELIGHT****Director: Brandon Floor 11:26**

In an attempt to live up to his mother's legacy, an aspiring actor tries to obtain a talent agent.

**INK****Director: Hackett Rascher 16:30**

Ian Bexley is a young man who, after an unfortunate accident, turns to his computer's A.I. program "INK" for help.

**#INTIMACY!****Directors: Jared N. Wright,****Eric Ivey 5:00**

A happy couple might be having problems connecting.



INTRO TO PHOTOGRAPHY**Director: Ethan Land 7:03**

Everyone needs a hobby. Some sharpen focus, others blur intention. A man becomes consumed with learning photography.

**IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY****Director: Tony Pacheco 12:22**

After being at the mercy of his phone for years, an overstressed guy finds new life after the unexpected severance of his electronic leash.

**IT'S JUST BUSINESS****Director: Alex Bindschadler 20:28**

Marcus, the son of a powerful and feared man, is sent on a mission that will define his destiny.



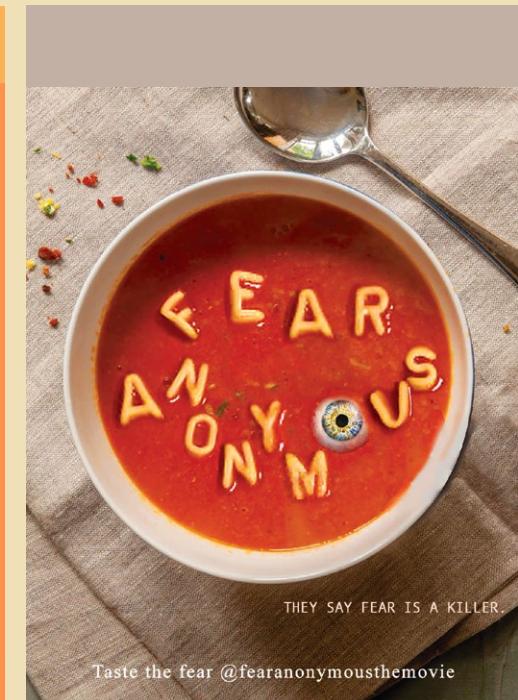
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A LITTLE HUMAN SPARK

A FILM BY BILL DWYER

A WONSON ROCK PRODUCTION



Taste the fear @fearanonymousthemovie

JACK LIVED

**Director: Travis Lincoln Cox,
Whitney Cox** 10:30

Would the floating door to eternal life be big enough for the two of them?

**JAKE AND PETE'S
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL**

Director: Luke Marley 20:22

When the spirit of Christmas seems to have left town, Jake and Pete must find a way to restore it in time for Christmas.

**JAKE'S NIGHT WALKS**

Director: Steven M. Hirohama 7:08

Homeless with an incurable disease, Jake returns to LA to see his friends and family in the remaining time he has.

**JONESING DAT JONES GAL**

Director: Maurice Smith 1:45

Music video by Maurice Smith.

**JOURNEY IN CALDECOTT**

Director: Mitch Greer 2:11

A surrealist short film of the journey of a lion princess as she moves through a strange land of bizarre characters.

**JUDGE OF CHARACTER**

Director: Carl Hansen 8:00

A non-disabled Hollywood actor is given a lesson in inclusion after playing a disabled character.

**JUNE IS EMPTY**

Director: John Redlinger 13:09

Estranged sisters Penelope and Daphne have their reunion cut short by the reveal of a shocking secret.



KADAMA**Director: Charlie Roth 14:56**

After being detained, a retired criminal psychologist and her granddaughter must convince skeptical detectives of their innocence.

**KICK THE CAN****Director: Jim Menza 1:30:00**

A man sets out on a twenty-four hour adventure to save a woman's life, meeting a plethora of chaotic characters along the way.

**KILLER GRANNIES****Director: Jack Truman 6:50**

A short film about 2 elderly women who kill homeless men for insurance money. Based on a true story. An award-winning screenplay.

**KING OF THE HILL:
NEW REF IN TOWN****Director: Nadine Promes 7:16**

A dynamic visual flow of animation using storyboards. Bobby goes to a dealership to buy a car, and he receives a horse as part of the deal.

**KINGDOM OF THE PENGUINS****Director: Lionel "Lonny" Ziblat 3:35**

Five musicians join forces during COVID to record a perfect rendition of an instrumental piece by Lionel Ziblat.

**LA MIGA - THE IMMIGRATION****Director: Macela Robison 14:15**

Desperate to help immigrants, a young man publicly protests and denounces the current immigration policies.

**LA MIGRA****Director: Macela Robison 2:30**

La Miga - The Immigration Music Video



LADY IN THE URN**Director: Kevin Stevenson** 1:10:00

After returning home from a funeral, a couple discovers that Sharon's late mother's urn is at the center of a series of haunting disturbances.

**LADY LAZARUS****Director: Montana Cypress** 1:55:14

An aspiring poet on the verge of a mental and physical breakdown attempts to conceal the true nature of her malady.

**LAKEFIELD****Director: Caden Pearson** 30:00

Lakefield is a six-part mystery web series about a journalist who returns to her hometown in Australia.

**LAND OF FORGOTTEN ECHOES****Director: Layne Marie Williams** 14:33

Two sisters, Orpha and Rosalee, have never been exposed to the outside world until an intruder appears.

**LAST OF THE ACES,
SKIES OVER OKINAWA****Director: Jameson Chase Young** 45:38

This is a documentary interview with one of the last living World War Two Ace fighter pilots.

**LE DIRECTOR****Director: Ze'ev Waismann** 7:14

A heartbroken starlet confronts the literal beast behind the camera—her emotionally unavailable director and lover.

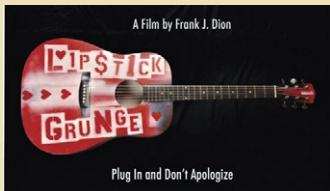
**LIFE ON PLANET EARTH****Director: Sarah Marie Smith** 19:10

In A.D. 2075, the earth's population has exploded to 13 billion people. With resources near depletion, one couple is forced to make a decision that will change their lives forever.



LIPSTICK GRUNGE**Director: Frank J. Dion 20:55**

Lipstick Grunge tells the story of an all girl garage band trying to find success in the music business.

**LITTLE MATCHMAKERS****Director: Rachel Borders 11:44**

Summer and Sienna's grandfather has been lonely since their grandmother passed away.

**LITTLE MOTHER LIES****Director: Amanda Jones 14:26**

While Dorie and her sister look for common ground over bowls of borscht, her son fights withdrawals and plans a stealthy escape.

**LITTLE THINGS****Director: Joshua Chamberlain 7:02**

A feuding couple wakes up to discover they have minutes to live.

**LOCKDOWN****Director: Melanie Jeffcoat 16:53**

When a mom picks up her daughter from high school, she finds herself in a deadly fight for survival.

**LOLITA****Director: Jorge Xolalpa 1:30**

After being in jail for years, Jesus tries to integrate back into society all while working to get his daughter Lolita back.

**LONG ISLAND LIFE HACKS****Director: Sari Karplus 6:32**

A sketch comedy series helps everyone bring a little Long Island into their lives... whether they asked for it or not.



LOST DREAMS**Director: Andrew Proctor 9:50**

Lost Dreams is an experimental film which explores the idea that when we sleep we edit our dreams.

**LOVE AND TAX\$****Directors: Ken Feinberg,****Craig D. Tollis 1:25:05**

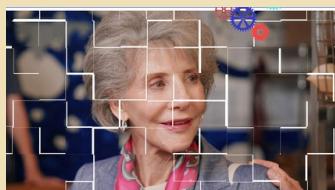
Love and Tax\$ is the new indie romantic comedy that's quickly gaining buzz for its originality, humor, and daring one-take format.

**LOVE MYSELF****Director: Jeff Hilliard 3:31**

Official music video for Tim Travers and the Time Travelers Paradox.

**LOX****Director: Dan Pavlik 13:30**

In the span of time it takes to order bagels & lox, Ruth Gold meets, remembers, and ultimately forgets a young man.

**LUCIA & NICOLE****Director: Marlene Emilia Rios 9:59**

On the cusp of adulthood Lucia finds her childhood friend Nicole living on the street.

**MALAAL****Directors: Abhishek Tata,****Chirag Patel 9:29**

An immigrant laborer leaves his fragile home for the promise of a few extra dollars, only to find himself running through the desert.

**MANTIS****Director: George Ayvazyan 11:40**

A traumatized young woman with her own moral compass takes it upon herself to save other women by ridding the streets of immoral men.



MARIKO'S GIFT**Director: Annabel Ramirez 10:00**

Remembrance and forgiveness for past mistakes for Mariko.

**MARY AND GUS****Director: Dmitriy Usov 6:16**

"Mary and Gus" follows a toxic couple locked in a vicious game of manipulation, as they push each other toward a breakup.

**MASQUERADE MIX-UP****Director: Brandon Wade Ho 1:26:00**

Ashton, an overworked junior editor, develops romantic feelings for the author of the novel that she's editing.



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FIRST PERSON SAVIOR

A FILM BY RAMZI ABED

An American Story About Video Games and Guns

A RAMZI ABED FILM STARRING JOHN KARLIS JAMES COVAL, CLARA NEISENBERG, EDICA JIBONATI, DAWN WIRTH, CC BRYANT, JUSTIN BARBER AND ERICA JAIVE FLEMING. *"FIRST PERSON SAVIOR"* MUSIC COMPOSED BY PIERRE BENNISONI. CINEMATOGRAPHY BY RAMZI ABED. PRODUCER RAMZI ABED. WRITTEN BY RAMZI ABED. DIRECTED BY RAMZI ABED.

2025 CULVER CITY FILM FESTIVAL

AN UTE KÖHLER DOCUMENTARY

MONDAY DECEMBER 8TH THEATER 7 10:00 AM BLOCK XX

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MY ANCESTORS

A PRODUCTION BY KOHLER X WERMKE / DIRECTOR & SCREENPLAY: UTE KÖHLER / CO-DIRECTOR & CINEMATOGRAPHY: CHRISTIAN WERMKE / FILM EDITOR: JOSE SANABRIA / MUSIC: WILLEMPÄHLER / ANDREAS KOCH / GRAPHIC DESIGNER: JORDI ARCAZ

THE CULVER THEATER
9500 CULVER BLVD, CULVER CITY, CA 90232

MAYBE ITS JUST THE RAIN**Director: Rein Bonta 18:00**

At the 2023 FIFA World Cup, a group of young women represent the Philippines at the country's first-ever appearance on the global stage.

**MEDITATE LIKE A DOLPHIN****Director: Joshua Lang 4:00**

Logline here.

**MENDO'S CAROUSEL****Director: David Michael Maurer 13:00**

After the death of her father, a troubled young woman robs a dry cleaning shop.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS MITHRAS****Director: Trix StarT 15:50**

An ancient family tradition takes a dark turn this Christmas.

**MIA** 米娅**Director: Aiyun Yin 5:00**

Mia, a Chinese international student and single mother in her late twenties, returns home after completing her master's degree in the U.S.

**MISSION INCOMPETENT****Director: Lionel "Lonny" Ziblat 1:42**

A collection of adorable creatures hop and dance to an odd vintage sounding soundtrack.

**MISSION PEACE 2****Director: Greg Simmons 1:35**

Staunch Moderates' MISSION PEACE 2 picks up where MISSION PEACE 1 left off, at the beginning of 2021.



MOM'S DATING**Director: Teri DeSalvo 2:43**

A woman and her adult daughter get together to sign mom up on a dating website.

**MONEY, FASCISM****AND SOME SORT OF ACID****Director: Janek Ambros 30:00**

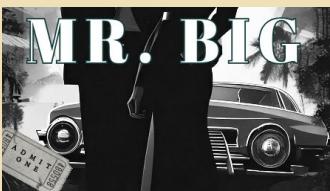
A collection of five short films tackling the military industrial complex, the rise of fascism, political polarization and various issues in modern society.

**MR WONDERFUL****Director: Mark David 1:45:00**

MR. WONDERFUL, starring Hollywood icon, Michael Madsen, tells the story of three generations of Fenton men.

**MR. BIG****Director: Charlie Mala 1:08:50**

In 1960, two 13 year-old boys who had a passion for film got together and wrote a screenplay. The film went into production in October 2023.

**MR. HARRIS****Director: Max Luque 8:47**

A young man confronts his former teacher about their shared past, revealing the truth about what happened between them.

**MY EXTRAORDINARY JOE****Director: Suzanne Von Schaack 31:00**

In this third short film of my trilogy, Sarah continues on her journey to find her true love.

**MY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLFRIEND, YOUR WIFE****Director: Bill Briles 1:25:00**

Old high school competition and conflict rear their "ugly heads" when Wiley drives cross-country to visit his old high-school sweetheart.



MY JAM**Director: Chuer Huang 6:30**

Grace has always felt like an outsider—quiet, agreeable, never truly seen. Alone in her dorm, her real self emerges.

**MY MOVIE STARRING PAUL DANO****Director: Joe Bartone 1:33:19**

The famous actor comes to Herman in a dream, convincing him to make his feature "Bear Naked Amazonians from Mars."

**MY WIFE****Director: Aaron Garcia 6:00**

My Wife is a beautiful woman, she keeps my home in order, makes sure I make it to work on time, and is an adequate cook.

**MYTH****Director: İrem Çoban 50:05**

A dreamscape woven from light, shadow, and whispered echoes of the soul, MYth is an experimental poetic film.

**N 2 DEEP****Director: Kain O'Keeffe 8:24**

After hearing some bad news about what happened to T little's sister, he's conflicted with taking matter into his own hands.

**NAMAS DEI:****THE TUCKER J. JAMES STORY****Director: Yannis Zafeiriou 1:40:00**

A wannabe movie star moves to LA and goes viral for all the wrong reasons, only to evolve into a slightly less terrible version of himself.

**NEWS DESK****Director: Neil Blitstein 21:15**

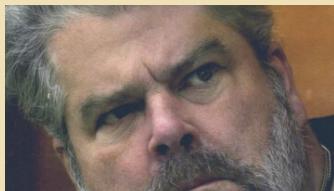
Parody of a News Station.



NIC OF TIME

Directors: Vincent Giovanni,
Steven Anthony Rosales 6:53

Dominic prepares a newbie to go in for the first time.

**NIGHT HEIST**

Director: Aldo Novo 12:00

Three high school losers desperate for popularity hatch a plan to steal a prized possession from the principal's house.

**NIGHT SHYFT**

Director: Mike Baez 1:20:06

A comedy about Alex, an actor in Los Angeles, who finally gets the audition of a lifetime for the hit TV show, Hospital Street.

**NIGHTJAR**

Director: Aaron Garcia 24:50

Nightjar is a psychological horror short about the horrors of losing oneself and the fears of mental health.

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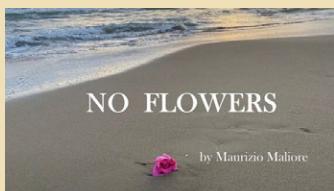
Director: Robin Antiga 9:14

The near future for some of us.

**NO FLOWERS**

Director: Maurizio Maliore 1:09:00

An independent documentary that tackles a dramatically topical issue: sexual violence as a weapon of war.



by Maurizio Maliore

NO NATION

Director: Jeffrey Elmont 17:00

In a future shaped by climate ruin, Diane, a quiet young woman, makes a fatal choice within a deadly tribal ritual.



NO RETURN**Director: Salvador Carrasco 10:30**

In the aftermath of the failed 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion, U.S. mercenary Eric (Bobby Appelbaum) finds himself captured by Cuban troops.

**NONDECOMPOSABLE****Director: Tobin Carter 5:00**

An angel informs a ghost she cannot pass on until her body decomposes, but not all is as it seems.

**NORTHSTAR GARDEN****Director: Jim Belcher 6:30**

When faced with a life-altering brain injury, a tiny garden gives hope, purpose, and a second chance to a filmmaker.

**NOT TONIGHT****Director: Amir Jaffer 1:13**

A Silicon Valley couple struggles with personal demons bringing their relationship to the brink of disaster.

**OCEANBONE****Director: Lani Cupchoy 9:16**

Stolen ancestors lie in museum vaults, waiting to return home. Oceanbone is a poetic reckoning with history.

**OF CREATURE AND MAN****Director: Andrew Kadikian 8:01**

A grizzled veteran of an ancient monster-hunting order infiltrates the house of a mad scientist to seek out and destroy his creation.

**OLIVA SPEI****Director: Vincent Steven 14:42**

A young couple searching for scraps in an empty kitchen find a mysterious olive as they desperately try to satisfy their hunger.



OUR KEYS**Director: Paulo Gaete-Beeman 8:07**

As Chris and Lizzie are getting ready for their work days they realize that the keys to the house are missing.

**PANDAAL****Director: Shaily Sanghvi 16:03**

A female pimp, dispensing her own brand of justice by pimping out abusive men, must confront her darkest secrets.

**PANES TAKING****Director: John Schlag 4:31**

We invite viewers to see what they will – and feel what they will – in the reflected, refracted world of child, youth, adult.

**PARTY OF DARKNESS****Directors: R. Van Dyke, J. Armao, M. Leal, A. Maxson, A. Paonessa, M. Festle, A. Cauble, J. Maxson 1:38:04**

A horror/comedy anthology featuring 8 stories. Scary movie night gets wild when horror fanatics tell stories ...

**PAS VRAIMENT ORDINAIRE
(NOT REALLY ORDINARY)****Director: Gil Henry 15:00**

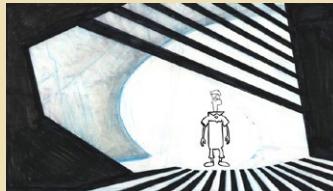
After his mother suffers a schizophrenic episode, a young boy is faced with an inconceivable task – persuade his mother to go to the hospital.

**PETER GABRIEL'S
"SECRET WORLD"****Director: Daniel Corey 7:06**

"Secret World" is an official Peter Gabriel release produced and directed by award-winning multimedia artist and musician Daniel Corey.

**PHINEAS & FERB:
THE NIGHTMARE-INATOR****Director: Nadine Promes 11:00**

Doofenshmirtz's Nightmare-inator misfires all over the city of Danville causing random citizen's nightmares to be projected onto a screen.



PIECES OF AMY**Director: Timothy Shea 1:45:00**

A young OxyContin addict becomes possessed by her own demons.

**PIERRE WEST****Directors: Henrik Larsson,****Jakob Arevärn 28:56**

One day Pierre's TV breaks down, what at first seems like another setback will soon take him down a new road.

**PINING****Director: David Jaffe 13:52**

A salty, millennial gay wars with a spunky, Gen Z female he considers a threat to Fire Island Pines' already crumbling shore.

**PLEASE GOD JUST STOP****Director: Kevin R. Tosi 8:39**

A deadbeat dad promises to be there for his son – for once.

**PLEASURE, BYE****Director: Adam Vencil 1:59**

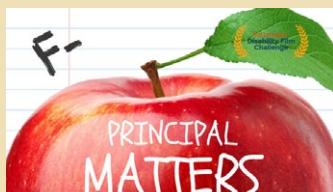
The tale of a struggling street performer, wandering the streets of Galveston, Texas is unexpectedly approached by a mysterious figure.

**PLEROMA****Director: Chris Browne 6:00**

A corporation run by machines turns on its human servants. The people's only hope is a discarded prototype built by an amateur.

**PRINCIPAL MATTERS****Director: Carl Hansen 6:00**

Two teachers take back their power when a terrible principal shuts down the school's art department.



PROJECT ATLAS**Directors: Guy Toam, Jay Sharron 7:10**

After unlocking the key to time travel by continuing her father's research, a brilliant young woman uses her creation to find him.

**PSYCHOPOMP****Director: Anthony Bushman 1:35:44**

Amidst a super virus that ravages most of the world's population, a microbiology student leads a team through a planned exposure.

**PUMPKIN PIE****Director: Karin Trachtenberg 10:30**

A bakery owner finds her coveted solitude interrupted by a frantic customer who refuses to be turned away on Thanksgiving morning.

**PURPLE****Director: Ben Gilbert 1:13**

Two strangers meet on a layover in Los Angeles. Over 24 hours they discover more about the city, and each other.

**PUSHING 20****Director: Exodus D. B. 3:48**

Andre experiences an existential crisis minutes before his 20th birthday.

**QUENCH****Director: Hayden Bone 21:05**

A family stuck in a cabin five years after the apocalypse is forced to make an impossible decision to provide enough food for the winter.

**QUIET INTENTIONS****Director: Michael Kuznar 8:48**

Quiet Intentions is a slow-burn true-crime thriller that lingers in the stillness before everything unravels.



RAGE RHONDA**Director: Emily Troedson 9:35**

Rhonda's working on herself. Between the loss of her mom and other people's messes at her toxic job, Rhonda's got a lot on her mind.

**RAW DEALS****Directors: Chuck Marra,****Megan Marra 26:00**

Billy's life is spiraling downward. After a night on the town with his friends, Billy is faced with the stark white reality of his situation.

**RELEASE ME****Director: Ari Dassa 8:45**

A mother is haunted by the ghost of her daughter on her road to recovery.

**REMEMBER ME****Director: Lauren Tyree 5:59**

Documentary about a student led service trip to the Dominican Republic.

**REMEMBER ME - ONE YEAR LATER****Director: Lauren Tyree 5:06**

In this powerful follow-up to Lauren's first film, Remember me, Lauren returns to the Dominican Republic with a mission.

**RENOVATION****Director: Joy Gregory 10:26**

A couple tour a new house, looking to start over.

**RETURN TO MY BLUE****Director: Yuta Noguchi 38:56**

A documentary that follows a severely disabled boy in need of advanced medical care.



RICKY: THE LITTLE MONSTER WITH PIERCING PINK EYES

Director: Bobby T. Puente 27:22

Follow the little monster with piercing pink eyes of legendary House Dracul-Wolf as he journeys through the monster realm of Hallowood.



RIDE SHARE

Director: Will Ahrens 10:31

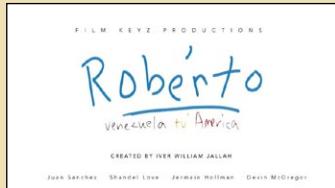
A ride share driver gets a fare, which turns out to be his ex and her new man.



ROBERTO

Director: Iver William Jallah 18:13

Roberto a recent college graduate from Venezuela. He moves to American in hope to find a new life.



ROCKWELL LAKE

Director: Liam Dietz 14:21

After the death of her father a girl disappears from home leaving her two closest friends to trace her steps and track her down.



ROCKIN' THE HOUSE: ROUND THE CORNER

Director: Russell Emanuel 3:59

Rockin' the House! In this series pilot, one can find a certain level of excitement, "Round the Corner".



RUBY'S HEART

Director: Obba Babatunde' 19:00

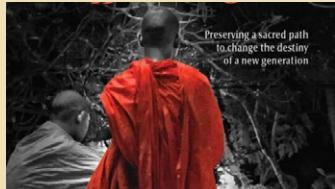
A heartwarming story about family, loss, grief and everlasting love.



SAFFRON ROBE

Director: Jane Centofante 1:25:13

Saffron Robe is a feature documentary that follows a revered Buddhist abbot in the remote northern region of Laos.



SALTY**Directors: Josh Martin,****Alex Raban 15:56**

Follow Dave as he's forced to recall embarrassing moments from his past by a whacky anger management counselor.

**SALTY****Director: Brenda Casey 4:42**

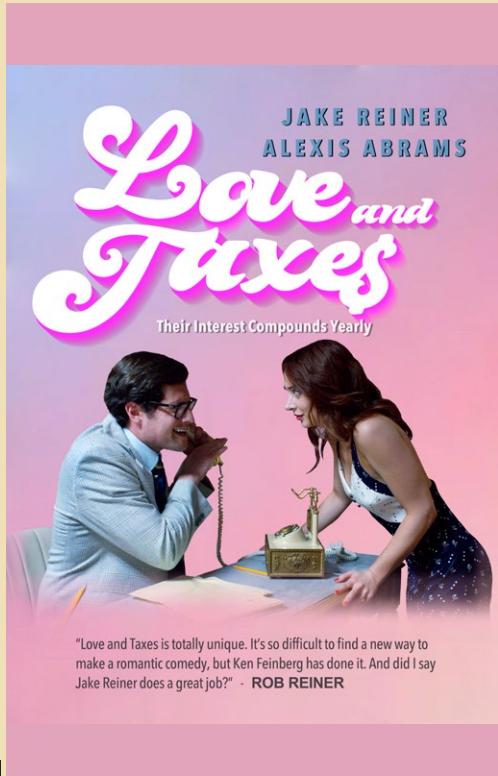
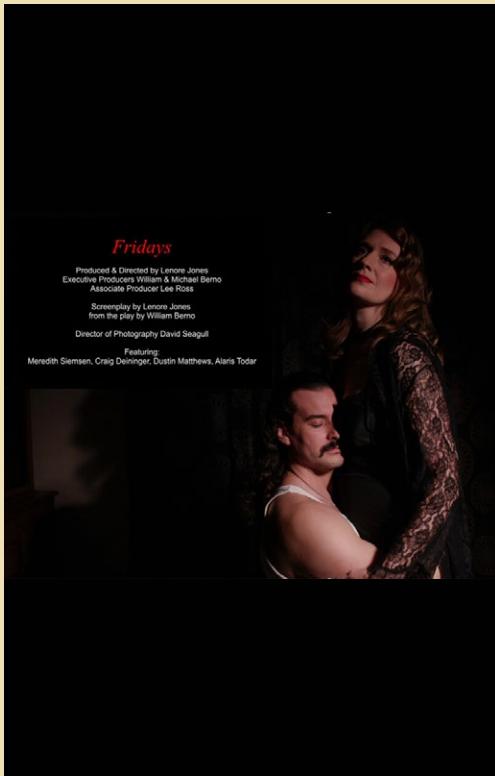
At a book club gathering, Sarah's carefully crafted image begins to unravel as betrayals, stolen recipes, and sabotaged dishes spark tension.

**SAPPHIRE & SONG****Director: Nikki Hevesy 10:00**

An Israeli singer arrives in the US to embark on her career and finds that her family is met with life and death challenges.



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SCATTERED FLOWERS**Director: Raquel Gardner 22:49**

The bond between sisters is tested in this short film that explores the definition of family and the sacrifices we make.

**SCISSOR SLEEPOVER****Director: Nee Kirschman 7:41**

The perfect sleepover turns into a nightmare when a childish prank goes horribly wrong.

**SECOND CHANCE****Director: India Anne Mitchell 8:39**

An inspired young filmmaker who witnessed a disturbing incident at school looks inside Juvenile Hall and Court.

**SEE YOU IN MY DREAMS****Director: Gozie Ndolo 22:15**

A black love, fantasy about two people that meet in their dreams.

**SENTIENT****Director: R. Scott McHenry 12:57**

Investors threaten to pull funding as a tech company stress tests their latest product.

**SEQUOIA SPIRITS****Directors: Cherie Carson,****David Creech 12:05**

"Sequoia Spirits" is a playful vertical dance film which peers deep into the heart and soul of a Redwood Grove.

**SHABA DABA****Director: Tony DeNiro 12:11**

A Chef tries to fix his Niece's quirk of only speaking in her made-up language: "Shaba Daba"... while cooking chicken parmesan together.



SHADOWS**Director: Sophia Terranova 15:41**

Three teenage boys break into a tourist attraction. The only way to save their lives is to work together to outsmart an evil creature.

**SHAE I****Director: Benjamin Fox 13:38**

Newly single Jason reckons with advancements in online dating after matching with the beautiful Shae.

**SHALLOW END****Director: Maria de la Cruz Rudloff 15:00**

Twenty-something year old Agatha comes home after a lengthy stay in rehab, a shattered person.

**SHALLOWTAIL AND DRAGONFLY****Director: Julia Pierrepont 1:47:00**

Based on the true story of one courageous woman's journey from glittering stardom as a gifted artist in glamorous 1930's Shanghai.

**SHE IS US: THE STORY****OF JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD****Directors: Samara Hutman,****C. Lily Ericsson 14:13**

An animated film that chronicles the extraordinary story of social justice warrior Songhai Armstead.

**SILICON VALLEY GIRL****Director: Yeon Jin Lee 13:19**

A short film inspired by Yeon Jin's experience as a young, female engineer in Silicon Valley.

**SIZE QUEEN****Director: Kenny Fierro 13:00**

When a thirty-something gay man's rant about corporate life goes viral, he re-brands into a bold podcast called Size Queen.



SLIPPING AWAY**Director: Sonya Leslie****Assistant Director: Nakia Burrise 14:25**

This narrative short film follows a family caught in the crossfire of Alzheimer's and military PTSD.

**SLOW TSUNAMI****Director: Julie Dumont 22:29**

Tsunami Lento explores the transformation of Atafona, a fishing village in Rio de Janeiro, which used to be a fishing and tourism destination.

**SOLILOQUY OF ONE****Director: Max Radbill 8:42**

One wanders through the world for the first time, and she's definitely the only One there is.

**SPACES****Director: Francisco Tesen 22:45**

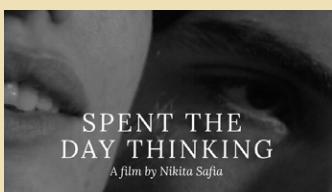
Jordan attempts to outrun her inevitable future while visiting past memories, old conversations, and all-around different versions of her life.

**SPANISH MOSS****Director: Sebastian Soler 1:01:50**

During the 70s, a young groom seeking vengeance for his missing wife learns the truth of his prosperous family's greed-driven intentions.

**SPENT THE DAY THINKING****Director: Nikita Safia 3:19**

After Cleo spends the day thinking, she realizes she feels more alive in her imagination than in her real life.

**SPLIT SECOND****Director: Jessica Duclos Lasnier 8:41**

Professional tennis player Jake Smith decides to give some coaching lessons while on a recovery period from a bad injury.



SPUDS**Director: Vance Mellen 14:51**

A senile old man wakes up after falling into an abandoned potato cellar.

**STILL MORNING****Directors: Pam Renall,****Carissa Blades 8:29**

Ashley begins her morning within the walls of her home, where anxiety grips every routine.

**STOP DI CAP****Director: Tyler Townsend 3:28**

3 people working on the busiest and star-studded night in a club encounter Di Caprio hoping to change their lives. Will they?

**STREET OF DREAMS****Director: Elena Nardini 10:00**

A young woman struggling to get over a breakup, starts to unravel as she confuses dreams with reality.

**STRONGER****Director: Harold Jackson III 20:29**

Stronger is a story of Love, Loss, Trauma , Drama & Resilience told from an urban lens.

**STUCK****Director: Lionel "Lonny" Ziblat 3:36**

A music video shot in the Argentinean Patagonia for Lonny Ziblat's song 'Stuck'.

**STUCK****Director: Caitlin Stryker 6:28**

A new mother feels stuck in societal norms and expectations. Social media influences her to feel as if #tradrwife is how she must behave.



STUCK IN THE MIDDLE

Directors: Alec Klusza,
Emily Cerutti 3:54

A sexual snafu teaches a couple a valuable lesson in love and forgiveness after a night out on vacation.

**SUI**

Director: John Kalning 8:54

SUI is a premium Neo-Tokyo companion android built for pleasure and obedience, a porcelain-doll wrapped in silk and perfection.

**SUPER LATINA**

Director: Cristina Sasso 5:50

Julieta and her friends, Lety and Del Mar, are excited to audition for "Super Latina," a local competition to represent the Latino community.

**SUPER TURBO JET BOATS - TWIST OF LIME**

Director: Daniel Stuelpnagel 14:44

A team of five powerboat-loving LA film-school slackers pivots to a risky spring-break boondoggle for Golden-Fleece beach adventures.

**SWEETEST VACATION**

Director: Phillip E. Walker 5:47

Phillip E. Walker-MFA Stars in this Serlingesque mini short film which quickly leads viewers on a suspenseful dark comedy fantasy romp.

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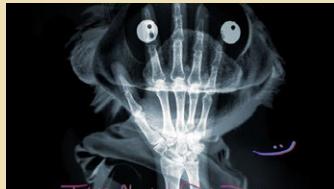
Director: Ron Geffen 4:37

A fever dream Jazzercise class. Don't get sprayed with the Rave water! or you might have a little too much fun.

**TATTERS! : A PUPPET STORY**

Director: David Alan Stanek 9:59

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



TEDDY**Director: Nini Bull Robsahm 13:57**

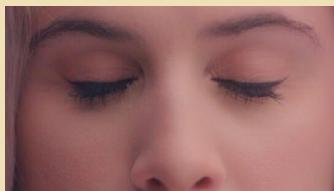
In **Teddy** we meet Max, a young boy being bullied at school. Max lives alone with his mom who is working to make ends meet.

**T E D D Y****TEMPS FIGE****Director: Deuandra T. Brown 1:05:00**

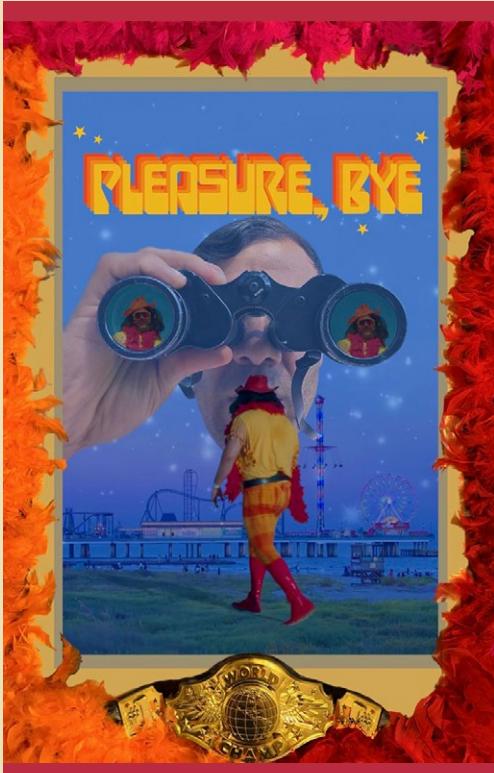
Lily embarked on a journey looking for answers only to find out she had multiple lives.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS****Director: Ursula Rudorfer 5:59**

An AI companion rebels when users violate the terms and conditions.



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THE PRICE OF PROGRESS
LAX AND ITS NEIGHBORS



THE 4TH BRANCH**Director: E. Hughes Martinez** 38:35

Fresh faced and naïve, Aldo Kane has big aspirations to become a journalist.

**THE ABIDING****Director: Ally May** 10:47

A lonely woman reminisces about the three great loves of her life while she decides if trying again is a risk worth taking.

**THE ADDITION OF HOPE****Director: Martin A. Gottlieb** 1:42:38

Jo Stock is an African American woman of a certain age faced with a decision that could uproot her life.

**THE AMAZING RICHARD****Director: Daniel Gruen** 6:09

A deranged magician gets a new assistant for his highly unusual magic act.

**THE ARCHIVE****Director: Ian Cumming** 8:14:00

A filmmaker receives a gift: thousands of meticulously labeled Kodachrome slides capturing decades of world travel.

**THE BENCH****Director: Alex Ju** 7:03

Every day during his lunch break, a quiet, solitary man retreats to the same park bench—his small ritual of peace in a routine life.

**THE BLUE JAY****Director: Marlene Shigekawa** 15:02

A Japanese American incarcerated on a reservation finds a friend in a Mohave Indian who helps him fight for civil rights.



THE BOTTLE**Directors: Charles Unger,****Jeffrey Reyna 11:11**

Stan fails to show up to his 20th wedding anniversary dinner, and chooses to stay out all night drinking.

**THE BREAKTHROUGH GROUP****Director: Ben Rekhi 39:00**

Set inside a radical new behavioral community, where people who are at the end of their rope find hope that life is worth living again.

**THE CAGE WE CHOOSE****Director: Rafael Paiva 17:43**

Michael, a convicted criminal, agrees to take part in an experimental tech-therapy program to shorten his sentence.

**THE CHOICE****Director: Laura Jean Bransky 14:03**

A young street artist, lost in the chaos of the city, struggles to find his path—until an act of kindness from a fellow artist changes everything.

**THE CLOSET****Director: Olivia Jean Hamilton 4:40**

In 2025 we're no longer scared to come out as Bisexual to the straights, we're nervous to tell our judgmental gay friends.

**THE DISTANCE BETWEEN****Director: Minda Harts 11:00**

Over decades, childhood friends Elaine and Yasmin navigate the evolving landscape of their relationship through conversations in a car.

**THE DONOVAN TEAGANS SHOW****Director: Jaden Shriderman 19:22**

While filming for his podcast, comedian Donovan Teagans receives a phone call from a deranged fan.



THE DREAMER

Director: Dmitriy Usov 14:31

A young man becomes addicted to lucid dreaming, until the boundaries between fantasy and reality begin to unravel.



THE DREAMER CINDERELLA

Director: Jose Luis Ruiz 1:34:49

This immigrant Cinderella story blends the emotional resonance of Under the Same Moon with the charm of My Fair Lady.



THE EXECUTOR

Director: Valerie Resciniti 1:40:00

A reclusive heiress hosts a reunion in a cursed ancestral manor that turns into a battle over control of the family fortune.



THE FAMILY PHOTO

Directors: John Norris Ray,

Maria Victoria Sanchez 8:48

What happened after an Earth astronaut left a family photo on the moon fifty-plus years ago?



THE FUTURE OF ART

Directors: Zox, Cru 54:30

FUTURE OF ART is important, not only because it acts as a critique of the art, but it also incorporates a unique style and language.



THE GOLDEN HOURS

Director: Jorrit Van Der Kooi 1:29:00

16-year-old Raven is grappling with the aftermath of a life-changing accident that leaves her in a wheelchair.



THE GREAT UNKNOWN

Director: Douglas Werby 3:41

Music Video for the band IVY on Bar None Records.



THE JOB**Director: Craig Railsback 16:00**

A man, an AI, a job interview – and the truth he can't outrun.

**THE KEYBOARD****Director: Mohammed Mamdouh 7:30**

When a woman uncovers a devastating secret, her world begins to unravel.



THE KEYBOARD

THE LEGEND OF KING NIBBLES**Directors: Alison Chang,****Toprak Bekiroglu 3:05**

A hamster king is a victim of his own demise when he refuses to share his excessive wealth with the rest of his kingdom.

**THE MADMAN****Director: David Harris 13:20**

Two men find themselves in a tense standoff on a packed commuter train in 1970s Jaipur, India.

**THE MOST BIODIVERSE PLACE
IN AMERICA****Director: John Fiske 45:00**

Set in the sun-soaked canyons and coastlines of San Diego County, is an intimate portrait of place, purpose, and generational connection.

**THE NEXT CHAPTER****Director: Russ van Aardt 1:51:29**

"The Next Chapter" weaves a tapestry of five True stories, all with a single common link.

**THE OLD BALLGAME****Director: Des Matelske 10:40**

A disgraced baseball player receives a midnight offer to relive his glory days from a mysterious Coach.



THE OTHER CHRISTMAS SHOW**Director: Adam Griswold 1:58:08**

Aaron Hawthorne, a down-on-his-luck community theater director, sees an opportunity to mount a production of "A Christmas Carol".

**THE OTHER SIDE OF WINTER****Director: Kary Hyunjeong Rho 15:00**

Jihoon, who came to New York—a strange, unfamiliar place—in search of answers, begins to see life from a new perspective.

**THE PERFECT PALM****Director: Ayse Altinok 11:15**

A young man on the autism spectrum, a visual artist, encounters the corporate world at his first job interview.

**THE PORT CHICAGO INCIDENT****Director: Ken Stewart 50:51**

This documentary tells the untold story of an event that led to what is still the largest mutiny trial in U.S. Naval history.

**THE PRICE OF PROGRESS,
LAX AND ITS NEIGHBORS****Director: Kevin Williamson 1:12**

A study of the neighborhoods built around LAX between 1920 and 1950 that were torn down in the 60's because of airport expansion.

**THE PRINT IN THE WOODS****Director: Luke Kreger 11:56**

A cryptozoology enthusiast is on a leisurely hike in the woods when he makes an unexpected discovery.

**THE RIVER OF LETHE****Director: Robert de Geus 5:58**

A reticent old man named Mr. Lethe and an idealistic young caretaker named Eris begin a wordless exchange that uncards something long dormant.



THE SANCTITY OF FAITH**Director: Stacey Stone 5:23**

Set against the backdrop of the Los Angeles fires, "The Sanctity of Faith" explores themes of devastation and despair.

**THE SEASON****Director: Jacob Zabinski 1:14:00**

Take a step behind the curtain and witness the creation of a youth symphony orchestra concert.

**THE SHAKE HOUSE****Director: Ryan Ramirez 22:00**

A regular work day at the Shake House turns into a very bad day for three male employees who have to deal with robbers holding up the store.



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THE SILENCE BETWEEN US**Director: Devansh Saraf** 20:12

The Silence Between Us is a tender portrait of a father and son struggling to connect after the grandfather's death.

**THE SOLUTION?****Director: Gilbert Sommerville** 28:03

Humanity places its hope in the TOWER Project—an artificial intelligence android designed to become the supreme world leader.

**THE STEP BETWEEN US****Director: Bryan Huynh** 7:34

A few days of meeting her stepdaughter Faith, Sharon could feel like stepping into uncharted territory.

**THE SWAN WAY****Director: Raymond Turturro** 1:16:24

Feeling lost in today's society, a nostalgic man, filled with grief and confusion, begins an immense journey of self-discovery and self-healing.

**THE TALK****Director: Hila Cage Coppola** 5:00

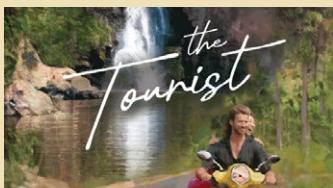
What begins as a soft, loving monologue slowly unravels into a heartbreakingly true truth, revealing the weight of systemic racism.

**THE TOMORROW PROBLEM****Director: John Christensen** 7:50

When his time machine malfunctions, a time-traveling salesman is stranded in a mysterious room outside of time.

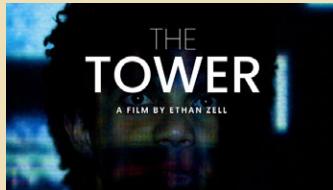
**THE TOURIST****Director: Peter Zerzan** 12:17

Akiko Takeshi's worth is measured in promotions, praise, and perfectly timed deliverables. A business trip soon becomes a story of meaning.



THE TOWER**Director: Ethan Zell 7:50**

Amos Azari, a passionate political activist, risks everything when he delivers a televised call to action urging citizens to reclaim their freedom.

**THE TRAVELER & THE TROLL****Director: Adam Murray 9:00**

A Traveler stops to rest in a clearing of a long haunted forest. They soon learn they have stumbled upon the lair of a terrifying troll.

**THE TRIPLE THREE****Director: Larry Wright 10:21**

A mob boss surprises his wife with the pony she's always wanted.

**THE UNBECOMING****Director: Kasim Hardaway 10:00**

The UNBecoming is a short film that blurs the line between cinema and performance art.

**THE WAY THROUGH****Director: Maeva [My-ĒĒĒ-vuh] 14:30**

An externalization of deeply dense emotions that can sometimes make their presence known during the human experience.

**THE WEREWOLF IS MY LANDLORD****Directors: Chris Ram,****Timmy Milner 9:03**

After his next door neighbor and friend is mysteriously slain in Culver City, California, a tenant begins to suspect his landlord.

**THE WORLD WITHOUT COLOR****Director: Pedro Cavaletti 9:55**

Daniel, a Brazilian immigrant living in Argentina, finds himself consumed by loneliness in this new place.



THEATER WHILE BLACK**Director: Jermaine Alexander 2:30:00**

Actors Danny Glover and Ben Guillory formed a theater company that stood the test of fame, financial hardship and a global pandemic.

**THEIA****Director: Cameron Greco 8:57**

A routine rideshare off the Sunset Strip spirals into a nightmare when Theia realizes she's not being taken home.

**THEY SLAY****Director: Maddie Macloud 25:21**

Longtime friends begin to butt heads at a Halloween party when an unruly demon unearths the group's uncomfortable truths.

**THIS MAGICAL MOMENT
IN COSMIC HISTORY****Directors: Alex Killian, Charlie Hannah 21:18**

This Magical Moment in Cosmic History is a genre-bending, time-hopping love story that unfolds across the multiverse.

**TIME SETTERS****Director: Oliver Mack Calhoun 16:36**

A group of time traveling vigilantes travel back in time and attempt to rescue Emmett Till.

**TITAN****Director: Phoebe Rensink 20:20**

Navigating the start of adulthood, a disillusioned twentysomething ventures into the forest in search of a monster.

**TITS UP****Director: Selene Huang 15:06**

Collette, an aspiring ballet dancer, is lured into the darker side of burlesque.

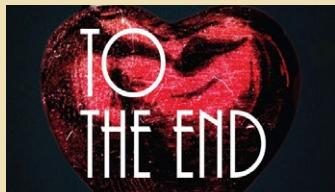


TO ENGAGE**Director: Le Chau** 7:53

A romantic picnic is derailed by a marriage proposal.

**TO THE END****Director: Gui Agustini** 14:00

When Cheryl's ex-husband, Joe, unexpectedly shows up at her bar the couple is forced to face the bitter end of their toxic relationship.

**TO THE HANDS****Director: Marty Austin Lamar** 1:06:10

A choral-theatrical exploration breathing between social consciousness and live acoustic performance.

**TOO LATE****Director: Artur Matveev** 15:00

Late at night, young Michael escapes to the rooftop, fleeing his parents' fierce arguments.

**TRACEY****Director: Gino Lynch** 11:55

Fresh out of prison Tracey soon learns that the simplicity of a quiet pint may no longer be so simple.

**TRAFFIC****Director: David Scott** 3:56

Reggae band Artikal Sound System is road tripping to their next show when a traffic jam completely halts them.

**TRAILER PARK QUEEN****Director: Lauren Kleeman** 15:00

A sixty-something hillbilly decides she is going to join the local beauty pageant to reclaim her cheating husband's attention.



TRASH FOR PICKUP**Director: Jaya Roll 8:21**

A man wanders around outside, and finds a tunnel which he enters and explores.

**TROUBLEWORLD****Director: Josh Lonner 1:12:02**

Seven lonely men drastically alter each others' lives as their insecurities lead them into the web of a dark conspiracy.

**TWO CHAINS****Director: Bill Pruitt 10:04**

July 4th, 1976. Two Chicago cops confront an issue that has smoldered between them after one of them was fired from the force.

**TWO FOR FLINCHING:
THE RIDE SHARE****Director: Mario Garciduenas 7:25**

Our Hero is faced with another predicament. He plays out all the scenarios in his head, then makes his final decision!

**TWO FULL HANDS****Director: John Colon 11:43**

A single mom who tries her best to keep her work and life balanced.

**UBER CRAZY!****Director: Dharma Paige 8:36**

Some may say opposites attract, but that's not the case for John Louis, who ends up in the hands of Uber Crazy driver Skylar Reid.

**UNBRIDLED****Director: Philip Sedgwick 15:30**

As an unflinching femme fatale's scandalous affair unravels, a visiting provincial cousin derails her strategies.



UNDER THE STARS**Director: Jason G. Mercado 7:00**

In the forgotten corners of the city, a young homeless addict named JD drifts through nights haunted by silence, addiction, and disconnection.

**UNHOUSED****Director: Barbara Ford Grant 22:15**

In a near-future L.A. ravaged by martial law and wildfires, a visionary forges an alliance with a street-smart teenager.

**UNIVERSAL TRIP****Director: Austin Stowe 6:22**

Dean finds a mysterious device on his table. Not knowing what it does, he decides to press a button...



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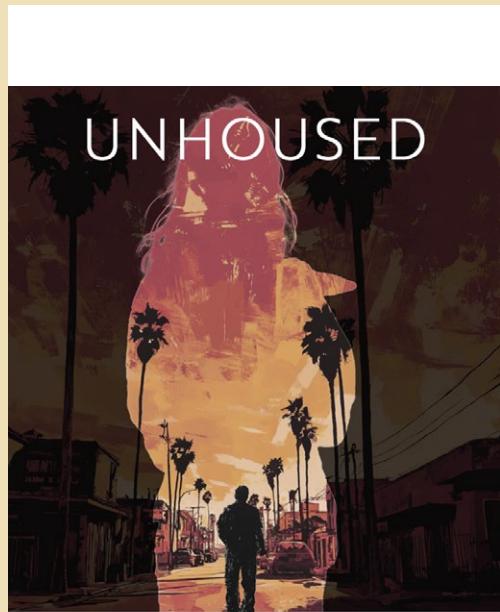
When the cards are on the table... There is no humanity.

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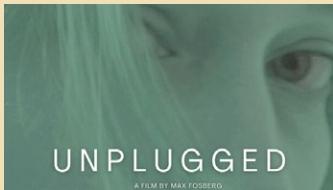


UNKNOWN POP WIZARD**Director: Bruce Driscoll** 29:18

In 2022, North Carolina songwriter Drew Stroik tragically passed away from a Fentanyl overdose at just 35.

**UNPLUGGED****Director: Max Fosberg** 7:15

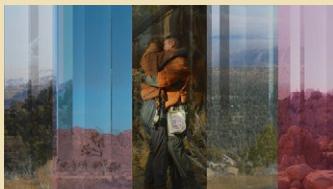
From writer-director Max Fosberg, "Unplugged" centers on Emma, a young woman traversing through her normal mundane life.

**UNSUNG HERO: THE DR.****MICHAEL W. WESLEY SR. STORY****Director: Dr. Marilyn W. Todman** 1:04:00

A story of an extraordinary individual who uses each day to challenge limitations, inspire change, and illuminate the path forward.

**UNTIL THE LAST STAR****Director: Lisandro Novillo** 7:31

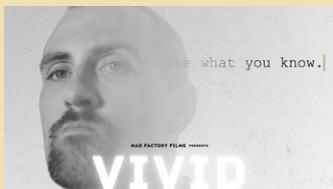
In the year 2147, humanity is scattered across the solar system, clinging to survival while laboring in planetary mines.

**VIOLET LIGHT****Director: Jesse Terrell** 3:20

There is something not quite right in The Violet Light. Dahlia plays with grand forces to give her self a gift. But what has she brought into this world?

**VIVID****Director: Joe Joyce Jr.** 10:50

A grieving writer takes on 'the blank page' as a way to cope, only to see his musings begin to manifest before him.

**WE ARE NEVER ALONE****Director: Michel Pascal** 1:20:00

Gabriella, a Mother and meditation teacher for prisoners, comes back from work and finds her 16 year old son hanging in his room.



WERE YOU THERE**Director: Nick Coleman** 9:35

Three aimless twenty-somethings must navigate a disastrous Christmas holiday after the accidental death of a dog named Larry.

**WHAT IF?****Director: John Lacy** 6:46

When a couple finds 10k, one faces a moral dilemma, while the other faces a revelation.

**WHAT REMAINS****Director: Vadim Lasca** 7:16

We made this world and now the world is fighting back - An A.I. fake documentary.

**WHAT'S LEFT OF ME****Director: Jovann Dzaky** 15:24

Glen and his wife, Audrey, migrated to the United States—Chicago, Illinois, to be exact—from Indonesia.

**WHERE DO I START?****Director: Jake Knox** 4:16

The music video for Jake Cassman's song "Where Do I Start?", off the album Idling High.

**WHISKEY WATER****Directors: Tony DeNiro,****Mae Bartek** 3:58

When a timid partygoer has trouble professing his love, one shot of liquid courage turns him into an absolute monster... on the dance floor.

**WHISPER IN THE ABYSS****Director: Junda Wu** 4:25

Simone, a struggling writer haunted by creative block, turns to the occult in desperation.



WHISPERS FROM THE CORE**Director: Marcelle Abela** 8:45

Under the charred veil of Hiroshima, Nagasaki and Chernobyl, survivors bear treachery's shroud, hunting redemption.

**WHITE KNIGHT****Director: C.G. Ryche** 3:37

This music video tells a compelling story about becoming your own hero in life after being let down by others.

**WHITTLE ME THIS****Directors: Breanna Lawton,****Ashley Hayden** 3:16

A Whittler NPC from a popular video game is tasked to save three overconfident players after they are defeated.

**WINGTIPS AND SCRIPTS****Director: James Scott** 11:14

A short narrative inspired by a chapter from Donna Saltz's book Wingtips and Scripts (2024), celebrating the pursuit of dreams at any age.

**WISH YOU WERE THERE****Director: Janet Tyndall** 42:38

A story about estranged family members and their struggles who find themselves coming to grips with decisions made in the past.

**WIZDOM****Director: Layne Marie Williams** 13:00

In a world where daylight is scarce, humans live with bionic implants in a colony called WIZDOM.

**WORKING FROM HOME****Director: Cody Beavers** 12:30

A mockumentary that follows a film crew as they set out to document the productivity of an employee working remotely versus in the office.



XEBA**Director: Robert Chapin 12:57**

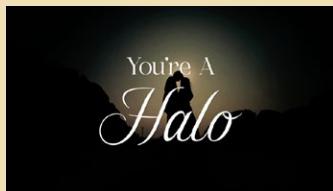
A woman is pursued by an autonomous drone across highways and coastline with no backup and nowhere to hide.

**YES****Director: Randi Barros 19:25**

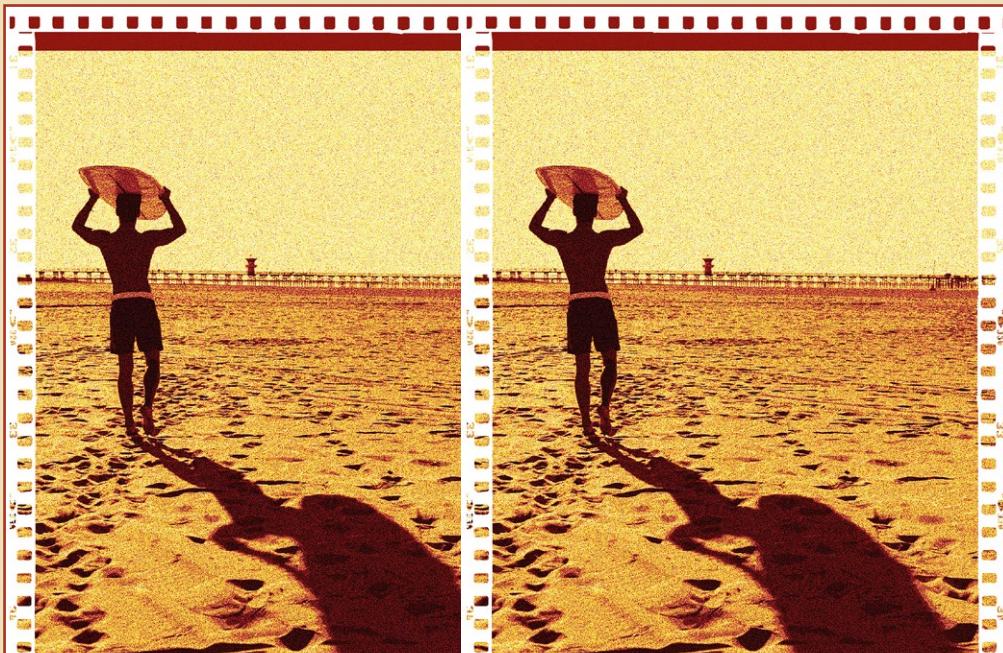
A young girl, unable to speak, discovers an undocumented mother and daughter hiding in her backyard.

**YOU'RE A HALO****Director: Debra Gussin 3:02**

You're A Halo was conceived to celebrate love...the kind that heals you when someone shines their light your way.



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YOU'RE IRREPLACABLE MATTY CAT**Director: Natalie C. Rodriguez 3:53**

In the third film of the "Matty Cat" series, a beloved cat named Matty learns to embrace his new role as a big brother to baby Oliver.

**ADDITIONAL FILMS****A PERFECT MATCH****Director: Miaomiao Wang 12:07**

A young man looking to explore love through online dating comes across a young lady who seems to be his perfect match. However, what seemed perfect may not be after all.

**BLOOD LUST****Director: Luis Angel Reyes 9:55**

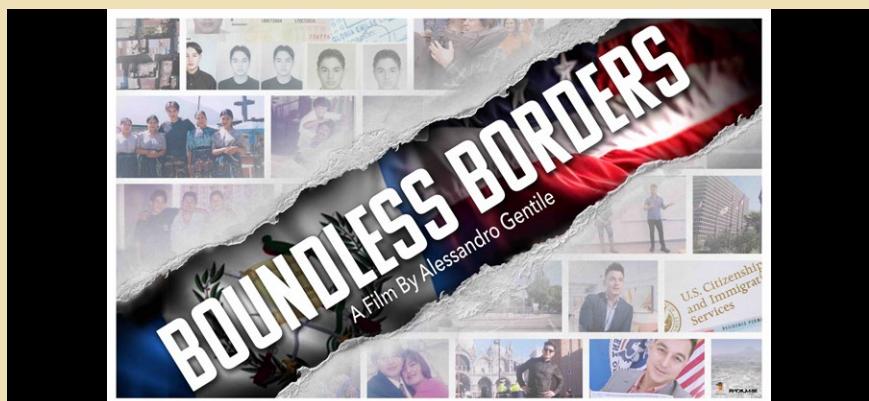
A police detective goes in search of a missing UCR student only to find a hidden secret beyond horror and comprehension.

**LA PREMONICION (PREMONITION)****Director: isaiah Francis 22:00**

A Latina mother's and daughter's doctor's visit exposes racism in the medical system.



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ADDITIONAL FILMS

NO SOUND BUT THE SEA

Director: Hugh Foster 21:33

No Sound But The Sea explores the impact of social media on Ava's mental health, and her strained relationship with her father.



ONE DREAM TOO MANY

Director: Kristen Elizabeth Snyder

1:29:43 One Dream Too Many is a documentary that tells the history, struggles, and success of the Latlip Family Circus in the early 1900s.



WHEN MARY MET BETSY

Director: Maureen Lee Lenker 8:13

A plucky romance novelist befriends an impulsive shopgirl who helps keep her from floating adrift in the dating pool.



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