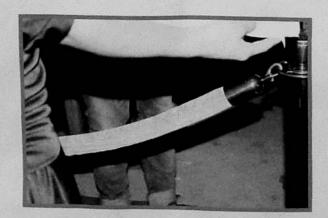
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MARCH 8-16, 2017

Team PIFF is elated to return this year, bigger and better than ever. We are so blessed, doing what we love to do, and this year we bring to you over 100 films from more than 15 countries. Cast and crew have flown in from all over the world to take in the magic of the cinema. Come join in the discussions and revelations as we screen films, hear directors, writers and actors discuss their craft, and of course, there will be cocktails! For our first time, we introduce our "Filmmakers Lounge," a swank place to kick back and enjoy your favorite libation while meeting industry pros and making new friends.

We also have panels, presentations, and of course, our Great Gatsby Gala & Award Ceremony. At this time more than ever, our nation and our world need art. Let's give it to them.

Jessica Hardin Executive Director







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Tickets for individual blocks are only \$12.00 and can be purchased/reserved at *www.Laemmle.com* or directly at the theater Box Office: 673 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91101 **626.844.6444**

Pass Pick Up

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

Why buy a pass?

When you purchase a pass, you receive specialty treatment. Seats are reserved for you at each screening and you are awarded special discounts at our parties and events. At only \$125, (less than \$2 per film) this is truly a deal that can't be missed...not to mention our Filmmakers Lounge with complimentary libations!

Can I buy just one ticket to just one movie?

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

Are there free events at the Festival?

Yes, there are! We have made every effort to create something for everyone. Our panels Saturday, March 11 at Vroman's Bookstore are *free and open to the public*. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

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...ask questions at our Q&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. All screenings take place at the Laemmle Playhouse 7 Movie Theater located at 673 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91101. www.laemmle.com



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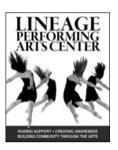
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Animal History Museum





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PIFF HIGHLIGHTS

Screenings

All screenings take place at the Lovely Laemmle. We adore the hard-working "Laemmle Family" and know you will too. Their lobby is decorated with our step-and-repeat, red carpet, and stanchions primed for your favorite "Selfie with the Stars." Our volunteers are gathered to help assist you as needed, while our filmmakers and other guests are there interviewing with the press.





Panels

Panels are free and open to the public and take place at the world-famous Vroman's Bookstore. Take part in "Breaking into Screenwriting," presented by the Scriptwriters Network and/or "Legal Dis-Ease: Navigating the World of Entertainment Law."

Filmmakers Lounge

A swank and lovely lounge dedicated to industry pros and lovers of art and culture. Every night features complimentary libations and music, not to mention a fabulous crowd!

Great Gatsby Gala & Award Ceremony

Appropriately taking place at The Speakeasy on North Raymond Avenue in Old Pasadena, step back in time to 1920 and enjoy delectable delights and cocktails while we discover who goes home with awards!







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. All screenings take place at the

Laemmle Playhouse 7 Movie Theater located at 673 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91101. www.laemmle.com

Please visit each venue's website for parking information.

Filmmakers Lounge: Lineage Performing Arts Center, 89. S. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena, CA 91105. www.lineagepac.org 626.844.7008

Wednesday, March 8

6:00 p.m. Screenings begin

9:30 p.m. Filmmakers Lounge Opens

Thursday, March 9

6:00 p.m. Screenings begin

9:30 p.m. Filmmakers Lounge Opens

Friday, March 10

6:00 p.m. Screenings begin

Filmmakers Lounge **CLOSED**

Saturday, March 11

11:30 a.m. Performance by Bnatural

Screenings begin

9:30 p.m. Filmmakers Lounge Opens

Panels

Vroman's Bookstore

695 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91101 www.vromansbookstore.com 626.449.5320

Complimentary Parking in the lot behind the store.

2:00 p.m. Breaking into Screenwriting!

Presented by the Scriptwriters Network

4:00 p.m. Legal Dis-Ease: Navigating the World of

Entertainment Law

Moderated by Dorothy Dillingham Blue

Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Panels are free and open to the public.

9:30 p.m. Filmmakers Lounge Opens

Sunday, March 12

12:00 p.m. Screenings begin

9:30 p.m. Filmmakers Lounge Opens

Monday, March 13

6:00 p.m. Screenings begin

9:30 p.m. Filmmakers Lounge Opens

Tuesday, March 14

6:00 p.m. Screenings begin

9:30 p.m. Filmmakers Lounge Opens

Wednesday, March 15

6:00 p.m. Screenings begin

9:30 p.m. Filmmakers Lounge Opens

Thursday, March 16

Great Gatsby Gala & Award Ceremony

Relive the roaring '20s at this hidden gem.
We recommend the cocktail the "Bee's Knees."
Guests must have an All-Access or Gala Pass to attend...
Passes are sold online at www.pasadenafilmfestival.org
and at Will Call at the Laemmle Playhouse 7 Theatre.

The Speakeasy

25 N. Raymond Ave., Pasadena, CA 91103

626.676.1205

www.speakeasypasadena.com

7 p.m. Red Carpet 8 p.m. Awards 9 p.m. Dancing

Thank you and see you next year!



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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.







9:30 p.m.

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Taste

Occam's Razor

A Knock at the Door

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Welcome to Willits

Professor Phillips and the Devil



Sunday, March 12

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The Owl and the Lemming

The Boy by the Sea

Little Folk of the Arctic

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New Age, Olde English

Empty Space

A Game of Chicken

Monday, March 13

12:00 p.m. Block 16: Vita Anima

Imperative Shift

The Shickles

Block 17: The Phantom Pain

8:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

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Perception

Victor's Last Class

Tuesday, March 14

Block 18: Behind Closed Doors

6:00 p.m.

After October

I am Still Here (NOTE: Contains violent and

graphic images, adult themes and language.)

Block 19: It's All Good in Hollywood 8:30 p.m.

The Lion's Den

I'm a Cat

Catching Up

5:00 p.m. *Desi*

2:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

Long Live the King

Wednesday, March 15

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6:00 p.m.

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Coffee Virgin

Elle

Rose Garden

Slipaway



ALPHABETICAL FILM LISTING

A.L.L.I.A.N.C.E.

Block 10: A View to a Thrill



Saturday, March 11 7:00 p.m.

(26 min.)

Synopsis: A.L.L.I.A.N.C.E. is a new science-fiction drama series in the tradition of *The X-Files* and *Fringe*, with a bit of *Homeland* thrown in for fun. It follows a team of NSA agents as they become drawn deeper into a web of conspiracy, deception and cover-ups, all related to the mysterious UFO and alien abduction phenomenon.

Awards: Award of Excellence, Best Shorts Competition, Platinum Winner, International Independent Film Awards, Winner of the Month, Direct Short Online Film Festival, Silver Award, California Film Awards, Best Web Series, New Media, Los Angeles Independent Film Festival Awards

Executive Producers: Sarah Carson, Kenneth Mader

Producer: Zander Villayne **Writer / Director:** Kenneth Mader

allianceseries.tv

The Adventures of Lucy

Block 12: The Times of Our Lives



Sunday, March 12 12:00 p.m.

(15 min.)

Synopsis: An imaginative young girl must find courage in defiance of the terrifying disease plaguing her body and mind

Awards: Second Place Narrative, CSU Media Arts Festival 2016, Nominated Best Student Short, Glendale International Film Festival 2016

Executive Producer: Kent Hayward **Producers:** Fran Portillo, Brandon Hojo **Writer / Director:** Teddy Valentovich *facebook.com/TheAdventuresofLucyFilm/*

After October

Block 18: Behind Closed Doors



Tuesday, March 14 6:00 p.m.

(20 min.)

Southern California Premiere

Synopsis: Two young friends are forced to come of age after being abducted on Halloween.

Awards: Special Jury Award – 12th Annual Cinema on the Bayou Film Festival

Producers: Ben Greenwald, Sarah Rafik Morcos,

Pierre Finn

Writer / Director: Pierre Finn *vmosproductions.com/afteroctober*

The After War

Block 13: Soldier On



Sunday, March 12 2:30 p.m.

(12 min.)

Synopsis: The wife of a mentally ill veteran and her son scrape by in an abandoned RV park, but they can't escape her worst fear: the return of her husband.

Executive Producers: Giorgio Litt, Thom Canalichio

Producers: Giorgio Litt, Thom Canalichio Writers: Giorgio Litt, Thom Canalichio

Director: Giorgio Litt soulofwitfilms.com/theafterwar

An Ocean Away Block 13: Soldier On



Sunday, March 12 2:30 p.m.

(15 min.)

Synopsis: A young battleship sailor searches for the balance between family and duty during the closing months of WWII.

Awards: Best Shorts Competition, Official Selection, California International Shorts Festival, Official Selection, SoCal Film Festival, Official Selection, Best Family Short and Best Cinematography nominations, Deep in the Heart Film Festival

Executive Producer: Robert F. Arvin **Producers:** Jeff Holder, Alfred Magallon

Writer: Jeff Holder **Director:** Robert F. Arvin facebook.com/anoceanawayfilm/

Between Shifts

Block 14: Power Grrrls!



Sunday, March 12 5:00 p.m.

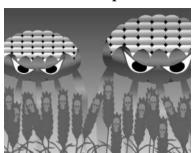
(12 min.)

Synopsis: A lonely diner waitress has a Cinderella-like transformation between her lunch and dinner shifts. Awards: Best Ensemble Cast (Short Film), Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema, Mary Austin Award for Excellence in Screenwriting (Short Film), Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema, Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema Award for Excellence in Filmmaking Producers: Jaime Saginor and Kellie O. Davis

Writer: Jaime Saginor
Director: Lysandra Petersson
facebook.com/betweenshifts/

The Big Secret

Block 3: Wake Up



Thursday, March 9 6:00 p.m.

(70 min.)

March 8 - 16, 2017

Synopsis: This groundbreaking documentary film explores the truth behind some of today's most widely accepted medical practices, and seeks to expose how the focus on corporate profits influences traditional medical treatment in the United States.

Awards: Numerous awards, including Award of Merit Special Mention, IndeFest Film Awards 2016, Award of Merit, Accolade Competition Film Awards 2016

Executive Producer: Alex Voss Producer: Susan Downs, M.D. Writers: Keith Harrison, Paul Porter Directors: Susan Downs, M.D., Alex Voss

thebigsecretmovie.com

Bud's Odyssey

Block 13: Soldier On



Sunday, March 12 2:30 p.m.

(26 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: The epic WWII survival story of 1st Lt. Robert

"Bud" Kingsbury"

Executive Producer: Jennifer Kingsbury

Producers: Mark and Leticia Kirkland, Collin Fowler Writers: Mark Kirkland and the Kingsbury Family

Director: Mark Kirkland budsodyssey.com

A Children's Song

Block 13: Soldier On



Sunday, March 12 2:30 p.m.

(26 min.)

Synopsis: When two students competing for a music scholarship discover that their original compositions are based on a single family song, both are determined to prove ownership, leading them to uncover the long lost true origin of the melody.

Awards: Numerous awards, including Short Film & Best

Director, LA Shorts Awards

Executive Producer: Kenneth Huang **Producers:** Jane Wu, Sid Ganis Writer / Director: Shayna Cohen

achildrenssong.com

Bola

Block 9: Listen



Saturday, March 11 4:30 p.m.

(27 min.)

Synopsis: *Bola* is a CLICKON original documentary about L.A.'s best street soccer team. Comprised of freestylers and street soccer players from around the globe, this diverse group of athletes has one thing in common: their dedication to bola. Both the title of the film and the name of their team, bola is more than the Spanish word for ball; it's a lifestyle.

Awards: Gold Award at the Mindfield Film Festival. Best Documentary Short, California International

Shorts Festival

Executive Producer: Richard Wilson

Producer: Benjamin Potter Writer: Jesus Armando Arambula

Director: Ian Cumming clickonstudios.co

Candice & Peter's Smokin' Hot Date

Block 15: The Best Medicine



Sunday, March 12 7:30 p.m. (8 min.)

California Premiere

USA/Canada

Synopsis: While trying to cook a romantic dinner at home, Candice and Peter get into a dispute over which wine pairs best with their pork chops. As the debate intensifies, their romantic evening looks like it's going to go up in smoke!

Executive Producer: Fred Mletzko

Producers: Leanne Melissa Bishop, Michael P. Mason,

Kelly Perine, David Wetzel

Writers: Leanne Melissa Bishop, Kelly Perine Directors: Leanne Melissa Bishop, Michael P. Mason

candiceandpeter.com

Cinephiliac

Block 8: The Mind's Eve



Saturday, March 11 2:00 p.m.

(34 min.)

Canada

Synopsis: A determined young cinephile chases the man of her dreams through an odyssey of film genres only to be vexed at each turn by her own subconscious insecurities.

Executive Producer: UNICA Cinema Inc. Producers: Matthew Tichenor, Jeannie Chow,

Natsumi Akatsuka

Writer / Director: Matthew Tichenor unicacinema.com/cinephiliac.html

The Boy by the Sea

Block 12: The Times of Our Lives



Sunday, March 12 12:00 p.m.

(7 min.)

The Netherlands

Synopsis: The story of an unlikely friendship. A young boy sitting by the sea, watching the stones he throws disappear beneath the surface. An old lighthouse keeper.

Awards: Numerous awards, including Best Short Film, Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival 2016, Best Short Film, Best Independents International Film Festival, Germany, 2016

Executive Producer: Vasily Chuprina

Producers: Vasily Chuprina, Aleksandra Ukhaneva

Writer: Andreas Illmer **Director:** Vasily Chuprina facebook.com/theboybytheseafilm

Catching Up

Block 19: It's All Good in Hollywood



Tuesday, March 14 8:30 p.m.

(13 min.)

Synopsis: Two best friends from high school reconnect over a summer back home, as one helps the other win a girl's heart.

Producers: Barry Galperin, Joshua Thomas,

Angelee Breuninger

Writer / Director: Barry Galperin

Coffee Virgin

Block 21: Kin May Be Kith



Wednesday, March 15 8:30 p.m.

(2 min.)

Synopsis: Coffee Virgin is a psychedelic short film about a boy who tries coffee for the first time.

Awards: Silver Remi Award, WorldFest Houston, Best Micro Short, Fort Worth Indie Film Showcase Producers / Writers / Directors: The Perez Bros.

Coming to Terms

Block 1: More than Kin



Wednesday, March 8 6:00 p.m.

(12 min.)

Synopsis: Two children are eager to reunite with their dad in Heaven, as they are convinced there's a beautiful afterlife in Paradise.

Awards: Numerous awards, including Best Short Film, Aberdeen Film Festival, Scotland, 2016, Best Drama, Los Angeles Independent Film Festival Awards, 2016, Best Short Film, CortiSonanti, Festival Internazionale per cortometraggi, Italy, 2016

Executive Producer: David Bertran

Producers: Yolanda Centeno, Gabriela Dorini,

Phyllis Larrymore-Kelly **Writer / Director:** David Bertran

Desi

Block 19: It's All Good in Hollywood



Tuesday, March 14 8:30 p.m.

(6 min.)

Synopsis: In 1951, little-known Cuban bandleader Desi Arnaz lays the foundation that changes television history. Based on a true story.

Awards: Best Shorts Film Festival, Award of Merit **Producers:** William Barfield, Alexander Bedria

Writer / Director: Alexander Bedria

Dolled Up

Block 14: Power Grrrls!



Sunday, March 12 5:00 p.m.

(2 min.)

Synopsis: When an insecure girl finds a beautiful doll, she learns that the cost of beauty cuts too deep.

Executive Producer: Swan Oh Producer: Cynthia Nava Writer / Director: Swan Oh

Don't Tell Larry

Block 15: The Best Medicine



Sunday, March 12 7:30 p.m.

(16 min.)

Synopsis: Two co-workers go to extreme lengths in order to keep big secrets away from their emotionally unstable colleague, Larry.

Executive Producers: Greg Porper, John Schimke Producers: Matthew Murumba, Greg Porper, John Schimke

Writers / Directors: Greg Porper, John Schimke

Dot

Block 5: Sci-Fi High



Friday, March 10 6:00 p.m.

(27 min.)

Germany

Synopsis: While crossing against the red light, a man gets hit by a car. Five days after the fatal accident he wakes up under the shower with 11 marks on his wrist. He slips, breaks his neck and suddenly stands in an elevator—with only 10 marks left. A fight for survival against and through time has begun...

Producers: Tali Barde, Louis Bürk, Avalon Film - Tali Barde UG

Writers: Tali Barde, Milan Grünewald, Katja Winke Director: Tali Barde

Drawing Home

Block 7: The Jazz Age



Saturday, March 11 11:30 a.m.

(113 min.)

Synopsis: Boston in the 1920s. A young East Coast debutante is dating the most eligible bachelor in the world, John D. Rockefeller III. Her future seems set: a dream life in the upper echelons of society. But when she least expects it, she meets a young painter from one of the most beautiful places on Earth, the Canadian Rocky Mountains. Their worlds are polar opposites.

Producers: Margarethe Baillou, Allan Neuwirth **Writers:** Donna Logan, Markus Rupprecht

Director: Markus Rupprecht drawinghomemovie.com

Eden Hostel

Block 20: The Arts of Living



Wednesday, March 15 6:00 p.m.

(14 min.)

Spain

Synopsis: The Eden Hostel is a humble and dirty place run by an elderly couple. Hanging from the wall of one of its rooms is a statue of the Virgin Mary who narrates, from her peculiar point of view, the stories of the various guests who stayed there through the years. One of those stories, the one about Yolanda and Felix, will make a huge impact on her.

Awards: Numerous awards, including Best editing, Tomacorto, Best director, Best costumes, Medina del Campo, Best Visuals, Best actor, Telemadrid Award, Semana del Corto de Madrid

Executive Producer: Luis Manso Producer: Paco Ponce de León Writer / Director: Gonzaga Manso

Elle

Block 21: Kin May Be Kith



Wednesday, March 15 8:30 p.m.

(18 min.)

North American Premiere

Synopsis: Thirteen year-old Anna discovers her widower father is romantically involved with her French tutor. Between teenage melancholia and taking care of the home since her mother's passing, she seeks a way to accept a new mother-figure and leave her childhood behind ...

Producers: Caro Kay, Lara Lihiya, Michael Bond **Writer / Director:** Michael Bond

Empty Space

Block 15: The Best Medicine



Sunday, March 12 7:30 p.m.

(17 min.)

Synopsis: All is not well at the Warner Grand Playhouse: a simmering feud between the cast and crew flares into open mutiny three days before *Romeo and Juliet* is set to open.

Executive Producer: Downtown Repertory Theater

Producers: Devon Armstrong, John Armstrong Writer / Director: Devon Armstrong

Entering Mars

Block 5: Sci-Fi High



Friday, March 10 6:00 p.m.

(3 min.)

Synopsis: A teaser of a long story set in the near future when a new space race between China and the U.S. begins on Mars. While people from different nations want to make their own nation be the first one to conquer Mars, both of their opponents and the harsh environment on Mars want to kick them out of the planet.

Awards: Los Angeles Independent Film Festival Awards

Producer / Writer: Yijian Lou Directors: Kirill Yusim, Zhao Lin

A Game of Chicken

Block 15: The Best Medicine



Sunday, March 12 7:30 p.m.

(5 min.)

Synopsis: A jammed gun leads to unforeseen problems. Awards: Audience Award, Moondance 2016

Producer: Meth Bandara Writer / Director: Michael Hilf

Fosse, Recreated

Block 20: The Arts of Living



Wednesday, March 15 6:00 p.m.

(28 min.)

Synopsis: Bob Fosse's Associate Choreographer Kathryn Doby is recreating the opening dance number of the 1978 Bob Fosse Broadway Musical Dancin' at the dance department of Pace University in downtown Manhattan.

Producer: Wolfgang Glattes Writer: Kathryn Doby **Director:** Wolfgang Glattes

A Gift



Wednesday, March 15

Synopsis: Jack wants to steal money and valuable things from Margaret's house. But Margaret, a blind elderly woman, is at home and talks with Jack as if he is her son. Awards: Student Film, Best Actress, StoneFair International Film Festival, Best Short Film, Macabre Faire Film Festival

Executive Producer: Changxin Liu Producers: Changxin Liu, Ben Niu Writers: Raiza Centeno, Yiqiong Li

Block 20: The Arts of Living



6:00 p.m.

(17 min.)

Director: Yiqiong Li

Block 14: Power Grrrls!

Have a Little Faith



Sunday, March 12 5:00 p.m.

(13 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: A rebellious teenage girl is determined to get kicked out of her new Christian high school while teaching the new boy she meets there what it really means to "have a little faith."

Producer: Daniel Greenstreet Writer / Director: Ashton Avila

He Said

Block 14: Power Grrrls!



Sunday, March 12 5:00 p.m.

(14 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: A wealthy young woman is brought to court after a man she spent one night with contracts HIV. She knew she was HIV-positive but never told him. He is suing for damages and to cover his medical bills for life. If she doesn't pay, he may not live. It should be an open and shut case, so why isn't it?

Executive Producer: Philippe Brenninkmeyer

Writer: Chase Hinton Director: Tara Lynn Orr avenueroadfilms.com

G.I. Hospital

Block 3: Wake Up



Thursday, March 9 6:00 p.m.

(6 min.)

Synopsis: Antiwar comedy. A group of severely wounded soldiers are cheerful about their injuries. After all, it's not like they lost their arms or legs for nothing. It was "for their country," so that makes it okay. This film uses humor to encourage the viewer to think twice about the personal cost

Awards: Best Animated Short at the California

International Shorts Festival, 2016

Animation Directors: Carol Rasaphangthong, Jennifer Kim

Producer / Writer / Director: Jonny Lewis

Guardian

Block 20: The Arts of Living



Wednesday, March 15 6:00 p.m.

(35 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: A cruel man dies and wakes up in a high school job fair for afterlifes. After realizing that no single religion offers what he's looking for, he becomes a guardian angel for a troubled young woman looking for meaning in her art. Awards: Awards of Merit, IndieFEST Film Awards, Accolade, Global Film Competition, Honorable Mention,

SaMo Indie 2016

Producers: Chris Bower, Cristina DiMarzio, Anthony Gibson

Writers: Chris Bower, Cristina DiMarzio

Director: Anthony Gibson

Her Son

Block 1: More Than Kin



Wednesday, March 8 6:00 p.m.

(23 min.)

Germany

Synopsis: Gregor is a musician and dreamer. He likes his life—as long as he doesn't have to explain himself to his mother Irène. Long ago he gave up hope of being more than a less well-off son for the successful gallerist one day. A radical deterioration of Irène's health status is forcing Gregor to leave his mother's shadow and jump over his own.

Awards: Board of Directors Award, Naperville Independent Film Festival, First Step Film Festival

Producer: Markus Kaatsch Writer: Florian Plumever Director: Katharina Woll

Hope I Die

Block 12: The Times of Our Lives



Sunday, March 12 12:00 p.m.

(4 min.)

Synopsis: A young boy finds beauty in death.

Music: John Paul White

Writer / Director: Adam Dougherty

kreaturekid.com

House Broken

Block 12: The Times of Our Lives



Sunday, March 12 12:00 p.m.

(16 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: A married couple's difficulty potty training their reluctant 4-year-old puts a strain on their marriage...and their social lives.

Awards: Gold Remi, Best Comedy, Worldfest Houston, Best Original Score for a Short Film, Long Island

International Film Expo

Producer: Heather Brittain O'Scanlon

Writers: Heather Brittain O'Scanlon, Andy Peeke

Director: Beth Spitalny housebrokenfilm.com

I Am Still Here

Block 18: Behind Closed Doors



Tuesday, March 14 6:00 p.m.

(103 min.)

Synopsis: Layla is 10 years old, and about to meet her new family. She just doesn't know it yet.

Awards: Best Independent Film, Hollywood Reel

Independent Film Festival

Executive Producers: Marlene Marcus, Michael Lipoma,

Natalie Biblé, Brad Brizendine, Kirk Roos

Producers: Stephanie Bell, Mischa Marcus, Andrew Mark

Haines

Writer / Director: Mischa Marcus

iamstillheremovie.com

I'm a Cat Block 19: It's All Good in Hollywood





Tuesday, March 14

Synopsis: Christopher and Bridget have been dating. They like each other. Christopher wants to get serious. But Bridget wants to see other cats. Real cats. Executive Producer / Writer: Mike Rad Producers / Directors: April Eckfeld, Mike Rad facebook.com/ima catthefilm/

Imperative Shift

Block 16: Vita Anima



Monday, March 13 6:00 p.m.

(14 min.)

USA and Japan

Synopsis: This film discusses the current situation of the Fukushima nuclear disaster and the problems in the nuclear power industry worldwide.

Awards: Numerous awards, including Award of Recognition, Accolade Global Film Competition, La Jolla, California, Festival Heart Award, Judges Award, Intendence Film Festival, Denver, Colorado

Producer / Writer / Director: Yoko Kubota imperativeshiftdoc.com

Inez Milholland—Forward into Light

Block 14: Power Grrrls!



Sunday, March 12 5:00 p.m.

(15 min.)

Synopsis: This short documentary tells the story of American icon Inez Milholland, who broke convention with her striking conscience advocating for gender equality, pacifism, racial justice, unions and free speech in the early 20th century. She became the voice of suffrage.

Producer / Writer / Director: Martha Wheelock inezmilholland.org

Inside Linda Vista Hospital

Block 6: Something Wicked This Way Comes



Friday, March 10 8:30 p.m.

(13 min.)



Synopsis: A young girl wakes up in a hospital surrounded by police covered in the blood of her boyfriend. With the help of a video camera she slowly pieces together what

happened...and she may not like what she finds. Awards: Best Director (student short), Best Horror Film, Los Angeles Independent Film Festival

Producer: Guannan Li Writer: Dongjing Yuan

Executive Producer / Director: Jun Xia

It Happened Again Last Night

Block 14: Power Grrrls!



Sunday, March 12 5:00 p.m.

(14 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: Paige must choose between love and fear before she has no choices left to make.

Executive Producer: Tony DeBenedetto

Producers: Gabrielle Stone, Roze, Elizabeth Mihelich

Writers / Directors: Gabrielle Stone, Roze facebook.com/ithappenedagainlastnight

l'ai Tout Mange

Block 17: The Phantom Pain



Monday, March 13 8:30 p.m.

(6 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: Frankie Clark, a middle-aged writer, wants nothing more than to give his girlfriend, Celeste Demmings, everything. But when he can't afford to buy her the ring she has her heart set on, their relationship becomes strained, forcing Frankie to take drastic measures to make

Producer / Writer / Director: John Humphreys

A King's Betrayal

Block 8: The Mind's Eye



Saturday, March 11 2:00 p.m.

(9 min.)

Synopsis: The final days in the life of a piñata, as told from the piñata's perspective.

Awards: Numerous awards, including Best Live Action Short, Phoenix Film Festival, Special Jury Prize, Narrative Short, Indie Memphis, Best Comedy Short,

Blue Whiskey Independent Film Festival **Producers:** Andres Avalos, Lily Nguyen,

Ahmed El-Mawas Writer: Ari Grabb

Director: David Bornstein

A Knock at the Door

Block 6: Something Wicked This Way Comes



Friday, March 10 8:30 p.m.

(8 min.)

Synopsis: Moments after a bloodcurdling scream disrupts Nick's normally peaceful neighborhood, a frantic knocking at his door triggers events that unknowingly alter his fate forever.

Awards: Jury Choice Award, Atlanta Horror Film Festival

Executive Producer: Kelley Mack
Producers: Kelley Mack, Wendie Weldon,

Katrina Rennells, Drew Jenkins

Writers / Directors: Katrina Rennells, Wendie Weldon

aknockatthedoor.com

Le Risqué Zéro (The Diminished Risk)

Block 8: The Mind's Eye



Saturday, March 11 2:00 p.m.

(28 min.)

France

Synopsis: A baby is communicating with his parents from inside his mother's belly to negotiate his forthcoming birth. So naturally he hires a notorious lawyer...

Awards: Numerous awards, including Best Director, Anything Goes Light, Flagler Film Festival, Florida, Best Short film, Julien Dubuque International Film Festival Iowa, Best Director, Dada Saheb Phalke Film Festival, New Delhi, India

Producers: Franck Lacoeuille, Jean-François Mozerr

Executive Producer / Writer / Director:

Philippe Lacoeuille

facebook.com/Le-Risque-Zero-the-Diminished-

Risk-1068795733166707/

Lemonade Mafia

Block 12: The Times of Our Lives



Sunday, March 12 12:00 p.m.

(7 min.)

Synopsis: Kira's organic lemonade dynasty becomes jeopardized when newcomer Shantel Osgood sets up an extremely successful pink lemonade stand that encroaches her territory.

Executive Producers: Ann Donahue, Matt Partney,

Anthony Perez, Somaini Family **Producers:** CJ Pyles, Redelia Shaw

Writer: Keith Edie Director: Anya Adams lemonademafia.com

Lennon

Block 14: Power Grrrls!



Sunday, March 12 5:00 p.m.

(15 min.)

Synopsis: Lennon Gandhi Mayburn (Kim Kutner) is different; she sees dead people. And with the help of her favorite departed friend, Mrs. Polanski (Nancy Cartwright), an old lady with a penchant for adventure, she learns that although she may never see her beloved parents again, there may still be hope at true love in the real world.

Award: Honorable Mention Award, ifab

Producers: Kevin Garrison, Nathan Lorch, Milena

Ferreira

Writer: Milena Ferreira

Directors: Nathan Lorch, Milena Ferreira

The Letter

Block 14: Power Grrrls!



Sunday, March 12 5:00 p.m.

(12 min.)

Synopsis: A heartbroken New Yorker, who can't even get his suicide letter right, meets a mysterious woman and a sweater-wearing dog who may ultimately save his life.

Awards: Numerous awards, including Award of Excellence Film Short, IndieFEST Film Awards, Short of the Month: Art With Impact, Video off the Week, Awardeo

Producers: Brian A. Ross, Johnathan Bowling

Writer / Director: Brian A. Ross

The Lion's Den

Block 19: It's All Good in Hollywood



Tuesday, March 14 8:30 p.m.

(8 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: A blind date gone very wrong. Executive Producer: Aaron Foster Producer: Orchid Cameron Writer / Director: Aaron Foster

The Listening Hour

Block 9: Listen



Saturday, March 11 4:30 p.m.

(7 min.)

Synopsis: A young woman sits on a park bench, distracted by the people around her. A mother enjoying a picnic with her daughters, an older gentleman drawing in his sketch pad, and a college student playing basketball with his friend. As Becca studies their behavior, she realizes that they are each struggling with a lack of communication, which stems from the need of a human connection.

Executive Producers: Bobby Brodney, Kelcy Valletta Producers: Louis Oswald, Chris Valletta Writer / Director: Kelcy Valletta

kelcyvalletta.com/filmmaking

Little Folk of the Arctic

Block 12: The Times of Our Lives



Sunday, March 12 12:00 p.m.

(3 min.)

Canada

Synopsis: Inuit traditional knowledge is filled with references to many different races and tribes of little folk. These beings always try to avoid human encounters, but over the years Inuit hunters and shaman have gathered stories and experiences to help us understand these small inhabitants.

Awards: Best Short Animation, Seoul Guro International Kids Film Festival

Producers: Louise Flaherty, Neil Christopher **Writer/ Director:** Neil Christopher

Long Live the King

Block 19: It's All Good in Hollywood



Tuesday, March 14 8:30 p.m.

(67 min.)

Synopsis: Feature documentary about the enduring popularity of the character King Kong, and how the 1933 film of the same name has inspired countless artists, writers and filmmakers.

Awards: Best Documentary, F.A.S.H. Film Festival, Best Documentary, Fright Night Film Festival Executive Producers: Scott Anderson, Steve Iverson Producers: Brian Kelly Jones, Scott Weitz Writers / Directors: Frank Dietz, Trish Geiger

Love Gov: From First Date to Mandate Block 3: Wake Up



Thursday, March 9 6:00 p.m.

(26 min.)

Synopsis: The story of an independent, fun-loving, young woman, Alexis, and her boyfriend, Scott "Gov" Govinsky, who is always there to help. Always, whether you like it or not.

Awards: Numerous awards, including Best Editing, Lights, Camera, Liberty Film Festival 2015, Award of Merit, Anthem Film Festival 2016,

Executive Producers: David J. Theroux, John Papola Producers: Marshall Walker Lee, Ryan Hunts Writers: Frank Fleming, Marshall Walker Lee Directors: John Papola, Bradley Jackson independent.org/lovegov

Man & Machine...and Jazz

Block 7: The Jazz Age



Saturday, March 11 11:30 a.m.

(5 min.)

Synopsis: A short documentary about a jazz musician and his favorite vintage car.

Executive Producer: JD Moore

Producers: Steve Johnson, Will DaRosa, Aaron McKenzie

Director: Will DaRosa

Mirrored

Block 5: Sci-Fi High

longlivethekingmovie.com



Friday, March 10 6:00 p.m.

(25 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: In the future, resurrection is a reality for those who can afford the price. Derek Krat is brought back to life following a fatal car accident, and soon discovers the procedure has gone terribly wrong.

Executive Producers: Rex Hill, Adrian Zaw, Alice Hill Queenie Wong

Writer: Andrew M. Henderson Producer / Director: Bradford Hill mirroredfilm.com

My Name Is Lamar

Block 9: Listen



Saturday, March 11 4:30 p.m.

(7 min.)

Synopsis: A short film based on a true story. Racism isn't determined by geography or age. This film looks at one such incident.

Awards: Award of Merit, Best Shorts Competition, La Jolla, CA, Best Screenplay, Acting, Cinematography, Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema

Executive Producers: Dale E. Turner, Delores A. Turner **Producers:** Dale E. Turner, Linda Palmer, Marvin Glover

Writer: Dale E. Turner Director: Linda Palmer

turnerworks24.wixsite.com/mynameislamar

The Mother

Block 1: More Than Kin



Wednesday, March 8 6:00 p.m.

(11 min.)

Synopsis: When a hardened widow receives an unexpected visit, she is given the chance to shed light on her husband's death.

Awards: Numerous awards, including Best Drama, NY Shorts Fest, Best Narrative Short, California International Shorts Festival, Best Short Film, Big River

Producers: Veronica Diaferia, Ella Nuortila,

Paolo Monico

Writer / Director: Paolo Monico *themothershortfilm.com*

Neighbor

Block 9: Listen

neighborfilm.com



Saturday, March 11 4:30 p.m.

(11 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: A homeless man witnesses a kidnapping, and when he hunts down the perpetrator he uncovers a dirty little secret in suburbia.

Executive Producers: Daniel Emanuel, Tony Gapastione **Producers:** Ola Soler, Jessica Musgrave, Jayson Johnson **Writer / Director:** Tony Gapastione

Mouse

Block 6: Something Wicked This Way Comes



Friday, March 10 8:30 p.m.

(11 min.)

Synopsis: Vanessa and Danny are down on their luck, so when an unlikely can of Unica brand beans falls to their kitchen floor, they aim to squeeze out every penny. **Producers / Writers / Directors:** Celine Held,

Logan George elofilms.com/mouse

New Age, Olde English

Block 15: The Best Medicine



Sunday, March 12 7:30 p.m.

(14 min.)

Synopsis: On a strange night in a strange world, a hitchhiker is picked up by a well-spoken man. It is only once the hitcher is in the car and the two are moving at high speeds that darkly comedic yet possibly terrifying revelations begin to surface.

Executive Producer: Lesley Hoyt

Producer: Jason Darcy

Writer / Director: Hayden Croft

Haydenlcroft.com

Notes on a Violin

Block 20: The Arts of Living



Wednesday, March 15 6:00 p.m.

(10 min.)

Synopsis: The life of a violin-obsessed teacher, who wants to spread the "gospel" of classical music by teaching people he meets how to play the violin.

Producer / Director: Taly Oehler

Nuggets

Block 15: The Best Medicine



Sunday, March 12 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 9

8:30 p.m.

(81 min.)

Los Angeles Premiere

(4 min.)

Synopsis: In this evolving animated series, a curious adult asks little ones to share the colorful and often peculiar worlds that inhabit their minds. Through their own candid words, we join them in their exploration of subjects and circumstances that range from childbirth, to dreams, to technological advancements beyond the scope of modern science.

Producer: Turner Sinopoli

Writers: Jamie Cernich, (Story Team) Emily Mills, Zach Hoskin, Austin Tyler, Spencer Smyth, Stephen

Bond, Dylan Chase Director: Jamie Cernich

Block 4: Who Are We

Occupants

Oakland in Blue

Block 9: Listen



Saturday, March 11 4:30 p.m.

(24 min.)

Synopsis: Kennedy, a recent college graduate, returns home to Oakland, Calif., to be manager for local rap artist Marcus. Their struggle to launch a successful independent record label without compromising their integrity is conflicted by the temptation of "Legit versus Street," threatening their lifelong friendship.

Awards: Finalist, NYU First Run Film Festival 2016

Producers: Tiana Marenah, Russel Stewart

Executive Producer / Writer / Director: Robbin Rae

facebook.com/OIBShort

Occam's Razor

Block 6: Something Wicked This Way Comes



Friday, March 10 8:30 p.m.

(18 min.)

Synopsis: On a winter night in 1986, three travelers are plagued by mysterious events at an isolated motel in Death Valley.

Executive Producers: Makan Talayeh, Tautis Skorka

Producer: Tautis Skorka Writer / Director: Makan Talayeh

and her husband Neil, embark on a "30 Days of Clean Living" documentary, setting up cameras all over their house to document their new eating habits.

Awards: Numerous awards, including Best Director, Florida Supercon Super Geek Film Festival, Best Sci-Fi Feature Film, Shriekfest Horror Film Festival

Synopsis: Annie, an award-winning documentarian

Executive Producers: Prem Singh, Aaron Retford Producers: Howard Nash, Robert Kwartler

Writer: Julia Camara **Director:** Russ Emanuel occupantsthemovie.com

Ogress of the Gravelbank

Block 12: The Times of Our Lives



Sunday, March 12 12:00 p.m.

(3 min.)

Synopsis: Inuit oral history is filled with strange beings and supernatural creatures. One of these feared land spirits is the Ogress of the Gravelbank. This cruel being was known to lure children into her lair, and trap them there. All that perish in that cave remain there as spirits or animated corpses.

Producers: Louise Flaherty and Neil Christopher Writer / Director: Neil Christopher

Orion

Block 13: Soldier On



Sunday, March 12 2:30 p.m.

(15 min.)

Synopsis: When Pat Connell, a hopeless dreamer obsessed with his place in the stars, convinces his best friend, Adam Stevens, a once hard-driven staff sergeant now tied down by his duty as father and husband, to re-enlist for another tour in Afghanistan against Adam's wishes, Pat could have never expected how disastrously it would have gone.

Producer: Gary Plummer Writer / Director: Spencer Currie orionthefilm.com

Our God Machine

Block 5: Sci-Fi High



Friday, March 10 6:00 p.m.

(15 min.)

Synopsis: A man wakes in a seemingly normal house with a mysterious machine and three others, who claim they are saving the world.

Producers: Dana James Jones, Dan Hickey,

Dayna Riesgo

Writer / Director: Dana James Jones

acadiaentertainment.squarespace.com/our-god-machine

The Owl and the Lemming

Block 12: The Times of Our Lives



Sunday, March 12 12:00 p.m.

(4 min.)

Canada

Synopsis: The oral history of Inuit is filled with many folktales, legends, and myths. In this traditional story, a young owl catches a lemming to eat. Inuit stories are often instructive, and with this fable, children quickly learn the value of being clever and humble, and why pride and arrogance are to be avoided.

Awards: Best Animation, American Indian Film Festival Producers: Louise Flaherty, Neil Christopher Writers: Roselynn Akulukjuk, Neil Christopher

Director: Roselynn Akulukjuk

Perception

Block 17: The Phantom Pain



Monday, March 13 8:30 p.m.

(19 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: A young boy, the son of a Mexican immigrant, can draw anything from his memory to perfection yet he perceives the world differently and he shows this in his art. **Co-Producers:** Mauricio Mendoza, Michael Notarile

Producer: Denise Cruz **Writer / Director:** Andy Cruz *facebook.com/PerceptionTheMovie*

Probability

Block 10: A View to a Thrill



Saturday, March 11 7:00 p.m.

(14 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Canada

Synopsis: For 20 straight years, the "Luckiest Man Alive" has gone "double or nothing" on the Super Bowl coin toss. **Producer / Writer / Director:** Arun Lakra *probabilityfilm.com*

Professor Phillips and the Devil

Block 11: Evil Within



Saturday, March 11 9:30 p.m.

(23 min.)

Synopsis: A philosophy professor argues with the Devil— or at least thinks he does—and ends up in a life-and-death dilemma.

 $\textbf{Awards:} \ \textbf{Outstanding Long Form Short, Sacramento}$

International Film Festival

Producers: Ryan Lindow, Ryan Gillespie, Katrelle Kindred

Writer / Director: Ryan Gillespie

professorsanddevils.com

The Raft

Block 8: The Mind's Eye



Saturday, March 11 2:00 p.m.

8 min.)

North American Premiere

Cambodia

Synopsis: Based on actual events, *The Raft* tackles an aspect of human trafficking that receives all too little attention—the effective sale and enslavement of young Cambodians into the fishing fleets in South East Asia. Awards: Second Place, Chaktomuk Short Film Festival Producer / Writer / Director: Sokha Mengly

Real Estate

Block 8: The Mind's Eve



Saturday, March 11 2:00 p.m.

(5 min.)

Australia

Synopsis: A documentary crew follows a trio of millennials as they terrorize a gentrified suburb to drive down the house prices.

Awards: Top Ten Selection, SF3 SmartFone Flick Fest 2016

Executive Producer: Jon Roger

Producer / Writer / Director: Laurence Rosier Staines *laurencerosierstaines com*

The Reckoning

Block 5: Sci-Fi High



Friday, March 10 6:00 p.m.

(14 min.)

Synopsis: In a post-apocalyptic world where resources are controlled, a fearless young girl seeks revenge for her family's death. After years of government manipulation on the people, she must find a way to restore order from those who took everything from her.

Executive Producers: Dan and Nancy Ladd,

Troy and Allie Ruff **Producer:** Kyle Gentz

Writers: Allie Ruff, Troy Ruff, Craig Lewis

Director: Troy Ruff

facebook.com/thereckoningmovie

The Recursion Theorem

Block 6: Something Wicked This Way Comes



Friday, March 10 8:30 p.m.

(26 min.)

Synopsis: Black and white Hitchcockian film noir that pays homage to *The Twilight Zone*, Asteroids (the arcade/video game), and ancient Greek mythology. The story follows Dan Everett, who awakens to find himself trapped in a unfamiliar room with its own set of bizarre rules. Afraid and alone in this strange place, Dan is forced to question the very foundations of reality and the meaning of his existence.

Awards: Numerous awards, including Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Creativity, Utopia Film Festival 2016, Acting on Camera, Silver, Tiva-DC Peer Awards 2016, Best Experimental Film, Reel Independent Film Festival 2016 **Producers:** Ben Sledge, Rick Adleson

Writer / Director: Ben Sledge recursiontheorem.com

Remnants

Block 9: Listen



Saturday, March 11 4:30 p.m.

(19 min.)

Synopsis: A successful, elderly writer struggles to reveal his dark and troubled past while suffering from Alzheimer's.

Awards: Numerous awards, including HBO Best Short Film, Best Short Drama, Twin Cities Black Film Festival, Best Short Film, Culver City Film Festival

Executive Producers: Moise Innocent, Jr.,

Kristy L. Jimenez, A. Plancher

Producer / Writer / Director: A. Plancher https://www.facebook.com/remnantsthefilm/

Ride Shared

Block 4: Who Are We



Thursday, March 9 8:30 p.m.

(7 min.)

Synopsis: An Uber driver struggles to console his passenger after she receives some tragic news about her best friend.

Executive Producer: Kim Noonan

Producers: John Salcido, Neil Evans, Kim Noonan

Writer/ Director: Kim Noonan RunningDragonProductions.com

The Road Between

Block 10: A View to a Thrill



Saturday, March 11 7:00 p.m.

(21 min.)

Synopsis: In a barren desert, Eli finds an unconscious girl, a malevolent stranger, and the will to survive.

Executive Producer: Alan Sorem

Producer: Jacob Eagle **Writer / Director:** Brett Sorem nocturnalfeatures.com

Rose Garden

Block 21: Kin May Be Kith



Wednesday, March 15 8:30 p.m.

(13 min.)

U.S.A./Canada

Synopsis: A whole condo has its routine changed after Felix arrives. A smart little kid who knows he's going to die soon, but the way he faces his destiny changes everyone around him.

Awards: Numerous awards, including Best Student Film, Los Angeles Movie Awards, September, 2016, Best Short Film, Chandler International Film Festival. September, 2016, Best Director Gold Award, Mindfield Film Fest, CA, December, 2016

Producer / Writer / Director: Rafael Nani rosegardenthemovie.com

Rückkehr

Block 5: Sci-Fi High



Friday, March 10 6:00 p.m.

(4 min.)

Synopsis: In an electronically equipped medieval era, a squire escapes death after the demise of his knight to become the savior of his kind.

Awards: Best Science Fiction, Southern Shorts Awards **Producers / Writers / Directors:** Julian Curi, Rocco Ambrosio

Runner, Runner

Block 9: Listen



Saturday, March 11 4:30 p.m.

(17 min.)

Synopsis: Two men, bound by their past, run through the deep South but find that only one can live with the things they've done. Josiah and Thomas are two prisoners of the Union Army in 1863. Held for different crimes, they are equalized by the times as they run for freedom only to find out that not all is what it seems when one of the men turn out to be more than he seems.

Executive Producers: Nic Lewis, Carla Mitchell

Producers: Jude Dahl, Jody Hart **Writers:** Nic Lewis, T.S. Jensen

Director: Nic Lewis

Self Esteem

Block 15: The Best Medicine



Sunday, March 12 7:30 p.m.

(12 min.)

Synopsis: An overworked psychiatrist explores narratives of his life while a patient tries to make sense of his own. **Awards:** Silver Award Winner, Spotlight Film Awards

Executive Producer: Michael Guzniczak

Producer: Michael DeFilippo

Writers: Michael Guzniczak, Jonathan Browning,

Stoney Westmoreland

Directors: Jonathan Browning, Stoney Westmoreland

selfesteemfilm.com

The Shickles

Block 16: Vita Anima



Monday, March 13 6:00 p.m.

(98 min.)

Synopsis: *The Shickles* is a comedy about sex, love, death, and the sweetness of life. It explores the lives and loves of an eccentric Jewish family following the death of their beloved grandparents.

Executive Producers: Safi Porat, Lynn Elliot **Producers:** Jason McHugh, Donna Trousdale

Writer / Director: Donna Trousdale

the shick lesmovie.com

Shoot Me Nicely

Block 2: Reflections



Wednesday, March 8 8:30 p.m.

(20 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: When photographer Sean Wheeler (John Behlmann) inadvertently exposes a conservative talk show host's (William Sadler) "little" secret, his already complicated life gets unhinged.

Awards: Numerous awards, including Grand Jury Prize, London Film Awards, Best Comedy and Best Director, Los Angeles Film Awards

Executive Producer: Brent Montgomery Producers: Craig Blair, Elias Plagianos,

Debra Markowitz

Writer / Director: Elias Plagianos

shoot menicely.com

Shy Guys

Block 15: The Best Medicine



Sunday, March 12 7:30 p.m.

(8 min.)

Synopsis: 2016 Tony winner Reed Birney brings the laughs as two strangers bravely confront and resolve one of the most perplexing, insidious scourges afflicting mankind—while standing at neighboring urinals.

Awards: Numerous awards, including Special Jury Award, Indie Memphis Film Festival, Best Comedy Short, Studio City Film Festival, Audience Appreciation Award, LA Comedy Fest

Producers: Fredric Lehne, Ginger Lehne **Writer / Director:** Fredric Lehne

shyguysmovie.com

Slipaway

Block 21: Kin May Be Kith



Wednesday, March 15 8:30 p.m.

(89 min.)

California Premiere

Synopsis: When a homeless young musician moves into a sailboat with a feisty elderly widow, the two must overcome their differences and haunting pasts to unlock each other's dreams.

Awards: Best Feature Film, Best Director, Best Actress, Best Score, NYC Indie Film Awards, Best Feature Narrative, Irvine International Film Festival Executive Producers: Julia Butler, Daniel Mentz

Producers: Tigran Mutafyan **Co-Producer:** Yulia Safonova

Writers / Directors: Julia Butler, Daniel Mentz

Slipaway Movie.com

Smile

Block 1: More Than Kin



Wednesday, March 8 6:00 p.m.

(4 min.)

Synopsis: Follow a woman as she revisits her past through projections.

Awards: Best music video, Silver Sound Showdown, Best Editing and Cinematography, Freedom Shorts in

Philadelphia

Producer: Yanni Rozes

Writers: Joe Staehly, Yanni Rozes

Director: Joe Staehly

St. Jude's Crossing

Block 10: A View to a Thrill



Saturday, March 11 7:00 p.m.

(12 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: When Police Officer Joe Hollis investigates a seemingly routine missing person's report, he begins to relive the choices that led him to this moment, walking a thin line between life and death.

Executive Producer: Iddo Goldberg
Producers: Bryan Delorenzo, Seth Gabel
Writers: Iddo Goldberg, Martin Ledwith

Director: Iddo Goldberg stjudescrossingmovie.com

Tale of the Kite

Block 12: The Times of Our Lives



Sunday, March 12 12:00 p.m.

(30 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: A young test pilot finds himself in a mysterious desert region out of contact with his airbase and with little hope of survival. But childhood memories of his grandfather may provide the key to his ultimate destiny. Inspired by true events.

Awards: Four Awards of Excellence (Short Film, Directing, Editing, Sound Mixing / Sound Design)

Accolade Global Film Competition

Executive Producers: Michael Lantieri, Taylor White Producer / Writer / Director: Michael Fallavollita

Song on Canvas

Block 1: More Than Kin



Wednesday, March 8 6:00 p.m.

(15 min.)

Synopsis: An emotionally lost artist, trapped in the corporate world, receives encouragement to pick up his brush again from of all people—his deceased mother.

Awards: Numerous awards, including Gold Remi Award, 48th WorldFest Houston International Film Festival; Silver Tadpole Award, 22nd Camerimage International Film Festival, Poland

Executive Producer / Writer: David Chan

Producers: Phong Le, Chris Clancy **Director:** Keo Woolford

Director: Keo Woolford facebook.com/songoncanvas

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Block 5: Sci-Fi High



Friday, March 10 6:00 p.m.

(23 min.)

Synopsis: Two soulmates are reunited in a multidimensional plane of existence. Its orchestral tapestry of sound and melody will worm its way down your ear canals to the base of your spine.

Awards: Best Music Video, Los Angeles Film Festival of Hollywood

Executive Producers: Thor Freudenthal, Tiff Randol, Rodric David, Dani, Marion Freudenthal, Timothy

Eskridge **Producer:** Jason Benesh

Writer: Tiff Randol
Director: Thor Freudenthal

iameveami.com

Taste

Block 6: Something Wicked This Way Comes



Friday, March 10 8:30 p.m.

(14 min.)

Synopsis: Claire, a stunning yet calculating trophy wife, has convinced her husband to invite an influential Hollywood power couple to dinner, believing that preparing an elaborate meal might result in her starring in her own cooking show. Things begin to go awry when the arriving guests step over a woman's naked body in the driveway.

Executive Producer: Jessica James

Producers / Writer: Sam Littlefield, Lauren Kincheloe

Director: Adrian Selkowitz

Taste The Film.com

Speak Now

Block 2: Reflections



Wednesday, March 8 8:30 p.m.

(85 min.)

Synopsis: Best friends and bridesmaids TJ, Sarah, and Jenny reunite to throw their ungrateful high school best friend Nella the best bachelorette party they can. The night takes a wild turn as the girls, along with the groom's uptight little sister, discover that Nella is keeping a scandalous secret.

Awards: Best Actress, Riverbend Film Festival

Executive Producer: Koni McCurdy

Producers / Writers: Bryan Ricke, Melissa Vitello

Director: Melissa Vitello *speaknowthemovie.com*

Stay

Block 10: A View to a Thrill



Saturday, March 11 7:00 p.m.

(16 min.)

Synopsis: In a matter of days a couple's entire world falls apart as they struggle to repair the damage brought on by mental illness.

Awards: Numerous awards, including Best Drama, Hollywood Short Film Festival 2017, Best Drama, Los Angeles Independent Film Festival Awards, August 2016

Executive Producer: Mark Orr Producers: Maytal Mizrahi, Jesse Ing Writers: Rab Berry, Scott Mallace Director: George Bessudo

Temptations from the Doll

Block 5: Sci-Fi High



6:00 p.m.

Friday, March 10

(14 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Taiwan

Synopsis: An observation of desperate people in a fantastic world.

Executive Producers: Kai-Chung Cheng, Sheng-Hong Yu

Producers: Edison Wu, Sherry Lin Writer / Director: Marshall Law

Tragiometry

Block 10: A View to a Thrill



Saturday, March 11 7:00 p.m.

(21 min.)

USA, Kazakhstan

Synopsis: A 19th century undertaker finds an awakened man from lethargic sleep, desperate to die again. **Awards:** Best Director, TMFF, Glasgow, Best Actor, TMFF,

Glasgow

Executive Producer: Ashley Donigan **Producers:** Tatyana Kim, Julia Kostenevich

Writers / Director: Tatyana Kim

tragiometry.com

Umishu

Block 8: The Mind's Eye



Saturday, March 11 2:00 p.m.

(15 min.)

Japan

Synopsis: The story of a young man who is drawn back to the sea/hometown after the death of his father by way of an encouraging bartender and a secret wine ingredient for life. Actor, award-winning novelist Naoki Matayoshi will inspire you through the process of diligent patience that the course of living can sometimes take on each of us.

Producer: Takaki Nakadai **Director:** Ken Yoshioka

Trying to F***

Block 15: The Best Medicine



Sunday, March 12 7:30 p.m.

(15 min.)

World Premiere

Synopsis: In this musical parody, a quarter-aged white guy attempts to continue his journey of sleeping with as many women as possible.

Producer: Jonathan Hirsch Writer: Matt Gibson Director: Ashton Avila

Block 1.

Block 1: More Than Kin

Twin Stars



Wednesday, March 8 6:00 p.m.

(11 min.)

Turkey

Synopsis: Can and Cihan are identical twins. They live in Prince Island with their family. They start counting the stars in the grass area behind the fountain and they choose two of the brightest stars of all and imagine them as their own universes.

Awards: Numerous awards, including Best Short Film, Brasov International Film Festival, Romania, Best New Filmmaker Award, Canadian Diversity Film Festival, Toronto

Executive Producer: Erkan Simsir Producer: Nurdan Tumbek Tekeoglu Writer / Director: Mehmet Tigli

Unlike a Dragon

Block 12: The Times of Our Lives



Sunday, March 12 12:00 p.m.

(3 min.)

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Synopsis: A rambunctious girl is taken from her home by a dragon on a journey of self-discovery.

Writer / Director: Anna Sher

Unspoken

Block 1: More Than Kin



Wednesday, March 8 6:00 p.m.

(16 min.)

Synopsis: When Brenda and Phil make the devastating decision to take their newborn daughter off life support, they must retreat to separate corners to grieve.

Awards: Numerous awards, including Best Drama, Audience Choice, Flagler Film Festival, Best Drama,

First Glance Film Festival Philadelphia **Executive Producer:** Tamara Rabil

Producers: Tamara Rabil, Micaela Tamaccio

Writer: Patricia Meyer Director: Todd Sandler unspokenshortfilm.com

Valentin

Block 14: Power Grrrls!



Sunday, March 12 5:00 p.m.

(16 min.)

Germany

Synopsis: Claudia has lost faith in love. Together with her assistant Kaspar, she focuses on building up her own photo studio. Around Valentine's Day, there is no escape from the seasonal misery for singles. When the handsome Valentin visits the photo studio, Claudia's week takes an unexpected turn. Will Claudia get the chance to love and be loved again?

Produce / Writer / Director: Ingrid Hübscher

Vexed

Block 6: Something Wicked This Way Comes



Friday, March 10 8:30 p.m.

(13 min.)



Writer: Baker Chase Powell Director: Marc Cartwright glasscabinfilms.com

Victor's Last Class

Block 17: The Phantom Pain



Monday, March 13 8:30 p.m.

(83 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: A brazen acting teacher suffering from chronic pain is planning on ending his life, and a young filmmaker is planning on changing his mind. An examination of a life well-lived, and a looming decision to end it.

Executive Producer: Patrick Olson

Producers: Brendan Brandt, Arielle Amsalem

Director: Brendan Brandt *victorslastclass.com*

The Voices They Hear

Block 10: A View to a Thrill



Saturday, March 11 7:00 p.m.

(12 min.)

Synopsis: A boy becomes a man when he must face the consequences of stealing a serial killer's car.

Awards: Official Selection, Burbank International Film

Producer / Writer / Director: Miguel Chavez

The Weigh In

Block 15: The Best Medicine



Sunday, March 12 7:30 p.m.

(2 min.)

Synopsis: *The Weigh In* is a short film that knocks out homophobia!

Awards: SHOOT Magazine's New Directors Showcase **Producers / Writers / Directors:** The Perez Bros.

Welcome to Willits

Block 11: Evil Within



Saturday, March 11 9:30 p.m.

(83 min.)

West Coast Premiere

Synopsis: Deep in the woods of Northern California there is a cabin. The occupants, terrorized by extraterrestrial visitors, are forced to fight back. Before long, a group of lost campers stumble into the middle of a battle they want no part of.

Executive Producers: Jonathan Ryan, Tim Ryan, Uwe Boll,

Serge Levin

Producers: Jordan Levine, Scott Levenson, Jon Keeyes

Writer: Tim Ryan Director: Trevor Ryan welcometowillits.com

Work From Home

Block 3: Wake Up



Thursday, March 9 6:00 p.m.

(10 min.)

Synopsis: A conflicted con artist scams victims over the phone for their tax refunds.

Executive Producers: Tom Koretke, Pamela Hackeman Producer / Writer / Director: Daniel Duane

workfromhomeshortfilm.com

Screenplay Finalists

Marla Sloane American Royalty Dorothy Marks Becoming Terpsichore Susan Polk Body Count John Thibault The Border Agent John Madill Cat and Mouse Bristol MacDonald The Children of Eden Raymond Just Dead Serious Peter Nemenoff Deception Pass Erik Wiese & Cynthia True Donald's Block Party Matt Rhoden Hawaiian Shirt Laurence FG In the Wake of Heroes Austin Priester Isabelle's Starting to Happen Paul Haddad

The Lariat Girl Suzanne Prescott Patchwork Amanda Keener Primos

Sam's War Stephen Settel Seventh Angel Richard Perry

David Bornstein & Trevor Davies Son

Scott Lopez & Jesús F. Jauregui

Stealing Christmas Gary Murphy This Side of Hereafter Megan Breen Three Steps to Heaven Matt Pacini The Trade Shelia Warren Red Velvet Tom Radovich A Woman Untitled Charles Lane







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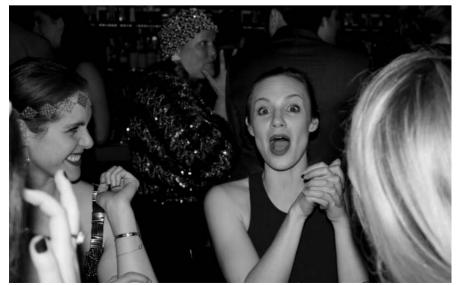












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