

WELCOME!

FESTIVAL WELCOME LETTER

I am so grateful that we can once again gather together in person and watch some of the most talented filmmakers in the world share their stories. If the last few years have taught us anything, it's to appreciate that experiences are all the more sweet when able to be shared together, safely. We are at the beach, summer is on its way..... life is definitely good!

And with that, I'd like to welcome everyone to the 2022 Lighthouse International Film Festival!

My name is Rob Karol and, after volunteering for the Festival in the past and a 25-year career in film, television, and gaming production, I am thrilled and honored to be brought in as Executive Director. Our amazing Festival family is truly aweinspiring, and we are all primed for some serious future growth. But I first have to acknowledge the outstanding initiatives that our team has worked so hard to bring to fruition, before my arrival as Executive Director.

I am so proud of our beautiful new website, the addition of the Darkhouse horror/sci-fi film program, some fantastic new screening venues, and the reinstitution of a shuttle service running up and down LBI to get you to screenings and events. Our team never ceases to impress and I can't wait to see what more we are going to accomplish together in the coming years. We are so fortunate to have the roster of films that our fantastic Artistic Director, Amir Bogen, has curated this year. To Leslie, starring Andrea Riseborough (*Birdman, Waco*) and Marc Maron (*Joker, GLOW*) will be opening the festival. You are going to be blown away, as the performances are a master class in acting. I would not be surprised if there was an Oscar nomination in Ms. Riseborough's future. Another headliner, Spin Me Round, written by Alison Brie and starring a stellar cast including Brie, Molly Shannon, and Fred Armisen, is brilliant and a hilariously fun ride. From top to bottom, we are providing you with films that are going to challenge you, entertain you, and spark some serious conversations. And isn't that what art is really about?

We all know that the Lighthouse International Film Festival is one of the most innovative, pioneering, and cool festivals in the world. It is my honor and pleasure to be able to help keep that tradition alive and to endeavor to bring us to even higher highs.

Finally, I'd like to give a big shout-out to the LBI community, our local business supporters, and our dedicated volunteers. None of this would be possible without you!

We are going to have a great weekend together, and I can't wait to meet you.

"Sea" you at the movies!

ROB KAROL



OUR JURY



NARRATIVE FEATURES

Martin Davidson

Made his directorial debut with the 1974 cult classic The Lords of Flatbush starring Perry King, Sylvester Stallone and Henry Winkler. After graduating from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, he spent five years as an actor and director of Off-Broadway plays and also performed in stand-up comedy. He subsequently moved to Hollywood where he directed Almost Summer, Hero at Large, Eddie and the Cruisers (a musical drama set against the mystery of a missing Jersey Shore bar band idol), Long Gone, Heart of Dixie, Hard Promises and Looking for an Echo. For television, Davidson directed films for Hallmark and ABC-TV. Other television credits include the first Law and Order, Picket Fences, Chicago Hope, Our Family Honor, Call to Glory, and Judging Amy.



NARRATIVE FEATURES

Ellie Foumbi

An actor/writer/director from Cameroon whose work is centered on stories about identity and moral ambiguity within the African diaspora. She holds an MFA from Columbia University's School of the Arts in Directing. Her films have screened at Venice, HollyShorts and the Santa Barbara International Film Festival. In addition to participating in Berlinale Talents and New York Film Festival's Artist Academy, her projects have been supported by SFFILM, The Gotham's Project Market, Film Independent, and the Tribeca Film Institute.



NARRATIVE FEATURES

Samar Qupty

A Palestinian actress and filmmaker born in 1989 in Nazareth, Samar studied filmmaking at The Steve Tisch school of Film and Television, Tel Aviv, for four years, and then moved to New York for method acting studies at The Lee Strasberg Theatre & Film Institute. As an actress, she appeared, amidst others, in Junction48, Sirens and Fauda. As a filmmaker, Samar wrote and directed short dramas, mostly discussing women's forbidden matters focusing on the Arab society. Latest is her new movie Hush, which she also starred in.



DOCUMENTARY

Ira Deutchman

An independent producer and a consultant in marketing and distribution of independent films. He is also a Professor of Professional Practice in the School of the Arts at Columbia University, where he was the Chair of the Film Program from 2011-2015. Ira has been making, marketing and distributing films since 1975, having worked on over 150 films including some of the most successful independent films of all time. He was one of the founders of Cinecom and later created Fine Line Features. He was also a co-founder of Emerging Pictures, the first digital projection network in the United States and a pioneer in delivering live cultural events into movie theaters.



DOCUMENTARY

Chester Algernal Gordon

A producer and costume designer on several projects that have played in over 200 festivals combined including Cannes, SXSW, Outfest, and the American Black Film Festival. Gordon's produced documentary Pier Kids won a spirit award in 2021 and was nominated for a GLAAD award in 2022. Gordon is the winner of the Tribeca Film Institute's 2019, TFI All Access Grant and was also a Film Independent 2019 Producing Lab & Fast Track Lab fellow. Gordon was a part of the teams of five Sundance films, winning best U.S. narrative short twice, and served as a costume designer in Danielle Lessovitz's Port Authority and is currently producing Elegance Bratton's debut narrative feature, The Inspection with A24 & Gamechanger.



DOCUMENTARY

Meredith Kaulfers

A proud New Jersey native, Meredith started in scripted indies and short films before moving to documentaries, and worked on a wide range of projects for some of the biggest networks and streaming services, such as Apple TV+, HBO, ESPN+, and more. Currently she is the SVP of Current production at Imagine Documentaries, the unscripted division of Ron Howard and Brian Grazer's Imagine Entertainment, which has been a leader in premium storytelling across film and television for over 35 years. She recently produced Howard's documentary feature film We Feed People and is proud to have produced several films that played at the Lighthouse International Film Festival: Local Tourists, Little Horses and most recently John Bronco.

OUR JURY



SHORTS

Stephen David Brooks

A former Visual Effects Supervisor who was mentored by VFX stalwarts and multiple Oscar winners John Dykstra and Richard Edlund. In his VFX capacity Stephen has worked on big budget Hollywood productions including Dick Tracy and Coming To America. He was chosen to adapt Stephen King's short story The Mangler for the screen, which led him to make his feature directorial debut with Heads N Tailz, along with subsequent films including Flytrap. His music videos have been Short-listed for Video of the Year Grammy's. Stephen's upcoming projects include the punk feature Meet The Pumps for Executive Producer/Musical Director Linda Perry as well as The Director for producer Rana Joy Glickman.



SHORTS

Sola Fasehun

Worked with Academy Award-winning producer Michael Phillips (The Sting, Taxi Driver) at Lighthouse Productions and was a sales/distribution consultant at Submarine Entertainment/Deluxe. She also worked on the leadership team for UTA's diversity initiative and was an MP lit agent/inclusion board chair at Buchwald. Sola is a Lit Manager/Founder at The Distribution Collective, a Producer at Hooligan Dreamers, and a Consultant at ScreenCraft's Film Fund Program. She is one of the producers of the Tribeca Film Festival award winning film Leylak and the soon to be released Slayers film starring Abigail Breslin, Malin Akerman, and Thomas Jane.



SHORTS

Or Lee-Tal

A veteran film editor based in Tel Aviv. He has wide-ranging experience editing narrative and documentary films and television shows, as well as leading projects in the commercial world. His last feature All Eyes Off Me is part of the 2021 Berlinale. The Dive won multiple awards at the Jerusalem International Film Festival 2018 (including "Best Feature"), then going on an award-winning tour of prestigious festivals like Toronto, AFI Fest and Warsaw among others. In addition, he edited the documentary series Ma'abarot - The Israeli Transit Camps, for which he won Best Editing Award at the Israeli Academy Awards. In 2020 Or took part of the jury at the Durban Film Festival.





EPISODIC

Anna Feder

A curator, educator, filmmaker, and activist. She has worked in various capacities in cinema exhibition over the last two and a half decades on the programming team of several film festivals and served as director of the Boston Underground FF. She serves as the Head of Film Exhibition and Festival Programs at Emerson College, overseeing the Bright Lights Film Series that she founded a decade ago and teaching a course she developed on cinema exhibition. She is a documentary filmmaker and is one of the principal organizers of Queering the Cinema, a professional group for queer identified exhibitors and distributors. She produces the 90 Minute Film School at SXSW and speaks regularly at the Arthouse Convergence, Film Ex and the University Film and Video Association.

EPISODIC

Tora Kim Lake

An award-winning writer, filmmaker, singer/songwriter, performance artist and actor. Born in Seoul, South Korea, she grew up in Panama and New Jersey, before moving to New York City where she began to synthesize her motley life experiences through ground-breaking music, prose and performance art. Her work has taken her from underground clubs to the museums and galleries of the world, while her award-winning prose has been published in literary journals. She then shifted focus to oncamera storytelling, appearing as an actor on SyFy, CBS, Amazon Studios, Nickelodeon and Netflix. As a director, writer and producer, her short films have won Best Comedy, Best Creative Short, and Best Director. Tora is based in Los Angeles where she is a current member of the Television Academy.

EPISODIC

Mercedes Grower

An Actress, Writer and Director. She started as a ballet dancer, training at the Royal Ballet School in Sadler's Wells before embarking on an acting career. Her debut feature film as director, "Brakes", won The Special Mention for the Michael Powell Award at The Edinburgh International Film Festival and at Loco Film Festival in the UK. She is currently starring in Ben O'Connor's new feature "The Bardo", and her second feature as writer-director is in development with the BFI, hoping to shoot next summer. She is also part of the band Sybil with comedian Julia Davis.

OUR JURY



HIGH SCHOOL

Maya Brewster-Dorian

Chief Productions Officer of Eva Nosidam Productions where she oversees all production efforts. Maya has been a leader in the production industry for over many years, bringing best in class communications, events and experiences for global brands, companies and advertising agencies, from Saatchi & Saatchi and J. Walter Thompson to Anonymous Content, Partizan Entertainment and RadicalMedia, where she held global executive roles. In 2015, Maya launched her own company, Network Réseau, as a way to create a new level of thinking in the ever changing world of content creation.



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FILMMAKER AWARD

LIFF, the Bryceland family, the Lagralane Group, and the Chicago Media Project will join together this year in offering The Jennifer Snyder Bryceland Filmmaker Award. The \$3,500 special prize will be given to a filmmaker whose feature-length documentary displays artistic excellence, incorporates environmental and social themes, and inspires optimism in audiences.



JENNIFER SNYDER BRYCELAND AWARD

Matthew Soraci

As the Chief Operations Officer of The Lagralane Group, Matthew directs the day-to-day operations involving business development, finance, marketing, and human resources. Along with acting as COO, he has garnered individual credits on Lagralane titles, acting as executive producer on The Blood Is At The Doorstep; The Body Remembers When The World Broke Open; Givers Of Death (G.O.D.); Lifeline (short); and as associate producer on Harry Dean Stanton's last film, Lucky. Under the Lagralane company credit, Matthew co-executive produced the 2018 Academy Award-winning documentary ICARUS. He is also a producer of the podcast Lagralane Spirits, exploring identity & culture with cocktails. Matthew serves on the board of Los Angeles-based Lower Depth Theatre Ensemble.

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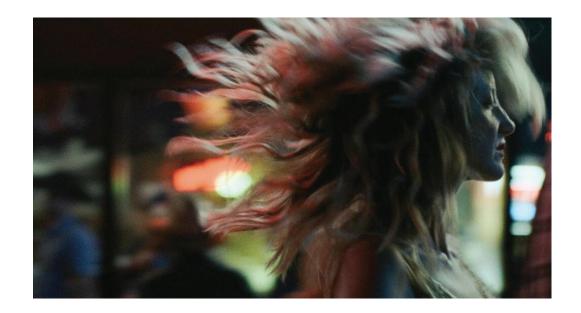
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if you're posting at or about the festival!







OPENING FILM



TO LESLIE
DIRECTOR: MICHAEL MORRIS
EAST COAST PREMIERE

119 MIN USA

A West Texas single mother wins the lottery and squanders it just as fast, leaving behind a world of heartbreak. Years later, with her charm running out and nowhere to go, she fights to rebuild her life and find redemption. Inspired by true events. Andrea Riseborough is electrifying in an Oscarworthy performance as she leads a gallery of brilliant actors such as Marc Maron, Allison Janney, Stephen Root, Owen Teague, and Andre Royo.

■ TALENT ATTENDING
PRODUCER CECI CLEARY



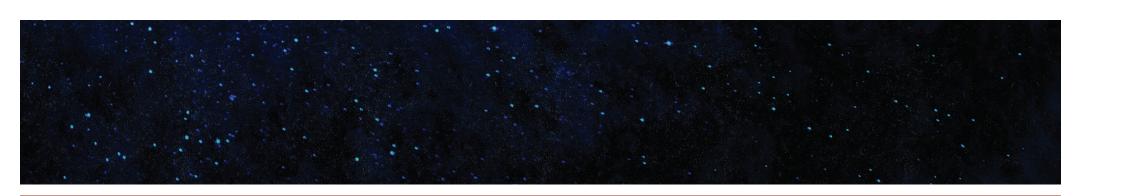
CLOSING FILM

MY OLD SCHOOL DIRECTOR: JONO MCLEOD

104 MIN UK

In 1993, 16-year-old Brandon Lee enrolled at Bearsden Academy, a secondary school in a well-to-do suburb of Glasgow, Scotland. What followed over the next two years would become the stuff of legend. The preternaturally bright student surprised teachers by blazing toward his goal of entering medical school, displaying a wealth of knowledge beyond his years. Brandon found friends despite his initial awkwardness, taking bullied students under his wing. But then his unbelievable secret was revealed. Filmmaker Jono McLeod returns to his old school for a nostalgic look at the strange but true story of his former classmate.





HEADLINERS



892 DIRECTOR: ABI DAMARIS CORBIN

103 MIN USA

When Marine Veteran Brian Brown-Easley is denied support from Veterans Affairs, financially desperate and running out of options, he takes a bank and several of its employees hostage, setting the stage for a tense confrontation with the police. Starring John Boyega and the late Michael K. Williams in his last role. Based on the true story.



FIRE OF LOVE DIRECTOR: SARA DOSA

93 MIN USA/CAN

The extraordinary love story of intrepid French scientists Katia and Maurice Krafft, who died just as explosively as they lived — capturing the most spectacular imagery ever recorded of their greatest passion: volcanoes.





SPIN ME ROUND DIRECTOR: JEFF BAENA

104 MIN USA

When the manager of an Italian restaurant chain wins the opportunity to attend the franchise's educational immersion program in Italy, what she thought would be a romantic getaway devolves into chaos and catastrophe. Starring Allison Brie (who is also the screenwriter), Aubrey Plaza, Alessandro Nivola, Molly Shannon and others.



THE TERRITORY DIRECTOR: ALEX PRITZ

83 MIN BRA/DNK/USA

When a network of Brazilian farmers seize an area of protected indigenous territory, a young native leader and his mentor must find new ways to fight back.



SPOTLIGHT FILMS



A LOVE SONG DIRECTOR: MAX WALKER-SILVERMAN

82 MIN MAN USA

At a campground in the rural West, a woman (Dale Dickey) waits alone for an old flame from her past (Academy Award-winner Wes Studi) to arrive, uncertain of his intentions while bashful about her own.



BIPOLAR DIRECTOR: QUEENA LI EAST COAST PREMIERE

110 MIN CHN

A young lady arrives in Lhasa alone for pilgrimage, but a "multicolored magical lobster" enshrined by other people has totally changed her plan. She made a decision to take the lobster home to a bay by a legendary lighthouse, and this set her and the lobster on the journey cross half of China.



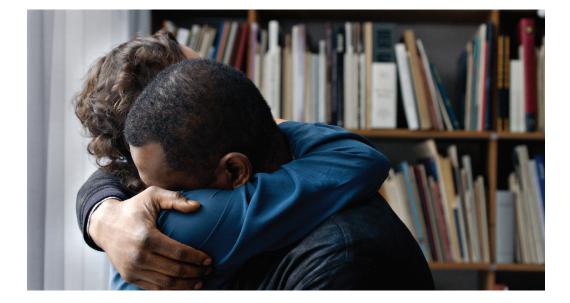


KARMALINK DIRECTOR: JAKE WACHTEL

102 MIN USA/KHM

In near-future Phnom Penh, a teenage boy teams up with a street-smart girl from his neighborhood to untangle the mystery of his past-life dreams. What begins as a hunt for a Buddhist treasure soon leads to greater discoveries that will either end in digital enlightenment or a total loss of identity.





LE PRINCE

125 MIN DEU

DIRECTOR: LISA BIERWIRTH

When curator Monika gets mixed up in a raid in Frankfurt's seedy Bahnhofsviertel district, she meets the Congolese businessman Joseph. This chance encounter turns into an intense love affair. But despite their love, mutual distrust grows, the consequences of which end up spiraling out of control.

■ TALENT ATTENDING

DIRECTOR LISA BIERWIRTH



QUICKSAND

DIRECTOR: MARGOT SCHAAP

110 MIN NLD

When Suze's colorful and extravagant mother Helena pays a surprise visit to inform her daughter that she's ill, Suze slowly relapses into severe compulsive behavior.

■ TALENT ATTENDING

DIRECTOR MARGOT SCHAAP

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SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS



SONG OF SALT DIRECTORS: EMMA BAIADA & NICOLAS SNYDER WORLD PREMIERE

96 MIN USA

Set in an isolated mining town on the outskirts of Death Valley, Song of Salt is an immersive glimpse into the struggles and celebrations within a tight-knit community as its residents, suspended between the past and the future, face the present realities of an eroding economy.

■ TALENT ATTENDING DIRECTOR EMMA BAIADA



MAD GOD DIRECTOR: PHIL TIPPETT

83 MIN USA

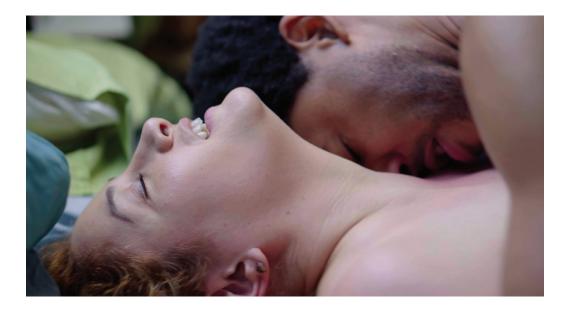
In a world of monsters, mad scientists, and war pigs, The Assassin emerges to explore a labyrinth of bizarre, desolate landscapes inhabited by freakish denizens. Through unexpected twists and turns, he experiences an evolution beyond his wildest comprehension.

Mad God is directed by visionary Oscar and Emmy Award-winning stop-motion animator and special effects supervisor Phil Tippett, founder of Tippett Studio, and the creative powerhouse involved in such classics as RoboCop, Starship Troopers, Jurassic Park, Star Wars: A New Hope, and The Empire Strikes Back. This experimental film is a labor of love that has taken 30 years to complete, Mad God combines live-action and stop-motion, miniature sets and other innovative techniques to bring Tippett's wholly unique and grotesquely beautiful vision to life.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION DARKHOUSE



NARRATIVE



12 MONTHS

DIRECTOR: CLINTON CORNWELL

92 MIN USA

A hyper-realistic diversion from the usual rom-com, 12 Months candidly portrays moments that are commonly experienced but rarely shown as it follows the story of Ellie and Clark, a millennial couple, navigating the peaks and valleys of a new relationship.

■ TALENT ATTENDING

DIRECTOR CLINTON CORNWELL



LOVE, LIFE AND GOLDFISH

DIRECTOR: YUKINORI MAKABE EAST COAST PREMIERE

92 MIN JPN

When big city banker Makoto has an outburst at work, he is sent to work in a small village in the middle of nowhere as his punishment. Immediately, he falls in love with the woman who runs the local goldfish scooping store.

■ TALENT ATTENDING

DIRECTOR YUKINORI MAKABE

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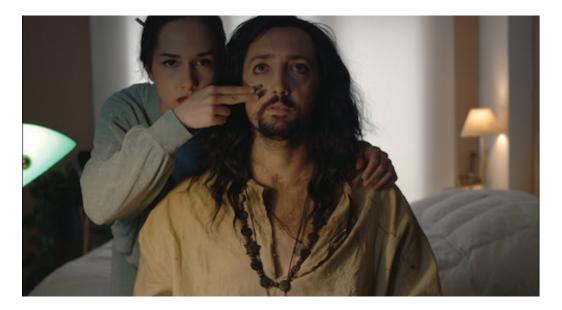
MAYBE NEXT TIME DIRECTOR: SAHM MCGLYNN WORLD PREMIERE

75 MIN USA

A lonely woman turns the tables on the indulgent spirits that haunt her property.

■ TALENT ATTENDING

DIRECTOR SAHM MCGLYNN, PRODUCER BRENDEN HUBBARD, AND MEMBERS OF THE CAST $\,$



MENINA CASILDA **DIRECTOR: ERIC DU BELLAY** WORLD PREMIERE

86 MIN ESP

During the strict lockdown in Madrid, Diego, a 35-year-old unemployed actor, kidnaps Sara, a 20-year-old law student. She will be his audience.

■ TALENT ATTENDING

DIRECTOR ERIC DU BELLAY AND ACTOR ALVARO DE PAZ





PACK OF SHEEP DIRECTOR: DIMITRIS KANELLOPOULOS

110 MIN

Thanasis can't pay off his debt to Stelios. When he finds out that Apostolis is in the same position, he asks him to join with him for making a better deal with Stelios. While Thanasis tries to put more players in the game, two young gangsters arrive in town to push over the debtors.







PLANET B234 DIRECTOR: KEELIE SHERIDAN

60 MIN

Jorge, a father thousands of miles away from his son, creates an alternate world—planet b234—where he can cope with the anxiety, depression, and desperation of being separated from his child. Geographical barriers are no match for Jorge's fertile imagination, but it comes at the cost of his sanity and the very relationship he's fighting for.

■ TALENT ATTENDING

WRITER-DIRECTOR KEELIE SHERIDAN, WRITER-ACTOR JORGE LUNA, EXEC PRODUCERS IAN WEINTRAUB AND ESTHER ALVAREZ-WEINTRAUB



CONT'D

NARRATIVE



STRAIGHTEN UP & FLY RIGHT

90 MIN USA

DIRECTOR: KRISTEN ABATE & STEVEN TANENBAUM

In a funk, Kristen, a physically disabled New York woman, walks dogs for a living but dreams of being a writer and as her life unravels, she must make a choice to fall apart or straighten up.

■ TALENT ATTENDING

CO-DIRECTORS/WRITERS/STARS KRISTEN ABATE & STEVEN TANENBAUM



WE ARE NOT CONTENT!

83 MIN USA

DIRECTOR: YUKI SOGA

When a wannabe filmmaker's move to Manhattan does little to boost his artistic career, he convinces an amateur puppeteer to assist him, despite his deteriorating finances and mental health.

■ TALENT ATTENDING

DIRECTOR YUKI SOGA

DOCUMENTARY

COMPETITION



ETERNAL SPRING DIRECTOR: JASON LOFTUS

85 MIN CAN

In March 2002, a state TV signal in China is hacked by members of the banned spiritual group Falun Gong. Their goal is to counter the government narrative about their practice. Combining present-day footage and 3D animation made with Daxiong's comics art, the film retraces the event on its 20th anniversary, and brings to life an unprecedented story of defiance, harrowing eyewitness accounts of persecution, and an exhilarating tale of determination to speak up for political and religious freedoms, no matter the cost.

■ TALENT ATTENDING

SUBJECT AND ARTIST DAXIONG



EXPOSURE DIRECTOR: HOLLY MORRIS

88 MIN USA

Against all odds and polar advice, a Muslim chaplain, a French biologist, a Qatari princess and eight other women from the Arab World and the West attempt to ski across the melting Arctic sea ice to the North Pole. Director Holly Morris and her crew capture the struggle of these boundary-breaking adventurers who, led by veteran polar explorer Felicity Aston, navigate everything from frostbite and polar bear threats, to sexism and self-doubt in an intimate story of resilience, survival and global citizenry.



FINITE: THE CLIMATE OF CHANGE DIRECTOR: RICH FELGATE US PREMIERE

98 MIN UK

Concerned citizens in Germany step forward to save an ancient forest from one of Europe's biggest coal mines. They form an unlikely alliance with a frustrated community in rural northeast England who are forced into action to protect their homes from a new mine.



CONT'D

DOCUMENTARY

COMPETITION



JACARANADA DIRECTOR: AUSTIN SPIES EAST COAST PREMIERE

120 MIN USA

Jacaranda captures the very brief yearly bloom of a special purple tree in Los Angeles, presented alongside the experience of three different individuals, during the summer of 2020 and the early days of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Shot by a one-person crew, blending elements of documentary and narrative filmmaking.

■ TALENT ATTENDING

DIRECTOR AUSTIN SPIES



I AM THE TIGRESS DIRECTORS: PHILIPP FUSSENEGGER & DINO OSMANOVIĆ US PREMIERE

80 MIN TUA

An observational style documentary that aims to visually capture the internal and external journey of our protagonist, Tischa "The Tigress" Thomas, during the last year of her career as a female bodybuilder. The film shows her switching from one stage to the next—whether as dominatrix, bodybuilder, grandmother, or girlfriend. In the portrait, opposites merge; moments of capitulation and victory, everyday life and state of emergency blend. The tigress prowls through extremes.

■ TALENT ATTENDING

DIRECTOR PHILIPP FUSSENEGGER & SUBJECT TISCHA "THE TIGRESS" THOMAS

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LUMINOUS DIRECTOR: SAM SMARTT EAST COAST PREMIERE

95 MIN USA

An astronomer stumbles upon a strange star, launching a journey of scientific discovery that leads his unlikely team into the international spotlight. In production since 2014, LUMINOUS follows Larry Molnar's five-year journey to test his unprecedented prediction, knowing that its success or failure will unfold squarely in the international spotlight.

■ TALENT ATTENDING

DIRECTOR SAM SMARTT



OLEGDIRECTOR: NADIA TASS

97 MIN USA

'Oleg' is a feature length doc which tells the life story of Oleg Vidov, one of the most famous Soviet film stars. Despite the fame, Oleg was unable to live in the suppressive Soviet state and in 1985, planned a bold escape to freedom in the west.

■ TALENT ATTENDING

PRODUCER JOAN BORSTEN AND JOURNALIST OLEG SULKIN





ON THE EDGE DIRECTOR: RINA PAPISH EAST COAST PREMIERE

54 MIN

The extraordinary story of Avner, for whom the sky was a playground. He was a world champion skydiver and base jumper, but when an accident paralyzed him from the chest down, he found himself on the ground in search of new meaning in his life. In revealing encounters and through rare archival footage, we are acquainted with Avner and his struggle to bridge the gap between his life before and after the accident.

THIS SCREENING IS SUPPORTED BY THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF ISRAEL NY





DARKHOUSE FILMS



A PURE PLACE DIRECTOR: NIKIAS CHRYSSOS US PREMIERE

91 MIN DEU

An offbeat coming-of-age tale about two young siblings engulfed in a secret community obsessed with soap, located on a remote Greek island. Funny, bizarre, poetic and tender tale about love, rebellion and what it means to be actually clean.





CYBER UNDERGROUND DIRECTOR: RUDY CIMIC

75 MIN CAN

DIRECTOR: RUDY CIMIC EAST COAST PREMIERE

A paranoid hacker investigates a serial killer he believes is part of a conspiracy targeting members of his online group.

■ TALENT ATTENDING

DIRECTOR RUDY CIMIC



FOR ROGER DIRECTOR: AARON BARTUSKA

88 MIN USA

After receiving word of his partner Clara's passing, Roger travels to the desolate family cabin where they would often vacation together. As he pours over the home videos recorded during their trips, Roger begins to realize that someone has been watching them from the woods for years.

■ TALENT ATTENDING

DIRECTOR AARON BARTUSKA & ACTOR MICHAEL ANDRUSIEWICZ



MASCHERA DELLA MORTE

24 MIN USA

DIRECTOR: SCOTT BEKISZ

When a man obsessed with an ancient relic called the Desk Mask disappears, his sister and her friend are reluctantly thrown into a world of terror.

PRODUCED BY ROB KAROL, LIFF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



NASTY DIRECTOR: PAUL CHART

22 MIN USA

Mild-mannered Archie Glass receives a surprise midnight call warning him of an imminent home invasion. If Archie is to survive, he's to do everything the caller suggests — no matter how strange or abhorrent to his gentle nature.

PRODUCED BY DENISE GRAYSON, LIFF BOARD MEMBER



THE RETALIATORS DIRECTORS: BRIDGET SMITH & SAMUEL GONZALEZ JR.

97 MIN USA

A pastor seeking justice for the murder of his daughter accidentally unleashes a horde of ultra-violent criminals from an underground prison.

DARKHOUSE SHORTS



DEVILS DIRECTOR: BRET MILLER

13 MIN USA

While taking a final tour of an investment home, a distracted developer is horrified to discover that the deceased owner never left. And she never will.



DOUBLE LENS REFLEX DIRECTOR: ARMAN MEINECKE

When a mysterious figure begins appearing through the viewfinder of his camera, Maxwell sets out to catch the illusive being on film.



FACE THE MUSIC DIRECTOR: NOAH LEDERMAN GREIS

9 MIN

9 MIN

15 MIN

USA

USA

USA

15 MIN **SWE**

A man's desperate trek down a river is continually hindered by strange figures trying to convince him to turn around or stop. At the same time, in the forests around him, something sinister is coming to



FOREST GIANTS DIRECTOR: AUGUSTA MARIANO

21 MIN USA

After the recent death of their father, siblings mend their strained relationship while filming a monster hoax in the woods



GARY DIRECTOR: MICHAEL ROGNLIE

A man contends with his new smart home and the horrors of its past.



HOT TODDY DIRECTOR: MARY SETTE

17 MIN USA

An animated teeny-bopper whodunnit about two ex-BFFS and the buckets of blood between them, only some of which are from their periods.



LAUNCH AT PARADISE DIRECTOR: CARRIE ANN QUINN

15 MIN USA

The lines between life and death become blurred for John as he takes the risk to live forever.



THE MOLOK

DIRECTOR: SAM WILSON

Struggling to cope with the death of his father, 8-year-old Micah draws the attention of The Molok, an ancient creature who feeds on human



NIGHT DIRECTOR: FRANK SUN

20 MIN

A man hears sounds from outside of his window. Is the sound in his mind or is he in trouble?



ROSSO DIRECTOR: ZACH STAADS

5 MIN USA

Stuck for hours afloat, nothing on the line, bad conversation, and cold winds as resentment rises. Both people chained to a rod and tackle because one won't speak up and admit that they want to go home



VOIDDIRECTOR: CLAIRE MARSHALL

15 MIN AUS

Winding upwards, gazing downwards, slinking, sinking, vaulting, halting, a solitary figure, dancer Erin O'Rourke journeys through an old labyrinthine staircase as a metaphor of her psyche. Moments of déjà vu and multiple selves emerge in a dance film that conjures ideas of psychological entrapment of women trans-historically.



SHUDDER
DIRECTOR: ROB RIDE

8 MIN UK

A surreal world where the only inhabitants are war photographers chasing the perfect shot, and the only subject matter is their own demise.



TIM TRAVERS & THE TIME TRAVELERS PARADOX DIRECTOR: STIMSON SNEAD

19 MIN USA

It is called the Time Travelers Paradox. In which a scientist creates a Time Machine and kills their younger self. So now a man who should not- can not- exist, somehow does. That is the Paradox, and Paradoxes are impossible

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F THE PLUS: STORIES OF FAILED ASIAN EXCELLENCE - CRY HARDER

15 MIN USA

DIRECTOR: WARREN LAM

Se Hoon and Ji Yeon Kim believe they personify perfection with their perfect marriage and perfect newborn who doesn't cry. When the baby finally has a face to face, she unleashes an otherworldly cry and now won't stop. Worse, grandma is coming for a visit, so now the couple will do just about anything to keep up their appearance of perfection.

STARRING TORA KIM-LAKE, EPISODIC JURY



HUSH DIRECTOR: SAMAR QUPTY

20 MIN PSE

When Nadine hears about her best friend's fear of an unwanted pregnancy, she takes the lead on the rescue. Together they embark on a frustrating confidential journey of getting pregnancy tested, in which ruining the good family name looms in the air.

DIRECTED/WRITTEN BY AND STARRING SAMAR QUPTY, NARRATIVE FEATURES JURY



LIFELINEDIRECTORS: JASON DELANE LEE & LEAH COHEN-MAYS

13 MIN USA

When an adopted father of three receives news of his biological birth parents, he must choose whether or not to confront his unknown past — and its secrets.

PRODUCED BY MATTHEW SORACI, JENNIFER SNYDER BRYCELAND AWARD JURY



NEVER AGAIN

DIRECTORS: ANNA FEDER, DAN FRANK & JUSTIN REIFERT

21 MIN USA

In the poorest city in Rhode Island, peaceful demonstrators tried to shut down a for-profit prison housing ICE detainees, only to be met with violence. Established by Jews, the organization Never Again Action seeks to put into practice the lessons of the Holocaust, including their support for undocumented and refugee neighbors, as they were once "strangers in a strange land."

CO-DIRECTED BY ANNA FEDER, EPISODIC JURY

SHORT FILMS

COMPETITION



1056 METRES DIRECTOR: EDWIN HO

17 MIN SGP 28 IS GREAT
DIRECTOR: JASMINE DOROTHY HAEFNER

5 MIN USA

Ling needs a kidney. She crosses the 1056 meter long causeway from Malaysia to Singapore to seek this desperate favor from her younger brother who lives there. Will her last hope eventually save her?

In this mockumentary, a conflict ridden crew attempts to film a mystery project on a set rife with interpersonal conflict, knowing the only people they have to rely on is themselves.



AARON WITH 2 A'S
DIRECTOR: MICHAEL GOLDBURG

17 MIN USA AMADI COMES HOME
DIRECTORS: JULIE ASRIYAN & JESSICA BURGESS

12 MIN USA

Aaron retires from his day job to pursue his lifelong dream to be an actor. When he finally manages to land a major role, he discovers he's his own worst enemy as his long-repressed inner doubts threaten to derail his second career and the relationships that matter most to him.



AMIR AND ALICE DIRECTOR: GAL GONEN

18 MIN ISR When two female childhood friends announce their adoption of an Ethiopian boy over a celebratory dinner, the evening takes a heated turn as guests debate raising a black boy by white parents in present-day America.



AYAAN
DIRECTOR: ALIES SLUITER

17 MIN

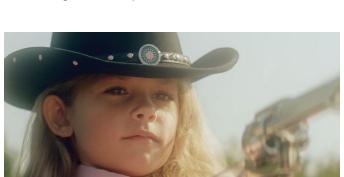
A story about the unexpected meeting between Amir, a Bedouin gas station attendant, and Alice, a mysterious Jewish girl at a gas station in the middle of the desert at night. When fugitive Ayaan encounters a man on a rural beach, she must decide whether to trust him, or journey on alone.



BLEH DIRECTOR: MEGAN CHUMBLEY

7 MIN USA

Grace and Sam stumble into what was supposed to be a romantic hookup at a party. Addressing exes, virginity, bisexuality, and the concept of being someone's "first try", makes things more complicated.



THE BOUNTRESS DIRECTOR: JODI FERGUSON

13 MIN USA

A modern day western, 'The Bountress' follows the story of Leila, a young woman recruited into an academy, where young girls are trained to kill in the secluded depths of the mountains. Essentially assassins on horseback, Leila is soon to discover that the true dark secrets lay close to home...



THE BRIDGE
DIRECTOR: RODRIGUE HAMMAL

25 MIN CAN

Events go very differently than expected when two strangers meet on a bridge in an unprecedented situation.



THE BOTTOM
DIRECTORS: MORGAN RUAIDHRÍ O'SULLIVAN &
JAMES KAUTZ

9 MIN USA

At the edge of a mysterious lake, a reckoning between friends becomes a fight for life - as one man's mind games threatens the other's grip on reality.



BRACHADIRECTORS: MICKEY TRIEST & AARON GEVA

13 MIN ISR

Bracha turns up on her anxious mother's doorstep in the middle of the night holding a mattress over her head, but an argument ensues.



COFFEE SISSY
DIRECTOR: CARL EUGEN JOHANNESSEN

8 MIN NOR

A coffee barista is tempted to kill a difficult customer.

CONT'D

SHORT FILMS COMPETITION



COME FIND ME DIRECTOR: NELA WAGMAN

13 MIN USA

Sophia stands on the brink of self-discovery when a family tragedy plunges her into confusion and loneliness. Desperate for reassurance, she finds comfort in a world of fantasy.



COMPOSURE DIRECTOR: ERIC DEPRIESTER

12 MIN USA

A duet between actor Emma Center and composer François Comtois, COMPOSURE is a film about living with yourself. Inspired by the isolation of quarantine.



COOKAPHONY
DIRECTOR: JOE CHVALA

9 MIN USA

A runaway wanderer makes his escape by posing as a chef for an impatient wedding party, creating a percussive symphony in the process.



COURTROOM SKETCHES DIRECTOR: KARLEENER

16 MIN FRA

Edmond, a courtroom sketch artist, intervenes unexpectedly during hearings of over-indebted people. With social media helping, Edmond's process is successful but speculators seek to take advantage of it and rule it out.



CRAZY MEL'S AUTO EMPORIUM DIRECTOR: KEVIN MAHER

1 MIN AUS

Crazy Mel's customer service guarantee is like no other.



THE DARK BETWEEN US DIRECTOR: NIKHIL KAMKOLKAR

9 MIN USA

Set in the claustrophobic confines of a New York City apartment, a South Asian couple's relationship breaks down when one confronts the other over the potential murder of their missing ex-spouse.



EUREKA DIRECTOR: MIIDA CHU

15 MIN USA

A young indentured Chinese prostitute must overcome her toxic dependency on the brothel madam on the eve of the 1885 anti-Chinese riot in Eureka, California.



FINDING JANE DIRECTOR: CHRISTINA KELLY

8 MIN USA

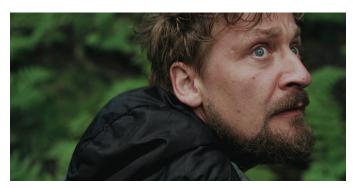
A film about a memory as fragile and as resilient as the barrier island where the story unfolds.



FATA MORGANA DIRECTOR: NITZAN ROZEN

18 MIN ISR

While filming themselves driving in the desert for a reality show, couple Tamara and Firas end up in an accident due to a Fata Morgana (mirage) in the road. To avoid consequences, they hide the evidence and reshoot everything from the start. But like the mirage they saw, nothing is as it seems.



FOURTEEN DAYS DIRECTOR: JORI GRÖNROOS

5 MIN FIN

A man's procrastination has severe consequences. The greatest sacrifice of all is time.



FREE FALL DIRECTOR: EMMANUEL TENENBAUM

19 MIN FRA

Tom is a young trader at a London bank but his recent results have put him in the hot seat. When the first plane hits the World Trade Center on the morning of September 11th, 2001, Tom is convinced it is a terrorist attack, not an accident. He then jumps into the biggest trade of his life...



FREEDOM DAY DIRECTOR: RIANNE PYLE

23 MIN USA

After the murder of George Floyd, three fiery and passionate activists take their battle for racial equality to the streets by orchestrating the first Juneteenth march in Washington D.C.

CONT'D

SHORT FILMS

COMPETITION



GOLD FOR FOOLS
DIRECTOR: RENE W. SOLOMON

13 MIN USA

A Hasidic man is kicked off his farm in upstate New York and forced into the secular world.



HALLUCINATE RESPONSIBLY
DIRECTORS: MAX STOSSEL & JONATHAN GUYADER

4 MIN USA

This film is about the death of a former self, a process some medicines or "drugs" can help accelerate. It is a collaboration between award-winning poet & storyteller, Max Stossel, and Australian based motion graphic & projection artist Jonathan Guyader.



I MUSTACHE YOU DIRECTOR: SHARA ASHLEY ZEIGER

14 MIN USA

"I Mustache You" is a whimsical magical realistic silent short film about Abby, an agoraphobic, who receives an invitation to love, self acceptance, and the outside world.



KISHOSU DIRECTOR: TYLER TRAUTMAN

5 MIN USA

After accidentally killing her boyfriend, a bookworm goes to the library to seek help undoing a mysterious book's dark magic.



THE KNOT
DIRECTOR: REBECCA SCHWAB

12 MIN USA

When Eve discovers that her last unwed ex-boyfriend got married, she takes drastic measures to tie a knot of her own.



LET ME ASSIST YOU DIRECTOR: NOAM ARGOV

8 MIN USA

After an absolutely devastating breakup, a man's AI virtual assistant tries to take over as his fitness and wellness coach.



LET'S KILL KAREN
DIRECTOR: COURTNEY J. CAMEROTA

10 MIN USA LIVING ALL OF LIFE DIRECTOR: MARLÉN RÍOS-FARJAT

27 MIN MEX

A fearless millennial uncovers the origin of a terrorist-like group of entitled women and needs her flamboyant brother's help to stop their rapid expansion.

Abandoned by her husband after a lifetime together, Susanna forms an unexpected friendship with her neighbor that awakens her desire to live in the present.



LIZA ANONYMOUS DIRECTOR: AUBREY SMYTH

12 MIN USA

A lonely millennial addicted to support groups disguises herself in different personas while trying to fit in, leading her on a theatrical journey.



LOVE'S BABY SOFT DIRECTOR: LANIE ZIPOY

14 MIN USA

It's 1976. A feisty preteen desperate to grow up learns how tough it truly is when her world collides with her super cool 16 year old babysitter.



LYDIA EMILY'S LAST MURAL DIRECTOR: CHRISTOPH GREEN

21 MIN USA

Lydia Emily, an LA based artist living with progressive MS, paints her last mural with the help of a diverse group of friends and artists.



MANUEL
DIRECTORS: MARIO D'ANNA & STEFANO MANGONI

19 MIN ITA

In 1943, a Jewish family hides from the nazi roundups. Adam, a 10-year-old boy, following a strange dream, starts a mysterious countdown.

CONT'D

SHORT FILMS

COMPETITION



MIRACLE BABY DIRECTOR: MICHELLE BOSSY

19 MIN USA MOMENT OF TRUTH DIRECTOR: LEA PFANDLER

9 MIN USA

When Monica finds out her congressman husband has been cheating on her, she sets the stage for an evening of horrible revenge.

A grief-stricken woman seeking justice and revenge must use herself as bait to catch her sister's murderer.



THE MORNING BREEZE DIRECTOR: DOM LAMPASONA

26 MIN USA NEW BOO DIRECTOR: NANCY POP

7 MIN USA

While mourning the loss of his sister, a troubled young man becomes a test subject for a transcending scientific experiment to quest into a newly discovered parallel universe.

When Coral's girlfriends stop by to meet her new man, they struggle to accept her bizarre new views on dating.



ON-OFF LICENCE DIRECTOR: MARK FIELD

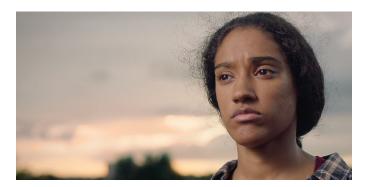
9 MIN UK

ON THE PULSE OF LIFE DIRECTOR: JESSICA JONES

4 MIN USA

From either side of the Brexit divide - two men collide in an intense night of robbery, desperation and fury.

Documenting the birth justice moment in Alameda County, California, and celebrates new motherhood for Black women. It is in the first few breaths of life that can make our futures equitable — when will we choose to make this a reality?



THE ONE THEY WANTED **DIRECTOR: CATRIONA RUBENIS-STEVENS**

17 MIN USA



Filmmaker Sage Christian Drake shares his feelings and passion for his latest experimental film on life, appreciation,

and the limited time that we all carry.

OUR SHOT DIRECTOR: SAGE DRAKE

6 MIN USA

Gabriella Barton, a recently discharged US Army Staff Sergeant, struggles with loss throughout her post-military life. Loss of purpose and place keep her from moving on and despite there being no more battles to fight, she keeps losing friends. Her only comfort in her haze are conversations with her adoptive brother and fellow veteran, Patrick.

PERFECT STORM DIRECTOR: MORAG BROWNLIE

14 MIN

7 MIN

USA

A PREGNANT WOMAN DIRECTOR: ANA CARRIZALES

17 MIN

CAN

Walking into the unknown, during the perfect storm of the pandemic, the beauty of nature and connectivity of humanity endures.



QUICHE DIRECTOR: HEATHER FINK

Alison & Timothy finally confront their real feelings about the friendship they've had for years. While eating quiche.



An eight-and-a-half month pregnant Alejandra is on the road

and on the run from an abusive husband. Undocumented and

exhausted with nowhere to go, she drives to a remote desert, hiding a heavy secret inside a dusty piece of luggage.

RELATIONSHIRT DIRECTOR: JOSHUA RADFORD

17 MIN USA

While staying the night at her new boyfriend's place, Sarah asks to wear a shirt to bed. Subsequently opening up a portal inside his closet that leads to a 1980's Dating Show, where 3 lucky shirts await.

CONT'D

SHORT FILMS

COMPETITION



RESCUE 6 MIN **DIRECTOR: GG HAWKINS** USA

A newly adopted hound contemplates his escape from the couple he thinks kidnapped him.



SAFE DISTANCE **DIRECTOR: ARTUR WYRZYKOWSKI**

12 MIN POL

Władzio needs to walk his dog – who is about to explode – but he has to keep a two meter distance. And Olek isn't even wearing a mask.



SEEDS 12 MIN DIRECTORS: MORNINGSTAR ANGELINE & AJUAWAK KAPASHESIT

USA

Without parents to guide them, Loretta and Raven reflect on the love their parents modeled and the grief of their loss. While one finds catharsis in their mother's old VHS camera the other struggles with a potential pregnancy.



SEVEN FISHES DIRECTOR: JACLYN GRAMIGNA

10 MIN USA

So wrapped up in creating the perfect holiday memory at their Feast of the Seven Fishes, an Italian American family completely miss the fact that one of their own does not intend to stick around for the dinner...or at all.



THE SHAKER LEGACY **DIRECTORS: DAVID GIBSON & DAVID J. GOODWIN**

10 MIN

Who were the Shakers? This short documentary explores the design, cultural, and spiritual legacies of this utopian religious community and its impact on America today



SOMETHING HAS DIED IN THE FOREST **DIRECTOR: EVA JUSTINE TORKKOLA**

25 MIN AUS

In the wake of World War Two an isolated Ukrainian migrant, living in a Snowy River migrant camp in the Australian bushland with her husband, struggles to come to terms with her new pregnancy as she relives the trauma of losing her first child.

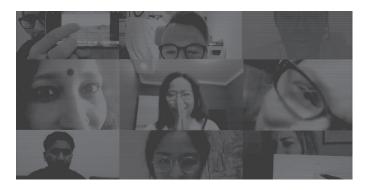




11 MIN USA

29 MIN USA

Stranded in South Korea after devastating wildfires sweep the globe, a photographer tries to adapt to his new life and environment. All the while the past seeps in — a haunting requiem to the real stakes of the climate crisis and what we have to lose. Filmed in Seoul.



STRANGERS IN BOXES DIRECTOR: GABRIEL DIAMOND

6 MIN USA

USA

SUNSCREEN DIRECTOR: EDNA LUISE BIESOLD

11 MIN USA

A group of activists—all strangers—from more than 15 countries meet online in the midst of a global pandemic. This is a life affirming testament to how the power of human connection can transcend language, distance, a global



TATTOO MONOLOGUES

18 MIN DIRECTOR: KENNETH KAUFFMAN

Trauma is not unusual in society, and when shared, tells its story in various ways. The short film "Tattoo Monologues" communicates the experiences of brave women through both the spoken word and the deep markings of their tattoos.



TRUST DIRECTOR: DAN MAHBOUBIAN ROSEN

14 MIN USA

A young woman, desperate to be accepted by an enigmatic group and its seductive leader, must take a risky leap of faith.



one-woman space shuttle, they find a powerful connection.

Can it be sustained even though they're worlds apart?

When Shelby and Mason get to the beach they realize that

neither of them brought sunscreen. Who's to blame?

CONT'D

SHORT FILMS

COMPETITION



THE TUESDAY MID-MORNING REPORT

DIRECTOR: SETH BRADY

Your questions will be answered and all of your apprehensions will be satisfied. An albumen of ages will pour from the outer dark to be solidified in the burning light.



TWO WONGS
DIRECTOR: FRANK HARTS

5 MIN USA

Two brothers from Queens, NY drive to Maine to avenge the murder of their mother, who was beaten to death during an Asian hate crime spree.



THE VOICE ACTRESS DIRECTOR: ANNA J. TAKAYAMA

15 MIN JPN

3 MIN

USA

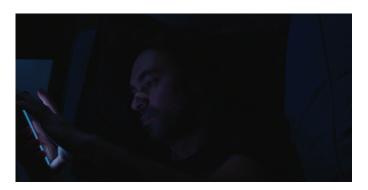
Kingyo, a veteran voice actress working in Tokyo, possesses a unique ability to see the soul in all things, living and inanimate. The voice acting world is changing and she must find a way to reconcile her way of living with the modern industry.



THE WARZINIEK'S FILE DIRECTOR: PIERRE J. SECONDI

19 MIN FRA

Paul Warziniek - citizen 4.815.162.342 - is living a happy life. One day, he receives a parking ticket. The only problem is he doesn't own a car.



WE THE FISHES
DIRECTOR: ROUZBEH "RAY" NOORI

5 MIN SWE

Remi receives an unexpected late night phone call that leads to an impromptu musical performance.



WHEN SHE WAS GOOD DIRECTOR: MARGARITA MILNE

20 MIN

When a young girl discovers that Santa is not real, she questions the lies told by adults and the terrible secret that she has been forced to keep.



consumed with paranoid delusions that the mob is trying to kill



her.

12 MIN USA

Amidst global collapse, a struggling comedian is locked away in her NYC apartment working on a TV pitch about a 1960's Vegas Tropicana cabaret singer. As she works and consumes media about the horror of the outside world, she becomes



YO ANDREA
DIRECTOR: BRIAN RUSSELL

7 MIN USA

A middle aged man hatches a plot to win the woman of his dreams.

EPISODIC COMPETITION



From the cliffs of West Wales, to the basement of

MI6, to a Wisconsin farm house, A Question of Service

follows Joseph, an expert linguist and MI6 interpreter

A QUESTION OF SERVICE DIRECTOR: ERIN BROWN THOMAS

who may or may not be a Russian spy.

25 MIN USA

Eddy wanted a career in photography. Instead, he's pitching photo sales in the nation's 27th best theme

co-workers and old grudges.



BREAKLAND DIRECTOR: LUISA NOVO

park as he finds himself caught in the middle of new

DIVRDIRECTOR: ZOEY MARTINSON

24 MIN USA

When their casual-sex app for queer women, DIVR, becomes a breakout hit, three college buds find themselves hailed as icons of progress, representing the entire queer community in their success. But behind the scenes, things are a little more complicated: Sula has been secretly dating a straight man, McQueen has been hiding their true gender identity, and Rebecca, who suffers from bipolar disorder, is about to buckle under the pressure.



DRAMA HIGH
DIRECTOR: ELIZABETH JAELEIGH DAVIS

10 MIN

When Archer transfers to an elite high school with a student body seemingly straight from an Asian drama, she capitalizes on her knowledge of the genre's tropes to climb the social ladder and possibly get the guy.



GRAFTON
DIRECTOR: BRYAN SANTIAGO

26 MIN USA

16 MIN

USA

A psychological thriller about a woman who gets lost on the interstate and stumbles upon a small town where she reluctantly assumes the identity of someone else.



HOW TO HACK BIRTH CONTROL
DIRECTOR: SASSY MOHEN

10 MIN USA

How to Hack Birth Control focuses on how to navigate and take charge in today's contraception universe. Told through the sharp wit and perky charm of the narrator, Ruth (Xanthe Paige), the pilot takes a run at "not supposed to talk about" scenarios and answers all of the questions women truly want to know, but are taught to be too afraid to ask.

EPISODIC

COMPETITION



LEFT OF THE DIAL DIRECTOR: ANDREW LAWTON

50 MIN USA OLIVE
DIRECTOR: FLORA CHARLOTTE LOPATEGUI

5 MIN UK

THE PHOTOGRAPHER
DIRECTOR: DINA ZVI RIKLIS

10 MIN ISR

When a "War of the Worlds"-style on-air stunt goes wrong, a disgraced radio hotshot is forced to leave Los Angeles and move back home to try to resurrect her career at the station that developed her in the small town that resents her.

Olive is a loud and bombastic aspiring singer, whose ego is bigger than her career. As a result, she takes out her wrath on a series of unsuspecting dates.

The story of Anna the photographer during the last few weeks before she dies. The women arriving at her studio expose themselves in front of the camera, telling about their complicated relationship with their bodies and their deepest secrets. Anna gives them the power to reach life-changing insights and decisions. But what about her own?



WHEREVER YOU GO DIRECTORS: ANDREW BEGUIN & EEVIN HARTSOUGH

12 MIN USA

When two new friends encounter a series of obstacles, they run away—repeatedly—but, as they learn, you can't run away from yourself...

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT FILMS COMPETITION

HE LOVES ME, HE LOVES ME NOT AMANDA KATZ

Howell HS, NJ

BODY, FORGIVE ME AMANDA KATZ Howell HS, NJ

THE LAST HUNTER ZILING CHEN
California/China

AND THEN THERE WERE TWO LUKAS CORNINE

Ewing, NJ

HUNTER
MICHELLE TANG
Metuchen, NJ

IL TETTO (THE ROOFTOP) GABRIEL WERTS

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CASE 1407 GABRIEL WERTS E. Brunswick Tech HS, NJ

STAPLE
MAURA COLLINS/
STEPHEN SASSANO
Middletown HS, NJ

RUN AWAY
ZOEY NESS/
MARY RAFFERTY/
JULIA FLYNN/
THEA ROWLAND/
BROOK MILLS

Middletown HS, NJ

PROM FRIGHT LUNKAEL LATORRE Monmouth County Vocational, NJ

SURF FILMS







KEEP IT A SECRET

61 MIN USA

DIRECTOR: SEAN DUGGAN

The inspiring true story of the dawn of Irish surfing and how the sport's brave pioneers found peace in the surf during the most violent years of The Troubles conflict.

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NEILIE AND LEO DIRECTOR: JUSTIN RUBIN WORLD PREMIERE

17 MIN USA

Neilie and Leo, a film about one day, one beach, and 20 years of waves... gifts from a friend.



TUBE RIDER APPRENTICE

19 MIN BRA/IDN

DIRECTOR: ALEXANDRE RIBAS

In 2021, during the pandemic, several families decided to take refuge on the Mentawais islands, Indonesia. Among them is a child prodigy who goes on an adventure full of emotions, challenges and lots of perfect waves.





WAITING FOR WAVES DIRECTOR: JACOB ZAOUTIS

24 MIN USA

A look inside the raw world of New England east coast surfing through the $\,$ eyes of three men who have dedicated their lives to the ocean.

INDUSTRY EVENTS



PANEL FEMALE FILMMAKERS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE OCEAN

We all know about the #MeToo movement and the progress female filmmakers are experiencing in the American film industry, but how have things changed in the international arena, where movie productions are being selected, funded, and promoted by the state? And what about the big European film festivals like the notoriously male-oriented Cannes Film Festival? A woman won the Palme d'Or in 2021, but did anything really change or was it just a show of hypocrisy?

Join four international female filmmakers—Lisa Bierwirth (Germany), Margot Schaap (The Netherlands), Mercedes Grower (UK), and Samar Qupty (Palestine)—in an in-depth discussion about the impact of female filmmaker empowerment overseas.

WHEN

FRIDAY, JUNE 3RD 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

WHERE

LBI MUSEUM

129 Engleside Ave, Beach Haven, NJ 08008



PANEL HOT, OFF, AND THE PRESS

Join LIFF artistic director Amir Bogen and LIFF board member Shirit Gal Kedar, both seasoned film journalists, for a fun discussion about the "behind-the-screen" of the press junket universe. From the richness of the catering at the lavish Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills to the dullness of talents dry answers and talking points. Who fell asleep during an interview? Who didn't want to stop talking? And who didn't even show up? Find out about the funny and the more serious parts of publicity in Hollywood.

WHEN

SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

WHERE

LBI MUSEUM

129 Engleside Ave, Beach Haven, NJ 08008

BREAKFAST WITH THE FILMMAKERS

FILMMAKERS PANEL WITH Q&A

Start your day off right with delicious bites and coffee, provided by Private Dining by Francis, LBI's renowned executive French chef. The morning conversation promises to be entertaining and enlightening. Please note that this event is only open to All Access Pass patrons, filmmakers, and members of the press. Space is limited. Please arrive 15 minutes early to be seated.

WHEN

FRIDAY, JUNE 3RD SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

WHERE

SHIP BOTTOM FIREHOUSE

2006 Central Ave, Ship Bottom, NJ 08008

SPECIAL EVENTS

OPENING NIGHT AFTER-PARTY

Join us at Nardi's for music, dancing, and mingling after the opening night film. This event is open to all filmmakers, pass holders, volunteers, and staff. No cover. Amir Bogen, artistic director of LIFF, will be curating music as our festival DJ.

FRIDAY NIGHT PARTY

The iconic Joe Pop's Shore Bar is ready to welcome our filmmakers, All Access Pass patrons, volunteers, and staff. There is no cover for film friends with badges. So, let's dance, mingle, and have fun on the Jersey Shore.

SATURDAY CENTERPIECE PARTY

The Sandbox will be hosting a gathering in their lovely outdoor dining area. Who doesn't love playing in the sandbox? Open to All Access Pass holders, filmmakers, and staff only. No cover.

SATURDAY NIGHT AFTER-PARTY

Come dance the night away at the iconic Bird & Betty's. This event is open to all filmmakers, pass holders, volunteers, and staff. No cover with LIFF pass.

CLOSING PARTY & AWARDS CEREMONY

The last hurrah! Join us to celebrate a great time, great films, and great people. The envelopes will be opened and the awards will be announced. This farewell party is open to volunteers, filmmakers, staff, and All Access Pass holders. No cover.

WHEN

THURSDAY, JUNE 2ND 11:00 p.m. - closing

WHERE

NARDI'S

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WHEN

FRIDAY, JUNE 3RD 10:30 p.m. - closing

WHERE

JOE POP'S SHORE BAR

2002 Long Beach Blvd, Ship Bottom, NJ 08008

WHEN

SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH 9:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

WHERE

SANDBOX CAFÉ

1403 Long Beach Blvd, Surf City, NJ 08008

W/HFN

SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH 10:00 p.m. - closing

WHERE

BIRD & BETTY'S

529 Dock Rd, Beach Haven, NJ 08008

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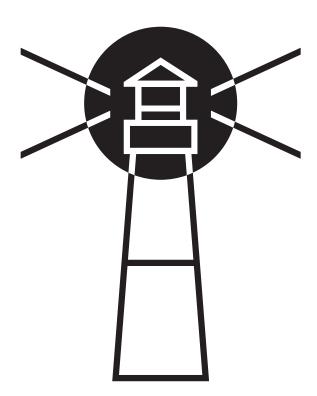
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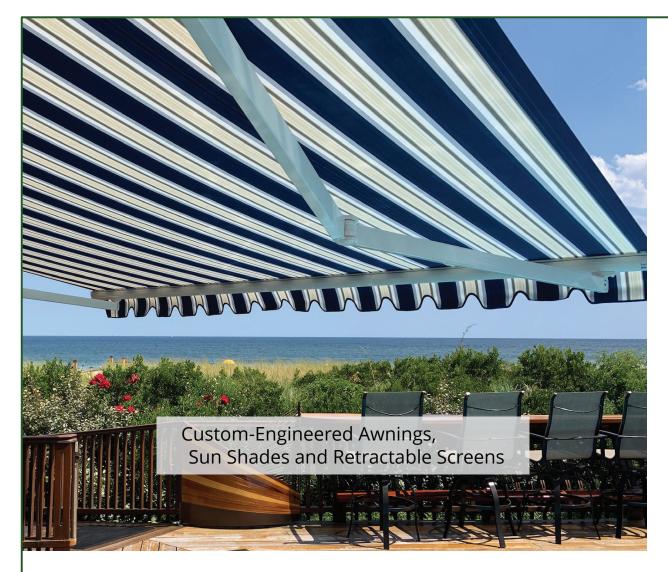


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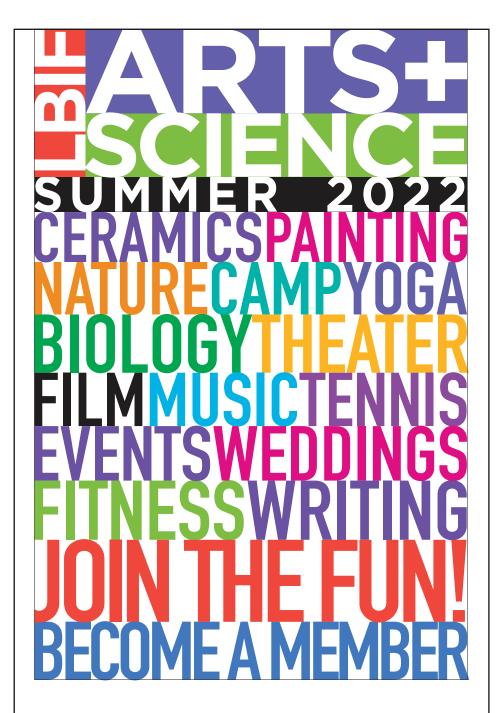
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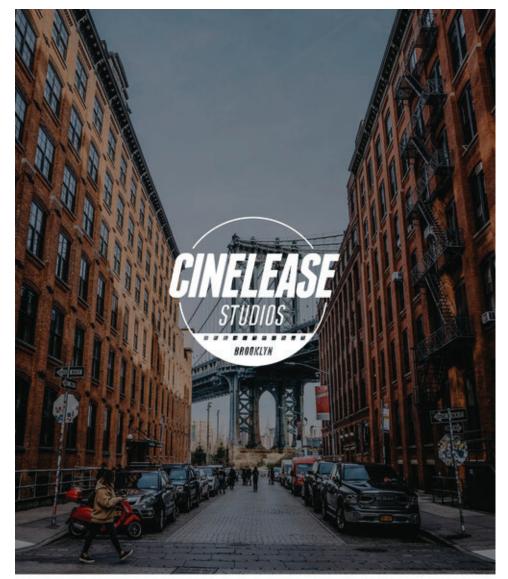








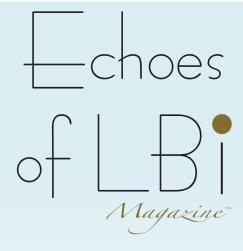




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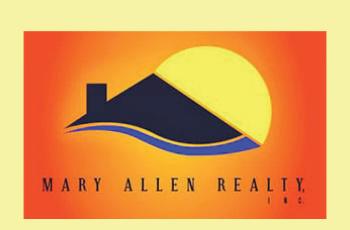
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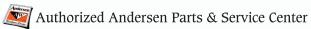
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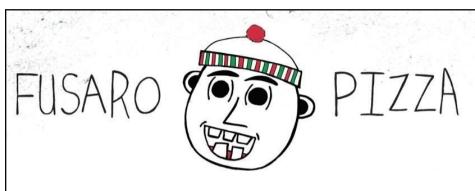
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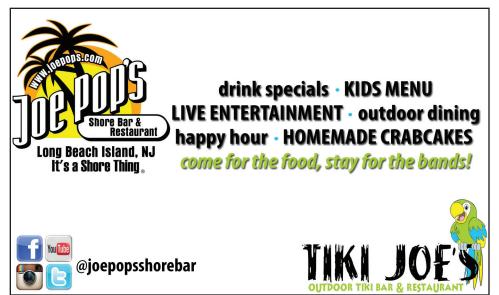












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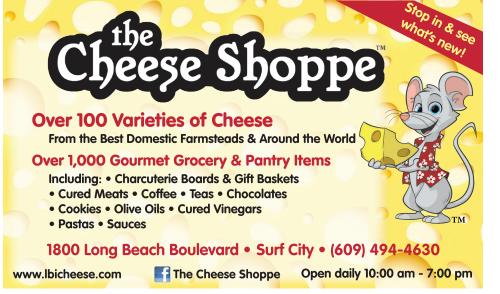


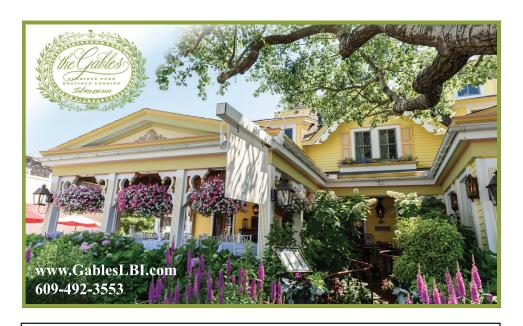
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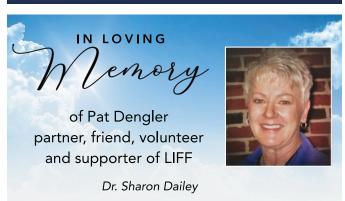




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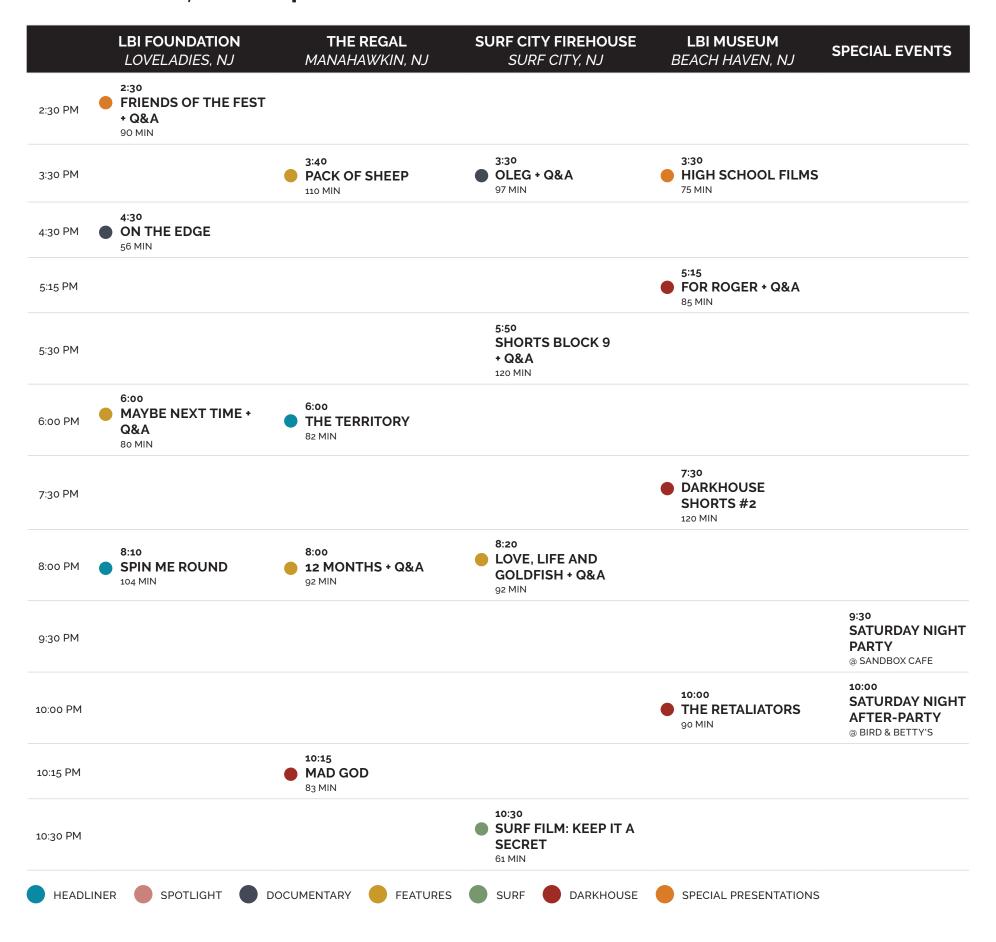
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				9:00 BREAKFAST W/ FILMMAKERS @SHIP BOTTOM FIREHOUSE
		10:00 SHORTS BLOCK 2 + Q&A 120 MIN		
10:30 STRAIGHTEN UP AND FLY RIGHT + Q&A 90 MIN				
	11:00 JACARANDA + Q&A 120 MIN			
12:45 FINITE 97 MIN		12:30 SHORTS BLOCK 3 90 MIN		
			1:00 PANEL: Female Filmmakers on the Other Side of the Ocean	
	1:45 KARMALINK 102 MIN			
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5:00 PM			5:00 SHORTS BLOCK 5 + Q&A 120 MIN		
5:45 PM	5:45 MENINA CASILDA + Q&A 86 MIN	5:50 FIRE OF LOVE			
7:30 PM		7:50 I AM THE TIGRESS + Q&A 80 MIN	7:30 WE ARE NOT CONTENT! + Q&A 82 MIN	7:30 DARKHOUSE SHORTS #1 120 MIN	
8:00 PM	8:00 892 103 MIN				
9:30 PM			9:40 SHORTS BLOCK 6 90 MIN		
10:00 PM	■ SURF SHORTS			10:00 A PURE PLACE 91 MIN	10:00 FRIDAY NIGHT PARTY
	URDAY, JUNE	4			9:00 BREAKFAST W/
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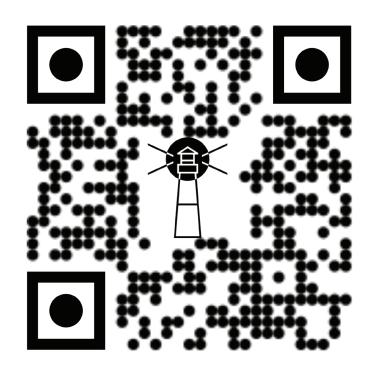
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12:00 PM	12:10 BIPOLAR 110 MIN				
12:30 PM			12:30 EPISODICS II BLOCK 11 + Q&A 120 MIN		
2:30 PM	2:30 SONG OF SALT + Q&A 96 MIN				
3:00 PM			3:00 SHORTS BLOCK 12 + Q&A 120 MIN		
5:00 PM					5:00 CLOSING CEREMONY/ PARTY (a) JOE POP'S SHORE BAR
7:30 PM	7:30 MY OLD SCHOOL 104 MINS CLOSING FILM				



SHORT & EPISODIC **BLOCK LINEUP**

SHORTS BLOCK #1

THURSDAY 8:30 PM

LET ME ASSIST YOU SOMETHING HAS DIED IN THE FOREST

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SHORTS BLOCK #2

COOKAPHONY

LIZA ANONYMOUS

FRIDAY 10:00 AM

AARON WITH 2 A'S

LYDIA EMILY'S LAST MURAL

COFFEE SISSY

SHORTS BLOCK #3

FRIDAY 12:30 PM

BRACHA PERFECT STORM

STRANGERS IN BOXES

COURTROOM

SKETCHES

FOURTEEN DAYS FATA MORGANA

LET'S KILL KAREN YO ANDREA

SHORTS BLOCK #4

FRIDAY 2:30 PM

TATTOO MONOLOGUES

A PREGNANT WOMAN

FREE FALL

THE DARK BETWEEN

NEW BOO

THE BOUNTRESS QUICHE

SHORTS BLOCK #5

FRIDAY 5:00 PM

FINDING JANE I MUSTACHE YOU **GOLD FOR FOOLS**

FREEDOM DAY

AMADI COMES HOME **KISHOSU SEEDS**

SHORTS BLOCK #6

FRIDAY 9:40 PM

AYAAN

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SAFE DISTANCE

SHORTS BLOCK #7

SATURDAY 10:30 AM

TWO WONGS SUNSCREEN THE KNOT

THE MORNING BREEZE

SOUL DELAY THE ONE THEY

WANTED

MOMENT OF TRUTH

EPISODIC I BLOCK #8

SATURDAY 1:00 PM

A QUESTION OF SERVICE DRAMA HIGH GRAFTON

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SHORTS BLOCK #9

SATURDAY 5:50 PM

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SHORTS BLOCK #10

SUNDAY 10:00 AM

28 IS GREAT WHEN SHE WAS GOOD

WE THE FISHES STATIC SPACE

THE TUESDAY MID-MORNING REPORT

MIRACLE BABY

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SUNDAY 12:30 PM

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SHORTS BLOCK #12

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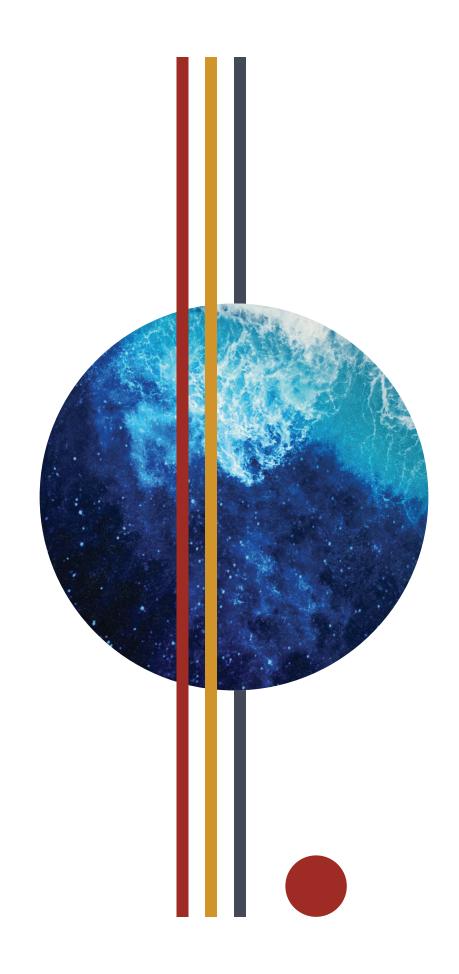
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LONG BEACH ISLAND

SHUTTLE SERVICE

JUNE 2ND-5TH

THURSDAY - SUNDAY 8:00 AM TO 2:00 AM

Those colorful LBI Shuttle buses running up and down Long Beach Island BLVD are for you!

SHUTTLES ARE FREE FOR LIFF PASS HOLDERS

LBI Shuttle buses will be stopping at all screening venues, parties, Breakfast with the Filmmakers, and events to help you get where you are going. Please, no alcohol or smoking on Shuttle buses!

HOW DO YOU CATCH THE LBI SHUTTLLE?

Stand on any corner on Long Beach Blvd. When you see a colorful "LBI SHUTTLE" bus approaching, wave vigorously, no need to dance (but feel free to!).

IF SOMEONE IN MY PARTY DOES NOT HAVE AN ALL ACCESS PASS CAN THEY RIDE?

Yes, the fee is \$2 until 7:00 pm and \$5 after 7:00 pm.

HOW OFTEN DOES THE LBI SHUTTLE RUN?

The Shuttles run on a continuous loop. A bus should be at the venues every 20 minutes depending on traffic & road conditions. There will be a bus at the end of a screening or event to take you to other screening venues.

SHARE WITH THE FESTIVAL

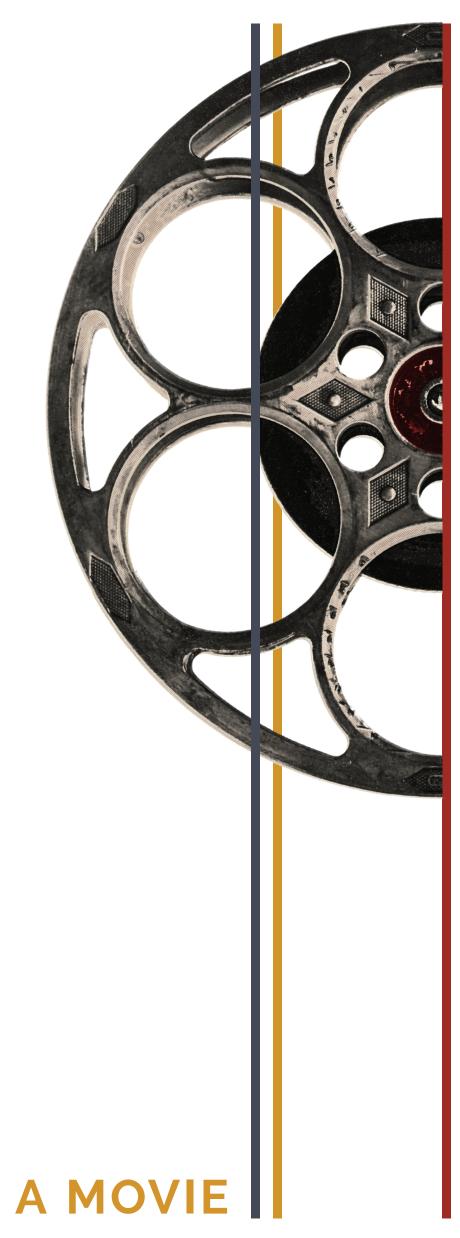
Hi guests of LIFF 2022!

Remember to include the #LIFF2022 hashtag if you're posting from the festival.











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