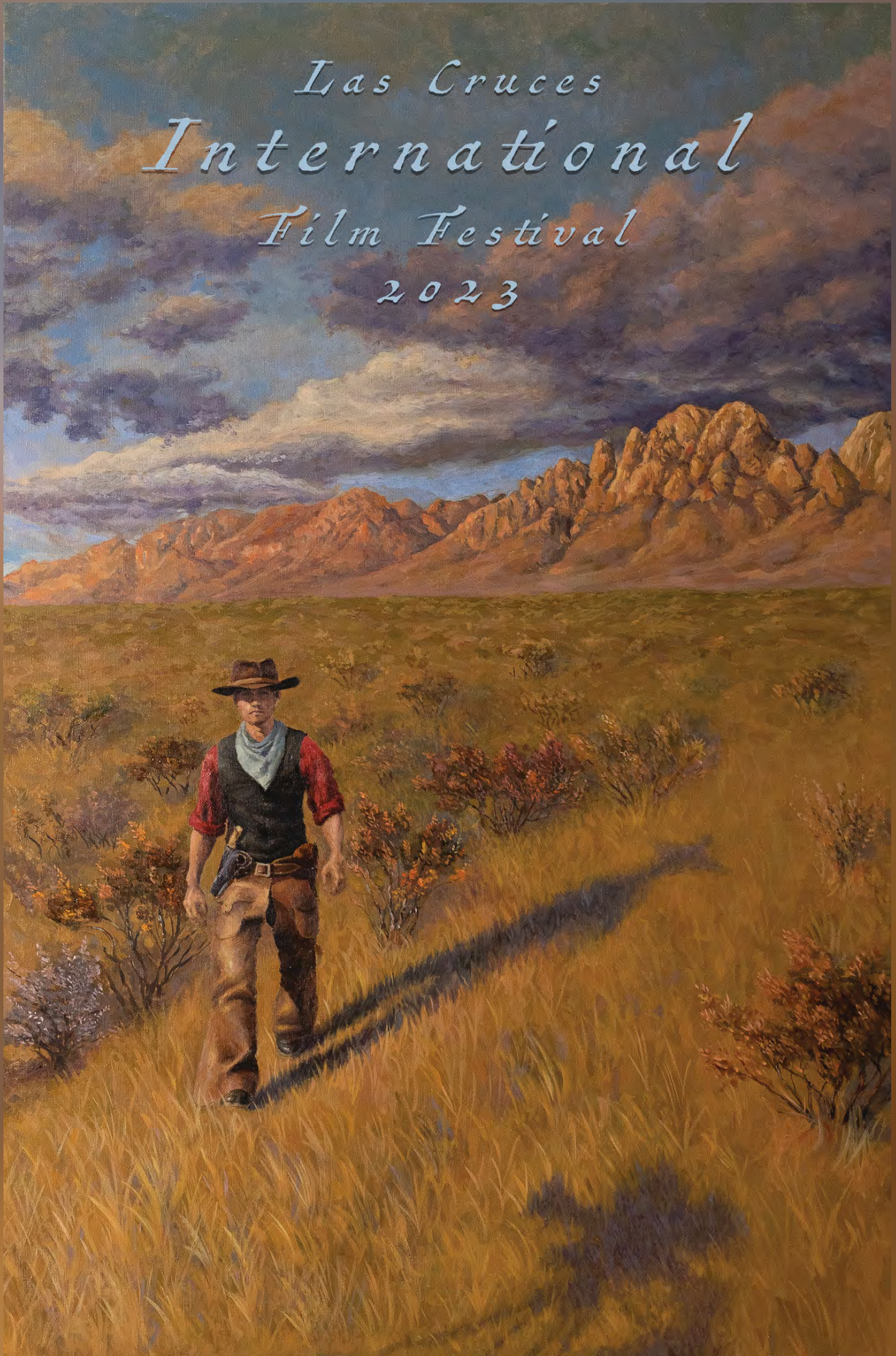


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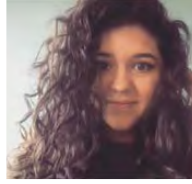
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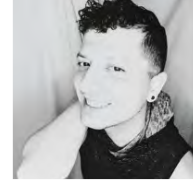
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2023 Las Cruces International Film Festival Schedule

April 12 | Opening Night Film - **Land of Dreams** 6:30PM, 6:45PM, 7:00PM, 7:15PM
VIP After Party - **La Posta** @ 9:00 PM

THURSDAY APRIL 13

FRIDAY APRIL 14

	THEATRE A	THEATRE B	THEATRE C	THEATRE D	THEATRE A	THEATRE B	THEATRE C	THEATRE D	KEY
10:00 AM	RICOCHET 10:00 AM				ANIMATED SHORTS 1 10:00 AM			INDEPENDENT FILMMAKING 10:00 AM	NARRATIVE SHORTS
11:00 AM		MARIJUANA MINUTES 11:15 AM	CUE BALL 10:30 AM	NARRATIVE SHORTS 1 10:15 AM			DOCUMENTARY SHORTS 1 10:30 AM		DOCUMENTARY SHORTS
12:00 PM					MUSIC VIDEOS 12:00 PM	LOCAL SHORTS 2 11:15 AM			ANIMATED SHORTS
1:00 PM	NARRATIVE SHORTS 2 12:30 PM		2888 1:00 PM	CHERRY EARRINGS 12:00 PM			OPAL 12:45 PM	SCREEN WRITING PANEL 12:30 PM	STUDENT SHORTS
2:00 PM		STUDENT SHORTS 1 1:45 PM				NARRATIVE SHORTS 3 1:30 PM			MUSIC VIDEOS
3:00 PM	APOCALYPSE LOVE STORY 2:45 PM			A CONVERSATION W/ GIANCARLO ESPOSITO @ NMSU CENTER FOR THE ARTS 3:00PM	STUDENT SHORTS 2 2:00 PM			MARKETING YOUR FILM 2:00 PM	LOCAL SHORTS
4:00 PM			THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE 2021 3:15 PM	ANOTHER SELF 3:30 PM		STATE OF UNITY 3:00 PM	ABNORMALITY 3:30 PM		NARRATIVE FEATURE
5:00 PM	SWEET DISASTER 4:30 PM				THIRD ACT 4:00 PM			DIRECTING FOR FILM AND TV 4:30 PM	DOCUMENTARY FEATURE
6:00 PM		LOCAL SHORTS 1 5:30 PM	BETWEEN BORDERS 5:45 PM	SARALISH 5:30 PM			MIDDAY BLACK MIDNIGHT BLUE 5:30 PM		SPECIAL SCREENINGS
7:00 PM	VIP GIANCARLO ESPOSITO SCREENING+Q&A 6:45PM	GIANCARLO ESPOSITO SCREENING+Q&A 7:00PM			THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO W/ DIRECTOR KEVIN REYNOLDS+Q&A 6:45PM	THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO W/ DIRECTOR KEVIN REYNOLDS +Q&A 7:00PM			
8:00 PM			GIANCARLO ESPOSITO SCREENING 7:15PM	GIANCARLO ESPOSITO SCREENING 7:30 PM			THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO W/ DIRECTOR KEVIN REYNOLDS 7:15PM		
9:00 PM	VIP AFTER PARTY @ CINEPORT @ 9:00 PM				VIP AFTER PARTY @ DOUBLE EAGLE @ 9:00 PM				

SATURDAY APRIL 15

SUNDAY APRIL 16

	THEATRE A	THEATRE B	THEATRE C	THEATRE D	RIO GRANDE	THEATRE A	THEATRE B	THEATRE C	KEY
10:00 AM		FEMME FRONTERA 10:00 AM	ANIMATED SHORTS 2 10:30 AM		CASTING PANEL 10:30 AM		BEST SCREENPLAY 10:00 AM	BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE 10:30 AM	NARRATIVE SHORTS
11:00 AM	NARRATIVE SHORTS 4 11:00 AM					BEST SHORTS 10:30 AM			DOCUMENTARY SHORTS
12:00 PM		CAGE : BETWEEN TWO BATTLES 12:15 PM	GHOSTING GLORIA 12:15 PM	COLLABORATING WITH THE COSTUME DEPT 12:00 PM	OPEN CASTING CALL 12:00 PM		AUDIENCE CHOICE 12:00 PM		ANIMATED SHORTS
1:00 PM	MICRO PUBS - THE NEW LOCAL 12:45 PM					BEST DIRECTOR 12:30 PM		BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY 12:30 PM	STUDENT SHORTS
2:00 PM				WRITING FOR GAMES AND ANIMATION 2:00 PM			PAWS OF FURY W/ WRITER ED STONE 2:00 PM		MUSIC VIDEOS
3:00 PM	LOCAL SHORTS 3 2:15 PM	CHARM CIRCLE 2:15 PM	DOCUMENTARY SHORTS 2 2:45 PM			GRAND JURY 2:45 PM		LIFT OFF 3:00 PM	LOCAL SHORTS
4:00 PM	48 HOUR FILM CHALLENGE FILMS 4:00 PM	48 HOUR FILM CHALLENGE FILMS 4:00 PM		48 HOUR FILM CHALLENGE FILMS 4:00 PM					NARRATIVE FEATURE
5:00 PM									DOCUMENTARY FEATURE
6:00 PM									SPECIAL SCREENINGS
<p>AWARDS CEREMONY @ RIO GRANDE 7:00 PM VIP AFTER PARTY @ GAME 2 @ 9:00 PM</p>									

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ANIMATED SHORTS 1

BURDER
Glove
Drawing on Autism
Samurai Frog Golf
Charlotte
My Sweet Brother
Catsification
Solstice

ANIMATED SHORTS 2

Frank's Joke
A Double Life
ODESZA - Light Of Day
The Visit
Eating In The Dark
Salmon Men
Spectrum
Reflexion
Liilith & Eve

LOCAL SHORTS 1

Powerless
demo
That Tingling Sensation
Down for Dee
Distortion

LOCAL SHORTS 2

Film Friendly Las Cruces
Sawyer
Cara Romero: Following the Light
Once A Sinner

LOCAL SHORTS 3

Seeds
The Holy Word
Séng Wah
Arkansas, etc.
Homesick

DOCUMENTARY SHORTS 1

Last Days at Paradise High
After Skid Row
The Art of Work
Game Hawker
Born From Fire

DOCUMENTARY SHORTS 2

Ice Ball
Soil Flavored Bread
PANDEMIC ACADEMY
Dating Internet Strangers
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"Straight To The Morning" - Hot Chip
"Everything" - Max Cooper & Nick Cobby
"adios" - JAWNY
"Lost Paradise" - Fools Like Me
"He Won't Hold You" - Jacob Collier
"Invisible" - NTO
"Verte Brillar" - Mika Elis
"Islet" - Surma
"Hardline" - Julian Baker
"Savor Me" - Stephanie Hatzinikolis
"Sweet Light" - Fools Like Me
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LAND OF DREAMS

Directed by Shoja Azari & Shirin Neshat

Land of Dreams is a political satire set in the near future where America has closed its borders and become more insular than ever. The story follows Simin, an Iranian American woman, on a journey to discover the core of what it means to be a free American. She works for the most important government agency of her time, the Census Bureau. In efforts to understand and control its populous, the government has begun a program to record the citizen's dreams. Simin, one of the Census Bureau's lead dream catchers, is unaware of this devious plot. She herself, being among the last immigrants allowed into the country, is torn between her appreciation for America's acceptance, compassion for those whose dreams she is recording and a truth she must find within. Playful and poignant, Land of Dreams acknowledges the greatness of the American experiment while offering a warning beacon for what could come.



Cast Including : Matt Dillion, Anna Gun, Sheila Vand, William Moseley, Christopher McDonald, Robin Bartlett



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NARRATIVE SHORTS

The Women in The House of Different Dimensions

Alexandra Boylan

Two women discover they are living the same life in different dimensions.

In The Event Of My Death

Brian Scott Steele

Jeremy. Just. DIED. So, in the event of his death, he leaves behind a series of clever clues and witty video messages for his best friend and bandmate Sam, and his brash sister Mandy, which sends them on an adventure through their shared past. They get to experience one last day with Jeremy after he's gone, and in the end are compelled to mourn the best way they know how.

Duet

Floris Driebergen

Ruth begins her 30th birthday alone, as she often is, with nothing but her thoughts, memories, and her piano, an extension of her inner life. It's apparent that this day is overshadowed by a spectre from her past which she increasingly cannot deny. Her older brother Adam — an equally solitary workaholic — arrives with a cake and a gift card for a routine birthday visit between meetings. But what starts as a perfunctory drop-in becomes a turning point in their lives, as Ruth lays her cards out on the table and sparks a confrontation about the defining event which broke their family and their attempts to come to terms with it.

Split Second

Julianne Donelle

When a woman is shoved out of a cafe moments before a grenade is detonated by the very man who commits the attack, she struggles with the guilt of survival as she attempts to uncover the reason why her life was spared when so many others were taken.

Piñatas

Léa Sarra

In a piñata making workshop in prison, Yaëlle looks forward to her son Swann's monthly visit. Over a game of "Guess Who?", nothing happens as expected.

Wicked Plans

Lee Chambers

Style Dayne, the Pizza Guy from Deadpool stars as a foreign extremist from Amadajiya, who accidentally chooses Halloween to enact a moment of terror. To his surprise, he discovers that North American life and culture is truly special, unique and sweet.

A Tree Fell Today

Oliver Crawford

Elise revisits the traumatic memories of her lover & wife Jessica committing suicide due to the catastrophic death of their child, struggling to escape the eternal circle of anguish and misery she tries to move forward, but is she just stuck in an endless loop?

The Desert King

Lev Mergian

While hiking in the desert, a young woman meets an eccentric character who has resigned himself to a life of solitude in the wilderness, and stays to explore the imaginary kingdom he rules.

Baby

Matt Mitchell

He's not what you're expecting. Wear protection. When a man complains about the child at the next table, he sparks a feud with an infant which he doesn't understand and just can't win.

Voices

Abbie Lucas

When moving into their new home, Tara and Drew are alarmed when they overhear their neighbors arguing. As the voices get louder and more violent, they must decide if it's their responsibility to act.

La Nueva (The Newcomer)

Ivan Villamel

Maria is the new teacher who arrives at an old religious school. On her first day, she will have to teach a group of rebellious kids who are part of a punishment class. An unexpected event will turn the classroom into a real hell.



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NARRATIVE SHORTS CONT.

Deaf

Nuria Muñoz-Ortín, Eva Libertad

Angela is deaf and Darío is hearing. They are a couple and have six chickens, four dogs, a vegetable garden and many communication problems. Now they are also going to have a child.

Dinosaur

Aaron Ford

"Scared of being eaten by a dinosaur, Spencer refuses to leave her room." Dinosaur is a film about anxiety and how it can take hold of us-- even when it may seem absolutely ridiculous to the rest of the world. It's a story about friendship and overcoming the hard times when leaving the house just doesn't seem possible.

Harvey

Aaron Carroll

Harvey finds out his best friend has passed away. He does what he knows best, runs away.

La Oscuridad

Jorge Sistos Moreno

Marina, a former elementary school teacher, emerges badly bruised on the shore of a lake. After a lengthy track through the hot Mexican sun, she lands at the primary school where she once worked.

Heartless

Haukur Björgvinsson

Young couple Anna and Gunnar are deeply in love but they live in a society where people are assigned a new spouse by lottery every seven years. As their final day together approaches, they grapple with the nightmare of being torn apart and facing life with another partner.

Birdwatching

Samantha Soule

By a stream in the woods - a place between worlds - two women find each other ankle-deep in the water, letting go of what's past and wondering what will come.

Playing Life

Meegwun Fairbrother

Becca's life was turned upside down six months ago. Unable to pull out of the downward spiral, her brother Robbie shows up for a surprise visit to break her from the funk.

Human Trash

Aitor Almuedo Esteban

A boy is thrown into a trash container from the future. In his frantic search for the exit, he runs into a mysterious man, who will make him doubt the origin of his own existence.

The Jacket

Julien Techer

"Tonight, it's Pauline's return party on the island of Reunion. This time, Kev must reveal his love for her. For this special occasion, he put his lucky jacket! But as he drives to the party with his crazy friends Nico and Jo, he run over a young woman with a dream body

Colonie

Romain Daudet-Jahan

Alone in his house, Leo, 12 years old, does not want to go to summer camp. When it is close to the time of departure, a disturbing presence prowls around, imitating his voice...

Idiot Fish

Hakim Mao

On the road to holidays, Jimmy and Guillaume replay their first meeting. Jimmy becomes a lost hitchhiker, Guillaume a lonely driver. They will pretend they don't know each other anymore, in order to play to meet and seduce each other again. Until a third player joins the game...

NARRATIVE FEATURES

Abnormality

Xzavier Estrada

A deranged and murderous family man toys with a detective who is seeking vengeance for the death of his sister.

Between Borders

Alfonso Loya

A group of immigrants seek a better life by journeying to America, but encounter obstacles that will forever change their lives.

SWEET DISASTER

Laura Lehmus

SWEET DISASTER tells the story of FRIDA. German-Finnish, painting therapist and 40-y.o. Two events change the usual course of her life. She gets unexpectedly pregnant and FELIX, the father of her child breaks up with her to reunite with his ex who is suddenly back. FELIX admits that it is not the best timing, however it does not prevent him from leaving. FRIDA cannot accept FELIX' decision. Although some serious health problems caused by the late pregnancy force her to rest, she tries to get FELIX back with the help of absurd, exaggerated and sometimes absolutely comic actions.

Ghosting Gloria

Marcela Matta, Mauro Sarser

A single 30-year-old who has never had an orgasm, finally finds her ideal lover but the only caveat is that he doesn't inhabit the world of the living.

Marijuana Minutes

Ryan D. Moore

An unambitious stoner finds her easy-going life turned upside down when she stumbles upon a vape pen that allows her to travel through time.

Cage : Between Two Battles

Cenk İzgören

Cage is the story of the transformation of a nationalist and macho man, defeated by the system, trying to heal the traumas of the war in his soul with other wounds, in the graveyard of the orphans, against the backdrop of a misty, cold and poor Istanbul.

Apocalypse Love Story

Justin Wilder Neese

After losing her father during an undisclosed apocalyptic event that wipes out all of humanity, Samantha finds an abandoned military base where she lives in complete solitude. Having learned how to hunt and trap animals from her father, Sam is in every sense of the word a survivor. While foraging for food in one of the hundreds of abandoned military houses, Sam encounters an 8 year old boy named James. After showing James an old abandoned movie theater and sharing candy and stories with him, the two become friends, exploring this strange land of abandoned buildings together. As the two share more and more about themselves, their hopes, their fears, their secrets, over time their friendship evolves into something more. When their supply of fresh water begins to run dry, they are faced with the reality that their oasis on this military base has always been temporary. Eventually they would have to leave, for good.

2888

Keivan Alimohammadi

Its about inside of the war and friends who are losing each other.

Anotherself

Amir Tavakoli

A trans girl goes back to the family after twelve years.

Cherry Earrings

Vahid Sheykhzadeh

Cherry Earrings narrates the story of an afghan family, who has entered to Iran in an illegal way.

Cue Ball

Seyyed Majid Salehi

This film narrates the story of a young man named Ala, who carries a big wound from his past.



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NARRATIVE FEATURES CONT.

OPAL

Alan Bidard

Once upon a time a magic kingdom where summer lasted forever and where the animals and the inhabitants were immortal. The source of all magic was a young princess called Opal. Legends said that her joy would bring wonders and prosperity to the kingdom. But her sadness would only bring chaos and darkness...

Third Act

Doug Montoya

After being given news of their pending eviction, a lovable and talented theater company plots a heist to pay their rent while filming at a local bank.

Midday Black Midnight Blue

JUAN MEDINA

Isolated in an empty house on the Pacific Northwest coast, Ian (Chris Stack) remains mired in grief and shame over the loss of Liv (Samantha Soule), a woman he loved dearly, who died some years prior. Ian's reality becomes increasingly haunted by visions and fantasies, and the only person who identifies the extent of his spiral is Liv's surviving sister, Beth (two-time Emmy winner Merritt Wever). With the memory of Liv clamoring to be released, and his daily existence turning ever darker, Ian will have to find a way to let her go, even if it kills him. The debut feature by Samantha Soule and Daniel Talbott, "Midday Black Midnight Blue" is an expressionistic and cinematic poem exploring the labyrinth of grief.

Saralish

Yaser Ahmadi, Behrooz Bagheri

Raha Afghan girl returns to Iran with immigrant family to escape Afghan men's false tradition

STUDENT SHORTS

Conscience Bullet

Mario Ernesto Martinez

When things go wrong during a firing squad execution, the rookie on the team is faced with making a life-or-death decision.

Living All of Life

Marlén Ríos-Farjat

After a lifetime together, Susana has been abandoned by her husband. She is in denial and holds on to the past. One day, she needs the help of her neighbor, Gloria, a free-spirited woman who Susana can't stand. But the friendship that emerges between them arises in Susana the desire to live in the present.

Finding the Lighthouse

Michael Cox

'Finding the Lighthouse' is a short drama following two sisters who have been estranged for five years. They meet at a rural car park with an objective to take their recently deceased mother's ashes to the lighthouse they once went to as kids. On the journey, they each battle with the awkwardness of the situation while re-discovering their relationship. Emilia reveals something to Charlie that changes the dynamic of their relationship completely. The walk started as duty but ended as reconnection and finally, Aroha as a result of the shared experience.

The Soloists

Mehrnaz ABDOLLAHINIA, Feben

WOLDEHAWARIAT, Razahk ISSAKA, Celeste

Jamneck, Yi LIU

In a small village ruled by ridiculous laws, three singing sisters and their dog rehearse for the Annual Autumn Festival. But an unexpected event will disrupt their plans.

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STUDENT SHORTS CONT.

Dark Room

Qirui Zhang

The Seven Sins underneath the social media: An ordinary day after a horrible homicide case, but not ordinary for Zhang, who is a young intern in the newsroom. Zhang is guilty of sloth, so what does the ending represent?

All We Know About IAN

Danming Niu, Lance Yijin Lao

A socially distanced man meets a socially famous girl and is never forgotten.

Triangle

Péter Engelmann

Triangle, the graduation film of Peter Engelmann from the Arts University Bournemouth, is a sci-fi pseudo-docu drama exploring the dark realms of the human mind. The story follows three strangers who - based on a 1997's psychological experiment on the bonds of friendship - are about to become friends for life, separated only by 36 questions...

Dream Eaters

Mike da Silva Wanderroscky

The short film tells the story of two creatures that need to eat dreams from human children. The plot unfolds with a "dream eater father" teaching his son the techniques to eat a dream for the first time. They go inside the children's rooms trying to make a snack but something mysterious happens and changes the future of all.

Hurricane Sofia

Lili Back, Victor Dupuis

When a small party was suppose to happen, a student died within the school ground, leaving her classmates in great distress. Before the reopening of the school, Clémence, Taomë and Mathéo decided to tidy the preparation of the canceled party. In silence, they are having a hard time to open up about the tragic event.

Small Life

Jessica Kraatz

Three generations of women. A single mother and her lovely daughter Anna, having to deal with aging grandmother leaving for a retirement home. They need to pack a whole life into boxes. Each one of them deals with this new situation through her own barriers, thoughts, and empathy.

Sacrament

Josh Eliot

A gay married couple must confront their religious differences when family starts pressuring them to get their baby baptized.

FEMME FRONTERA

HOMESICK

Valeria Contreras

"Homesick" is a modern-day tale of two star-crossed lovers, separated by a global pandemic and the U.S.-Mexico Border. This film focuses on the love and bond that unites people and communities across borders—and the heartbreak that exists when that unity is broken.

FEMME FRONTERA CONT.

BARTER

Ziba Karamali, Emad Arad

A short about a family whose fundamental relationships have been replaced with a chain of anomalous ones. A film that, despite most of the well known Iranian shorts and features, not only talks about Iran but also about a subject that involves every society.

SEEDS

Morningstar Angeline, Ajuawak Kapashesit

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.

SHIPPING THEM

Ryan Rox

A non-binary day-dreamer pines for the life of the girl next door, but soon finds out the grass isn't always greener on the other side.

LIONESS

Molly E. Smith

Barricaded in a motel room, a mother's determination and primal instincts kick in to protect her child's innocence.

BLUE VEIL

SHIREEN ALIHAJI

In the wake of 9/11 and after losing her mother, Amina, a Muslim teenager, struggles with the gaze of Islamophobia from surveillance to the 24-hour news cycle until she discovers and begins sampling her mother's record collection.

MOMMYLAND

Aijian Chen

A young woman wakes up to find herself lying on a small glowing island, an amusement park called Mommyland, exploring various rides such as a roller coaster, carousel, and distorted mirrors, which all remind her of her fears and anxieties about pregnancy.

LA BI-VENCIA

Mariana Gongora-Reyes, Analaura Cardenas

Drawing on images from a non-existent border between Santa Elena, Chihuahua, and Big Bend National Park in Texas. La Bi-vencia explores the reunion of a ghost town next to the Rio Grand that was abandoned after 9/11.

MUSIC VIDEOS

Noizu - Summer 91 (Looking Back)

Rupert Höller

A man discovers dance in everyday objects and starts to vibe his long built-up desire for raving away.

HVOB - Eyes Alive

Rupert Höller

A film about what we see and what we don't see. What we want to see and what we choose to look away from. A group of seven shares a collective experience about trust and letting go.

Jesse Northey - Picking The Numbers

Laura La France

Official music video for "Picking the Numbers" by Toronto-based artist, Jesse Northey. Shot on Super 8 film by Laura La France in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Til I Met You

Alfonso Loya

Julio is shooting a music video, but falling in love with the make up girl wasn't in his plans.

Lost Paradise - Fools Like Me

Oliver G Tavizón

"Lost Paradise" is a music video by Fools Like Me, a psych rock pop band from El Paso, Texas. Lost Paradise was the first single out of the band's first album "Vampires In My head."

Sweet Light - Fools Like Me

Eric Ryan Coughanour

"Sweet Light" is a music video by the El Paso, Texas' psych rock pop band Fools Like Me, released on October 9, 2020. The song is the first track of their second album - "The Charmer."

Savor Me

Alejandro Montoya Marin

we're floating' away inside my head
I'm dreaming' awake outside is dead

No Lie

Konan David Markosy

Going from being lost to finding the light and inner peace.

This wise woman, shows here the right path to follow to everyone around, they must protect and cherish her.

Surma - Islet

Telmo Soares

Music video for Surma's new single "Islet"
A film by Casota Collective
Usually Surma uses her own dialect but on this new single (out on October 7th 2022) she needed to use words and images as a statement, inspired on the bullying she has suffered and believing that everyone should be able to be whatever they want.

Verte Brillar

Alfonso Loya

Your worst enemy is always gonna be your own fear.

Hot Chip feat. Jarvis Cocker - Straight To The Morning

RÉALITÉ

Max Cooper & Nick Cobby - Everything

Nick Cobby

Everything is a collaboration between UK electronic producer Max Cooper and visual artist Nick Cobby, along with stunning footage captured by Ukrainian photographer Andrey Prokhorov. It is an audio/visual interpretation of humans as the vessels of the outside world, and our capacity for implementing change via a heavy dose of synth chord idealism. The video project shows footage of everything contained inside us. We are aware of an outside world, but ultimately; the scenes are experienced internally, and much of what may seem hopelessly out of our control need not be so. Prokhorov provided a huge library of imagery from around the world and Cobby spent weeks organising and merging these clips inside the portraits of people he captured in Mexico, producing a hypnotic and overwhelming result.

Jacob Collier - He Won't Hold You (feat. Rapsody)

Daniel Bruson

Things rearrange, we miss what is not the same. Animated and hand painted frame by frame official music video for the song "He Won't Hold You" by Jacob Collier, featuring Rapsody. The fourth single from the album Djesse Vol. 3.

JAWNY - adios [Official Music Video]

Spencer Ford

INVISIBLE

Jean-Charles Charavin

Thomas, a young bullied teenager discover he has a power of becoming invisible.

Hardline

Joe Baughman

Official music video for Julien Baker's "Hardline"

LOCAL SHORTS

Film Friendly Las Cruces

Pedro A Espinoza

Las Cruces has been known to be a retirement community for many years but it also has been known for one other aspect in the past. Film. Las Cruces's film has been growing and has benefited the economic development. Dive in with the City of Las Cruces and the art community on how this small town is still film friendly.

Homesick

Valeria Contreras

"Homesick" is a modern-day tale of two star-crossed lovers, separated by a global pandemic and the U.S.-Mexico Border. This film focuses on the love and bond that unites people and communities across borders—and the heartbreak that exists when that unity is broken.

Cara Romero: Following the Light

Kaela Waldstein

A documentary on contemporary fine art photographer Cara Romero. An enrolled citizen of the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe, Romero was raised between contrasting

settings: the rural Chemehuevi reservation in Mojave Desert, CA and the urban sprawl of Houston, TX. Romero's identity informs her photography, a blend of fine art and editorial photography, shaped by years of study and a visceral approach to representing Indigenous and non-Indigenous cultural memory, collective history, and lived experiences from a Native American female perspective.

Distortion

Michael Daniel Bricker

A disturbed young man grows increasingly detached and unstable as his fantasies collide with reality.

Down for Dee

Ximena Alvarez

A young school teacher named Ellie Dee tries to navigate her many possible matches in the world of superhero fetish match making.

That Tingling Sensation

Ryan Rox

A coming-of-age story of lust, grief, and friendship. After the father of a former friend passes away, Roman is invited to take a 'trip' to the past, while confronting his own lingering prejudices.

Once A Sinner

Andrew Barahona

What if your hero had one bad day? A hero of justice is forced to cross the line to save his city

Arkansas, etc.

Brandon Tyler

The lives of a runaway and a loner spiral when they cross paths.

demo

Alejandro Montoya Marin

"Demo" is a short film with so much potential. Shot on MiniDV camcorders, this gritty and dreamy hybrid of skate video, crime drama, and supernatural thriller will immerse you in a world of its own. Hoping to tap into the Euphoria and Stranger things market with a new twist to the growing 90's esthetic obsession.

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LOCAL SHORTS CONT.

The Holy Word

Sarah Gartner

When a Catholic school girl outcast has her erotic book taken away by her theology teacher, she tries to steal it back.

Seeds

Morningstar Angeline, Ajuawak Kapashesit

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.

Powerless

Chris Hanna

Two agents investigate a potential super-powered criminal to learn what abilities he may possess.

Sawyer

Marshall Leming

Sawyer is a poor farm girl taking care of herself and her radiation-poisoned mother. Unable to afford the energy to keep her mother alive, she must rebuild her father's illegal homemade generator under the watchful eye of an oppressive government.

Sèng Wah

Natalie Benally

A young dancer from San Ildefonso Pueblo shares her journey of self-reflection and gathering ancestral strength to discover her voice and confidence as an artist.

Rat Tail

Chad Sogas

Rat Tail explores director Chad Sogas' battle with depression in this short autobiographical documentary. What begins as a comedic story about the rat tail he had for nearly ten years (that his parents still keep in the storage room of their basement) transcends into a journey of unexpected self-discovery and healing.

After Skid Row

Lindsey Hagen

After Skid Row documents the journey of Barbie Carter as she navigates the transition to housed life following the brutal reality of a decade on the streets. The film illuminates the intimate humanity behind homelessness as Barbie rediscovers parts of her identity that she had been forced to stifle in order to survive. Her unique story and compelling character help to both demystify and deeply personalize a homelessness epidemic that continues to swell across the US.

Dating Internet Strangers

Eduardo Wahrhaftig

Tens of millions of people are using some kind of dating app. This is a compilation of good and bad date stories shared by some of these users, and their impressions about online dating in the smartphone era.

Game Hawker

Brett Marty, Josh Izenberg

Shawn Hayes, a city kid from a rough neighborhood east of LA, finds a lifeline when he discovers the ancient art of falconry — and a rare new connection to the natural world

DOC SHORTS

Born From Fire

Marta Di Giovanni, Turlough Ó Cinnéide

A traditional blacksmith and a young artist pay tribute to an ancient Celtic legendary figure.



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PANDEMIC ACADEMY

Gökhan Evecen

The documentary, shot during the fight against pandemics such as curfews, full closure and quarantine in Turkey, focuses on how the pandemic has affected the academy, and is the first in its field in this sense.

Soil Flavored Bread

Hemn Alani

The soil of Hormoz Island is the first edible soil in the world. In this documentary, we see the inappropriate behavior of the people with the soil of this island.

Ice Ball

Nathaniel Schmidt

Will Steger, the legendary polar explorer, inspires a community by preserving the forgotten craft of ice harvesting.

Last Days at Paradise High

Emily Thomas, Derek Knowles

After the most destructive fire in California history destroys the town of Paradise, the end of the school year takes on added meaning for the seniors and teacher at the local high school. Told from the perspective of America's youngest climate refugees, Last Days at Paradise High is an intimate portrait of finding home after it's gone.

The Art of Work

Julien Jarry

As vintage film cameras and lenses have seen a resurgence in recent years, the number of professionals who can repair and restore these gems is rapidly declining. Youxin Ye and his wife Wen are two of the last of these masters. They breathe new life into decades-old cameras and lenses and elevate the work from a science to an art

DOC FEATURES

The American Experience 2021

Manfred Richard Schreyer

Filmmaker Manfred Schreyer traveled over 19,000 mi in 2021 in a van across the USA to produce a documentary and time capsule to identify in interviews what we as Americans hold as truth; what we believe, what we think we know, and who we are.

Micropubs - The New Local

Syd Heather, Daniel Eycott, James Coyne

All across the UK, a micro revolution is happening. As traditional pubs continue to close at astounding rates, a dedicated number of small one-room pubs known as 'micropubs' are shunning all technology, encouraging real human conversation and most importantly, promoting real ale to their customers, all in a bid to bring their local communities back together. Inspired by this Kentish micropub movement, three entrepreneurial Londoners decide to open their very own micropubs in this observational feature length documentary.

Delikado

Karl Malakunas

A charismatic lawyer leads good men to their deaths, an ex-illegal logger seeks redemption, a grandmother politician defies assassination threats... Three environmental crusaders confront murder, betrayal and their own demons as they are tested like never before in their battle to save an island paradise in the Philippines.

Ricochet

Jeff Adachi, Chihiro Wimbush

When a young woman is shot by an undocumented immigrant on Pier 14 in San Francisco, the incident ignites a political and media furor that culminates in Donald Trump's election as President of the United States. In the eye of this storm, two public defenders fight for justice for an innocent man.

Charm Circle

Nira Burstein

A deeply intimate glimpse into the lives of an eccentric New York family as they navigate everyday challenges to stay afloat and connected. With humor and captivating emotional depth, CHARM CIRCLE weaves the past and the present together in a powerful family portrait that questions the value of the bonds that tie us together.

State of the Unity

Nathaniel Paul Hoff, Jillian Ann Speece

In 2016, Brooklyn-based band, The Bergamot embarked on a timely journey to perform in all 50 States while inviting people to sign their message of unity on their station wagon (known as The Unity Car). What ensued is a heartwarming tale of human perseverance, empathy and understanding during one of the most polarizing times in American history.

ANIMATED SHORTS

Reflexion

Alan Bidard

When social distancing goes wrong...

My sweet brother

Hisham Hajir

A sorrowful child keeps getting compared to his much popular sibling, so he finds a gruesome way to become just like him.

Spectrum

Franz Padula

Prippo, a young minstrel, keeps his village together through the magic of his music. Until one day, an infernal curse from another universe strikes him. To save him and the whole village, Prippo's friends must help him to face a battle with unknown and mysterious boundaries.

Charlotte

zach dorn

A pop song transforms the lives of an enigmatic folk singer and her family

Frank's Joke

Edward Bulmer

Frank told a joke at work. Nobody laughed. Now at 3am he sits awake, obsessing over his social faux-par, leading him to ponder on the nature of memory itself.

Catisfaction

Andre Marques Almeida

This is a story about a man and a cat. No sorry... A man, a cat and a dream. Wait... probably a man, a cat, a dream and a vespa! It's about relationships and how they can shape our life forever.

But it's also about a weird character and his cat who claims his way to the eternity. Maybe it's just a story about a man and a cat. But a good one.

Salmon Men

Veronica L. Montañó, Manuela Leuenberger, Joel Hofmann

The salmon want to reproduce.

While the salmon men are swimming upstream in a testosterone-driven race, the women at the source of the river indulge themselves in a fertility dance. But the roles aren't set as clearly as the men expect.

Lilith & Eve

Sam de Ceccatty

That awkward moment when the first woman on Earth meets... the first first woman on earth.

Solstice

Michelle Chen, Lou Ali, Tal Castillo, Jomark Bermudez, Angie He, Juliana Belmonte, Nico Jiang, Yuxiao Chen

A family of celestial circus performers is fractured behind curtains. Chaos strikes when strife follows them on stage, and their curtains threaten to close forever...

A Double Life

Studio Job, Joris & Marieke

A deliciously dark comedy about a husband and wife whose different ideas of gender conformity lead to an unexpected confrontation.

ODESZA - Light Of Day

Balázs Simon

The Visit

Morrie Tan

Month after month, Ting makes a trip to visit Father in prison. Forced to carry the emotional burden as a child of an incarcerated parent and a victim of circumstances, she is offered an opportunity for connection with Father but only through a glass panel in a windowless cell. But even in these trying conditions, Ting is determined to not let anything separate her Father from her and realities of the world.

BURDER

Charlie Hankin

A young birdwatcher runs for his life after witnessing a bird-on-bird murder. When he finds himself cornered, it's man versus bird, and only one can make it out alive.

Drawing on Autism

Alex Widdowson

Drawing on Autism is an exploration of the ethical issues that arise when a non-autistic filmmaker attempts to represent an autistic documentary participant. Through a cycle of dialogue and reflection, the filmmaker and participant discuss autism tropes, unconscious bias, and the risks and rewards of using animation as a documentary medium.

Glove

Alexa Haas, Bernardo Britto

The true story of a glove that's been floating forever in space since 1965.

Eating in the Dark

Inari SIROLA

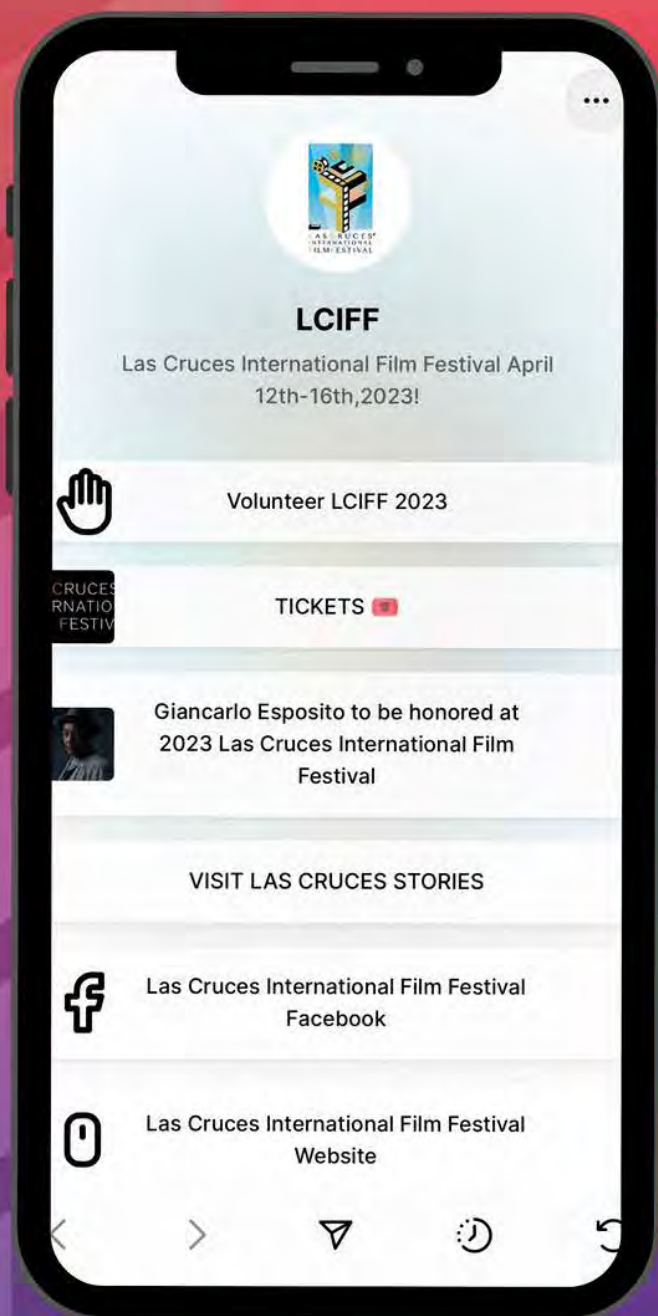
Through snakey dildos, setting boundaries and a journey through a mind bending forest, we follow Siro's quest for self discovery.

Samurai Frog Golf

Brent Forrest

A retired frog samurai wants nothing more than to be left alone and spend his remaining years in peace on the golf course. But when he unwillingly becomes the protector of a baby turtle he must draw his club for one more round. An animated amphibious adventure for children of all ages and golfers of all handicaps.

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