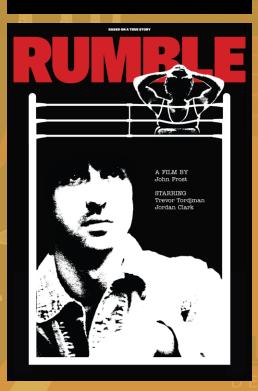


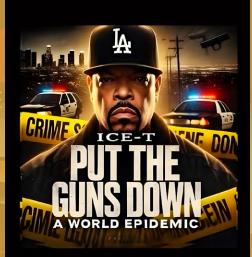
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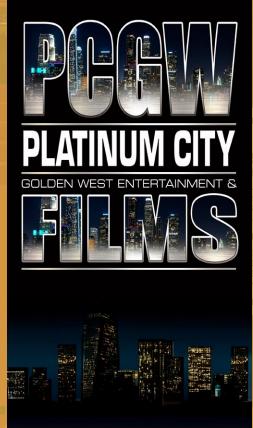
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Director: Dante Black 6:37

Two strangers meet in a park one day and have a conversation that could change both their lives.

115

Director: Dave Huynh Macon 1:21

In the '80s, alien Emily crash-lands near the town of Stony Plain, desperate to find the enigmatic fuel "115."

22ND LES SOMMETS DU CINEMA D'ANIMATION

Director: Daniel Gies 0:40

Spring breathes her first breath of the year, the sun, flowers and the life touches the vibrant city of Montreal.

5013

Director: Glenda Delgado 14:34

A silent film about two abandoned androids, infused with the evocative music of Chrome Canyon.

5.7 SECONDS

Directors: Tim Aslin, Shane Cibella 14:59 A threat forces a woman to take refuge in an abandoned car, she must determine where the true danger lies.

A 500 MILE JOURNEY TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA Director: Antonio Goodwin 30:00

This documentary shares Antonio's adventures and lessons learned from walking the Camino.

A CERTAIN METHOD

Director: Veronica Johnson 14:23

A struggling method actress kills at the most horrific audition of her career.















A CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Director: David Winning 1:30:00 TV star Mandy Gilmore says goodbye to her culinary hit series and embarks in a trip around the globe.

A CONVERSATION WITH RAY BRADBURY

Director: Lawrence Bridges 22:19 Author of titles such as Fahrenheit 451, The Martian Chronicles, and the The Illustrated Man.

A DEVIL IN THE CLASSROOM

Director: Rod Robilliard 1:06:30 The film is an allegory for the current rise in Christian Nationalism in the US.

A FRIENDLY REFERRAL

Director: Edward Mizner 12:32 A babysitter discovers an evil secret about the family she's working for.

A HOMELESS HALLELUJAH

Director: Claudia Parker 10:01 When human hope has no place to dwell, a supernatural encounter changes everything.

A MILLION REASONS

Director: Stephen Steelman 5:21 A woman on the cusp of a new, safe, and suburban life encounters her past and questions her future.

A PERSONAL PANDEMIC

Director: Jeff Breuer 1:45:48 Can a failing marriage survive stay-at-home quarantine orders?











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A YEAR TO LIFE

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Director: Nikki Hevesy 10:29 An influencer makes a life -altering choice for a boy on the anniversary of his mother's death.

A YELLOW FIELD

Director: Allison E. Butler 6:07 A city- dweller is drawn to nature, which inspires her paintings.

AGUSKA

Directors: Tristan Loraine,

Hannah Baxter-Eve 15:08 Aguska is an inspirational short film about a young girl called Melissa.

ALL THE LOVIN'

Director: Robert Avellanet 4:42

Love conquers all in this AI music video demonstrating the super powers of positive energy.

ALMOST DEAD ISSUES

Director: Mach3 3:28 Danny Bishop is in the middle of a blind date with Sadie until his ex-girlfriend comes to infiltrate it.

AMERICAN WARRIOR (AMERICAN UNDERDOG)

Director: Gustavo Martin Benites 1:29:25 "American Underdog" is a redemption story set in the world of MMA.

AMOR MANET

Director: Will Ahrens 8:55 Chance meeting in cemetery leads to...















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AND THE BEAT GOES ON

Director: Rachel Patrice Perkins 12:28 A young man navigates an off beat day in New York City.

AND YOU ARE ...?

Director: Alicia Coppola 18:17

Lynn, a grandmother suffering from Alzheimer's only has the past to prove she exists.

ANGEL THAT 'AINT SENT FROM ABOVE

Director: Robert Cook 5:45

Music video for Wino-strut & Friends' release Good at No Law, American Standard Time Records.







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APHANTASIA

Director: Gabriela Hernandez 4:57 Timmothy and his sister Atlas are true artists at heart, however Timmothy learns that he differs from his sister.

ARCHIPELAGO

Director: Clayton D. Moss 12:05 The joys, challenges and heartbreak of fatherhood connect three men from different walks of life.

ASHES TO ASHES

Director: Holly Dorff 14:44 The story of a family, a funeral and death.

ASHES TO DUST

Director: Clark Childers 14:58 Estranged siblings Elizabeth and Danny reunite after the death of their eccentric mother.

AUNT LIZ

Directors: Suhana Chander,

Shobana Rao 19:35 Charlie, a late-20's Los Angeles transplant, can't quite find her footing in any aspect of her life.

AVOCADO HEART GIRL

Director: Keeley Gainey 19:17 When David turns 11, he imagines having the best birthday, but Ihis sister takes all the attention.

BABY SKIN

Director: Jordan Anstatt 9:31

A 17-year-old tries to get an underage tattoo against his mom's will.















BACK TO NORMAL

Director: Cecilia De Jesus 10:25 Two little blobs named Red and Orange make their way through a global pandemic.

BACK TO THE 8 COUNT

Director: Cintia De Mita 17:18 Clara is a 25-year-old woman who drops out of dental school to become a professional dancer.

BACKATOWN

Director: Justin Phengmyrath 6:00 When Miles and Angela go on a date to their local jazz bar, the night is anything but ordinary.

BACKBONE

Director: Lucas Hames 14:00

Cole, a teenager with a broken back, lives with his alcoholic mother who cannot retire because of his condition.

BADVERTISEMENTS

Director: Tyler Council 22:01

A sketch comedy loosely centered around a Floridabased commercial Focus Group company.

BAGGAGE CLAIM

Director: Eric Dyson 15:00 When Jimmy finds himself face to face with his demons, he realizes the end is only the beginning.

BANJO

Director: Cameron Poletti 14:38

Isaac is thrilled when his friend offers him the use of his family's cabin in the woods to lose his virginity. But...















BARON MUNCHAUSEN

Director: Ilya Noyabrev 19:37 Eternal love or eternal life? This difficult choice is facing a brilliant actor.

BEAR TRAP

Director: Danene Montella 4:30 A woman struggling to cook mirepoix for the first time flies off the handle.

BED TIME

Directors: T.C. DeWitt, Andy Danish 5:00 A short comedy about a night spent with the worst neighbors in the world.

BEEHOLD

Director: Ben Berry 18:12

The gospel of abundance as taught by bees, and helping protect Wisconsin's beloved pollinators.

BEFORE

Director: Lynnsey Ooten 17:00

A gay couple has a fight on the night before they sign the contract with their gestational carrier.

BELLEVUE BOB

Director: Sean Haitz 8:30 An escaped mental patient hides behind clown makeup to continue his killing spree.

BELLY BELLY

Director: Gabriel Carnick 11:34 As two queer femmes begin to relax, romantic appetites are derailed by deeper cravings.















BERTHA WAITS

Director: Chris Youngless 10:17

A quirky sci-fi dark comedy about a woman who is waiting for aliens to end the world.



BEST BROS FOREVER

Director: Dennis Tzeng 16:03

A newlywed man goes on an annual camping trip to break up with his best friend.

BEVERLY HILLS EXORCIST

Director: Rem Scobell 11:30 The cost of real estate has skyrocketed to such levels that even spirits cannot afford to linger.



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BEWARE THE IDES OF MARCH

Director: David Rivas 9:55

A college student with a bad case of writer's block finds himself off the coast of France and Ancient Rome.

BIG TRIP

Director: Jared Berger 1:13:25 A psychedelic road-trip film following the reunion of high school buddies who drop acid.

BLANK CANVAS

Director: Chris Villafuerte 43:00 Dealing with troubling friends and a toxic home life, Bryan (Bolanos) remains stuck in a cycle.

BLOCKED

Director: Aisha Alfa 6:30

A new mom is literally consumed with the futility of cleaning up after her kid.

BLUE

Director: David McAbee 12:18 Amber struggles with postpartum depression.

BLUE CANARIES

Directors: Andy Lane, Luke Mounsey 1:29:40 A bold and evocative Melbourne-noir, with colourful characters, seedy settings, and keen insight.

BLUE DANCE

Director: Elya Randrianaivo 9:09 A widow is torn between traumatic terrorist memories and her son's needs of attention.















BODY

Director: Zhuoqian Yu 9:47 A girl with chronic body image anxiety develops an eating disorder.

BORN IN DENVER

Director: Breckyn Hager 1:27:00

A true story about cowboys, energy, and technology in the Town of Pecos City, Texas.

BREATHE

Director: Jamie Burton-Oare 16:25 For Eric, it is a normal day. For the world, it's the day Eric faces the reality of taking his last breath.

BRIGHTER DAYS

Director: Sheida Sheikhha 13:40 Brighter Days is the story of Edgar, a father determined to drag sunlight into his dark home.

BRIGHTSIDE

Director: Eliab Rice 14:45 Moss and Kidwell have their first day on the job at

BROKE AF

Big Planet Pizza.

Director: Martin De Boer 24:08 Addy is job-less, car-less, and stranded. Molly, while driving, sees Addy and offers her a ride.

BUBBE'S PLACE

Director: Denise Koek 17:16 "Bubbe's Place" is the warm, funny story of sensitive Hannah and her quirky Jewish grandmother.















B-C

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BURDEN

Director: James Nanney Jr. 29:56 A Vietnam vet returns home with physical and mental wounds.

BUSINESS TRIP

Director: Gerardo Coello 13:10 Daniel, a Mexican boy, arrives to school Monday wearing a brand new pair of light up sneakers.

BUZZIN

Directors: Mila Brener, Antonio Chavez Trejo 2:30 Music video combining the talents of Juju Brener, and the fashion of denim house YMI Jeans.

CALL GOD

Director: Chessa Subbiondo 20:24

Mary is a young girl experiencing a paralyzing social loneliness in the keeping of her family.

CALLING ANDY

Director: Alex Lang 13:55

Three middle-aged friends smoke a magic drug that lets them speak with their dead friend, Andy.

CANDY APPLE

Director: Xiayang Li 6:00 While making candy apples, a teenage girl must confront an unexpected guest - the man who molested her.

CAUGHT IN THIS RIPTIDE

Director: Lee Citron 10:28

Beth Boyce lives with idiopathic hypersonia, a rare, debilitating sleep disorder that's misunderstood.















CHAIN

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Director: Tzu-Ying Ho 4:49 "Chain," is a 3D animated short film featuring charming characters and a sophisticated environment.

CHAOTIC LOVE

Director: Michael M. Alva 8:31

Eiza and Maddy confront the ghosts of their father's birthday, unearthing family secrets.

CHAPTER ONE

Director: Dre Alexzandria 18:42 The new girl in town is forced to act when a jealous

cheerleader starts a vicious rumor.







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ASHES TO ASHES

Produced and Directed by Holly Dorff Written by Steve Apostolina You are Invited to laugh.

A Bananatude Production in Association with Chaos Films a short comedy about Death , Funerals and Family



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CHEECHED AND HANDY, SEASON 2 EP 1

Director: Todd Ciske 25:50 Upcycled guitar amps & unique case design projects transformed into boutique amps.

CHEW

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Director: Mike Burdick 24:38 Two industry players (Belfont G. Meeker and Veronica Pasinissi) belong to an exclusive cannibalism dinner club.

CHILLI PURO

Director: Raissa Contreras 8:00 Guillermo Contreras, (aka Pops) discusses his chili recipe from his Greenwich Village apartment.

CHOICES

Director: Kameishia Wooten 12:50

Three friends find renewed connection as they await pregnancy results at their Los Angeles High School.

CHOSEN

Director: Nicole Latisha Howard 1:30:45 "Chosen" navigates through the life of Noelle, and explores the different seasons of her life.

COLOR OF THREADS

Director: Richard L. Ramsey 24:54 A group of would-be weavers competes for employment at the Pendleton Woolen Mill in 1909 Oregon.

COME OUT, WHEREVER YOU ARE

Director: Caitlin Presberg TIME HERE Vernon Parrish, a retired mayor of a large suburb had moved to the small town of Livingston, Montana.

















C-D

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COMMUNITY THEATER

Director: Rick Reischman 10:11 A son comes home from New York after losing his job and his girlfriend all at once.

CONVERSION THERAPY

Director: Tyler Townsend 2:56

There is heaven and hell. And Madam Tracy chose violence. Who's converting who?

CRIMSON SKY

Director: Killian Hough 6:00 It's more than a melody. It's an invitation.







CRY-THRU

Director: Jensen Lazar 6:00

When two friends stop at a drive-thru before a fishing trip, they find themselves in an argument.

DARCINE'S DAY

Director: Aaron Goffman 16:15

Darcine's Day is a story about one woman's spirit and perseverance.

DARK ARCADIA

Director: Sally McLean 10:00

After the public shaming of one of their friends at school, three young women cook up their own revenge.

DARK HIGHWAY

Director: Anna Jane Edmonds 1:11:00

Dark Highway is a documentary about the invisible crime of human and sex trafficking.







DAYDREAM

Director: William O'Keefe 14:23 Lucas is a young novelist who unexpectedly has dreams that tell him about future events.

DE LA CRUZ

Director: Michael Baez 2:08:00 Yoli De La Cruz, a 17 year-old high school student wants revenge after being sexually assaulted.

DEADBALL

Director: Mikey Smith 13:00 Two kids at summer camp befriend a monster to help them win their annual dodgeball match.

DEAR PRA

Director: Nitin S Adsul 15:00

As a family advances on the path to the American dream, mental health issues threaten to tear them apart.

DEATH ORCHARD

Directors: Mary K DeVault,

Kim Kowalski 1:11 Guts spill when a lovelorn teenager's spell gone bad haunts a rural town.

DEFINITELY SOMETHING

Director: Justin Andrew Davis 19:45 Two high school sweethearts reunite in their 30s in Brooklyn and their evening is derailed.

DEMASCUS

Directors: Solvan "Slick" Naim Naim, Theodore Witcher 30:00

Demascus is a character-driven exploration of life as an ordinary Black man in America today













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DESCENDENT

Director: Artour Bajanov 1:42:06

Anima (Diana Cochran) finds herself lost. Neil (Jacob Espinoza) offers her shelter in his cabin.



DESIRE

Director: Jason Chu 7:05

A suave socialite lures a beauty back to his yacht for drinks, and his hidden passions stir.

DETROIT

Director: Christelle Bois 1:03:21 Detroit is a documentary film about the people of Detroit, MI and their personal stories.

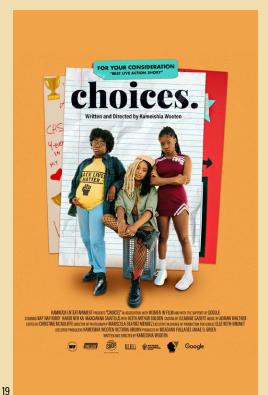




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DEVINE SPRINGS

Director: Paul Pettigrew 9:00 A beleaguered high school counselor deals with the complexities of life, death and family.

DIAL UP

Director: Cole Needham 11:11

A man loses his internet connection and is forced to called customer support.

DINNER

Director: David Charry 14:59 A young couple with hopeless communication skills, Beatrice and Max. head into a work dinner.

DISABILITY IN FOCUS

Director: Allan Wasserman 8:32 An intimate look into how portrait photography tells the stories of individuals with disabilities.

DON'T LOSE YOUR LOVE

Director: Ned Bellamy 1:21:03 A man has a dream of the future.

DOWN TOWN

Director: Gavin Gaitan 1:27:43 "Down Town" is an action comedy in the criminal underbelly of Downtown Los Angeles.

DRIVE Director: Karla Guy 3:51

New music video from Karla Guy















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D-E

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DUMPSTER FIRE

Director: Natalie Rodriguez 20:00 In this dark comedy, two acquaintances share a special bond on life, hope, and the future.

EAMON

Director: Joey Falsetta 9:59

A wayward drifter stumbles into the right place at the right time.

EATING HISTORY – A TASTE OF NEW MEXICO

Director: Zac Cornfield 56:24 The story of New Mexico's complicated past, and the cultural impact food has had on its people.

EDGE OF HOPE

Director: Matt Gorkis 9:42

In a world ravaged by a deadly pandemic, a young couple and their newborn daughter embark on a journey.

EL MARINO LOCO

Director: Aram Ramirez 11:03

When an ex-marine gets a call from a familiar friend, he is forced to defend himself...

ELVIS OF THE YUKON

Director: Rocco Cataldo 14:58 Elvis of the Yukon is the story of two friends on a road trip in Alaska.

ENTANGLEMENT

Director: Darlene Conte 5:33 Two married but estranged scientists researching conscious entanglement unlock its secret.















EVE N' GOD – THIS FEMALE IS NOT YET RATED

Director: Cali Lily 1:56:31 An avant garde musical fable, finding her audience with international attention.

EVERYTHING IS MELTING

E-F

Director: Taylor Tobin 15:09 A friend group goes to earth-changing measures to help one of their own get over a guy.

EVERYTHING IS FINE

Director: Rodrigo Herzog 13:11 Jorge fights with his unconscious to convince himself that everything is fine in his life.

EVERYTHING'S FINE

Director: Christina Hulen 14:04 A young teacher suffering from trauma induced memory loss finds herself spiraling out of control.

EXCEPTION

Director: Rodrigue Hammal 30:00 American professor Karim Hadawi finds himself at a crossroads with a harrowing ultimatum.

EXPOSED

Directors: Reece Melber, Rachel Othon 19:58 After getting exposed for online stalking her crush, 16-year-old Jackie Abrams thinks her life is over.

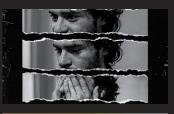
FADE AWAY

Director: Joel Lopez 13:19

A woman mourning the loss of her boyfriend travels to their favorite campsite.















FATHER AND SON

Director: Ross Raventos 14:00 The story of a father who gets one, last chance to say goodbye to his son.

FAVORS Director: Craig Sabin 11:03 A film about Love, Marriage, and Friendship.

FAYE & LEXI Director: Olivia Lige Wuri 9:52 Living with her control freak father, teen girl Faye never gets the courage to stand up for herself.







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FENWICK

Director: Rachel Thomas-Medwid 13:41 An ambitious journalist investigates rumors of unethical practices at the now defunct Fenwick School.

FESTIVAL CHILD

Director: Kat Hennessey 8:38 A festivalist soberly stumbles across transcendence before she can even step out her front door.

FIELDS ADRIFT

Director: Tysen D'Eston 1:33 Joshua, a young man suffering from terminal brain cancer, goes to live with his parents.

FINALE OF THE END

Director: Ryan Policky 14:10 A woman arrives to a world where the future and past are lost in a sea of time.

FIVE FLIGHTS

Director: Daryl Denner 8:40

A 10-year-old girl set the scene for this tragic tale of domestic abuse and a warning about guns in the home.

FLIGHT

Director: Brittany Deventer 6:30 A young woman and her friend discuss the recent loss of a loved one.

FLY

Director: Cole Vallis 8:48

Ella, a deaf child, must find the strength to save her mother from a difficult situation.















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FOOLPROOF

Director: Sean Swaby 40:00 Two brothers will stop at nothing to guarantee their father's freedom, including robbing a bank.

FOR MAX

Director: Eric Wentz 7:57

Two divorced parents reopen the old wounds of their marriage and navigate through their son's distant behavior.

FRANKENGIRL

Director: Evan Hara 6:50

When Wyatt Whipple and his friend create the "perfect girlfriend" from his exes' DNA, they unleash a monster.

FREEDOM

Director: Guy Toam 5:09

Non linear tone poem about Israeli hostages held in Gaza.

FROM BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Director: Randy Carter 20:00 British transplant Jessica learns she will be deported if she doesn't find a job with a visa sponsor.

FROM EMBERS

Director: Kate Bohan 1:45:00 After her husband dies in a lab fire, a mother of an autistic son must try to piece her life together.

FROM MY THIRD FLOOR WINDOW

Director: Shuchi Dwivedi 3:30 E.A. Kahane, New York photographer, captures the joy of the famous Thanksgiving Parade.

















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FRONT MEN

Director: Neil D'Monte 20:09

Front Men is a modern day Robin Hood tale about three unmoored friends who find their purpose in life.

GAVIN'S ADVENTURES

Director: Fiona Lincke 24:35

Faced with the loss of his father, a young autistic boy of nine struggles to fit in at yet another new school.

GEORGE & MARCUS

Director: Neill Barry 5:32

Father and son forced to live under the same roof. Oh and they're "Little people" inclusive, funny, fresh.

GIRL DINNER

Director: Hogan Hiatt 10:00

Two women meet connect on their taboo interests, but end up biting off more than they can chew.

GISELLE

Director: Lauren Goetzman 15:30 An immigrant woman living in Los Angeles denies a series of spiritual signs.

GLACIAL WAYS

Director: Max Millstein 9:30 An environmental scientist has a hedonistic breakdown after making an impossible decision.

GLIDIN′

Director: Sin Ru Lim 3:33 A music video for the song "Glidin'" by Ken Jayis and the Inheritance.















GOLDEN ASTER

Director:

Michael D'Alessandro Lena 19:34

Max, whose encounter with a stranger named Sarah, sets his world on an unexpected path.

GOLDEN WINGS

Director: Caleb Mills Stewart 19:46

A heart-stirring exploration of love, loss, and the courage to keep reaching for the sky.

GOONS, GUNS AND THE GUMSHOE

Director: Jim Menza 1:37:45 An old-fashioned private detective is hired to find a

missing woman.

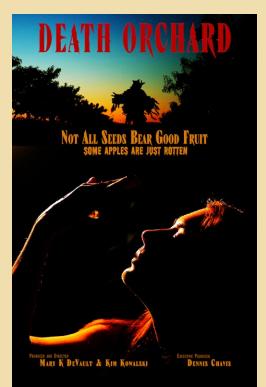






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Don't Lose Your Love

The tale of Anus JERRY

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GRANDMA'S RECIPE

Director: Carla Pekander 6:38 Chinese student Jason is living in snowy Finland, and has a dark secret.

GREEK MOTHERS NEVER DIE

Director: Rachel Suissa 2:00:00 A comic fantasy inspired by the true story of my mother and her maddening affections.

GRILLO

Director: Dima Puchkarev 17:28 David has been in and out of prison his entire life, but he has found redemption and grace.

GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION

Director: Dylynn Abbey 9:19 Two artists discuss the hardships of chasing dreams and serving tables on their smoke break.

GUARDAMI

Director: Gina Simone 6:29

A daughter discovers how to communicate with her destitute mother through music.

HANKY PANKY

Director: Lindsey Haun, Nick Roth 1:26:00 A man and his best friend who is a talking napkin must save the world from an evil tophat.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Director: Everett Ray Aponte 4:29 A kidnapped woman finds herself in the middle of a dysfunctional family's birthday celebration.













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HAUNTED

Director: Jon Amiel 15:45 Kate is haunted by the seemingly malevolent spirit of a teenage boy.



HE'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Director: Seth Chitwood 25:00 A heartwarming story of a father's love that crosses the bounds of time and death.

HEARTBROKEN

Director: Casey Vickers 7:52 Chris carries the heartbreak and anger of an ended relationship into the desert.

HELLO JOY

Director: Taty Ortiz 16:19

An artist stricken by grief, has an unexpected encounter that sets him on a transformative journey.

HER LOVER

Director: Elizabeth Stuelke 18:29

A young woman's world is sent reeling when her lover discloses a family secret.

HERBIE

Director: Mekko Toretto 19:11 A housing challenged man with PTSD befriends a plant and gets his life back after being bullied.

HERE WITH YOU

Director: Lauren Adler 15:02 A romantic thriller which follows Forest and Sadie in the remote woods of upstate New York.













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HIDING IN THE BATHROOM

Director: Jake Brand 23:51

Don Wallace's future as a lawyer at his dad's firm sends Don down a path of self-reflection and self-destruction.

HIM

Director: Taylor Neary 8:03

A happily married woman becomes obsessed with an Apex delivery driver.

HOLIDAY HEARTBREAK

Director: Erick Juarez 9:05 Jessica's (Olga Aguilar- Animal Kingdom) festive holiday planning spirals into a sinister plot.

HOLYSEA – EVEN EDGES

Director: Marissa Merrill 3:59

Holysea shoos her inner mockingbirds and ruffles feathers at a skating competition.

HOME

Director: Al Chang 15:00

Seo-won navigates a fragmented reality, seeking solace and clarity in her search for home.

HONG KONG – THE FINAL DAYS OF FREEDOM

Director: Sean Fleck 1:46

Explores Hong Kong's battle for democracy with interviews from protestors, professors, politicians, and activists.

HOPE DEALER

Director: Jay Larson 30:54

Ever optimistic Martin, a self-proclaimed loser, chases his dream of becoming a motivational speaker.















HOT DATE

H-I

Director: Mike Costa 10:03 After the birth of their first child, Scott and Emily attempt to resume their love life with hilarious results.

HR LADY

Director: Fred Shahadi 7:38

A complaint to HR exposes a generational rift among two women in the office.

I AM CAIN

Director: Colby Herbst 13:19

A Man goes to a cabin to drink himself to death after finding out he's going to be a father.

HOT DATE





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I CROSS THE SEA WITH YOU

Director: Kary Hyunjeong Rho 1:50:13 The story follows a band's online friendship, with members scattered across the United States.

I WAITED FOR YOU

Director: Jennifer Glee 13:13 A man finds solace in a nearby park when he has to surrender his beloved cat for adoption.

I WAS GONE FOR A WHILE

Director: Sara Gaston 9:02 On the hottest day of summer, a young girl in unknowingly encounters a sexual predator.

I'D RATHER DIE

Director: Kailee Shedeed 13:32

On the night of the release of their new album, a musician must grapple with their insecurities.

I'M CRAVING YOU

Director: Devin Montgomery 10:58 Years after their break up, a former couple reconnects to see if they can reignite their relationship.

I'M STILL KIND OF A DAYDREAMER

Director: Eva Chen 1:30:38

Lily Chen, an aspiring novelist, struggles with procrastination as graduation approaches.

IDENTITY Directors: David Tarleton,

Adria Dawn 7:46

A transgender boy deals with cyber bullying, and kids explore their gender and pronouns.















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Directors: Lesego Vorster, Ross Lelliott,

Osiokeh Ikharo 16:00 Ifeanyi has been planning his first move; he just

needs an in. Or maybe an unobstructed view.

IMPOSTER THE SERIES

Director: Shayda Frost 22:00

A down-on-her-luck painter, desperate to get noticed, steals an outrageous idea from her exboyfriend.

IN A BOX

Director: Cutty Cuthbert 33:24

A documentary that profiles Edwin Salgado (U.S. Marine Corps veteran) and Daniel Oyarzabal (U.S. Air Force veteran).

IN THE GARDEN: AN ANTON CHEKHOV STORY

Director: Jonathan English 12:48

Pessimism plagues a young clerical student, but enigmatic seeds of hope are planted.

INTERCEPTION

Director: Peter McCully 9:18

Danny's weekend away from cat-sitting is about to turn weird, or worse still - downright dangerous!

INTERNAL

Director: Winter Tomisato 9:45 When a woman's ailing mother makes a request, she is forced to wrangle her internal monologues.

INVISIBLE LINES

Director: Yuval Shrem 26:40 A Governor on his reelection campaign is faced with allegations of sexual misconduct.









Alien abductions can really mess up your weekend





ISOLATE

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Director: Mike Costa 7:13

A woman confined to a wheelchair. She's alive inside, dead on the outside, watch her struggle.

IT CAN COST EVERYTHING

Directors: Deby Kelley,

Skyler Kelley 5:00 Military song to reflect the devastation of what a veteran and their families go through.

JALOPY

Director: Sal Ardongde 11:38

To rekindle their relationship, Mark and Loretta drive to Yosemite for an anniversary trip.

JAMMERZ

Director: A.J. Cheaytelli 5:55

Five women in a Miami roller derby team become involved with the violent world of cartels.

JOEY SKAGGS: STOP BIOPEEP

Directors: Judy Drosd, Joey Skaggs 20:20 A top-secret corporate research protocol is designed to genetically alter human beings.

JUST A GUN

Director: Güstavo Stebner 5:00 A stranded woman in the desert commandeers a jeep, but must outwit the driver to get to next location.











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JUST KEEP L-I-V-I-N

Director: Stephanie Sanditz 5:57 Angel Johnny Marfa is called from honkey tonk heaven, and make sure everything is alright.



JUST THE JANITOR

Director: Sterling Gates 25:14

Harold Miller was once a henchman for some of the most dangerous criminals in the underworld.

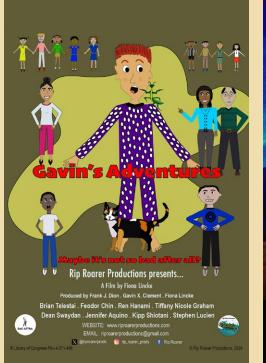
KATYDOM

Director: Maria Ramirez-Adams 7:04 A fantasy world where large inscects & small humaniods live together peacefully.





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KING STREET

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Director: Chuck Sheaffer 18:20 A young unhoused person and an ostensibly stable professional cross paths.















KINNECTED Director: Katz Carter 11:39

With thoughts of attempting suicide, Yin and Yang, estranged twins, find themselves tied up together.

KITTEH X KITTEH – Y DON'T U STAY

Director: Dimitra Korri 3:20 Kitteh x Kitteh travels to Greece in "Y Don't U Stay".

KNOW MERCY

Director: Perdell Richardson 1:24:00 Stranded on Earth for centuries, an immortal man longs to uncover the secret of his endless life.

KURTA PANTS

Director: Chhaya Néné 5:05 A girl is bringing her boyfriend home for dinner. But will her family accept him <u>for all of who he is?</u>

LA 4ORCE

Director: Giovanni Zelko 1:59:48 L.A. 40RCE is a gritty neo-noir crime thriller set in Los Angeles in the midst of an historic crime wave.

LAIBA

Director: Kaveh Taherian 12:00 The story of a Muslim American woman who is home visiting her parents on break from college.

LAMENT

Director: Jason Chu 15:00 When Clint, a former Marine, reunites his old squad for one final job, the operation takes a deadly turn.

LANA & EMMY

Directors: Lani Stait, Emma M. Terrazas 20:00 A heartfelt buddy comedy about two roommates who meet up for a fun weekend in Las Vegas.

LAND LOVER

Director: Courtney Chapman 6:20 A lone pirate spends each night with only the company of the moon.

LAST 30 DAYS

Director: Vivek Roy 29:34

A struggling mime artist exploits his ailing grandfather's illness for social-media fame.

LAST CULPRIT

Director: Jennifer Hulum 1:52

Five outlaws are invited to a remote mansion for a game organized by a crime writer.

LAST NIGHT

Director: Eric St.Martin 11:13

A man diagnosed with terminal cancer contemplates taking his own life until he is stopped by someone.

LATE FOR WORK

Director: Allison M. Zevallos 20:40 "Late for Work": A Creative Fusion of Film and Music.















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LEAP OF FAITH

Director: Julien Guiteau 11:47 Join Josh on his journey as he navigates internal conflict, external doubt, and the testing of his faith.

LET LOVE FLOW – AN OH MYH DATING HELL STORY

Director: Ryan Fukuda 20:00

A woman past her prime age of marriage, Myh, seeks to find love with a new sense of confidence.

LIFT ME UP

Director: Daniel Corey 3:27 "Lift Me Up" is a music video for musician Daniel Corey's single.

LIKE, COMMENT AND SHARE

Director: Jeff Schubert 16:37 Frustrated with being ignored on social media, Sam

kidnaps four of his "friends".

LIMITLESS

Director: Janae Lenette Smith 26:09 A middle school singer-songwriter must conquer her fear of "last time" and push past her classmates' criticism.

LITTLE BUBBLES

Director: Donald Newton 15:00 Little Bubbles is a suspenseful comedy with a haunting tone that will keep you guessing.

LITTLE ISSUES

Director: Jerah Milligan 4:32 Andy discovers a blip in her new relationship that sends her running to her roommates.















LIVE ONE

Director: Dallas Ryan 1:51:33 A man must play a twisted game to save his daughter's life.

LIVING AUSTRALIA

Director: Chris Tangey 4:17 Australia is one of the most precious places on God's earth, much of its wildlife can only be found

God's earth, much of its wildlife can only be found there.

LOFT AND FOUND

Directors: Pete O'Hare, Phil Kibbe 29:50 Five millennials with Peter Pan syndrome run an event venue out of their Brooklyn warehouse loft.

LOST AND FINDERS CLUB

Director: Angela Lavelle 24:00 A mystery unfolds as the girls of the Lost & Finders Club look for clues.









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LOST AND FOUND

Director: Isabelle Cotney 5:37 A brother and sister deal with their mother's first birthday since her passing.

LOVE & GUNS

Director: Darko Djeric 35:00 Joe, a former hitman and ex-SAS veteran, seeks to distance himself from the Italian mafia.

LOVE BEYOND DREAMS

Director: Jeremiah Kipp 28:40 When Simin struggles in her intimacy with Harish, she seeks solace in her dream world.

LOVE LANGUAGE

Director: Damien Nembhard 10:37

Tasha, an enthusiastic secondary school student is deeply infatuated with her older boyfriend, Jamie.

LOVE PHOTOSYNTHESIS

Director: Alisa Zolonz 4:00 Within the microscopic realm of a leaf, Water embarks on an improbable love story with Chloroplast.

LOVE POINT BLANK

Director: Miguel Vite 18:37 Lonely men find it hard to move forward. Jackson found himself in such a situation.

LOVE WAYS

Director: Abraham Lopez 24:19

When Joe and Sam's childhood friend re-enters their lives, they both find themselves falling for her.















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LUCY THE LION

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Director: Kalman Apple 14:27 Gutsy single mom Lucy has a job interview that can change her life.

MAIL ORDER BESTIE

Director: Paola Angarita 9:00 A ruthlessly honest snob excited to show off her new Al-bot, gets a rude awakening.

MANGO TREE

Director: Faith Miranda Christner 3:53 Ace knows the cycle of someone making promises and breaking them - and he's tired of it.

MARGOT ON A RUN

Director: Andrew Sindt 20:30 A shy runner encounters his old crush and they begin a not-so-innocent relationship running together.

MARIONNETTISTE

Director: Brandon Walsh 8:27 See behind the scenes when Los Angeles' Bob Baker Marionette Theater comes to life.

MARS HILL BAIT AND AMMO

Director: Alfred Thomas Catalfo 16:24 An arrogant insurance company CEO travels to rural Maine to investigate a hunter's outrageous claim.

MATCHES (MUSIC BY JONAH KAGEN) Director: Zebulon Griffin 2:18

In the aftermath of his father's passing, a man returns home to make peace with his past.















MAYBE THIS IS HOW LIFE SHOULD BE (HEATHER MORRIS)

Director: Kate Bohan 3:50 Theme Song from the Motion Picture Film 'From Embers'. Performed by Heather Morris.

MCCONADILLA

Director: Layton Matthews TIME HERE When Henry Simms experiences traumatic events, his puppet McConadilla springs to life.

MEATHOOK

Director: Jermey Ashley 1:42 The sole survivor of an infamous slasher killer tries to overcome the loss of her murdered friends.

MEDITATE LIKE A DOLPHIN

Director: Michel Pascal 4:00 Dive into the depths of your soul with "Meditate Like a Dolphin," a transformative VR experience.

MERRY CHRISTMAS MATTY CAT

Director: Natalie Rodriguez 5:48 Join Matty Cat on a purr-fectly festive journey as they experience their first Christmas adventure.

METHOD TO THEIR MADNESS

Director: Will Limpert 11:30 A Production assistant is trapped in the apartment of the film's method acting antagonist.

MISSING ME SOMEPLACE

Director: Catherine Phillips 16:46 Devastated by the death of my lifelong partner, Ann, I found myself in an unfamiliar world.















MODERAT - THE LAST DAYS

Directors: Elisa Mishto, Alexandre Powelz 20:00

On a world tour, Gernot, Sascha and Szary announce a break from their band project Moderat.

MORE THAN JUST A PARTY BAND

Director: Robert Redfield 1:21

A personal view of what it means to be a cultural and musical icon in a community.

MOTHER OF GOD

Director: Rylee White TIME HERE When Mary finds out that she's pregnant, things in B.C. Nazareth get a little rocky.

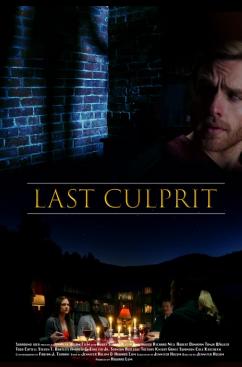






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MR FLOOF

Director: Claire Taback Sliney 14:20 Seven year old Elsie lives with her mother, who has recently started to date again.

MY DARLING, LOOK AT ME

Director: Alec Douglas 16:48 After a break-up, a young couple look back at their relationship and decide to clean up their act.

MY OBSESSION WITH STAR WARS

Director: Mindy Strouse 3:00

Comedic autobiographical short documentary of my obsession with Star Wars.

MY OWN SILENCE

Director: Matthew Eberle 8:31

A young woman spends the day struggling with anxiety and depression, and a need for self-harm.

MY SHADOW

Director: Astra Silver Burke 6:41 An introspective meeting with puppet Pierrot motivates a sleeping girl...

NERD ASSOCIATION

Director: Ella McKenzie 34:57

After her ex-boyfriend dumps her, a striving social climber tries to get back at him by dating his twin brother.

NEVER GO ALL IN

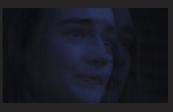
Director: Luis Ciccia 7:00

Driven by his pursuit of vengeance, a vampire sorcerer discovers a harsh truth.





MY OBSESSION WITH STAR WARS







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NIGHTMARE OF LA LUCHUZA

Director: Lainnie Contreras Felán 5:51 In a sleepy town, an ancient owl known as La Lechuza swoops down on Fern's humble abode.

NOCTURNE

Director: Wenrui Zhao 20:00

A Latin-American boy, seeking acceptance from a gang, forms a bond with a wheelchair-bound elder.

NOT A CRIMINAL

Director: Donisha Day 13:31 A parole officer who finds himself on the other side of the law.

NOVELTY

Director: Raymond Gerard Braza 36:38 A group of troubled high schoolers recall their dreams and ambitions through an assignment.

OASIS

Director: John McKey 13:46

Oasis traces a journey through the memories of an Astronaut stranded after crash landing.

OK MOM

Director: Eric Phillips TIME HERE A fed up mother is forced to confront the truth about why she's idealizing her past.

ON THE BOULEVARD

Director: Charles Papert 10:00 A gumshoe, a femme fatale, a bartender and a detective come together in a send-up of a 40's film noir.















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ONE CIGARETTE

Director: Dave Bergeson 13:10 One cigarette, and a closely held secret, are a quickwitted gangster's last hope for survival.



Orange County Conversation













ORANGE COUNTY CONVERSATION

Director: Isaiah Francis 15:00 An affluent, Caucasian/Hispanic family have a controversial conversation about race and wealth.

OVER THE MOOON!

Directors: Sarah Healey, Jaclyn Jasgur 11:00 A man falls in love with a cow and turns her human.

OVERTURE

Director: Iris Ortega 14:59

This short centers around a young boy who is both blind and deaf and has a passion for music.

OVERVALUED STARTUP

Directors: Greg Gustafson, Carolyn Ken 6:13 A workplace comedy that's a satire of companies being formed in today's climate.

PANDEMONIUM

Director: Sebastian John 17:25 A dark comedy short that follows a foolish narcissist trying to keep his chaotic life together.

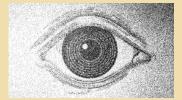
PANORAMA

Director: Kate Bohan 4:00 Theme song of the motion picture film "From Embers".

PEEPHOLE

Director: Brendan Butler 15:00

Stetson, a recovering addict trying to escape his past life, moves into a new apartment.



PERFECTION

Director: Katia Badalian 9:50

A medical student named June becomes dangerously obsessed with achieving the ultimate beauty.

PET

Director: Anson Jew 3:52

A man takes his very large pet on a walk through the Los Feliz/Silver Lake area of Los Angeles.



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PICKLEBALL WARS

Director: Vivian Sorenson 11:16 A satirical look at three conniving women prey on an unsuspecting billionaire widower.

PINK BELT

Director: John McCrite 1:18:00

Pink Belt tells the story of a woman on a mission to set others free from the shackles of society.

PIT STOP

Director: Kade Alexie 10:17

Justin is looking for love online. It isn't until he meets up with Lalo that he finds someone he connects with.

POLARIS

Director: Eleni Doucas 16:56

Lucy, a broken girl and Aidan, the misunderstood boy, meet in an unusual place where they help each other.

POLAROID

Director: Ethan Webber 6:13

Will, stuck at a crossroads caused by his mental health, finds himself on the verge of a life-changing decision.

PORTRAIT OF A FILMMAKER AS A YOUNG MAN

Director: Kellen Ryan 1:17:11

20-something Stephen Bloom is a filmmaker and this movie is a portrait of his passion for film and art.

PRIMITIVE

Director: James Storm 3:35

The music of band Project Out Of Bounds comes to life in this tale about mankind.















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PRINCESS PARTY PI

Director: Frankie MacLaughlin 16:43 Bella and Maggie are hired to dress up as princesses and perform at a kid's birthday party.

!PRONTO!

Director: Veen Viscal 12:35

An action packed story about a delivery made on a motorcycle.

PUT THE GUNS DOWN

Director: Terry C Carney SR 1:50:00 "Put the Guns Down: A World Epidemic" confronts the reality of gun violence with unflinching honesty.

QUALITY TIME

Director: Rebecca Fields 8:58

Two brothers attempt to bond on Christmas Eve... while robbing a house.

QUARANTINE

Director: Russell Emanuel 14:17

How is the world affected by a catastrophic event, as seen through the eyes of a couple?

QUEEN OF SPADES

Director: Nick Conocenti 18:42 A high school addict must choose between her dangerous love and a chance at innocence.

QUEENSMATE

Director: Everett Ray Aponte 3:55 The Queen of purgatory reigns over the realm of darkness, where men play for their lives.















RAJAPART

Director: Adithya Rajan 10:10 On the night of their debut production, an adaptation of the Tamil Epic Kannagi, a malfunction occurs.

RARE KIND

Director: Earl Cole 38:00 An informative and emotional look into the lives of people diagnosed with a rare disease.

REALLY GABRIEL?!

Director: Eric Bendross 8:21 After a visit from his boyfriend, a talented singer must navigate their first meet with his mother.

RECKLESS

Director: Ryan Atkins 10:00

A woman attends an AA meeting and a series of strange events occur.

RECONSOLIDATION

Director: Abbie Lucas 15:00 After a tragic accident takes the life of his best friend, a grief-stricken introvert copes with the loss.

REDLINING

Director: Jordan Lobbi 5:20

Haunting black-and-white thermal imaging captures pedestrians in a threatening intersection in Los Angeles.

RENT-A-HERO

Directors: Carson Luke Bender, Quinlon Elise Merrin 6:37

A new hero begins her first day at her city's hero agency, expecting non-stop excitement and praise.





REDLANG







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RÉVÉRENCE

Director: Rachel Hemsley 19:28

A story of relationships which resonates with audiences of all backgrounds, including the LGBTQ+ community.

RIOTS VS. TSUNAMIS

Director: Robyn Killian 6:11 Filmmaking and sound collage to document and express my grief by comparing riots and tsunamis.

RISE OF CHOW

Director: Hymnson Chan 15:58 New to Las Vegas, a young man with dreams of becoming a headlining magician is derailed.

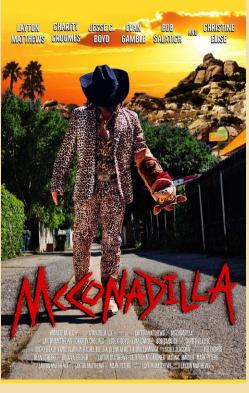






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ROLL UP FOR EQUITY

Director: JM Balbuena 30:00 A short documentary that exposes San Diego's struggle for social equity within its cannabis industry.

ROOM TO BREATHE

Director: Dave Haft 27:00

Newlyweds Mary and Dave confront pandemic parenting and virtual school.

RUMBLE

Director: John Frost 6:59

A young aspiring actor writes a screenplay that will change his life, and the history of cinema, forever.

S.U.I.

Director: Karla Guy 4:25

A man who would never be caught dead doing Karaoke changes his tune after one too many drinks.

SAFEGUARD

Director: Mila Brener Rubenstein 5:16 When a Jewish girl is on her way home after school, she encounters a disturbing situation.

SANCTUARY

Director: Garrett Adams 13:29

A Neo-Western Coming-of-Age film about two young boys who've escaped their abusive households.

SASHA COUNTERS (PILOT)

Director: Anna Zaytseva 28:04 Sasha and Mamazhan become stepbrother and sister and do everything to get rid of each other.















SCALPED!

Director: Peter Elana Rubin 11:27 Three best friends fail to get tickets for their favorite pop star's last tour - due to ticket scalpers.

SCORPION

Director: Krstover Luaay 9:41

Former gang member Peter's decision to leave his criminal past behind leads to the murder of his family.

SEASON AND RENEE

Director: Dean Donofrio 8:24 Comedy about two over-40 ex-besties trying to overcome their differences to start a business together.

SECOND SWING

Director: Renee Cheung 4:41

In search for a rare healing plant for her sick mother, a young lumberjack enters the forest.

SETTLE

Director: Erwin Quintero 4:00

Stricken by grief, an abused boyfriend seeks comfort in the dead.

SHADOW TAG

Directors: Jimmie Lee Rogers,

Autumn Rogers 1:44

When Emmanuel Jove declares his divinity, he's relegated to a halfway house for the mentally unstable.

SHAKESPEARE FOR ALL AGES

Director: Hannes Rall 2:42

Shakespeare's works are timeless - this film proves it!















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@SILENTXETERNITY

Director: Sean Cruser 10:00 While house-sitting, a woman receives increasingly unsettling messages on social media.

SINK

Director: Raina Yang 12:25 On a college backpacking trip, a Chinese girl grapples with questions of identity.

SIX CONCERTOS

Director: Peter McCully 12:00 As Germany is bombed in World War Two, a music archivist attempts to save a precious manuscript.

SKYFOREST

Director: John F. Corcoran 15:49 A carefree playboy travels to a mountain town hoping to reconnect with some friends.

SLUT IN TRAINING

Director: Missy Greenberg 5:15 As a last resort, a sexually repressed woman takes an obscure class on the art of becoming a slut.

SMALL TOWN

Director: Anson Jew 3:41 A giant makes Los Angeles his personal playground.

SNEEZE

Director: Gareth Brierley 4:40 A woman sneezes and goes on an unexpected journey.















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SOMEONE YOU KNOW

Director: Asha Dahya 20:00

Women share their heartbreaking stories of having to overcome barriers to get the care they needed.

SOMETIMES I IMAGINE YOUR FUNERAL

Director: Vince Dixon 11:15

Max prepares to eulogize his sister Chloe before her funeral, he wrestles with the anger and grief of losing her.

SOMEWHERE

Director: Alexander Craven 13:01

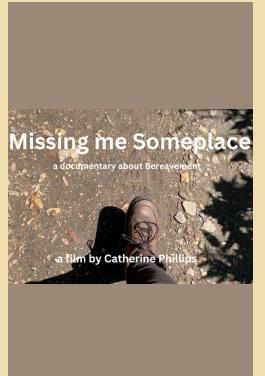
Elena and Cameron must stand up for what they believe to keep the door of love open.

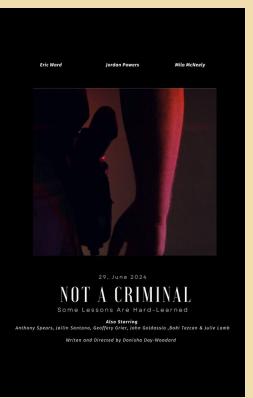






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SPACED CAT

Director: Richard Culver 4:20 A stoner cat Tom and his friend Freddy have their munchies plan interrupted.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Director: Patricia Salier 12:26 1930 - 1931 letters found hidden in a Los Angeles house revealed a forbidden romance.

SPRING CAME

Director: Catherine Phillips 6:24 I am devastated by the death of my life partner and enter the strange world of Bereavement.

STAYCATION

Director: Russell Emanuel 1:33:27 Lead virologist Edward Bellows races to find a cure to the Nix virus as the world collapses.

STEAL THE WORDS

Director: Amy Maki 19:07 On the outskirts of an oil town, a dried-up, compliant oilman wrestles with a set of bizarre tasks.

STORY OF THE SUN

Director: Phillip Gladkov 7:00 "Story of the Sun" is the first stop-motion animation in the world made entirely from birch bark.

STUFFED

Director: Domonick Giorgianni 5:00 A man experiencing a psychotic breakdown finds refuge in his imagination.















SUBJECT 13

Director: Kevin Barile 6:00 Subject 13 fights for her life, on the run from a top secret government organization.

SUNFLOWERS

Director: Brian Anderson 3:00 Vincent van Gogh battles his tormentor, haunted by doubts and voices from his past.

SURRENDER

Director: Raphael Buisson 12:01 Two brothers find themselves entangled in a violent confrontation at a beach house in Malibu.

SUSPICIOUS MINDS

Director: Imelda O'Reilly 15:00 Lola's public breakup is disrupted when an Elvis impersonator comes to the rescue.

SWEET MOLLY

Director: J.C. McNaughton 25:00 Molly, raised in the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, makes a discovery.

SWEET SANTA BARBARA BROWN

Director: Eric Dyson 13:00 Four teammates confront the violent consequences of being black in America.

SWING 46

Director: Jay Kay 16:29

A nostalgic, entertaining, and informative documentary that pulls you into the world of Retro Swing.















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SYLVIA SAYS GOODBYE

Director: John Sylva 3:55 It was time.













TEDDY Directors: David Malone, Piper Enriquez 4:55

A perverted teddy bear gets his heart's desire on Christmas Day.

TELEPROMPTER

Director: James C. Velasquez 12:50 A popular activist, Vanessa Rodriguez, takes the role as lead news anchor of 'Good Day San Diego.'

THE 'JACOB' TRILOGY

Director: Jason Pfister 4:00 The 'Jacob' Trilogy explores the journey of a young boy searching for his father.

THE ARC

Director: Jared Jacobsen 8:00

An older man describes his endless passion for the game of basketball.

THE BBQ

Director: Jonathan Frey, Daniel Breithaupt 10:25

The BBQ is a dark satire/comedy about a reunion of high society friends in a small town.

THE BEST PART OF ME

Director: C.G. Ryche 4:52

From the Cinematic Masters of Metal - IronWrath, comes a story of the impact of losing a loved one.

THE BETRAYAL Director: Abraham Lopez 15:45

A highly dramatic and emotional short about cheating, relationships, and moving on.

THE BIG BAD BULLY

Director: Macela Robison 12:49

Alberto (aka Beto) an 18-year-old, resides with his adopted parents in a neighborhood in Los Angeles.

THE BIG BAD BULLY (MUSIC VIDEO)

Director: Macela Robison 3:17 Music Video for the short film, The Big Bad Bully.







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THE BOX

Director: Angela Andronache 10:38 A seemingly sweet but dangerously unhinged woman lures her latest obsession into a twisted game.

THE BRIDGE BETWEEN

Director: Thair Ramirez 13:14 Two sisters, Dee and Rachel, go for a picnic in a local park that results in a long overdue argument.

THE COLLABORATOR

Director: Travis Hodgkins TIME HERE A coming-of-age story about a "Boy" growing up during the height of the war over Kashmir.

THE COLOR OF

Director: Richard Gutierrez-Soliz 8:38 Colors reflect the emotions of someone grieving the loss of a loved one.

THE COOP

Directors: Chris Riedell, Nick Riedell 14:26 After the death of his grandparents, a man travels back to his family estate.

THE CORMORANT'S SHADOW

Director: Barbara Peikert 1:00:00 When the 2D animation of the shadow wings is displayed, a funny cormorant dives into the lake.

THE CURVE

Director: Cormac Bluestone 7:12

A study group invites the smartest student in the class for help to do better on a test.











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THE DANCE OF BEING

Directors: Paul London,

Infinity Bunce 4:20 The film captures the essence of everything. Surprises abound in this cinematic experience.

THE DANCING MONKEY

Director: Chandler Wild 1:13:15

Set in the present, the film follows Wayne, a factory worker with a decision to make.

THE DREAM

Director: Jeff Alu 7:30 A young boy falls asleep and has an intense dream, and then wakes up in an unexpected location!

THE ELECTRIC CYCLE RACING LEAGUE

Director: James Storm 2:00:09 Witness the humble beginnings of a short film to the creation of the all-electric, dueling street racers.

THE ETERNOS

Director: Zak Fin, Michael Forsch 11:44 The fate of the world lies heavy on the shoulders of two twins. This is a story about power and loyalty.

THE EXCHANGE GIRL

Director: George Larkin 9:20 A short documentary about women working in dangerous conditions editing in silent film.

THE FATHER

Director: Doug Rollins 12:27 After 18 years, an estranged father returns to Wales to confront the sudden death of his son.















THE FUTURE SOON

Director: Douglas DeVore 4:40 A young boy tries to win over his crush with a robot army and disastrous results.

THE GENTLE GIANT

Director: Christian Eisenbarth 2:30 A tender short film that follows Lily, a young girl who runs away from her angry mother, seeking solace.

THE GHOST OF C BLOCK

Director: Joe Laporte, David Liehn 9:25 Two roommates attempt to exorcise a ghost haunting their apartment.

THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE BLOODTHIRSTY – VOL 1

Director: John Kalning 10:00 Three tales converge that are driven by a dark personal history.

THE GOOD TWIN

Director: Zach Bliss 7:00

Matt Willis has always had an ability to imitate his twin brother Clay's voice and mannerisms.

THE HANDSHAKE

Director: Dominik Czaczyk 10:22

Lured in to Ricky's home, Darren faces brutal sneers over his low paying job and he's pushed to throwing a jab.

THE HIT

Director: Andrew Kadikian 8:10

Two master assassins going through a divorce must work side by side when they get sent after the same target.















THE ITCH

Director: Gordon Phillips 14:28

A young man awakens in an unfamiliar apartment only to find himself under surveillance.

THE JOB

Director: Brian Eric Johnson 22:10

This drama depicts the high-tension relationship between cops and the communities they serve.

THE LADIES OF PALM COURT

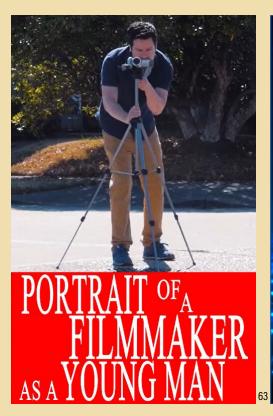
Director: Ben Huber 7:45

Six charming residents of Culver City's Palm Court senior living facility, share their thoughts on getting older.





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THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF CANDACE MARTIN

Director: Linda Cowgill 8:43 On her birthday, a suicidal boomer's plans are stopped when a good friend interferes.

THE LIFE YOU'RE GIVEN

Director: Kerri Wheelock 19:42 Mallory must choose between fulfilling one of her mom's last wishes, or getting her to her appointment on time.

THE LOST WEEKEND

Director: Charlie Norton 21:47 James, a teenage boy grappling with his masculinity, embarks on a weekend trip to Cape Cod.

THE MADISON CRUSH

Director: Kirk Demorest 13:37 CEO Lauren and her smart-alecky side-kick, Carly check out some real estate for their company.

THE MEDUSA

Directors: Daniel Sherwood, Jacob Langsner 17:00 A Mormon professor faces a crisis of faith as she searches for the mythological Medusa.

THE METHOD

Director: Jackson Martini 27:34

A toothless production team hires a trendy young pretty boy for a famous Soviet director's latest film.

THE MUSIC FROM MY DREAMS

Director: Joshica Kiah 10:00

A struggling musician discovers that the music from his dreams holds the key to unlocking his creativity.



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THE NEGRO ARTIST

Director: Nikolas Ira Heftman TIME HERE Amidst the often-overlooked spaces of the Midwest, lives a Black voice that demands to be heard.

THE NEXT LEVEL

Director: Scott Beaver 19:23 When an assassin falls in love with his hit.

THE ORDINARINESS OF BEING DEAF – AS TOLD BY ALEX

Director: Karmel Graham 3:01 Alex is deaf, but it doesn't define him. Instead, it defines the perception of him by others.

THE OTHER SIDE OF HISTORY

Director: Onyeka Nwelue 1:58:56 'The Other Side of History' is set in 1958 and follows the story of Biafran hero, Odumegwu Emeka Ojukwu.

THE RAVEN

Director: William R Andrea 4:09

A music video adaptation of the Edgar Allan Poe classic which asks its own unique questions.

THE RHAPSODIST

Director: Nikolai Hamel 1:27:24 A rhapsodist tells his story in a bar one night. He weaves a tale of magic and deceit.

THE RIDE TO NOWHERE

Director: Anthony Wright 57:29

A young man named Jimmy embarks on a road trip to visit an old crush.















THE SCALPEL

Director: Richard H. Lyford 19:59 A mad doctor transforms into a monstrous killer and creates mayhem in a medical institute.

THE SECOND COMING OF JOHN COOPER

Director: Kevin Kraft 1:34:00 Hard partying John Cooper has lost everything. A documentary crew finds him living on the couch.

THE SEDUCTRESS FROM HELL

Director: Andrew de Burgh 1:42:05 An actress undergoes a transformation after being pushed to the edge by her psychopathic husband.

THE SKIDS REVOLUTION

Directors: Laura Graham,

Colin J Graham 1:15:51 Icons but short lives - Scottish punk band The Skids burned bright when they hit the scene in the 1970s.

THE SNIPER

Director: Dastan Khalili 20:00

Ex-Military sniper, Reagan, aims a rifle out her apartment window, targeting the people that pass by.

THE SOUL TRADER

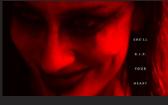
Director: Susan Dynner 12:00 Coral Chase isn't your typical assassin. She's the only one in the world with the power to steal souls.

THE SPACE BETWEEN

Director: Luke Baker 18:59 Two college students happen to meet at a party and form a deep connection.















THE SPIRIT OF THE LOYLY

Director: Petri Luukainen 14:42 In an ancient forest, Marcello experiences the healing spirit of Löyly, with the aid of healer, Laura.

THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW

Director: Andrew Beall 6:48

Austin is a young man who has done everything the right way his whole life.

THE SWEET SIDE OF CRAZY

Director: Kaylee Hoy 30:00

A documentary about Kandy Lyn's childhood and the lessons that she learned through her mom's addiction.

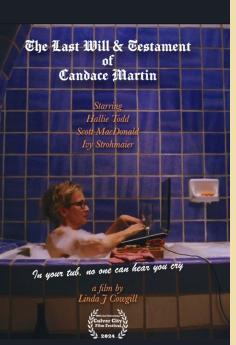






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THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN JUNKIE

Director: Joseph F Alexandre 24:00 Robert Frank shot the cover for Exile on Main Street, and documented the '72 tour, dubbed Stones Touring Party.

THE TRILLIONAIRE

Director: Daniel Chavez 23:28 A childish eccentric jerk, newly minted as the world's first trillionaire, is reunited with his estranged cousin.

THE UNFINISHED WORK OF HEROES

Director: Richard Culver 2:18:19 Reverend Franklin Kennedy, an African American presidential candidate is gunned down.

THE UNINVITED

Director: Anthony Riggins 14:45 A frustrated tenant seeks to fix a roach problem.

THE WALKER

Director: Stephen Wise 19:47

A older man in physical therapy refuses to use his walker to exercise to rehab his knee.

THE WELL

Directors: Ava Porter, Farhad Akhmetov 10:25 On the eve of Passover 1943, over one-hundred Jews fled Veria, a city in Nazi-occupied Greece.

THE WHITE RIDER

Director: Sean Hunt 11:55 In alternate history 1880, Chapman (Sean Hunt), the new White Rider relives the chains of his past.













THE YESTERDAY

Director: Benita von Sass 38:00 A disillusioned successful businesswoman struggling to find meaning in her privileged life.

THIS FIL NN IS GOING TO BE ABOUT A SAUNA

Director: Taliesin Black-Brown 7:59 At Hobbit Hole at the Tidelines Institute, follow a community building a floating sauna.

THIS LAND IS

Director: Bunnie Rivera 19:59 This Land Is follows Jesse as he's rescued from a life of squalor with his mother.

THOUGH<u>TS</u>

Director: Kevin McLaughlin 11:31

During a visit with his high school counselor, Tyler reveals that his friend is planning to do something horrible.

TIME ALONE IN FEAR AND SADNESS

Director: Derek Patterson 14:59 As Eloise walks through her traumatic reality in <u>isolation, will she find her path toward a new hope?</u>

TIME FOR SUNSET

Director: Thomas L Callaway 1:28:00 A hitman, hoping to retire from the profession, must escape a final mission with his life.













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TOO LATE TO SING

Director: James C. Velasquez 15:25 At his 50th birthday celebration, Jimmy reveals he's quit his job to pursue his dream of becoming a singer.

TOPANGA

Director: Mark Kohl 5:00

When an out-of-work Hollywood director moves to Topanga, his entire life turns upside down...or does it?

TRAITOR

Director: Jordan Rockwell 13:37

During the future American Civil War, a captain discovers his humanity by connecting with a soldier.

TRANSIENT

Director: Luis Tovar 28:06

Tye Murphy struggles with accepting that the way to heal is to leave behind the woman he's been in love with.

TRIAL OF GOD

Director: Brendan Merrill,

Marshall Manesh 6:03 A detective questions a suspect accused of terrible crimes.

TRUMP'S CHILDREN: THE ADULTS

Director: Frederick Jerome Taylor 28:00 In 2016 a Donald Trump rally said more about 2024 than we could have ever imagined.

ŨN

Director: Hedyeh Falsafi 7:22

"Ũn" explores the impacts of verbal abuse in a relationship, showing how words can shape identities.















UN DIA NORMAL

Director: Maurizio Dominguez 34:30 A family faces struggles amidst the possible cancellation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

UNBREAKABLE CONNECTIONS

Director: Carlos Mora 16:37

A girl is neglected by her parents, and she escapes into her world where her doll friends, come to life.

UNDER

Director: Abraham Lopez 33:32

A young and eager detective is dedicated to solving a case that has been left open for over a decade.

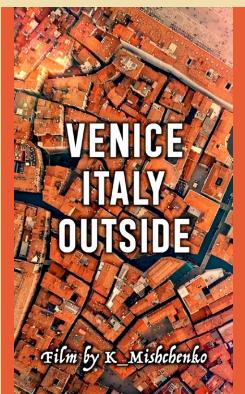






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UNION STATION

Director: Jorge Xolalpa 1:02:00 Two strangers stuck in Los Angeles are forced to confront their fears and take control of their lives.

VENICE, ITALY. OUTSIDE Director: Kostiantyn Mishchenko 15:00 Experimental documentary film that immerses viewers in the unique atmosphere of Venice.

VIRTUAL LIVING

Director: Brenda Zuniga 13:52 Kira, a VR programming genius, builds a world for her grandmother, suffering with Alzheimer's.

VIRTUS ET POTESTAS

Director: Jean Pronovost 10:00 Sculptor and painter Jean Pronovost presents his large scale sculpture, a reflexion on todays dilemmas.

VOTUM

Director: Kornelia Takacs 18:16

Peter is a young priest. His mother, Mary is slowly succumbing to dementia in a Sanatorium.

VOUCHER

Director: Adam Tulinski 7:04

Thriller-Horror. A hotel where three sociopaths work turns out to be a death trap for attractive women.

WABI-SABI

Director: Josephine Green Zhang 19:47 An insecure half Japanese woman is invited on a date to a traditional tea ceremony.















WAIT

Director: Jared Jacobsen 11:00 A man and a woman find themselves in a vacant lot and neither can remember how they got there.

WAIT FOR ME

Director: Keith Farrell 1:34:00

Alison is no girl-next-door. Lost in a life of crime, she's longing to escape but can't see a way out.

WAITING ROOM

Director: Findlay Murdoch 10:20

A man finds himself pleading his case to God in a room before he goes to heaven.

WAKE

Director: Sean Carter 12:42

With a hurricane raging outside their hospital, two nurses have one last job before evacuating.

WASH MY SIN

Director: Tyler Townsend 2:47

When you are pushed to a corner what do you do? Ria and Giulia have seconds to decide.

WASHED AWAY

Director: Terry William Webster, Stuart Mckay 1:28:08 In February 2022, a 'monster' flood inundated the Northern Rivers with more than 14 metres of water.

WE ARE BIRDS

Director: Rebecca Reagan 7:25 Filmed at the Peace Awareness Labyrinth & Gardens, in Los Angeles, California.















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WE ARE THE DANCE WE PAINT

Director: Leslie Dektor 37:02 For decades, the poor and dispossessed have been herded and confined to Skid Row.

WE GOT OURS Director: Alycia Cooper 12:38 Three comics make a pact not to perform if the janky promoter doesn't pay all three of them.

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ARE NOT EXPECTING

Director: Jackson Tropp 15:59 In this queer comedy short, Spencer and his husband Elliot run into one road-block after another.

WHEN BEVERLY MET REITA

Director: Brianna Schatt 15:00 An 87-year old former Hollywood star finds joy wallpapering Los Angeles homes with her best friend.

WHERE THE WATER RUNS

Director: Sukie Gethin 3:00 A brief encounter on the beach leads to a young boy being haunted by a Siren.

WHERE WE END UP

Director: Roman Acosta 12:00 This is a drama about the different paths we take in life and where we ultimately end up.

WHISPER

Director: Luis Ciccia 7:00

Finding an ancient curse, scientists try and reverse it causing mayhem.















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WICKED AWESOME MOVIES

Director: Harrison Kay 28:00 Having failed to succeed as an actor in "Hollywood", 19-year-old cinephile Billy returns to Boston.

WINNY

Director: Bryan Scheiner 2:17

Malcolm is mortified to find his mother watchIng TV with Winny, the most outlandish service animal.

WITH YOU NOW

Director: Jordan Imbrey 18:40

A cross-cultural LGBTQ+ love story centered in the connections made possible by travel.







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WITH YOUR LIFE

Director: Miguel Martinez 6:27 A battered wife fights to escape her abusive husband.

WITHOUT A NAME

Director: Emmett Loverde 1:23

Teenager Calvin is drawn into a cult that worships youth but threatens adults. His father struggles to rescue him... but Calvin may not want saving.

WOOD DOVE

Director: David Orr 4:48

Animated video, made entirely from still images of dove feathers for a song by Nick Cave and Warren Ellis.

WORDLOTTO

Director: Johnny Baca 59:00

In a world where words are limited, Tom Brennan grudgingly handles appeals from citizens.

WRATH MERCY

Director: Brian Whisenant 19:58

Adam is a drug addict nearing the end of his young life.

YEAR ONE

Director: Lauren Loesberg 1:33:00 A series of events during Ruby's freshman year of college send her on a downward spiral.

YOU ARE SPECIAL

Director: Ilya Noyabrev 17:38 A boy is fascinated by the legend that the white keys on the old piano are made of elephant tusks.





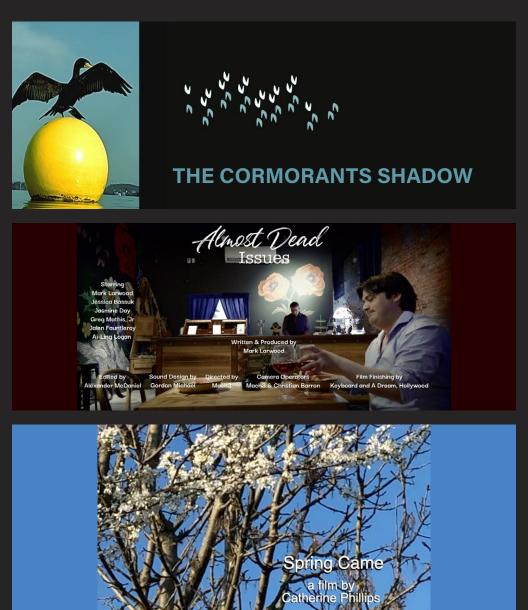




Director: Everett Ray Aponte 3:46 In a horrifying 1980's zombie apocalypse, a young couple makes the ultimate choice: Love or Life...?



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ACT AS IF

Director: Noah Berlow 7:15

A documentary highlighting family, veteran, and youth homelessness challenges, and the lifechanging impact of the Illumination Foundation's aid.

ASCEND

Director: Arielle Alon 16:00

In Julia's dystopian society, anyone who can afford it takes "Ascend," a medication that allows them to mentally escape the mess that has become of the real world.

PUNJABI PROTECTOR

Director: Daniel Locicero 9:44 a resourceful and determined British Indian secret agent, embarks on a mission of revenge.







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