

BEESTON FILM FESTIVAL

2020 PROGRAMME

THE BIGGEST INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL IN THE MIDLANDS

The Beeston Short Film Festival brings in more than 700 submissions from all over the globe, competing in several categories for a chance to win one of our coveted 'B'Oscar's.

With judges coming in from Belgium, Paris, and London (to name a few) the festival is an amazing platform for budding filmmakers and fans alike, and a great opportunity to network with the world's up and coming talent in film.

Along with the usual categories: Drama, Horror, Comedy, Documentary, Animation, and the local filmmaker section 'Three Counties', this year will see the opening of three more: sci-fi, crime and student films; making the 2020 festival bigger and brighter than ever before. We are also especially excited about giving a voice to young local talent; our Student

category has risen in profile to garner the third-highest number of submissions out of all the categories this year.

As well as awards for each category, this year's festival is also offering awards for Best Director, Best Script, Best Cinematography, Best Acting Performance, Best Soundtrack & Sound Design, Women's Voices (a category that focuses on and celebrates stories about women) and an Audience award, too. As with previous years, the event itself, along with the film selection has been carefully curated by the local film lovers and enthusiasts that make up our review team.

This year will also see a change in venue to the new Middle Street Resource Centre, The Berliner, and Das Schuhzimmer (all located in Beeston) offering the opportunity to host multiple screening rooms and a much larger capacity. With this in mind, we would like to give our

thanks to our previous host, Sergio Rocha, at the White Lion in Beeston for his collaboration over the last 5 years. It is extremely bittersweet to say goodbye, but we remain very grateful for his loyal support and all he and the White Lion has contributed to the festival over the years.

The four-day event is running this March, from 25th-29th, with tickets available on Eventbrite at £4 per session. With our range of genres, and even a family friendly 'Short Cake' session that screens child-friendly films (with cake!), there is something for everyone to sink their teeth into. We are so pleased to be running another year with our founder John Currie and are looking forward to showcasing all-new talent from the Midlands, bringing together the community and celebrating our 6th anniversary with you all.

Our Beeston Oscar, known as the B'Oscar, is designed by talented local artist, Bec Joy.

WEDNESDAY 25TH / 20:00-22:00

GRAND OPENING

Opening night of 6th Beeston Film Festival



LITTLE ACHILLES

SEBASTIAN JANSEN
GERMANY

Ten-year-old Alex gets his bike stolen by the well-known bully Georg. Alex's father tries to calm his son's fury about this theft by telling him an epic bedtime story: the story of the Siege of Troy and the Greek hero Achilles.



KAMALI

SASHA RAINBOW
UK

Kamali is the only girl skateboarder in a fishing village. Her timorous mother, Suganthi takes a pilgrimage in a quest for self discovery. Separated for the first time, they must find freedom in a man's world.



WILDLIFE WITH PAUL EDWARD ROBSON

PAUL EDWARD ROBSON, UK

Amateur filmmaker Paul Edward Robson makes a series of short wildlife documentaries. Whilst sharing the same love, wonder and respect of nature as his hero David Attenborough, Paul's films share little of the great man's mastery in both style and content.



DEHSALM

MOHAMMAD ABDOLLAHI
IRAN

The story of Dehsalm, an old village that holds a very valuable history and culture, is told by its oldest resident.



ADVANCES

TYLER J. SEQUIN
CANADA

To secure her promotion, Nancy just needs to make it through a dinner party, but when a colleague suggests that the boss and his wife have a secret, every word takes on a double meaning.



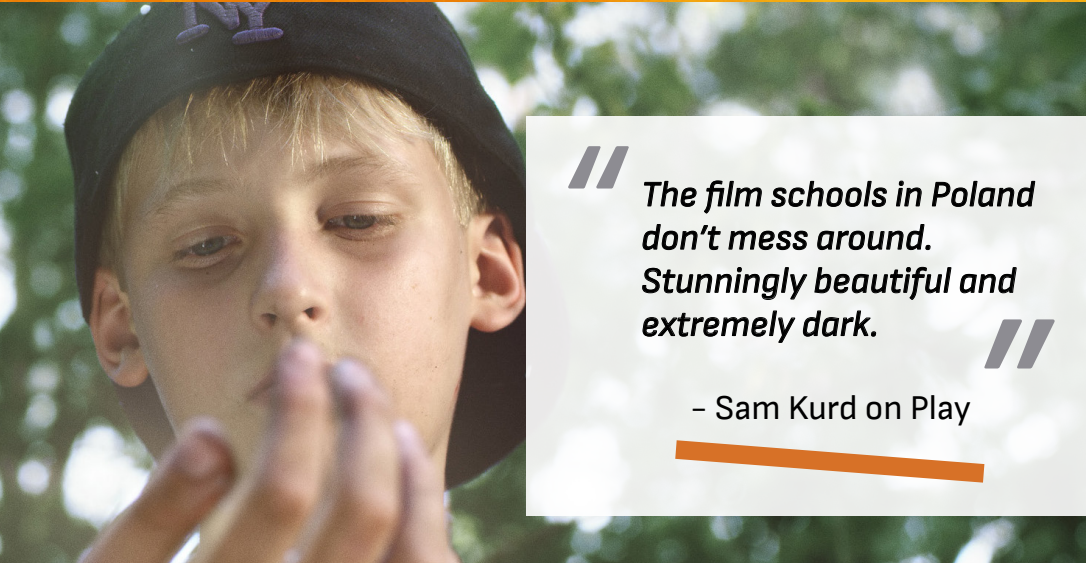
“
Lovely story, and great performances from the children.
”

– John Currie on
Little Achilles

THURSDAY 26TH / 18:00-20:00

STUDENT NIGHT

Hosted by the University of Nottingham's Film Making Society



"The film schools in Poland don't mess around. Stunningly beautiful and extremely dark."

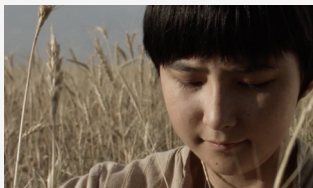
– Sam Kurd on Play



PLAY

PIOTR SULKOWSKI
POLAND

A man consumed by guilt because he did not dare to defend his mother, plays the role of a murderer and forces his ten-year-old self to face his original trauma.



QYYRSHAQ

AINAMKOZ YEMZHAROVA
KAZAKHSTAN

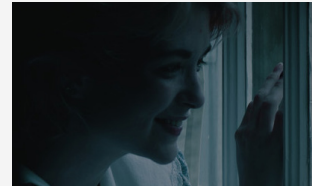
When the Soviet soldiers were taking advantage of their position, a grandfather is going to extreme measures to protect his granddaughter.



MILK TEA

CHIEN-NI YANG
TAIWAN

Hsuan is suffocated by her dysfunctional family and decides to lighten the mood at home. However, this only causes her dad to lose control and things get out of hand.



ANNE

VIJAY RENGIA
USA

A modern musical take on a love story, inspired by Anne Frank's diary.



HOME

ADAM M. JAMMAL
LEBANON

After the death of her daughter, Lama decides to move out of her family home. However, a presence in the house keeps her from completing the act.



I AM ZAL

HOOMAN NADERI
IRAN

Daniel is a child with Albinism who's supposed to play the role of the mythical Zal at school but he is met with disapproval from his mother.



TRANSIENCE

STEFAN PEGHER
AUSTRIA

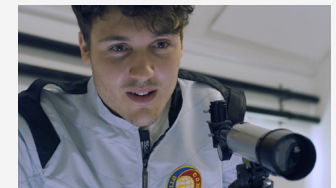
Melinda lives alone in a big house after her husband left her several years ago. Her pursuit of eternal youth takes on a morbid form as she falls into a deep personal conflict.



THE DEATH OF DONQUIXOTE

MIGUEL FAUS
UK

London, 1968. Alphonse, a young and ambitious filmmaker, attempts to complete his greatest cinematic work yet, "The Death of Don Quixote".



A SPACE APART

BEN PUSKAS
UK

A science-fiction drama following an isolated astronaut who finds love amidst the void of space; however, his greatest fear may compromise everything.

FRIDAY 27TH / 14:00-16:00

DRAMATIC SPIRIT

A collection of stories from our Drama submissions



"A powerfully captivating central performance, brilliant script and timely critique of toxic masculinity."

– Simon Leyden on Adam's Apple



HOLLOW TOOTH

SAMUEL KAPERSKI
FRANCE

Jason, who has just completed a military deployment in Mali, returns to his native village. But his reunion with his father and the village inhabitants plunges him into a state of silent suffering.



ADAM'S APPLE

DANN EMMONS
UK

Adam has returned to the stand-up scene after a brief hiatus following a personal tragedy. However, his anticipated return takes a strange downward turn.



BATHTUB

OLE-ANDRE RØNNEBERG
NORWAY

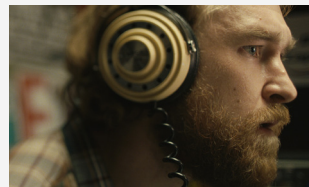
Gunnar is a man of routine. He drinks his coffee, fishes with his boat, and likes to have his outdoor baths. But one day a mermaid comes in with the tides...



THE CUNNING MAN

ZOË DOBSON
UK

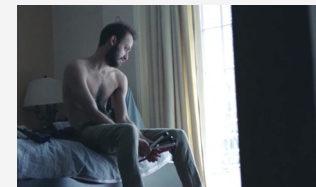
The Cunning Man is inspired by a real Cunning Man, John Harries (c.1785 – 1839). It's an enchanted tale of compassion in the face of callous greed.



ON AIR

BASTIAAN ROOK
NETHERLANDS

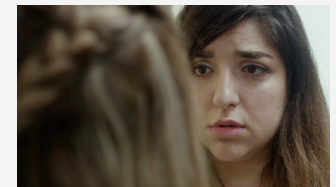
Brian, who has become stuck in a rut, receives a call during his broadcast that doesn't turn into a pleasant conversation.



YOU'RE STILL HERE

KATAYOUN PARMAR &
MOHAMMAD ROOHBAKHSH
IRAN

The lives of a young woman and her blind husband are collapsing around them. The only thing that can save them is their shared past.



WE WERE THERE

SAEED VAHIDI
CANADA

Today is Nahal's birthday. Her friends have gathered to throw her a surprise party and are faced with an unexpected event.

FRIDAY 27TH / 16:30-18:30

WOMEN'S VOICES

Are you listening?



ALINA

RAMI KODEIH
USA

As Nazis separate children from their parents in the Warsaw Ghetto, a gang of women risk everything to smuggle their friend's three-month-old baby to safety.



KIRA

VANESSA DAHL
GERMANY

Kira is having dinner with her father at his place. There, she is reminded of a traumatic event in her childhood that made her anxious in her father's presence until today.



3 DAYS

JULIE SHARBUTT
USA

When three women friends sense danger on a camping trip, they keep each other laughing until a horrible twist makes them feel more alone than ever.



MARGHERITA

ERICA YVONNE TEREZIANI
ITALY

A humorous misunderstanding leads two strangers to arrange to meet each other, but will it be destiny?



GO BACK FORWARD

MARIALEJANDRA MARTIN
VENEZUELA

Coco reaches her drama class at the last moment. Allowed to take a seat on stage, she embarks on a trip into her past for a very special sensory encounter.



LIKENESS

EMILY DIANA RUTH
CANADA

On a rare visit to her childhood home, a young woman is catapulted into the past life of her mother, who is beginning to show signs of early-onset Alzheimer's disease.



SNAPSHOTS

PHOEBE BARRAN &
LLIANA BIRD, UK

Three unique stories are told through the voyeuristic lens of a photo booth camera. Although their circumstances are all different, each character shares a desperation that has led them to their booth.



MY DAUGHTER YOSHIKO

BRIAN BLUM
USA

With her daughter Yoshiko diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, and her husband overseas serving in the military, Saki Omura is finding it harder and harder to cope.



EARLY DAYS

NESSA WRAFTER
UK

Though Kate knows she's lucky to have become a mother, and her instincts toward her baby are fiercely protective, post-natal trauma and hallucinations make the world increasingly hard to bear.



JOYEUX NOEL

HALEY WEBB
USA

During the first holiday season after her beloved father's passing, a young woman attempts to recreate their traditions with his cremated remains.

FRIDAY 27TH / 19:00-21:00

HORROR

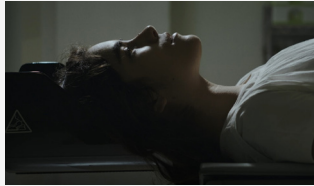
In your mind, in the shadows, in the streets, everywhere is terror!



CHICKENS

BRYIAN KEITH MONTGOMERY JR.
USA

Two racist cops try to cover up killing an unarmed black teen, silencing the witnesses. Things don't go as planned, as they seriously overestimate their own intelligence...



HORRORSCOPE

POL DIGGLER
SPAIN

An ordinary schoolgirl's life unravels after an evil creature takes over her body. Only her mother, with the help of a strange doctor, will be able to save her.



NON E VERO

SERGIY PUDICH
UKRAINE

A small girl is bored while staying alone at her busy Grandpa's house. She tries in every way possible to grab his attention, but something goes wrong...



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EMMA KEEHAN
USA

A boy's dreams begin to blur with reality. By night, he suffers nightmares of chilling figures tormenting his sleep. By day, he feels comforted by the soothing routine of home life.



THE OUTSIDER

LUDVIG GÜR
SWEDEN

Based on H.P. Lovecraft's weird tale of the same name, "The Outsider" is the story of a desperate loner, who has grown up with only a butterfly and the Bible for company.



CEMETERY TALES: A TALE OF TWO SISTERS

CHRIS ROE, USA

Set in 1949, a Hollywood star mourns the loss of her beloved sister on the one-year anniversary of her murder. Will justice be served?



KEITH

BARO CAYETANO
UK

A little girl meets the not so scary monster under her bed during difficult times. Introducing himself as Keith, she doesn't quite understand what he's here for...yet.



SPORES

TOMMY BARDAL
NORWAY

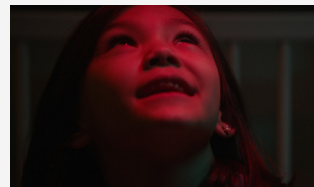
A woman moves into a new apartment but soon notices something sinister growing on the wall. She tries to fight it, but it slowly consumes her.



SEANCE

JOHANNES FRANKE
GERMANY

Mentalist Erik Svenson and his medium Eva Brandt specialize in classic ghost summons for private and social occasions. On one particular job however, even Eva has her reservations.



THE HELPING HAND

BRENDEN HUBBARD
USA

With a new baby at home, young parents adopt a hi-tech monitoring system. Will it be an answer to their woes, or have they invited a monster into their home?



SAFEKEEPING

DAVID YORKE
UK

Leaving their dangerous home life behind, brother and sister Jessica and Charlie embark on a journey that will change their lives forever.

SATURDAY 28TH / 13:00-15:00

SCIENCE FICTION

Taking you to places you have never been

“Offers an alternative viewpoint inside a well known universe.”

– Dan Simmons on Bucketheads



HONOR AMONG THIEVES

JUSTIN EUGENE EVANS
USA

When a planet-hopping cowboy-criminal returns after a heist, he expects a hero's welcome. But his mutinous crew have decided that he's no longer in charge.



CHRONOS

ANDRÉ CHOCRON
UK

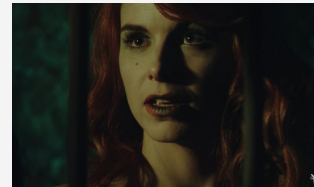
Chronos explores a paradoxical problem: what happens when you use a time machine to go back in time to prevent the very existence of the time machine you just used?



RUEFUL WARRIOR

MARK OWEN
UK

Alien soldier Yalalia finds herself caught up in a conflict with a group of soldiers from Earth. Her integrity is tested to the limit as she desperately attempts to maintain peace at all costs.



GROWING SHADOWS: THE POISON IVY FAN FILM

SOPHIE BLACK
UK

Someone has been poisoning the residents of Gotham using venomous plants. All signs point to Poison Ivy, but she's been locked up inside Arkham Asylum.



BUCKETHEADS - A STAR WARS STORY

MARCO BOSSOW, ANDY BROWN
CANADA

A squad of storm troopers are transporting a POW with valuable information from Yavin 4, but getting off planet will test their mettle.



CHARLIE & XIOCHI

LUKE ROMO HODGES
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

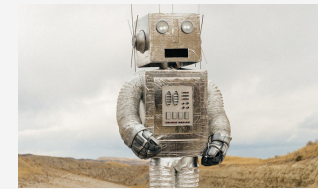
A child lives in our tomorrow. Left alone in a deserted city she seeks fresh water. After finding a children's book she starts to see signs of her purpose and place.



THE WHITE MARBLE

DOMINIK SEEMANN
GERMANY

When overpopulation reaches its climax in the future, a young family has to face the consequences of governmental decisions. Meanwhile individuals all over the world fight the new laws.



RED

ALEXANDER STEPHENS
USA

Lucy Daydream and Alpha 5 soar into space on a rocket ship to find something new. Their journey into the unknown brings them face to face with a man from the stars.



N

JAKOB VON HIERONYMUS
UK

An inventor and his colleague test the 'Automaton', a machine able to create things from nothing. The machine works perfectly as long as the items it's asked to create start with the letter 'N' in German.

SATURDAY 28TH / 15:30-17:30

A BETTER PLACE

There are people who dream, people who ache for a better place



DAUGHTER

RAHUL PAI
UK

A father unexpectedly stumbles upon old memories and pays homage to his past.



DELETED

STEPHAN PIERRE MITCHELL
UK

A documentary following the last 5 hours of 59-year-old Ahmed's life before becoming homeless due to the late payments and bureaucracy by the Department for Work and Pensions.



THIS TIME

AKAASH MEEDA
UK

Ayesha and Felix haven't seen each other in years but after they serendipitously cross paths, they spend an afternoon together and discuss life, love, loss and their past.



SAFE SPACE

BEN S. HYLAND
UK

Sarah works in a women's refuge. Amne is her new client. For Amne the journey from victim to survivor is traumatic. For Sarah, the emotional burden is overwhelming.



SIX HOMES

EBAD ADIB POUR
IRAN

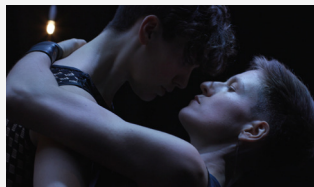
An evocative and poignant snapshot into the play time of a group of children in a war torn land.



A GIRL FROM PARSIAN

PARINAZ HASHEMI
MOBARAKEH, IRAN

A group of Iranian women living in a small southern town do their utmost to achieve one of their prohibited rights and strive to fight for it.



SWIVEL

LOIS NORMAN
UK

Swivel is a brave leap of faith that moves to express the courage it takes to explore sexuality with true equality, acceptance and compassion.



SWEET SOLACE

NICOLAS DURAND
FRANCE

Boïko, a penniless, whimsical street musician, smiles again when Christelle and Joseph, two blind passersby, make a striking encounter.



BAXU AND THE GIANTS

FLORIAN SCHOTT
NAMIBIA

9 year old Baxu lives a peaceful life with her older brother Khata and alcoholic grandmother until strange men show up and cause change in the village.



CHOKER

ORSON CORNICK
UK

As a girl drops from the sky onto a crowded beach, a mysterious man drives at breakneck speed towards her.

SATURDAY 28TH / 18:00-20:00

COMEDY

Make them laugh!



DIRTY ROTTEN LIARS

CHRIS CHALKLEN
UK

Can a support group for compulsive liars trust their new leader?



THE AFTERLIFE BUREAU

DIMITER DIMITROFF
UK

There is something that comes after you die and before you meet your maker... Paperwork!



SOCKS AND ROBBERS

DAVID LILLEY
UK

A gang of notorious, unconventional criminals commit the biggest bank heist of their careers. But things start to fall apart when an undercover cop infiltrates their ranks.



AGE OF BRYCE

DAVID FEAGAN & BRIAN ELLIOTT, USA

Smothered by an adoring, over-protective mom, 12-year-old Bryce Yancy Paul (Bip) is pushed to the brink of pubescent revolution.



GRUB

PIERRE MAZINGARBE
FRANCE

Daphnée refuses to introduce her boyfriend Karim to her parents. But when she goes to spend the weekend in her parents' mansion, Karim decides to hide in the trunk of her car.



PATHOLOGIES OF EVERYDAY LIFE

ALEX PAPATHANASOPOULOS
GREECE

Sebastian and Robin were the pariahs of their school. Now they work as supermarket clerks. They blame Mr. Brunt, their old theatre professor, as well as society at large.



TWO DUM MICKS

DANIEL BERNARD SWEENEY
USA

Two unlucky guys meet in the drunk tank and hatch a plan.



FEMALE OF FLAME

TAKUYA MATSUMOTO
JAPAN

Miyazaki and Takahata work at Pure Network to sell its Pure products. But suddenly they face an unexpected situation.



QUIET CARRIAGE

BEN S. HYLAND
UK

A man with an overactive imagination must decide whether to intervene and stop a casual commuting rule breaker, or live with a lifetime of regret.



THE GREEN MAN

NICOLAS MOTTE
UK

A delivery man with a deadline wants to cross a road. He's in for a surprise.



DEEP STORAGE

SUSAN EARL
AUSTRALIA

When his mum dies, Gus, a stuttering loner, becomes homeless and moves their things into a local storage facility. Realising how safe and warm his storage unit is, he moves in.

SATURDAY 28TH / 13:30-15:30

ANIMATION: PART 1

From the sublime to the surreal...



THE CURIOUS CHILD

HOWARD VAUSE
UK

An inquisitive girl inhabits a world of natural wonder and delight, until one day she asks a profound question – “Why am I alive?”.



WRATH

JOHN-DANIEL ARAUZ
CANADA

With society on the brink of collapse, state prisoners are sentenced to dangerous labour tasks within the walls of an abandoned city, haunted by phantoms of the past.



THE SQUID

GEORGE HAMPSHIRE
UK

Set in Japan, a Squid must escape from a Sushi Restaurant before becoming part of the menu.



WINTER

GORDON YU
CHINA

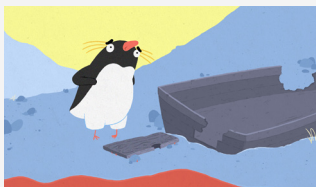
In the cold northeast China, people have lived by hunting for generations. A little boy born into a hunter family seems to have a mysterious connection with the forest.



STITCH

SIOBHÁN SMITH
UK

After a tough and unforgiving interview, optimistic Harry is forced to retreat to his imagination, a softer world full of wool and crochet.



THE PENGUIN WHO COULDN'T SWIM

Tom Rourke, UK

A Penguin who lives on a rocky island in the southern seas feels isolated from the rest of her colony. A charming animation that highlights disability, made by a disabled animator.



KOKOSMOS

ANNA RADCHENKO
UK

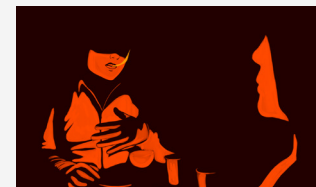
Shot in Moscow by the award-winning director and photographer Anna Radchenko, Kokosmos is a tribute to Russia's infatuation with space.



DEADMAN'S REACH

QUENTIN VIEN
UK

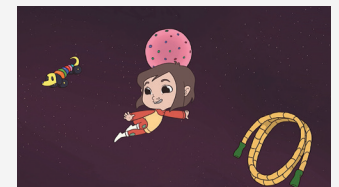
After falling asleep on the London underground, a man finds himself mysteriously spirited into the desert where he follows an illusory trail of a failed love affair.



THROUGH THE EYES OF YOU

LAURA VAN DER ZEE
NETHERLANDS

A 2D animation about vulnerability. Two people trying to connect over dinner. For one of them this is not as easy as it seems. Can she open up and connect?



HORNZZ

LENA FRANZZ
BRAZIL

How does each choice reflect in our lives? Through Hornzz's surreal narrative, we follow the challenges of a girl named Lu, traveling through unique experiences in a fantasy world.

SATURDAY 28TH / 13:30-15:30

ANIMATION: PART 2

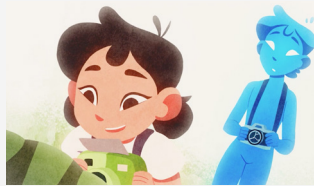
From the sublime to the surreal...



THINGS WERE BETTER BEFORE

LU PULICI, ITALY

Made entirely with found and recycled materials, this film is a wake-up call to a society that needs to pay attention and implement real change before it's too late.



KAERU

DENISE CHAN
USA

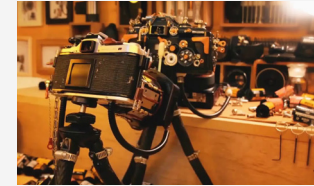
A darkroom photographer named Mitsuko struggles with self-doubt.



SOMA

SANDRA JOVANOVSKA
SLOVENIA

Situated in a strange, trashy universe, a butcher gets a taxidermist hooked on his drugs, which he offers as an alleged cure for the taxidermist's sneezing.



FISSO

RAITO LOW JING YI
TAIWAN

A camera doctor becomes too immersed in his work to the detriment of his wife. A quirky and charming tale that focuses on the importance of family and loved ones.



THE QUIET

RADHEYA JEGATHEVA
AUSTRALIA

When an astronaut ponders on the quietude of space, he comes upon a startling self-realisation. The truth is written in the stars, but what will he uncover?



WOOLWORLD

JOANNA POLAK
POLAND

The only person capable of making sure that Woolworld functions smoothly is Mr. Wooly. However, he is tired and old and wishes for change.



PETTY THINGS

LI ZEXI
CHINA

One summer afternoon, a group of children find a replica pistol. As the trigger was pulled, the whole wood was awakened.



CHEATING IS NOT SO BAD

SOPHIE JOHNSON-HILL
UK

Inspired by an ex boyfriend, this is an animated take on the difference between cheaters and liars.



2.3 X 2.6 X 3.2

JIAQI WANG
CHINA

The filmmaker represents himself as a tapir who tries to help his sick Aunt get better. This comes from an idea of 'Mise en Abyme' (Injecting self-reflection into film.)



KING OF NOTHING

PATRICK VILLEGAS
UK

A lonely man feels responsible for the protection of a fading sunflower in a destroyed world.

SATURDAY 28TH / 16:00-18:00

THE LONG ROAD

Life can presents twists and turns, sometimes it is the long road...



THREE SACK FULLS OF HATS

DEBBIE ANZALONE
UK

Mick returns home after a long absence to witness the fast declining health of his alcoholic brother Sid, which stirs up family tensions, shame and denial.



ASRA

CAIO CORTONESI
BRAZIL

A religious man, defeated by an incurable degenerative disease, decides to end his own suffering. He entrusts his son with the task of finding someone to end his pain.



ALL THE TRIMMINGS

THOMAS EDWARDS
UK

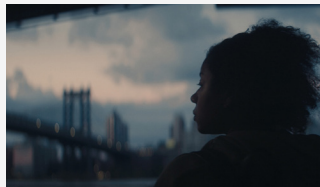
All the Trimmings tells the story of a man's desperate pursuit to provide Christmas dinner for his young family.



GONE WITH THE RIVER

LANG JUAN
CHINA

Fang Fang, a girl from a border town in China, who is about to graduate from a high school, falls in love with a young boy, Bro Hao.



AFTER THE BLEEP

FLORIAN BISON
USA

A mother is urged to redefine the image of a single parent when she receives a message from her estranged ex after 2 years of silence.



OLYON DOLGOK

KÁLMÁN NAGY
AUSTRIA

Éva lives a nightmare. She has the terrible suspicion that her husband has done something to her five-year-old daughter. Éva seeks help from her best friends. But can they help her?



OSLO

SHADY SROUR
ISREAL

Ziad, a Palestinian day labourer, is denied entry into Israel for work that day. Not wanting to return home empty-handed after promising his daughter meat for dinner, he needs to get creative.

"A brutal eye opener to the tragedy and harsh reality of everyday Palestinian life."

- Becky Smith on Oslo

SATURDAY 28TH / 14:00-16:00

NON-FICTION

Fun, provocative, challenging, disturbing, haunting... this is real life



THE MAGICIANS OF THE MERLIN MAGICAL SOCIETY

ABDULLAI ADEJUMO
UK

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A snapshot in to the lives of a group of local magicians, exploring their passion for magic and witnessing their annual magic competition.



PRINCE'S TALE

JAMIE MILLER
CANADA

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After surviving an electrical fire that results in the amputation of his arms, a young actor named Prince must come to terms with being "differently-abled".



THE SPRING THEY DIDN'T SEE

PANAHBARKHODA REZAEI
IRAN

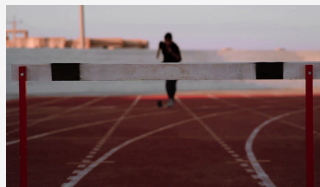
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A shocking documentary by war photographers about the Kurdish genocide where children, women and men were killed by chemical weapons.



WHAT MATTERS

SOFIA VETORRI, ALEX CLASS
UK

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One day, 8-year-old Italian child Cosimo stumbles upon an old photo book, which helps him to realise what truly matters.



FINISH LINE

SAEED MAYAHY
IRAN

.....
A female athlete from Iran tries to get back in fields after an accident and also faces deprivation because she does not wish to compete with a hijab in international events.



BLACK BOTTLES

EYERUSALEM LEMA
UK

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A powerful message to men within the black community, that they should all strive to become more in touch and open with their mental health.



MOUSE CITY

PROSPERO PENSA
UK

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London based Italian student faces his fear of rodents. An extravagant journey through kitchen mice and pet rats.



RUCK IT!

TANJUN MEDIA
UK

.....
Putting the "fun" into "dysfunctional". Mencap's first ever learning disability rugby team. A documentary charting three stories, one team and a camel mascot.

// *A rivetingly imaginative and intelligent documentary about a remarkable and inspirational human being.*

//
- Simon Leyden on Prince's Tale

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CRIME

The darkest criminal minds come out to play



ONE LAST LAST HEIST

DARRIN ROSE
CANADA

A former heist man is left heart-broken and hopeless after his break-up and somehow winds up in a 'meet-cute' heist, to take his mind off things.



EXPOSURE

J.D. FUNARI
USA

As a young couple fights for survival in the harsh California desert, they confront the choices that brought them to a crossroads in their relationship.



QUEEN OF DIAMONDS

VINCENT KAMP, NAEEM
MAHMOOD, UK

Two petty thieves masquerade behind their day jobs at high-stakes poker games when a professional thief introduces them to a life of higher-risk, higher-reward crime.



TERMINATION OF SERVICES RENDERED

DANN EMMONS, UK

Felicity is a retired Government Operative, living out her days in quiet solitude when a knock at the door heralds the news that her estranged son has mysteriously committed suicide.



THE PASSPORT

OLIVIER H.DRESSEN
CHINA

A man wakes up in a dark alley with no memory of who he is. However, as more and more truths come to light, he discovers that some memories are better left forgotten.



UNREGISTERED

SOPHIA BANKS
USA

Set in LA in the not too distant future, the government has enforced a one-child policy as a solution to overpopulation. Ata and Rekker question the state of society and confront a secret of their own.



COPE

ALEX MERIDY
USA

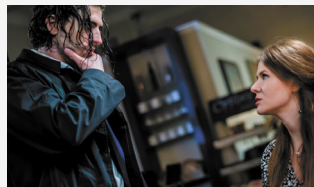
A detective on a gruelling case involving a 10-year old girl struggles to separate personal feelings and work, employing unhealthy coping mechanisms as a means to get through.



FIFTY

JAVIER DAMPIERRE
USA

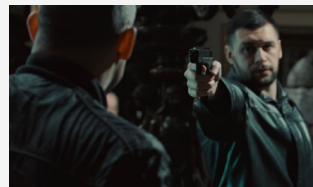
A world-renowned psychiatrist is put to the test as a new patient comes in, badgering her for answers surrounding her own daughter, and uncovering dark secrets along the way.



CRIMSON CUFFS

MADELINE VAIL
USA

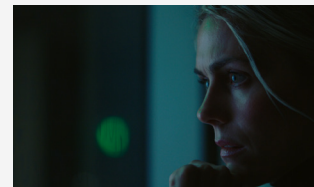
Laurena goes on a blind date at the behest of her mother, only to find herself wishing she'd trusted her gut and stayed home, as the mysterious man arrives.



TRAPPED

JAMES BUSHE
UK

A young girl is interrogated by thugs to gain information about her elusive, powerful mob boyfriend. But her tormentors don't realise that a bigger game is in play.



WHO WILL STOP ME

EMMANUELLE PICKETT
USA

A young woman is confronted by a DHS agent at her place of work, soon finding herself in a scheme to bring down her boyfriend's illegal online activity.

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SHORTCAKE

A session of pleasant films, tea and cake



COPING

BRANDON MARPLES
UK

Coping aims to remind its audience that someone, somewhere, will always be coping with the loss of a loved one.



AEROPLANES

PAUL SHAMMASIAN
UK

When a young woman loses her mother in a plane crash, she impulsively steals an unaccompanied child in a desperate attempt to fill both his life and hers with purpose.



ZOE & BRYN

MAURA SMITH
USA

Two young women meet and over the course of one evening develop a connection that neither was expecting.



WAITING BY THE PHONE

OLIVIA JENSEN
USA

One woman living in an apartment for two, Dani struggles to live while coping with the tragic truth about her sister.



CARRY MY HEART TO THE YELLOW RIVER

ALEXIS VAN HURKMAN, CHINA

Taking her hospitalized friend's place on a bike tour to the Yellow River, a high school graduate travels to faraway Gannan and races the clock to share pictures of the journey.



THE NEW MOTHER

ELEVA SINGLETON
USA

An experimental drama which explores the delicate paradigm shift between an aging mother and her adult daughter who becomes her caregiver.



THE MAGIC PAPER MAN

BRYAN CORTEEN
UK

Two lonely souls: a homeless man and a widowed librarian, embark on an unlikely friendship with a little help from a paper swan, a Jammie Dodger and a Pam Ayres poem.



STOOD UP

CJAY BOISCLAIR
CANADA

Charming, loyal and perpetually single Ben is tired of always being the best friend and wing-man. After deciding to shake things up, he agrees to a blind date.

// *Heartfelt and beautiful.* //

– John Currie on
Carry My Heart to the
Yellow River

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MOMENTS

Life is a collection of moments...



THE LOST SCOT

JULIEN CORNWALL
UK

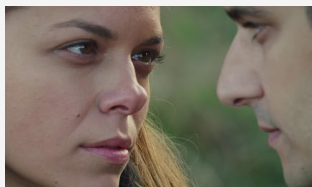
After a clay shoot goes wrong, a miserable cynic, an alcoholic and an accountant find themselves lost in the Scottish Moorlands with the body of a gamekeeper.



ELEPHANTBIRD

MASOUD SOHEILI
IRAN

A mini-bus is on a journey across the mountains to Kabul. Each person on the bus has a reason to take this journey and they decide to use an alternative road.



A MOMENT OF LOVE

JULIAN RACHEV
BULGARIA

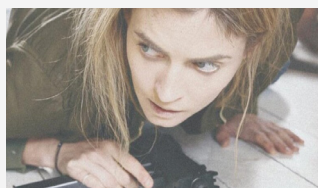
The true love between Magda and Kalin is not enough to be together.



FIRST DISCO

HELEN O'REILLY
IRELAND

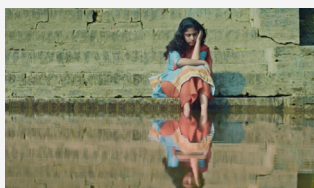
It's 1983, Culture Club are no. 1, everyone's glued to Knight Rider, and Kelly Harrison is not only experiencing her first crush, she's also going to her first disco.



THE LAST

DAVID NEWTON
UK

After being shot multiple times, mortally wounded Jess bursts back to life and gasping for breath.



TITLINAMA: TALE OF A GIRL

HEMANTA SADEEQ
BANGLADESH

In the rural areas of Bangladesh, women are handicapped with social expectations. Titlinama is a story about a girl living under these circumstances.



DAMAGE

LAWRENCE DONELLO
UK

Rav and Emma have recently got together. They are in love but do they really know each other? Damage is what happens when control and abuse destroys a relationship.



// A superb film. The cinematography is so excellent, it even made the rickety bus look beautiful.

- Sue Stevens on Elephantbird

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DAZED

Stories about when you are caught in the headlights, leaving you dazed



ZOMBIES IN THE HOUSE

KONG KA YIU RONY
HONG KONG

Lam Ka-wai is a young rebellious man who always quarrels with his parents. After they and his sisters become zombies however, Lam must choose between his devotion to himself, or his family.



FINE BY ME

WILLIAM STONE
UK

In 1992, a group of young men reunite to walk their favourite hiking trail. However, their adventure will take a dramatic turn for the worse when they encounter a rogue soldier up to no good.



BRIDGE

VAHID HASSANZADEH
IRAN

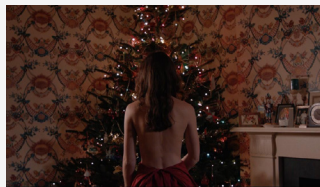
After an old man notices Roya on a bridge, assuming that she wants to kill herself, Roya decides to continue this façade, enjoying the attention.



MINDSET

AMELIA CRAWFORD
AUSTRALIA

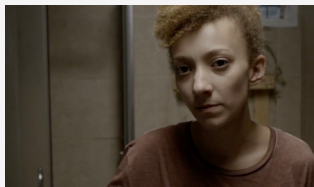
Over the course of one evening, Sam struggles to come to terms with her grief, resulting in a shocking twist that personifies the difficulty in acceptance.



DONA & VIXEN

ALASDAIR MELROSE
UK

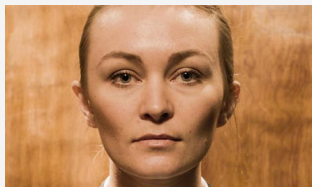
A teenage girl is confronted with the truth about Father Christmas, forgotten memories coming back to her on Christmas Eve, following a chat with her boyfriend.



HOMeward BOUND

TAMAR GOREN
ISREAL

In a small apartment in Tel Aviv in the hot and humid days of August, 17-year old Noga is searching for a place of her own, while her parents are going through an ugly divorce.



NONFEASANCE

MADELINE TOAL
CANADA

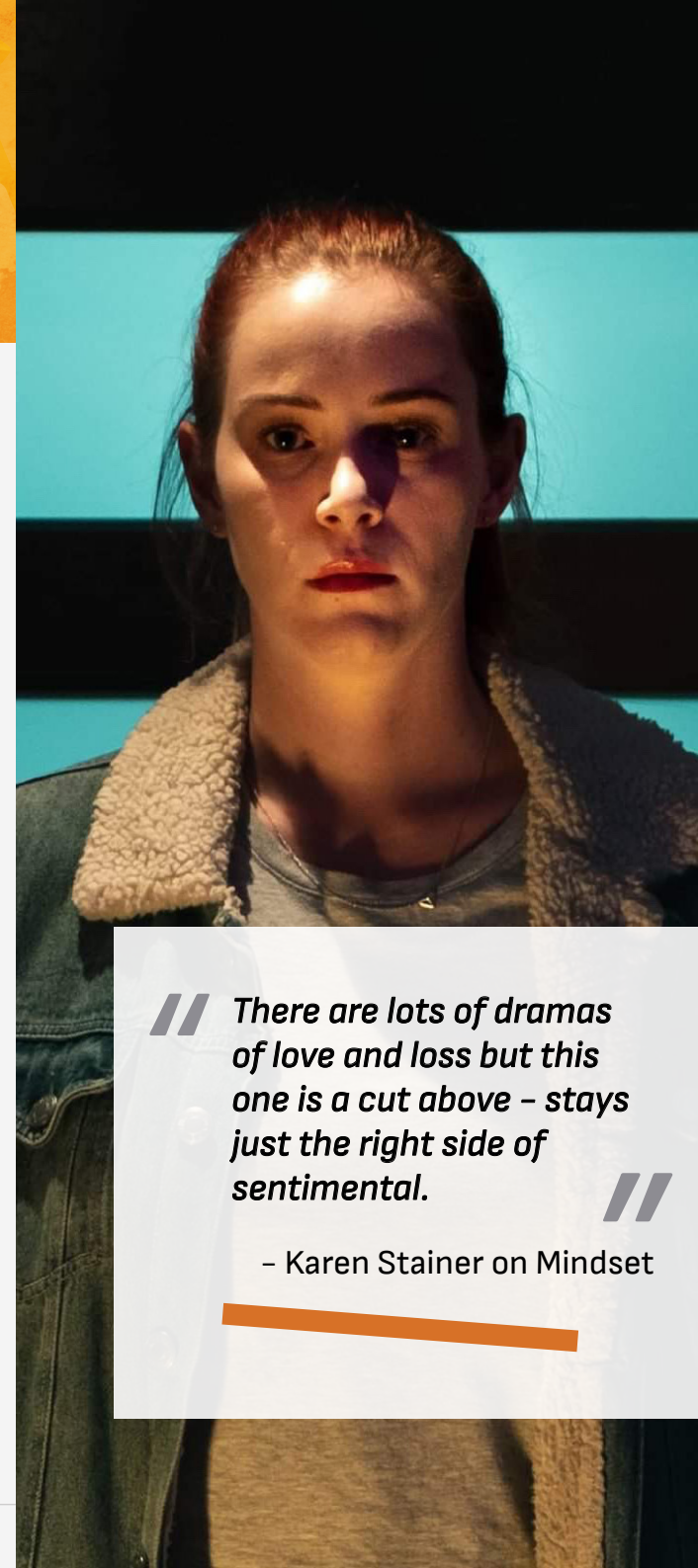
Conflicting accounts shown through flashbacks attempt to reveal the true events of a sorority initiation party, which saw the death of a young girl.



THE ROLE OF A LIFETIME

MARC SAEZ
FRANCE

A man, a woman, a payback. This is a socio-political, psychological drama about all the struggles and injustices a woman has to go through in her life, in the society of today.



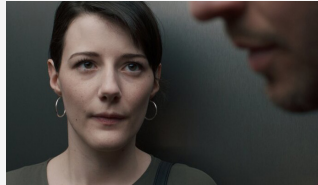
// There are lots of dramas of love and loss but this one is a cut above – stays just the right side of sentimental. //

– Karen Stainer on Mindset

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KEEP BREATHING

Circumstances can be overwhelming, you just need to keep breathing



KEEP BREATHING

MARK CORDEN
UK

A woman gets stuck in a lift with the engineer that's fixing it, only to discover it's the man she had a one-night-stand with just a few weeks before.



METHOD

ROBERT GRABOW
USA

A Machiavellian acting teacher pushes an aspiring actor to her breaking point with his unconventional "method."



HARD SHADOW

NEDA KHANIFAR
IRAN

The right to be free is the most important gift that must be given to every human being from the very beginning. But some basic human rights in the world are ignored.



RED

KARINA WĘGIELEK
POLAND

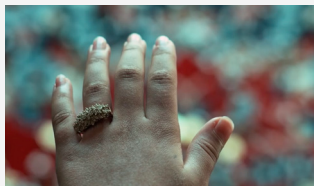
As Judyta and her father try to come to terms with their grief, all their mutual resentment and finger pointing is unexpectedly interrupted by a stranger: Red.



CLEMENTINES

LAURIE BARRACLOUGH
UK

Clem is returning to her childhood home. After almost seven years away, it is not only the funeral of her once stepfather that is bringing her back, but also her old step-sister Clémentine.



BUKANEH

SHARMIN SOLTANIAN
IRAN

A child bride's reluctance is obvious to all in this beautifully shot film.



100%

REBECCA MILLS
UK

Natalie's wedding is tomorrow and suddenly it's all feeling very, very real. Desperate to find fault with her fiancé, Natalie spirals into a panic that threatens to derail her big day.



BAD MOTHER

MARNIE BAXTER, NICOLA
STUART-HILL, UK

An unnerving drama about motherhood. Based on the true story of a mother at the end of her tether who finds understanding and solace from a stranger on the beach.

// Beautifully done, says it all in under 6 minutes. //

– Karen Stainer on
Bukaneh

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LOVEHURTS

A collection of short films exploring how love hurts



ASHMINA

DEKEL BERENSON
NEPAL

Ashmina, 13, lives with her family on the outskirts of Pokhara, Nepal, and is forced to skip school to help her family by working at the nearby landing field.



LEAVING TO LIVE

DAVID RODRIGUES
FRANCE

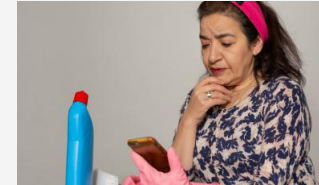
On December 24 in the middle of the afternoon, Alexandra, 35, makes an important decision that will change her life: leaving her marital home with her 7-year-old daughter.



EMMA

OLIVÉR RUDOLF
HUNGARY

A class of bullies ridicule Emma and her deceased grandmother's dress. Her best friend Orsi neglects to stand up for her, which leads to tragic consequences.



ROGER

REUBEN HAMLYN
USA

Lena becomes a 'Roger', a service application that acts as a domestic assistant, never directly communicating with their client. This does not sit well with Lena.



I'M LISTENING

KATJA KORHONEN
FINLAND

In the last hours of the night, Mirja, a Night Radio host, gets a call on the air about a possible ending of the world, bursting Mirja's bubble in a way she never would have expected.



HOME GIRL

POONAM BRAH
UK

After the funeral of her mother, Roya returns home only to discover that her relationship with another woman was known about all along.



ROOM TO BREATHE

MAGDALENA ZIELIŃSKA
UK

Roy has spent his whole life starved of intimate expression. But when he falls in love, he finally learns what it means to be able to communicate the true depth of how he feels.



OSUBA

FEDERICO MARSICANO
ITALY

Love can be dangerous. When men become violent and crazy, when women have no way to defend themselves. Osuba is a visual expression of this issue.



ONE NIGHT STAND

ADAM HALES-WALKER
UK

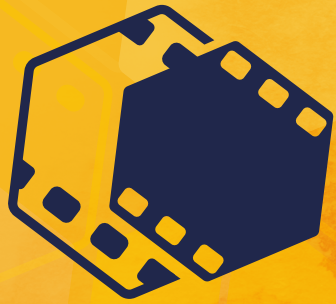
With flashbacks and clips of the present intertwined, a look at how a couple's romance can blossom and die out, from the first day to its last, is seamlessly pieced together.



A GLIMPSE

TOM TURNER
UK

A blossoming relationship unfolds when two strangers have a chance encounter in a London café, depicting the truths of the way real life relationships begin and end.



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