



UNIVERSE MULTICULTURAL FILM FESTIVAL

APRIL 1-3, 2016

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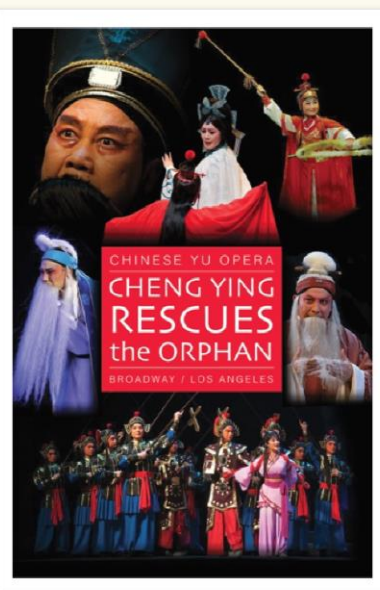
The **Maeya Culture Exchange Group LLC** provides a platform for different cultures to explore, share and communicate with one another. Our purpose is to increase mutual understanding and appreciation between people from different cultures through education and culture exchange. The Economic globalization brings financial benefit; **Maeya Culture Exchange Group LLC brings harmony through culture and art environment.**

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As a cultural project management firm, Maeya Culture Exchange Group LLC produces and manages two international film festivals every year in the United States. One is **Universe Multicultural Film Festival** that is held in Los Angeles every April, and the other is **San Diego International Kids' Film Festival** that is held in San Diego every September. Maeya's brand-new annual productions are **Epic ACG Fest** that is held in Albany every November and **Maeya Art Festival** that boosts the art exchange.



Maeya has many years of experience in the promotion and distribution of family-friendly films, both in the U.S. and in China. As of to date, Maeya has the distribution rights of 63 films imported from China. All of the films have been promoted through participation in various film festivals.



In February 2013,

Maeya proudly presented *Cheng Ying Rescues the Orphan*, Maeya's first theater production at Studio 54 Theater in New York's Broadway as well as at the Warner Grand Theater in Los Angeles.



*Welcome Letter from
Executive Director
Lynn Tang*

Dear UMFF attendees,

Welcome to the 2016 Universe Multicultural Film Festival (UMFF) in the beautiful Rolling Hills Estates. All UMFF activities will be held in four venues - Peninsula Center Library, RHCC Community Center, Promenade on the Peninsula, and Fred Hesse Community Park. The first three of which are within walkable distance of each other.

The UMFF celebrates cultural diversity, creativity, tolerance and global unity in its exhibition of excellent films and screenplays. We showcase films and scripts that are rich in storytelling, strong in character development, and hold deep roots in diverse culture.

This year, the UMFF will screen 84 official selections from 21 countries, including USA, UK, Canada, France, Greece, Australia, Turkey, Argentina, Australia, Thailand, Japan, Korea, China, India, Iran, UAE, Russia, Spain, Switzerland, Zimbabwe, and Ethiopia. Attendees may choose to view from a wide variety of features, shorts, documentaries, and animations. This special event will also be a place where international film delegations share the screen with young and soon-to-be-known talents. Other than film screenings, attendees may participate in film market, industry panels, cultural events, film Q&As, film receptions and Galas. Filmmakers are welcomed to meet here with potential partners and share their deal making tips and insights.

On behalf of the entire UMFF committee, we thank you for being a part of our festival and participating in the cultural exchange. We thank the sponsors, supporters, and volunteers who make this event possible. With your generous support, new friendships and lasting memories have formed.

Sincerely,

Lynn Tang



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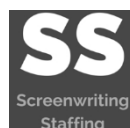
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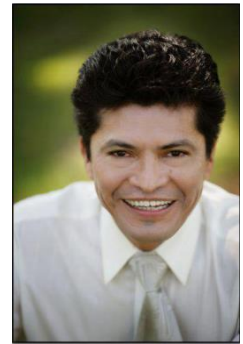
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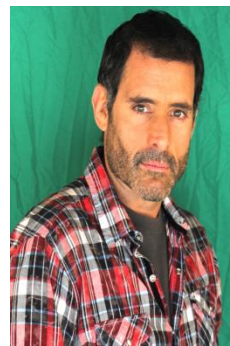
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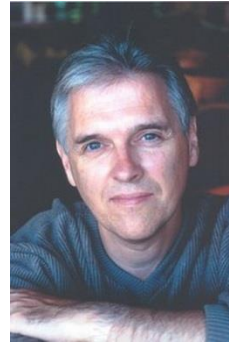
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Producer | Screenwriter



Rob Tobin
Screenwriter



Xinye Tong
Producer | Director



Jacob N. Stuart
Screenwriter



Hui Zhou
Screenwriter



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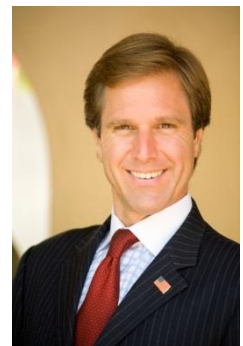
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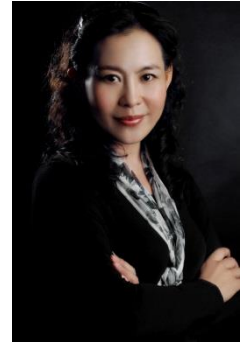
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Producer



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Producer



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Director | Producer



Xiaozhou Li
Producer



**2016 UMFF warmly welcomes the participation of
the filmmakers with multicultural backgrounds**



SCREENING VENUES



Screening Venue 1

PENINSULA CENTER LIBRARY Community Room (1st Floor)

701 Silver Spur Rd
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274



Screening Venue 2 and Events

RHCC COMMUNITY CENTER

2A: Auditorium (1st Floor)

2B & 2C: Media Room 201 & 202

735 Silver Spur Rd
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

EVENT VENUES



Competition & Showcase

PROMENADE ON THE PENINSULA Central Fountain

550 Deep Valley Drive
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Gala & Film Market

FRED HESSE COMMUNITY PARK McTaggart Hall

29301 Hawthorne Blvd
Rancho Palos Verdes
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Reception

SZECHWAN CHINESE RESTAURANT

2107 Pacific Coast
Highway
Lomita, CA 90717



TICKETING

Screening Pass (For any film)

General Admission	\$10
General Admission - Family (4-pack passes)	\$25
General Admission for Group 10+	\$8/each
Day Pass	\$25

Festival Events

Press Conference	Free Admission
Opening Night Gala	\$45
Panel Discussion – <i>Film Pitch & Catch</i>	\$25
Panel Discussion – <i>Multicultural Screenplay</i>	\$25
Panel Discussion – <i>Produce Global Film</i>	\$25
Panel Discussion – <i>Work with China-funded Films</i>	\$25
Screenplay Showcase	Free Admission
General Pass for Multicultural Film Market	\$15
Exhibitor Pass for Multicultural Film Market	\$175

Cultural Mixers

Culture Fashion Competition	Free Admission
Cross Culture for Filmmakers Reception Night	\$45

Red Carpet Fashion Show	Free Admission
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Award Ceremony	\$75
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Online Ticketing <http://2016umff.eventbrite.com>

Group Tickets (minimum 10) call 310-266-8559

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EVENTS SCHEDULE

Friday, April 1, 2016

1 PM	Panel Discussion – <i>Film Pitch & Catch</i>	RHCC Community Center	Panel Pass
6:30 PM	Press Conference & Opening Night Gala	Fred Hesse Community Park	Gala Pass

Saturday, April 2, 2016

11 AM	Panel Discussion – <i>Multicultural Screenplay</i>	RHCC Community Center	Panel Pass
1:30 PM	Panel Discussion – <i>Work with China-funded Films</i>	RHCC Community Center	Panel Pass
4:30 PM	Panel Discussion – <i>Produce Global Films</i>	RHCC Community Center	Panel Pass
7 PM	<i>Cross Culture for Filmmakers</i> Reception	Szechwan Chinese Restaurant	Reception Pass

Sunday, April 3, 2016

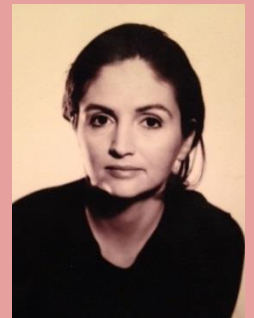
11 AM	Multicultural Film Market	Fred Hesse Community Park	General Pass
2 PM	Screenplay Showcase	Promenade on the Peninsula	Free
3 PM	Culture Fashion Competition	Promenade on the Peninsula	Free
5 PM	Red Carpet and Award Ceremony	RHCC Community Center	Award Ceremony Pass

Greetings! Welcome to the 2016 Universe Multicultural Film Festival!

Since its inception, the UMFF Film Festival has delighted annual audiences of more than 2000 visitors with a full schedule of lectures, panel discussions, and films by icons of cinema and emerging student filmmakers from all around the world. Past honorees and special guests include Christophe Coppola, among many others.

Yet the true spirit of the film festival is manifest in the cultural diversity and the conjoining of these cultures. The inestimable impact of all this exchange will shape the next generations to elevate a greater understanding toward the vast cultures around the world and that we are all interconnected when we live out a story together.

Join us for a celebration of international films like none other in the Rolling Hills Estates. Your passion has made the UMFF Film Festival the destination for international film lovers from around the globe and we are working hard to continue to build on that success.



Tracy Reiner
Chairwoman
2016 Universe
Multicultural
Film Festival

2016 UMFF Film Screening Schedule

DAY 1: Friday, April 1, 2016

Venue 1: Community Room at Peninsula Center Library

Start	Film	Country	Duration
11:00 AM	Inner Mongolia-Han Melody	China	92 mins
	Showcase 1:	Total 97 mins	
12:45 PM	My Home	Zimbabwe	15 mins
Shorts	People of the Delta	Ethiopia	30 mins
Showcase 1	Today is the Day	USA	16 mins
	Why Can't I Be A Sushi	UK	36 mins
	Showcase 2:	Total 100 mins	
2:30 PM	Chaos	USA	11 mins
Shorts	Dead Unanimity	USA	8 mins
Showcase 2	I was the One	Korea	32 mins
	Replika	Switzerland	26 mins
	The Day to Choose	Taiwan	23 mins
4:20 PM	Freedom Stories	Australia	99 mins

Venue 2A: Auditorium at RHCC Community Center

11:00 AM	This was Hasankeyf	UK	91 mins
12:40 PM	An Enslaved Princess	China	92 mins
2:20 PM	Taxi Driver Gion Taro THE MOVIE	Japan	56 mins
	Showcase 3:	Total 97 mins	
	CAGE	USA	5 mins
	Dedicated to Qiu Tong	China	28 mins
3:25 PM	Fisherwoman and Tuk Tuk	India	15 mins
Shorts	Rotary Fateline	India	3 mins
Showcase 3	Rotary Heartline	India	2 mins
	Rotary Lifeline	India	2 mins
	The Last Point	Russia	19 mins
	Games Gone Wrong	USA	23 mins
5:15 PM	The Answer	India	108 mins

Venue 2B: Media Room #201 at RHCC Community Center

11:00 AM	An Unfinished Film, For My Daughter Somayeh	Iran	90 mins
12:40 PM	B12	Iran	85 mins
2:10 PM	Honey River Feast	China	97 mins
3:55 PM	Let's Break Up	China	97 mins
5:40 PM	A Brilliant Genocide	Australia	77 mins

Venue 2C: Media Room #202 at RHCC Community Center

	Special Screenings:		
1:00 PM	Winds of Freedom	USA	15 mins
1:25 PM	Love Forever	China	94 mins
3:10 PM	Hiding Sword	China	90 mins

2016 UMFF Film Screening Schedule

DAY 2: Saturday, April 2, 2016

Venue 1: Community Room at Peninsula Center Library

Start	Film	Country	Duration
10:00 AM	The Summer of YaYa	China	104 mins
12:00 PM Shorts Showcase 4	Showcase 4:	Total 99 mins	
	Ariana's Persian Kitchen	UK/Iran/UAE	25 mins
	At the End of the Line	USA	6 mins
	Human Smile	France	4 mins
	Kefi Came by Sea	Greece	6 mins
	Life Of Rhiley - A Positive Light On Adoption	USA	8 mins
	Only Wanna Party	USA	3 mins
	Signs of An Artist	Argentina	19 mins
	The Art of Muay Thai	Thailand	8 mins
	WAX	Argentina	20 mins
1:50 PM	Cannot Prove	China	90 mins
3:30 PM	Paranoid Girls	Spain	88 mins

Venue 2A: Auditorium at RHCC Community Center

11:00 AM	Glad	China	83 mins
12:35 PM	Winter's Dream	USA	116 mins
2:40 PM	The Village Mother	China	90 mins
4:25 PM	The Remake	USA	97 mins
6:15 PM	Salt Bridge	Australia	113 mins

Venue 2B: Media Room #201 at RHCC Community Center

11:00 AM	Genuine Love	China	106 mins
12:55 PM	Gongga Mountain	China	101 mins
2:45 PM	Xiaoman's Story: Rare Time	China	93 mins
4:30 PM	Love Song of Huayao Thai	China	90 mins
6:10 PM	Get Happy	USA	97 mins

Venue 2C: Media Room #202 at RHCC Community Center

11:00 AM	Dream on the Ridge	China	101 mins
12:50 PM	Looking For My Love	China	90 mins
2:30 PM	A Sedan	China	102 mins
4:20 PM	Love Beyond Eternity	China	95 mins
6:05 PM Shorts Showcase 5	Showcase 5:	Total 100 mins	
	A Children's Song	USA	27 mins
	Jewish Blind Date	Switzerland	16 mins
	Plan Perfect	USA	19 mins
	Promise Me	USA	8 mins
	The Apartment	India	23 mins
	Thirst	USA	7 mins

2016 UMFF Film Screening Schedule

DAY 3: Sunday, April 3, 2016

Venue 1: Community Room at Peninsula Center Library

Start	Film	Country	Duration
1:00 PM	Shanha Girlfriend	China	96 mins
2:45 PM	<i>Special Screening:</i>		
	A Baby With Red Socks	Iran	87 mins

Venue 2B: Media Room #201 at RHCC Community Center

Start	Film	Country	Duration
	<i>Showcase 6:</i>	Total 104 mins	
1:00 PM	Love Greeting	China	47 mins
Shorts	Mandala	China	24 mins
Showcase 6	Underneath	Switzerland	17 mins
	Abyssal Zone	USA	16 mins
2:55 PM	Two SHOGI Madam Masters	Japan	112 mins

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SCREENPLAYS

FEATURE SCREENPLAYS

20/20: Search for Independence (Canada) by Harold L. Brown
Brothers to Dust (Australia) by Marie Parkins
Buenos Aires (USA) by Olga Rojer
Collide (USA) by Tom Smolko
Empress (USA) by Hanxi Li
Holy Baptism (China) by Hui Zhou
Horizon Faraway (China) by Pengcuo Duoqi
Madame Facades (USA) by Charles Laulette
Red Ivory (USA) by Larry Thomas
Sacred Journey (China) by Hui Zhou
The Abolitionists (USA) by Leslie Lyshkov
The Ancient Song of Love (China) by Hui Zhou
The Club of the Invincibles (Spain) by Pablo Burgos-Bosch
The Hoopla (Canada) by Thomas Nesti
The Metaphors of The Heart Part I (Malawi) by Paul Paseli

SHORT SCREENPLAYS

Blinda (USA) by Vicki Bartholomew
Gorgeous Chamelons (Turkey) by Esra Cengel
Hotel Soleil (UK) by Rebekah Wilkinson



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OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



A BRILLIANT GENOCIDE

Australia | 77 min | Feature | Documentary | History | War

Director Ebony Butler **Producers** Jason Byrne, Ebony Butler
Cinematographers Marcus Dineen, Jono Van Hest

This documentary is an expose of how an African dictator has been able to commit mass murder and still get a regular audience at The White House and 10 Downing Street.



A CHILDREN'S SONG

USA | 27 min | Short | Drama

Director/Screenwriter Shayna Cohen **Producers** Jane Wu, Sid Ganis, James Warren
Cast Jane Wu, Leann Lei, Cinderella Che, Adam Chernick, Alexandre Chen, Lee Lawrence

Two girls, who are determined to prove ownership of a family song, uncover the long lost true origin of the melody: a story of salvation and hope when over 20,000 Jews emigrated to Shanghai during WWII.

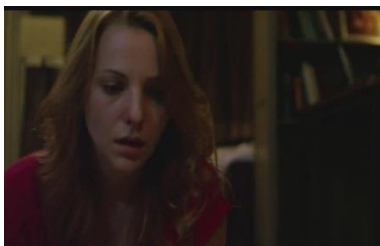


A SEDAN

China | 102 min | Feature | Drama | Children

Director/Screenwriter/Producer Xinye Tong
Cast Ting Zhang, Shengdi Zhang, Jinmai Zhao, Miaomiao, Jun Leng, Jingsong Wang

It tells a story of the dream chasing of two generations. A child's grown-up needs the parents' presence. And how do parents realize social values while parenting their children?

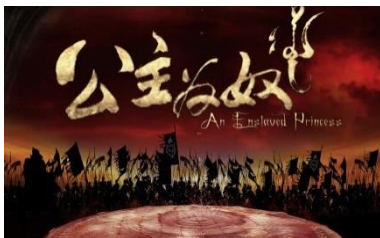


ABYSSAL ZONE

USA | 16 min | Short | Drama | Suspense

Director/Screenwriter/Producer Simiao Li
Cast Debby Gerber

Violet, a 22-year-old girl, gets mental disease after her parents died in an accident. She is trying to hide her illness from her boyfriend Andrew in order to keep him accompany...

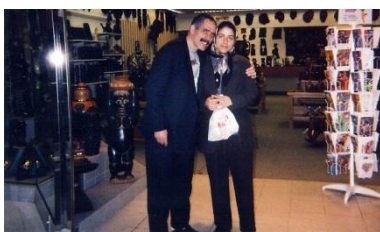


AN ENSLAVED PRINCESS

China | 92 min | Feature | Drama

Director Yonglin E **Screenwriters** Yonglin E, Qunguang
Producers Yelyu Aihan, E Er Guna **Cast** Haliya, Anghanima

Based on the Mongolian folk song *Dagula*, this film tells a story of a princess who was caught and enslaved at a stable in a palace when her tribe started fighting other tribes on the grassland due to a rumor.



AN UNFINISHED FILM, FOR MY DAUGHTER SOMAYEH

Iran | 90 min | Feature | Documentary

Director/Screenwriter/Producer Morteza Payeshenas

The documentary covers the ongoing struggles of the Mohammadi family with respect to the repatriation of their daughter back to Canada where they reside.

OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



ARIANA'S PERSIAN KITCHEN

UK | Iran | UAE | 25 min Short | Documentary | TV Episode

Director Ariana Bundy **Screenwriters/Producers** Ariana Bundy, Paul Hughes

Cast Ariana Bundy

Ariana's Persian Kitchen is an 8-part cookery and travel series focused on the vast and fascinating country of Iran. It features Ariana Bundy, an award winning Iranian-American chef and cookbook author. She returns to her birth country and re-discovers her heritage.



AT THE END OF THE LINE

USA | 6 min Short | Music | War

Director/Screenwriter/Producer Robert Kerr

In 1939, in Nazi Germany, an amazing thing happened: Jewish parents, sensing their lives were in danger, placed their children aboard trains to be raised by foster families across free Europe. They did this, knowing they would probably never see their children again...

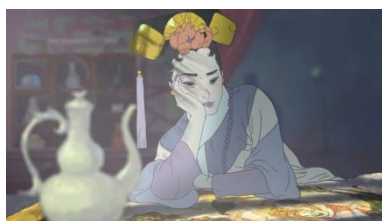


B12

Iran | 85 min Feature | Family | Drama

Director/Screenwriter/Producer Omid Niaz

Two boys leave their village to buy medicine for their ill grandmother. They don't tell their plan to anybody. They arrive to a big city, but the money they have isn't enough to buy the medicine. So they have to work in order to earn enough money.



CAGE

USA | 5 min Short | Animation | Drama | Fantasy

Director Pengpeng Du

This project is to present a Chinese cultural and traditional visual style to audiences. *CAGE* tries to inspire them to recall their memory and consider what is the meaning of life to them individually.



CANNOT PROVE

China | 90 min Feature | Suspense | Romance

Director Pingping Li **Producer** Peng Zhou **Screenwriters** Xiaohua Zhou, Shining Zheng

Cast Hongmei Mai, Yongtang Zhu, Xiao Liu, Longke Gao

Twenty years ago, Jingyuan's father died after finding out his wife's affair. Twenty years later, Jingyuan becomes a prosecutor and investigates a case in which the suspect is her old enemy.



CHAOS

USA | 11 min Short | Thriller | Drama | Action

Director/Screenwriter Ibrahim Nada **Producers** Tripp Townsend, Ibrahim Nada

Cast Allen Perada, Sean Wolf

After decades of suffering and injustice, as the President's gold embellished throne began to collapse beneath him, jailbreaks were orchestrated in aims of pushing the protestors to abandon the streets and return home.

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OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



DEAD UNANIMITY

USA | 8 min | Short | Drama | Thriller | Crime | Action | 17+

Director/Screenwriter James Hu **Producers** James Hu, Brigitte Buny/DuGally
Cast Brigitte Buny/DuGally, Gary Hudson

An undercover cop struggles to walk the line between loyalty and duty.



DEDICATED TO QIU TONG

China | 28 min | Short | Drama

Director Weiji Miao **Producers** Weiji Miao, Zhen Zeng
Screenwriters Hui Zhou, Anpei Wan **Cast** Zeli Luo, Delong Wang, Daijun Liu, Sicong Gao

Qitong and Tao go to the same college and together establish a fund to help college students who need financial aids.



DREAM ON THE RIDGE

China | 101 min | Feature | Drama | Music

Directors Jun Fang, Wei An **Producer** Yulin Zhang **Screenwriters** Jing Liu, Kuai Chang
Cast Wei An, Bei Zhang, Yajun Duan, Xiaoyuan Zhao, Li Wang

It tells a touching story of Xuecheng Zhang, a disabled teacher who insists on teaching in an elementary school in Gansu Province for more than 30 years.



FISHERWOMAN AND TUK TUK

India | 15 min | Short | Animation | Fantasy | Drama

Director Suresh Eriyat **Producer** Nilima Eriyat
Animators Abhijit Bugde, Anik Roy, Debajyoti Roychowdhury, Swapnil Patil

This is a poignant story of a middle aged fisherwoman who dreams of owning an auto rickshaw and the subsequent consequences that ensue.



FREEDOM STORIES

Australia | 99 min | Feature | Documentary

Director Steve Thomas **Producers** Steve Thomas, Lisa Horler

Freedom Stories gives voice to former refugees who arrived in Australia seeking asylum and endured years in mandatory detention and/or on Temporary Protection Visas. Now more than a decade since their arrival, their inspiring and poignant stories can finally be heard.



GAMES GONE WRONG

USA | 23 min | Short | Comedy

Directors/Producers/Screenwriters Greg Porper, John Schimke
Cast Nick Lazaris, Madylin Sweeten, Edward Zo

Shane Harper wants to host the perfect game night, but week after week no matter how hard he tries, nothing ever goes according to plan. It's all fun and games until something really, really bad happens.

OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



GENUINE LOVE

China | 106 min | Feature | Drama

Director Xierzati Yahrfa **Producer** Huanggang Gao

Screenwriters Huanggang Gao, Jian Ying **Cast** Kunduzai Tasi, Baihetiyaer Eziz

A mother from Uyghur, six people from different nationalities, and nineteen kids who need care, form a big family full of difficulties and happiness.



GET HAPPY

USA | 97 min | Feature | Romance | Comedy

Director Manoj Russel Annadurai **Producer** Sania Jhankar **Screenwriter** Tom Shipley

Cast Chris Riggi, Adam LaVorgna, Rebecca Blumhagen, Lauren Sweetser, Jordan Lane Price

Charlie Kane can't catch a break. As a child, he lost both his pet parakeet and his mother. As a result, he grew into a man who expects the worse out of life and gets it. But that changes when, by chance, he meets a bright, sunny sprite of a woman named Holly.



GLAD

China | 83 min | Feature | Drama | Family | Music | Children

Director Hong Li **Screenwriter** Yan Wang **Cast** Xujia Yan, Yifei Chen, Xiaoqi Ma

Producers Xiaoyun Wu, Caihong You, Huijian Tong, Li Chen, Bin Han

Feifei transfers from mainland to an elementary school in Shenzhen and tries hard to fit in the new environment. Jiajia, a happy boy from a wealthy family, takes a hard time to get along with Feifei...



GONGGA MOUNTAIN

China | 101 min | Feature | Drama

Director Duoqi Pengcuo **Producer** Qiang Lin **Screenwriters** Duoqi Pengcuo, Qiang Lin

Cast Luosang Qunpei, Hongda Liu, Suolang Nima, Deji

The film tells a story of Tudeng, an old Tibetan man, and his grandson who help and lead Hanlin of Han nationality to the Gongga Mountain for worshipping Hanlin's grandpa.



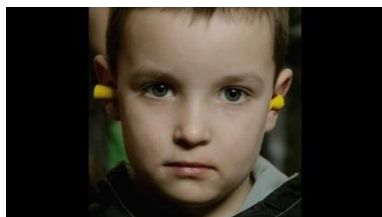
HONEY RIVER FEAST

China | 97 min | Feature | Romance | Music | Comedy

Director/Screenwriter Axin Naer **Producers** Siqin Bateer, Aotegen Bateer, Xiaoyu Cheng

Cast Tumen Bayaer, Genhua Meng, Saina, Lu Zhen, Yang Tong, Lanxi Qin

Erdeng Jr is the son of musician Erdeng who died years ago. He keeps single for years and waits for the return of his beloved Jiya. When he finally decides to move on and marry Sarentuya, Jiya shows up with a sick body and her little son...



HUMAN SMILE

France | 4 min | Short | Music Video

Directors/Screenwriter Michael Bernadat

Producer Virginie Vinet

The audience, aged from 5 to 87 years old, plays the song "Human Smile" by Tambours du Bronx.

OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



I WAS THE ONE

Korea | 32 min | Short | Crime | Drama

Director/Screenwriter/Producer Hae Seong Jeong

Cast Hae Seong Jeong, Ye Ju Park, Yeong Goo Kang, Ki Yoon Han

One rainy day, Hae-seong ran over and killed a person with his car. He secluded himself in his house for a while. After thinking about it, he went to the police station to turn himself in...



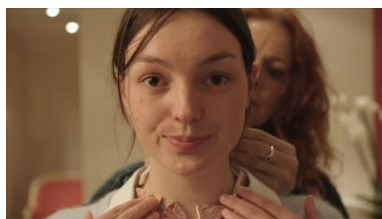
INNER MONGOLIA-HAN MELODY

China | 92 min | Feature | Drama

Director Guohua Zhao **Screenwriters** Bingyi Zhang, Guohua Zhao

Cast Rigui Yi, Shaolong Sun, Hasi Bagen

On the beautiful grassland of Zhunger, a man and a woman from different nationalities fall in love, singing the Inner Mongolia-Han melody.



JEWISH BLIND DATE

Switzerland | 16 min | Short | Romance | Comedy

Director/Screenwriter Anaëlle Morf **Producer** Emmanuel Gétaz

Cast Estelle Darnault, Axel Fernandez, Joëlle Séchaud, Raphaël Vachoux

Unhappy in love, Mary Lou decides to reconnect with her religious roots by marrying a practicing Jew. In order to get married, she has to pass the Shidduch test, which will determine whether her life will be a success or failure.



KEFI CAME BY SEA

Greece | 6 min | Short | Music

Director Katerina Rekka **Producer** Jill Somer

Cast Elena Kiriaki, Vassilis Panayiotidis

A mysterious woman brings color to a depressed town.



LET'S BREAK UP

China | 97 min | Feature | Romance

Director Jianghua Zhu **Producer** Xiaozhou Li **Screenwriter** Hongwen Wang

Cast Jingyun Wang, Jinliang Sun, Lixing Guo, Zhiqiang Chi, Xi Wen, Aixin Wei, Yan Dan

Nurse Xiaotong breaks up with her boyfriend Qiang after she found out that he was cheating on her. Qiang tries to get Xiaotong's forgiveness when Mingchuan starts to pursue her...



LIFE OF RHILEY: A POSITIVE LIGHT ON ADOPTION

USA | 8 min | Short | Documentary | Family

Director Jeffrey Boos **Producers** Jeffrey Boos, Susan Levine

The Levines got an unexpected phone call one night about a two-year-old girl that was trapped in a family of neglect and needed someone to provide care for. Little did they know the adventure they were about to embark on...



OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



LOOKING FOR MY LOVE

China | 90 min | Feature | Drama

Director Shiyu Zhou **Screenwriter** Huping Yi **Producers** Tao Wang, Huanbao Zhang
Cast Yiling Chen, Dian Jiang, Minghe Zhong, Xiaofei Shi

Zixi, a college senior, postpones her thesis presentation in order to plan for her studying abroad. She goes back to her hometown Delingha and falls for traditional folk music. She decides to do a research about folk music and American country music for her thesis.



LOVE BEYOND ETERNITY

China | 95 min | Feature | Music | Drama

Director/Producer Weiwei Miao **Screenwriters** Hui Zhou, Xudong Kong
Cast Jun Yang, Chunyao Zhan, Qiuping Duan, Ting Wang, Zhigang Feng

It tells a love story of Duo and Long. They fall in love with each other at the first sight. However, their love is forbidden by their different nationalities. They decide to fight for their love till death.



LOVE GREETING

China | 47 min | Short | Drama

Director/Producer Weiwei Miao **Screenwriter** Zuyi Peng
Cast Fang Wang, Longgang Yu, Xiangling Wei, Shuilin Ding, Yimeng Zhu, Jing Gao, Biao Rao

Min Yue is a warm-hearted community policewoman. During her days off, she helps community neighbors settle disputes and helps a young adult who was released from prison start a business. She also cares for a mentally handicapped girl and old men in the community.

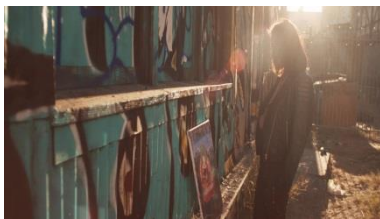


LOVE SONG OF HUAYAO THAI

China | 90 min | Feature | Romance | Drama

Directors Minger Guo, Lanyu Peng **Screenwriters** Mengcha Zhang, Lanyu Peng
Producer Lanyu Peng **Cast** Zhe Li, Chen Ji, Juntao Cai

A girl from Huayao Dai nationality graduates from college and goes back to her hometown to start a business. She works hard to develop the tourism and promote national handicrafts such as Dai embroidery and weaving.



MANDALA

China | 24 min | Short | Drama

Director Guan Xi **Screenwriters** Ghazaleh Golbakhsh, Qingqing Dongxia
Producer Li Zhen **Cast** Sarah Li, Duobujie, Omar Avila, Sonam Droka

After losing her lover to suicide, a young artist tries to overcome her grief by succumbing to a mysterious request by a Tibetan monk.



MY HOME

Zimbabwe | 15 min | Short | Documentary

Director/Producer Denise Khumalo

This documents a story about an African woman's struggle to keep her traditions and customs alive while living in an increasingly Western world.



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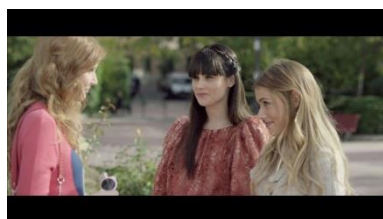
ONLY WANNA PARTY

USA | 3 min | Short | Music Video

Director Brian Kohne **Producers** Brian Kohne, Stefan Schaefer

Cast Willie K, Eric Gilliom, Mick Fleetwood, Henry Kapon, Lenny Castellanos, Lopaka Colon

Only Wanna Party is the comedic short masquerading as a music video. It stars Willie K and Eric Gilliom as the Barefoot Natives.



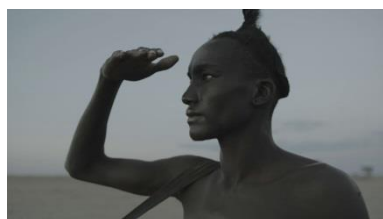
PARANOID GIRLS

Spain | 88 min | Feature | Comedy | Drama

Director Pedro del Santo **Producers** Pedro del Santo, Shaune Bordere

Screenwriter Helena Montesinos **Cast** Mairén Muñoz, Marta Mir Martín, Patricia Valley

Ana, Paula and Veronica become fascinated by modeling and the life that it offers. Yet, they gradually begin to discover the dark side of fashion hidden behind the fame and glamour of the spotlights.



PEOPLE OF THE DELTA

Ethiopia | 30 min | Short | Drama | History

Director Joseph Lawrence **Producers** Anteneh Endale, Dawit Shimelis

For centuries, Ethiopia's Lower Omo Valley has been a crossroads for many distinct tribes. During times of drought, natural resources become scarce, escalating clashes between groups. In an ever-changing landscape, young men and women come of age in an unfamiliar time.



PLAN PERFECT

USA | 19 min | Short | Comedy | Drama | Suspense

Director/Screenwriter/Producer John Schimke

Cast Lisa Livesay, Nolan Livesay, John Schimke

A couple attempts to discretely steal a valued figurine from a friend when they discover its value.



PROMISE ME

USA | 8 min | Short | Drama

Director/Producer/Screenwriter Kevin Machate

Cast Gayland Williams, Craig Nigh, Step Rowe, Teagan Jai Boyd, Judy McMillan

This is an emotionally charged social drama in which a once flourishing woman, now at the end of her life, struggles to ensure that her recently reconciled son does not make the same mistakes that she did.



REPLIKA

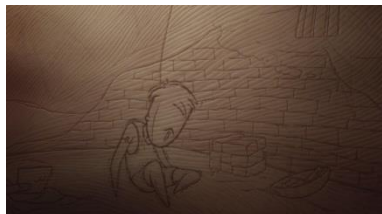
Switzerland | 26 min | Short | Sci-Fi

Director Luc Walpoth **Producer** Alexandre Iordachescu

Screenwriters Luc Walpoth, Klaus Pas **Cast** Carole Brana, Jérôme Robart

As she is forced to terminate her only daughter, a dysfunctional 13-year-old android, a loving mother tries to convince her husband to adopt a human kid. But in a materialistic and functional world, safety takes precedence over emotions.

OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



ROTARY FATELINE

India | 3 min | Short | Animation

Director Suresh Eriyat **Producer** Eeksaurus

This film was to depict the efforts of Rotary Club to provide free E- learning opportunities across 10000 schools in India. In a country where millions are mired in poverty, education takes a backseat for those struggling to make a living.



ROTARY HEARTLINE

India | 2 min | Short | Animation

Director Suresh Eriyat **Producer** Eeksaurus

In India, the occurrence of congenital heart disease is 8 per 1,000 live births. Rotary arranges free heart surgery at private hospitals, for underprivileged children who cannot afford the cost of surgery otherwise.



ROTARY LIFELINE

India | 2 min | Short | Animation

Director Suresh Eriyat **Producer** Eeksaurus

The basic idea of the Indian belief is that you can't change fate as it's sealed in the fate lines on your palm even before you were born. But the magic of two hands coming together can change fate and miracles happen.



SALT BRIDGE

Australia | 113 min | Feature | Drama

Director/Screenwriter Abhijit Deonath **Producers** Abhijit Deonath, Alakananda Deonath

Cast Rajeev Khandelwal, Chelsie Preston Crayford, Usha Jadhav

When a family man, in a bid to revive childhood bondage, befriends a married woman from within the migrant society which resists, he must come clean without affecting the relationships.



SHANHA GIRLFRIEND

China | 96 min | Feature | Drama | Romance

Directors Dan Huang, Haiming Xiang, Qiao Ji

Cast Tingru Miao, Sanqiang, Xingguang Chen, Zixuan Fan, Wanli Feng

From a big city, Kaijie gets rid of his family business and marriage arrangement to chase his dream of music. He comes to the hometown of She Nationality's folk song and meets with Xin, a teacher of She nationality.



SIGNS OF AN ARTIST

Argentina | 19 min | Short | Experimental

Director/Screenwriter Gabriela Nafissi

Cast Toti Reynaud, Mario Araniti, Tachuela Laura, Hart Mariana, Martínez Otín

Signs of the artist is a short experimental group derived from a device inspired by Lacanian posters, under the artistic experimentation project "reincarnations".

OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



TAXI DRIVER GION TARO THE MOVIE

Japan | 56 min | Feature | Animation

Director/Screenwriter Munenori Nagano **Animator** Takashi Sumita

Producers Takeshi Okamoto, Kazuchika Yoshida, Takaaki Tsujino

Cast Chikara Honda, Gota Ishida, Shiori Doi

Originated from a radio drama, this movie follows the popular live action mini-series *Taxi Driver Gion Taro* and tells his story of resolving passengers' troubles while driving around Kyoto.



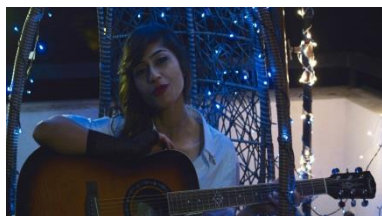
THE ANSWER

India | 108 min | Feature | Family | Drama

Director/Producer Pavan Kaul **Screenwriter** Swami Kriyananda

Cast Leonidas Gulaptis, Victor Banerjee, George Stumpf, Joseph Michael Harris

In the quest for finding a deeper meaning to life, this is a true story of an American seeker who forsakes the worldly life to enter upon an amazing spiritual journey of self realization.



THE APARTMENT

India | 23 min | Short | Drama

Director/Screenwriter/Producer Indu Subaiya

Cast Rajit Kapur, Deergha Sahni, Tanmay Dhanania

When an expat landlord living in the US returns to India to respond to a lawsuit, he meets a young female tenant who forces him to confront his past and discover the true meaning of home.



THE ART OF MUAY THAI

Thailand | 8 min | Short | Documentary

Director/Screenwriter/Producer Héloïse Lula Dériaz

The Art of Muay Thai is a short documentary about Thai boxing, its philosophy and origins.



THE DAY TO CHOOSE

Taiwan | 23 min | Short | Drama | Crime | Fantasy

Director Leon Lee

A righteous lawyer who believes that death penalty should not exist in the society. One day, two men visited his house, attacking his wife and torturing her to death. Then they gave the lawyer three choices.



THE LAST POINT

Russia | 19 min | Short | Family | Drama

Director Viktoria Kozeltseva

Screenwriter Marina Yelatomtseva

A successful businessman finds out what the secret of true happiness really is.

OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



THE REMAKE

USA | 97 min | Feature | Comedy | Drama | Romance

Director/Screenwriter Lynne Alana Delaney

Producers Ruben Roberto Gomez, Timothy Delaney, Lynne Alana Delaney

Cast Sally Kellerman, June Lockhart, Pete Gardner

Two actors, who originally hooked up during filming in their early 20's, find love can be even more complicated the second time around when reunited to star in an updated remake of their earlier film.

THE SUMMER OF YAYA

China | 104 min | Feature | Comedy

Director Jianghua Zhu **Screenwriter** Xiaowen Yang **Producer** Xiaozhou Li

Cast Quanzhong Zhu, Yiwen Wang, Cuicui Li, Yiwen Xu, Pingyuan Wang, Yang Zhang

Yaya graduates from college and comes to the plateau of the Northwest to become a village officer after giving up a great job opportunity.



THE VILLAGE MOTHER

China | 90 min | Feature | Music

Director Zhaowei Zhu **Producer** Jun Li

Screenwriters Hui Wang, Zhaolu Ma, Huanyu Yang, Sigong Wang

Cast Xuebian Jing, Zheng Nan, Ling Ren, Baoxiang Fan

In the beginning of China's rural reform, a village mother sacrifices a lot to help her son build a new life outside of the mountain.



THIRST

USA | 7 min | Short | Drama | Sci-Fi

Director/Screenwriter/Producer Roman S. Koenig

Cast Joshua Spiegel, Mary Cherwink, Rhianna Basore, Jacob Young, Julie Clemmons

In a future of permanent drought, a desperately thirsty woman and a well-off couple fight for their rights to water.



THIS WAS HASANKEYF

UK | 91 min | Feature | Documentary

Director Tommaso Vitali **Producers** Tommaso Vitali, L.E.A.V. Milano

Screenwriters Tommaso Vitali, Francesco Marilungo, Carlotta Grisi

In the heart of a Turkish Kurdistan, on the brink of a civil war, there is a hidden gem that withstands time and political violence. Life in the village of Hasankeyf, which started more than 10000 years ago, is today doomed to end forever after the construction of a dam.



TODAY IS THE DAY

USA | 16 min | Short | Documentary

Director/Producer Betsy Haley Hershey **Screenwriter** Fernanda Rossi

Deep in Mexico, Carlos, an indigenous Tarahumara who left his community to be trained as a nurse, has returned to his homeland to try to save babies and mothers who have been dying at a high rate during childbirth.



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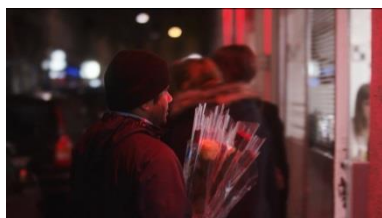
TWO SHOGI MADAM MASTERS

Japan | 112 min | Feature | Drama | Family | Sport

Director/Screenwriter/Producer Shinya Ikeda

Cast Chihiro Kasahara, Hiraku Yonekura, Makoto Shinada, Sanae Yuuki, Saori Uenoyama

This film depicts SHOGI (Japanese chess) which is very popular in Japan. The battle of SHOGI players Eimi VS Risako begins. But both of them have some troubles in their minds.



UNDERNEATH

Switzerland | 17 min | Short | Drama

Director/Producer Nabil Rafi

Cast Nabil Rafi, Krishna Duddukuri, Lolita Fresard, Robert Szuplewski, Soufian Anabir

This is the story of Krishna, a flower seller who is going to live an evening of work which promises to be different.



WAX

Argentina | 20 min | Short | Documentary

Director Celina Bartolome

Producers Celina Bartolome, Rocio Fraga Gil, Carmela Bartolome

In Argentina women spend at least \$20,000 in waxing saloons their entire life, from age 11 till they die. WAX explores this social practice through the eyes of 13 Argentinian women, aged 18 to 85, to try and find a possible answer to this custom exclusive to women.



WHY CAN'T I BE A SUSHI

UK | 46 min | Short | Documentary

Director/Producer/Editor Hoda Elsoudani

This documentary follows the journey of two young half-Iraqi sisters, Niamh aged 10 and Sofia aged 8, who are curious about the sectarian conflict gripping the Islamic world.



WINTER'S DREAM

USA | 116 min | Feature | Thriller | Sci-Fi | Action | Adventure

Director/Screenwriter Joey Curtis **Producers** Robert Beaumont, Kenneth Burgmaier

Cast Paul Sidhu, Arielle Holmes, Anne-Solenne Hatte, Brad Potts, Fernando Argosino

Mankind has caused a new ice age. This nuclear winter forces surviving humans underground. Humanoids, genetically designed to withstand the extreme cold, serve as a labor force on the planet's surface.



XIAOMAN'S STORY: RARE TIME

China | 93 min | Feature | Drama

Director Sangang **Producers** Wenhua Zhu, Shanshan Zhu

Screenwriters Sangang, Xiaoba Wang, Tian Bai

Cast Shaowen Chen, Jiayin He, Tian Qi, Li Liu, Mingwo Shi

Xiaoman is a college student from a poor rural area. He studies hard and works on multiple part-time jobs to save money for his tuition.

SPECIAL SCREENINGS



A BABY WITH RED SOCKS

Iran | 87 min | Feature | Drama

Director/Producer Khodadad Jalali

Cast Samaneh Nasri, Pantea Bahram, Amin Zendegani, Afshin Sang Chap

A woman escapes from her husband, from outdated traditions, and ignorance of the scorching heat.



HIDING SWORD

China | 90 min | Feature | Drama | War

Director Jun Xie **Screenwriters** Fengnian Geng, Xiangyun Yu, Zhe Du

Cast Ning Ji, Blanca Rosa Rasmussen, Long Jin

During the WWII, the people in Fuyang worked closely with the Chinese army to fight the enemy and escort the military supply into the underground battle line.



LOVE FOREVER

China | 94 min | Feature | Drama

Director Vincent Ho Wai Fung **Producer** Raymond Wong Bak-Ming

Cast Chao Jiang, Gordon Lam Ka Tung, Dada Chan, Jun Sheng, Bo Yu, Jonathan Wong

In a storytelling contest, two college students surprisingly find that their stories can be mixed together and become an excellent story happened during the war.

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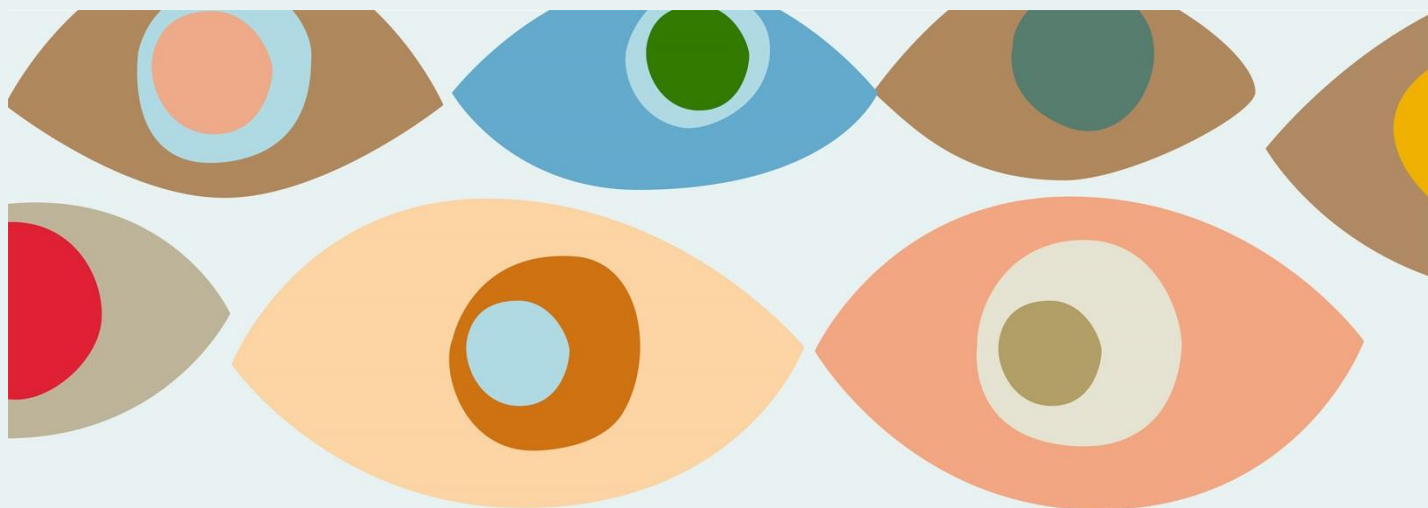
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