

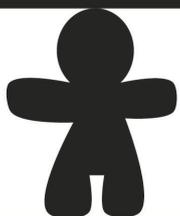


Universe Multicultural Film Festival

March 31 - April 2, 2017



Rolling Hills Estates, CA
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Maeya Culture Exchange Group



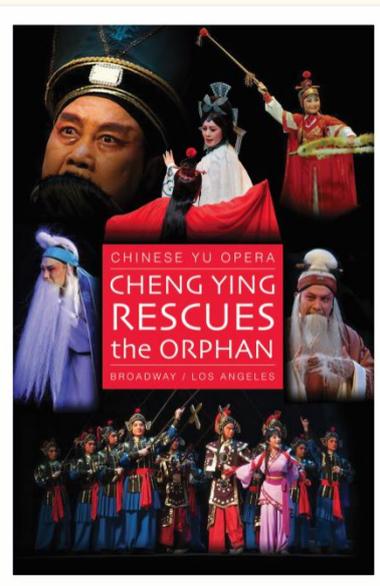
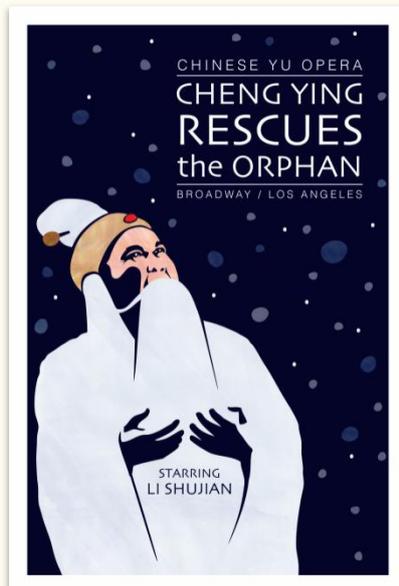
The **Maeya Culture Exchange Group LLC** provides a platform for different cultures to explore, share and communicate with one another. Our purpose is to increase mutual understanding and appreciation between people from different cultures through education and culture exchange. The Economic globalization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

www.maeya.org

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. In October 2016, Maeya introduced this renowned Chinese Yu Opera to Dolby Theater, the Oscar Award home theater in Hollywood.



*Welcome Letter from
Executive Director
Lynn Tang*

Dear UMFF attendees,

Welcome to the 2017 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, and Fred Hesse Community Park. The first two 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 99 official selections from 25 countries, including USA, UK, Canada, France, Greece, Australia, Turkey, Austria, Cyprus, Japan, Korea, China, India, Iran, Russia, Spain, Poland, Portugal, Malaysia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Brazil, Belgium, and South Africa. 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,

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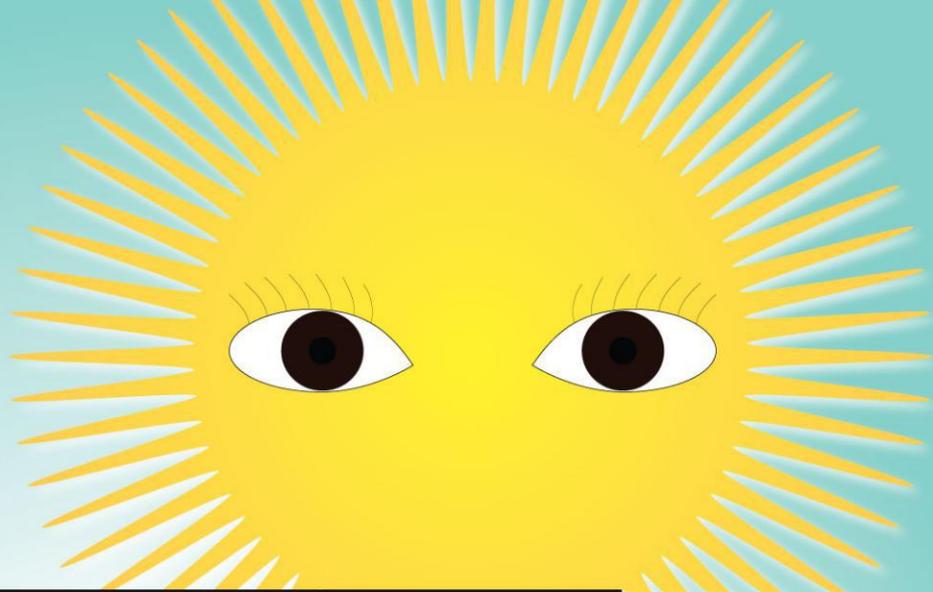
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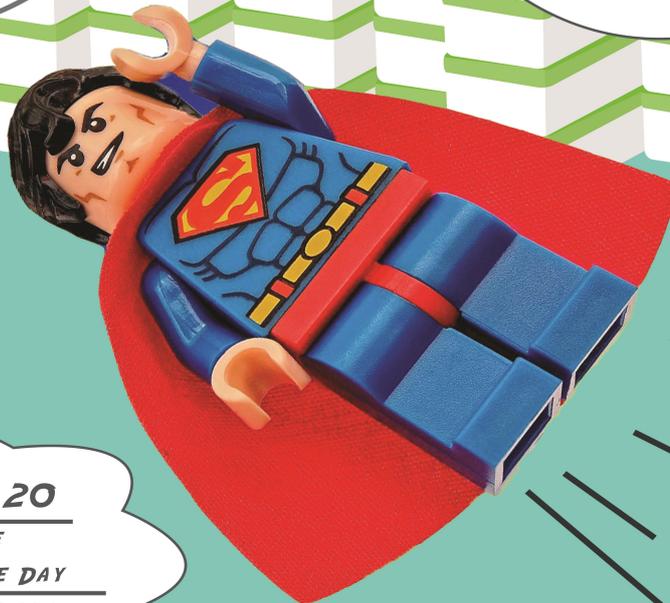
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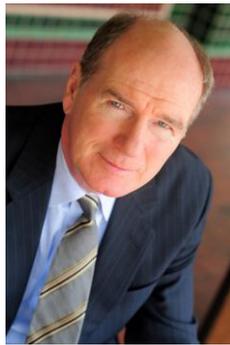
Catherine Clinch
Producer | Screenwriter



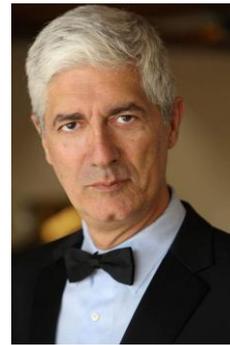
Ziggy Mrkich
Producer



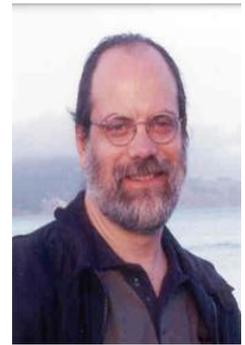
Jacob N. Stuart
Screenwriter



Brian Connors
Screenwriter | Director



Alain Azoulay
Actor | Producer



Bernard Clinch
Producer | Director



Mark Teague
Producer | Animator



Gina Ann
Actress



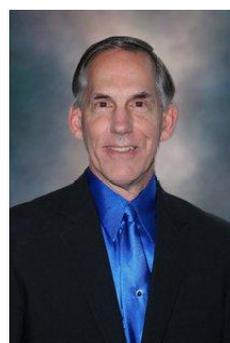
Emilio Vega
Director | Screenwriter



Bob Harper
Animation Director



Eric Brodeur
Film Editor



Bill Blair
Actor | Director



ART JURY AND PRESENTERS



Hank Garrett
Actor



Laurene Landon
Actress



Jon Allen
Musician



He Huang (Miaomiao)
Actress



Tammie Starr
Model



R Victoria Jodis
Producer



Lee P Petropoulos
Model



Lucy Zheng
Fashion Designer



Prince Jordan Tyson
Host



Honee Persona
Fashion Designer



Mel Novak
Actor



Thomas J. Churchill
Writer | Producer



PANEL SPEAKERS



Xueming Yan
Investor



Victory Larimore
Producer | Screenwriter



Fujin Xie
Investor



Jianpeng Shen
Investor



Erik Lundmark
Producer | Distributor



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Investor



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Film Editor



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Producer | Distributor



Hiroki Hayashi
Producer | Director



Johan Alan Simon
Director | Screenwriter



Zhiyong Gong
Producer | Screenwriter



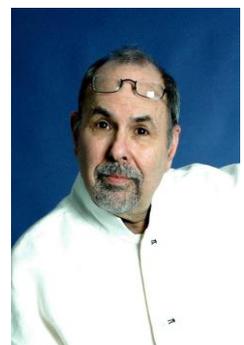
Mei Wang
Screenwriter



Mark Sevi
Screenwriter



Qi Zhan
Screenwriter



Dov S-S Simens
Screenwriter



PANEL SPEAKERS



Feng Yang
Director | Producer



Pengfei Wang
Producer



Yixi
Director | Producer



Yaxuan Yuan
Director | Actor



Song Zhao
Planner



Zha Luo
Director | Producer



Michael Rossi
Director | Producer



Lu Han
Director | Actress



Chengguo Yi
Director | Producer



Tao Huang
Director



Zaiquan Wang
Producer



Shumei Wang
Producer



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 VENUE



Panel, Gala & Film Market
FRED HESSE COMMUNITY PARK
McTaggart Hall

29301 Hawthorne Blvd
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275



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	\$288

Cultural Mixers

Cluture Fashion Competition	\$50
Red Carpet Fashion Show	\$388
Cross Culture for Filmmakers Reception Night	\$45

Award Ceremony	\$75
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2017 UNIVERSE MULTICULTURAL FILM FESTIVAL EVENT SCHEDULE

RHCC Community Center
735 Silver Spur Rd,
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

Fred Hesse Community Park, McTaggart Hall
29301 Hawthorne Blvd,
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Multicultural Film Market

11AM-5PM, March 31-April 2
Fred Hesse Community Park
McTaggart Hall
Market Pass

"Pitch & Catch" Panel

1PM-5PM, March 31
Fred Hesse Community Park
McTaggart Hall
Panel Pass with reservation

Press Conference & Opening Gala

6:30-9:00PM, March 31
Fred Hesse Community Park
McTaggart Hall
Gala Pass

"Multicultural Screenplay" Panel

11:30 -12:30PM, April 1
Fred Hesse Community Park
McTaggart Hall
Panel Pass

"Work with China funded Films" Panel

2:00-3:30PM, April 1
Fred Hesse Community Park
McTaggart Hall
Panel Pass

"Produce Global Film" Panel

4:30-6:00PM, April 1
Fred Hesse Community Park
McTaggart Hall
Panel Pass

"Cross Cultural for Film Makers " Reception

7:00-10:30PM, April 1
Fred Hesse Community Park
McTaggart Hall
Reception Pass

"Screenplay Showcase" Play

1:00-2:00PM, April 2
Fred Hesse Community Park
McTaggart Hall
FREE

Culture Fashion Competition

2:00-4:00PM, April 2
Fred Hesse Community Park
McTaggart Hall
FREE

Red Carpet Fashion Show

5:00-5:30PM, April 2
RHCC Community Center
FREE

Award Ceremony GALA

6:00-9:30PM; April 2
RHCC Community Center
Award Ceremony Pass



2017 UMFF Film Screening Schedule

DAY 1: Friday, March 31, 2017

Venue 1: Community Room at Peninsula Center Library

Start	Film	Country	Minutes
11:00 AM	Love in the Front	China	90
12:40 PM	The Dunning Man	USA	90
2:20 PM	Search Engines	USA	96
4:15 PM	Rauf	Turkey	94

Venue 2A: Auditorium at RHCC Community Center

11:00 AM	Three Trembling Cities	USA	90
12:35 PM	The Soul Of Himalaya	China	100
2:25 PM	Kurdistan-Kurdistan	Turkey	98
4:15 PM	Don't Let My Mother Cry	China	90
	Showcase 1		74
	#OneSkyAbove	USA	5
	#WhiteWashThis	USA	6
	A Visual Journey through Iran: Sistan & Baluchistan	Iran	5
	Beautiful St. "Life 'till death"	Poland	6
	Better Days	USA	6
	Glamour & Glitz!	Australia	7
5:55 PM	Linda	Brazil	4
Shorts	Peaceful Life	France	6
Showcase 1	Phrenia - Perfect Lie	Austria	4
	Sky Painters	France	3
	St Paul	USA	5
	The Graeme Watkins Project - "Love In Abundance"	South Africa	4
	The Other Side	USA	4
	True Love Under Sheets of Rain	USA	5
	Unsymmetrical	USA	4

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

11:00 AM	Leaving Africa	Finland	85
12:35 PM	Showcase 2		87
Shorts	Fifty Rupees Only	Spain	28
Showcase 2	The Tibetan Girl	China	30
	We are Heroes	Spain	29
2:15 PM	Showcase 3		96
Shorts	Capoeira - Live the Game	USA	16
Showcase 3	We're Not White	USA	45
	WishMakers	USA	35
4:00 PM	The Legend in My Heart	USA	98
5:50 PM	How to Make <Soccer King>	China	67

2017 UMFF Film Screening Schedule

DAY 2: Saturday, April 1, 2017

Venue 1: Community Room at Peninsula Center Library

Start	Film	Country	Minutes
10:00 AM	Outcaste - The House that Carol Built	UK	67
11:15 AM	Two Zions: The Living Legacy of the Queen of Sheba and King Solomon	USA	58
12:30 PM	Girls 2: Girls VS Gangsters	Hong Kong, China	114
2:35 PM	Tables of Istanbul	USA	59
3:45 PM	A Way Back to Mother	Korea	74

Venue 2A: Auditorium at RHCC Community Center

11:00 AM	Hmong Memory at the Crossroads	USA	105
1:00 PM	Big Lotus Little Lotus	China	90
2:45 PM	Maze	China	99
4:40 PM	Blossoming Into A Family	Japan	126

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

	Showcase 4		83
	4242	Portugal	12
	A New Leaf on Life	USA	4
	Behind the Rocks	Canada	5
	Culture Shot	Malaysia	2
	Drum Roles	India	18
	Engulfed by Destiny in Skopelos	Greece	5
	Even In Your Dreams	Australia	19
	First Kitchen Probe Launched	USA	2
	Inside A Bundle	Korea	16
	Showcase 5		80
	Mother Tongue	Canada	12
	Of Gods and Bells	USA	5
	Rose Garden	USA	14
	Scent of Geranium	USA	5
	Shakti	New Zealand	5
	The Best and the Loneliest Days	USA	16
	The Dancer Girl	USA	9
	The Lottery	USA	14
2:05 PM	Thank For Destiny	China	93
3:50 PM	Thogmed	China	92
	Special Screening		
5:40 PM	Lost in Seoul	Korea	20

2017 UMFF Film Screening Schedule

DAY 2: Saturday, April 1, 2017

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

Start	Film	Country	Minutes
	Showcase 6		98
11:00 AM Shorts Showcase 6	Agrinou	Cyprus	20
	BlinDate	USA	6
	Dear Mister Principal	Belgium	29
	Final Decision	USA	7
	Meet Me At A Funeral	USA	11
	Monday	USA	19
	Victor & Isolina	USA	6
	Showcase 7		94
12:50 PM Shorts Showcase 7	Battle Brotherhood	Russia	45
	March for Life Around the World	USA	4
	The Little Horse Whisperer	China	45
	Showcase 8		136
2:40 PM Shorts Showcase 8	Perception	USA	19
	Pride and Fury	USA	15
	Refuge	USA	20
	Reuben	USA	15
	Contigo	USA	9
	Turn Blue	USA	9
	The story of Clothes	India	4
	Beyond the Mountain	China	45
	Special Screening		
5:20 PM	Les Sandales d'Ayoub	Morocco	8
	AIDA	Morocco	92

Greetings! Welcome to the 2017 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, Richard Horowitz, Neal Cohen, 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
2017 Universe
Multicultural
Film Festival



SCREENPLAYS

FEATURE SCREENPLAYS

- A Match Made in Diamond (USA) - Damon Chua
 Alejandro (USA) - Paul Paseli
 Champion Supreme (USA) - Diane Carey and Greg Brodeur
 Destiny Authors (Turkey) - Esra Cengel
 Finding Hitler (USA) - Ron Mancini
 Horace Bell (USA) - Steven Wayne Knight and Liz Baldwin
 Katana (USA) - Paul Paseli
 Magneticty (USA) - Michael Toay and Mike Shields II
 Parallel Actions (Nigeria) - Kathy Krantz Stewart
 Shine Your Eyes (USA) - Clint Pearson
 Taking Down The Met (USA) - Andrea Forrest
 The Cupids (China) - Dream Film (Beijing) Culture communication Co., Ltd
 The Cut (UK) - Christopher Kerr
 The Hong Kong Rescue Story (China) - Hunan Tianshang Media Co., Ltd
 Voodoo Love (USA) - Mario Pineda

SHORT SCREENPLAYS

- Cream Cakes (Brother Unwanted) (USA) - Vicki Bartholomew
 Crystallization (Iran) - Iman Davari
 Road to NGAF (USA) - Pablo Luis Perez
 Tagged (USA) - David-Matthew Barnes
 The Translator (USA) - James Steed
 Warm Winter (China) - Yucheng He

SPECIAL SCREENINGS



LOST IN SEOUL

Korea | 20 min | Short | Drama

Director/Producer/Writer/Cast Wang Fan

This is a story about a girl who walks into church in search of redemption to save herself from dilemma.

OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



4242

Portugal | 12 min Short | Experimental

Director Sara Eustaquio **Producer** Victor Eustaquio
Writers Cristina Caldararu, Sara Eustaquio, Mae Margriet
Cast Cristina Caldararu

'4242' is the story of a young female immigrant, a story of a teenager's anguish who is trying to redefine her identity after being forced to leave home.



#ONESKYABOVE

USA | 5 min Short | Music Video

Director Staci Ben Koussa **Producers** Amen BK, Miguel Fernandes
Writer/Cast Amen BK

Today we need to celebrate life!! Let's celebrate our cultures and diversity and that we are ONE PEOPLE UNITED under #OneSkyAbove!!.



#WHITEWASHTHIS

USA | 6 min Short | Music Video

Directors Diane Phelan, Karen Ng **Writer/Producer** Rebecca Lee Lerman
Cast Rebecca Lee Lerman, Jonelle Margallo, Alex Chester, Alison Lea Bender, Karen Ng

In response to the White Washing in Hollywood, Hapa Girl Falls asleep and has a dream. She wakes up to find a different reality.



A NEW LEAF ON LIFE

USA | 4 min Short | Comedy

Director/Producer Collin Leslie **Writers** Sharyn Davidson, Collin Leslie
Cast Sharyn Davidson

When a crippled, older woman receives a single marijuana seed in a magazine subscription ad, she finds an unexpected cure for her ailing disabilities. After realizing the benefits, she spreads her gifts to other senior sufferers.



A VISUAL JOURNEY THROUGH IRAN : SISTAN&BALUCHISTAN

Iran | 5 min Short | Music Video | Documentary

Director/Producer Ebrahim Mirmalek

A long-forgotten province, isolated due to its relentless droughts and desolated lands with people repleted with pride and poetry, is bonded to their ancestral soil.



A WAY BACK TO MOTHER

Korea | 74 min Feature | Drama

Director Soo Sung Lee

There are thousands of orphans around the world because of several reasons such as parents' divorce, economic situation, and single teenager mother. This film describes emotional changes between those parents and orphans.

OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



AGRINOUI

Cyprus | 20 min Short | Animation | Fantasy

Director/Producer Alexis Chaviaras **Writers** Alexis Chaviaras, Christiana Vasiliou
Cast Christina Pavlidou, Marinos Hadjivasiliou, Filippos Sofianos, Christos Grigoriadis

A young mare visits Cyprus to take part in races. Frustrated from failure, she abandons the racetrack after confronting her strict father. The mare will meet new friends who will try to help her find her lost courage.



BATTLE BROTHERHOOD

Russia | 45 min Short | Documentary

Director/Writer Iskander Galiev **Producer** Val Opolinski
Cast Ruslan Aushev, Andrew Botrell, Vadim Fersovich

The movie tells the story of veterans, both American and Russian, who passed the hardest test of life. Russia and the United States relations are going through a bad stretch. But human friendship is something that a government cannot ban.



BEAUTIFUL ST. 'LIFE 'TILL DEATH'

Poland | 6 min Short | Music Video | Comedy

Directors/Writers Daniel Kozakiewicz, Piotr Koper **Producer** Daniel Kozakiewicz
Cast Daniel Kozakiewicz, Grażyna Grochowska, Justyna Reczeniedi, Karolina Kuik

A middle-aged man, an artist, lives in a big city. Reality requires him to adapt to the contemporary culture. This results in the internal conflict, because it has been raised in other values.



BEHIND THE ROCKS

Canada | 5 min Short | Sci-Fi

Director/Writer Maia Costea **Producer** Lettie Costea
Cast Maia Costea, Carla Costea, Izabel Pearce

After finding a golden rock in her garden, a girl goes on an unexpected adventure with her friends.



BETTER DAYS

USA | 6 min Short | Music Video | Drama

Director/Producer/Writer Brian Green
Cast Michael Meekins, Charles Morales, Jonathan Shorter II, Nikki Green, Vidal Garcia

Although much of today's society is focused on things like social media, technology, and "living", there is still a wide margin of forgotten youth whose main focus is winning in a daily game of survival. With limited resources, options, and odds against many, this particular population still has a voice that deserves to be heard.



BEYOND THE MOUNTAIN

China | 45 min Short | Documentary

Director/Screenwriter/Producer Yixi
Cast Jiahua Yu, Youqiang Yu, Zhigao Liu

Born in Qiang Mountain, grown up in Min River, Jiahua Yu, a normal Qiang farmer, is guarding the mountain along with his fellows of the Mountain Patrol Team.

OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



BIG LOTUS LITTLE LOTUS

China | 90 min | Feature | Drama

Director Yaxuan Yuan **Producers** Yaxuan Yuan, Shufeng Lu
Writer Xianming Meng **Cast** Zhaoheyang He, Zhengliang Wan, Gui Han

A bomb took the lives of the parents of Big Lotus, the sister, and Little Lotus, the brother. Becoming an orphan, Big Lotus has to take care of her younger brother. They start to seek the reason of the death of their parents.



BLINDATE

USA | 6 min | Short | Romance

Director/Writer Melissa Papel **Producer** Mikey Gilmore
Cast Melissa Papel, Tyler Ham Pong

Two people meet for the first time. Leyla has a rock attitude, smokes and drinks, while Vincent seems to be a clean cut guy. But is that what really triggers Vincent's initial hesitations and awkwardness?

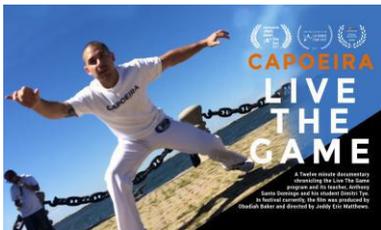


BLOSSOMING INTO A FAMILY

Japan | 126 min | Feature | Drama

Director Hiroki Hayashi **Writer/Producer** Munehiro Kuriyama
Cast Hitomi Sato, Yoshiko Miyazaki

The love of family is like a magnificent tree which becomes stronger as its roots grow deeper and deeper. Ito, the mother of two daughters, always speaks to her late husband via her inner dialogue. At last, the day has come. Their daughter becomes a bride tomorrow...



CAPOEIRA - LIVE THE GAME

USA | 16 min | Short | Documentary

Director Eric Joddy Matthews

This is a short documentary based on the lives of Anthony Santo Domingo (Mentor & Instructor of the Live the Game program) and Demetri Tye (Capoeira student). It speaks to their difficult upbringings and how studying Capoeira helped them to overcome a lifetime of social issues such as bullying and violence.



CONTIGO

USA | 9 min | Short | Documentary | Family

Directors/Producers/Writers Dan Boord, Luis Valdovino
Cast/Music Santiago Jimenez Jr.

Contigo is a waltz with family and tradition, close to the South Texas border. The project is based on a song written by one of the pioneers of Conjunto music, Don Santiago Jiménez.



CULTURE SHOT

Malaysia | 2 min | Short | Documentary | Music

Director Zhen Yee Khor

This is a short documentary about a musical group in Malaysia which consists of members from different ethnic group. The only thing that keeps them united is their love towards music.



电影故事片



别让妈妈流泪

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导演 杨竟泽

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主演 胡俊铭 阿利亚 朱纹萱



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OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



DEAR MISTER PRINCIPAL

Belgium | 29 min | Short | Drama | History

Director/Producer/Writer Katia Kissina

A group of adolescents from immigration backgrounds explore the past of their 100 year-old school for a history assignment. Instead of getting on with his task, Omar wanders through the hallways, looking for his partner, who has mysteriously disappeared.



DON'T LET MY MOTHER CRY

China | 90 min | Feature | Drama

Director Jingze Yang **Producer** Shumei Wang **Writers** Yanxia Chang, Xin Li

Cast Yueqiao Han, Mengnan Li, Junming Hu, Aliya, Yafei Liu, Wenxuan Zhu, Jian Wu

Yan Lin made a mistake and lost his family and career. His mom stays close with him for ten years and loves him with no condition. If Yan could have chose again, he would choose not to make his mom cry.



DRUM ROLES

India | 18 min | Short | Music | Documentary

Director Avi Anurag

The film shows glimpses of a drum student's daily life, exploring the life of a musician in India.



ENGULFED BY DESTINY IN SKOPELOS

Greece | 5 min | Short | Drama

Director Erika Polasek **Producer** Luca Acito

Writers Erika Polasek, Elias Ksiroximonas, Chrisanthi Fouskarini

Cast Loukia Tsela, Elias Ksiroximonas, Stelios Asteriadis

Life doesn't always turn out the way you expect it.



EVEN IN YOUR DREAMS

Australia | 19 min | Short | Drama

Director/Writer Rohan D'Souza **Producer** Annie Thiele

Cast Nadia Rafati, Charah Jackson, Maithri Goonetilleke, Carter Doyle

On the verge of starting her own family in Australia, a second-generational Australian woman decides to sell her deceased immigrant mother's home, only to be confronted by the memories still living within its walls.



FIFTY RUPEES ONLY

Spain | 28 min | Short | Documentary

Director/Writer Nagore Eceiza **Producer** Igor Arabaloaza

Bollywood films feed the imagination of millions of youngsters in India by projecting wonderful and passionate love stories. But the reality is quite different. Many parents decide their children's fate with the "SAGAI".

成果作品

球王
KING OF
FOOTBALL

A soccer ball with a fiery, orange and yellow trail behind it, appearing to be in motion. The background is a dark, cloudy sky over a stadium.

OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



FINAL DECISION

USA | 7 min Short | Drama

Director/Writer Elaine Del Valle **Cast** Berto Colon, Elyn Jaime Jenkins, Elaine Del Valle
Producers Elaine Del Valle, Taryn Kosviner, Lionel Christian, Brittany Markowitz

A little girl watches over her dying father, in hopes of reuniting her grief stricken parents in the afterlife. Can one family's selflessness lead to a never-ending love?



FIRST KITCHEN PROBE LAUNCHED

USA | 2 min Short | Animation

Director/Producer/Writer/Animator Gerry Orz

First kitchen probe ever launched!



GIRLS 2: GIRLS VS GANGSTERS

Hong Kong, China | 114 min Feature | Drama | Comedy

Director/Writer/Producer Barbara Wong Chun Chun
Cast Fiona Sit, Yihan Chen, Ning Chang, Mike Tyson

This film is about 4 girls going on a crazy bachelorette trip in Vietnam.



GLAMOUR & GLITZ!

Australia | 7 min Short | Music Video | Drama | Comedy

Director/Writer/Producer Matthew Weekes
Cast Catherine Strati, Albert Goikhman

This is an all-singing, all-dancing, musical, cabaret, neo-noir short film about a burlesque dancer who attempts to escape from her underworld crime boss.



HONG MEMORY AT THE CROSSROADS

USA | 105 min Feature | Documentary

Directors Safoi Babana-Hampton, Cyril Payen, Swarnavel Eswaran-Pillai
Writers Safoi Babana-Hampton, Cedric Lee **Producer** Safoi Babana-Hampton
Cast Liachoua Naolu Lee, Sylvie Lee

For a long time reluctant to open up about haunting childhood memories of war, a former Hmong refugee embarks from Detroit on an unlikely and emotional epic journey to confront his troubled past and revisit sites of those memories in France and Laos.



HOW TO MAKE A SOCCER KING

China | 67 min Feature | Documentary

Directors Chengguo Yi, Zhiqiang Bai **Writer** Liaoran **Producer** Chengguo Yi
Cast Changhui Guo, Wei Chen, Zifeng Ge, Ruiming Yuan

This is a documentary of the making of <Soccer king>, a web series based on a soccer player. It documents the stories and difficulties behind the scenes during its production.

OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



INSIDE A BUNDLE

Korea | 16 min Short | Drama

Director/Writer Minjae Kang **Producer** Heung Jong Joo

Cast Seung-Tae Park, Ji-Sook Kwak, Kyu-Sung Lee, Sang-Hoon Song, Hye-Young Jung

An elderly woman hopefully searches for her long lost daughter to assure her of her mother's love and desire to care for her. Disoriented, a kind police officer assists her on her quest.



KURDISTAN-KURDISTAN

Turkey | 98 min Feature | Documentary

Director/Writer/Producer Bulent Gunduz **Cast** Delil Dilanar, Egide Cimo

Delil Dilanar, one of the greatest singers in Kurdistan in the 90s, was forced to leave his homeland and exile in Europe. After 20 years of exile there during a concert in New York he announced his return to the roots...



LEAVING AFRICA

Finland | 85 min Feature | Documentary

Director/Writer Iiris Härmä **Producers** Visa Koiso-Kanttila, Guerilla Films

Finnish Riitta and Ugandan Catherine have something in common: work, a shared home and a sense of humor. Riitta has been working in aid work in Uganda for more than 25 years, and soon it is time for her to retire and to return to Finland. Before that, Riitta and Catherine will invite religious leaders to a course...



LINDA

Brazil | 4 min Short | Music Video

Director/Writer Leandro Corinto **Producer** Marcelo Ferrarini

Cast Malu Rodrigues

This is a music video made for the music band Insanos.



LOVE IN THE FRONT

China | 90 min Feature | Drama

Director/Writer Yichu Shi **Producers** Yilin Chen, Yuanbao Zhang

Cast Erwa Jia, Anxin Zhou, Tielong Shang, Yuegang Zhang, Lele Wang

An old man adopted a kid Xiaoshan as his grandson eight years ago. Now as he is dying, he decides to start a journey with Xiaoshan to look for his mother...



MARCH FOR LIFE AROUND THE WORLD

USA | 4 min Short | Documentary

Director Media Arts Center of Orange **Producer** Knights of Columbus

While the March for Life was born in the United States as a response to Roe v. Wade, it is by no means alone. Around the world numerous marches have sprouted up to defend the sanctity of human life. The Pro-Life movement is truly a global phenomenon.



OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



MAZE

China | 99 min | Feature | Drama

Director/Writer Aien Du **Producers** Zaiquan Wang, Zhu Lin

Cast Hui Si, Lin Ye, Mian Feng, Lu Liu, Xinyu Li, Bo Zhou

A woman who leaves from a deep mountain, a mysterious woman who lives alone, and a woman who is struggling for love...These women are facing the big decisions in their lives. Are they actually the same person, or just a kind of women?



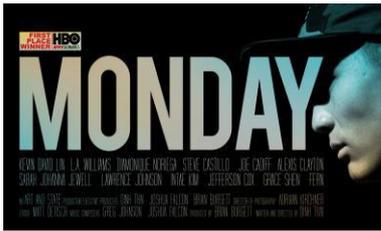
MEET ME AT A FUNERAL

USA | 11 min | Short | Drama

Director Kerry Mondragon **Writer** Zoë Kim

Cast Harold Perrieneau, Zoë Kim, Sadhana Som

A dying man and a suicide survivor befriend one another while both attending a stranger's funeral.



MONDAY

USA | 19 min | Short | Drama | Comedy | 17+

Director/Writer Dinh Thai **Producers** Dinh Thai, Brian Burgett, Joshua Falcon

Cast Kevin David Lin, Grace Shen, Intae Kim, LA Williams

In the culturally diverse world of Los Angeles, a young hustler navigates through various cliques while facing racism, danger and a moral struggle with his illicit occupation. And it's only Monday.



MOTHER TONGUE

Canada | 12 min | Short | Documentary

Director/Producer Nadim Iqbal **Writer** Nusrat Chowdhury

Cast Asad Chowdhury

This is a story about a man who risked his life to save his culture, his heritage, and his language.



OF GODS AND BELLS

USA | 5 min | Short | Documentary

Director/Writer Alexia Salingaros

This film is a unique exploration of the hidden, magical world of classical Indian dance in a seemingly modern and suburban environment.



OUTCASTE - THE HOUSE THAT CAROL BUILT

UK | 67 min | Feature | Documentary

Directors/Producers Colin Graham, Laura Graham

This is a unique story of faith, courage and magical thinking. It's a story of how the dream of an elderly English teacher finally comes true with the help of a rickshaw driver and a lapsed Buddhist monk. This is a journey into the high Himalayas.



OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



PEACEFUL LIFE

France | 6 min Short | Music Video

Director Sébastien Bellaval **Producers** Boris Antona, Damien Poirot **Music** Guts
Writers Sébastien Bellaval, Laetitia Gau **Cast** Jean Drolet, Gautier Fayolle

A homeless man lies in a crowded street. Ignored by the pedestrians, the old man is robbed of one of his only possessions: a football. To take it back, the poor man stands up and shows everyone he is not only what he looks like.



PERCEPTION

USA | 19 min Short | Drama

Director/Writer Andy Cruz **Producers** Mauricio Mendoza, Michael Notarile
Cast David Barrera, Carlos Abdalla, Eddie Ruiz

A young boy, the son of a Mexican immigrant, can draw anything from his memory to perfection. Yet he perceives the world differently and he shows this in his art.



PHRENIA - PERFECT LIE

Austria | 4 min Short | Music Video

Director/Writer/Producer Tamás Kiss
Cast Phrenia Band

This is a Music Video about carvings, greed and addiction. We all have these problems. You can be addicted to everything.



PRIDE AND FURY

USA | 15 min Short | Drama | Family | War

Director/Writer John Mendoza **Producers** John Mendoza, Lily Martini
Cast Samantha Hope, Trevor Scott

Upon performing heroically in Afghanistan, a soldier learns that a member of her unit is to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor. A decoration she believes she deserves. In her torment she commits a brutal crime then must face her actions.



RAUF

Turkey | 94 min Feature | Drama | Family | Romance

Directors Soner Caner, Baris Kaya **Writers** Soner Caner, Naz Caybasi, Muge Seviker
Cast Alen Huseyin Gursoy, Yavuz Gurbuz, Seyda Sozuer

Rauf hopes to win over his big crush, the older Zana, with the help of the color pink. But what does pink really look like anyways, and will he even be able to find it in his snowy little Kurdish village up in the mountains? Meanwhile, disturbing rumors sweep in from the outside world.



REFUGE

USA | 20 min Short | Documentary | Drama

Director/Producer Matthew. K Firpo

The Refuge Project is a multimedia chronicle of human stories from the European Refugee Crisis focused on humanity and hope.

OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



REUBEN

USA | 15 min Short | Drama

Director/Writer Kaisania Calubaquib **Producers** Kaisania Calubaquib, Sebastien Dulac
Cast Len Rella, Nicholas Carter

A successful, perfectionist man is battling with the loss of his wife and stuck with his son who has Autism.



ROSE GARDEN

USA | 14 min Short | Family | Comedy | Drama

Director/Writer/Producer Rafael Nani

A whole condo has its routine changed after Felix arrived. A smart little kid who knows he's going to die soon, but the way he faces his destiny changes everyone around him.



SCENT OF GERANIUM

USA | 5 min Short | Animation

Director/Writer Naghmeh Farzaneh **Music** Nima Farzaneh

Immigration is a new chapter in one's life, a chapter with unexpected events that can take one's life down paths different from the one imagined. This film is an autobiographical account of the director's experience with immigration.



SEARCH ENGINES

USA | 96 min Feature | Drama

Director/Writer/Producer Russell Brown
Cast Daphne Zuniga, Connie Stevens, Joely Fisher

Sanity and relationships are put to the test when mysterious circumstances force a family to survive the annual American Thanksgiving holiday without their cell phones.



SHAKTI

New Zealand | 5 min Short | Documentary

Director Jessica Hill

This is a short portrait film of the lovely Tessa Patrick.



SKY PAINTERS

France | 3 min Short | Music Video

Director/Writer/Producer jérôme thomas

Extreme painters are painting extreme murals worldwide.



OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



ST PAUL

USA | 5 min Short | Music Video

Director/Writer Xavier Ruffin **Producer** Jack Splash **Cast** Chike Johnson

Based on a true story, this film retells the story of a quiet day in Milwaukee that goes tragically wrong. A group of children play in their neighborhood until they are interrupted by the screeching tires of a speeding van. A serious accident sparks a vengeful rampage that ends with more blood being spilt.



TABLES OF ISTANBUL

USA | 59 min Feature | Documentary

Director/Writer/Producer Zeynep Kilic

A Turkish immigrant in the U.S. explores her identity through her homeland foods in an excursion to Istanbul, Turkey. She explores how ethnicity, migration and social class come to the dinner table in Istanbul.



THANK FOR DESTINY

China | 93 min Feature | Drama

Director Jiansheng Yang **Producer** Mutong Li **Writers** Tianming Yan, Xudong Ren
Cast Ben Niu, Yuling Tao

Fude Yan, an antique collector, holds an exhibition of all his longtime antique collection in order to promote the ancient Chinese culture. He donates most of the revenue to the society for educating the next generation of "Heart of Phoenix".



THE BEST AND THE LONELIEST DAYS

USA | 16 min Short | Drama

Director/Writer Qianzhu Luo **Producers** Don Ohmer, Micah Johnson
Cast Eon Song, Yao Xie, Kevin Young, Olivia Liang, Greg Scali, Kathy Wu

When Yang, a Chinese girl living in Los Angeles, has a dream in English, she needs to prove that she's still a hundred percent Chinese. So she organizes a big Chinese New Year's party, but things don't end up the way she planned.



THE DANCER GIRL

USA | 9 min Short | Drama

Director Yokeena Jamat
Producer/Cast Aneesha Madhok

An Indian and Iranian mixed-American ballerina discovers a new fusion style of dance after suffering an identity crisis.



THE DUNNING MAN

USA | 90 min Feature | Comedy | Drama

Director Michael Clayton **Writer/Producer** Kevin Fortuna
Cast Dawn-Lyen Gardner, James Carpinello, Langston Fishburne, Nicoye Banks, Tom Kemp

Connor Ryan, out of a job and dumped by his girlfriend, returns to Atlantic City to try to rebuild his life with the last source of income that he has - a few apartments in a low-rise condo complex that sits in the shadows of AC's newest and most expensive casino...

OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



THE GRAEME WATKINS PROJECT - 'LOVE IN ABUNDANCE'

South Africa | 4 min Short | Music Video

Director Rick Joaquim **Editor** Eilidh Goosen

The new video from The Graeme Watkins Project is a sublime feast for the eyes; a charming 3:46 minutes of color, insane dancing, beautiful people and some catchy beats from Graeme and the band.



THE LEGEND IN MY HEART

USA | 98 min Feature | Documentary

Director Kaitlyn Busbee

Cast Christopher Merrill, Stephen Kuusisto, Michelle Pearson, David Gompper

This documentary follows four renowned American artists—two writers, a choreographer, and a composer—as they travel to Guangzhou, China, to engage disabled and non-disabled populations by collaborating and creating together.



THE LITTLE HORSE WHISPERER

China | 45 min Short | Documentary

Director Lu Han **Writers** Lixuan Han, Qi Zhan **Producer** Xun Hong

Cast Ao Tan, Mingxuan Li, Xiwen Yu, Shiru Qiu, Lixuan Han, Fei Yue

The film is a documentary of a 15-years-old girl who has a great experience in the “ihorse” horse-riding winter camp.



THE LOTTERY

USA | 14 min Short | Drama | Music | Family

Director Han Rui Wang **Writer** Raiza Centeno **Producer** Leiqi Lin

Cast Tonyboy Marin, Rebecca Kostolny, Don Hardwick

Billy, a starving orphan, steals a winning lottery ticket from the town drunkard only to later question and doubt his own morality.



THE OTHER SIDE

USA | 4 min Short | Music Video

Director/Writer/Producer/Cast Jessica Lisette

This is the music video of Jessica Lisette's new single.



THE SOUL OF HIMALAYA

China | 100 min Feature | Drama | Adventure | History

Director Yunhui Zeng **Producers** Yunshan Zeng, Yanyan Zheng

Writers Yunhui Zeng, Fei Wang **Cast** Phurbu Tsering, Lhak Chong, Shajikanbin Arbo

This tells a legendary story of the warriors of Nuoba nationality, a Chinese minority. The warriors go through the hardship in Tibet to try to save their tribe.

OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



THE STORY OF CLOTHES

India | 4 min Short | Documentary

Director/Writer/Producer Tanmay Srivastava

It's about the journey of Mughal empire and its clothes from 1526 to 1857 in India .



THE TIBETAN GIRL

China | 30 min Short | Documentary

Director Huaqing Jin

The film portrays the purity and religious piety of Drolma who comes from Sichuan, China, along with her happiness and sadness, which are presented to reveal the conflicting nature of Tibetans' beliefs and traditions in the face of modern urban civilization.



THOGMED

China | 92 min Feature | Drama

Director/Writer/Producer Zhaluo

Cast Gamaduoji, Lijiacairang, Zhuozou

Thogmed, a Tibetan guy, has a struggling life. In order to survive, he keeps challenging his moral standards till he kills a person by accident. He has to find a way to redeem his soul.



THREE TREMBLING CITIES

USA | 90 min Feature | Drama

Director/Writer Arthur Vincie **Producers** Ben Wolf, Daria Sommers, Debarati Biswas

Cast Nandita Chandra, Yacine Djoumbaye, Arash Mokhtar, Sherz Aletaha, Tjasa Ferme

This is a 10-part web series which is an intimate portrait of the inner lives and daily struggles of the immigrants that make NYC's heart tremble with hope.



TRUE LOVE UNDER SHEETS OF RAIN

USA | 5 min Short | Music Video | Animation | Family | Romance

Director/Writer Sahar El-Ghali **Music** Antony Harding

An older gentleman named Clive readies himself for his monthly trip to the cemetery. He grabs his picnic basket, the daisies he purchased for his deceased wife, and goes on his journey down to the graveyard where she is buried.



TURN BLUE

USA | 9 min Short | Drama

Director/Writer Aرسال Asal **Producer** Jordan Anderson

Cast Beril Bulat, Velson D'Souza, Lamin Leroy Gibba, Meghan VanArsdalen

A young foreign couple tries to find ways to stay in the US legally. Lucky for them, their best friends have a solution.



OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



TWO ZIONS: THE LIVING LEGACY OF THE QUEEN OF SHEBA AND KING SOLOMON

USA | 58 min Feature | Documentary

Director Cheryl Halpern **Writer** Alessandra Most

"Two Zions" focuses on the Zions of Jerusalem, Israel and Axum, Ethiopia. It describes the relationship between King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba that has connected two peoples and cultures through their religious observances from approximately 950 BC till today.

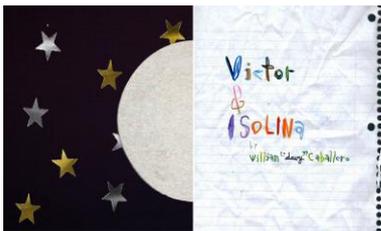


UNSYMMETRICAL

USA | 4 min Short | Music Video

Director Markus Thorington **Producer** Working Brilliantly

This is a music Video for Eli Raybon who is a recent LA transplant and his album is called, Green, which references his experience being new to the city and the music industry.



VICTOR & ISOLINA

USA | 6 min Short | Animation | Documentary

Director William Caballero **Producers** William Caballero, Elaine Del Valle

Animators Chang Kim, Chris Cookson, Ray Ray Mitrano

This is an Animated 'he said/she said' interview with an elderly Latin couple, who once loved each other and then went their separate ways.



WE ARE HEROES

Spain | 29 min Short | Documentary

Director Juan Jaume Fernández **Producer** Boa Mistura S.L.

Boa Mistura, an art Spanish collector, travels to Nairobi, Kenya, developing a protection in one of the biggest slums in Africa, Kibera, where 3 million people survive each day with less than 1€ per day. The film shows how art can be a tool that can be used to inspire a change.



WE'RE NOT WHITE

USA | 45 min Short | Documentary | Comedy

Director Imad Hassan **Producer/Writer** Amer Zahr

The film explores Arab American identity and the community's existence as legally 'white' on the US Census Form. Arab American comedian and writer Amer Zahr takes us this journey with his unique brand of stand-up comedy, expert interviews, and man on the street interviews.



WISHMAKERS

USA | 35 min Short | Documentary

Director Cheryl Halpern **Writers** Cheryl Halpern, Elena Lefkowitz, Alex Dolginko

Producers Cheryl Halpern, Elena Lefkowitz, Mitchell Stuart

This is the story of the Tulip Winery that was established in a residential adult special needs community, the Village of Hope in Israel's Jezreel Valley, and fosters a caring environment while providing employment, dignity and purpose for the residents.

Ed Asner Helen Reddy Marion Ross Mark Rydell



Senior entourage

David Lockhart presents a film by Brian Connors



BEYOND THE VEIL

a psychic mystery thriller spanning China and Hawaii

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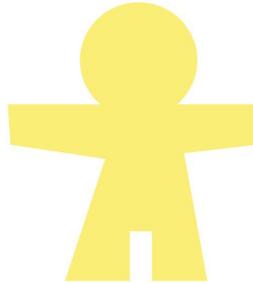
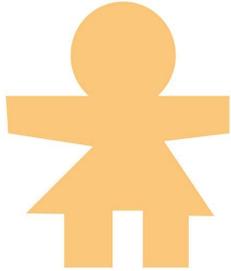
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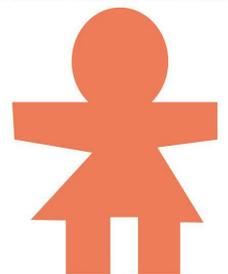
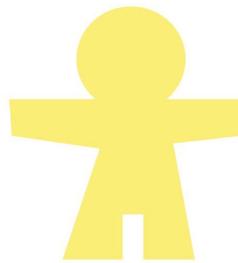
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