

UNIVERSE MULTICULTURAL FILM FESTIVAL

APRIL 6-8, 2018
ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, CA

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Maeya Culture Exchange Group



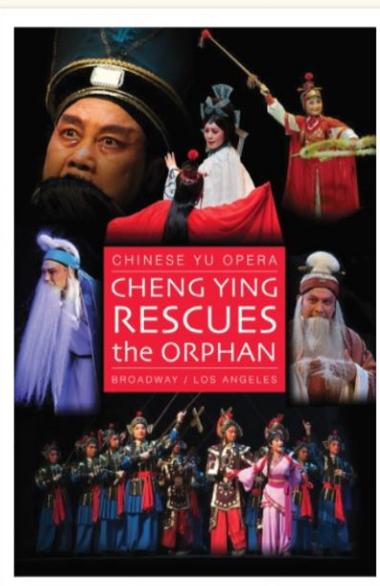
The **Maeya Culture Exchange Group LLC** provides a platform for different cultures to explore, share and communicate with one another. Our purpose is to increase mutual understanding and appreciation between people from different cultures through education and culture exchange. The Economic globalization 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 2018 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, Malaga Cove Library, and Fred Hesse Community Park. The first two of which are within walk-able 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 65 official selections from 16 countries, including USA, Canada, Argentina, Mexico, China, India, Brazil, Belgium, Italy, Philippines, Cuba, Luxembourg, Austria, Germany, Israel, and Burkina Faso. 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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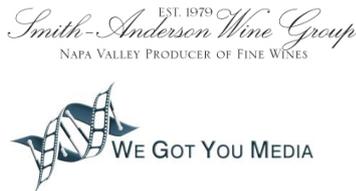


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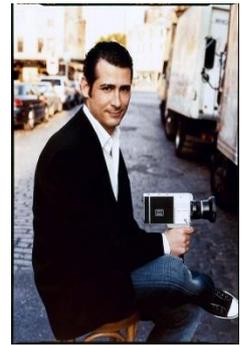
Jon Allen
Musician



He Huang (Miaomiao)
Actress



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Model



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Model



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Director



Honee Persona
Fashion Designer



Ego Mikitas
Producer | Actor



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Screenwriter



Michael Rossi
Director | Producer



Li Wang
Model



PRESENTERS AND PERFORMERS



Aki Aleong
Actor



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Actor | Host



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Actor



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Composer



Sonya Kreizman
Actress | Writer



Magi Avila
Actress | Host



Sarina
Actress



Vanessa Branch
Actress | Producer



Wayne Collins Sr.
Singer | Musician



Carolina de Athey
Actress | Host



Prince Jordan Tyson
Host



Jayme Claire
Singer



Linda Wong
Actress | Host



Kayley Stallings
Actress | Singer



Anna Vallefuoco
Model | Host



Dan McNay
Singer



PANEL SPEAKERS



Alisa Reyes
Producer | Actress



Fei Chai
Producer



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Producer | Distributor



Chengyun Xia
Producer



Dongliang Zhou
Actor



Elisabeth White
Producer | Director



Wei Ke
Director



Jinaoxue Gao
Producer



James Cullen Bressack
Producer | Writer



Keping Yu
Director



John Rodsett
Distributor | Producer



Jing Zhang
Producer



Yan Zeng
Producer



Marilyn Anderson
Screenwriter



Zhenqiang Guo
Director



Wei Miao
Director



PANEL SPEAKERS



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Lin Tong
Screenwriter



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Distributor



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Producer | Actress



Jiang Song
Director



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Actress



Fei Chen
Producer



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Screenwriter



Zack Van Eyck
Screenwriter | Director



Yue Liang
Producer



Zhimin Wu
Screenwriter



Guangping Chen
Producer



Feng Yang
Director



Mark Sonoda
Distributor



Xianfeng Xu
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

MALAGA COVE LIBRARY Gallery

2400 Vía Campesina
Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

EVENT VENUE



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

29301 Hawthorne Blvd
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Red Carpet & Award Ceremony RHCC COMMUNITY CENTER Auditorium (1st Floor)

735 Silver Spur Rd
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274



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

Maeya Cultural Ambassador Title Contest Pass	\$2,000
Red Carpet Fashion Show	\$388
Cross Culture for Filmmakers Reception Night	\$45

Award Ceremony	\$75
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Online Ticketing <http://2018umff.eventbrite.com>

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

On the Door Accept cash and major credit cards



2018 UMFF Film Screening Schedule

DAY 1: Friday, April 6, 2018

START	FILM	COUNTRY	MINUTES
<i>Venue: Community Room at Peninsula Center Library</i>			
11:00 AM	Phoenix Sings in Mudong	China	90
12:45 PM	Short Film Showcase 1	Various Countries	85
2:25 PM	Lotus with Love	China	90
4:05 PM	Short Film Showcase 2	Various Countries	93

Venue: Gallery at Malaga Cove Library

11:10 AM	Marriage	China	90
12:50 PM	Families like Yours	Argentina	51
1:50 PM	Love of Hope	China	88
3:30 PM	The Landscape Love	China	90

Venue: Activity Room at Fred Hesse Community Park

1:45 PM	Ulan Bator Sleepless	China	92
3:30 PM	Short Film Showcase 3	Various Countries	87
5:20 PM	Short Film Showcase 4	Various Countries	92
	Special Screening:		
7:30 PM	Beverly Hills: 100 Years, 100 Stories	USA	85

DAY 2: Saturday, April 7, 2018

Venue: Community Room at Peninsula Center Library

10:10 AM	Short Film Showcase 5	Various Countries	80
11:45 AM	Forced Orphans	USA	67

Venue: Gallery at Malaga Cove Library

10:10 AM	Don't Cry Mom	China	83
11:45 AM	Fine Dried Noodles	China	90
1:25 PM	Journey To The Snowing Mountains	China	86
3:05 PM	The Pearl Pagoda	China	99

Venue: Activity Room at Fred Hesse Community Park

5:30 PM	Short Film Showcase 6	Various Countries	92
7:20 PM	Short Film Showcase 7	Various Countries	92

DAY 3: Sunday, April 8, 2018

Venue: Community Room at Peninsula Center Library

1:15 PM	Doctor By Heart	USA	75
2:50 PM	Neeru Thandavaru	India	109

Venue: Activity Room at Fred Hesse Community Park

1:00 PM	Meet in Namtso	China	103
	Special Screenings:		
2:55 PM	Behind Closed Hearts	USA	10
3:15 PM	Railroad to Hell: A Chinaman's Chance	USA	75



SHORT FILM SHOWCASES

1

Arid Dream	Mexico/USA	30
Bawod	Philippines	20
Jonah	Austria/Italy	13
Last Black Yak Tent	China	22

2

Movement	USA	3
Pelo Fuerte	Cuba	9
The Residency	India	9
The Royal Taste	India	7
The Sunrise Storyteller	Canada	65

3

Gold Fortune	USA	26
Iniquity	USA	26
Jackrabbit	USA	15
Little Miser	China	12
Perspective	India	8

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The Butter Knife	USA	6
The Hammer	USA	19
Twenty Years After	USA	10
Uncle Oscar	USA	21
Undisturbed	USA	16
You're Not Alone, Baby	China	20

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Be You	USA	4
Brazil Carnival Candywitch	Luxembourg	3
Caminante	Belgium	4
Dance into the Party	USA	5
Farm Life PillowTalksSS	Luxembourg	4
I Cherish Women	USA	4
July Discovery	USA	3
Love Wins All	USA	4
Over The Rainbow	USA	4
Stay	USA	5
The Last Drumbeat	China	26
The Soul of A Dance	China	8
Troubled Times - Green Day	USA	3
Wu Wei	USA	3

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Sand Diary	Brazil	7
Somewhere In Chaos	USA	7
The Girl In The Blue Bra	USA	13
The Little Dictator	Israel	29
The Orange Crayon	USA	4
To Have Or Have Not	USA	25
Tiraogo	Burkina Faso	7

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Crackers	USA	7
House Detention	Germany	10
In the Trees	USA	8
Override	USA	8
Raw Art Works: Home	USA	7
Maydeleh and the Prisoner	USA	27
Muñecas	USA	25



Encourage beneficial exchanges among different cultures and education systems
Promote shared cultural beliefs and values

ST CULTURE ADVOCACY

STCA is honored to be the co-host of the 2018 Universe Multicultural Film Festival
 Get involved with us! <http://www.stculture.org>

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EVENT SCHEDULE

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Fred Hesse Community Park
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Malaga Cove Library
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RHCC Community Center
735 Silver Spur Rd
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"Pitch & Catch" Panel

April 6: 1:00-5:00PM
Location: Fireside room
Fred Hesse Community Park Center
Admission by Panel Pass

"Multicultural Screenplay" Panel

April 7: 11:30AM-12:30PM
Location: Fireside room
Fred Hesse Community Park Center
Admission by Panel Pass

"Produce Global Film" Panel

April 7: 4:30-6:00PM
Location: Fireside room
Fred Hesse Community Park Center
Admission by Panel Pass

"Work With China Funded Movies" Panel

April 7: 2:00-3:30PM
Location: Fireside room
Fred Hesse Community Park Center
Admission by Panel Pass

Multicultural Film Market

April 6-8: 11:00AM-5:00PM
Fred Hesse Community Park Center
Admission by Film Market Pass

Distributor Mixer

April 8: 11:00-12:30PM
Location: Fireside room
Fred Hesse Community Park Center
Admission by Panel Pass

Press Conference & Opening Gala

April 6: 6:30-9:00PM
Fred Hesse Community Park
Admission by Opening Night Gala Pass

Screenplay Showcase Play

April 7: 8:00-9:00PM
Fred Hesse Community Park
FREE

"Cross Cultural for Filmmakers" Reception

April 7: 7:00-10:30PM
Location: Fred Hesse Community Park
McTaggart Hall
Admission by Reception Pass

Cultural Ambassdor Title Contest

April 7: 7:30PM-10:30PM
Fred Hesse Community Park Center
Admission by Title Pass

Red Carpet Fashion Show

April 8: 5:00PM-6:00PM
RHCC Community Center
FREE

Award Ceremony

April 8: 7:00PM-8:30PM
RHCC Community Center
Admission by Award Ceremony Pass

PRESENTING
2018 UNIVERSE MULTICULTURAL FILM FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 5:00 PM
red carpet



2018

6 PM

**award
ceremony**

APRIL 8th

RHCC COMMUNITY CENTER

735 SILVER SPUR RD
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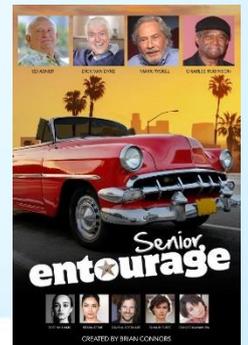
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MAEYA CULTURE EXCHANGE GROUP LLC

Communications Bring Peace to World

As a division of Maeya Culture Exchange Group, Maeya Films was founded to provide filmmakers from various countries with customized services in development, pre-production, production, post-production, distribution, and promotion in which cross cultural coordination and international cooperation are involved. Its services also include talent representation and casting for multicultural films and TV productions.



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PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

The Cupids



Hiring: Film Budget \$9.23 million

- Director
- Director of Photography
- Film Score Composer
- Production Team
- Post-Production Company
- Distribution Company

Crossing Interstellar Love

Hiring:

- Director of Photography
- Film Score Composer
- Theme Song Singer
- Post-Production Company

Casting:

Vinia, Leading Role

- Female Alien from Andromeda in her 20s
- Quiet, cool, rational, and kind
- Light skin



Princess Wencheng

Hiring: Film Budget \$12 million

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| • Script Doctor | • Production Team |
| • Director | • Post-Production Company |
| • Director of Photography | • Distribution Company |
| • Film Score Composer | |

Casting:

Linda - Female, 26 years old

- Left France with her parents and moved to the US when she was a child
- Cheerful, attractive, and romantic
- Worked with Vincent
- Travelled thousands of miles to Tibet after hearing that that Vincent had to stay in Tibet



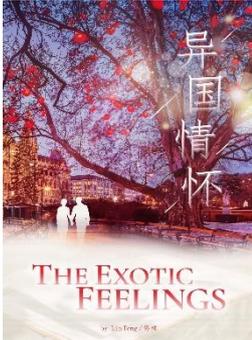
Vincent - Male, 40 years old

- A typical American and a nature lover
- Humorous, wise, believes in freedom
- Travel magazine photographer who travels around the world
- Came to Tibet and fell in love with Wei Er
- Opened a coffee shop in Tibet with Linda, an art designer



SCREENPLAYS

FEATURE SCREENPLAYS



Blank Space (USA) - Don Linnehan
 Mad Dash (USA) - William Leonard
 The Exotic Feelings (China) - Lin Tong

SHORT SCREENPLAYS

Hey, Cleveland! (USA) - Kasey Williams
 I-Bezoz (UK) - Neil Valentine
 The Breakthrough (USA) - Brea Mitchell
 The Coffin (Netherlands) - Emanuele Pesoli



ORIGINAL FILM SONGS

Series: Sun Bird Mother of China Tanggu Valley (China) – Yance Mo, Manyi Liang | 26:00 | Symphony
 Salvation (USA) – Casey Mariano | 3:15 | Electronic Dance Music

SPECIAL SCREENINGS



BEHIND CLOSED HEARTS

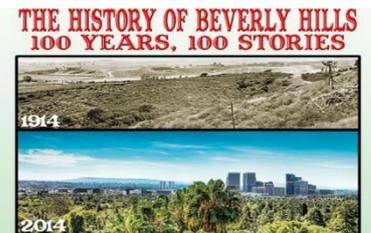
USA | 10 min Short | Thriller

Director/Writer Anthony DiBartolo

Producers Anthony DiBartolo, Nick Stahl, Andrew Giordano, Mike Slagter

Cast Andy Carlson, Kris Graves, India Everett, Bill Ousley, Tom Evans

A businessman makes a chilling discovery when he arrives home early from a work trip.



BEVERLY HILLS: 100 YEARS, 100 STORIES

USA | 85 min Feature | Documentary

Director/Writer Phil Savenick

Producers Suzanne Hertfelder, Jeff White

This documentary offers an inside look at life in Beverly Hills from the Rancho Days to the 21st Century. The city's vibrant past comes alive through interviews with more than 150 Beverly Hills residents, hundreds of rare photographs and film clips.

RAILROAD TO HELL: A CHINAMAN'S CHANCE

USA | 90 min Feature | Drama

Director/Writer Aki Aleong

Cast Reggie Lee, Timothy Bottoms, Jason Connery

Producers Aki Aleong, Ari Shan Aleong, Conchita Culanding Aleong

In California 1850's, a Chinese immigrant railroad worker in the wild west is accused of killing a white woman. Can he prove his innocence? Can he beat the odds while California considered the Chinese to be 3/5 human?

Railroad to Hell:
 A Chinaman's Chance



OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



ARID DREAM

Mexico | USA | 30 min Short | Family | Drama | Adventure

Director Bo Bateman **Writers/Producers** Andrés Aceves, Guillermo Orozco

Cast Jenny Treviño, Guillermo Orozco, Andrés Aceves

Two brothers and a sister take on a journey through the desert to get a better life for them after the death of their mother.



BAWOD

Philippines | 20 min Short | Family | Drama | Mystery

Director Terimar Malones **Writer** Joseph Israel Laban

Producers Terimar Malones, Essy Genebelle Antonano, Joseph Israel Laban

Cast Allain Hablo, Diocel Marie Raso

On the eve of her school's annual Talent Show in a small rural village in the mountains of Iloilo, twelve-year-old Thirty has to deal with the realities of her difficult financial situation and ominous visions of a ghostly man.



BE YOU

USA | 4 min Short | Music Video

Director Alexi Paraschaos **Producer** JL Jupiter

This is the official music video for Alexi Paraschos' song "Be You".



BRAZIL CARNIVAL CANDYWITCH

Luxembourg | 3 min Short | Comedy | Musical | Fantasy | 17+

Director/Producer Gabor Gaspar

Father forgives her, for she has been sensational.



CAMINANTE

Belgium | 4 min Short | Music Video

Directors Dieter-Michael Grohmann, Shania Vandezande

Writers Dieter-Michael Grohmann, Laure Cavalléra, Manuel Sanchez Ramos

Cast Javier Mateos Arevalo, Wim Carels, Isidro Santos Galindo

This music video records a Spanish singer going to Brussels, Belgium.



CRACKERS

USA | 7 min Short | Youth-made | Romance | Drama

Director Julia Massey **Writers** Julia Massey, Gina Ayyoub

Producers Gina Ayyoub, Mary Liu **Cast** Ian Dembeck

A young artist struggles for inspiration as he meets a unique girl.



OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



DANCE INTO THE PARTY

USA | 5 min | Short | Music Video

Directors Wayne Isham, Chuck Maldonado

Writers Wayne Isham, Ari B **Cast** Ari B

Passion for dance and power shine through, within a spirit of respect and profound acceptance.



DOCTOR BY HEART

USA | 75 min | Feature | Documentary | Drama

Director/Writer Ranu Sinha **Producer** Dr. Romesh Japra

Cast Dr. Romesh Japra, Kanchan Daftardar Fernandes, Sunny Dhillon

This is a fictional adaptation of the life of Dr. Romesh Japra, a well-known cardiologist in the San Francisco Bay Area and the Founder and Convener of Festival of Globe (FOG).



DON'T CRY MOM

China | 83 min | Feature | Drama

Director/Writer Sheng Guo **Producers** Zijun Li, Weizhen Zhi

Cast He Huang (Miaomiao), Xinyue Bai, Qinfei Li, Wei Jin, Yilin Liu

Baoer is living with her single mother and unfortunately diagnosed with cancer. She has only three months to live. Then she decides to donate her body to people in need.



FAMILIES LIKE YOURS

Argentina | 51 min | Feature | Documentary

Director/Writer/Producer Rodolfo Eduardo Moro

Cast Amanda Hawke, Ashley Behrens, Aspen River Hawke, Brandon Behrens

Through candid interviews and humorous real life stories, this documentary demystifies LGBT families and their lives, showcasing that they are just as loving, busy, and complicated as any other family.



FARM LIFE PILLOWTALKSSS

Luxembourg | 4 min | Short | Romance | Musical | Fantasy

Director/Producer/Cast Eva **Executive Producer** Gabor Gaspar

A handsome stranger falls for a fair woodland guardian.



FINE DRIED NOODLES

China | 90 min | Feature | Drama

Director/Producer Jing Zhang **Writer** Yuzhu Liu

Cast Jingping Zhou, Lei Li, Zihan Qiao

This film tells the unordinary and touching family stories over three generations. This family is well known for making traditional fine dried noodles in Northern Shanxi, China.



OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



FORCED ORPHANS

USA | 67 min Feature | Drama

Director V N Aditya **Producer** T G Vishwa Prasad **Writer** Sriram Vegaraju

Cast Trin Miller, Tom Ricciardelli, Ankita Jhaveri, Raj Virk

Two siblings Sid and Meenu returned from school only to learn that their parents are getting divorced. Their lives will be changed forever...



JOURNEY TO THE SNOWING MOUNTAINS

China | 86 min Feature | Drama

Director Zhitao He **Writers** Ariel Wu, Bo Qiu **Producer** Yan Zeng

Cast Xinyue Wang, Xinyun Wang, Junyu Guo, Yayue He, Jiyuan Jiang, Miaomiao

A brother and sister live in ethnic mountain areas in Yunnan with their grandma. Their parents are missing after falling off a cliff when they were gathering herbs. It is said that their parents were saved by the God of the Snow. The kids start a journey to look for their parents...



GOLD FORTUNE

USA | 26 min Short | Drama | Crime

Director/Writer Rhyme Lu **Producer** Danwen Lei

Hoping to build a real life and makes his family proud, a young Chinese undocumented immigrant leaves China and moves to Los Angeles to seek a legal identity through a corrupted asylum fraud.



HOUSE DETENTION

Germany | 10 min Short | Youth-made | Family | Drama | Action

Director/Writer Dominik Saal **Producers** Dominik Saal, Lukas Götz

Cast Alexis Raptakis, Anna Wagner, Lukas Götz, Evelyn Jahn

A bank heist is what Damian and his friend are planning, because their money is very scarce.



I CHERISH WOMEN

USA | 4 min Short | Music Video

Director/Writer/Producer Judith Lynn Stillman

Cast Becky Bass, Katherine Kazarian, Lori Phillips

This is a pro-women music video made by filmmaker and composer Judith Lynn Stillman, packing a powerful political punch in four minutes. Thirty artists and activists unite to deliver a bold statement to "defend human rights and right human wrongs in the Trump era."



IN THE TREES

USA | 8 min Short | Youth-made | Horror

Director/Writer Will Nordstrom **Cast** Spencer Flippen, Spencer Sherman

Teenagers on a school field trip become lost in the woods and strange things start to happen.



OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



INIQUITY

USA | 26 min Short | Drama | Thriller | Mystery

Director/Writer Joey Lanai **Producers** Jill Herrera, Joey Lanai
Cast Kim Estes, Joey Lanai

When a traveling salesman seeks therapy, the demons of his fractured childhood are examined by an overly ambitious intern who finds herself on a bloody trail of serial murder.



JACKRABBIT

USA | 15 min Short | Drama

Director/Writer Jesse Littlebird **Producers** Deborah Littlebird, Jesse Littlebird
Cast Selim Sandoval, Mayaan Sandoval, Cheyanne Bywater, Loren Anthony

An indigenous boy running away from his abusive home encounters his distanced Uncle and shares a timely reconnection of culture and lineage.



JONAH

Austria | Italy | 13 min Short | Drama | Action

Director/Writer/Producer Michael Maschina
Cast Daniela Mutafova, Heide Maria Hager

Austria, 2015. It's pitch dark in the night and a lorry is trying to reach the Austrian border. A group of Syrian refugees is hidden in its interior. A girl trembles in the dark while a woman tries to sooth her narrating a story. They are both waiting to get into Austria.



JULY: DISCOVERY

USA | 3 min Short | Experimental

Director/Producer/Cast Mary Anzalone

Shot in Puerto Rico, prior to the devastating hurricane, the footage is mixed with filming the underwater at a neighborhood pool in Texas.



KARMA DOG

USA | 70 min Feature | Drama | Romance

Director Jules Koroleva **Writers** Jules Koroleva, Sam Boseley **Producer** JLS Productions
Cast Jules Koroleva, Konner King, Bobik

A Russian-born, Californian girl searches for the missing piece of her life and realizes it is a dog.



LAST BLACK YAK TENT

China | 22 min Short | Documentary

Director Suoduo **Producer** Dongzhucairang **Writers** Suoduo, Dongzhucairang

Rikga bought a new apartment in the town. He tries to celebrate the moving at the new apartment. However, his father Yangko tries to convince him to carry on the traditional cultural way and celebrate it in a new yak tent.

OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



LITTLE MISER

China | 12 min Short | Drama

Director Feixiong Huang **Writer** Yaping Wei **Producer** Yanhua Fu

Cast Leng Sun, Xiao Chen, Jiaojiao Gao

A little girl tries to interact with her parents and reminds them the best gift she wants is them keeping her company.



LOTUS WITH LOVE

China | 90 min Feature | Drama

Director Minjie Liang **Producers** Xiuxing Wen, Chuxiong Zhuang **Writer** Jianzhong Peng

Cast Yuan Yuan, Tong Bai

After graduating from a College of Agriculture, Hehua (meaning Lotus) comes back to her hometown, the Lotus Village, to devote herself in developing this fertile land of fish and rice.



LOVE OF HOPE

China | 88 min Feature | Drama

Director/Writer Wenbai Zha **Producer** Mo Xia

Cast Dejun Xia, Pei-pei Cheng, Shixuan Zhou, Yulan Xu

This film tells a story of Guohua Liang, a young man who evolves from a weak patient to a strong human being, and ultimately to an enlightened person who donates his body.



LOVE WINS ALL

USA | 4 min Short | Music Video

Director/Writer/Producer Richard Ivory

Cast Patrice Hawthorne

This is an inspirational anthem of love winning over hate.



MARRIAGE

China | 90 min Feature | Drama

Director Zhenqiang Guo **Writer/Producer** Xianbin Meng

Cast Qipeng Sun, Zhi Wang, Ge Yan

Preparing betrothal gifts for the bride's family by the groom's family is an old tradition in China. In a rural northern village, an old man carries the heavy load of preparing the betrothal gifts for his son's marriage.



MAYDELEH AND THE PRISONER

USA | 27 min Short | Student | Drama

Director/Writer Maya Ben Yair **Cast** Nami Paix, Milt Kogan, Stewart J. Zully

As a result of an injury that puts him in a wheelchair, an elderly Holocaust survivor must now learn to trust a non-Jewish caregiver who has no prior knowledge of the Holocaust and its prolonged trauma.

OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



MEET IN NAMTSO

China | 103 min | Feature | Romance

Director Fei Chai **Writer** Xueping Liu **Producer** Feihao Chen

Cast Suozhen, Jita

This tells the love stories of Qingcuo, a devoted nursing school student who commits herself to healing the patients in Namtso after graduation.



MOVEMENT

USA | 3 min | Short | Student | Music Video | Documentary

Director/Writer/Producer Cady Mariano

This music video tells people to enjoy each step along the way.



MUÑECAS

USA | 25 min | Short | Student | Drama

Director/Writer Osvaldo Ozuna **Producers** Jacob Chacko, Juan Felipe Zuleta

Cast Alexis Cervantes, Alexander Villaseñor, Conner Taylor, Amy Sloan, Daniel Mora

Teenagers Pablo and Ray are best friends, despite living on opposite sides of the US/Mexican border. Both were born into a life of drug smuggling and are now the two sides of weekly transactions. Inevitably, a deal goes wrong and Pablo must face the horrors of the melting pot culture that rejects who he is...



NEERU THANDAVARU

India | 109 min | Feature | Drama

Director/Writer Aasif kshathriya **Producer** Nidasale Puttaswamaiah

Cast Ananya Kashyap, Naveen Patil, Achyuth Kumar, Shaanthala S

Ganga, a young girl, lives in a 'Keri', a colony of so called 'lower caste' people. On the other hand, so called 'upper caste' people live in the neighboring town and have their own belief systems. However, the only river, which is the source of drinking water for 'Keri, goes dry...



OVER THE RAINBOW

USA | 4 min | Short | Music Video

Director/Producer Ric Poulin

Cast Michelle Hylan, Lydia Dyett

This music video is a new arrangement of the classic song "Over The Rainbow" performed by Boston artist Michelle Hylan.



OVERRIDE

USA | 8 min | Short | Youth-made | Drama | Sci-Fi

Director/Writer Jacob Chang-Rasclé

Cast Aidan Pearce, Jessie Duska, Dan Pearce, Larry Stopper, Vincent Pearce

In a post-apocalyptic world, a spy infiltrates a small group of survivors with a sinister mission, and will be forced to choose between following orders and doing what he knows is right.



OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



PELO FUERTE

Cuba | 9 min Short | Student | Documentary

Director/Editor Victoria Guillem

Through acknowledging that hair and beauty standards are affected by old traditions of racism and oppression, young girls and boys of color are encouraged to embrace their natural appearance and not over exert themselves trying to be something they are not.



PERSPECTIVE

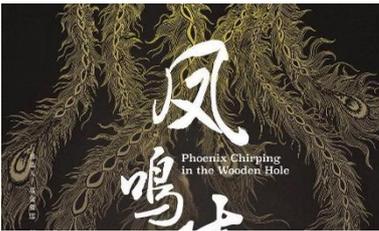
India | 8 min Short | Drama | Documentary

Director/Writer Adinath Kothare

Producers Adinath Kothare, Manohar Shetty, Rishi Darda

Cast Dinesh Koyande, Prashant Choudappa, Sohan Nandurdikar, Swanandi Tikekar

The consequence of what happens when a Hindu Idol Deity Procession and a Muslim Death Procession cross paths in a busy junction of a city in India is a matter of "Perspective".



PHOENIX SINGS IN MUDONG

China | 90 min Feature | Drama

Director Lianjun Li **Writer** Xianming Chen **Producer** Jing Zhou

Cast Su Yang, Chengwu Li, Yanhan Zhou, Jing Lan

This tell a story of Xuesong Ding, an ambitious and diligent teenager who works hard on study while working for his mom and taking care of his sick sister.



RAW ART WORKS: HOME

USA | 7 min Short | Youth-made

Director Meghan Ayer

Students find home through their art.



SAND DIARY

Brazil | 7 min Short | Student | Animation

Directors Isadora Moraes Chaves, Sarah Carvalho Guedes

Cast Silvia Goiabeira, Ítalo Mendes, Sarah Carvalho Guedes

Erin is a 15 years old girl who has been chosen to be the Guardian of the Nightmares. Her mission is to purify the nightmares that escaped to the human world and thus protect the humanity from its deepest fears, day and night, without respite!



SOMEWHERE IN CHAOS

USA | 7 min Short | Student | Drama | Romance

Director/Writer Amy B Tiong **Producers** Amy B Tiong, Meline Rosales

Cast Lydia Jordan, Tim Torre

Two high school students from the 1950s think they know what love is, but it takes unexpected heartbreak in their school auditorium for them to confront the boundaries of their own youthful "love".

OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



STAY

USA | 5 min | Short | Music Video

Director/Writer/Producer AJ Tedesco

Cast Jordyn Curet, Emily Day

This is the music video of AJ Tedesco's song "Stay".



THE BUTTER KNIFE

USA | 6 min | Short | Drama

Director/Writer Eshaana Sheth **Producer** Shalini Bathina

Cast Shalini Bathina, Daniel Halden

A young British man and American woman navigate misunderstandings on a first date that takes a bizarre turn.



THE GIRL IN THE BLUE BRA

USA | 13 min | Short | Student | Drama | Crime

Director/Writer Ayesha Abouelazm **Producer** Luwen Shao

Cast Jehan Ibrahim, Salam Hemaea

In the midst of the 2011 Egyptian protests, a sheltered young woman is forced out of her comfort zone and into the increasingly hostile streets of revolutionary Cairo.



THE HAMMER

USA | 19 min | Short | Drama | Fantasy

Director/Writer Mohammad Alkazemi

Producers Mohammad Alkazemi, Valentina Bove

Cast Joshua Enbom, Robin Walton, Clare Adrian, Anita Borloi, Shoshanna Chagall

A desperate husband from a past relationship struggles with his inner-self to heal his pain by getting connected with his daughter whom he's never met before.



THE LANDSCAPE LOVE

China | 90 min | Feature | Romance

Director Zhi Han **Writers** Zhi Han, Wenwen Fan **Producer** Xianfeng Xu

Cast Lei Fan, Hao Yang, Peng Chi, Wenbin Xu, Zhuona Zhao, Demin Yang

Zhishan Tang, a Chinese-Canadian girl, won the championship in a cooking contest. Her opponent Huimin Kong accidentally found out that Zhishan is the daughter of his lost lover...



THE LAST DRUMBEAT

China | 26 min | Short | Drama

Director Xia Wu **Producers** Zuyun Wu, Yongmei Tang **Writer** Yali Lou

Cast Guoqing Feng, Shuai Du, Gaochang Peng

This film tells a story between the representatives of two cultural music, the new generation of drum king in west Hunan and a leader of a pop music band from a big city.

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主演
Starring

陈翠娥 / 董云华(饰)
Cuie Chen / Yunhua Dong

陈培德 / 张金华(饰)
Peide Chen / Jinhua Zhang

主演
Starring

彩萍 / 季春艳(饰)
Ping Cai / Chunyan Ji

红云 / 尹凤娥(饰)
Yun Hong / Feng'e Ying

导演
Director

俞克平
Keping Yu

OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



THE LITTLE DICTATOR

Israel | 29 min | Short | Student | Family | Comedy | Drama

Director Nurith Cohn **Writer** Emanuel Cohn

Cast Emanuel Cohn, Meni Florentin, Ruth Geller

Professor Yossi Kleinmann, a religious Jew, gets stuck with a calamitous moustache at the 90th birthday party of his wife's grandmother, a Holocaust survivor. The rest is history.



THE ORANGE CRAYON

USA | 4 min | Short | Student | Animation

Director/Writer/Producer/Animator Eric Hug

Late at night on a table, a box of crayons spills over and the crayons come to life...



THE PEARL PAGODA

China | 99 min | Feature | Drama | Musical

Director Keping Yu **Producer** Jianwei Lu

Cast Dongliang Zhou, Tongfang Ni, Yunhua Dong, Jinhua Zhang

Qing Fang got humiliated by his aunt when he tried to lend a loan. His cousin secretly sent him the pearl pagoda as a gift. Three years later, Qing came first in the highest imperial examination...



THE RESIDENCY

India | 9 min | Short | Youth-made | Documentary

Director/Writer/Producer Tanmay Srivastava

This short documentary is about a building complex in the North Indian City of Lucknow called The Lucknow Residency.



THE ROYAL TASTE

India | 7 min | Short | Youth-made | Documentary

Director/Writer/Producer Tanmay Srivastava

This short documentary is about the history of the cuisine of the North Indian state of Rajasthan.



THE SOUL OF A DANCE

China | 8 min | Short | Music

Director Gengxian He **Writer/Producer** Yue Liang

Xichou in Yunnan is the birth place of the world most ancient legend about the sun. People in the bird tribe sing in a voice from their deep soul, which is the spirit of their dance.



OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



THE SUNRISE STORYTELLER

Canada | 65 min | Feature | Youth-made | Documentary

Director/Writer Kasha Sequoia Slavner **Producer** Global Sunrise Productions Inc.

This documentary follows the hero's journey of teenage filmmaker & social justice advocate, Kasha Sequoia Slavner, as she sets out for six months on her 16th birthday across the world in search of stories of hope and resilience that shine a light on what it means to be a global citizen and how we can all make a difference.



TIRAOGO

Burkina Faso | 7 min | Short | Animation

Director André Daniel Tapsoba **Writer** Arsène Bazongo

Producer Serge Dimitri Pitroipa

Tiraogo, a young rural man, fought the deadly conflict between farmers and herders in his village. He finds himself in the big city. He is quickly disenchanted by the incivism, barbarism and atrocities he sees.



TO HAVE OR HAVE NOT

USA | 25 min | Short | Student | Documentary

Director/Writer Dev Banerji **Producers** Dev Banerji, Charles Musser

Cast Eduardo Fernandez-Duque, Tammy Kane, Ria & Nina Krishna

Why do people choose to have children? Or choose to not have children? The filmmaker goes on a personal quest and talks to friends, family and others to discover what it's like to be a parent, what it's like to be childfree, and which choice is right for himself.



TROUBLED TIMES - GREEN DAY

USA | 3 min | Short | Music Video

Director Manuel Viqueira Carballal **Producer** Devin Sarno **Music** Green Day

When Trump won the US election, Green Day decided to fill in the lyric video of Troubled Times with images of civil rights, suffragettes, and the nightmare of watching Trump destroy years of struggles for those rights.



TWENTY YEARS AFTER

USA | 10 min | Short | Drama | Family

Director/Writer Yiqing Catharine Lin **Producers** Yiqing Catharine Lin, Zoe Pelloux

Cast Randall Taylor

A man needs to refit the world he's been kept out for twenty years.



ULAN BATOR SLEEPLESS

China | 92 min | Feature | Drama

Director Wei Ke **Writer** Mo Sha **Producer** Linsheng Xiao

Cast Rina Sa, Ying Ge Ma, Wei Li Si

This film tells a story of Ajitai, a rich second-generation who encounters a sudden family bankruptcy while he is on his way to purchase a famous horse in Ulan Bator and then gets saved by a local girl called Duoerna.



OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



UNCLE OSCAR

USA | 21 min Short | Comedy

Director/Producer/Writer Zack Abramowitz

Recently homeless former child star, Lyle Capricorn must regain his former acting glory by doing the one thing he doesn't know how to do: act.



UNDISTURBED

USA | 16 min Short | Drama | Thriller | Action | Adventure

Director/ Writer Farris Williams

Producers Farris Williams, Andishé Zohoori, Ben Williams, Shai Givens

Cast Caleb Marquis, Trevar Bowen, Gabrielle Burks, Bruna Davis

Young activists launch a mission to remove racist markings from a Native-American landmark.



WU WEI

USA | 3 min Short | Music Video

Director Bill Sandidge **Writers** Lao Tsu, Jane English

Music Larry Natwick, George Prado, Roger Hogan

The film combines an original jazz score with the poetry of Lao Tsu and bird imagery from the Texas coast to illustrate the ancient Taoist concept of Wu Wei or Non Action.



YOU'RE NOT ALONE, BABY

China | 20 min Short | Drama | Educational

Director/Writer Ying Liu **Producer** Siyi Sun

Cast Yuanzhe Sun, Guangjie Yin, Desen Yin, Dezhen Yin, Zhongshuang Deng

Angels with broken wings keep flying. This educational film reminds us to pay attention to the children in difficulty.

Greetings! Welcome to the 2018 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.

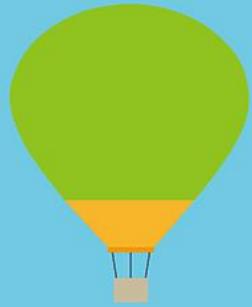
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