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 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 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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FESTIVAL PARTNERS

FESTIVAL SUPPORTERS

MEDIA PARTNERS
2018 UNIVERSE MULTICULTURAL FILM FESTIVAL

PRESENTERS AND PERFORMERS

Aki Aleong  
Actor

Mark Justice  
Actor | Host

Danny Pardo  
Actor

Miriam Mayer  
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

Bill H McKinney
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
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)

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### 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

**Venue: Community Room at Peninsula Center Library**

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**Venue: Activity Room at Fred Hesse Community Park**

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| 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 |
| **7**               |
| 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 |

**ST CULTURE ADVOCACY**

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

STCA is honored to be the co-host of the 2018 Universe Multicultural Film Festival
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2018 UNIVERSE MULTICULTURAL FILM FESTIVAL

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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 Ambassador 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

6 PM
award ceremony

APRIL 8th

RHCC COMMUNITY CENTER

735 SILVER SPUR RD
ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, CA 90274

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Maeya Cultural 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.
**PROJECTS IN PROGRESS**

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**The Cupids**

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

**Film Budget:** $9.23 million

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**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

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**Princess Wencheng**

**Hiring:**
- Script Doctor
- Director
- Director of Photography
- Film Score Composer
- Production Team
- Post-Production Company
- Distribution Company

**Film Budget:** $12 million

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**Casting:**

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

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 Vincent had to stay in Tibet
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-Bezos (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?
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 Thirdy 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 Paraschos  **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.
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  **Producers** 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.
**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-Rascle  
**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.
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 Morales Chaves, Sarah Carvalho Guedes
**Cast** Silvia Goiabeira, Italo 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!

SOMETIME 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 heartbeat 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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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  Kashya Sequoia Slavner  Producer  Global Sunrise Productions Inc.
This documentary follows the hero’s journey of teenage filmmaker & social justice advocate, Kashya 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.

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