UNIVERSE APRIL 5-7, 2019 MULTICULTURAL FILM FESTIVAL

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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.

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



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



In February 2013, Maeya proudly presented **Cheng Ying Rescues the Orphan**, Maeya's first theater production at Studio 54 Theater in New York's Broadway as well as at the Warner Grand Theater in Los Angeles. 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 2019 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 showcase around 100 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,

Ming Tang





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Isabelle Hu Actress | Host



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Michelle Lisset Actress



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Zhengcheng Li Yu Opera Singer



Zhena Folk Chorus Singer



Damien Puckler Actor| Host



Magi Avila Actress | Host



Mel Novak Actor



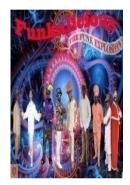
Virginie Claude Actress | Host



Claudia Coloma Actress



Mark Justice Actor | Host



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Zhuonan Zhang Opera Singer



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Director | Producer

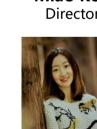


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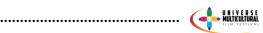








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SCREENING VENUES





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

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Festival Events	
Press Conference	Free Admission
Opening Night Gala	\$45
Panel Discussion – Film Pitch & Catch	\$25
Panel Discussion – Multicultural Screenplay	\$25
Panel Discussion – Produce Global Film	\$25
Panel Discussion – Work with China-funded Films	\$25
Panel Discussion – Distributor Mixer	\$25
Panel Discussion – Audition for Multicultural Movies	\$25
General Pass for Multicultural Film Market	\$15
Exhibitor Pass for Multicultural Film Market	\$288

Cultural Mixers

Maeya Cultural Am	bassador Title Contest Pass	\$2,000	
Red Carpet Fashion	n Show	\$388	
Cross Culture for F	ilmmakers Reception Night	\$45	
Award Ceremon	y	\$75	
	Online Ticketing http://2019umff.eventbrite.com		
	Group Tickets (minimum 10)	call 310-266-8559	

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At the Door

2019 UMFF SCREENING SCHEDULE FRIDAY, APRIL 5

	Community Room at Pe	ninsula Center Library	
Feature The Portrait of My Mother 11:15AM 90min	Short Showcase 1 12:55PM 92min	Feature Three Women 2:35PM 72min	Short Showcase 2 4:00PM 90min
	Gallery at Malaga	a Cove Library	
Feature A Promise Over 65 Years 11:15AM 87min	Short Showcase 3 12:55PM 90min	Feature Nawal The Jewel 2:35PM 122min	
	Activity Room at Fred H	esse Community Park	
Short Showcase 10 10:15AM 90min	Feature Out of Chaos 12 PM 70 min		

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

	Commu	nity Room at Pe	eninsula	a Center library	
Short Showcase 4 10:15AM 78min	Short Showc 11:45A	ase 5 M 66min			
	G	allery at Malag	a Cove	Library	
Feature Spit & Honey (PG-1 11:15AM 80min	· ·	ase 6 M 90min	Ro	ture nance Of Noble Man 5PM 107min	
	Activity F	Room at Fred H	esse C	ommunity Park	
Short Showcase 7 10:15AM 62min	Feature Wedding Dress 11:30AM 94min	Short Showcase 1:15PM 58		Feature Senior Entourage 2:25PM 90 min	Feature Friends Like These 4:05PM 53 min

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

	Community Room at F	Peninsula Center Library	
Feature Survive or Die 1:15PM 63min	Short Showcase 9 2:30PM 39min	Feature Chase 3:20PM 82min	
	Activity Room at Fred	Hesse Community Park	
Feature Qiang's Journey 10:15 AM 82min	Short Showcase 11 1:30PM 30min		



SHORT FILM SHOWCASES

2019 SHORT FILM SHOWCASE

Showcase 1	Country	Min
Mama	USA	8
MILFriend	USA	37
Achentannos	Italy	19
Voice Surrounding the City	USA	8
Respect and Love	USA	15
What Becomes of the Broken Hearted	USA	5

Showcase 3	Country	Min
Shut Up, I'm on a Roll	Spain	5
We Shall Not be Moved	USA	5
A Door to God	USA	13
Heartache	U.K	4
Bre's Company	USA	13
Adam	Italy	4
Burying Mitchell	USA	23
The Most Magnificent Thing	Canada	23

Showcase 5	Country	Min
Billy Baba and the Slave Girl	USA	5
Anna (Kidnapper)	Japan	27
Comment Te Traduire (How can I Tell You)	Italy	5
Dear Jessica	Russia	10
Out of the Way	USA	5
NicoTeen	USA	8
Humble Wolf - All the Way	USA	4
Forty Songs of Yunmeng	China	2

Showcase 7	Country	Min
The Complex	USA	2
The Three Kingdoms	China	2
Dog Tag	USA	14
Lakeshore Blues	USA	6
Waking up White	USA	38

Showcase 9	Country	Min
The Story of Turban	India	6
Working on Air	South Korea	27
Black Water	India	6

Showcase 2	Country	Min
Chronique	France	5
Running Between the Crack of Time	U.S	26
THE INTELLIGENCE!The Counterattack of Robots	Japan	20
Viva Diva	USA	16
Mosul 980	Iraq	10
Beyond the Borders	USA	8
South Central State of Mind	USA	5
Showcase 4	Country	Min
Toronto Tabla Ensemble: Faceoff	Canada	5
Scepter	USA / UK	18
Rondo: Beyond the Pavement	USA	34
Glitter Model	Brazil	21
Showcase 6	Country	Min
Expend	USA	4
Marching Forward	USA	60
Xrayspex	USA	4
House	China	21
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Showcase 8	Country	Min
The Parliament of Souls	Czech Republic	3
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In His Place	Israel	24

Showcase 10		
Rain Fest Singers in Grass Lands Episode 1&2	China	56
Love and Warm	China	34
The Knot	China	20

Showcase 11		
Mountain Streaming	China	24







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 2019 Universe Multicultural Film Festival Get involved with us! http://www.stculture.org

2019 UNIVERSE MULTICULTURAL EFILM FESTIVAL EVENT SCHEDULE

Peninsula Center Library 701 Silver Spur Rd Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274 Fred Hesse Community Park Center 29301 Hawthorne Blvd Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Malaga Cove Library 2400 Via Campesina

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

"Pitch & Catch" Panel April 5: 1:00-5:00PM Location: Fireside Room Fred Hesse Community Park Center Admission by Panel Pass

"Multicultural

Screenplay" Panel April 6: 11:30 - 12:30PM Location: Fireside Room Fred Hesse Community Park Center Admission by Panel Pass

"Work With China Funded Movies" Panel April 6: 2:00 - 3:30PM Location: Fireside Room Fred Hesse Community Park Center Admission by Panel Pass

"Screenplay

Showcase" Play April 6: 8:00 - 9:00PM Fred Hesse Community Park FREE

"Produce Global

Film" Panel April 6: 4:30 - 6:00PM Location: Fireside Room Fred Hesse Community Park Center Admission by Panel Pass

"Multicultural Film

Market" Friday April 5: 11:00AM - 5:00PM Satuday April 6: 11:00AM - 6:00PM Sunday April 7; 11:00AM - 5:00PM Fred Hesse Community Park Center Admission by Film Market Pass

"Distributor Mixer" April 7: 11:00 - 12:30PM Location: Fireside Room Fred Hesse Community Park Center Admission by Panel Pass

Press Conference

& Opening Gala April 5: 6:30-9:00PM Fred Hesse Community Park Admission by Opening Night Gala Pass

"Audition For Multicultural Movies" Panel April 7: 2:00 - 4:00PM Fred Hesse Community Park Center Admission by Panel Pass

Cultural Ambassador

Contest April 6: 7:30 - 10:00PM Fred Hesse Community Park Center FREE

"CROSS CULTURAL for

Film Makers" Reception April 6: 7:00 - 10:30PM Location: Fred Hesse Community Park McTaggart Hall Admission by Gala Pass

New Project

International

Announcement April 7: 1:30 - 2:30PM Fred Hesse Community Park Center Admission by Invitation Only

The Red Carpet

Fashion Show April 7: 5:00 - 6:00PM **RHCC Community Center** Admission by Show Pass

UMFF Award

Ceremony April 7: 6:00 - 9:30PM **RHCC Community Center** Admission by Award Ceremony Pass

UNIVERSE MULTICULTURAL

2019 UMFF OFFICIAL SELECTIONS

FEATURE FILMS

A PROMISE OVER 65 YEARS CHASE FRIENDS LIKE THESE NAWAL THE JEWEL OUT OF CHAOS ROMANCE OF NOBLE MAN QIANG'S JOURNEY SPIT & HONEY SURVIVE OR DIE THE PORTRAIT OF MY MOTHER THREE WOMEN WEDDING DRESS

YOUTH-MADE FILMS

BLACK WATER DOG TAG NICOTEEN RONDO: BEYOND THE PAVEMENT SCEPTER THE COMPLEX THE STORY OF TURBAN

MUSIC VIDEO

ADAM BEYOND THE BORDERS COMMENT TE TRADUIRE HEARTACHE HUMBLE WOLF – ALL THE WAY OUT OF THE WAY SHUT UP, I'M ON A ROLL SOUTH CENTRAL STATE OF MIND THE PARLIAMENT OF SOULS TORONTO TABLE ENSEMBLE : FACEOFF VOICE SURROUNDING THE CITY WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED WHAT BECOMES OF THE BROKEN HEARTED

SHORT FILMS

A DOOR TO GOD **ACHENTANNOS** ANNA (KIDNAPPER) BILLY BABA AND THE SLAVE GIRL BRE'S COMPANY **BURYING MITCHELL** CHONIQUE DEAR JESSICA FORTY SONGS OF YUNMENG **GLITTER MODEL** HEAR YOUR LOVE HOUSE LOVE AND WARM MAMA **MILFRIEND** MOSUL 980 MOUNTAIN STREAMING **RESPECT AND LOVE** RUNNING BETWEEN THE CRACK OF TIME RUNNING FEASTS SINGERS ON GRASS LANDS (EP1) RUNNING FEASTS SINGERS ON GRASS LANDS (EP 2) THE INTELLIGENCE! THE COUNTERATTACK OF ROBOTS THE KNOT THE MOST MAGNIFICENT THING THREE KINGDONS VIVA DIVA WAKING UP WHITE WORKING ON AIR

STUDENT FILMS

EXPEND IN HIS PLACE LAKESHORE BLUES MARCHING FORWARD XRAYSPEX



OFFICIAL SELECTION- SCREENPLAYS

FEATURE SCREENPLAYS



1000 , The Sword in the Stone - Guido Giordano Beauties in Dunbar – Jie Lin, Zhu Lin
Bloody Battle in Hulang Town – Guoyuan Zhang Deadly Attack – Paul Paseli
Distant Mother - Ran Chen, Shaohua Wu
Dong Brocade as the Song - Youjing Yao
Flying Bird's Diary – Melissa Zobel
Huli Huli Moon – Jo Danieli
Leyou Soul – Yike Yu, Weizhu Yu
One China – John Martins III
Runaway Cruise – Theodore Carl Soderberg Take the Shot– Jim Norman
The Medici Diamonds – Rosalind Resnick, Ciro De Martino Wedding on Horseback – Xiaoxiao Wang



SHORT SCREENPLAYS

Argun Lover – Yang Bai Eternal Life London Adventure – Yaohua Zhang Heart Sounds – Yun Ruan, Wenkai Sheng, Qiji One Minute Mystery – Mike Shields II The King of Mermaids – Yaohua Zhang The Light Dares to Desert Me – Eriah Howard Thirteenth Date – Qiji, Yuanhao Chen

ORIGINAL FILM SONGS

52 Hertz - Sheng Dong | 3:31| Pop Filial Piety In the World - Meng Zhang & Jiandong Yang | 5:40 | Folk & Pop Lone Dreamer - Aldo Cocco | 3:15 | New-Age Music Spring in the New Century - Hui Wang & Jingrou Yao| 3:15 | Pop This is Our Time - Debra Gussin | 4:00 | Pop You Stay With Me in The Heaven - Nanzhou Wang & Lei Song | 3:00 | Pop

SPECIAL SCREENINGS

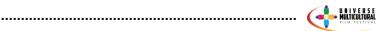


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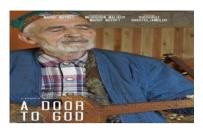
USA | 90 min Feature | Comedy

Director Brian Connors **Producers** David Lockhart, Susan Pattis, Lynn Tang, Dahlia Waingort **Cast** Ed Asner, Helen Reddy, Mark Rydell

A wild, wacky, irreverent, 88 minute "mock-umentary" about the actual making of the movie.



OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



A DOOR TO GOD

USA | 13min Short | Music | Culture | History Director/Writer/Producer Maruf Noyoft

A personal meditation on music, history and tradition. *A Door to God* depicts the unique culture of Southeastern Tajikistan, focusing on the relationship between the Pamirirabob, a lute-like string instrument native to the region, and the people who have been playing it for centuries.

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A PROMISE OVER 65 YEARS

China | 87min Feature | Documentary | Biography

Director Miao Kou Writer Tingjin Xing, Yuting Wang Producers Zhendong Pu Animator Tao Hong, Bai Xiao Cast Xinfeng Qiao, Yanmei Wang, Yahan Yang

This documentary film tells the story of Zongying Ji, a daughter-in-law took the last words from her father-in-law, to take care of her blind brother-in-law and has been keeping the promise for over 65 years

ACHENTANNOS

ADAM

Italy|19min Short | Drama Director/Writer/Producer Antonio Maciocco Cast Giulio Pau, Daniela Simula, Feferica Seddaiu, Michele Vargiu, Sara Perantoni

A very old man, just about to become 100 year old, has had enough of living. The unexpected arrival of a granddaughter will give him back his will of living and loving.

Producer/Artist Valerio Piccolo



A sophisticated cartoon



ANNA (KIDNAPPER)

Italy | 4 min Short | Music Video Director/Writer Francesca Zanni

The official music video of Adam by Valerio Piccolo

Japan | 27min Short | Animation | Comedy | Drama | Romance | Crime | Fantasy Director/Producer/Writer Kaichi Sato

196X. Anna, an enigmatic and attractive professional kidnapper abducts The Professor during his wedding ceremony on request of his ex-girlfriend. This woman, whose face Anna has never seen, wishes to die with The Professor. Leaving the church with The Professor, Anna starts on the journey to the fictional city of "Alpha Paris".

BEYOND THE BORDERS

USA | 8min Short | Music Video

Director /Producer Susan Cohen, Daniel Kantor **Writer** Susan Cohen **Cast** Nano el Raies, Ahmad al Haggar, Olivia Swann, Tracy Robertson, Brian Mowat

This music video, which features the song *Beyond the Borders* by Susan Cohen, sheds light on the Syrian Refugee Crisis that has seen six million people flee their homes since 2011. This is the story of one Syrian Family.



OFFICIALSELECTIONS



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BLACK WATER

India | 6min Short | Youth-Made Film | Documentary Director/Writer/Producer Tanmay Srivastava

A documentary about The Cellular Jail, situated 630 miles away from mainland India in The Andaman and Nicobar Islands. During the rule of the British Empire in India in the early 19th century, the Indian nationalists and freedom fighters were brought there and tortured through various forms of maltreatment and punishments.

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BILLY BABA AND THE SLAVE GIRL

USA|5min Short | Family | Drama Director/Writer/Producer Rob Schmidt Cast Miriam Katz, Kurt Hathaway

A boy wants to quit the school play and his mother must find out why.





USA | 13min Short | Drama Director/Writer/Producer Mike Peters Producer Jerry Gostin, Ash Francis Cast Brandy Zapata, Alfonso Caballero, Cayla Black

When a couple decides to let another woman into their relationship, they are rocked to the core and are left attempting to pick up the pieces.



BURYING MITCHELL USA | 23min Short | Drama

Director/Writer Sam Williamson Producer Deb Williamson, Cameron Logan Cox Cast Sharon Conley, Sarah McGuire

Two women meet at the funeral of their ex-husband. In order to collect a \$1 million life insurance policy, they must bury him by hand.



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CHASE

USA| 82min Feature | Action

Director/Writer/ Producer Michael Matteo Rossi Producers Katrina Nelson, Jane Badler Cast Damien Puckler, Aries Spears, Jessica Morris, Skye Townsend, Richard Riehle

Chase is a hit man whose mentor, Miles, looks at him like a golden racehorse. Things start to strain between the two once Chase's girlfriend Blair tries to form a wedge between them. Miles concocts a plan to keep Chase in line which results in absolute chaos for all parties.

CHRONIQUE

France | 5min Short | Comedy | Thriller Director/Writer Donnadieu Ingrid Producer Gras Nicolas Cast Donnadieu Ingrid, NjoLobbé Daniel, Garijo Emmanuel

Sandrine receives a mysterious text message, a mysterious post card in her mailbox and finds the door of her apartment opened when she arrives...



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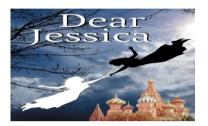
COMMENT TE TRADUIRE (HOW CAN I TELL YOU)

Italy | 5min Short | Music Video

Director /Producer/ Animation Barbara Creutz Composer/Vocalist Lembe Lokk Video Image Nasr Djepa Color Corrections Ollivier Legurun

The words and woes of exile by Estonian poet-singer Lembe Lokk. How Can I Tell You is her sentimental journey through language and imagery.

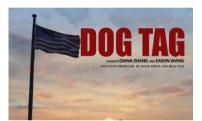
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DEAR JESSICA

Russia | 9min Short | Drama | Romance | Action **Director/ Producer** Alina Reyzelman

This short film follows Anna, a young woman who is fighting for her rights to be herself. She is gay, grieving and desperate for society to understand her point of view. However, society is only interested in its own agenda and only wants to break and change Anna in the way they see fit.



DOG TAG

USA | 14min Short | Youth-Made Film | Drama | History | War Directors Diana Zhang, Eason Wang Writer Diana Zhang Producers Miao Tian, Wei Wang Cast Ruixuan Zhao, John Carney

The short film "Dog Tag" was adapted by Diana Zhang's original short story "The Monument". A young girl who experiences her father's death from war now understands the mental and emotional pain that all soldiers must endure. This is her story.



EXPEND

USA | 4 min Short | Student Film | Stop Motion Director/Writer/Producer Bismark Fernandes Co- Producer Jahnvi Shah

A stop-motion film about a man's endless hunt for elusive energy sources in a decaying world.



FORTY SONGS OF YUNMENG

China | 76 sec Short | Animation | History | Mythology Director Jason Hu Writer Yunmeng Program Group Producer Edward Shi

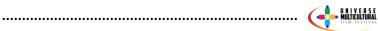
A goddess in Chinese mythology, Nyu-Wa, created two different kinds of lives as human and elf. During the Wu Zetian period in Tang dynasty, a girl who was a fox-turned-elf, has been making friends in both human and elf world. She helped the human to fight with the ancient evil spirit, represented the sincere friendships between human and elf.



FRIENDS LIKE THESE

Canada | 53 min Feature | Drama

Director / Producer Zoran Dragelj **Screenwriter** Josh Romyn , David Laurence **Cast** Jillian Zavazal, KiranMadahar, Josh Romyn, David Laurence After his relationship falls apart, Sal and his two best friends decide to rent a house on the island, in an attempt to get him out of his slump. The girls' attempt to help Sal results in excessive drinking, late nights, and mild debauchery.



OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



GLITTER MODEL

Brazil | 21min Short | TV Episode | Youth | Fashion Director Angelo Nunes Producers André Nunes Cast Luiza Porto, Rebeca Zadra

An animated series that uses fashion as a backdrop for telling the adventures of Clara and her best friends Valentine and Giovanna. As the girls navigate the modeling industry, they learn valuable lessons of discipline, responsibility and commitment. This empowering series encourages all girls to recognize the inner beauty that lives inside us all.

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HEARTACHE

UK | 4 min Short | Music Video

Director Katherine Evans Producer Josh Bamber Cast Christen Kwame

A heartbroken man portraying a message of pure emotion. We face pain along and this is shown as the artist walks a lonely path pouring his heart out amongst the beauty and healing surrounding of nature.



HEAR YOUR LOVE

China | 31min Short | Drama Director/Writer Lei Song Producer Lei Song, Ping An Cast Xinsen Wang, Ruotong Bian Leilei, a 6-year-old girl who is deaf, has a hard time during her social life. Leilei's grandpa sold his precious redwood tree and bought Leilei audiophones for a better future.



HOUSE

China | 21min Short | Drama Director Quanlin Li Writer Xiaodong Liu, Wei Feng Producer Chengli Ma Cast Jiatai Cui, Jinkai Kang, Shan Su, Yuxin Wang

A son went back to his countryside hometown and asked his father for 100,000 CNY for a house to get married. His father sold everything he prepared for his retired life and gave the money to the son. Later the son got his house for his marriage and lived a happy life, but where is the father's happiness?



HUMBLE WOLD - ALL THE WAY

USA | 4min Short | Music Video Director Robert Helmuth

Music Video for a Local Sacramento, CA band. Made on a shoestring budget without sacrificing production quality.



IN HIS PLACE

Isreal | 24 min Short | Student Film | Family | Drama Director/ Producer/ Writer Ofir Feldman Producer Ilana Gold Cast Doraid Liddawi

Omar arrives to his parents' house with the baby girl of her beloved woman, Ma'ayan, who had passed away. The unexpected visit opens Omar's wounds and brings up the old tension between him and his parents.



OFFICIAL SELECTIONS



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LAKESHORE BLUES

USA | 6 min Short | Student Film | Drama Director Vivian Ip

Stranded in the wilderness during a road trip, two friends are forced to confront their past feelings and salvage what remains of their friendship.



LOVE AND WARM

USA | 8min Short | Drama

Cast Summer Wei, Ziqing Zhang

MAMA

China | 34min Short | Drama Director Shanshan Yang Writer Guowei Shen Shanshan Yang Producer Binghui Yan Cast Quan Zhang, Yingxi Chen, Xinxin Jiang, Chengxiang Liu, Kai Wang, Yutong Ma

Based on a real story about how a SGCC employee turned to be an excellent loving mom.









MARCHING FORWARD

USA | 61 min Feature | Student Film | History | African American | Civil Rights Director/ Producer Oswmer Louis Co- Directors Dr. Lisa Mills, Dr. Robert Cassanello

Director/ Producer/ Writer Jesse Stewart Producer Alexander Rhodes-Wilmere

A vagrant prostitute struggles to care for an abandoned baby through a night in Beijing.

This film is the history of two dedicated high school band directors – one black, one white – inspired by music to cross color lines in the Deep South and work together for the sake of their students. Resulting in a once in a lifetime experience for Orlando's black and white students.

MILFRIEND

USA | 37min Short | Comedy Director /Producer Judy Kwon, Richard Henkels Writer Judy Kwon Producer Anton Laines Cast Aris Alvarado, Berna Roberts, CueteYeska, Delany Ashley, John Fukuda, Maunel Milan

Pepper is an obtuse triangle in a circular world and she never got along with chicks but when she gets knocked up she is forced to friend crazy-ass moms.

MOSUL 980

Iraq |10min Short | Action | Violence | War Director/Writer Ali Mohammed Saeed Writer Mustafa SattarJabbar Producer Huda Al Kadhimi, Hikmat Al-Beedhan Cast Redhab Ahmad, MohanadHayal

A 17 year old kidnapped Yazidi girl disguised in ISIS uniform tries to escape from ISIS. She finds no way to break free, but a military vehicle set on explosives.



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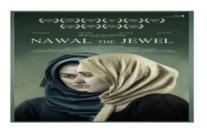
MOUNTAIN STREAMING

China | 24 min Short | Documentary

DirectorDawei WuWriterMuteng Gu, Zhaoshuang Hu, Zhuangshi WuProducerWei ChenCastWeihua Gao

This documentary is about an art collector Mr. Weihua Gao. Among his whole life, he was trying everything he could to collect all the national art pieces. He planned to build up a museum to exhibit these collections to the society for free.

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NAWAL THE JEWEL

India | 121min Feature | Family | Drama Director/Writer/Producer Renjilal Damodaran

A 23-year-old Irani lady named Jabari has been raped by an intelligence bureau officer and in turn she decides to murder him. Even through the human rights have interfered to try and save her from the law but to no avail. The Irani government makes the decision to hang her till death.



NICOTEEN

USA | 7min Short | Youth-Made Film | Youth Drama Director/ Writer Ethan J. Lee Producer Charles Son, Shanah Park Cast Ryan Doane, Kia Matpour

As seen through the eyes of students Ryan and Kia, NicoTeen gives an unbiased and raw perspective on their experiences vaping. Deep insights begin to emerge through their eyes such as the complexities of vape culture, trends, fads, flavors and the social bonds that form.

Out of Chaos

OUT OF CHAOS

Haiti | 70 min Feature | Documentary Director Pascal Giacomini Producer Carine Fabius

The story of an artist's journey in Haiti.



OUT OF THE WAY

USA | 5min Short | Music Video Director/Writer/Producer Dana Graham Phelps Cast Angela Tagliavia

A protest music video about being starved, beaten, defrauded, censored and given rape trauma syndrome by libel of a competing publication.



QIANG'S JOURNEY

China | 82 min Feature | Documentary Director/Writer Tunzi Gao Producer Jianjun Lei, Jin Peng Cast Guisheng Yang, Yongxue Yang, Desheng Yang, Decai Yuan, Qunxin Yang

The Qiang Tribe, one of China's ethnic minorities was heavily affected by the 2008 Wenchuan Earthquake. After the earthquake they migrate to their new home. Eight years pass, but Guisheng does not sense the presence of their ancestors and so he embarks on a journey to bring them home.



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RUNNING FEST SINGERS ON GRASS LANDS (EPISODE 1 & 2)

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China | 26min / Episode Short | TV Episode | Documentary Director/ Producer Kunshi Writer Qiping Ren

In Xinjiang, singing not only their way of life but also their way to communicate with heaven. It is the root of their art and also the origin of their soul.











RESPECT AND LOVE

USA | 15min Short | Documentary **Director** Angelique Webster

It has been said that Gloria was the first African-American woman to sue the Catholic Church. *Respect and Love* is a short experimental documentary in which the film-maker sits down with her mother, 30 years later, to gain insight on how those experienced have shaped her mother's life.

ROMANCE OF NOBLE MAN

China | 107 minFeature | Opera | DramaDirector Jianying HanWriterZhou LuoProducerGuoping Ji, Zhengcheng LiCastZhengcheng Li, Zhuonan Zhang, Ruilian Ge, Hai Wang, Jun Chen, Jun Sheng

During the Eastern Jin Dynasty, a powerful minister named Wen Heng was planning to take over the emperor. In order to do so, the emperor has to hand his crown over to Heng. Prior to the emperor's decision, he calls upon An Xie who must now decide the fate of their country.

RONDO: BEYOND THE PAVEMENT

USA | 34min Short | Youth-Made Film | Documentary

Directors Bianca Rhodes, Katharine DeCelle, Jevrye Morris, Angelo Bush, Charles Fuller, Amina DeLeon, Jose Quintanilla, Yevrah Bradley, Deonte Jones, Destiny Roberts, Darius Gray, Jasmine McBride, Harvey Bradley, Georgia Fort

In the 1920s, Rondo was flourishing with music, theater and writing. Businesses were booming until September of 1956 when construction of Interstate 94 tore through the Rondo community. This is their story.

RUNNING BETWEEN THE CRACK OF TIME

USA | 25min Short | Drama Director YichengXue Writer ZhenghanShuai Producer Yibo Fan Cast Bryan Jansyn, Emilie Rose Danno

Jack, who comes to Chicago to find his ex-girlfriend, accidently saves Mae who is running away from a Chinese gangster. The two cannot face the fact that they are falling in love because they are both still stuck in the past. Will they be able to get over the past when they cross paths once again?

SCEPTER

USA/UK | 18min Short | Youth-Made Film | Adventure **Director** Ben Keeline

Two schools across the globe create a film together. One school is in Fareham, England. The other is in Cottonwood, California.



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SHUT UP, I'M ON A ROLL

Spain | 5minShort | Music VideoDirector/WriterOscar MartinWriter/Executive ProducerProducerElena MuñosCastCastAna Del Arco, Ray Singleton, David Tortosa

A nice, naive girls walks into a casino as luck kisses her only token when she makes her bet at the roulette. She wins! So she bets again and continues to win over and over. This drives the attention of a handsome bon-vivant guy. Who will be the winner? Roll the dice, roll the film!

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SOUTH CENTRAL STATE OF MIND

USA | 5min Short | Music Video **Director/Writer/Producer** Timur Bootzin **Writer** V.O.T.G (Voice of the Ghetto) **Producer** Dan Bootzin, Elizabeth Bootzin, Jose Delgado **Cast** Albert Diaz, Fernando Flores, Jose Delgado, Andrew Diaz

V.O.T.G (Voice of the Ghetto) takes you on a journey through the South Central State of Mind.

SPIT & HONEY

Japan | 80 min Feature | Eroticism | Drama

Director/Producer Kenji Maki Executive Producer Masashi Hikita Producer Yoosa Sul, Koichi Shimizu, Yusuke Kobara, Seiji Fujii, Maki Yamanaka

Yoshiyuki, a bored university student, filles his dull and inadequate days with sex and Pachinko (a Japanese gambling game). Until one day he meets Nobu, a class mate from junior high, who introduces him to beat boxing. Yoshiyuki finally finds his purpose in music, but is suddenly thrust into a dangerous world when he crosses paths with a drug dealer.



Australia | 63 min Feature | Action | Adventure

Director/Writer/Producer Daniel Okoduwa Director Mike Kang Cast Felino Dolloso

A boat of refugees and asylum seekers make it to a remote uninhabited part of Australia, only to realize Hell has just begun. Nations that once offered hope are now burning with hate. The mass exodus of people becomes inevitable when lands become inhospitable.



A FILM BY SCRUM FINITIATINATION SURVIVE OR DIE

THE COMPLEX

USA | 2min Short | Youth-Made Film

Director/Writer/Producer Riley Thomas Stewart Cast Jason Curran, Sophie Ann McCoy

A test subject is presented with the opportunity of a lifetime.



THE INTELLIGENCE! THE COUNTERATTACK OF ROBOTS

Japan | 20min Short | Cartoon | Adventure | Drama Director/Writer/Producer SuiseiHoshii Producer Reiko Himeji, KiyoshiCast Misako Hashimoto, Yoko Tsumura, Ryuji Inoue

This story takes place in the near future. Environmental pollution cause by nuclear waste has led to many cities on Earth to becoming extinct. People cannot live without wearing protective clothing, so they have started to look for another star on which to live peacefully.



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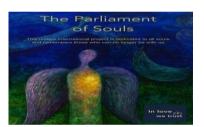
China | 20 min Short | Drama Director Loten Cast

The story is about ordinary herdsman livestock by slaughtering animals (yak) in winter season. The contradiction between Ren Mao and family and the inner contradiction of Kun Tai are combined into one. The potential floating conflict is reintegrated with natural and supernatural phenomena. And Kun Tai fell into doubting plot again!

THE MOST MAGNIFICENT THING

Canada | 22min Short | Inspirational | Cartoon | Youth Director Arna Selznick Writer John Van Bruggen Producer Pamela Slavin, Lynne Warner, Doug Murphy, Ashley Spires, Scott Dyer Cast Whoopi Goldberg, Alison Pill, Lilly Bartlam, Tony Daniels.

An inspirational story about a little girl and her pet dog. With her creative spirit, they determined to make great things together. When she receives her tool kit, the little girl sets out to make the most magnificent thing – but it's not as easy as she thinks!



THE PARLIAMENT OF SOULS

Czech Republic | 3min Short | Music Video Director/Writer/Producer Mikoláš Orlický Writer Vladimir Van Maula Producer/Music By Zdeněk Beran Lyrics Michal Horáček Cast Ivana Chýlková, Zuzana Šimáková

This international project is dedicated to all those who can no longer be with us. We hope to remind everyone to be grateful for the gift of our ancestors and important people in society.



THE PORTRAIT OF MY MOTHER

China | 90 min Feature | **Director** Guohua Zhao **Writer** Bingyi Zhang **Producer** Xingyuan Hai **Cast** Meng Wang, Yue Guo, Liya Ai

With his promise to the Mongolian old man, and with the purpose to solve the questions in his heart, the painter started his trip to look for his mother.





THE STORY OF TURBAN

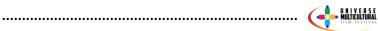
India | 6min Short | Youth-Made Film | Documentary Director/Writer/Producer Tanmay Srivastava

A documentary on the history of different styles of turbans in India from the North to the South.

THREE KINGDOMS

China | 70 sec Short | Animation | History Director/Writer/Producer Edward Shi

During the three kingdoms period, all the warriors have their own fate and destiny. They have to tell the truth from the fake by their own intelligence. Each frame expressed the unique personalities inside different characters. This film will bring the real three kingdoms period back on the screen..



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THREE WOMEN

USA | 71 min Feature | Documentary | Biography Director Anthony Rizzo Writer/Producer Linda Tate Cast Linda Tate, Beth Watson, Gail Parrish

This documentary film tells the story of three African- American women: Gail Parrish, a playwright, Linda Tate, a musician, and Beth Watson, a dancer. The film explores the current creative pursuits of these women, interspersed with their perspectives on growing up in segregated communities and how racism has affected their families.





TORONTO TABLA ENSEMBLE: FACEOFF

Canada | 5min Short | Music Video Director/Writer/Producer Melissa Das-Arp

Four musicians try to evoke a beautiful dancer for an intense rhythmic faceoff.

VIVA DIVA

USA | 15min Short | Drama | Road Trip Director/Writer/Producer Daniel Flores Cast Mya Taylor, Lilly Warhammer, Joseph Runningfox

Rozene and Diva make their way down to Guadalajara for their gender affirmation surgeries. Rozene stops in on her father to try and get answers about their fractured relationship, but drama stands in the way of her getting the closure she seeks.



VOICE SURROUNDING THE CITY

USA | 8min Short | Music Video Director Rafael Fernanz Composer/Pianist Maria Rago

Inspired by the "Sermon of the Mount" with original lyrics. A metaphorical journey through a city, the soul of an unknown poet and the music of a pianist who is "watching" the city from a small room suspended between the immense sky and giant skyscraper. At the end of a journey of life, what really matters is the love we give to others and also to our enemies.





WAKING UP WHITE

USA | 38min Short | TV Episode | Comedy | Drama Director/Writer/Producer Jason Gregory Producers Julie Walsh Cast Essex O'Brien, Sarah Vaughn Perry, Sean Philippe, Shardell Haralson, Eddie Wilson

A Black family wakes us White and has 30 days to decide if they want to stay as such. As they awaken, their old neighborhood is in the early stages of gentrification. Whatever decision they make will impact their beloved community of Wellsville.

WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED

USA | 5min Short | Music Video Director Lara Lavi Jones, Wayne Rutledge Writer Tae Phoenix, Maurice Jones Jr. Producer Lara Lavi Jones, Tae Phoenix

Singer Songwriter Tae Phoenix has adapted the classic civil rights song, "We Shall Not Be Moved" with producer Maurice Jones Hr. and vocal director Josephine Howell. The video reminds us of what is at stake in our political climate.



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WEDDING DRESS

China | 94 min Feature **Director/Writer** Jingquan Peng **Producer** Meiyin Ma **Cast** Thomas, Ying Long, Aixian Wu, Shisanmei, Chashan Wu

A professor from the United States, Thomas, has been looking for the traditional Miao Xiu (Ethnic Sewing Skill) in Hunan Province and found the reality of Miao Xiu heritage.



WHAT BECOMES OF THE BROKEN HEARTED

USA | 5min Short | Music Video Director Damon Jones, Songwriting Shane Producer Marco Sonzini, Vanil Veigas Writer William Weatherspoon, Paul Riser, James Dean Musicians Songwriting Shane, Josh Freeze, Marco Sonzini

Official music video of What Becomes of the Broken Hearted.



WORKING ON AIR

Australia | 27min Short | Drama | Road Movie | Sports **Director** Robbin D. Li **Producer** 창희 고

A man comes to Australia on a working holiday, full of home. Within a day of arrival he loses all of his possessions and struggles to find the meaning of life. He finds a new life through sky diving.

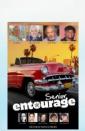


XRAYSPEX

USA | 3 min Short | Student Film | Crime | Mystery Director/Writer/Producer Lovage Sharrock

In this little vignette, teenage Lily sometimes sees thing not meant for her eyes when entrusted with running her family's vacation rental.







MAEYA FILMS

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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SCREENPLAYS

FEATURE SCREENPLAYS

1000, **The Sword in the Stone (Guido Giordano)** – When Jack is sucked into the body of San Galgano, they learn of Alferius' failed attempt to align a magic sword with the shrines of the Archangel Michael. They inherit the mission and must fight to return home.

Beauties in Dunbar (Lin Jie, Lin Zhu) – Two sisters, separated in their youth, meet years later with no knowledge of the other. The two find themselves as enemies but later discover the truth. A story that takes a closer look at Jiarong Tibetan culture of Dunbar Women.

Bloody Battle in Hulang Town (**Guoyuan Zhang**) - Master Ma rose to power when he hired assassins to kill the magistrates of Zhendong Country. His cruel government was thriving until a young student, Zhao Yunlong, comes along to bring him to justice.

Deadly Attack (Paul Paseli) – The leader, Mohammed Abdulkadir Ali, of a radical Islamic terrorist group lures a Russian Physician, Dr. Voskoboynikov, to carry out a deadly attack. A young marine is in pursuit of the culprits and has two hours before a deadly consequence.

Distant Mother (Ran Chen, Shaohua Wu) – Xiaoqing became taciturn after his parent's divorce. Several close friends who all found themselves in the same situation, decided to use their love to bring their parents back together in a story of love and happiness.

Dong Brocade as the Song (Youjing Yao) – The 'Dragon and Phoenix' long scroll that Dong brocade brought to Tongdao country brought mysterious colors to the red tourism culture. A sad and beautiful love song that connects the stories of two Dong generations.

Flying Bird's Diary (Melissa Zobel) - The diary of a determined 19th c. Native American woman propels her people's dying language and ancient beliefs into the future.

Huli Huli Moon (Jo Danieli) – A reclusive Hawaiian local (Jeremy, 42) is pursued by his quirky new neighbor (Rita, 63) on the island of Maui with the intention to make him the next big star of a new TV- cooking show.

Leyou Soul (Yike Yu, Weizhu Yu) – A Bouyei youth named Huang Ahao joins the Chinese Expeditionary Army in Burma and must fight through the terrors of war in order to reunite with his love, Ayi. With the Leyou that Ayi gave him, Huang must lead the army home.

One China (John Martins III) – A young Chinese basketball player struggles to stay focused on schoolwork while dealing with his parents' separation and death of his best friend.

Runaway Cruise (Theodore Carl Soderberg) - When a cruise ship on a course of remembrance and healing takes a wrong turn when a toxic cloud kills half the crew. One veteran, and his grandson but bring the ship home safely.

Take the Shot (Jim Norman) – A black family with an athletically gifted daughter is forced to move from Houston to North Dakota because of a corporate promotion. Family, race and gender issues are tested in the culture of the family's new and temporary move.

The Medici Diamonds (Rosalind Resnick, Ciro De Martino) – Lucy Lee, an ambitious young Chinese art restorer is assigned to restore a blackened cross that was burned many years ago but Savonarola. With the help of her co-workers, Lucy will begin to unravel the medieval mystery of the Medici Diamonds.

Wedding on Horseback (Xiaoxiao Wang) – Aoer Qilang is a Mongolian musician whose wishes to pass along the tradition of Mongolian singing. He falls in love with Wu Rena, a girl who is fighting a life threatening cancer. These two must now fight for each other.

SHORT SCREENPLAYS

Argun Lover (Yang Bai) – Huangshan, a young man from southern China, travels to the northeast Argun grasslands for work. There, he meets the love of his life, Da Mala. But Huangshan's pursuit for Da Mala are thwarted by Ivan who also has eyes for Da Mala.

Eternal Life London Adventure (Yaohua Zhang) - Tiangong Hua gained eternal life in the Western world and was guided to London where he found the Eternal tree names Wintersweet. This is his adventure.

Heart Sounds (Yun Ruan, Wenkai Sheng, Qiji) – Wen Le, a talented rock star, and his Landslide Band had everything but an accident changed it all. When Wen becomes a music therapist, he discovers the healing power of music and reconnects with his estranged father.

One Minute Mystery (Mike Shields II) - A bartender opens his bar and is ready for another typical day when a man stumbles in with a wound and dies. The bartender decides to try and catch the culprit. If you have a minute to solve a mystery, could you do it?

The King of Mermaids (Yaohua Zhang) - A passionate sea-explorer, chosen by underwater creatures to stop illegal fish hunting, was transformed into a merman. With his new identity, he is able to save the lives of the underwater creatures and finds love along the way.

The Light Dares to Desert Me (Eriah Howard) - Sins of a Man's past make it difficult for his family to adjust to their new life.

Thirteenth Date (Qiji, Yuanhao Chen) – Wu Wenjing has always been a career oriented women, but as her 30s are fast approaching, she finds herself yearning for love and a family of her own. With the help of her friend, Chang Le, she tries to find love, but discoverers that it has been close to her all along.

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