



Celebrating our 10th year! Venues include: Film.ca Cinemas, the Five Drive In, and Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts

GALA SCREENING AT THE FIVE DRIVE-IN OAKVILLE

Wednesday June 21st

Opening Night: THE BEEHIVE (in partnership with Grandmother's Voice, 101 Deweguns, The Five Drive-In)

Canadian Premiere

Canada | SciFi / Drama | 1hr 26m

[Trailer](#)

The Beehive tells the story of an inquisitive young girl, her angsty teenage brother, and her self-righteous father who put their family conflicts aside in the face of a pandemic alien invasion. A series of unexplainable comets explode in the skies above the Piers family farm where widowed father, Frank, lives with his two children, Arron and Rosemary. The next morning, Rosemary discovers an unusual nest growing on a big leaf Maple tree and documents its rapid growth with her handycam, naming the hive 'B'.

Director: Alexander Lasheras

Starring: Meadow Kingfisher, Kaydin Gibson, Stephen JF Walker, Tina Giorgieva, Todd Hann

FILM FACT: The Beehive was selected for support in the first round of Game Theory Films' Black, Indigenous and People of Colour Distribution Fund, receiving service support for visual effects from MARZ and an in-kind equipment package from William F. White

Q&A: Includes Director/Writer Alexander Lasheras, Producers Mike Johnston and Arun Fryer

Special Event: Event will include a Traditional Opening Ceremony, Indigenous Film, Food, shopping, Drumming and more.

SHORT FILMS: All World Premieres: 101 Deweguns (dir. Jarrod Stark, Jess Boulay), P.S. Stop Crying (dir. Makayla Nott), Follow (dir. Brent Beauchamp)

GALA SCREENINGS AT THE OAKVILLE CENTRE FOR PERFORMING ARTS

Thursday, June 22nd

THURSDAY NIGHT GALA RED CARPET: THE YEAR OF THE DOG (Eastern Canadian Premiere)

Gala accompanied by Oscar Themed Music medley from Intrada Brass, + dance performance from Oakville's own Cydnee Abbott (Canada's Got Talent finalist)

THE YEAR OF THE DOG

Eastern Canadian Premiere

USA | Drama | 1hr 37m

[Trailer](#)

Synopsis: Matt, a loner alcoholic at rock bottom, struggles to maintain sobriety for 30 days so he can honor his mother's dying wish, to visit her in hospice, sober. His book-thumping AA sponsor, Fred, offers him refuge at his farm, where Matt meets Yup'ik, a stray dog -- played by a real-life Husky rescue -- with a unique athletic talent. The man and dog relationship is challenging at first, but with the help of a close-knit Montana community, the two strays find a connection and discover what it takes to pull through to the finish line.

Director: Robert Grabow, Michael Peterson, Andrew McGinn

Starring: Robert Grabow, Michael Spears, Jon Proudstar

FILM FACT: The dog in the film is a Siberian husky named Caleb, who was rescued in partnership with an organization in California where he lives now. At the end credits the movie details "In Memory of Lulu", in tribute to Tatum's late dog Lulu. This movie is in celebration of his last road trip with Lulu before she died from cancer.

SHORT FILMS: The Adventures of Marg - New Wheels (dir. Chloë Clune), Demon Box (dir. Sean Wainstein)

Q&A: Live with Rob Grabow, Actor, Dir/Producer/actor (plays Matt in the film) and others from the film

Friday, June 23rd

FRIDAY OPENING NIGHT GALA RED CARPET: POLARIZED

Canadian Theatrical Premiere

Canada | Drama | 1hr 44m

[Trailer](#)

Synopsis: Lisa, an aspiring songwriter, whose farming family has suffered foreclosure is forced to work at a new, 'urban farm' where she meets Dalia. Her casual racism leads her to be fired but the women end up drawn into a passionate affair.

Director: Shamim Sarif

Starring: Holly Deveaux, Maxine Denis

FILM FACT: Brooke Pallson is a singer/songwriter, and wrote much of the music for the film, and will perform at the Gala.

Q&A: includes Writer/Director Shamim Sarif, actresses Holly Deveaux, Maxine Denis, Producer Hanan Kattan, and actor/ singer/songwriter Brooke Pallson

Special Event: Singer/Songwriter Brooke Pallson will perform before the screening

SHORT FILMS: If You Were Me (dir. Ingrid Veninger)

FILMS AT FILM.CA CINEMAS

Saturday, June 24th 12:00 pm

Local Shorts Showcase

A selection of short films from Oakville and Halton-area filmmakers, including students from Sheridan College's Film & Television and Animation programs.

Films:

- Legacy Voices II (Dir. Akil Mackenzie)
- The Perfect Game (dir. David Cartwright)
- Boba (dir. Jasmine Bournes)
- Eye to Eye (dir. Violet Elliot, Katie Sawatzky)
- Blood of Ghent (dir. Erich Allan Foerster)
- Billy's Boring Ballad (dir. Kezia Angelica)
- Working Hard or Hardly Working (dir. Rin Jiang)
- One Happy Van (dir. Eden Wassermann)
- Legacy Voices 2 (dir. Akil Mackenzie)
- On the Haunt (dir. Joy Zhou)
- Mon Ami (dir. Michelle Chen)
- CNTRL (dir. Marco Ciardullo, Alex Laframboise)
- The Waves of Yesterday (dir. Clara Gehl)
- Spin Over (dir. Shazia Javed)
- Mothership (dir. Lydia Ramsey)

Q&A: TBC

Saturday, June 24th 12:30 pm

LANCASTER

UK | Documentary | 1hr 50m

Trailer

Synopsis: From the team behind SPITFIRE comes LANCASTER, the story of the iconic WW2 bomber told through the words of the last surviving crew members, re-mastered archive material and extraordinary aerial footage of the RAF's last airworthy Lancaster. Responsible for some of the most famous and infamous missions in WW2 history, from the Dambuster raids to the controversial bombing of Dresden, the Lancaster would help turn the tide of war. But there was a deadly price to be paid. 55,000 young men - half of all Bomber Command's aircrew - died over Nazi occupied Europe. Their average age was just 22. LANCASTER is an epic and poignant story of courage, fear, friendship and the moral complexities of war.

Director: David Fairhead, Ant Palmer

FILM FACT: The Lancaster Bomber was designed and manufactured by Avro and was produced in Canada. There are two planes left that can fly, one is in Hamilton, the other in the UK.

SHORT FILMS: Open Waters (dir. Santiago Belalcázar)

Q&A: live Q&A on Zoom with David Fairhead and Ant Palmer from the UK. Will also include experts from the Hamilton Aircraft Museum.

Special Event: If the weather is good, the OFFA publicity team Front Door PR has arranged for the Lancaster Bomber to fly over Film.ca Cinemas around the time of the screening of LANCASTER. If it rains, and has to be cancelled, the pilots will attend the screening and take part in the Q&A.

Saturday, June 24th 3:00 pm

DR. CLIFF - WORLDWIDE VET

World Premiere

Canada | Documentary | 1hr 5m

Trailer

Synopsis: Meet globe-trotting veterinarian, Dr. Cliff, and his daughter, Emily, who fight for animals' lives, anywhere in the world. After a young fox fights for its life in the surgery room, flat-lining, not once but twice, Emily and her father long for wildlife rescue work and travel abroad. After two years of waiting, the Redford's finally head back to India, where dogs, birds and monkeys, struggle with their lives, terrified by the fireworks of Diwali - The Festival of Lights.

Director: Diego A. Garcia

FILM FACT: On the second day of diwali, when the fireworks were at their grandest, Dr. Cliff stepped too close and an errant ember burnt the top of his head. His daughter Emily used her vet assistant training to treat her father's wound right there on the streets of Hyderabad, India. Diwali fireworks apparently are dangerous for both stray animals and stray veterinarians alike.

SHORT FILMS: Oasis in the Suburbs (dir. Marlon Porter), Application Denied (dir. Shayla Rowsell), The Pest (dir. Jungwoo Choi), Starry-Eyed Duckling (dir. Britney Luc)

Q&A: Includes Dr. Cliff, his daughter Emily and Director Diego Garcia

Special event: the Oakville and Milton Humane Society will be in the lobby during the screening.

Saturday, June 24th 3:30 pm

DOUBLE DOCS

BROKEN COURAGE

World Premiere

Canada/Cambodia | Documentary | 1hr 15m

Trailer

Synopsis: Broken Courage is a film about memory, history and reconciliation. It's about how trauma has touched us all, the interconnectivity of stories and their power to heal. Meet Suon Rottana, a teenage Khmer Rouge rebel, a soldier with the Cambodian army, a prisoner of war and a landmine amputee. Suon is a wounded man looking for redemption and reconciliation. His journey of reflection led him to share his story as a tour guide at several memorial war museums just outside the majestic temples of Angkor Wat in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Directors: David Peck, Nathanael Draper

FILM FACT: Director David Peck is from Oakville and is the director of social enterprise So Change, has a Masters Degree in Philosophy and is a published author.

SHORT FILMS: New Beginnings (dir. Evine Abbasy)

Q&A: Live with directors/writers David Peck and Nathaniel Draper

THE ADDRESS ON THE WALL

Canadian Premiere

Ukraine | Documentary | 1hr

Trailer

Synopsis: They say that truth is stranger than fiction and that fate writes the script better than any author. "The Address on the Wall" was finalized only after being altered by Russia's recent invasion of Ukraine. This changed the lives of many European countries and radically destroyed the romantic imagination of what could happen to humanity in the beginning of the twenty-first century. Connecting

the Babyn Yar massacre with the current tragedy, the film is a reflection on the past, and, at the same time, evidence of what is happening now in Ukraine.

Director: Serge Krutsenko

FILM FACT: Director Serge Krutsenko passed away in January of 2023, and was a composer, performer, and music producer in Ukraine, as well as a specialist in 3D shooting.

Q&A: TBC

Saturday, June 24th 6:00 pm

JURASSIC PUNK

USA | Documentary | 1hr 21m

[Trailer](#)

Synopsis: Steve 'Spaz' Williams is a pioneer in computer animation. His digital dinosaurs of JURASSIC PARK transformed Hollywood in 1993, but an appetite for anarchy and reckless disregard for authority may have cost him the recognition he deserved.

Director: Scott Leberecht

Starring: Steve SPAZ Williams

FILM FACT: Steve graduated from Sheridan's School of Animation in 1984, and is currently teaching in the USA.

Q&A: live virtual Q&A on Zoom with Steve SPAZ Williams and Scott Leberecht

SHORT FILMS: Karam Camera (dir. Liam LoPinto, Shaimaa Al Sabti, Hana Barhum), Artist's Alley (dir. Jenna Grace Defacendis)

Saturday, June 24th 6:30 pm

BLACKBERRY

Canada | Drama/Comedy | 2hr 1m

[Trailer](#)

Synopsis: A company that toppled global giants before succumbing to the ruthlessly competitive forces of Silicon Valley. This is not a conventional tale of modern business failure by fraud and greed. The rise and fall of BlackBerry reveals the dangerous speed at which innovators race along the information superhighway.

Director: Matt Johnson

Starring: Jay Baruchel, Matt Johnson, Glenn Howerton

FILM FACT: Even though their project was named after the Waterloo, Ont., invention that forever changed how we communicate, both the director and co-writer say they were less interested in the device itself than the story of the three men who were successful globally with Research in Motion.

SHORT FILMS: Psychosomatic (dir. Mia Corlett)

Q&A: Live with writer Matt Miller maybe Matt Johnson TBC

Saturday, June 24th 9:00 pm

A LITTLE PRAYER

CANADIAN PREMIERE

USA | Drama | 1hr 31m

Trailer

Synopsis: Tammy (Jane Levy) and husband David (Will Pullen) lead a quiet life in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, sharing a home with David's parents, Bill (David Strathairn) and Venida (Celia Weston). David and Bill work together and have always been closely involved in each other's lives. When Bill begins to suspect that David is straying in his marriage, he is drawn into a relationship minefield, caught between wanting to protect his amicable daughter-in-law and trying to understand his impulsive son. As Bill confronts the limits of patriarchal influence, he is also forced to reckon with disheartening behavioral patterns that may be transcending generations.

Director: Angus MacLaughlan (Junebug (2005), Stone (2010), starring Robert De Niro.

Starring: Jane Levy, Will Pullen, David Strathairn

FILM FACT: the film has a 92% audience score on Rotten Tomatoes and is generating early oscar buzz for 2024.

SHORT FILMS: Laundry (dir. Victoria Zubick, Sarah Gonyea), Claire (dir. Brooke Morgan)

Q&A: Pre-recorded Q&A with Writer/Director Angus MacLaughlan, actors Jane Levy (Evil Dead (2013), Will Pullen (The Unforgivable (2021), and Oscar-nominated actor David Strathairn (*Good Night and Good Luck, the Sopranos*)

Saturday, June 24th 9:30 pm

NOTRE DAME DE MONCTON

ONTARIO PREMIERE

Canada (Quebec) | Drama | 1hr 30m

[Trailer](#)

Synopsis: Anna (Laurie Gagné) is about to reconnect with Jason (Thomas Lapointe), the son she was forced to place for adoption almost 20 years ago. Stressed and unable to complete this meeting, she finds refuge hiding in the basement of an elderly couple. A dramatic event brings Anna to forge an impromptu relationship with Victorine (Louise Turcot). The strange cohabitation of these two women will help them find the courage to face their trials.

Director: Denise Bouchard

Starring: Laurie Gagné, Louise Turcot, Thomas Lapointe

FILM FACTS: This is the first role for Laurie Gagner, who plays Anna. Louise Turcot, who plays Victorine, and Gilles Renaud, who plays her husband Herge, are actually a couple. This movie is number 78 for Gilles Renaud. Denis Bouchard voluntarily limited dialogue in the movie to accentuate action, to allow the spectator to think about what is going on. The movie was shot in one month.

Q&A: [Virtual live Q&A with Director/Writer Denise Bouchard.](#)

Sunday, June 25th 11:30 am

DOUBLE INDIGENOUS DOCS

GCHI-JIMAAN-JIIME: COMPLETING THE VISION OF MARSHALL NADJIWON

CANADIAN PREMIERE

Canada | Documentary | 22m

Trailer

Synopsis: Last summer, Elder Justin Johnston asked Christopher and Natasha Akiwenzie to help honour his dear friend's vision. The Bagida'waad Alliance undertook organizing this sacred journey to raise awareness about the collapse of whitefish in Georgian Bay - a big canoe, family, friends, and community members came together with friendship and laughter to share this story with you.

Director: Christopher Douglas Akiwenzie

Q&A: will include Elder Justin Johnston, and Christopher and Natasha Akiwenzie

OUR TEACHER

Canada | Documentary | 59m

Trailer

Synopsis: Witness a cedar tree give life, transforming the world around it. "Our teacher" focuses on Coast Salish carver Beau Wagner. Beau was mentored by late Stz'uminus First Nation Master Carver Elmer Sampson. It was Elmer's wish that one day his traditional teachings could be passed on in hope of bringing understanding and respect for Coast Salish knowledge and revitalizing Coast Salish canoe culture. In September of 2021 Beau set out on a path to honour his teacher's wishes by carving a canoe on Gabriola Island, British Columbia (Canada) with the students at the local elementary School. As the children began to carve along with him, the cedar began releasing its life force, spreading waves of kindness, love, joy, and belonging.

Director: Phillip Vannini

FILM FACT: The subject of the film, Coast Salish carver Beau Wagner, was mentored by late Stz'uminus First Nation Master Carver Elmer Sampson. It was Elmer's wish that one day his traditional teachings could be passed on in hope of bringing understanding and respect for Coast Salish knowledge and revitalizing Coast Salish canoe culture.

SHORT FILMS: Kokum, With Love (dir. Kim Stadfeld)

Q&A: The subject of the film *Our Teacher*, Beau Wagner, will attend for the Q&A.

Sunday, June 25th 12:00 pm

Shorts for All Sorts

A selection of short films from Canada and beyond.

Films:

- Slam Dunk, Sehaj! (Canada, dir. Asis Sethi)
- Latchkey (Canada, dir. Nathalie Therriault)
- On Track (Canada, dir. Rachel Shen)
- Feeding Alaska (USA, dir. Liam Abbott, Collin Gaja, Calista Kirk, Isabella Miller)
- Tokens - Episode 202 (Canada, dir. Winnifred Jong)
- Negative Space (South Korea, dir. Jeonghui An)
- Who Is Downstairs on Christmas Day? (Canada, dir. Joshua Valente)
- INTRUDr (Canada, dir. Alex Darling)
- Begin Again (Canada, dir. Gabriel Venneri)
- The Moviegoer (Canada, dir. Ross Munro)
- The Cuban Way (Colombia, dir. David Alejandro Ospina)
- Past Bedtime (Canada, dir. Steven Ross)
- Under the Weather (Canada, dir. Saul Benavides)

Q&A: TBC

Sunday, June 25th 2:30 pm

THE FAMILY OF THE FOREST

Canada | Documentary | 1hr 25m

Trailer

Synopsis: Gérard Mathar and Catherine Jacob left family, friends and homeland for a life of self-sufficiency in the boreal forest of the Gaspé Peninsula, Québec. Now as their sons become adults, will the next generation also commit to a life bound to forest, land and sea? What makes the intense demands and sacrifices of this life worth it? What does it mean to truly appreciate and live with nature? And what can we learn from this inspiring family? The Family of the Forest ponders these questions with a poetic sensitivity while joining the Jacob-Mathar family at a pivotal time: as Côme, Ossyane, and Jonas emerge into adulthood and Gérard and Catherine complete an ambitious plan to keep sons close to family and forest.

Director: Laura Rietveld

FILM FACT: The film *Family of the Forest* was selected for First Pitch, Forum RIDM (2018), workshopped with Sundance Collab (2021, and has been 7 years in the making. Laura holds an MBA from the Ivey school of Business and a BA in History.

SHORT FILMS: Rooted in Art (dir. Makayla Hidalgo), In the Forest (dir. Poppi Fella Pellegrino, Harlow Castillo)

Q&A: Live virtual on ZOOM with Director Laura Rietveld

Sunday, June 25th 3:30 pm

COVEN

Canada | Documentary | 1hr 28m

[Trailer](#)

Synopsis: For centuries, witchcraft has been seen as suspicious, harmful and even evil, but millennials Laura, Andra and Ayo are part of a growing trend of reviving the practice and reclaiming re-owning the term witch. Although they each came to this part of their identity in different ways, all three embrace the powers of sorcery and magic in their lives. For these young witches, it's part of a feminist effort to de-stigmatize the craft and step into their own powers. Coven follows the women to Romania, Scotland and the southern United States as they learn more about their own wicca ancestors. Along the way, they discover surprising histories and connections that help them understand and channel their gifts. A film that attempts to undo a fraught view of witches and shines a light on a modern retake of an ancient worldwide practice

Director: Rama Rau

FILM FACT: Laura Hokstad, one of 3 witches profiled in the documentary, discovers through travels to Scotland and Salem, Massachusetts, that two of her ancestors were women actually accused of witchcraft.

Special Event: [Laura and Andra will perform Tarot card readings for attendees.](#)

SHORT FILMS: Not Yet (dir. Jeffrey Jones), Snake Sneak! (dir. Yaeseul (Ethel) Cho)

Q&A: [includes Writer/Director Rama Rau, Laura and Andra the subjects of the film.](#)

Sunday, June 25th 5:30 pm

THIS PLACE

Canada/Drama/

Regional Premiere (played TIFF)

[Trailer](#)

Synopsis: A coming-of-adulthood story about two women falling in love for the first time. As they grow closer, each is forced to confront their family histories in unexpected ways, while navigating multiple legacies of grief and love. **Cast:** Devery Jacobs (BLOOD QUANTUM), Priya Guns (TIDE OF LIES)

Director/Writer : [V.T. Nayani](#) **Writers:** [Golshan Abdmoulaie](#), [Devery Jacobs](#), [V.T. Nayani](#)

FILM FACT: This Place is the feature film debut for V.T. Nayani

SHORT FILMS: N'xaxaitkw (dir. Asia Youngman), To the Beyond (dir. Angie He)

Q&A: Live virtual on ZOOM tbc

Sunday, June 25th 6:00 pm

SCRAPPER

UK | Comedy/Drama | 1hr 24m

[Trailer](#)

Synopsis: In this vibrant and inventive father-daughter comedy, Georgie (Lola Campbell) is a dreamy 12-year-old girl who lives alone in her London flat, filling it with magic after the death of her mother. Out of nowhere, her estranged father Jason (Harris Dickinson) arrives and forces her to confront reality. Uninterested in this sudden new parental figure, Georgie is stubbornly resistant to his efforts. As they adjust to their new circumstances, Georgie and Jason find that both father and daughter still have a lot of growing up to do.

Director: Charlotte Regan

Starring: Harris Dickinson, Lola Campbell, Alin Uzun

FILM FACT: *Scrapper* earned the World Cinema Grand Jury Prize: Dramatic at the 2023 Sundance awards

SHORT FILMS: Little Bird (dir. Tee Schneider), Through the Attic's Eye (dir. Lily Zhang)

Q&A: TBC

Sunday, June 25th 8:30 pm

EXILE

Canada | Drama/Thriller | 1hr 47m

[Trailer](#)

Synopsis: Just prior to his release from prison, Ted Evans receives a threat from the man whose family he killed in a DUI - 'if you make contact with your family, I'll kill them'. Believing that the danger is real, Ted exiles himself to a reclusive life to protect his family. However, Ted's wife Sara knows the threat is merely a manifestation of her husband's profound guilt. Determined to rebuild their family, Sara tracks Ted down to confront him with hard evidence that the threat is imagined. But she has no idea just how unhinged he has become - or how real the threat may be.

Director: Jason James

Starring: Adam Beach, Camille Sullivan, Frances Flanagan, Ecstasia Sanders,

FILM FACT: From Manitoba, Anishinaabe actor Adam Beach has won many awards (Flags of our Fathers, Wind Talker, Cowboys and Aliens, the Power of the Dog) has been on an OFFA Q&A before, for the film Percy, from 2021. He showed up unexpectedly on the Q&A.

SHORT FILMS: Hamartia (dir. Nicole Sofia)

Q&A: Director Jason James and Adam Beach TBC

Sunday, June 25th 9:00 pm

MASTER GARDENER

USA | Thriller/Drama | 1hr 50m

[Trailer](#)

Synopsis: Directed by Academy Award® nominee Paul Schrader based on his original screenplay, MASTER GARDENER follows Narvel Roth (award-winner Joel Edgerton), the meticulous horticulturist of Gracewood Gardens. He is as much devoted to tending the grounds of this beautiful and historic estate, to pandering to his employer, the wealthy dowager Mrs. Haverhill (three-time Academy

Award® nominee Sigourney Weaver). When Mrs. Haverhill demands that he take on her wayward and troubled great-niece Maya (Quintessa Swindell) as a new apprentice, chaos enters Narvel's spartan existence, unlocking dark secrets from a buried violent past that threaten them all.

Director: Paul Schrader

Starring: Sigourney Weaver, Joel Edgerton, Quintessa Swindell

FILM FACT: Paul Schrader was nominated for an oscar for best writer for First Reformed in 2017. His strict, Calvinist parents did not allow him to watch a movie until he was 18.

SHORT FILMS: Cartography of a Woman (dir. Andressa Back)

Q&A: TBC

VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING (online only)

These films will be available until the end of June [online](#).

EVERYBODY WANTS TO BE LOVED

Germany | Drama | 1hr 20m

Regional Premiere

[Trailer](#)

Synopsis: A blisteringly hot summer day. Psychotherapist Ina notices something is wrong with her. But she doesn't have time to worry about it: Patients are waiting at the practice, her daughter is threatening to move in with her father, her boyfriend wants to emigrate to Finland, and her self-centered mother is celebrating her 70th birthday. Ina wants to please everyone. But then everything changes.

Director: Katharina Woll

Starring: Anne Ratte-Polle, Lea Drinda, Ulrike Willenbacher

FILM FACT: Katharina Woll's feature directorial debut won the best screenplay award at the 39th annual Munich Film Festival in 2022.

SHORT FILMS: The Re-Membering (dir. Eunice Hau)

Q&A: Virtual pre recorded Q&A with Director Katharina Woll

COVER YOUR EARS

Canada | Documentary | 1hr 44m

[Trailer](#)

Synopsis: From poignant protest songs to fluffy Top 40 hits, music has always defined our culture. With such a powerful influence on all aspects of society, the messages and themes portrayed by musicians have long been considered dangerous to some. This film looks at how the censorship of music has shaped not only how we view art and how it's made, but who we are as consumers and free-thinkers.

Director: Sean Patrick Shaul

Starring: Chuck D, Dee Snider, Ian MacKaye, Rhiannon Giddens

FILM FACT: The documentary covers 100 years of material relating to film censorship, in just 104 minutes.

SHORT FILMS: Lanterns Flicker (dir. Yoni Collins)

Q&A: Virtual pre recorded Q&A with Director Sean Patrick Shaul.

ID

USA | Thriller/Crime | 1hr 54 min (Telugu/English with English subtitles)

[Trailer](#)

Synopsis: A pregnant Priya wants to move back to India, her husband Sid obliges as he sees this an opportunity to escape his dark past. The couple throws a party before they leave, and Sid wakes up in the morning completely naked with the entire house empty and Priya is nowhere to be seen. Sid is detained and learns in a shocking twist that he has no government records. He tries to prove his existence but loses the battle because he cannot provide any ID, or any reason to believe that he is who he is. Sid becomes a fugitive, going on a quest to learn the truth. He meets a smart, yet broke attorney, Dev, who tries to help him as the situation takes a dark, twisted turn.

Director: Kiran Kondamadugula

Starring: Rakesh Galebhe

SHORT FILMS: Naked Island Part I (dir. Jim Yufei Zou)

Q&A: TBC.

Virtual Shorts: A Slice of Life

Enjoy a selection of shorts exclusively available in an online screening from around the world. This programme highlights human stories, whimsical worlds, laughs and character-driven works.

- Tiny, dir. Ritchie Hemphill, Ryan Haché (Canada)
- Instant Noodle, dir. Michelle Sastraatmadja (USA)
- Corvine, dir. Sean McCarron (Canada)
- First Time, dir. Nicolas Block (New Zealand)
- Bégan, dir. Maria Jorge (Portugal)
- Lights, dir. Jitka Nemikinsová (Czech Republic)
- Panic Attack, dir. Anthony Assad (Ireland)
- Say My Name, dir. Roxanne Stam (Netherlands)
- Pondwater, dir. Emma Scarth (Canada)
- All Year Round, dir. Gabrielle Edmiston (Canada)

Q&A: [Virtual Q&A participants tbc](#)

Virtual Shorts: Drama and Thrills

Enjoy a selection of shorts exclusively available in an online screening from around the world. This programme highlights hard-hitting drama, reflections on life and death, thrillers and important issues.

- Presence, dir. Vincent Tang (Canada)
- Happy Birthday, dir. Haoyu Xue (China)
- Eleven Twelve, dir. Cyril Masson (France)
- Txotxongiloa, dir. Sonia Estévez (Spain)
- Our Males and Females, dir. Ahmad Alyaseer (Jordan)
- One Never Kills for Love, dir. Manon Testud (Canada)
- Pale Blue D•t, dir. Mitko Stafidov (Bulgaria)
- Going Diaspora, dir. Damir Mehić (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- My Name is Arnold, dir. Arnold Lim (Canada)

Q&A: [Virtual Q&A with filmmakers TBC](#)