

The 12th Annual

# PLAYHOUSE WEST FILM FESTIVAL

*Philadelphia*



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Playhouse West - Philadelphia Theater, 1218 Wallace Street, 2nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19123

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## Acting School & Theater

Philadelphia  
Est. 2012

Playhouse West is a training ground for actors, writers and directors founded by Robert Carnegie and Jeff Goldblum in 1981. For over 40 years we have been highly regarded and recommended by industry professionals as one of the premiere acting schools in the country. Many of our members work at the highest level within the entertainment business.

PWFF-Philadelphia, is an off-shoot of the Playhouse West Film Festival in Los Angeles, established in 1997. In 2012, long-time Artistic Director/Instructor, and PWFF Director, Tony Savant, moved to Philadelphia and founded a branch of the world-renowned school, **Playhouse West-Philadelphia**. The following year, in 2013, the school hosted its first annual film festival in the City of Brotherly Love, which is also now an annual event.

The Playhouse West Film Festival-Philadelphia is sponsored by the Playhouse West Arts Foundation, a 501(c)3 Non Profit organization dedicated to the inspiration, education and development of motion picture and theater artists of independent vision, and to the exhibition of their work. By sponsoring programs such as the Playhouse West Film Festival, we can also educate the public about the art of filmmaking, and introduce them to the work of aspiring new film artists of the future.

The Playhouse West Film Festival is well known as one of the most positive, filmmaker-friendly festivals in the country. Each year we hear from more and more filmmakers that our festival has been their favorite. From our well organized, run-on-time format, to our unique Q&A's after each screening block, giving filmmakers a platform to discuss their films at length with our audience, we take great pride in making our festival a fantastic experience for filmmakers.

As an institution, Playhouse West leads the way in encouraging young filmmakers. Playhouse West members from Los Angeles and Philadelphia produce over 250 films per year, many which go on to be accepted and win awards at film festivals around the country and world.

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Tony Savant

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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## ★ FRIDAY, AUGUST 22 ★

5:30pm - 7:00pm | Patron Check-in / Red Carpet

7:00pm | 12th Annual Playhouse West Film Festival - Philadelphia Opening Ceremony

OPENING CEREMONY SHORT FILM

Greeting from Playhouse West-Philadelphia Founder & Festival Director, Tony Savant

OPENING NIGHT FEATURE FILM

JUNE AND JOHN

## ★ SATURDAY, AUGUST 23 ★

9:00am - 10:30am | Shorts

TRASH TALK • SOMETHING LIKE THAT • FLING • RISE OF THE GINGERBREAD MAN • WALK AWAY • PROMISES

10:30am - 12:00pm | Shorts

BEFORE I DO • AMARA • BURST • 4AM • MY DARLING, CLEMENTINE

12:00pm - 1:00pm LUNCH BREAK

1:00pm - 2:30pm | Shorts

ARE YOU SERIOUS? • TAKE YOUR TIME • POWER TRIP • IAMERICA

2:30pm - 3:30pm | Shorts

BURNOUT • HOLD ONTO JOY • WHEN GOOD AMERICANS DIE

3:30pm - 5:00pm | Shorts

THE TRAVELER • NO THOUGHTS! • SCATTERBRAIN

5:00pm - 7:00pm DINNER BREAK

7:30pm - 10:00pm | Highlighted Short

BE GLAD HE DID IT • Q & A WITH JIM PARRACK

## ★ SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 ★

9:00am - 10:30am | Shorts

WORDS UNSPOKEN • I STILL LOVE HER • NAMASTE • A VILLAGER ELEGY • REVERE STREET • SAMARA I, II & III

10:30am - 12:00pm | Shorts | Horror

★ STRINGS • PIZZA BUNNY • SELF CLEAN • BLOOD EVERYWHERE • DRESS TO KILL ★

12:00pm - 1:00pm LUNCH BREAK

1:00pm - 2:30pm | Shorts | Comedies

OF BEES AND BOOBS • FATHERLY FIGURES • JUST CUZ • A QUART OF SALT • UPCYCLE

2:30pm - 3:30pm | Shorts

THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER • ALWAYS

3:30pm - 5:00pm | Shorts

LAUREL AVE • STRANGE ENCOUNTERS • SELF TAPE

5:00pm - 7:30pm DINNER BREAK

7:30pm | PWFF - Philadelphia Awards Ceremony

2025 AUDIENCE CHOICE & GRAND JURY AWARDS



## FRIDAY OPENING NIGHT | 7:00pm | Feature

### JUNE AND JOHN

(1:32:00, Romance/Thriller)

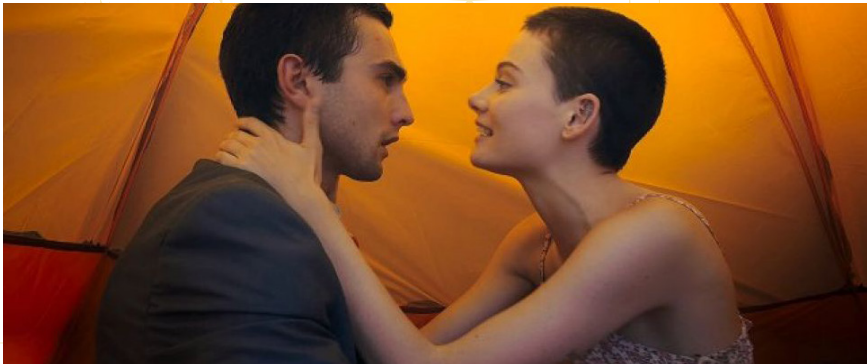
DIRECTOR: Luc Besson

PRODUCERS: Luc Besson, Virginie Besson-Silla

SCREENPLAY: Luc Besson

CAST: Mátilda Price, **Luke Stanton Eddy**, Ryan Shoos, Dean Testerman, Sherry Mattson, Honey Lauren

SYNOPSIS: Fascinated by an enigmatic woman who steals his attention, an ordinary man whose life is marked by monotony finds himself immersed in an intense romance that drags him into an unpredictable journey.



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Other films written and directed by Luc Besson include *La Femme Nikita*, *Leon: The Professional*, *The Fifth Element*, *Lady*, and *Lucy*.

There will be a Q&A with available filmmakers and lead actors immediately following each screening block.

Playhouse West-Philadelphia regularly hosts Scene Presentations, where our students perform scenes they have been working on in the classes.

The Scene Presentations are free and open to the public.

For information about any upcoming events, to go our website.

[PLAYHOUSEWEST.COM/PHILLY-UPCOMING-EVENTS](https://PLAYHOUSEWEST.COM/PHILLY-UPCOMING-EVENTS)

## SATURDAY | 9:00am - 10:30am | Shorts

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### **TRASH TALK** (2:24, Comedy/Drama)

DIRECTOR: **Colin Miller**

PRODUCER: **Colin Miller**

SCREENPLAY: **Colin Miller**

CAST: **David Piccinetti, Daniel Reguinho, Cal Plohoros, Carolyn Clement, Chris Valentin, Patrick Kasey**

SYNOPSIS: Two local park trash cans clash in a territorial dispute.



### **SOMETHING LIKE THAT** (11:21, Drama)

DIRECTOR: **Eric Eisenstein**

PRODUCERS: **Patrick Thomas Kasey, Eric Eisenstein**

SCREENPLAY: **Patrick Thomas Kasey**

CAST: **Patrick Thomas Kasey, Sarah Dolhansky**

SYNOPSIS: A man and a woman look for another chance to rekindle their relationship with one another through baseball.



### **FLING** (11:15, Drama)

DIRECTOR: **Jason V. Henderson**

PRODUCER: **Amos Quoi**

SCREENPLAY: **Amos Quoi, Jason V. Henderson**

CAST: **Rachel Poletick, Amos Quoi**

SYNOPSIS: When a casual hookup between two strangers unexpectedly turns into dinner, what begins as flirtation spirals into something deeper.



### **RISE OF THE GINGERBREAD MAN** (13:33, Experimental/Drama)

DIRECTOR: **Phoenix N. Brown**

PRODUCER: **Phoenix N. Brown**

SCREENPLAY: **Phoenix N. Brown**

CAST: **Bryan Harris, Phoenix N. Brown, Johnny R. Williams, Rose Fogleman, Freddie Nosek, Malia Oldham**

SYNOPSIS: As a director sets out to cast her debut feature on cognitive dissonance, she confronts clashing ideologies and the harsh realities of filmmaking.



### **WALK AWAY** (7:01, Drama)

DIRECTOR: **C. Fitz**

PRODUCERS: **C. Fitz, Carmen Quiros, Laura Fortino**

SCREENPLAY: **C. Fitz**

CAST: **Alison Iles, Tony Privette**

SYNOPSIS: A woman, torn between fear and memories of the happiness she once knew, faces a final, life-altering decision to escape her abusive partner (and the monstrous secret he hides).



### **PROMISES** (13:50, Drama)

**DIRECTOR:** Christian Liatos

**PRODUCERS:** Christian Liatos, Matt Hanisch, Grant Hall, Heather-Ashley Boyer

**SCREENPLAY:** Christian Liatos

**CAST:** Grant Hall, Kyia Azevedo-Jones, Xhaania Wright, Roman Mathis, Defecio Stoglin, Chimechi Oparanozie, Darian Michael, Andre Anthony, Tramal Ferguson

**SYNOPSIS:** Grieving his mother and burdened by his father's alcoholism, a young baseball player must choose between team loyalty to protect his sister - or risking everything in the dangerous world of drug dealing.

**SATURDAY | 10:30am - 12:00pm | Shorts**



### **BEFORE I DO** (8:30, Psychological Thriller/Drama)

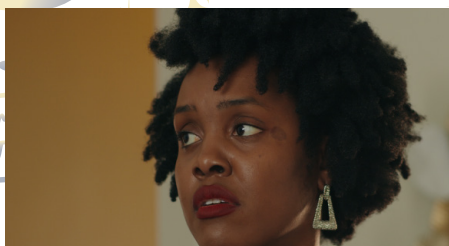
**DIRECTOR:** Dawson V. Jackson

**PRODUCER:** Dawson V. Jackson

**SCREENPLAY:** Dawson V. Jackson

**CAST:** Douglas Sexton III, Dawson V. Jackson

**SYNOPSIS:** When Soren Vale's reflection begins moving without him, he descends into a waking nightmare where the truth waits on the other side of the glass.



### **AMARA** (9:57, Drama)

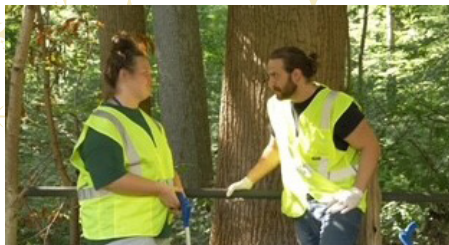
**DIRECTOR:** Ray Jones

**PRODUCER:** Ray Jones

**SCREENPLAY:** Ray Jones

**CAST:** Kike Jones, Julia Rose Majerscak, Sabree Anderson, Rob Alkire II

**SYNOPSIS:** A rising makeup artist gets the opportunity of a lifetime, but soon finds herself caught in a dangerous situation she never saw coming.



### **BURST** (7:31, Comedy)

**DIRECTOR:** Sarah Morrison-Cleary

**PRODUCERS:** Sarah Morrison-Cleary, Maya Orli Cohen

**SCREENPLAY:** Sarah Morrison-Cleary

**CAST:** Catherine Tillotson, Dave Piccinetti, Bubacarr Sarge, Gina Hendricks, Shamira Womack

**SYNOPSIS:** When two people with anger issues meet to do their community service, they pick up more than trash.



### **4AM** (10:36, Drama)

**DIRECTOR:** Peyton Carson, Cal Tolentino

**PRODUCERS:** Peyton Carson, Cal Tolentino

**SCREENPLAY:** Cal Tolentino, Peyton Carson

**CAST:** Peyton Carson, Cal Tolentino

**SYNOPSIS:** Following a rowdy Memorial Day Weekend, Colin and Parker are back to their usual morning routine until an unexpected text message turns this normal morning into a painful test of trust.





### MY DARLING, CLEMENTINE (19:08, Drama)

DIRECTOR: Brooke Minnich

PRODUCERS: Brooke Minnich, Imogen Law

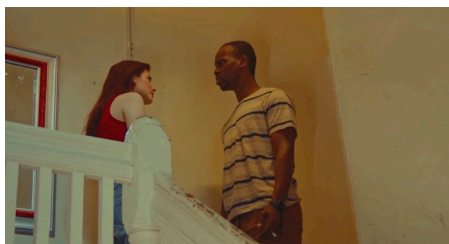
SCREENPLAY: Brooke Minnich, Imogen Law

CAST: Sarah Minnich, **Peyton Carson**, Jordan Fink

SYNOPSIS: A troubled young girl falls for a local seminary student while grappling with the painful reality of her sister's terminal illness.

**12:00pm - 1:00pm | LUNCH BREAK**

**SATURDAY | 1:00pm - 2:30pm | Shorts**



### ARE YOU SERIOUS? (3:17, Drama)

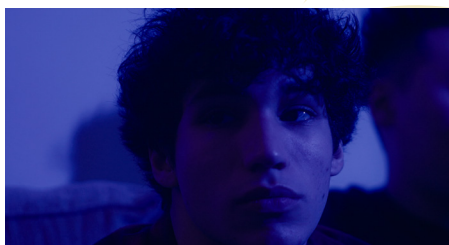
DIRECTOR: Bubacarr Sarge

PRODUCERS: Nicole Darecca, Bubacarr Sarge

SCREENPLAY: Nicole Darecca

CAST: Nicole Darecca, Bubacarr Sarge

SYNOPSIS: A woman confronts her lover about a broken promise.



### TAKE YOUR TIME (14:12, Drama)

DIRECTOR: Ryan Bortolotti

PRODUCERS: Isabella Klein, Jared Tatz, Nialyn Albino

SCREENPLAY: Ryan Bortolotti

CAST: Cal Tolentino, Hannah Anderson, Jack Piccioni, Sarah Morrison-Cleary

SYNOPSIS: Jay has one hour to retrieve his missing wallet before the clock strikes midnight on New Year's.



### POWER TRIP (13:58, Drama)

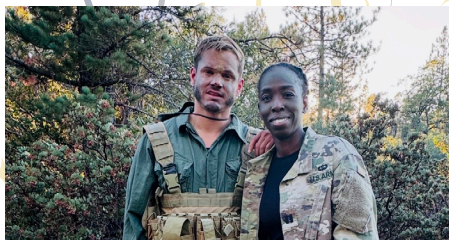
DIRECTOR: Joshua Daniel

PRODUCER: Bubacarr Sarge

SCREENPLAY: Bubacarr Sarge

CAST: Bubacarr Sarge, Joe Henderson, Brian Campbell, Abbie Allen

SYNOPSIS: A Traffic stop goes terribly bad.



### I AMERICA (23:42, Drama/Comedy)

DIRECTOR: Sean Crampton

PRODUCERS: Julian Gavilanes, Sean Crampton, Lish Bliss, Kyle Brady, Erika T. Johnson

SCREENPLAY: Sean Crampton

CAST: Erika T. Johnson, Julian Gavilanes, Sean Crampton, Lish Bliss, Kyle Brady

SYNOPSIS: In a deeply fractured America, the first black female Medal of Honor recipient has been hired to train a once-famous actor for an upcoming war film.

## SATURDAY | 2:30 pm - 3:30pm | Shorts



### **BURNOUT** (8:02, Drama)

DIRECTORS: Charles Cerrone, Daniel Krantman

PRODUCERS: Taylor San Miguel, Charles Cerrone

SCREENPLAY: Adele McKenna, James Molloy, Daniel Krantman, Solomon Troupe

CAST: **Jace Wade, Alana Hill, Don Riggs**

SYNOPSIS: In a near-future ravaged by climate chaos, a man braves a deadly heatwave to deliver a mysterious package and risks of losing everything.



### **HOLD ONTO JOY** (8:12, Drama)

DIRECTOR: **Jack Savant**

PRODUCER: **Bubacarr Sarge**

SCREENPLAY: **Jack Savant**

CAST: **Matthias Lojewski, Sarah Morrison-Cleary**

SYNOPSIS: A widow makes efforts to join her late husband in the afterlife, but is confronted at the last minute.



### **WHEN GOOD AMERICANS DIE** (10:50, Drama/Comedy)

DIRECTOR: **Michael James Mina**

PRODUCER: **Michael James Mina**

SCREENPLAY: **Michael James Mina**

CAST: **Annaliese Schreiber, Michael James Mina, Rochelle Longwill, Richard Dubin**

SYNOPSIS: As Charlie's family falls apart, and Sadie's father falls ill, they dream of a new life in Paris.

## SATURDAY | 3:30pm - 5:00pm | Shorts



### **THE TRAVELER** (14:12, Drama)

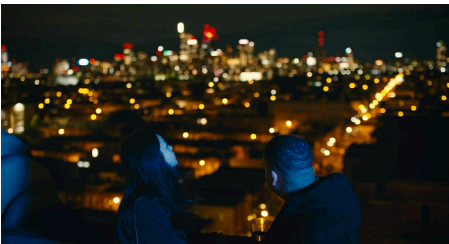
DIRECTOR: **Kaitlyn Diehl**

PRODUCER: **Jackie Diehl**

SCREENPLAY: **Jackie Diehl**

CAST: **Jackie Diehl, Ryan Leveille, Jalina Wayser, Sanaa Scott, Brooke Storms**

SYNOPSIS: A chance encounter between two strangers sparks a profound conversation.



### **NO THOUGHTS!** (17:45, Romance/Comedy)

DIRECTOR: **Steve McJones**

PRODUCERS: **Eva Lin Feindt, Qsaun McGraw, Steve McJones**

SCREENPLAY: **Steve McJones**

CAST: **Eva Lin Feindt, Qsaun McGraw**

SYNOPSIS: In the heart of Philadelphia, two strangers connect over a memorable first and last night.





**SCATTERBRAIN** (14:12, Drama)  
 DIRECTOR: Alexander Pasquale  
 PRODUCERS: John Weaver, Javy Cortez Jr., Robert Christ. Jr.  
 SCREENPLAY: Alexander Pasquale  
 CAST: Riley Waterman, Khial Watson, **Cal Tolentino**  
 SYNOPSIS: An imaginative college senior enlists his childhood best friends to uncover the mystery behind a cartoonish cloud in the sky only he can see.

**5:00pm - 7:30pm | DINNER BREAK**

**SATURDAY | 7:30pm - 9:30pm | Short**

*Followed by Q&A with Featured Guest: Actor/Writer/Director, **Jim Parrack***



**BE GLAD HE DID IT** (30:00, Drama)  
 DIRECTOR: **Jim Parrack**  
 PRODUCERS: **Adam Lowder, David Volino, Jim Parrack**  
 SCREENPLAY: **Jim Parrack**  
 CAST: Barry Corbin, **Adam Lowder**, Kevin Parrack, Haley Walters, Sophie Eggers, Ruby Eggers

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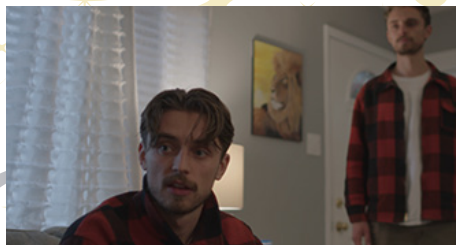
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## SUNDAY | 9:00am - 10:30am | Shorts

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### **WORDS UNSPOKEN** (6:53, Drama)

**DIRECTOR:** Jason V. Henderson

**PRODUCER:** Jason V. Henderson

**SCREENPLAY:** Jason V. Henderson

**CAST:** Luke Petersen, Julia Majerscak, Amos Quoi

**SYNOPSIS:** Glen returns home after missing Amy's art premier. We see part of him share the words he is too afraid to say aloud.



### **I STILL LOVE HER** (7:57, Comedy)

**DIRECTOR:** Vigneshwar Raju

**PRODUCERS:** Patrick Thomas Kasey, Daniel Fedorovsky

**SCREENPLAY:** Patrick Thomas Kasey

**CAST:** Patrick Thomas Kasey, Savannah Sakaguchi

**SYNOPSIS:** A boyfriend and his girlfriend quibble about the girlfriend's boneheaded mistake.



### **NAMASTE** (9:43, Comedy)

**DIRECTOR:** Sara Montse

**PRODUCERS:** Sara Montse, Cyan Zhong

**SCREENPLAY:** Sara Montse

**CAST:** Sara Montse, Cyan Zhong, Myra Nelson, Cj

**Musial, Joshua Daniel, Riley Williams, Eliot Curtis,**

**Elisabeth Belka, Fiona Jenkins**

**SYNOPSIS:** Serena realizes that she could practice more "flexibility" in letting people in.



### **A VILLAGER ELEGY** (13:26, Experimental/Drama)

**DIRECTOR:** Konstantin Lavysh

**PRODUCER:** Konstantin Lavysh

**SCREENPLAY:** Konstantin Lavysh

**CAST:** Rina Gri, Alexander Kashperov

**SYNOPSIS:** When an old Villager buries his last friend, he decides to take his own life. A Guardian Angel intervenes, but is he there for the Villager?



### **REVERE STREET** (12:15, Drama)

**DIRECTORS:** Rose Gendelman, Saoirse Hahn

**PRODUCERS:** Saoirse Hahn, Asha-Kai Grant

**SCREENPLAY:** Rose Gendelman

**CAST:** Aileen Lynch-McCulloch, Todd Thomas, Sophie

**Stevens, Daniel Latch, Connor Patrick, Mason Lucas,**

**Tieman Lynch-McCulloch, Michael Carpenter, Jacob**

**Challenger, Katie Sah, Niamh Sherlock, John McGinley**

**SYNOPSIS:** At the christening lunch for their first grandchild, the McGinley matriarch's plans unravel thanks to her eight dysfunctional children.



### **SAMARA I,II & III** (8:34, Experimental/Drama)

**DIRECTOR:** Jordan Fox

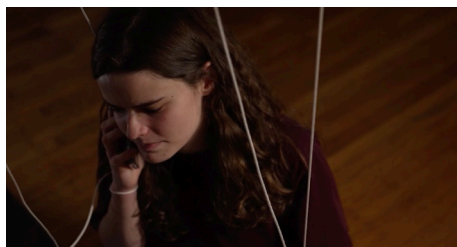
**PRODUCER:** Jordan Fox

**SCREENPLAY:** Jordan Fox

**CAST:** Kelly Mullen, Liz Reynolds, Bubacarr Sarge, Mekhi Brown, Aatiq Simmons, Michelle Reale-Opalessky

**SYNOPSIS:** A restless bike messenger drifts through love and loss in a city that won't hold them.

## **SUNDAY | 10:30am - 12:00pm | Horror Shorts**



### **STRINGS** (5:11, Drama)

**DIRECTOR:** Colin Miller

**PRODUCER:** Erica Love

**SCREENPLAY:** Colin Miller

**CAST:** Erica Love, Joe Henderson

**SYNOPSIS:** A woman is torn away from an urgent phone call by her higher self.



### **PIZZA BUNNY** (5:15, Horror/Comedy)

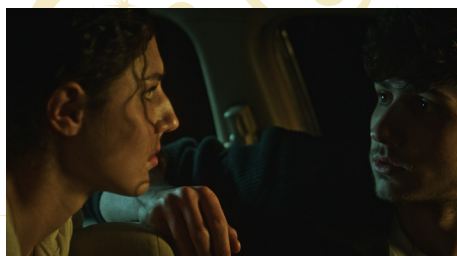
**DIRECTOR:** Aaron Mills

**PRODUCERS:** Rob Gomez, David Auspitz, Bryce Dressler, Aaron Mills

**SCREENPLAY:** Rob Gomez

**CAST:** David Auspitz, Myrna Velasco

**SYNOPSIS:** On a late-night drive, a newlywed couple is stalked by more than just hunger pains.



### **SELF CLEAN** (4:59, Horror)

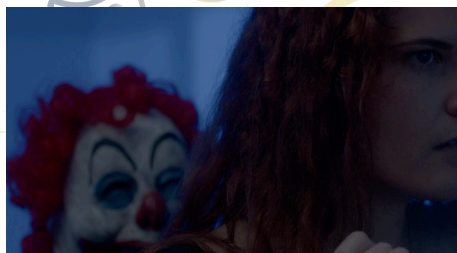
**DIRECTOR:** Jules Santamauro

**PRODUCERS:** Jules Santamauro, Luke Harris

**SCREENPLAY:** Jules Santamauro

**CAST:** Sadie Prenda, Peyton Carson

**SYNOPSIS:** When a religiously devout girl takes her first time drinking too far, she must "wash away her sins, but realizes that while "alcohol may weaken the mind and let the devil in". It may not necessarily be a bad thing.



### **BLOOD EVERYWHERE** (10:00, Horror)

**DIRECTORS:** Jackie Diehl, Kelly Holstrom, Daniel Fedorovsky

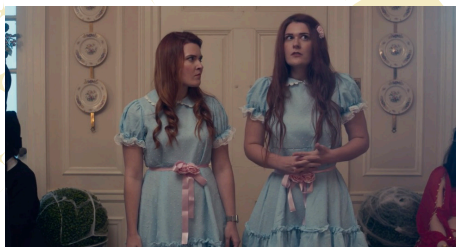
**PRODUCERS:** Jackie Diehl, Kelly Holstrom, Daniel Fedorovsky

**SCREENPLAY:** Jackie Diehl, Kelly Holstrom, Daniel Fedorovsky

**CAST:** Jackie Diehl, Kelly Holstrom, Daniel Fedorovsky, Navia Prezeau

**SYNOPSIS:** A group of filmmakers discover that they are living out a real life horror film while location scouting at an old abandoned house.





### **DRESS TO KILL** (28:22, Horror/Comedy)

**DIRECTOR:** Kelly Holstrom

**PRODUCERS:** Sumner Sykes, Kelly Holstrom

**SCREENPLAY:** Sumner Sykes, Kelly Holstrom

**CAST:** Jackie Diehl, Kaitlyn Diehl, Akil Logan-Haye, Josh Daniel, T. Isaac Sherman, Brooke Storms, Daniel Fedorovksy, Jordan Fox, Sumner Sykes, Jackson Purdy

**SYNOPSIS:** A troubled young girl falls for a local seminary student while grappling with the painful reality of her sister's terminal illness.

**12:00pm - 1:00pm | LUNCH BREAK**

**SUNDAY | 1:00pm - 2:30pm | Comedy Shorts**



### **OF BEES AND BOOBS** (6:11, Comedy)

**DIRECTOR:** Myra Adrian Nelson

**PRODUCER:** Maya Orli Cohen

**SCREENPLAY:** Myra Adrian Nelson

**CAST:** Maya Orli Cohen, Christian Valentin, Eric Eisenstein

**SYNOPSIS:** An attractive landscaper comes to help a woman in a sexless marriage.



### **FATHERLY FIGURES** (14:53, Comedy)

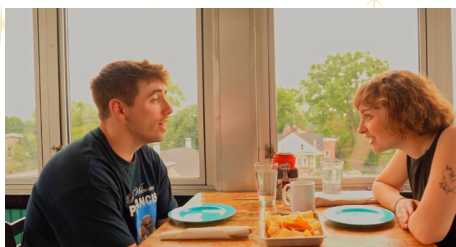
**DIRECTOR:** Josh James

**PRODUCER:** Elizabeth Reynolds

**SCREENPLAY:** Josh James

**CAST:** Josh James, Elizabeth Reynolds, Patrick Thomas Kasey, David Piccinetti, Cam Stemmer, Dan Stemmer

**SYNOPSIS:** An unexpected pregnancy spirals Rick's life into fear, confusion, and psychological pressure.



### **JUST CUZ** (8:12, Comedy)

**DIRECTOR:** Richard Frohman

**PRODUCER:** Lucie Krovatin

**SCREENPLAY:** Lucie Krovatin, Richard Frohman

**CAST:** Richard Frohman, Lucie Krovatin, Aatiq Simmons

**SYNOPSIS:** After a one night stand, Mack and Claire go for breakfast and discover that their meeting was actually inevitable.





### **A QUART OF SALT** (6:55, Comedy)

DIRECTOR: BJ Barretta

PRODUCERS: BJ Barretta, Erica Moody, Kathryn Sanders

SCREENPLAY: BJ Barretta, Erica Moody, Kathryn Sanders

CAST: Erica Moody, Corwynne Peterson, David Piccinetti, Peyton Carson

SYNOPSIS: A woman's attempt at a romantic dinner derails when her jealous AI assistant sabotages the evening - and her marriage.



### **UPCYCLE** (22:01, Drama/Comedy)

DIRECTOR: Jordan Fox

PRODUCERS: Jordan Fox, Daniel Fedorovsky, Ezra Rahmay

SCREENPLAY: Alex Samuelian, Jordan Fox, Daniel Fedorovsky

CAST: Alex Samuelian, Kelly Holstrom, Akil Logan-Haye, Sara Montse, Savannah Sakaguchi

SYNOPSIS: When Planter loses his dead mom's favorite coat, he'll stop at nothing, literally, to get it back.

**SUNDAY | 2:30pm - 3:30pm | Shorts**



### **THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER** (15:16, Drama)

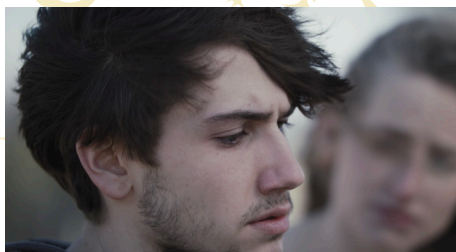
DIRECTORS: Aviel Kurulkar, Javier Alfaro

PRODUCERS: Kiss International Media, Are You Bored Yet Productions

SCREENPLAY: Aviel Kurulkar, Javier Alfaro

CAST: Ajinkya Dhage, Blake Phillips, Paul Hopkins

SYNOPSIS: A rebellious young Sikh man, at odds with his father, enlists in the Canadian army during World War I.



### **ALWAYS** (12:17, Drama)

DIRECTOR: Peyton Carson

PRODUCER: Peyton Carson

SCREENPLAY: Peyton Carson

CAST: Peyton Carson, Michelle Opalesky, Laurel Holland, Kamaia Middleton

SYNOPSIS: A young man and his mother search for meaning after the tragic, unexpected passing of his sister.





## SUNDAY | 3:30pm - 5:00pm | Shorts



### LAUREL AVE (10:24, Drama)

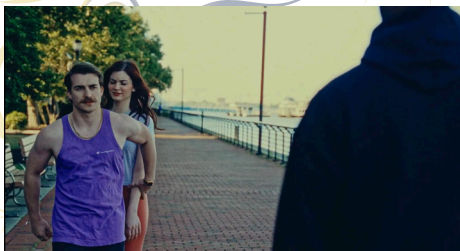
DIRECTOR: Roja Kumar

PRODUCER: Luke Petersen

SCREENPLAY: Luke Petersen

CAST: Han Harley, Luke Petersen

SYNOPSIS: A concerned sister fights to get through to her troubled brother.



### STRANGE ENCOUNTERS (11:38, Drama)

DIRECTOR: Bubacarr Sarge

PRODUCERS: Rae'Ann Nicole Williams, Bubacarr Sarge

SCREENPLAY: Bubacarr Sarge

CAST: Bubacarr Sarge, Sarah Morrison-Cleary, Daniel James River, Catherine Tillotson, Max Cooper, Nicole Darecca, Michelle Reale-Opalesky, Christian Valentin

SYNOPSIS: A black man experiences some strange encounters on his daily jog.



### SELF TAPE (24:22, Drama)

DIRECTOR: Chris Newhard

PRODUCER: Cece Logue

SCREENPLAY: Chris Newhard

CAST: Robbie Jean Newhard, Alexa Albanese, Andrew Newhook, Larissa Kitenko

SYNOPSIS: An aspiring actress grapples with the relentless demands of self-taped auditions - until the pressure pushes her to the brink.

## 5:00pm - 7:30pm | DINNER BREAK

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