



Philadelphia Independent Film Festival #12

May 8 - 11, 2019

Gershman Y, South Street Cinema, Pen & Pencil, Raven Lounge, Philly Tech Week, Toasted Walnut, and Philly Nexus.

Please check back for updates on events and screenings. All times are subject to change! Sell outs will happen, please buy tickets in advance for all shows here: <http://piffFilms.com>.

Opening night!

~ WEDNESDAY MAY 8TH, 2019 ~

VENUE: Gershman Levitt Auditorium 401 South Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19047

All short films will screen prior to any feature film! Thank you for staying for all of the screenings! If you must leave, please do so as quiet as possible. Thank you!

8:35pm - 9:55pm. ONCE IN A HUNDRED YEARS: THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MARIAN ANDERSON (Documentary) PA Premier. 47 min. Dir: Bill Nicoletti, Writer Nat Gutwirth. "Once in a Hundred Years, the Life and Legacy of Marian Anderson," traces the arc of Anderson's life and most notably her struggles against racism and poverty. Marian Anderson, whose contralto singing voice of great range dazzled international audiences, was a gifted African American woman who had to surmount innumerable, unwarranted obstacles before eventually, incredibly, achieving her dream. CAST: Enrique Josephs, N'Kenge, Florence Quivar, Bill Jolly, Thor Eckert, Rick DiStephano, Michelle Jenkins, and Iris Fairfax.

- a. EVERYDAY BOON (Drama/Comedy) (Local / LA) PA Premier. 5 min. Director JJ House. Sean thinks he's found out the root of inequality and wants to share his epiphany with Beth. Meanwhile, a man pleads with the rule-oriented manager to let him use the laundromat bathroom. With: Jordan Knapp, Kris Lugo, and Larry Wang Parrish.
- b. JUSTICE FOR VINCENT (Documentary) (LA) East Coast Premier. 15 min. Director Andy Palmer, Writers Lawrence Chau and Andy Palmer. Based on a true story, the short film Justice For Vincent (JFV) re-tells the brutal beating of Chinese American Vincent Chin by two disgruntled auto workers, who mistook him for being Japanese during the so-called 'Japanese Auto Invasion' in Detroit 1982. With: Lee Chen, Lawrence Chau, William McNamara, Zach Scheerer, and Rachelle DiMaria.
- c. SKIN (Drama) (Israel) PA Premier. 21 min. Director Guy Nattiv, Writer Sharon Maymon. "Skin" is a narrative film based on a documentary from 2011 titled "Erasing Hate," which tells the story of Bryon Widner, a neo-Nazi who is trying to leave the skinhead culture he joined as a young man and make changes to his life. As part of his recovery, he decides to remove all his racist tattoos, a process that takes several years. CAST: Jonathan Tucker, Jackson Robert Scott, Danielle MacDonald, Lonnie Chavis, Jared Day, Sam Dillon, and Michael Villar. 2019 OSCAR Award Winner - Best Live Action Short Film.

TRT 88 min. Q & A with cast and filmmakers in attendance.

~ THURSDAY MAY 9, 2019

VENUE: Gershman Y, Levitt Auditorium 401 South Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19047

6:00pm - 7:36pm. MIRRORS (Sci-Fi)(Philadelphia Premier) 90 min.
(Local) Dir: Michael Wellenreiter (USA). When a WWII defector and his dangerous clones plot global annihilation, an assassin and a pacifist rebel must team up to take them down. With: Jonathan Fitzgerald, Sarah Grace Lee, Jerry Rudasill, Michael D. Robinson II, Munir R. Kreidie, Quang Ly, Hanh Nguyen
a. DEEP DIVE (6 min) Dir: Mohammad Soleimanifeijani

TRT 96 min. Q & A with cast and filmmakers in attendance.

8:00pm - 10:08pm. OFFSTAGE ELEMENTS (Drama) (Philadelphia Premier) 107 min.
(Local) Dir: Frank Lisi (USA). Five middle aged musicians reach the peak of their success while dealing with individual tragedies. With: Michael McFadden, Peter Patrikios, Mike Starr, Tony Darrow, Marty Krzywonos, Brian Anthony Wilson .

- a. WHO GOT MA'AMED (5 min) - Dir: Michael Kelberg
- b. PRINCESS PUSSY (16 min) - Dir: Renee Sevier

TRT 128 min. Q & A with cast and filmmakers in attendance.

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2019

LOCATION: Gershman Y, Levitt Auditorium 401 South Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19047

5:15PM

LOCAL SHORTS

HOMECOMING - 12 min. DIRECTOR/WRITER: Colin Stewart. CAST: Kerwin Gonzalez, Cindy Joy, Dane West, Alexandra Rooney. SYNOPSIS: After an eight year absence from his family, John Corson returns to his family's beach house to reflect on his past one last time.

FRAYED - 14 min. DIRECTOR: John Spencer WRITER: John Spencer & Karen Neely
CAST: Leslie Talley, Doug Henderson, Adler Roberts, Donna Schilke
SYNOPSIS: A woman on the mend from an abusive relationship struggles to overcome addiction and regain the daughter she longs to be reunited with. Time, distance, and self-doubt stand in her way of getting what she wants most. Can she do it?

VAGABOND - (16 min)

DIRECTOR/WRITER: Addison Rolleri

CAST: Hannah Anderson, Lauren Rexach

SYNOPSIS: In this coming of age romantic drama the story follows two teenage best friends, Chelsea and Makenna. Chelsea is an introverted and intuitive writer who is turning 18. After her parents' nasty divorce Chelsea has not seen her father in years. When her birthday rolls around she is free to make her own decision about whether or not she wants to see him.

TRIBUTE - 13 min. DIRECTOR: Tristan Alan WRITERS: Emma Prang, Eric Hiller,

Tristan Alan. CAST: Tim Dowd, Sophie Tobias, Alexa Albanese, Briana Swann

SYNOPSIS: Struggling father and former artist, Leo, has still not recovered from the loss of his wife. When an old friend resurfaces with a new opportunity, Leo returns to his Mindspace - a fantastic, visual representation of his creative process.

FUCK - 3 min. DIRECTOR/WRITER: Vern Hass CAST: Lauryn Henry. SYNOPSIS: A one word journey through an unsuspecting freshman's sexual trials, tribulations, and revelations during her first semester of college.

LARA - 9 min. DIRECTOR/WRITER: Gordon Shoemaker. CAST: Evanne Friedmann, Naomi Warner, Szalene Anthony. SYNOPSIS: A determined young woman keeps her beloved sister alive by imagining her still living on their Pennsylvania farm.

TRT 67 min.

DEAD GIVEAWAY - (66 min) - PHILLY PREMIERE

DIRECTOR/WRITER: Ian Kimble

CAST: Elena Camp, Kristin Foreman-Spence, Tom Schmitt

SYNOPSIS: Jill wakes up with a mean hangover and a man she doesn't know in her bed - who has been stabbed to death. With the help of her friend Lia, she tries to figure out who the murderer is, all while trying to hide the issue from her roommate.

CHAMP - (4 min)

DIRECTOR/WRITER: Dan Angelucci

CAST: Andrew Jeffrey Wright, Pim van Huijkelom

SYNOPSIS: In this satirical look at "success" culture, an aspiring businessman prioritizes style over substance.

ELEVATOR MAN - (5 min)

DIRECTOR: Michael Francis Duff

WRITERS: Michael Francis Duff, Bryn Silva, Dave Gloss, Kyle Sparkman

CAST: Aaron Abramowitz, Dave Shaver, Matt Bryne, Tarsia Duff

SYNOPSIS: When timid Arthur gets a call he's wanted upstairs to see the big boss for his yearly review, he could never fathom the obstacles or hysteria to come.

WAITING FOR HOPE - (3 min)

DIRECTOR: Frank Battaglia

WRITERS: Chloe Carroll, Frank Battaglia

CAST: Chloe Carroll, Jim Schubin, David Dotterer

SYNOPSIS: When a young woman summons her deceased boyfriend's spirit back from the dead, the conversation doesn't go as she planned.

TURKEY'S DONE - (17 min)

DIRECTOR: Monique Impagliazzo & Jennifer Tini

CAST: Cheri Oteri, Al Sapienza, Vic Dibitetto, Krystal Tini, Natalie Guercio, Natalie Stone

SYNOPSIS: Turkey's Done is a short comedic film revolving around Peaches Bracco (Cheri Oteri), a South Philly housewife, who is impatiently waiting for her cheating husband to come home for a Thanksgiving he'll never forget.

TRT 92 min. Q & A with filmmakers in attendance

8:45pm - 10:40pm. CLINTON ROAD (Horror) (PA Premiere) 80 min. Dir: Steve Stanulis, Richard Grieco. (USA). A widowed firefighter seeks closure after his wife goes missing on a haunted road in rural New Jersey. With: Ice -T, Vincent Pastore, James DeBello, Ace Young, Erin O'Brien, Katie Morrison, Cody Calafiore, and Lauren LaVera.

- a. IT'S A MESS - 29 min. Dir: Frank Prinzi - CAST: Vincent D'Nofrio, Eva Prinzi, Lucia Prinzi

TRT 115 min. Q & A with cast and filmmakers in attendance

SATURDAY May 11, 2019. Closing day of festival!

12pm - 1pm. Documentary films

1. JIN - (37 min) - Dir: Jinsuk Kim
2. BOOTS: FIGHTING OUT OF PHILLY (15 min) - Dir: Alistair McDonald
3. MEMORY VIDEO (8 min) - Dir: Roy Power

TRT 60 min. Q & A with the documentary filmmakers in attendance

LONG LOST - (95 min). DIRECTOR: Erik Bloomquist. WRITER: Erik Bloomquist, Carson Bloomquist, Adam Wepler. CAST: Adam Wepler, Nicholas Tucci, Catherine Corcoran, and Fran Kranz.

SYNOPSIS: Seth, a young man invited to spend a weekend at the Connecticut mansion of his long lost millionaire half-brother Richard (Nicholas Tucci, *You're Next*). With the help of his enigmatic live-in girlfriend Abby (Catherine Corcoran, *Terrifier*), Richard leads Seth down a psychosexual rabbit hole wherein luxury and temptation are intermingled with treachery and taboo.

- a. MAMA BEAR (13 min) - Dir: Matt Cohen
- b. HUSH (11 min) - Dir: Joseph McGovern
- c. THE PROPOSAL (12 min) - Dir: Ben Whimpey

TRT 131 min. Q & A with the cast & filmmakers in attendance

3:45pm - 5:54pm

2. 3:35pm - 5:54pm. RAG DOLL (Drama) (PA Premier) 103 min. Dir: Bailey Kobe (USA). Nora is that girl: the one who works overtime, helps out her family by all means, and leaves little for herself. She can't even fathom a love interest. But with her one free hour a day, she takes out life's hardships at the local mixed martial arts gym, where she is no longer who she is, if just for that hour. With: Shannon Murray, Roxana Sanchez, Dot-Marie Jones, Dante Basco, and Stephanie Erb.

1. ALONE WITH COMPANY (17 min) - Dir: Doug Cannon
2. KISS (5 min) - Dir: Ricardo Montt
3. ON OUR OWN (10 min) - Dir: Chad Hamilton

TRT 135 min. Q & A with the cast & filmmakers in attendance

6:15pm - 7:49pm. A HOST OF SPARROWS (Drama) 82 min. Dir: Kevin Alexander Boon (USA). An ex-con's plans to retire to Florida with a fortune in stolen money are waylaid after his former boss coaxes him to a remote bed and breakfast to protect the daughter he has never met. A storm traps him and 6 others at a B and B, events turn deadly. These seven seeming strangers discover that their lives are all connected by a tragic murder, from eleven years earlier. With: Mike Sutton, Elizabeth Wyld, DC Cathro, Jim Krut, Hilary Mazer, Joy Nathan, Paul Fahrenkopf, Zeke Alton.

- a. THE BEST WAY TO MURDER (9 min) - Dir: Nick Gavin & Mae Claire
- b. STILL (6 min) - Dir: Michael Licisyn

TRT 97 min. Q & A with the cast & filmmakers in attendance

CLOSING NIGHT FILMS

8:15pm - 10:08pm. RIGHT BEFORE YOUR EYES. (Drama) (PA Premiere) 76 min. (Local)
Dir: David Vincent Bobb. A recovering alcoholic embarks on an epic journey home to reunite with his Autistic son he has not seen since birth. Inspired by true events. With: Brian O'Halloran, Adam Ratcliffe, Corrie Graham, Brian Gallagher, and Brian Anthony Wilson.

- a. CYCLE (14 min) - Dir: Christopher Romano
- b. CUCINA (14 min) - Dir: Victor Oliveira
- c. SAVING BILLY (9 min) - Dir: Vickie Adams

TRT 113 min. Q & A with the cast & filmmakers in attendance

ALL PIFF #12
PRS Guitars
FILMMAKERS LOUNGE SCREENINGS
401 South Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19147

WEDNESDAY MAY 8th - PRS Guitars FILMMAKERS LOUNGE SCREENINGS. All short films will screen prior to any feature. Stay for all of the films, make Philadelphia proud!

8PM - 11PM

BEYOND THE NAME - (4 min)

DIRECTOR: Jacob Metzger

CAST: Shawn Bautista

SYNOPSIS: Meet Shawn Bautista. A famous parkour, and free runner. He has pushed himself for many years and has broken many records and helped many people. Learn his story.

DAVID Y GOLIAT - (19 min)

DIRECTOR: Joe Dorris

CAST: Angel Gomez, Jefferson Lopez, Dona Rosario

SYNOPSIS: A young Guatemalan social worker works, despite his self-doubt, to give hope to young people living around the Guatemala City garbage dump, where hope is hard to find.

DON'T QUIT: THE ROSS CORDARO STORY - (52 min)

DIRECTOR: Liz Naro

WRITERS: Liz Naro, Jack Coleman

CAST: Ross Cordaro, Frank Cordaro, Tammy Edwards

SYNOPSIS: On Feb. 14, 1974, Ross Cordaro, a gifted athlete and freshman football player for the Dunmore Bucks, was injured in a freak wrestling accident that left him a quadriplegic. His chances of walking again were very slim. Just 14 years old at the time, it led him to becoming the youngest patient at Allied Services for medical care and physical therapy. Through hard work and determination, Ross took his first steps just nine months after the accident. This film shows Ross's setbacks and triumphs through present day. Ross Cordaro's Don't Quit attitude continues to be an inspiration to many.

TRT - 75 min. Q & A with filmmakers and cast in attendance

9:30pm

TRAUMA SHORT FILMS BLOCK

ALERT - 9 min

DIRECTOR: Marcus Støren

CAST: Geirr Johnson, Sturla Berg-Johansen

SYNOPSIS: After a five year old girl dies during an operation led by Dr. Nils Bakke, the girl's parents sue the doctor believing he is responsible for the death of their daughter.

ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE - 20 min

DIRECTOR: Ali Matlock

CAST: Annie-Sage Whitehurst, James Duke Walker, Jess Prichard

SYNOPSIS: A vacationing couple attempts to rekindle the affections of their relationship. Their plans are cut short when they encounter car troubles, and while trapped in an unfamiliar environment, secrets from the past are revealed.

VENERATION - 30 min

DIRECTOR: Frank Lisi

CAST: Charles S. Dutton, Mark Borkowski, Vinny Vella, Valerie Bauer, Steve Stanulis, Karen Giordano, Brian Anthony Wilson, Joe Sernio, Victoria Gates

SYNOPSIS: A series of horrific murders have the police on the trail of their only suspect, a holy man. Can they stop the forces of evil before all hell breaks loose?

TRT - 59 min - Q & A with filmmakers and cast in attendance

THURSDAY - FILMMAKERS LOUNGE SCREENINGS

TIME FRAME: 6:45PM – 10:30PM

7PM

COMEDY SHORTS!! See them all!

MEZZA MORTA PREQUEL - (3 min)

DIRECTOR: Jo Anna M Van Thuyne

CAST: Jo Anna Van Thuyne, Steve Saturn

SYNOPSIS: Mezza Morta is a reanimated corpse created by two Russia scientists to infiltrate YouTube and influence the American public.

HERE'S YOUR FLAG - (6 min)

DIRECTOR/WRITER: Jonny Lewis

CAST: Dawn Sam Alden, Jonny Lewis

SYNOPSIS: An Army officer arrives at Mrs. Cavanaugh's door to inform her that a new algorithm predicts that her son Eddie will die in battle. Not "did" die, but "will" die. Since Eddie just enlisted yesterday, she feels this is hardly fair.

COFFEE AND A DONUT (11 min) - Dir: Cary Patrick Martin

DIRECTOR/WRITER: Cary Patrick Martin

CAST: Memo, Rocio Mendez, Deirdre MacNamara

SYNOPSIS: A story of a young immigrant who knows no English, and his trials in....ordering breakfast at the local diner.

VALENTINE - 11 min.

DIRECTOR: Kenneth McGregor

WRITER: Grace Gordon

CAST: Grace Gordon, Andrew Chaffee, Victoria Gates

SYNOPSIS: A girl unlucky in love meets a guy unlucky in life.

CLASS OF 08' - (7 min)

DIRECTORS/WRITERS: Shannon Rosato, Evan Pease

CAST: Ann Beery, Shannon Rosato

SYNOPSIS: After living separate lives, two friends try to reconnect before their 10-year High School Reunion.

AMERICAN MARRIAGE - (14 min)

DIRECTOR: Giorgio Arcelli Fontana

WRITER: James Ivory

CAST: Giorgio Arcelli Fontana, Lori Hammell

SYNOPSIS: Leonardo, an Italian immigrant who lives in New York, marries a Latina woman, Nikki, to obtain the American green card. Through the comedy of it all Nikki and Leo fall in love "for real" but it looks like "Uncle Sam" will be the one to have the last laugh.

NOTES FROM MELANIE - (19 min)

DIRECTOR/WRITER: Chris Stuckmann

CAST: Mason Heidger, Katelynn E. Newberry, John Flickinger

SYNOPSIS: A screenwriter known for ripoff "mockbusters" asks his successful former colleague for feedback on his first serious script.

TRT 64 min. Q & A with filmmakers and cast in attendance

DOCUMENTARY BLOCK

8:25pm

TAKING OUT CHINESE FROM CHINESE TAKE OUT - (14 min)

DIRECTOR: Tianyao Ma

CAST: David Oh, Cheri Honkala, Han Jun Tam, Sarah Drury

SYNOPSIS: This project is a short personal documentary about the filmmaker as an international student from China, shocked by the "Chineseness" represented by those commonly seen Chinese take-out food restaurants in Philadelphia.

GRACE - (17 min)

DIRECTOR: Kori Feener

CAST: Grace Haupt, Holly Hedrick, Henry Haupt, Lily Haupt, Hans Haupt

A DIFFERENT SCRIPT - (29 min)

DIRECTORS: Francesca Carter & Eva Andersen

CAST: Chris Lopes, Kathy Lopes, Steve Lopes, Lindsey Lopes, Gail Williamson

SYNOPSIS: Twenty-year-old Chris Lopes from Fairfield, Connecticut is finally on the pathway to his dream of becoming a professional actor, but as a young man with Down syndrome, he is still struggling to achieve independence in his personal life. This documentary captures the heart of a young man who never gives up and reveals how acting has not only changed Chris' life but is giving him an unexpected path toward independence.

TRT 60 min. Q & A with filmmakers and cast in attendance

FRIDAY - FILMMAKERS LOUNGE SCREENINGS

TIME FRAME: 7PM - 10:45PM

SHORTS BLOCK

BLACKER - (4 min)

DIRECTOR: Rhett Owen

CAST: Erick Lockley, Rhett Owen, David Burtka, Alexis Kelley

SYNOPSIS: BLACKER is a short comedy series about race and privilege in America that follows Addison Lovingwood, an obnoxious white guy whose life is turned upside down by some actual #blackgirlmagic that causes strangers to see him as black.

DANDELIONS - (13 min)

DIRECTOR: Jason Winn

CAST: Jeff Ridgway, Rico Paris, Kathleen Hogan

SYNOPSIS: A teacher comes face-to-face with the surreal, the unexpected, as he struggles to move forward with the guilt in the wake of a deadly school shooting.

BULLIED - (30 min)

DIRECTORS: Robert Schwartz & Cassandra Cooper

WRITERS: Robert Schwartz & Cassandra Cooper

CAST: Madison Schwartz, Reign Lawrence, Reagan Lawrence

SYNOPSIS: Filmed in Kent and London in the UK, this movie tackles the issue of bullying through the eyes of various students. This movie features actors and actresses from UK, US, Iceland, Dubai, and more.

TRT 47 min. Q & A with filmmakers and cast in attendance

SCI-FI FILM BLOCK... 8:20pm - 10:30pm

THE CAPE - (13 min)

DIRECTOR: Andrew Olson

CAST: Skyler Brunk, Marybeth Paul, Jeremy Lloyd

SYNOPSIS: For eleven happy years Kara was fiery and independent, leaping over tall couches, jumping off the dock, and best of all reading comic books with her Dad, especially her favorite - The Scarlet Raven, a Golden Age Heroine. Now, on her first Summer Vacation to Cape Cod after losing her father, Kara finds a gift from yesteryear in a magical kite shop - an authentic Scarlet Raven Cape.

ANDROMEDA - (15 min)

DIRECTOR/WRITER: Emily Dean

CAST: Aaron Glenane, Kestrel Leah, Mai Brunelle, Emily Limyun Dean

SYNOPSIS: An android who, through her friendship with a little girl, becomes alive.

THE DRONE - (14 min)

DIRECTOR: Wojciech Lorenc

WRITERS: John J. McLaughlin, Jean Bodon

CAST: Lauren Bonnetti, April Chennat, Courtland Johnson

SYNOPSIS: Written by BAFTA Nominee John J. McLaughlin (Black Swan, Hitchcock, Carnivale, and many more), The Drone tells a story of DJ - a small quadcopter who is simply trying to fit in.

LOST - (7 min)

DIRECTOR/WRITER: Borja Perez Berdugo

CAST: Borja Perez Berdugo

SYNOPSIS: A man tries to keep in touch with a woman through a old radio while being persecuted by some people of black in a post apocalyptic world where art is destroyed.

ATLANTEANS - (9 min)

DIRECTOR: Luis Juanes

SYNOPSIS: A discussion reveals impossible desires that contradict the ideologies of Alex and his visitors. The situation becomes unbearable when the young boy is again alone with his desires and his perception distorts the world around.

THE VAULT - (10 min)

DIRECTOR: Sara Martins

WRITER: Sara Martins, Daniel Aliry

SYNOPSIS: The Vault is a post-apocalyptic sci-fi webseries that follows a ragtag group of survivors living in an underground military bunker known as Vault 175 or the Vault. The group is led by Evelyn Pierce, a no-nonsense General in the Canadian Armed Forces. Buried five miles beneath the Earth, this state-of-the-art facility is humanity's only remaining home.

PETROL 2 - GTA - (10 min)

DIRECTOR: Ant Horasanli

WRITER: Reza Sholeh, Ant Horasanli

SYNOPSIS: A young hacker by day / car thief by night, must infiltrate one of the most notorious car theft rings in the country and help police bring down an international smuggling operation.

SHIFTER - (11 min)

DIRECTOR/WRITER: Matthew Marder

CAST: Samantha Miller, Alan Polonsky

SYNOPSIS: When an agent infiltrates a Russian Embassy in Tbilisi, Georgia and steals mysterious files, the Russians kidnap a woman they believe to be the culprit. But it may be a case of mistaken identity...

TRT 89 min. Q & A with filmmakers and cast in attendance

SATURDAY - FILMMAKERS LOUNGE SCREENINGS

12:30pm

ALWAYS THE SAME - (41 min)

DIRECTOR: Slavica Slur

CAST: Dario Saric

SYNOPSIS: Whether a father and a daughter or a mother and a son, all of the team's basketball players beat a basketball court, with a series of medals won? You never know. Same as it is hard to say whether the father's basketball game, who was a team player with a basketball legend Drazen Petrovic is better than today's son's basketball game, NBA player Dario Saric.

LIVING IN THE STORY - (52 min)

DIRECTOR: Lynn Estomin

WRITER: Patrick Nagatani

CAST: Patrick Nagatani

SYNOPSIS: Living in the Story documents thirty-five years of art-making by photographer Patrick Nagatani. The film portrays an artist deeply concerned with world events, who uses imagery and storytelling to raise awareness about modern anxieties, with an emphasis on the threat of nuclear weapons.

TRT - 93 min

Q & A with filmmakers and cast in attendance

PIFF 12th Annual Festival of ANIMATION

2:15pm - 3:17pm

1. Drift – Director Annie Fisher & Rachel Killingsworth – 3 min
2. Mogu and Perol – Director Tsuneo Goda – 8 min
3. Snip – Director Adam Koenig – 4 min
4. Is This Real? – Director Stefano Cassini – 4 min
5. Onikuma - Dir: Alessia Cecchet - 12 min
6. Icons – Director Ronnie Cramer – 5 min
7. The Spirit Seam – Director Ashley Gerst – 14 min.
8. The Velvet Underground Played at My High School – Director Robert Pietri & Tony Jannelli – 8 min

TRT - 62 min

3:30PM

PIFF MUSIC VIDEO FESTIVAL

1. "Say My Name" – Director: Tiffany Yancey / Artist: Setoria – 4 min
2. "Lover's Leap" – Director: Jonathan Zuck / Artist: Exit 10 – 7 min
3. "Sequoyah" – Director: Len Omelchenko / Artist: Blue Jays – 5 min
4. "838" – Director: Ioan Gavriel / Artist: Thirsty Eyes – 5 min
5. "Rooftops" – Director: Odeya Rush / Artist: Harry Nathan – 4 min
6. "The Fire Within" – Director: Ryan K. McNeal / Artist: Jennifer Thomas – 5 min
7. "Insane" – Director: Jasia Kaulbach / Artist: Madison McFerrin – 4 min
8. "Honest Opinions" Director: Nick Murphy/Artist: Pete Hill – 5 min
9. "Searching for Wonder" – Director: Greg Osei/Artist: Greg Osei – 6 min
10. "Dog Fight" – Director: Gregory Kasunich / Artist: Sophie Strauss – 2 min
11. "Music at Midnight" - Director/Artist: Andre Joseph
12. "Irish Margaritas" – Director: Daniel Nemroff / Artist: Harriet – 4 min
13. "Son of the Morning" – Director: Caspar Leopard / Artist: Caspar Leopard – 6 min
14. "Don't Let Me Go" – Director: Kathleen Sheehan / Artist: KASH – 3 min
15. "Pangea" – Director: Derek Frey / Artist: Trever Veilleux – 7 min
16. "IDNTT" - Director - Bettino D'Mello / Artist: Bettino D'Mello - 7 min
17. "Live Through the Night" – Director: Edward Andrews – 3 min
18. "Cigarette Perfume" – Director: Jonathan Zuck / Artist: Juneau Sky – 4 min

Video makers and band members in attendance. TRT - 85 min

FOREIGN SHORTS

5:15pm

SIDES OF A HORN - (17 min)

DIRECTOR/WRITER: Toby Wosskow

CAST: Sherlton Marema, Welile Nzuzo, Ayanda Seoka

SYNOPSIS: Sides of a Horn is the first film to tell the story of South Africa's poaching war from both sides of the fence. Based on actual events, and filmed in the townships and game reserves most directly impacted by wildlife crime, this dramatic short film paints an unbiased portrait of a modern war that is tearing apart communities and driving a prehistoric species to the verge of extinction.

KARMA (16 min)

DIRECTOR/WRITER: Armando del Rio

CAST: Unax Ugalde, Alejandra Lorente, Fernando Ramallo

SYNOPSIS: Clara dreams with her own rape and death into the hands of an ancient warrior. When she wakes up, in the present day, she realizes that the attacker is her actual boyfriend. Everything changes when she understand that this man has been her persecutor in many other past lives...

INSANE LOVE - (20 min)

DIRECTOR/WRITER: Eitan Pitigliani

CAST: Clara Alonso, Diego Dominguez, Filippo Gattuso

SYNOPSIS: Alessandro is a young Italian fashion model whose life seems to have reached a dead end when, one day, walking down the streets of Rome, he bumps into Sophia, a young girl from Argentina, with whom he falls desperately in love, right from the very first moment he sees her.

QUARTER - (15 min)

DIRECTOR: Navjot Bandiwadekar

CAST: Girija Oak Godbole

SYNOPSIS: Ashwini a young middle-aged Indian woman comes home after being declared as an addict in the midst of Diwali celebrations, where Diwali is touted as celebration of triumph of good over evil.

FAMILY OF TOO MANY - (13 min)

DIRECTOR/WRITER: Maaman Rezaee

CAST: Addison Hidlay, Mary Apick, Kambiz Hosseini, Lara Wolf

SYNOPSIS: Bahar, an 8-year-old Iranian girl, believes she has caused the death of her grandmother. As she deals with her feelings of guilt, her parents decide to steal grandmother's body. As Baha is living in Shi'a Iran, the family risks everything when they spirit the body away in the middle of the night so that they may perform their prohibited religious rituals.

TRT 72 min. Q & A with filmmakers and cast in attendance

RELATIONSHIP SHORTS BLOCK

7PM

A THOUSAND WORDS - (14 min)

DIRECTOR: Mara Bush

WRITER: Carrie Ferrante

CAST: Emaline Williams, Eevin Hartsough, Sal Rendino

SYNOPSIS: Christine, forced to live in a new and unwelcome reality, hopes a special set of polaroids will provide her with a tangible keepsake.

CORE - (18 min)

DIRECTOR/WRITER: Joyce Lim

CAST: Jimmy Bonilla, David Osorio, Janelle Bullock

SYNOPSIS: Gil is a 20-year-old college student, who has been identifying himself as a gay male his whole life. Gil and Room have been dating for about two years. In the middle of their relationship, Gil realizes he is also attracted to women.

DEAR LIFE, YOU SUCK! JOURNAL ENTRY ONE - (7 min)

DIRECTOR/WRITER: Darrelle Williams

CAST: Hyresh Davis, Nastassija Baset

SYNOPSIS: A soon to be married couple struggle with maintaining a healthy relationship while following their dreams.

HOMIES - (9 min)

DIRECTOR/WRITER: Ina Espiritu

CAST: Christina M. Ibarra, Taylor Robinson

SYNOPSIS: Maine can't admit to best friend/fuck buddy Raven that she is in love with her. A queer almost-love story.

ME 3.769 - (9 min)

DIRECTOR/WRITER: Elaine Del Valle

CAST: Samantha Lopez, Vanessa Elise, Rodolfo Salas

SYNOPSIS: A Pubescent Latina looks forward to her maturing body, but must soon cope with the sexual misconduct of someone she trusts.

THE BUSKER KID - (26 min)

DIRECTORS: Kristy Walsh & Kevin Durr

WRITER: Kristy Walsh

CAST: Frank Halbiger, Paula Kem, Andrew Moffatt, Jenna Lam

SYNOPSIS: Arlo Abernathy attempts to follow in his late grandfather's footsteps by becoming a marionette performer on the Ocean City Maryland Boardwalk. Along the way, he meets an eclectic community of veteran street performers who challenge him to pursue higher standards of performance and authenticity.

74 min total running time

Q & A with filmmakers and cast in attendance

SOUTH STREET CINEMA

THURSDAY MAY 9, 2019

TIME FRAME: 6PM - 11

6PM

DOCUMENTARY BLOCK

128 DAYS - (7 min)

DIRECTOR/WRITER: Robert Belinoff

CAST: Robert Belinoff

SYNOPSIS: A documentary filmmaker asks what is art? And gives himself four months to find out. What happened and what it felt like to make something from nothing.

A BEAUTIFUL MESS: THE DOCUMENTARY - (25 min)

DIRECTOR: Matt Marlinski

CAST: Chelsea Johnson, Amir Idris, Ira Bond, James Calvin, Yonatan Watts, Ebonie Smith

SYNOPSIS: A Beautiful Mess details the journey of iamchelseaiaam completing her first in studio EP. What initially started out as a project about a break up evolved in to a journey of loss, pain and resilience.

mewithoutYou [A B] Live - (48 min)

DIRECTOR: Colin Comstock

CAST: Aaron Weiss, Mike Weiss, Rickie Mazzotta, Brandon Beaver

SYNOPSIS: This concert documentary blends the full live performance of the final hometown show of mewithoutYou's "[A→B] Life 15th anniversary tour" with interviews and archival footage to tell the story of the band's evolution and emotions as they revisit their debut record.

69 min total running time

Q & A with the filmmakers in attendance

SECOND BLOCK

7:30PM

INTRUDERS - (10 min)

DIRECTOR/WRITER: Vincent Ferrari

CAST: Janice Fisher, Jeff Williams, Shane Valentine, Shane Goodall

SYNOPSIS: Two home intruders break into a house and tie up the couple inside, as they go through their things they discover a dark secret.

Q & A with cast & filmmakers in attendance

CELLS - (11 min)

DIRECTOR/WRITER: Raymond Wood

CAST: Mark Ashworth, Ben Owen

SYNOPSIS: When a reputable doctor finds himself being held captive by a group of masked intruders, he struggles to understand their motives while being forced to answer why billions of dollars go wasted each year in the name of medical research.

TONY'S BREAD - (60 min)

DIRECTOR/WRITER: James Di Fonzo

CAST: Spencer Howard, Debra Friedlander, Tony Luke Jr., Vince Stefani, Jimmy Carr, Ben Lyn, Paul "Cowboy" Sanger, Sal Darigo, Sean Munnelly

SYNOPSIS: An Asian-themed drama that weaves a complex story of how greed and corruption destroy men's lives, and the power of one woman's love that was strong enough to kill.

81 min total running time

Q & A with cast & filmmakers in attendance

THIRD BLOCK

9:10PM

A MINOR VARIATION - (14 min)

DIRECTOR: Sal Lahoud

CAST: Perry Smith, Abdul Sallam el Razzac, Wilson Jermaine Heredia

SYNOPSIS: Seventy-five year old Jackie is adjusting to life after the death of her beloved husband. Her solitude is a stark reminder of the sacrifices she made in order to build a family, most importantly giving up her lifelong dream to be a Jazz singer. To find her voice again at this stage of her life, she must rediscover her individual identity.

THE TERMS OF US - (18 min)

DIRECTOR/WRITER: Roberto Sanchez

CAST: Roberto Sanchez, Mauricio Mendoza, Doris Morgado

SYNOPSIS: Jose Garcia, a successful actor, has a chance encounter with a homeless woman who forces him to face his past.

ABSOLUTION - (18 min)

DIRECTOR/WRITER: Calan Smith

CAST: Gaz Hayden, Lizzie Clarke

SYNOPSIS: Absolution is a story centered around the experience of a young-offender who commits a violent crime and subsequently struggles to deal with a life of post-traumatic stress and depression.

EASY WAY OUT - (17 min)

DIRECTOR/WRITER: Jeffery T. Schultz

CAST: John Savage, Kate Connor

SYNOPSIS: Director, Jeffery Schultz's adaptation of the play 'For Old Time's Sake' by David MacGregor takes the plays premise further by switching the gender of the lead characters. And asks why do arguments made by a women resonate broadly while similar male positions are often dismissed. How are rolls in relationships being redefined today. What prejudices do we carry into our relationships, Is the pain that accompanies honesty worth it?

FULL MOON AND HIGH TIDE IN THE LADIES ROOM - (34 min)

DIRECTORS: Marcia Haufrecht & Robert Haufrecht

WRITER: Marcia Haufrecht

CAST: Meissa Hampton, Suzann DiBonna, Mark Borkowski

SYNOPSIS: A waitress in the west village gets pregnant , her boyfriend Hal gets scared. Two years into Roe v Wade homeless babe has to make a decision . Have a baby, Don't have a baby?

101 min total running time

Q & A with cast & filmmakers in attendance

FRIDAY MAY 10, 2019

6PM

BLOCK ONE

WORD IS BOND - (12 min)

DIRECTOR: Alexandra Mastoon

WRITER: Zachary Mastoon, Alexandra Mastoon

CAST: G. Lane Hillman, Ace Anderson, Dominique Willingham

SYNOPSIS: In the twilight of rap's golden era, an upcoming LA emcee named Tracey finds freedom and escape dancing alone to an inner soundtrack on headphones, masking the secret in loud boom bap from his stereo speakers.

SHOWTIME - (15 min)

DIRECTOR/WRITER: Dir: Shawn Antoine II

CAST: Joel Leitch, Dimitri Carter, Shemar Jones, Lisa Drouillard

SYNOPSIS: Darius and Hakeem dance on New York City trains to earn honest money and escape the crime-riddled streets of Harlem. A woman sees Darius dancing on the train and offers him an opportunity to audition for a Juilliard travel dance team. Darius is faced with the decision to pursue this life-changing opportunity or help keep Hakeem out of trouble.

UNALIENABLE RIGHTS - (14 min)

DIRECTOR/WRITER: Froilan Cuesta

CAST: Lord Jamar

SYNOPSIS: Unalienable Rights is a docudrama that merges the struggles of two men: John Africa and Mumia Abu-Jamal against the racially divided, "in-justicetized" city of Philadelphia where the Italian Mafia, corrupt city government and Black Muslim Mob ran amok with devilish intentions in a major cover up.

THE GREAT AMERICAN DEPRESSION: I'M AWARE - (65 min)

DIRECTOR/WRITER: Sebastian H. Foxworth

CAST: Ed Archer, Scott M. Rosenfelt, Tiffany Battles, Danny Monk Jr.

SYNOPSIS: Ten people tell their stories about their personal battles with depression and other mental illnesses. Executive Producer Hip-Hop Legend, Ed "Special Ed" Archer, shares his stories and beliefs as well.

103 min total running time

Q & A with filmmakers in attendance

BLOCK TWO

8pm - 9:20pm

1:15pm - 3:18pm. LUPE (Drama) (PA Premiere) 77 min. Dir: Charles Vuolo & Andre Phillips. Lupe follows a Cuban immigrant struggling with their transgender identity while searching for their missing sister in New York City's underground sex industry. With: Rafael Albarran, Christine Rosario, and Celia Harrison.

a. GUN (29 min) - Dir: Edward Wasser

b. SOMEWHERE IN JULY (17 min) - Dir: Laina Barakat

TRT 131 min. Q & A with cast and filmmakers in attendance

PIFF #12 AWARD NOMINEES

BEST FEATURE FILM

Lupe, Rag Doll, Right Before Your Eyes, A Host of Sparrows, and Long Lost

BEST DIRECTOR - FEATURE FILM

David Vincent Bobb - Right Before Your Eyes; Charles Vuolo & Andre Phillips - Lupe; Kevin Alexander Boon - A Host of Sparrows; Erik Bloomquist - Long Lost; Bailey Kobe - Rag Doll

BEST ACTOR - FEATURE FILM

Mike Sutton - A Host of Sparrows; Adam Wepler - Long Lost; Adam Ratcliffe - Right Before Your Eyes; Rafael Albarran - Lupe; Nicholas Tucci - Long Lost

BEST ACTRESS - FEATURE FILM

Shannon Murray - Rag Doll; Elizabeth Wyld - A Host of Sparrows; Catherine Corcoran - Long Lost; Christine Rosario - Lupe; Elena Camp - Dead Giveaway

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR - FEATURE FILM

Peter Patrikios - Offstage Elements; Brian Anthony Wilson - Right Before Your Eyes; Brian O'Halloran - Right Before Your Eyes; Ice T - Clinton Road; DC Cathro - A Host of Sparrows

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS - FEATURE FILM

Celia Harrison - Lupe; Stephanie Erb - Rag Doll; Corrie Graham - Right Before Your Eyes; Kristin Foreman-Spence - Dead Giveaway; Dot-Marie Jones - Rag Doll

BEST SHORT FILM

Showtime; Princess Pussy; The Cape; It's A Mess; Justice for Vincent; Somewhere in July ; Saving Billy; Cells; Gun; ME 3.769

BEST ACTOR – SHORT FILM

Lawrence Chau - Justice for Vincent; Joel Leitch - Showtime; Roberto Sanchez - The Terms of Us; Mark Borkowski - Cucina; Vincent D'ONofrio - It's A Mess; Tim Dowd - Tribute; Gaz Hayden - Absolution; John Savage - Easy Way Out; Sherldon Marema - Sides of a Horn; Abdul Sallam el Razzac - A Minor Variation; Jeff Ridgway - Dandelions

BEST ACTRESS – SHORT FILM

Sophie Tobias (On Our Own); Rachel Keefe (Still); Perry Smith (A Minor Variation); Samantha Lopez (ME 3.769); Daniela Montalvo (Princess Pussy); Evanne Friedmann (Lara); Emaline Williams (A Thousand Words); Hannah Anderson (Vagabond); Kate Connor (Easy Way Out); Chloe Carroll (Waiting for Hope); Lee Chen (Justice for Vincent)

BEST LOCAL FEATURE (Delaware Valley area)

Right Before Your Eyes; A Host of Sparrows; Dead Giveaway; Offstage Elements

BEST LOCAL SHORT – (Delaware Valley area)

Lara; Tribute; Still; On Our Own; Gun

BEST FIRST TIME DIRECTOR - FEATURE

Charles Vuolo & Andre Phillips – Lupe; Ian Kimble – Dead Giveaway; David Vincent Bobb – Right Before Your Eyes

BEST FIRST TIME DIRECTOR - SHORT

Mara Bush - A Thousand Words; Addison Rolleri - Vagabond; Gordon Shoemaker – Lara; Tristan Alan - Tribute; Monique Impagliazzo & Jennifer Tini - Turkey's Done

BEST DOCUMENTARY – FEATURE

Once in A Hundred Years; The Great American Depression: I'm Aware; Don't Quit: The Ross Cordaro Story

BEST DOCUMENTARY – SHORT

Memory Video; A Different Script; Jin (A Korean in America); mewithoutYOU [A B] Live

BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY (feature or short)

Showtime (DP – Emily McCartney); Right Before Your Eyes (DP – Joseph Hennigan); Lupe (DP- Tom Fitzgerald) ; The Cape (DP – Zachary Halberd); Long Lost (DP – Thomson Nguyen); A Host of Sparrows (DP – Edwin Koester); Mama Bear (DP- Hilarion Banks); It's A Mess (DP- Frank Prinzi)

BEST ACTION FILM (feature or short)

Mama Bear; Shifter; The Proposal

BEST HORROR/THRILLER (feature or short)

Clinton Road; Hush; It's A Mess; Intruders; Cells ; Still

BEST COMEDY FILM (feature or short)

You Got Ma'amed; Princess Pussy; Dead Giveaway; Waiting for Hope; Turkey's Done; Notes from Melanie

BEST FOREIGN FILM (feature or short)

Sides of a Horn; Insane Love; Family of Too Many

BEST SCI-FI (feature or short)Deep Dive

The Cape; Shifter; Mirrors; The Drone

BEST ANIMATION

Snip; Mogu and Perol; Is This Real?

BEST MUSIC VIDEO

"Rooftops" – Director: Odeya Rush / Artist – Harry Nathan

"Say My Name" – Director: Tiffany Yancey / Artist: Setoria

"Dog Fight" – Director: Gregory Kasunich / Artist: Sophie Strauss

"Live Through the Night" – Director: Edward Andrews / Artist: Dear Rouge

"838" – Director: Ioan Gavriel /Artist: Thirsty Eyes

"The Fire Within" – Director: Ryan K. McNeal / Artist: Jennifer Thomas – 5 min

BEST WEBSERIES

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The Vault

