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Welcome to PIFF #15!

All screenings are listed by venue and the date. We are screening at 3 venues (see below). http://SeraPhi.org is our home and you are welcome there from 12pm-12am. All filmmakers +2 are admitted for free for the entire festival. If you plan to attend the festival, email/DM us now and let us know. We will provide Hotel and other options as best we can depending on needs.

The following schedule represents a long tradition of screening a unique cinematic experience unrestrained by conventional boundaries. We could not do this without the local and global film community taking so much interest. Thank you for creating stories and sharing them with us. ~ The PIFF #15 Team

Important PIFF #15 festival information:

Where will the festival take place?

- The OVAL (Directly in front of the Philadelphia Art Museum). We will screen the Festival of Animation, Music Video Festival, and other selections with the closing film ****QUEST LOVE**** Summer of Soul. 9:00pm. (Free)
- SeraPhi Studios http://SeraPhi.org Immersive 4K Theater 72 Seats (\$10)
- SeraPhi Studios "30 Amp Circuit" Filmmakers Lounge 32 Seats (Free) To Learn more about our Partners at 30 Amp please visit http://30amp.org
- BOK Theater https://www.buildingbok.com/auditoriumreimagined 280 seats (\$10)
- #PhillyMeta, Philadelphia's first Metaverse
 https://agora.agoravr.world/event?roomCode=philly2022 Unlimited (Free)
- The Holodec https://theholodec.com/ VR Interface & 105 Seat Theater (\$10 for Screenings)

Ticketing information 2022 Philadelphia Independent Film Festival June. 6th - 11th, 2022.

- PIFF #15 direct ticketing link: http://bit.lv/PIFFtickets
- At the door, *Cash Only" (ATM available), or Venmo and PayPal (Crypto)
- \$15.00 (General Admission at door)
- \$45.00 (All Access PiFF Pass 2022) (Festival #15 ½ off!)
- \$250.00 (Donation)* Film Festival Pass for 3 years + special invites to #PIFF Events throughout the year...)
- We accept Bitcoin, Ethereum, Decentraland, Maker, and Dogecoin. All prices will be posted daily. A festival ALL ACCESS price will be posted on May 26.

What else will happen at PIFF #15?

- Digital Soap Box (Live)
- Midnight Dive Official Selection Screenings (Pop-Up)
- PIFF #15 Festival of Animation
- PIFF #15 Festival of the Fantastic (interface)
- PIFF #15 Music Video Festival

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LOVE FROM PHILLY Official Selection Screenings (@ The Oval, June 11th.

Thursday May 5th, 2022

6:00 pm ~ 11:00 pm 30 Amp Circuit Fundraiser - W Hotel.

Friday May 6th, 2022

6:30 pm ~ Philly Tech Week AgoraVR, and PIFF MetaPhilly Launch! #phillytechweek #agoraVR #AI #piff #pifffilms

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/philly-tech-week-metaverse-kickoff-tickets-314731900587

A slew of partners are joining forces on Friday, May 6 to curate a single massive collection of immersive gaming, music, art, technology and emerging startup installations. The celebration will serve as the kickoff of Philly Tech Week Presented by Comcast and will be produced in partnership with Technical.ly, 30 Amp Circuit, the Philadelphia Independent Film Festival and VR platform Agora World.

Monday June 6th, 2022 - Opening night!

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Join us at the festival home base, SeraPhi.org, in the 30 Amp Circuit Filmmakers (Elixir) Lounge and get ready for a week-long celebration of Film, Music, Technology, and the Arts.

30 Amp Circuit Filmmakers Lounge. LIVE! 1 night Only!

~~~~> PIFF #PhillyComedy ~~~
OPEN MIC & #PIFF Official Selection Screenings
HOST Mike Salvi. 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm.

Festival Screenings begin at 7:30pm! \$10 for films and Open Mic!

Something Borrowed (Comedy) TRT 15:32 min. Director: Danny Donnelly. Writer: Aimee Theresa. Cast: Aimee Theresa, Jennifer M. Kay, Annie Raczko, Andrew Hunsicker, Frank Williams, Melissa Hunsicker. (Philadelphia, PA. USA). Three friends go to the shore for a girls weekend, but when a fun idea goes awry, chaos ensues. \*Cast/Crew in attendance

Boxes, Boxes, Boxes (Comedy) TRT 11:52 min. Director: Erin Marie Davis Cast: Ian Farley, Nathan Edmondson, Brittney Timmons, David Monster, Marilyn Mineo. (Philadelphia, PA. USA). (East Coast Premier) It starts off as a normal day on the job for a



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delivery man who prides himself on spreading joy, saving lives, and ALWAYS delivering his boxes on-time. His route takes a sharp turn when he is confronted with a cunning package thief who will stop at nothing to get what he wants...MORE BOXES. Determined not to miss his most pressing delivery, he has to think outside the box to outsmart his clever adversary. \*Cast/Crew in attendance

The Jestor's Song (Comedy) TRT 11:30 min. Director/Writer: Michael Woloson Cast: Joey Bader, Chris Kircher, Jared Trevino, Rhoda Pell. (Philadelphia, PA. USA). (East Coast Premier) In a desolate world where humanity is scarce, one lone mysterious scavenger tries to survive when he discovers a link to his past that he thought had been lost. \*Cast/Crew in attendance





In His Pocket (Comedy) TRT 15 min. Director: David Nikolas. Writer: Amanda Schoonover. (Hamilton, NJ. USA). (Philadelphia Premier) In this post-modern silent film, a plucky shop girl keeps crossing paths with her dream...but will it ever be within her reach? \*Cast/Crew in attendance

**Funny How (Documentary) TRT 15:39 min. Director: David Dibona. Cast: Gary Sharpe. (Glassboro, NJ. USA).** A short documentary film about a new comedian trying to make his way up the ladder in the tri-state area. Philadelphia, New Jersey, and New York. chronicles the life of amateur comic Gary Sharp as he hits the streets and puts in the work in an effort to one day etch his name in comedy history books. Being young and coming up in a city like Philadelphia is not easy and, as you will see, definitely not for the faint of heart. All for the sake of comedy. \*Cast/Crew in attendance\*

## Tuesday June 7th, 2022

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Confessions of an Eco Terrorist: Battle for our Planet (Documentary/Political)
TRT 75 min. Director: Peter Jay Brown. Writer: Timothy Wade Huntley. (Denton,
Texas. USA). (PA Premier) "CONFESSIONS: Battle for our Planet" is an
auto-biographical look at director Peter Jay Brown's 40+ year intimate involvement in
today's eco-movement. Peter takes a look at the tactics that won the day yesterday, and
compares them with today's modern eco-corporate solutions. Using 40 years of footage
from Peter's archive, and his recent participation in Discover Channel's: "Whale Wars"

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the viewer will get a refreshing look at how many epic eco battles were really won..., or lost depending on your point of view. \*Cast/Crew in attendance

### 2:35 pm - 3:45 pm ~

• Wedding 93 (Horror) TRT 69 min. Director: Paul Zagaris. Producer: Paul Zagaris. (Sacramento, CA. USA). In 1993 a bizarre incident took place during a traditional Cambodian wedding. A wealthy rural Cambodian groom, Bol, falls in love with his bride, Rah, whose reaction to the arranged marriage unfolds in a series of frightening incidents that leave everyone believing she must be possessed. There are things in the video that are still unexplained. This is the first time this story has been told to the general public.

### 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm ~ 215 SCI FI: BLOCK #1

- Hero (SciFi) TRT 16 min. Director: Tom Quigley. Writer: Tom Qigley. Producer:
   Tom Quigley, Joe Noecker.. Cast: Caitlin Riley, Brian Gallagher, Laine Flores,
   Michael Tamin Yurcaba. (Philadelphia, PA. USA). A young woman ventures into a
   mystical forest in search of a legendary sword. Along the way she faces many trials,
   and comes at last to an ultimate test of her courage before she can claim her prize.
   \*Cast/Crew in attendance
- Remedy (SciFi) TRT 7:17 min. Director/Writer: Annette Grant. (Philadelphia, PA. USA). A young man who is struggling with life receives a strange package in the mail.
   \*Cast/Crew in attendance
- Welcome to the land of Misfits (SciFi) TRT 22:06 min. Director: Sebastian H. Fox who also Wrote and Produced this film. Cast: Metta World Peace, Karl Brown, Frank Sean Johnson. (Philadelphia, PA. USA). This series follows the life of Marcus Kaine, a heavyweight MMA World Champion trying to find his way as a supernatural suited antihero who at themes struggles with bouts of depression. His mentor is a Fallen Watcher Angel names Sariel (M.W.P.) who has his own ways of dealing with things. Earth is a land of misfits some good, some bad and some you just don't know about. \*Cast/Crew in attendance
- Thank You (SciFi) TRT 5:30 min. Director/Writer: Mike Kravinsky. Producer: Sali Diamond. Cast: Josh Adams. (Philadelphia, PA. USA). (World Premiere) What if you learned you would be famous in the future? \*Cast/Crew in attendance

## 5:30 pm - 7:05 pm ~

Blueberry Hall (Drama) TRT 81 min. Director/Writer: Kesh Tyagi. Producer: Ty Dickson, Kesh Tyagi, Sean Patrick Eaton. Cast: Matt Holmes, Chris Lam, Josh Bonzie, Neil Newby, Kasey Weir, Michael Rousselet. (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. USA). (American Premiere) lan's golden ticket to Harvard Law School is winning the

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Debate National Championship, but when funding falls through, he and his friends sell prescription drugs as they snowball into a world of crime, drugs and politics. \*Cast/Crew in attendance

 SELF TAPE (Drama) TRT 12:07 min. Director/Writer: Austin Elston. Cast: Ali Stoner, Sharlee Taylor, Janice Amaya. (Philadelphia, PA. USA). A surrealist, absurdist dark comedy about the nightmare of living a repeated life. This short is the very first zero waste short film, generating only 8 ounces of trash. \*Cast/Crew in attendance

## 7:45 pm - 8:55 pm ~ PIFF #15 Next Gen Sci Fi ~ BLOCK #2

- Tundra (SciFi) TRT 30 min. Director: José Luis Aparicio. Writer: Carlos Melián.
   Producers: Leila Montero, Daniela Muñoz, José Luis Aparicio, Gabriel Alemán.
   Cast: Mario Guerra, Neisy Alpízar, Laura Molina, Jorge Enrique Caballero, Jorge Molina. (Cuba). Walfrido Larduet, a lonely electrical inspector, dreams of the Red Woman, whose image persists and becomes an obsession. Something tells him she is near. Over the course of a day, Walfrido will follow her trail as he travels through the suburbs of an infested city.
- Miracle (SciFi) TRT 7:10 min. Director: Shaofu Zhang. Writer: Frank Gibson, Yuewang Zhao. Producer: Hande Zhang. (China). In modern day Xian, two siblings will have the most memorable adventure of their lives. Silkma, a curious and naughty boy and his adorable younger sister Lingmi are visiting their Grandma's house. However, she's no ordinary Grandmother. In fact, she is the world's greatest inventor, and Grandma is close to finishing her top secret spaceship that can travel through time and space. Now, the family embarks on their greatest adventure to discover the mysteries of the Silk Road Wonderland.
- Pass (SciFi/Thriller) TRT 10:00 min. Director/Writer/Producer: Elika Abdollahi.
   Cast: Mina Hamedani, Hesam Hosseini, Ebrahim Barzide, Soheil Mirza. (Iran, Islamic Republic of). Fascinating drama about not everyone being trustworthy. The social issue movie centers around a poor woman.
- Second Gen (SciFi) TRT 7 min. Director/Writer: Mike Madigan. Producer: Five Clover Films. Cast: Jessi Reed, Caitlin Burt, Stacey Arnold, Allison Hunt - Kaufman. (Detroit, MI. USA). The end is actually just a virtual beginning for Aimee - but those closest to her may not fully understand the last vestiges of herself in this new format.
- Fortina-2 (SciFi) TRT 14:14 min. Director/Writer: Sean Sears. Cast: Joseph Cheetham-Wilkinson. (United Kingdom). Is a Science Fiction story about acceptance, duty and loneliness.

\*\*\* 30 Amp Circuit Filmmakers Lounge \*\*\* (Free Screenings)
1:45 pm - 2:45 pm ~ PIFF #15 Festival of Music Videos \*Cast/Crew in attendance

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Welcoming music videos from all over the world to the local Philadelphia and tri-state area music video community. Discovered from the global sounds of humankind! Explore what's been going on in the underground world of DIY music video making.

- Feel No Way (Music Video) TRT 3:50 min. Director: Mathew Melchionne. Producer: Lucy Soutter.
- The Zabar Shuffle (Music Video) TRT 3:39 min. Director/Writer: Aaron Weinstein.
- DICITENCELLO BOOGIE (Music Video) TRT 5:49 min. Director/Writer: Ari Takahashi. Producer: Ari Takahashi.
- ABC's of Philly (Music Video) TRT 4:07 min. Director: TG Gainey.
- Into the Realm of the Night (Music Video) TRT 5:40 min. Director/Writer: Patrick Müller. Producer: Patrick Müller.
- **Zombified (Music Video) TRT 3:58 min.** *Director/Writer: Jensen Noen. Producer: Phoenix Vaugh, Frank Boran, Ruth Devereaux.*
- Jeete Raho (Music Video) TRT 3:29 min. Director: Kathleen Sheehan. Producer: Kathleen Sheehan, Amsi.
- **Iyes Keen Halo (Music Video) 3:34 min.** *Director/Writer: Joshua Nicholas Perrin. Producer: Joshua Nicholas Perrin.*
- MA1NFRAME (Music Video) 5:12 min. Director: Qieer Wang. Producer: Mitchell Leonard.
- Evolve (Music Video) 4:28 min. Director: Ryan Jervon Sellers. Producer: Marty Krzywonos.
- The Melting of the Sun (Music Video) TRT 4:21 min. Director: Bill Benz, Annie Clark, Chris McDonnell.
- The High Wire (Music Video) TRT 5:06 min. Director/Writer: Lindsey Copeland. Producer: Lindsey Copeland.
- Are You Hearing Me? (Music Video) 5:38 min. Director: \*\*[NEEED TO UPDATE THIS NAME...]

## 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm ~ Music and the Mind...Documentary films.

- A Blessing in Disguise (Music Documentary) TRT 11:14 min. Director/Producer:
   Chris Michael Pirone. Cast: Billy Day, Kristoffer Edland. (Philadelphia, PA. USA).

   A Film following an electronic music producer and DJ telling his story from the time his life took a sharp turn caused by a world pandemic.\*Cast/Crew in attendance
- Rhythms of Migration (Music Documentary) TRT 55:30 min. Directors/Producers: Stephen McNally, John Wassel. (Los Angeles, CA. USA). Rhythms of Migration follows a group of African youth migrants living in Sicily as they create a musical album about their migration experiences. Working with producer Alex Polydoroff and migrant activist Ramzi Harrabi, their music touches on everything from their hopes for their new lives in Europe to the horrors they experienced as teenagers in war-torn Libya. By producing the album "One Humanity" and performing in live concerts, they work to raise

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broader awareness of the global migratory crises, create cross-cultural conversations and understanding between the youth and their Sicilian neighbors, and provide an outlet to express their experiences and stories.

• I Get No Sleep (Music Documentary) TRT 14 min. Director/Writer/Producer: JD Ferenc. Cast: JD Ferenc. (Tarrytown, NJ. USA). A music video director moonlights as talent during the pandemic. A 14 minute film told through song.

## Wednesday June 8th, 2022

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1:00 pm - 2:40 pm ~

- Nightline (Thriller) TRT 90 min. Director: Robert Sedlacek. (Czech Republic). (USA Premier) A bittersweet tale about a live interview radio broadcast that changes the lives of several innocent people. After lying low in the USA for almost 20 years Radek makes a surprise visit to his home city of Prague. Tech savvy he manages to avoid revealing all forms of his identity and location to tell his story on a late night radio phone-in show hosted by ambitious young journalist Eva. A fierce struggle for time and justice begins.
- The Birth of Destruction (Thriller/Horror) TRT 6:20 min. Director: Grady R. Jones. (Philadelphia, PA. USA). Grady Jones is a Philadelphia native who always dreamed of being a Filmmaker.
   \*Cast/Crew in attendance



## 3:00 pm - 4:45 pm ~ Political Dynamics (Political Filmmaking)

- Emoticon (Experimental) TRT 2:11 min. Director: Padrick S. Ritch. A 16mm and Super 8 film.
- Dismissal Time (Political) TRT 29:57 min. Director: Marcia Joseph. Writer: André Joseph. Producer: Lisa Regina, André. Joseph Cast: Lisa Regina, Troy Sill, Oliver Feaster, Jay Pastelak, Kat Walsh, Sarah Dolhansky, Kayla J. Minore, Isaiah Faircloth, Denise Spaulding, David Goodman. (Philadelphia, PA. USA). When a black high school student in a reputable prep school becomes the victim of a vicious form of cyber bullying, his history teacher makes it her mission to bring those responsible to task when the administration fails to act. Loosely based on true events.
   \*Cast/Crew in attendance
- The Everyday Show (Political) TRT 10:30 min. Director/Writer: Viren Shinde.
   Producer: Viren Shinde. Cast: Zeby Khan, Michelle Siddiqui, Patrick Mason.
   (Philadelphia, PA. USA). Diya is an acclaimed film director who appears on Sam's talk show to promote his latest film. But Sam insists on unearthing a decision from Diya's past that she would rather not discuss on live television. \*Cast/Crew in attendance

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- Routine (Horror) TRT 4:33 min. (California, USA). During a mysterious pandemic,
  Cassie's quarantine life has turned into a routine, day in and day out. Nothing new
  seems to happen, until she realizes she's out of coffee. And she's determined to get her
  cup of joe, even if she must face the horrors of the outside world. Because "she'd kill for
  a cup of coffee. In this part-animated live action short, anything goes.
- When my thoughts reach this point, I can't help myself thinking about the book I was never able to return. (Political) TRT 8:04 min. Director/Writer: Guava Rhee. (Philadelphia, PA. USA). The narrator, a Korean lesbian living in Seoul, investigates the complexities of lesbian desire in the midst of pandemic. She lives with her partner in her tiny 5-pyeong studio apartment which her father pays rent for. In the tiny apartment, she faces domestic violence, governmental surveillance, and death of others.
   \*Cast/Crew in attendance
- Child Warfare (Political) TRT 10:00 min. Director/Writer: Joseph G. Bucci.
   Producer: Ian Altenbaugh, Bill Eritz, Ted E. Haynes, Joseph G. Bucci. Cast: Cotter Smith, David Whalen. (Pittsburgh, PA/Atlanta, GA. USA). When deciding on going to war the President is faced with the dilemma that each soldier is someone's child.

### 5:00 pm - 6:40 pm ~

- LACED (Horror/Comedy) TRT 90 min. Director/Writer: Colin Marshall. Cast:
   Deshawn Long, Maarten Olaya, Jackie Diehl, Greg Tucker, Stephanie Morgan,
   Emily Dale White, Leanne Entwhistle, Colin Marshall, Moira Bunting, Andrew
   Defly. (Delran, NJ. USA). A groovy, spooky and totally dysfunctional ghost story about
   lost souls smoking cursed PCP obtained from a witchdoctor. \*Cast/Crew in attendance
- Baby (Horror) TRT 3:28 min. Director/Writer: Brian Keenan. Cast: Pixia Wang.
   (Philadelphia, PA. USA). An expecting mother is terrorized when a demonic baby doll arrives at her door. \*Cast/Crew in attendance

## 7:00 pm - 8:20 pm ~ Sit back, it's THRILLER time...

- Jugando Con Fuego (Thriller) TRT 37 min. Director: Nicholas Ortiz. Writer: Robert
  Jefferson, Nicholas Ortiz. Producers: Mark Wiley, Tayari Casel. Cast: Robert James
  Samuels, Hector Soria, Jose Manuel, Tora Aledia, Rosalinda Vasquez, Armando
  Blackguard, Juanita Reyes, Miguel Alexandro Peralta. (NY/Philadelphia USA). Follow
  one man's blood soaked pursuit of revenge through the dark underbelly of Mexico.
  Sometimes Justice is Revenge!! "Robert Samuels gives one of his best acting and fight
  performances of his career." kingofkungfu@asianmoviepulse.com \*Cast/Crew in
  attendance
- Goggles (Thriller) TRT 9:34 min. Director: Ben Hirschhorn. Writer: Matt Mitchell.
   Producer: Olivia Gill, Atessa Moghimi, Valentina Povolo, Miguel Angel Garcia. Cast: Miguel Angel Garcia (NY/Los Angeles, CA. USA). A coming of age story about a boy

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with a seemingly perfect life. A beautiful home, endless sweets, and no problems whatsoever... except one. Where is everyone else? Set in a not so distant dystopian future, Goggles examines the heartbreaking conditions of our U.S. Border Patrol System through a narrative science fiction lens. At a time when it seems our immigration policies couldn't possibly get any worse, this film dares to ask... what if they did?

- House of Brotherly Love (Thriller) TRT 18:34 min. Director/Writer: Max Kane.
   Producers: Joey Krulock, Meil Dua, Ben Gerber. Cast: Omari Chancellor, Brooke Gardner, Joey Krulock. (West Chester, PA USA). Jaylen protects his sister.
   \*Cast/Crew in attendance
- Traders (Thriller) TRT 8:58. Director/Writer: Olivia Gropp. Producer: Olivia Gropp.
   (NY, NY. USA). In '90s record stores, everything can be traded. (PA Premier)

## 8:35 pm - 9:40 pm ~ Global Web Series

- Dear Life You Suck Episode 1. They Lied To Us. (Web Series) TRT 15:36 min.
   Director/Writer: Darrelle Williams. Cast: Hyresh Davis, Nastassja Baset, Imani
   Youngblood, Michael Frazier Jr., Janae Rockemore, Josh Coxs, Natalie
   Nielsen-Ruiz, Edwin Rai. (Philadelphia, PA. USA). Best friends living in Philly
   struggle to navigate life in their mid to late 20s. Attempting to find their place in the
   world. They fight through dreams deferred, disappointments, mental health, and
   marriage in hopes of achieving the lives they dream of. \*Cast/Crew in attendance
- #Situationships:The Web Series (Web Series) TRT 14:55 min. Director/Writer: Kristi Woodward. Writer: AJ Hall. Producers: Krista Woodward, AJ Hall, Victor Sims, Brittney D. Ball, Melvin Stringfellow Jr. Cast: AJ Hall, Monica Gallman. (Shreveport, LA. USA). A hopeless romantic finally gets a chance to turn a long-time friendship into something more, but he soon learns that their relationship may not be what he thinks it is. Will he fight for love, or say goodbye to this situationship?
- Complete Time Travel Guide (Web Series) TRT 15:00 min. Director: Oliver Mend. (Spain). Three friends meet at their usual bar and a severe confinement is declared, one which will force them to stay inside the bar the whole night. But when they smoke in the back part and come back to the bar everything seems to have changed: they have traveled in time!
- Dad-rahpy (Web Series) TRT 21:00 min. Directors: Rick "Wind" Herrara,
   Alexandra Herrera. Producer: Alexandra "Cloud" Herrera. Cast: Rick "Wind"
   Herrera, Jerry Diaz. (NY, NY. USA). "DAD-rahpy" follows two Afro-Latino fathers who randomly met on a bench at a children's park. As they build a friendship they confront their internal conflicts, and the Joys of fatherhood while juggling the obstacles of life.

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- PODLASIE. TRT 25 min. The Edge of the World (Documentary) Director/Writer: Katarzyna Lazzeri. Producer: Magdalena Stolarska, Inga Pawlowska. (Poland). The residents of Podlasie are able to watch the Polish-Belarusian border crisis from the windows of their own homes. Recent months have changed everything in their lives. The forest, which for years had been their breathing place, has now become a source of anxiety and trauma. The Podlasie region we know is now gone they say and add that they will never be able to return to their previous lives, because living on the edge of worlds changed them forever.
- I Found Malevich (Documentary) TRT: 35 min. Director/Writer: Ron Pollard. Writer: Rita Says. Producer: Ron Pollard. Cast: Ron Pollard, Rita Says. (Colorado, USA). Guided by a muse, an art collector finds a path of redemption as he leaves behind a world of threats, grifters, and shattered lives. Transcendence comes with the realization that this orphaned art lives in its own world and that we must transform ourselves to bear witness to its spiritual message.
- The Gun (Thriller) TRT 17:22 min. Director/Writer: T.J. McIntosh. Cast: Liam Prisk, Jonty Austin. (New Zealand). Dreams of Being and Nothingness. An uneasy vision of a young man's internal world as the escalating intrusions of an embittered older self force him onto a dangerous path.

## The HOLODEC ~ 1516 N 5th St Suite 102, Philadelphia, PA 19122 Billy Penn/Holodec Screening Room:

6:00pm - 7:05 pm ~ PIFF #15 Festival of Animation! \*Cast/Crew in attendance

- 12 & 12½ cents TRT 2:52 min. Director: Nick Beaufait. Producer: Kyrie Collier. (Texas USA). A backpacker waits at a decrepit bus stop for his journey to continue, but the quarter he finds will afford him change in destination.
- When Your Hips Don't Fit (TARAC WIPPP PR Spot). (Animation). TRT 0:19min. Director/Writer: Marc A. Gallo. Cast: Bryan Ramona, Marc A. Gallo. (Philadelphia, PA. USA). Gallospole presents a TARAC WIPPP, aka The American Right for Adequate Chair Width In Public & Private Places, public relations advertisement. It's about Americans with metabolic differences who can't find adequate seating. But for whose benefit?
- Unsaid Words TRT 2:35 min. Director/Writer: Stark Zhao. Producer: Stark Zhao. (Valencia, CA. USA). Two girls at a tennis camp overcome a tough situation that could've ended their friendship.
- Sphere TRT 6:07 min. Director: Wataru Iwata. (Hokuto City, Yamanashi Japan). The "world" is created by images, and the "world" that spreads before my eyes is "me" itself. Just as we cannot see our own face with the naked eye, the spherical mirror that reflects the "world" reflects everything as far as light can reach, however it will never be able to reflect the "self". It can only be recognized when it is observed by the "other".

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- Miracle TRT 7:10. Director: Shaofu Zhang. Writer: Frank Gibson, Yuewang Zhao. (Wuhan, Hubei. China). In modern day Xian, two siblings will have the most memorable adventure of their lives. Silkma, a curious and naughty boy and his adorable younger sister Lingmi are visiting their Grandma's house. However, she's no ordinary Grandmother. In fact, she is the world's greatest inventor, and Grandma is close to finishing her top secret spaceship that can travel through time and space. Hoping to help, Silkma attempts to adjust Grandma's spaceship and accidentally sets off a chain of events that transports the entire family through a wormhole. On the other side, they find themselves in another dimension, where ancient civilizations, fantasy creatures and magic all come to life! Now, the family embarks on their greatest adventure to discover the mysteries of the Silk Road Wonderland!
- The Image of The Fox TRT 4:16 min. Director: Alec Iselin. (NY, NY. USA). The Image of The Fox is a film that explores the transformations of a mysterious gray matter as it constructs and deconstructs haunting sculptures.
- Downfall TRT 3:28 min. Director: Rona Fayad. Producer: Academie Libanaise des Beaux Arts. (Lebanon). Enya's journey trying to make it as a dancer is hindered as her behaviors drag her downhill.
- Behind the glass TRT 5:00 min. Director/Writer: Pedro de la Llave. (Spain). Mario thinks he is in control. He thinks he knows what he is doing, and he looks down to the people on the other side of the glass, but what Mario doesn't know is that the glass itself is not on his side.
- The Softest Blanket In All of Dingledörf TRT 7:04 min. Director/Writer: Xan Rayne Poulsen. (New Hope, PA. USA). Xan Poulsen is an animation director and artist from New Hope, Pennsylvania with a passion for surreal art and storytelling.
- Immortal Night TRT 1:45 min. Director: Elizabeth D'Ambrosio. (Media, PA. USA). A short stop motion animation featuring Dracula and his brides.
- Vodník Many Years After the Rainstorm TRT 5:58 min. Director/Writer: Emma Penaz Eisner. (San Francisco, CA. USA). In San Francisco, many years after his hideous crimes, the fiendish water creature Vodník emerges from Czech folklore to recount his bequiling tale.
- The Bearer of Bad News TRT 5:55 min. Director: Sabrina Krispel. (Philadelphia, PA. USA). Benny's job is to deliver the terrible truth to the public, but what will happen when he faces his own?
- Shards TRT 5:56 min. Director: Geselle Vasconez. (Philadelphia, PA. USA). Cara embarks on a journey to recovery and acceptance with the help of another furry friend.

## 7:35 pm - 8:30 pm Philadelphia Film LOCAL PREMIERS!

 Post No Bills (Drama) TRT 18:32 min. Director: Francis Maxwell. Producer: Brad Robinson. (CA/Philly. USA). (East Coast Premier) A late-night encounter in a Bed-Stuy, Brooklyn penthouse during a blackout leads to a profound connection between the young handyman and a cleaner. \*Cast/Crew in attendance

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  A slacker tries to impress his girlfriend with a fancy dinner for her birthday. But as he goes on his journey to craft the perfect meal, he finds that he may have bitten off more than he can chew...

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## Thursday June 9th, 2022

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Undergrads (Drama) TRT 95 min. Director/Writer: Andrew Zuckerman. Writer:
 Dillon Orth. Producer: Andrew Zucckerman, Dillon Orth, John Cronin. Cast: Trace
 Guzmán, Chloe Skoczen, Dillon Orth, Elijah McNally. (West Saint Paul, MN USA).
 An ensemble of college students hang out over their last weekend before graduation.

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When Monday classes arrive, relationships have been put into question, or even cut off, while others have formed.

## 2:55 pm - 4:00 pm ~

• Night, Mother (Drama) TRT 64 min. Director: John Patrick Lowrie. Writer: Ellen McLain. Producer: Sheila Houlahan, Sarah Parsons. Cast: Sheila Houlahan, Ellen McLain. (Seattle, WA USA). Set amidst the COVID-19 pandemic during a Zoom conversation between a mother and daughter, Jessie (Sheila Houlahan) tells her mother Thelma (Ellen McLain) that she will commit suicide within the hour. Exploring the concentric circles of isolation, grief, and suicide, this hybrid film based on Marsha Norman's Pulitzer Prize-winning play portrays a poignant and haunting picture of the current state of mental health care in America.

## 5:00 pm - 6:20 pm ~

Landlocked (Drama) TRT 80 min. Director/Writer: Timothy Hall. Writer: Jonathan Foster. Producer: Daniel Hansen, Timothy Hall, Leslie Hall, Alexander Sablow. Cast: Dustin Gooch, Delia Kropp, Ashlee Heath. (Mableton, GA. USA). A man reunites with his estranged, transgender parent as they journey to scatter his late mother's ashes off the Georgia coast. "Landlocked" marks the feature film debut of transgender actress, Delia Kropp, in the lead role of Briana.

## 6:45 pm - 8:25 pm ~

OFF-TIME (Drama) TRT 100 min. Director: Robert L. Mickles. Writer: Matt Cantor. Producer: Brian Bentz. Cast: Adam LaVorgna, Rakim, Gerry Bednob, Brian O'Halloran. (Philadelphia, PA. USA). Cliff Raines is an up-and-coming actor who struggles with living a lonely life in Los Angeles. In his time between roles, he finds comfort in alcohol and his new found relationship with a young woman with similar baggage to his. \*Cast/Crew in attendance

## \*\*\* 30 Amp Circuit Filmmakers Lounge \*\*\* (Free Screenings)

#### 1:00 pm - 1:50 pm ~

• Digital Video Editing with Premiere (Horror) TRT 39:55 min. Director/Writer: HONG Seong-yoon. Producer: LEE Gyeong-do. Cast: SEO Hyun-woo, MOON Hye-in, PARK Soo-yeon. (Korea). We see a scene from a typical romance film. But a hideous ghost comes up on the screen out of nowhere, and we find out that the scene was a part of a film in editing. As the mysterious ghost keeps appearing on shots still being edited, the director panics and calls a professional editor for help. The duo manages to erase the traces of the ghost one by one, but in the end, the director's conviction is what matters the most.

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- Damascene (Political) TRT 10 min. Director/Writer: Diana Kadah. Producer: Diana Kadah. Cast: Diana Kadah. (Syria). During an airstrike, in Civil war-ravaged, Syria, three teenage boys desperately seek refuge in an abandoned, run-down building.
- Pass (Drama). TRT 10 min. Director/Writer: Elika Abdollahi. Producer: Elika Abdollahi. Cast: Mina Hamedani, Hesam Hesseini, Ebrahim Barzide, Soheil Mirza. (Islamic Republic of Iran). Fascinating drama about not everyone being trustworthy. (The social issue movie centers around a poor woman).
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6:00 pm - 7:05 pm ~ PIFF #15 Festival of Animation!
(See above Animation listings. They will be added here to the Program.)

## 7:35 pm - 8:30 pm ~ Philly Horror Con

- No Way out (Horror) TRT 10:33 min. Director/Writer: Caleb W. Bergner. Cast: Josh Altenburg, Oliver Conant, Stephanie Seidman, Lena Larsen, Patrick Eskay.
   (Summit, NJ. USA). Jack, a young man suffering from sleep deprivation, is studying for an exam. After receiving some bad news and falling asleep, Jack finds himself greeted by disturbing figures in a reality separate from his own. \*Cast/Crew in attendance
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   McDermott-Jain. Cast: Marjorie Cabrerra. (Philadelphia, PA. USA). A woman is confronted by a haunting visitor from her childhood. \*Cast/Crew in attendance
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   Drew Meehan. (Southampton, PA. USA). A Man runs away from a Shadowy Figure whilst coming to terms with what's next...His Mortality. \*Cast/Crew in attendance

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# Friday June 10th, 2022 (\*Northern Liberties) SeraPhi Screening Room 941 N. Front Street Philadelphia, PA 19123 3:30 pm - 5:15 pm ~

- Never Better (Dramedy) TRT 81 min. Director/Writer: Julianne Fox. Producer: Porschia Adler. Cast: Sofia Bryant, Piper Curda, Sarah Kane. (Los Angeles, CA. USA). Terese is a recent college grad with Cystic Fibrosis living through the summer of 2020. She combats the time loop of quarantine with an unstoppable internal dialogue, a healthy dose of sarcasm, and lots of beer. When her self-interested roommate returns and fails to practice safe social distancing, Terese finds that boredom may be the least of her worries.
- I Mustache You (Comedy) TRT 13:35 min. Director/Writer: Ashley Zeiger. Cast:
   Ashley Zeiger. (Philadelphia, PA/NY. USA). "I Mustache You" is a whimsical magical
   realistic comedy, inspired by Buster Keaton, Looney Tunes, and NYC about Abby, a
   woman with social anxiety, OCD and agoraphobic tendencies who receives an invitation
   to love, self acceptance, and the outside world. \*Cast/Crew in attendance

## 5:00 pm - 6:40 pm ~

• Allegedly (Drama) TRT 98 min. Director: Mike Melo, Amanda Green. Producer: Brenden Hubbard, Mark Carducci, Mike Melo, Sydney Jay. Cast: Ryan Boothe,

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Jake Tsosie, Amanda Green, Evan Luna. (Lititz, PA. USA). After serving thirteen years for the murder of his high school girlfriend, an ex-con struggles to reenter society while being documented by two film students determined to dig up his past.

## 7:05 pm - 8:40 pm ~

• LandLocked (Horror) TRT 74 min. Director/Writer: Paul Owens. Producer: Paul Owens. Cast: Mason Owens (San Francisco, CA. USA). (PA Premier) Summoned to his soon-to-be demolished childhood home, Mason discovers a video camera that can see into the past, driving him to record as many memories as possible before the doomed house is destroyed. "Landlocked is an ambitious story that exists in the space between horror and science fiction... It's a fascinating blend of reality and fiction, and the way it crosses genres makes it even more memorable." DailyDead.com

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## 5:30 pm - 6:40 pm ~

- Watching the Wild (Documentary) TRT 21:03 min. Director: Nick Natalicchio.
   Producer: Alex Djordjevic, Nick Natalicchio. (Philadelphia, PA. USA). WATCHING THE WILDS is a short documentary film about lookout towers used to spot and report wildfires in the Moshannon Forest District of Pennsylvania. \*Cast/Crew in attendance
- A Letter From Carl Jung (Documentary) TRT 40 min. Director/Writer: Yong Jin Yoon. Producer: Andrew Yu. Cast: Hae gyeong Lee, Youngho Kang. (KOREA). In 2020, the National Theater of Korea hosted a performance titled the "Shaman and Photographer." As Shaman Lee Hae-gyeong allowed a spirit to possess her body with a traditional Korean Gut photographer Kang Young-ho captured the spirit with his camera and projected the image up on a screen in real-time.

### 7:00 pm - 8:10 pm ~

- Friction (Thriller) TRT 23:28 min. Director: Sumit Suresh Kumar. Writer: Mandhir S Sahni. Cast: Sanjay Kapoor. (Mumbai, India). FRICTION explores the grayer aspects of how seemingly mundane areas of disagreements in relationships can manifest themselves into decisions that one can regret for life. This layered theme is presented via a non-linear narrative from the viewpoint of a contemporary middle-aged couple, RAHUL and ROSKIJA, and their 10-year old son RISHI. A phone call from "Roski" on a wet Mumbai night sends RAHUL on a whirlwind journey spanning the happenings over the last 3 days. What started off as a typical bedroom disagreement between Rahul and Roskija turns out to be the catalyst that underlines the friction between the couple.
- Rescue (Comedy) TRT 5:56 min. Director/Writer: G.G. Hawkins. Cast: Joanna Hausmann, Jimmy Wong, Pete Stuart, Zack Willis. (Philadelphia, PA. USA). A newly adopted puppy contemplates his escape from the couple he thinks kidnapped him.

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- The Acolyte (Comedy) TRT 14:00 min. Director/Writer: Sammy James. Producer: Brendan Hubbard, Catherine Eaton. (USA). An eager doomsday cult can't set off the apocalypse without the help of an uncooperative new recruit. \*Cast/Crew in attendance
- The Everyday Show (Political) TRT 10:30 min. Director/Writer: Viren Shinde. (Philadelphia, PA. USA). Diya is an acclaimed film director who appears on Sam's talk show to promote her latest film. But Sam insists on unearthing a decision from Diya's past that she would rather not discuss on live television.
- The First Attack Ad's (Political) TRT 26 min. Director/Writer: Greg Mitchell. Producer: Lynn Goldfarb. Narrator Elliot Forrest. (USA). When world famous author and socialist Upton Sinclair swept the Democratic primary for governor of California in August 1934--leading a massive grassroots movement--it provoked Hollywood's first all-out plunge into politics. In "The First Attack Ads: Hollywood vs. Upton Sinclair," we explore how Sinclair's inspiring End Poverty in California movement was destroyed by powerful business and political forces, with most of the Hollywood moguls lending a hand.

This is the first film to focus on the revered MGM producer Irving Thalberg ordering the creation of the first "attack ads" to appear on a screen, a forerunner of today's media-based politics. "The First Attack Ads" reveals highlights from the three "Thalberg shorts" along with interviews with participants in the EPIC campaign and observers of the crucial impact of those shorts and their influence since.

# Saturday June 11th, 2022 (\*Northern Liberties) ~ Closing day & night! SeraPhi Screening Room 941 N. Front Street Philadelphia, PA 19123 12:30 pm - 1:25 pm ~ MATINEE \$5

• No Prefect Walk (Documentary/Narrative) TRT 50:24min. Director: Daniel Wilde, Justin Keller. (Philadelphia, PA. USA). This documentary is about two friends who drop everything in their lives, sell all their belongings and set out on a journey that would forever change their lives. Just what anybody would do during a pandemic. No Perfect Walk is about that South American journey sparked by a desire in Dan Wilde's life to use his camera to share unique stories that could also give a voice to those who could better use a louder voice. Currently working at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA he takes every opportunity he gets to use his camera to share a story in some unique place. \*Cast/Crew in attendance

## 1:45 pm - 3:15 pm ~

 Hillwalkers (Horror) TRT 88 min. Director/Writer: Tom Cosgrove. Cast: Gerry O'Brien, Aoife Honahan, Mark Agar, Elise Brennan, Michael Cloke, Shane Connellan, Aine Flanagan, Elena Kelly, Eoin O'Sullivan (Ireland). When hikers trespass onto private land, an altercation with the landowner descends into violence.

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## 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm ~

- A Moment Of Bliss (Documentary) TRT 59:20. Director: Bachar Khattar (Beirut, Lebanon). Few seconds summarize the love-hate relationship between a country and its people. A country with sectarian divides, socioeconomic insecurity, rights violations, and disregard for its residents... Caught in between what is and what could be, life has become an emotional rollercoaster.
- Champollion Saint Urban Observations (Documentary) Director: Aasma Ibrahim.
   TRT 13:27 (Cairo, Egypt). Based on a short story by Nahed Salah. With an
   experimental sense, the film follows the changes in Champollion St. architecture, as
   Nahed Salah herself takes us on a tour on the famous street, discovering its history and
   its most important buildings. Nahed Salah monitors the transformations of the city
   through her impressions & her own memories.

### 5:45 pm - 7:15 pm ~

- The Whole Lot (DRAMA) TRT 74 min. Director: Connor Rickman. Writer: Mathew Ivan Bennet. Cast: Sarah McLoney, Blake Webb, Aaron Kramer. (Salt Lake City, Utah. USA). A woman, her husband, and her estranged brother meet at their late father's property to divide his estate and confront an uncomfortable family history. "The Whole Lot" was born from a need to create without permissions imposed by external gatekeepers. \*Cast/Crew in attendance
- Hey Sexy (Comedy) TRT 11:25 min. Director: Jesse DeRocco (Philadelphia, PA. USA). When Zoe finds a flirtatious letter in boyfriend lan's coat pocket she spirals into a series of therapy-inspired "what if" fantasies that leave her questioning what she really should do next about imperfect lan. \*Cast/Crew in attendance

#### 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm ~

Curfew (Academy Award 2013 Best Live Action Short). TRT 21 min. Director: Shawn Christiansen. \*\*10 year Anniversary Screening and Live score from Composer Darren Morze. \*Cast/Crew in attendance

 In attendance is Composer Darren Morze who will reprise the live score and lead the festival into its encore presentation. Join us for this exclusive live score and meet & greet.

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## PIFF #15 ~ BOK Screenings: June. 8th-10th.

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Visit the 240 artists in residence, drink the coffee, and eat the artisan foods.

## **Wednesday June 8th**

6:00 pm - 7:45 pm ~

• Blind Eye Artist (Documentary) TRT 90 min. Director: Ashwin Chaudhary. (Philadelphia, PA. USA). (Premier). In March of 2020, artist Justin Wadlington was about to unveil his latest acrylic painting, a large-scale self-portrait, when a global



pandemic brought the world to a halt. For Justin, adversity was nothing new, and he decided to make the best of the situation by starting another painting in quarantine called "Black American Dream." This is a film by Ashwin Chaudhary & Jonathan Korn.

\*Cast/Crew in attendance

The Time Thief (Documentary) TRT 4:44 min. Director: Kyra Knox, Simone Holland. (Philadelphia, PA. USA). THE TIME THIEF showcases the work of software engineer turned artist Steven Taylor who uses his photography to capture authentic moments that give credence to the beautiful legacy of blackness and black culture in Philadelphia and the world at large. \*Cast/Crew in attendance



#### 8:00 pm - 9:35 pm ~

- 12 months (Comedy) TRT 97 min. Director: Clinton Cornwell. Cast: Elizabeth
  Hirsch Tauber, Michael James Kell. (Philadelphia, PA. USA). (World Premier). A
  hyper-realistic diversion from the usual rom-com, "12 Months" candidly portrays
  moments that are commonly experienced but rarely shown as it follows the story of Ellie
  and Clark, a millennial couple, navigating the peaks and valleys of a new relationship.
   \*Cast/Crew in attendance
- Cookies and Cream (Comedy) TRT 4:18 min. Director/Writer: Charlie Saxton.
   Cast: Sherin Shetty, Allison Landi, Neil Tyrone Pritchard, Charlie Saxton. (USA).
   When a houseguest violates unspoken societal rules, the host seeks justice.

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5:45 pm - 7:15 pm ~

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- Against All Odds Surviving the Holocaust. TRT 80 min. Director: Paul Bachow.
   AD Terri Bachow. Music Mark Kueffner. Cinematography Paul Bachow. Editing
   Paul Bachow, Sean McNight. Animation: Anneli Brown, Trey Gregory, David
   Hixon, Seth Raimes. Cast: Gerald Beigel, Anita Karl, Walter Lebensohn, Ryszarda
   Rozenblum. (Philadelphia, PA. USA). This film focuses on Survivor stories outside the
   concentration camps and living amongst the general population. Each day was
   uncertain, and Jews were hunted like animals. Discovery almost always meant death.
   \*Cast/Crew in attendance
- Elle. TRT 8:00 min. Director: Liliane and Liliane Mutti. Writer: Daniela Ramalho and Liliane Mutti (France). A year after the murder of Marielle Franco, militant of feminist causes, black and LGBTQI, her parents Antonio and Marinete da Silvia traveled to Paris. They went to the French capital to attend the inauguration of the garden that has their daughter's name. At the ceremony, they recall the investigation of the crime that shot Marielle during her first year as city councilor of Rio de Janeiro, in Brazil. Three years after Marielle's death, the garden passes through the change of seasons, but the crime against her and her driver Anderson da Silvia continues without an answer.

## 7:35 pm - 9:15 pm ~

- Turbo Cola (Drama) TRT 90 min. Director: Luke Covert. Producer: Brandon Scott Keeton. (Camp Hill, PA. USA). (Philadelphia Premier) AUSTIN MORRIS is foregoing the biggest party of the year to work overtime at the Quality Mart, much to the chagrin of his new girlfriend, Mary Jane. What his friends don't know, however, is that his true plan is to rob the store's ATM with his stoner side-kick, SWEARSKY, so that he can be with the girl of his dreams. This New Year's Eve...1999...will change everything.
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  MINOR PROPHETS Cast: GIL DAMON, KATHLEEN KOZAK, STEVE KUZMICK,
  DAVID AMADIO, DESMOND FREY. (Lincoln University, PA). (Philadelphia
  Premiere) Awkward Endeavors charts the intersecting lives of three lonely men as they
  struggle to close the gap between themselves and the rest of the world. \*Cast/Crew in
  attendance

## Friday June 10th

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm ~ PIFF #15 SCIFi Interface ~ BLOCK #3

 Cognition (Sci Fi) TRT 25 min. Director: Ravi Ajit Chopra With Andrew Scott, Jeremy Irvine, Wolf Kahler, Lucy Russell. (United Kingdom). (PA Premier) We journey through the symbolic landscape of the subconscious mind as we follow



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the story of an unbreakable bond between father and son. A bond that transcends SPACE AND TIME.

Twenty Minute Exotic Getaway (Sci Fi) TRT 26:47 min. Director: Hollis
 Sherman-Pepe. (Philadelphia/LA. USA). (Philadelphia Premier) Terrorism and global



pandemics have made destination travel a luxury of the past. Virtual reality "Getaways" have become the only escape. Devon becomes addicted to the VR travel experience, believing she is receiving a message from within the system. \*Cast/Crew in attendance

Is this Art? (Documentary) TRT 26:15 min. Director/Writer: Stuart Fordyce. Producer: Bruno Kohfield - Galeano, Stuart Fordyce.
 (Philadelphia, PA. USA). The life and death of a public sculpture and the story of the Artist who created it. \*Cast/Crew in attendance



## 5:45 pm - 7:25 pm ~

- Alchemy Of The Spirit (Science Fiction) TRT 90 min. Director Steve
  Balderson. (Mexico City). The Great American artist Oliver Black
  (Xander Berkeley) wakes to discover his wife Evelyn (Sarah Clarke) has died in their
  bed overnight. Brimming with magical realism, we enter a world in which the
  misconceptions of our belief in a solid reality are revealed. Space and time bend in a
  way to challenge the audience with what is real, what is illusion, and what is beyond.
   \*Cast/Crew in attendance
- If Likes Could Kill (Horror) TRT 12:26 min. Director/Writer: S.J. Doss. Cast:
   Rashieda Awan, Joey Schuck, Vincent Quintiliani. (Philadelphia, PA. USA). Tiffany
   and Matt get fired-up and take matters into their own hands after a heated argument
   with their manager Frank. Things take a turn for the worse for these social-media
   "celebrities", let's just hope that they learn from their mistakes. \*Cast/Crew in
   attendance
- True Art Must Evolve (Documentary) TRT 7 min. Director: Daniel Abel. Executive Producer: Christian "TAMEARTZ" Rodriguez. (Philadelphia, PA). A day in the life of TAMEARTZ. An artist, activist and curator living in Philadelphia. The battles of an artist in a fast developing area. With TAME in the forefront one thing is certain the CULTURE will prevail.

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## 7:40 pm - 9:10 pm ~ Sit back and feel it all. West Coast meets East Coast Short Film Corner #15.

- The Night Passenger (Thriller) TRT 26 min. Director: Josh Bowman. Writer: Matt Russell. Producer: Brenden Hubbard, Josh Bowman, Kelly Pendygraft. Cast: Andrew Howard, Richard Short, Matt Russell, Rhian Rees. (Lititz, PA. USA). Marty is going through a crisis and is hanging on by a thread. After discovering a man tied up in his trunk, things go from bad to worse. \*Cast/Crew in attendance
- Security Blanket (Narrative Documentary) TRT 10:29 min. Director/Writer: Amanda Kay Livezey. Producer: Amanda Kay Livesey, Steve James, Joseph Paul Mascaro. Cast: Amanda Kay Livezey, Steve James, Mckenzie Brooklyn. (Philadelphia, PA. USA). After a tragedy occurs in her life, Brianna's inner and user self struggle over her addiction to heroin. \*Cast/Crew in attendance
- \$tack\$ (Comedy) TRT 7:26 min. Director/Writer: Gerald Webb. Cast: Mark
   Christopher Lawrence, Diahnna Nicole Baxter, Calvin Winbush, Tarnue
   Massaquoi, Jamie Burton-Oare, Jadarrel Belser. (Burbank, California. USA).
   Unprecedented times force two fierce rivals to come face to face, for the first time in
   over a decade, to close a deal for the most valuable substance on earth. Featuring the
   Daytime Emmy nominated performance of Mark Christopher Lawrence as Hector,
   \$TACK\$ is a sarcastic plea for every viewer to be responsible for the attitudes,
   assumptions and judgments buried deep inside themselves. \*Cast/Crew in attendance
- The Patron (Thriller) TRT 11:42 min. Director: Dorian Vasquez. (Philadelphia, PA. USA). A bartender with a questionable past is held captive and tormented by a single bar patron. \*Cast/Crew in attendance
- The Bottom (Thriller) TRT 8:35 min. Director: Morgan Ruaidhrí O'Sullivan.
   Director/Writer James Kautz. Cast: Alex Grubbs, James Kautz, Earl Rothfus.
   (North Hollywood, CA. USA). At the edge of a mysterious lake, a reckoning between friends becomes a fight for life as one man's mind games threatens the other's grip on reality.
- Pizza Quest (Documentary) TRT 1:34 min. Director/Writer: Eric Botel-Barnard (Philadelphia, PA. USA). Approaching life with intentionality and gratitude, Joe decides to eat pizza and share the experience. \*Cast/Crew in attendance
- Doors (Horror) TRT 4:06 min. Director: (NY, NY. USA). A woman is terrorized in her home by an unseen force. \*Cast/Crew in attendance

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