

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL

OCEAN CITY FILM FESTIVAL

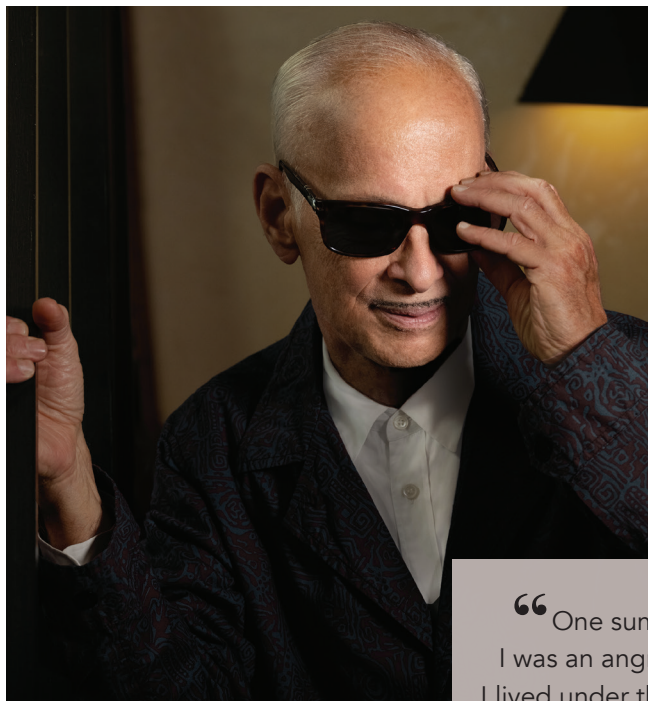


MARCH 2-5, 2023

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THE ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY
WELCOMES
LEGENDARY FILMMAKER
JOHN WATERS
TO THE
OCEAN CITY FILM FESTIVAL



The
"End of the World"
Show

March 4, 8 PM

The Ballroom at
Ocean Downs Casino

“One summer when I was an angry teenager, I lived under the Boardwalk at 9th Street in Ocean City and dreamed of making weird films. Now I’m coming back, and, hey, I did just that. You can, too! That is what film festivals are all about - inspiring creative lunacy.”

John Waters



Welcome to the 7th Annual Ocean City Film Festival

The Art League of Ocean City, the Town of Ocean City, and the crew of the 7th Annual Ocean City Film Festival welcome you to a great cinematic experience at the beach. We hope you enjoy all of the films, parties, and festivities and encourage you to attend the panel discussions and filmmaker Q&As to fully experience everything the festival has to offer.

Film is a transformative medium that can take you to another place and time and bring out the human emotion that is the essence of our beings. Thank you for attending and supporting the arts in Ocean City.

Remember to follow us on Facebook, and join us for our monthly film screenings and events throughout the year.

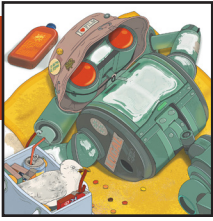
Have a wonderful festival!



Rina Thaler and B.L. Strang-Moya

William "B.L." Strang-Moya Rina Thaler
Film Festival Creative Director Art League Executive Director

OCMDFilmFestival.com



HOW TO FEST



OCMDFilmFestival.com or scan the QR code

- **We love our crabs in OC. But please don't be one.**
- **Seating is limited on a first-come basis in all venues.**
- **Films are not rated; viewer discretion is advised.**
- No smoking in the venues. ■ Silence cell phones.
- No filming or photography during screenings.
- No pets. ■ Please be silent and courteous during films.



VENUE LOCATIONS

Cambria Hotel 13 St. Louis Ave, Ocean City

Fox Gold Coast 11301 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City

Flagship Cinemas 12641 Ocean Gateway, West OC

Holiday Inn Suites Coral Reef 1701 Baltimore Ave,
Ocean City

Jay's Café 2305 Philadelphia Ave, Ocean City

Nick's 14410 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City

Ocean City Center for the Arts 502 94th St
bayside, Ocean City

Ocean City Performing Arts Center 4001 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City

Ocean Downs Casino 10218 Racetrack Rd, Berlin*

Princess Royale 9100 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City

Residence Inn 300 Seabay Lane, Ocean City

Seacrets 117 49th St, Ocean City



**Must be 21+ years old to enter. Note: Nick's and Seacrets will have food service during the films and may not be as quiet as the theaters.*



OPENING NIGHT AT THE OC PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

A DOUBLE
FEATURE OF
HOMETOWN
FILMS WITH
FILMMAKER
DISCUSSION

THURSDAY, 7PM

Doors open 6:30PM



Unscene Productions premieres *Hedgehog*, in collaboration with U.S.S.R.-born writer/director D. Mitry, filmed at Mariner's Country Down in Berlin. As the war starts in Ukraine, six-year-old Nina is sent to her grandmother's remote village where she discovers a badly wounded Russian soldier in the shed. 17 minutes.

Ocean City-native John Chester takes us back to Apricot Lane Farm with *The Biggest Little Farm: The Return* where the Chester family survives and thrives on their sustainable California farm. 30 minutes.

Films will be followed by a Q&A panel moderated by Maryland Film Office Director Jack Gerbes with the filmmakers.

*Content not rated by MPAA.
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AFTER PARTY AT SEACRETS
Mingle with the creative minds - 9-11 pm



PARTIES & EVENTS

THURSDAY MARCH 2



OPENING RECEPTION 4-6:30pm
Holiday Inn Suites Coral Reef Restaurant
1701 Baltimore Ave, Ocean City

4-Day Festival Pass or Thursday 1-Day Pass.
Complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Cash bar.

Join us as we kick-off Film Festival weekend!
Film lovers can mingle and welcome our film-makers, producers, directors, and actors.

AFTER PARTY 9-11pm
Seacrets Main Bar
117 49th St., Ocean City

Happy Hour prices and discounted lite fare menu. Must be 21 and older.



FRIDAY MARCH 3



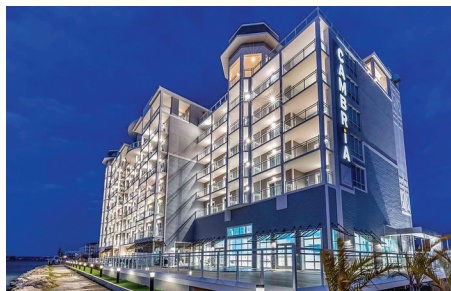
FIRST FRIDAY ART RECEPTION 5-7pm
Ocean City Center for the Arts
502 94th St., Ocean City

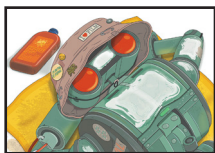
*Free admission. All welcome.
Complimentary hors d'oeuvres by Coins
Pub & Restaurant & Papi's Taco Joint.
Beverages sponsored by PKS Investments.*

Our monthly opening art party and
reception expands to welcome Festival attendees at our bayfront gallery.

AFTER PARTY 9-11pm
Cambria Hotel
13 St. Louis Ave., Ocean City

*All welcome.
Happy Hour prices and discounted
lite fare menu.*





PARTIES & EVENTS

SATURDAY MARCH 4

COFFEE & CONVERSATION 8-9am

Princess Royale Hotel Lobby
9100 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City

All welcome. With Film Festival Creative Director B.L. Strang-Moya.



ROLLING INTO HAPPY HOUR 6-8pm

Ocean Downs Casino
10218 Racetrack Rd, Berlin

4-Day Festival Pass or Saturday 1-Day Pass.

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Cash bar.

Must be 21 or older to enter the Casino.

\$10 free slot play and 2 free drinks

AFTER PARTY 9-11pm

Residence Inn by Marriott
300 Seaboard Lane, Ocean City

All welcome. Happy Hour prices and discounted lite fare menu.



SUNDAY MARCH 5

COFFEE & CONVERSATION 9-10am

Jay's Cafe, 2305 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City

All welcome. With Film Festival Creative Director B.L. Strang-Moya.



AWARDS LUNCHEON Noon-2pm

Princess Royale Oceanfront
9100 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City

4-Day Festival Pass or Sunday 1-Day Pass.

Complimentary lunch. Cash bar.

The annual awards ceremony honors the filmmakers for their work and creativity.

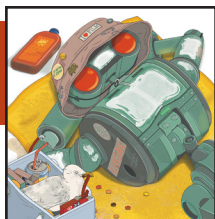


WRAP UP PARTY 5-7pm

Seacrets
117 49th St., Ocean City

Happy Hour prices and discounted lite fare menu. Must be 21 and older.





SHOWCASES & PANELS

BEST OF THE FEST - Sunday, 3/5, 3pm, Seacrets Morley Hall

The final screening of Season 7, highlighting a selection of our award-winning shorts for 2023.

BETWEEN WORLDS - Saturday, 3/4, 2pm, Flagship Cinemas

Sunday, 3/5, 10am, Nick's

A unique set of stories highlighting characters who truly are in between worlds — life transitions, death transitions, and shifting perspectives.

BLACK HISTORY - Friday, 3/3, 7pm, Nick's

Saturday, 3/4, 9:30am, Flagship Cinemas

A series of short documentaries about Black culture and history in America offering historical intrigue and a broadened perspective on social issues.

COMEDY - Friday, 3/3, 12:30pm, Seacrets Morley Hall

Saturday, 3/4, 9:30am, Nick's

The Comedy showcase highlights exactly that! An eclectic mix of style and comedic sensibility, this block of films is sure to humor you.

DARK AND MYSTERIOUS - Friday, 3/3, 7pm, Flagship Cinemas

Saturday, 3/4, 8pm, Nick's

The most thrilling, spooky, or otherwise scary films of our annual selection.

FAMILY DYNAMICS - Saturday, 3/4, 2:30pm, Flagship Cinemas

Sunday, 3/5, 1:30pm, Flagship Cinemas

Stories about familial relationships, exploring how these relationships influence our relationships with the world.

HASSLE US, WE'RE LOCAL! - Thursday, 3/2, noon, Residence Inn by Marriott

Saturday, 3/4, noon, Nick's

Short films produced on behalf of — or in part by — the Art League of Ocean City's network of local filmmakers. A mix of documentaries and narratives.

MARITIME LIFE - Friday, 3/3, noon, Nick's

Saturday, 3/4, 9:30am, Fox Gold Coast

Films that are in some way about our relationships with aquatic environments. From Delmarva to France, witness how the water moves us.



SHOWCASES & PANELS

OUTSIDERS - Friday, 3/3, 10:30am, Seacrets Morley Hall
Saturday, 3/4, noon, Ocean Downs Casino

Short films about characters on the fringe of society - systematically disadvantaged or struggling to fit in. Fascinating stories from unique perspectives.

PERSEVERANCE - Saturday, 3/4, 8 pm, Flagship Cinemas
Sunday, 3/5, 2 pm, Nick's

Stories of consistency, triumph, and action in the face of adversity. From sports to domestic hobbies, these films explore our journeys to set and achieve goals.

RESILIENT WOMEN - Friday, 3/3, 2:30pm, Nick's
Saturday, 3/4, 12 noon, Flagship Cinemas

Highlights stories of the struggles and triumphs specifically faced by women around the world and celebrates uniquely feminine heroism.

SEX, LOVE, INTIMACY, & ROMANCE - Saturday, 3/4, 4pm, Ocean Downs Casino
Sunday, 3/5, 12 noon, Seacrets Morley Hall

A variety of films about just those things. Fundamentally, these films explore how we connect with one another in relationships.

VETERAN - Friday, 3/3, 3pm, Flagship Cinema; Saturday, 3/4, 6:30pm, Flagship
Documentaries and narrative shorts offer perspective on what it means to be a veteran in America and the obstacles that follow.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS



UNSCENE PRODUCTIONS

Friday, March 3, noon, Ocean City Center for the Arts
Insightful discussion with the creative team at Unscene Productions, known best for titles like *Reggie's Forest* (2020), *Peninsolation* (2022), and *Hedgehog* (2023). Moderated by Maryland Film Office Director Jack Gerbes.



REGIONAL FILM INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS

Saturday, March 4, 11am, Ocean City Center for the Arts
This panel will feature a variety of professionals, offering different perspectives on motion picture production including cinematography, editing, producing, acting, and more. Moderated by Rob Waters of W Films.



THURSDAY SCHEDULE

	Holiday Inn & Suites	Performing Arts Center	Residence Inn by Marriott	Seacrets Morley Hall
9 AM				
10 AM				
11 AM				
NOON			Hassle Us, We're Local Showcase	
1 PM				
2 PM				
3 PM				
4 PM	Opening Reception			
5 PM				
6 PM				
7 PM		Opening Night - Hedgehog		
8 PM		Biggest Little Farm: Return		
9-11 PM				Opening Night After Party



FRIDAY SCHEDULE

	OC Center for the Arts	Flagship Cinemas	Fox Gold Coast Theater	Nick's	Seacrets Morley Hall	Cambria
9 AM						
10 AM			Pinball: Man Who Saved Game		Outsiders Showcase	
11 AM		ISATIS Feature Film	Feature Film			
NOON	Unscene Productions Panel			Maritime Life Showcase	Comedy Showcase	
1 PM		Against All Odds: Surv. Holocaust				
2 PM		Feature Film		Resilient Women Showcase		
3 PM		Veteran Showcase				
4 PM						
5 PM	First Friday Art Opening					
6 PM	& Party					
7 PM		Dark & Mysterious Showcase		Black History Showcase		
8 PM						
9-11 PM						After Party



SATURDAY SCHEDULE

	Princess Royale	OC Center for the Arts	Flagship Cinemas	Fox Gold Coast Theater	Nick's	Ocean Downs Casino	Residence Inn by Marriott
8 AM	8am Coffee & Conversation						
9:30 AM			Black History Showcase	Maritime Life Showcase	Comedy Showcase		
10 AM							
11 AM		Regional Film Panel					
NOON			Resilient Women Showcase		Hassle Us, We're Local Showcase	Outsiders Showcase	
1 PM							
2 PM			Between Worlds Showcase		Family Dynamics Showcase	Worst Laid Plans Feature Film	
3 PM							
4 PM			Automat Feature Film			Sex & Love Romance Showcase	
5 PM							
6 PM			Veteran Showcase			Happy Hour	
7 PM							
8 PM			Perseverance Showcase		Dark & Mysterious Showcase	John Waters Performance <i>doors open 7pm</i>	
9-11 PM							After Party
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

	Jay's Cafe	Flagship Cinemas	Fox Gold Coast Theater	Nick's	Seacrets Morley Hall	Princess Royale
9 AM	9am Coffee & Conversation					
10 AM		Hourglass Feature Film	Just Let Me Go Feature Film	Between Worlds Showcase	The First Step Feature Film	
11 AM		The Innocents Feature Film				
NOON					Sex & Love Romance Showcase	Awards Ceremony and Luncheon
1 PM		Family Dynamics Showcase				
2 PM				Perseverance Showcase		
3 PM					Best of the Fest Showcase	
4 PM						
5 PM					Season 7 Wrap Party	
6 PM						
7 PM						
8 PM						
9 PM						

FILMS IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

AGAINST ALL ODDS: SURVIVING

THE HOLOCAUST *Feature Film, Friday*

Paul Stewart Bachow

Showcases and memorializes four survivor stories of bravery and luck outside the concentration camps. Jews were hunted, discovery meant death. (USA. 01:20:00)

AUTOMAT *Feature Film, Saturday*

Lisa Hurwitz

Never-before-seen archival footage and photos with celebrity customers, company executives, historians, and members of the Horn & Hardart families. (USA. 01:19:00)

BENEATH *Maritime Life Showcase, Friday & Saturday*

Morgan Le Faucheur

Reveals the Cannes Underwater Museum by Jason deCaires Taylor through the tale of the Man in the Iron Mask in the 17th century. (France. 00:04:00)

BIG BOY *Sex & Love Showcase, Saturday & Sunday*

Michael Strassner

A lonely 30-something man seeks to escape the discomforts of daily life by hiring a sex worker for any sort of connection at all. (USA. 00:13:00)

BIGGEST LITTLE FARM: THE RETURN *Feature Film, Thursday* *John Chester*

John Chester's documentary takes us back to Apricot Lane Farm. (USA. 00:30:00)

THE BOSTON PHOTOGRAPH *Black History Showcase, Fri & Sat* *Clennon L. King*

A 92-year-old Salisbury woman remembers dating MLK and studying with Coretta before the two ever met in Boston. (USA. 00:08:00)

BREATHING BLACK *Black History Showcase, Friday & Saturday* *Tina Canady*

Nine Black Baltimoreans find joy amidst the global COVID-19 pandemic and after the murder of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor. (USA. 00:46:00)

CARRIER *Outsiders Showcase, Friday & Saturday*

*Stephanie Alecia Rose,
Brandon Smallwood*

Silent film, embellished with a heavy bass soundtrack, watches two best friends make perilous decisions to make money for rent. (USA. 00:15:00)

CHAD FORD/THE MAN IN THE ARENA *Perseverance Showcase, Sat & Sun*

Maurice Waters

Chad Ford competes in 2021's Iron Man Maryland. See what it takes to compete on an elite level and become an Iron Man. (USA. 00:13:00)

THE COCKROACH *Sex & Love Showcase, Sat & Sunday* *Amir Hossein Javaheri*

The groom goes to the hairdresser to take the bride, but they tell him that his fiancée has become a cockroach. (Iran. 00:09:00)

DANCE WITH ME *Hassle Us Local, Thurs & Sat* *Joseph Weiner, Daniel Weiner*

Facing obscurity, washed-up musician is hunted by ex-band member. (USA. 00:04:00)

DIPSOMANIA *Veteran Showcase, Friday & Saturday*

Corey Baker

A veteran struggles with his past mistakes as he comes home for the first time after leaving the military. (USA. 00:14:00)

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DON'T PICK UP *Comedy Showcase, Friday & Saturday* **Melanie Kaklamanis**

Alice is excited to start her first day at her new big girl job until she receives her first task and must overcome her overwhelming anxiety. (Canada. 00:12:00)

A DREAMER'S SEARCH *Between Worlds, Saturday & Sunday* **Eric Downs**

In 1918, Rockwell Kent leaves New York City with his son and travels to Alaska for inspiration for his art. USA. 00:30:00)

THE FIRST STEP *Feature Film, Sunday* **Brandon Kramer**

Black progressive activist/political commentator Van Jones faces a polarized society head on in an effort to reform a broken criminal justice system.. (USA. 01:26:00)

FOR LONELY NIGHTS *Sex & Love Showcase, Saturday & Sunday* **Veronica Tullo**

Lily is convinced she is incapable of love. Everything changes when she hears his voice, and he will make her feel like she is not alone. (USA. 00:13:00)

THE GHOST OF WESTRIVER *Between Worlds, Saturday & Sunday* **Charlie Knott**

A distraught pastor deals with the loss of a teenage boy whose spirit wanders through limbo with his ghostly companion. (USA. 00:19:00)

THE GIFT *Between Worlds Showcase, Saturday & Sunday* **Matthew Mayer**

A woman with dementia is visited by her late sister, who helps to unlock a memory of their troubled relationship. (USA. 00:16:00)

GITI JAN *Resilient Women Showcase, Friday & Saturday* **Shayan Shahverdi**

A young girl fights with her problems. (Iran. 00:10:00)

GUT SOUP *Maritime Life Showcase, Friday & Saturday* **Andrew Harper**

A film about a rural neighborhood on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, fighting for their right to breathe clean air. (USA. 00:27:00)

HEDGEHOG *Feature Film, Thursday* **D. Mityr/Unscene Productions**

As the war starts in Ukraine, 6-year-old Nina is sent to her grandma's remote village where she discovers a badly wounded Russian soldier. (USA. 00:17:00)

HIGH STAKES HOOPS *Perseverance Showcase, Saturday & Sunday* **Jack Bloomfield, Amelia Jarecke, Reese Levin**

Small Catholic high school earns a shot at playing basketball nationally. (USA. 00:18:00)

THE HOLE *Between Worlds Showcase, Saturday & Sunday* **Farzad Ranjbar**

In complex circumstances, Siavash joins a group. (Iran. 00:20:00)

HORSESHOE CRABS *Maritime Life Showcase, Friday & Saturday* **Andrea Kramar**

How 350-million-year-old sea creatures are vital to human survival and COVID-19 vaccines. Their epicenter is here in the Northeast. (USA. 00:06:00)

HOURLASS *Feature Film, Sunday* **Caitlyn Dorrer**

Aspiring young filmmaker works a modest, mundane life in his small town as a TV remote factory worker with his best friend. (USA. 00:40:00)

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- HURRICANE 6** *Hassle Us Local Showcase, Thursday, Saturday* **Fiona O'Brien**
The story through dance of the Storm of 1933 that cut Ocean City's inlet. The connections between time, place, landscapes, and women. (USA. 00:17:00)
- IN A FUNK** *Comedy Showcase, Friday & Saturday* **Rob Simmons**
A film about a character feeling funky. (USA. 00:07:00)
- THE INNOCENTS** *Feature Film, Sunday* **Wjciech Lorenc**
Two musicians are determined to use their talents to advocate for social justice and shine a spotlight on wrongful convictions in the United States. (USA. 01:20:00)
- INSIDE OBSESSION** *Dark & Mysterious Showcase, Friday & Saturday* **Casey A. Mull**
A man comes upon a mysterious briefcase he can't open. (USA. 00:15:00)
- ISATIS** *Feature Film, Friday* **Alireza Dehghan**
Water, wind, soil, and fire narrate the story of this 1000-year-old city. Industrial development and pollution may destroy it. (Iran. 01:15:00)
- IT COULD BE YOU** *Outsiders Showcase, Fri & Sat* **Abdul T. Sesay, Darren Murray**
Two brothers encounter a homeless man, the youngest shows his disdain for the man until a story is shared that changes his life forever. (USA. 00:08:00)
- IT'S STILL NOT ABOUT ME** *Family Dynamics, Sat & Sunday* **Debbie Camper**
A young woman and her disconnected family must pull together when her younger brother, their youngest son, goes missing. (USA. 00:47:00)
- JUST LET ME GO** *Feature Film, Sunday* **Luis Miguel Boliqueime Diogo**
For 15 days a film crew records a 30-something couple, friends, colleagues, and family, recapping 18 years together. (Portugal. 01:33:00)
- KISS 'N' RIDE** *Sex & Love Showcase, Saturday & Sunday* **Olivia Jensen**
On her way home from a date, a woman finds reminders in every little thing, falling in love with the Chicago winter night around her. (USA. 00:08:00)
- THE MIDDLE OF THE WORLD** *Res. Women Showcase, Fri & Sat* **Erika Valenciana**
"La Mitad del Mundo" - After being rescued, underage survivors heal in a safehouse in Ecuador. Years later, they acclimate to life outside. (Ecuador. 00:20:00)
- LILAC GULCH: APPALACHIAN FAIRY TALE** *Betw Worlds, Sat & Sun* **Jason Young**
12-year-old and friend run away to search where parents never die. (USA. 00:18:00)
- LOOK BEHIND YOU** *Dark & Mysterious, Friday & Saturday* **Max Bernstein**
A hipster goes camping with his childhood friend, determined to convince him to call off his engagement. A mysterious evil lurks in the woods. (USA. 00:23:00)
- LOOKING BACK** *Dark & Mysterious Showcase, Friday & Saturday* **Michael Charron**
George gets more than he bargained for when he discovers a ghost living in the backup camera of his new car. (USA. 00:09:00)

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- THE LONGEST CAST** *Maritime Showcase, Fri & Sat* **Jasia Armstrong Kaulbach**
Ron Armstrong is a lifelong Ocean City fisherman. 1960's 16mm film is interwoven with the camera lens of Ron's granddaughter, Jasia. (USA. 00:06:00)
- MAGGIE IN FALL** *Family Dynamics, Saturday & Sunday* **Graham Holford**
Maggie's family turns against her as the world transitions into life in a pandemic and a raging election as a backdrop. (USA. 00:15:00)
- MELODY** *Perseverance Showcase, Saturday & Sunday* **Alex Dapp**
A young aspiring musician suffers from a stutter. When his father plans an annual open-mic night, James musters his courage. (USA. 00:18:00)
- MERA DADDU/MY GRANDPA** *Family Dynamics, Saturday & Sunday* **Sri Mirajkar**
Grandfather and orphaned grandson seek out a meager living by foraging in a landfill. Daddu has resolved to give Aslam a better future. (India. 00:20:00)
- MY BIGGEST MISTAKE WAS WINNING THIS RACE** *Comedy, Fri & Sat* **David Malone**
The real answer to the question, "where do babies come from"? (USA. 00:06:00)
- NAVIGATING THE GREAT WHITE WAY** *Black History, Friday & Saturday* **Jarred Bedgood**
Broadway performers/writers during racial unrest, COVID shutdown. USA. (00:30:00)
- NEW WEST** *Comedy Showcase, Friday & Saturday* **Jordan Mears**
Two Hollywood legends were best friends, team up once again. (USA. 00:40:00)
- OCEAN CITY FILM CHALLENGE** *Hassle Us Local Showcase, Thurs & Saturday*
Joseph Weiner, Marlon Wallace, Davis Mears, B.L. Strang-Moya
A brief anthology of films made in or about Ocean City. (USA. 00:50:00)
- OUROBOROS** *Dark & Mysterious Showcase, Friday & Saturday* **Sarah White**
A letter. A call. A knock at the door. (USA. 00:11:00)
- PEARLY GATES** *Comedy Showcase, Friday & Saturday* **Loring Murtha**
Patricia agrees to have an aunt stay for an open-ended visit. (USA. 00:16:00)
- PEER** *Hassle Us Local Showcase, Thursday & Saturday* **Marlon Wallace**
An aquaphobic college student on vacation falls for a lifeguard in Ocean City, Maryland, who helps him overcome his fear of the water. (USA. 00:19:00)
- PINBALL: THE MAN WHO SAVED THE GAME** *Feature, Fri* **Austin Bragg**
Roger Sharpe, the GQ journalist and real-life pinball wizard who in 1976 overturned New York City's 35-year ban on pinball machines. (USA. 01:30:00)
- PIRATE LESSON** *Comedy Showcase, Friday & Saturday* **Sofia Azpe**
A fierce captain commands his ship into battle with a trusty bird crew. In reality, this is an opportunity for a driving lesson for his son. (USA. 00:06:00)

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POWERS: THE STORY OF JACKIE POWERS *Comedy Showcase, Fri & Sat*
Sean Thomas Mullen, Sam Raborg

Man wakes up from coma with a desire to be a saltwater cowboy. (USA. 00:07:00)

PURPOSE OF PANDEMIC GARDENING *Perseverance Showcase, Sat & Sun*
Samantha Pickett

Gardening helps a family in the pandemic and its world importance. (USA. 00:04:00)

THE RELENTLESS ONE *Res. Women Showcase, Fri & Sat* *M. Douglas Silverstein*

Kathleen Black survived a horrific childhood, was homeless at 15, and sent to a psychiatric ward for observation. Yet she thrived through it. (Canada. 00:40:00)

REMITTANCE *Family Dynamics Showcase, Saturday & Sunday* *Ashleigh Coffelt*

A man struggles to find balance between his responsibilities to his family in the Philippines and the new family he's found in the United States. (USA. 00:15:00)

ROCCO UP *Maritime Life Showcase, Friday & Saturday* *John Madere*

Rocco's father sets out to teach Rocco, who is autistic and non-verbal, to surf. Challenges persist, but triumphs abound. (USA. 00:22:00)

SAFE WORD *Sex & Love Showcase, Saturday & Sunday* *Christopher Cunetto*

Cesar, an emotionally-stunted masochist, must confront his self-loathing after his dom, Bear, reinterprets the rules of their game. (USA. 00:15:00)

SAVING SEALS *Maritime Life Showcase, Friday & Saturday* *Steven Benjamin*

Every day, Cape fur seals succumb to wounds caused by trash that becomes tangled around their necks. Explores the history of the seal disentanglement program at the V&A Waterfront, and a new technology. (South Africa. 00:13:00)

SEA OF LIGHTS *Comedy Showcase, Friday & Saturday* *Weston Taylor*

A young underdog accepts a Machiavellian kid's challenge to rob a home in the Hollywood Hills in order to be acknowledged by his peers. (USA. 00:16:00)

SEARCH FOR THE COOPER: A RIVER HIDDEN IN PLAIN VIEW
Perseverance Showcase, Saturday & Sunday *David Harp*

Four teenagers find the source of the Cooper River that runs through Camden County, NJ over six days and 17 miles. (USA. 00:30:00)

STEALING BREAD *Outsiders Showcase, Friday & Saturday* *William D. Ashton*

A Washington D.C. man living on the fringes steals an envelope with valuable contents. (USA. 00:30:00)

STIGMA: HIGHLIGHTED *Hassle Us, Thurs & Sat* *Sammi Shacter, Unscene Pro.*

12 individuals share their insights on addiction recovery. (USA. 00:16:00)

THE SUNRISE *Dark & Mysterious Showcase, Friday & Saturday* *Mansoor Ahmed*

A multi-genre experimental film depicting a tragedy, disguised as a comedy, disguised as a horror film. (USA. 00:25:00)

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SWEET HOME ALABAMA: A CHIEF AND HIS PROTEGÉ

Black History Showcase, Friday & Saturday

Frederick Murphy

Joycelyn Davis, a descendant of Chief Charles Lewis (Clotilda), details her battle with cancer and her commitment to keep the rich history of Africatown, USA relevant and accessible for generations to come. (USA. 00:18:00)

TIDE TO TABLE: THE REMARKABLE JOURNEY OF OYSTERS

Maritime Life Showcase, Friday & Saturday

Maria Luskay, Lou Guarneri

What gives an oyster its merroir or taste unique to its region, and how communities are utilizing oysters to improve local water conditions. (USA. 00:38:00)

TO BE LIKE YOU

Outsiders Showcase, Friday & Saturday

William D. Ashton

An aspiring actor and a DIY filmmaker team up to inadvertently tell the story of a lifetime. (USA. 00:24:00)

UP AND DOWN

Perseverance Showcase, Saturday & Sunday

Luke Masella

An unnamed weight lifter loses concentration when his spotter begins asking him some intrusive questions. (USA. 00:09:00)

WALKING TOWARD PEACE: TRAVIS JOHNSTON'S STORY

Veteran Showcase, Friday & Saturday

Davis Holliday, Clark Stefanic

Travis Johnston returned home from war struggling with the trauma in a civilian environment. He decides to hike the Appalachian Trail. (USA. 00:14:00)

WELCOME HOME EUGENE!

Dark & Mysterious Showcase, Friday & Saturday

Noah Jorgensen

After being kidnapped by a pair of grief-stricken parents, a young orphan must escape with the help of their deceased son, Eugene. (USA. 00:20:00)

WHITE PICKET FENCE

Veteran Showcase, Friday & Saturday

Noah Haycock

A WWII veteran struggles with the changed values in America after he returns from war. (USA. 00:08:00)

WITH YOU, I FOUND ME

Sex & Love Showcase, Saturday & Sunday

Brylle Gaviola

When Minh loses his fiancé, he reunites with a family he hasn't seen in years and a sister that's out of rehab. (USA. 00:20:00)

WORCESTER COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL: HEROES ALL

Veteran Showcase Friday & Saturday

Sharyn O'Hare

Educational documentary shown to all 5th graders in the county prior to their field trip. They are introduced to the branches of service, history of the flag and how to fold it, and stories of true heroes. (USA. 00:19:00)

WORST LAID PLANS

Feature Film, Saturday

*Christopher C Moore,
Jeremy Herbert, John Hale*

Three tales of vacation-themed horror adapted from the bestselling book by Grindhouse Press. Shot in West Virginia, North Carolina, Florida. (USA. 01:17:00)



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