

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL

OCEAN CITY FILM FESTIVAL



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SCHEDULE OF FILMS & EVENTS

THURSDAY MARCH 7

LOCATION	90th St.	94th St.
VENUE	Princess Royale	OC Center for the Arts
9:00 AM		Pass pickup & OCFF Lounge
9:30 AM		
10:00 AM		Pass pickup & OCFF Lounge
10:30 AM		
11:00 AM		Pass pickup & OCFF Lounge
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12:00 PM		Pass pickup & OCFF Lounge
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1:00 PM		Pass pickup & OCFF Lounge
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2:00 PM		Pass pickup & OCFF Lounge
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3:00 PM		Pass pickup & OCFF Lounge
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4:00 PM		
4:30 PM		
5:00 PM	5-7pm Cocktail Party & Pass Pickup	
5:30 PM		
6:00 PM		
6:30 PM		
7:00 PM	7-8:30pm Opening Night Showcase	
7:30 PM		
8:00 PM	Q&A*	
8:30 PM		
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11:00 PM		

FRIDAY MARCH 8

LOCATION	West OC	West OC	St Louis Ave.	90th St.	90th St.	94th St.	101st St.	15th St.	
VENUE	Flagship Theater #4	Flagship Theater #5	Cambria	Princess Royale Rm #1	Princess Royale Rm #2	OC Center for the Arts	Ashore Resort	Papi's Tacos	
9:00 AM						Pass pickup & OCFF Lounge			
9:30 AM									
10:00 AM				10-11:30am Listening Experience	10-11:45am Spotlight on Fatherhood	Pass pickup & OCFF Lounge			
10:30 AM									
11:00 AM		11-12:30pm From Here Films		Q&A*	Q&A*	Pass pickup & OCFF Lounge			
11:30 AM	11:30-1:15pm Tire Tales								
12:00 PM		Q&A*	11-1:30pm The Media & Me	11:45-1:30pm Pride Films	12-2pm Chuckles, Chortles, Snickers, & Snorts	Pass pickup & OCFF Lounge			
12:30 PM									
1:00 PM	Q&A*	12:45-2:45pm The Local Competition	Q&A*	Q&A*	Pass pickup & OCFF Lounge	12:30-2pm A Thousand Pines			
1:30 PM									
2:00 PM	1:30-2:45pm American Meltdown	Q&A*	1:45-3:15pm It's Personal		Q&A*	Pass pickup & OCFF Lounge	Q&A*		
2:30 PM	Q&A*								
3:00 PM			Q&A*			Pass pickup & OCFF Lounge	2:15-4:30pm Storytelling Ability		
3:30 PM	3-4:30pm Get on the Bus!	3-4:45pm Yasa							
4:00 PM			3:30-5pm Old Line Cinema			Pass pickup & OCFF Lounge	Q&A*		
4:30 PM	Q&A*	Q&A*							
5:00 PM			Q&A*			5-7pm Cocktail Party & Pass Pickup	4:45-7pm For Your Health		
5:30 PM	4:45-6:30pm Ali vs Ali	5-6:45pm Dancing on the Edge of a Volcano	5:15-6:45pm Inundation District						
6:00 PM									
6:30 PM	Q&A*	Q&A*	Q&A*						
7:00 PM									
7:30 PM		7-9pm The Dogmatics: A Dogumentary	7-9:30pm Horror, Sci-fi, & the Weird				7:15-8:45pm For the Love of Film	8-11pm After Party	
8:00 PM									
8:30 PM						Q&A*			
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11:00 PM									

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SPECIAL EVENTS

JOHN WATERS

*Q&A if filmmaker is present

SCHEDULE OF FILMS & EVENTS

SATURDAY MARCH 9									
LOCATION	West OC	West OC	St Louis Ave.	40th St.	90th St.	90th St.	94th St.	101st St.	101st St.
VENUE	Flagship Theater #4	Flagship Theater #5	Cambria	Performing Arts Center	Princess Royale Rm #1	Princess Royale Rm #2	OC Center for the Arts	Ashore Resort	Ashore Resort Restaurant
9:00 AM							Pass pickup & OCFF Lounge		
9:30 AM									
10:00 AM	9:30-11:30am The Dogmatics: A Documentary	9:30-10:45am American Meltdown Q&A*	10-11:45am Tire Tales		10-12pm The Local Competition	10-11:45am Yasa	Pass pickup & OCFF Lounge	9:30-11:15am Pride Films	
10:30 AM									
11:00 AM	Q&A*						Pass pickup & OCFF Lounge	Q&A*	
11:30 AM			Q&A*		Q&A*	Q&A*			
12:00 PM	11:45-1:15pm Listening Experience	11-1:15pm For Your Health					Pass pickup & OCFF Lounge	11:30-1:30pm Cnuckies, Chortles, Snickers, & Snorte	
12:30 PM			12-2pm Surf's Up		12:15-1:15pm João Ayres, an Independent Painter Q&A*	12-1:45pm Spotlight on Fatherhood	Pass pickup & OCFF Lounge		
1:00 PM	Q&A*	Q&A*					Pass pickup & OCFF Lounge	Q&A*	
1:30 PM			Q&A*			Q&A*			
2:00 PM	1:30-3:15pm Dancing on Edge of A Volcano	1:30-2:30pm Strife Stories Q&A*					Pass pickup & OCFF Lounge	1:45-3:45pm From Here Films	
2:30 PM			2:15-4pm Ali v Ali						
3:00 PM	Q&A*	2:45-4:15pm Inundation District					Pass pickup & OCFF Lounge		
3:30 PM			Q&A*					Q&A*	
4:00 PM		Q&A*							
4:30 PM	3:30-5:45pm Storytelling Ability		4:15-5:45pm Get on the Bus!					4-5:45pm Environmental & Aquatic Films	
5:00 PM		4:30-7pm Horror, Sci-Fi, & the Weird							
5:30 PM	Q&A*		Q&A*					Q&A*	
6:00 PM									5-7pm Cocktail Party
6:30 PM		Q&A*							
7:00 PM									
7:30 PM				Doors at 7PM John Waters					
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8:30 PM				Show at 8PM John Waters					
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SUNDAY MARCH 10						
LOCATION	West OC	West OC	St Louis Ave.	49th St.	94th St.	101st St.
VENUE	Flagship Theater #4	Flagship Theater #5	Cambria	Seacrets	OC Center for the Arts	Ashore Resort
9:00 AM					9-10am	
9:30 AM					Coffee & Convo & Pass pickup	
10:00 AM					Pass pickup & OCFF Lounge	9:45-11:30am
10:30 AM			10-11:30am			Environmental & Aquatic Films
11:00 AM	10:30-12pm	9:30-12pm	For the Love of Film		Pass pickup & OCFF Lounge	
11:30 AM	A Thousand Pines	The Media & Me	Q&A*			Q&A*
12:00 PM	Q&A*	Q&A*				
12:30 PM	12:15-1:15pm	12:15-1:15pm	11:45-1:15pm	11:15-1:15pm		11:45-1:15pm
1:00 PM	João Ayres, an Independent Painter	Strife Stories	It's Personal	Surf's Up		Old Line Cinema
	Q&A*	Q&A*	Q&A*	Q&A*		Q&A*
1:30 PM						
2:00 PM				1:30-2:30pm		
2:30 PM				Awards		
3:00 PM						
3:30 PM				2:30-4pm		
4:00 PM				Best of Fest		
4:30 PM						
5:00 PM				4-6pm		
5:30 PM				Closing Reception		
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FEATURE FILMS



A THOUSAND PINES

Directed by Sebastian Diaz, Noam Osband
Raymundo Morales leads a crew of workers who make the challenging decision to leave their families in rural Mexico to plant commercial pine forests in the United States.
77 minutes. Berkeley, CA USA



ALI VS. ALI

Directed by Alireza Rofougaran
Alireza's personal quest takes him on a journey across the globe to try and meet Muhammad Ali - a documented odyssey, with a delusional twist, depicting the concept of Para-Social interactions
3 minutes. Tehran, Iran



AMERICAN MELTDOWN

Directed by Andrew Adams
Chattanooga Film Festival "Best Feature" winner 2023. A "Millennial Coming-of-Rage" story about a young woman who loses her job and struggles to pay rent... until she befriends a pickpocket named Mari.
82 minutes. Los Angeles, CA USA



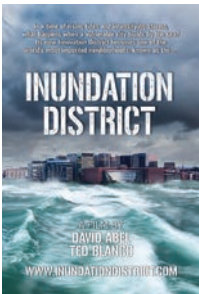
DANCING ON THE EDGE OF A VOLCANO

Directed by Cyril Aris
In the aftermath of the catastrophic explosion from August 4, 2020 in Beirut, a film crew is facing a serious dilemma: should they defy the chaos and move forward or surrender to the multiple crises in the country.
87 minutes. Germany



GET ON THE BUS!

Directed by Justinian Matthew Dispenza
In 2022 the James Taylor Justice Coalition collected a sample of soil from the site where Mr. Taylor was hanged. A busload of 50 youth and adults left Chestertown, MD on August 25 to transport the soil sample to the Legacy Museum in Montgomery, Alabama.
69 minutes. Galena, MD USA



INUNDATION DISTRICT

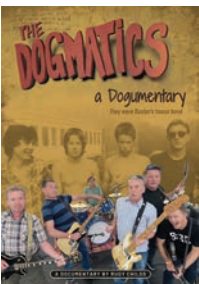
Directed by David Abel
The implications of a city's decision to ignore the threats posed by climate change and spend billions of dollars on building a new waterfront district – on landfill, at sea level.
79 minutes. Boston, MA USA



JOÃO AYRES, AN INDEPENDENT PAINTER

Directed by Diogo Varela Silva
A story about an artist in transit between Portugal and Africa who became forgotten in the narrative of Modern Art. Also about his family who inherited a significant body of work and want to make his art more accessible.
52 minutes. Lisboa, Portugal

FEATURE FILMS cont



THE DOGMATICS: A DOGUMENTARY

Directed by Rudy Childs
An intimate glimpse into the early 80s Boston music scene sharing the untold story of the band, The Dogmatics, that unwittingly pioneered and became emblematic of the genre. A four-year effort by family and friends.
89 minutes. Rockland, MA USA



YASA

Directed by Mani Mehdipour
A young girl wants to live with her mom after her father passed away but people of the village make problems.
81 minutes. Islamic Republic of Iran

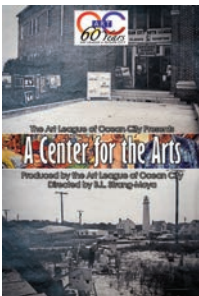
OPENING NIGHT SHOWCASE

Selected short films from the 2024 program. 90 minutes



ALOHA

Directed by Eli Michael Copperman
Music video. One guy's trip into insanity because of bad service over bagels.
4 minutes. Baltimore, MD USA



CENTER FOR THE ARTS, ABRIDGED

Directed by B.L. Strang-Moya
In the 1960s, a bohemian collective endeavored to build a center for the arts, and over 60 years, the town itself became a center for the arts. Discover the story of the Art League of Ocean City
6 minutes. Ocean City, MD USA



DINNER FOR SIX

Directed by Emily Kranking
An overprotective family spies on their disabled daughter's first date in absurd ways. Reimagined as the rom-coms and Disney Channel sitcoms she grew up with, Emily tells an exaggerated version of her first date.
6 minutes. USA



FIRST YOU, THEN I

Directed by Ashleigh Coffelt
A woman finds herself caught in a toxic relationship, struggling between fighting for herself or disconnecting from the one she loves.
3 minutes. Los Angeles, CA USA



HERITAGE AWARD: WATERFOWL FESTIVAL

Directed by the Maryland State Arts Council
In 2022, the Waterfowl Festival in Talbot County received a Heritage Award in the category of Tradition. The Festival celebrates waterfowling culture and conservation traditions on the Eastern Shore.
4 minutes. Baltimore, MD USA

OPENING NIGHT SHOWCASE cont



KISSING FROGS

Directed by Brendan Riley
Your worst kiss. Ever.
4 minutes. USA



REMINDER

Directed by Akin Bagcilar
Short story of a god in human form who reminds people of their wrongdoings.
5 minutes. Istanbul, Maltepe, Turkey



SHARK WEEK

Directed by Adria Branson
Ivy, a confident high school student, faces a sudden twist when her period arrives on the day of a crucial math quiz.
6 minutes. Valley Lee, MD USA



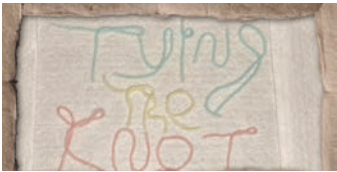
SQUALL

Directed by Emmi Shockley
An addict's day-long journey to reconnect with his younger brother leads them both into an unexpected storm.
15 minutes. Ocean City, MD USA



THE BOOG

Directed by Brian Wild
A kid-friendly monster movie partially inspired by the pandemic, celebrating the heroic efforts of everyday families.
7 minutes. Wilmington, DE USA



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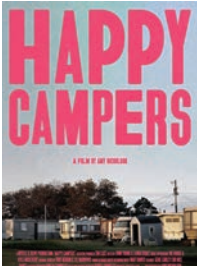
Directed by Ryan Wilton Zlatniski
A string feels overwhelmed by his tedious life, but finds comfort in a new relationship.
2 minutes. Berlin, MD USA



WOMP

Directed by Hannah Walsh
The ocean is for everyone, but surf lineups can often be rife with gender disparities. A group of deserving teen girls in North County San Diego are redefining that, showing that there's a place in the lineup for everyone
10 minutes. Vancouver, BC, Canada

CHUCKLES, CHORTLES, SNICKERS, AND SNORTS SHOWCASE



HAPPY CAMPERS

Directed by Amy Nicholson
Every summer, families enjoy waterfront living in a trailer park off the coast of Virginia. When the relentless march of capitalism threatens their shabby Shangri-La, the denizens of Inlet View face the inevitable, and reveal the secrets of a rich life.
75 minutes. New York, NY USA



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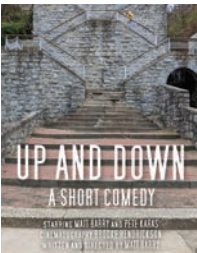
MARK AND MANDY

Directed by Jacob Costlow
Mark and Mandy have a stellar first date and a brief encounter with a very important celebrity.
6 minutes. Frederick, MD USA



SÚGAR

Directed by Nathan Shinholt, Adam Willem
Driven by bitterness, a lemonade salesman goes to great lengths to uncover the secrets of an industry rival.
7 minutes. Baltimore, MD USA



UP AND DOWN

Directed by Matt Barry
In this slapstick comedy, things don't go as planned when a man attempts to have his picture taken at the top of a giant staircase.
8 minutes. Baltimore, MD USA

ENVIRONMENTAL & AQUATIC SHOWCASE

A staple in our annual festival, this showcase highlights stories about nurturing a healthy planet. 82 minutes



BEACON CITY

Directed by Cameron Ilan
A story about the creation of the Florida Gulf Coast Hope Spot.
10 minutes. USA



CALIFORNIA LIGHT

Directed by Robert Denfeld
One filmmaker's exploration of natural light in California and its influence on people's lives.
20 minutes. Long Beach, CA USA



REMINDER

Directed by Akin Bagcilar
Short story of a god in human form who reminds people of their wrongdoings
5 minutes. Istanbul, Maltepe, Turkey



RETURN TO K'GARI

Directed by Selket Kaufman
Tucked away on the Australian lies a primeval bay where migrating South Pacific humpback whales find refuge. Pacific Whale Foundation develops a long-term study examining this population and their migration.
21 minutes. USA



SALTED EARTH

Directed by Ben Hemmings
This film plunges us into the heart of an invisible and creeping crisis that's transforming the Mid-Atlantic - the inexorable rise of sea levels and the encroaching salt. It's also a story of human resilience and ingenuity.
20 minutes. Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

ENVIRONMENTAL & AQUATIC
SHOWCASE cont



**TIMBER RATTLESNAKES OF
CATOCTIN MOUNTAIN PARK**

Directed by Grace Eggleston

Rattlesnake expert William H. Martin searches for timber rattlesnakes, showcasing their beauty and importance in a healthy and balanced ecosystem.
6 minutes. Washington, DC USA

FOR THE LOVE OF FILM SHOWCASE



ABOUT JAMES

Directed by Alice Weber

Marlene's chance encounter with James at a bookstore, 50 years since their last meeting, brings back painful memories of a love lost. Is there a "second chance"?
14 minutes. Holland, PA USA



DO YOU TRUST ME?

Directed by Ronald James

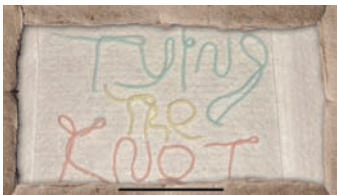
Virtual strangers embark on a date. Unexpectedly, Jane's simple yet profound act of kindness sparks a transformative journey for Ronald, setting the stage for a captivating tale of new beginnings.
6 minutes. Severn, MD USA



GIANNA

Directed by Brooke Linsalata

A young Italian-American tomboy spent her whole life being told how to live, but after a few terrible blind dates, a young man steps in out of fate and shows her how to be her best self.
51 minutes. Maryland, USA



TYING THE KNOT

Directed by Ryan Wilton Zlatniski

A string feels overwhelmed by his tedious life, but finds comfort in a new relationship.
2 minutes. Berlin, MD USA

FOR YOUR HEALTH SHOWCASE

The stories range from topics like mental hygiene, aging, and coming-of-age - an eclectic mix about the body and mind!

116 minutes



GLORIA'S BIRTHDAY

Directed by Robin Noonan-Price

Joanie, a feisty senior, regales her friends about past events from her youth, but cannot recall her sister Gloria's recent death.
8 minutes. Alexandria, VA USA



JESSIE

Directed by Zach Ruchkin

After tension with her mom sends her searching for an escape, Jessie can no longer hide from herself.
19 minutes. Baltimore, MD USA

FOR YOUR HEALTH SHOWCASE cont



PAIN INTO PASSION

Directed by Brandi Hall

In 2018, University of Maryland offensive lineman Jordan McNair passed away at 19 after a heat stroke. A look into a foundation and a family whose purpose is to stop athletes from dying from preventable illness.
21 minutes. Severn, MD USA.



RED VELVET

Directed by Danielle Gibson

If being black was chocolate ice cream, and being Latina cherry, the world sees Aviva as a swirl of the two.
19 minutes. Valley Village, CA USA



SHARK WEEK

Directed by Adria Branson

Ivy, a confident high school student, faces a sudden twist when her period arrives on the day of a crucial math quiz.
6 minutes. Valley Lee, MD USA



THE ECHOES WE SEE

Directed by Andrés Mejía

During a threatening school lockdown, Zakai dissociates to a distant memory: his first time not feeling safe in his own school.
10 minutes. Halethorpe, MD USA



THE LAST EPIC RIDE

Directed by Rick Kain

The story of a terminally ill man that, aided by his friends, goes for one last motorcycle ride along a familiar route.
11 minutes. Woodbine, MD USA



WHAT DID YOU SAY?

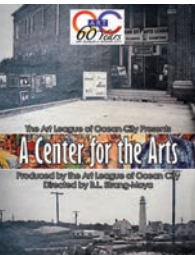
Directed by Oscar Li

Documentary by Johns Hopkins medical student Oscar Li follows two people and their hearing health journeys. The director of the Johns Hopkins Cochlear Center weighs in on the importance of hearing to our health.
7 minutes. Baltimore, MD USA

“FROM HERE” FILM SHOWCASE

Two films with local interest.

40 minutes



CENTER FOR THE ARTS, ABRIDGED

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6 minutes. Ocean City, MD USA



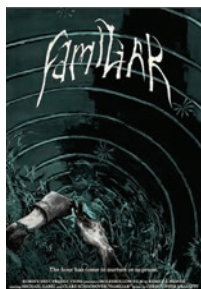
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15 minutes. Ocean City, MD USA

HORROR, SCI-FI & THE WEIRD SHOWCASE

This is a specially curated selection of strange films for strange people. Horrifying to some, humorous to others, and a truly unique showcase! 127 minutes

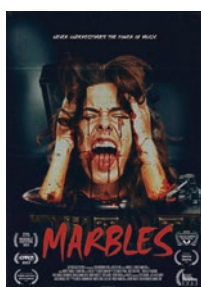


FAMILIAR

Directed by Rebecca Mlinek

A groundskeeper vies against her accomplished brother for control of her house, until a mysterious cat appears to tip the balance.

18 minutes. Upperco, MD USA



MARBLES

Directed by Robert Hamilton

A record store clerk plays a mysterious vinyl record and unwittingly unleashes the spirit of a homicidal musician hellbent on killing her with the very thing she loves most... music.

15 minutes. USA



MIDNIGHT OIL

Directed by Trevor Taylor

A detective hunts down a mysterious killer through a series of dreams and memories. Shot entirely on a 1989 VHS Camcorder.

9 minutes. Salisbury, MD USA



PERSONALIZED FUTURES

Directed by Max Delfino

In a future in which a personalized algorithm decides which major students have to pick, Kate, an econ major with an artistic calling, is faced with the choice of trusting the system or trying to subvert it from within.

10 minutes. Chicago, IL USA

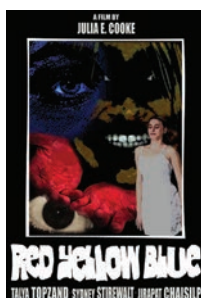


RAY OF SUNSHINE

Directed by Tyler Jennings, Jon Kemmerer

In 1999, Ray, 16, along with his adopted siblings lives with their abusive foster parents. After years of trauma, the kids have had enough. They soon embrace a dark and supernatural force to give them all they need.

31 minutes. Maryland, USA



RED YELLOW BLUE

Directed by Julia E. Cooke

A girl gets haunted by her own demons as we follow her through her colorful, surreal, bizarre descent into insanity.

19 minutes. Baltimore, MD USA



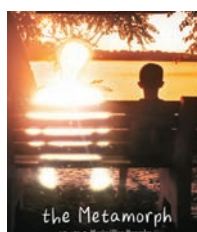
THE BOOG

Directed by Brian Wild

A kid-friendly monster movie partially inspired by the pandemic, celebrating the heroic efforts of everyday families.

7 minutes. Wilmington, DE USA

HORROR, SCI-FI & THE WEIRD SHOWCASE cont



THE METAMORPH

Directed by Maximillian Remmler

A child shapeshifter longs for a best friend, but their involuntary form changes leave them unrecognizable to any friends they may make...until they meet a boy named Sam.

12 minutes. USA



THREE NINETY FIVE

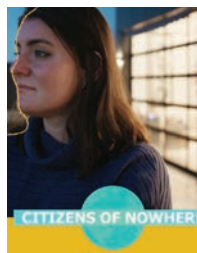
Directed by Nicholas Thurkettle

The world has gone quiet. With no home and no memory, a nameless traveler searches for fellow survivors along a remote highway.

7 minutes. Huntington Beach, CA USA

IT'S PERSONAL SHOWCASE

This showcase highlights character-driven stories about perseverance in the wake of internal conflicts. 74 minutes



CITIZENS OF NOWHERE

Directed by Alicia Sully

Millennials in the US discover their lack of legal nationality, sparking a search for recognition and belonging that unites them and offers hope for the future.

11 minutes. USA



HOMECOMING

Directed by Alvan Obichie

A high school teacher races home to make dinner for his wife.

10 minutes. Baltimore, MD USA

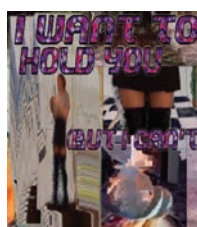


I DON'T KNOW WHAT I LOOK LIKE

Directed by Rachel Lotlikar

An exploration into the mind of the artist. Entering the safe space of Rachel's brain and viewing her deepest vulnerabilities, we are forced to question how much of what we experience is a kind of performance.

18 minutes. Severna Park, MD USA



I WANT TO HOLD YOU (BUT I CAN'T)

Directed by Julianna McCormick

A person replaces their desire to hold their cats with a desire to hold a feral Parisian pigeon.

10 minutes. Paris, France

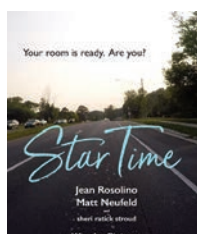


MA'S KISSES

Directed by Jimiy Dominique Anthony

Love and tradition are passed from mother to daughter through their love of cooking.

5 minutes. Hagerstown, MD USA



STARTIME

Directed by Rich West

Esther, fleeing an abusive marriage, stops at the StarTime motel. The room is only \$1 if she agrees to livestream her visit on the motel's YouTube channel. She pours her heart out to her unseen audience and changes her life forever.

20 minutes. Washington, DC USA

LISTENING EXPERIENCE SHOWCASE

The Listening Experience showcase highlights a variety of stories that celebrate and explore the role of music in our lives.

75 minutes



ALOHA

Directed by Eli Michael Copperman

Music video. One guy's trip into insanity because of bad service over bagels.

4 minutes. Baltimore, MD USA



FATHER, DAUGHTER AND THE IMMORTAL SONG

Directed by Sogand Seirafi

The story of the love between father and daughter. Malek o'Shoara Bahar is an Iranian poet and champion of democratic values. Parvaneh Bahar champions the cause of the oppressed in her adoptive country, the USA.

49 minutes. Chicago, IL USA



THE MUSIC FROM MY DREAMS

Directed by Joshica Kiah

A struggling musician discovers the music from his dreams holds the key to unlocking his creativity and finding his true voice. Dominique Dejon Craig plays the guitar and shares what music means to him.

10 minutes. Upper Marlboro, MD USA



THE WHALE GUITAR: INSTRUMENT OF CHANGE

Directed by Shawn Tetrault

Inspired by Herman Melville's "Moby-Dick", a singer/songwriter builds a custom electric guitar, "The Whale," an Anthropocene climate change warning. Hundreds of guitarists have played and signed the guitar.

12 minutes. Providence, RI USA

OLD LINE CINEMA SHOWCASE

A collection of films to celebrate modern-day Maryland heritage.

70 minutes



BALTIMORE SCREEN PAINTING FOLKLIFE APPRENTICESHIP

Directed by Maryland State Arts Council

In 2021-2022, master artist John Lampieri of Wicomico Co. taught Baltimore screen painting in Folklife Apprenticeship.

5 minutes. Baltimore, MD USA



HERITAGE AWARD: WATERFOWL FESTIVAL

Directed by the Maryland State Arts Council

In 2022, the Waterfowl Festival in Talbot Co. received a Heritage Award in the Tradition category. The Festival celebrates waterfowl culture and conservation traditions.

4 minutes. Baltimore, MD USA



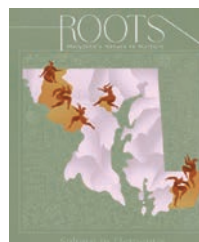
HBCU FASHION IS EVERYTHING!

Directed by Bridgett Clinton-Scott

College students studying fashion at a Historically Black College (HBCU) in Maryland and their desire to pursue creative careers after graduation told from the perspective of each student and their professor.

34 minutes. USA

OLD LINE CINEMA SHOWCASE cont



ROOTS: MARYLAND'S NATURE TO NURTURE

Directed by Fiona O'Brien, Sebrina Williamson, Zoe Couloumbis

Audiences explore through dance Maryland's coast, mountains, suburbs, and cities and the community value systems and personal perspectives throughout the state.

27 minutes. Bishopville, MD USA

PRIDE FILM SHOWCASE

A selection of films to celebrate LGBTQ+ pride.

86 minutes



CHASING JUSTICE

Directed by Drew Petrimoulx

A former drug addict turned law student works with a transgender inmate to fight for justice after the inmate is abused by guards at a Florida prison.

20 minutes. Washington, DC USA



CLEVELAND

Directed by Lily Daroff

Lily's Uncle Rob returns to Cleveland where he grew up and the first place he was out as a gay man during the AIDs epidemic in the 1980s.

7 minutes. USA



DREAMING OF...

Directed by Adrián De Jesús

Maya struggles to come to terms with her girlfriend Ana's death. We find her watching old home videos of them together, which inspires a peculiar dream.

18 minutes. Alexandria, VA USA



FIRST YOU, THEN I

Directed by Ashleigh Coffelt

A woman finds herself caught in a toxic relationship, struggling between fighting for herself or disconnecting from the one she loves.

3 minutes. Los Angeles, CA USA



INTRUSIVE

Directed by Jacob Greene

Dominic deals with intrusive thoughts as he faces his own anxiety in preparing to go on a date with a boy.

8 minutes. Baltimore, MD USA



OF ONE'S OWN

Directed by Jack Calvin Girod

After coming out as gay to his family, something James has dreamed of for years, he finally goes out and experiences the LGBTQ community in a speed dating event.

13 minutes. Westminster, MD USA



TAYLOR: A PORTRAIT OF BECOMING

Directed by Sean Frost

While navigating a career in television news, a former BuzzFeed comedian confronts the reality of being gender non-conforming in the Midwest.

17 minutes. Milton, DE USA

SPOTLIGHT ON FATHERHOOD
SHOWCASE

Films about fathers, fatherhood, and the male role in parenting.
86 minutes



DAISIES

Directed by Sarah Layton
The relationship between a woman and her grand-daughter is closely followed while her alcoholic son runs wild in the rural South.
8 minutes. Bridgeville, DE USA



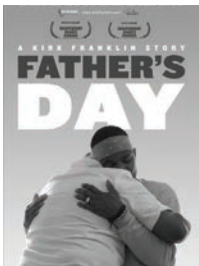
DEER HEAVEN

Directed by David Malone, Melaniia Kaliian
A father gets his ideal Father Day's gift, but his kids must face a moral dilemma in the process.
7 minutes. Washington, DC USA



FATHER'S DAY

Directed by Tumelo Lekena
Alakhe is selected to give a speech for a Father's Day school event, goes against his mother, and sets out to find the father he's never met which opens a can of worms.
26 minutes. Cape Town, South Africa



FATHER'S DAY: A KIRK FRANKLIN STORY

Directed by Josh Chamberlain
The man Kirk had always believed to be his father was not his biological parent. In a remarkable journey, Kirk embarks on a quest to discover his true biological father, leading to a profound exploration of his identity.
35 minutes. Berlin, MD USA



UNTHINKABLE CONVERSATIONS

Directed by Emma Richardson
A year into war, a couple give up hope of help. Hiding in their once beautiful home with their three young children, they are starving. They face up to the reality that the only way to save two of their children is to sell one.
10 minutes. London, United Kingdom

STORYTELLING ABILITY SHOWCASE

Stories about individuals with disabilities, their challenges and triumphs.
118 minutes



BRAILLE

Directed by Behrad Ezzati
Saber, a young blind man, is looking for a job and accidentally notices the power in his hands and decides to...
24 minutes. Gisha, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran



DINNER FOR SIX

Directed by Emily Kranking
A family spies on their disabled daughter's first date in absurd ways. Reimagined as the rom-coms she grew up with, Emily tells an exaggerated version of her first date.
6 minutes. USA



SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW

Directed by Milana Majar
A heart touching story about the emotional maturity and superhuman courage of a man who became blind at age 40 after tumor removal surgery.
34 minutes. Bosnia and Herzegovina

STORYTELLING ABILITY SHOWCASE
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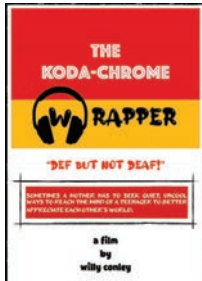
THE CALM UNDER THE WATER

Directed by Cam Brooks
An artist paralyzed from the neck down confronts obstacles on his journey towards happiness and inner peace.
10 minutes. Delray Beach, FL USA



THE IMPERCEPTIBLE

Directed by Parviz Rajaei (khazan)
A blind music group travels by car from the north of Iran to the center of the country (Tehran) to participate in a music competition, but they have an accident.
20 minutes. Islamic Republic of Iran



THE KODA-CHROME (W)RAPPER

Directed by Willy Conley
A deaf single mother has trouble bonding with her teen-aged hearing son who is a KODA (Kid of Deaf Adults) and has goals to become a rapper.
24 minutes. Hanover, MD USA

STRIFE STORIES SHOWCASE

Shorts in which characters must reckon with social and political strife.
45 minutes



ANTHEM FOR KASHMIR

Directed by Sandeep Ravindranath
A short narrative on the Indian occupation of Kashmir highlighting issues of forced-disappearances, half-widows, encounter-killings and pellet-gun victims. With a Tamil protest rock track.
9 minutes. India



EVEN THE WOMEN MUST FIGHT

Directed by Karen Turner
Vietnamese women took up arms to support Ho Chi Minh's armies after the US bombed their villages. Rare historical footage from Northern Vietnamese combat photographers.
26 minutes. Upper Marlboro, MD USA



SWAMP CREATURES

Directed by David and Tara Gladden
Democracy is in peril, even in the home. In stop-motion animation, kitchen magnets on the refrigerator come to life and battle for the very soul of America.
10 minutes. Salisbury, MD USA

SURF'S UP SHOWCASE

Films about surfers and surfing, fishers and fishermen.
100 minutes



COLD CRUSH

Directed by Ariane Moisan
The Magdalen Islands are a Canadian archipelago of 12,000. Alexis, a 9th generation fisherman, is part of a brave and small community who surfs year round.
13 minutes. Canada

SURF’S UP SHOWCASE cont



A LIFE AT SEE
Directed by Elisa Mand, Bente Rohde
The story of the few remaining crab fishermen who fight on their cutter “Damkerort” for their livelihood, their family on land and absolute freedom at sea.
53 minutes. Kiel, Germany



THE SPIDER WEB
Directed by Timothy Donovan Hay
Spider Murphy pioneered surfing through the ages and was one of the top board shapers. A tribute to a man that still shapes, surfs, and skates every day at age 76 years.
14 minutes. South Africa



WOMP
Directed by Hannah Walsh
The ocean is for everyone, but surf lineups can often be rife with gender disparities. A group of deserving teen girls in North County San Diego are redefining that, showing that there’s a place in the lineup for everyone
10 minutes. Vancouver, BC, Canada

THE LOCAL COMPETITION SHOWCASE

The first block of assorted local films. 110 minutes



FOX BOX FOLLIES
Directed by Daniel Oliver Lee, Steph Prizhitomsky
Winner of the Easton MD Academy Art Museum’s 2023 Video Race. An outside fox attempts to join a “no-foxes allowed” animal boxing ring.
4 minutes. New York, NY USA



A STUPID GRUDGE
Directed by Sayer Alexander Baca
During the summer break of their senior year, two friends get in an argument as they make their last film together.
3 minutes. Annapolis, MD USA



THE 2023 OCEAN CITY FILM CHALLENGE
Directed by Jackson Dutton, Brian Kozak, Fiona O’Brien, Will Rothermel, Davis Mears, Joe Joyce, Brian Hooks, Erin Welch, Holden Connor, Marlon Wallace, and Christian Walters
Ten short films produced locally or by Ocean City locals.
90 minutes. Ocean City, MD USA

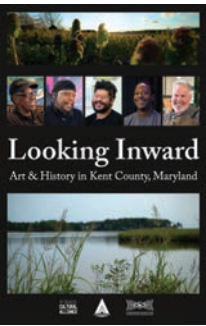
THE MEDIA & ME SHOWCASE

The relationship between society and the media across various mediums. 134 minutes



IMAGINARY FRIENDS
Directed by Rich West
A happy man who makes a modest living writing how-to-books has an agent who wants him to become a social media personality, but Daniel’s content until he receives text messages from a mysterious stranger.
20 minutes. USA

THE MEDIA & ME SHOWCASE cont



LOOKING INWARD - BLACK HISTORY & THE ARTS
Directed by Justinian Matthew Dispenza
Documenting the artist fellowship process through the Kent Cultural Alliance where six artists dug through historical documents and images from the Chesapeake Heartland Archive and then created their own artwork.
30 minutes. Galena, MD USA



NOTHING LEFT UNDONE: THE ART OF G
Directed by Matthew Ober
As Philadelphia artist G Kellum prepares for an upcoming gallery exhibition, he reflects on his artistic origins, life philosophy, and complicated relationship with success.
19 minutes. Philadelphia, PA USA



SUPERSTAR
Directed by Talha Hussaini, Jacob Heimlich
After along hiatus from the public after a car accident, a rising actress gives her first TV interview while trying to deal with her deteriorating, hallucinogenic psychosis.
24 minutes. USA



THE INTERVIEW
Directed by Mac Brydon
A film critic’s interview with a mercurial Hollywood actor pushes her to confront both artistic and personal fears.
8 minutes. New York, NY USA



THE PEACH
Directed by Sherwyn Santos
Russ catches up with his buddy Dave by watching a film. A certain scene takes Russ by surprise and his night takes a strange turn.
7 minutes. Washington, DC USA



WIDE EYED CONCEIT
Directed by John Morgeneier
Penelope has finished studying in an acting conservatory and is ready to enter the film industry and play in the big leagues when reality hits.
36 minutes. Cherry Hill, NJ USA

TIRE TALES SHOWCASE

Films discussing vehicular sports and the tireless efforts of 21st century athletes. 87 minutes



#HTFL - HOT TUBES FOR LIFE
Directed by Sandra van der Zwan-Katz, Sabrina Mendoza, and Andrew Madden
Hot Tubes Junior Development Cycling Team is the longest running junior cycling program in North America with over 130 national championships to its credit. #HTFL is more than a hashtag – it is a brotherhood and a way of life for the riders, their families, coaches, alumni, and founder Stanton.
19 minutes. New York, NY USA

TIRE TALES SHOWCASE cont



MOJAVE ROADS

Directed by Katie Scott

The history of off-roading and navigation in the Mojave Desert in this onX Offroad film and preserving access to these public lands as vital for the human desire for exploration.
17 minutes. USA



ON THEIR FIRST TRI

Directed by Ed Foster

One of the oldest triathlons in the world told through interviews with participants and archival photographs from Wrightsville Beach, NC in 1979 when a group of endurance athletes put on their own Ironman contest.
51 minutes. USA