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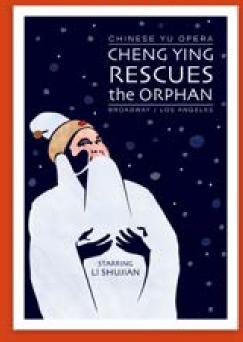


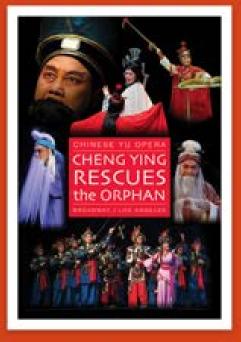
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As a cultural project management firm, Maeya Culture Exchange Group LLC produces and manages two international film festivals every year in the United States. One is **Universe Multicultural Film Festival** that is held in Los Angeles every April, and the other is **San Diego International Kids' Film Festival** that is held in San Diego every September. Maeya's brand-new annual production is **Epic ACG Fest** that is held in Albany every November.



Maeya has many years of experience in the promotion and distribution of family-friendly films, both in the U.S. and in China. As of to date, Maeya has the distribution rights of 63 films imported from China. All of the films have been promoted through participation in various film festivals.





In February 2013, Maeya proudly presented Cheng Ying Rescues the Orphan, Maeya's first theater production at Studio 54 Theater in New York's Broadway as well as at the Warner Grand Theater in Los Angeles. On October18, 2016, Maeya present this Chinese Yu Opera, for the first time, at Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, the home of Academy Awards. Dear SDIKFF attendees,

It is with great pleasure and honor that we present the 2019 San Diego International Kids' Film Festival (SDIKFF) at theCarlsbad City Library, Carlsbad Senior Center, and MiraCosta College Concert Hall and Clubhouse at Worldmark from August 23th to 25th. The screenings and events at this year's festival are, as always, promoting the idea of entertainment with education.

This year, attendees have the opportunity to view 137 unique films from over 24 countries ranging from features to shorts, from documentaries to animation, and from the silly to the sublime. Attendees can also participate in industry panels and workshops , as well as engage in film Q&As, hosted film receptions and galas, and the real-life action show "Screenplay Showcases"

This year is our 11th year to screen films from China at our festival. A privileged Chinese film delegation will attend the 2019 SDIKFF. This collaboration has proven to be an effective way for filmmaking communities to inspire and learn from each other. The high-quality Chinese family and children films have served as entertainment and education for our audience.

The SDIKFF provides a platform that allows for freely sharing of your views and ideas with those who take part in the same ideals of entertainment and stimulation of all ages through cinematic stories.

On behalf of the SDIKFF committee, we thank you for being a part of our festival in sunny San Diego. I am sincerely grateful for the sponsors, supporters, and volunteers who make this event possible.

Sincerely,

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Miss Oceanside & Miss Teen Oceanside Scholarship Pageant

#### 2019 San Diego International Kids' Film Festival

## Event Venues





#### Screening and Event Venue

### **Carlsbad City Library**

Schulman Auditorium Meeting Room

> 1775 Dove Lane Carlsbad, CA 92011

### Screening and Event Venue

### **Carlsbad Senior Center**

Auditorium Activity Room

799 Pine Ave Carlsbad, CA 92008





#### **DISTRIBUTION MIXER**

### The Club House

World Mark Resort

1301 Carmelo Drive Oceanside, CA 92054 Screening and Event Venue

## MiraCosta College

Concert Hall

1 Barnard Drive Oceanside, CA 92056

## TICKETING

#### **Screening Pass**

#### Price

Screening Pass	\$ 10 [Adults]
	\$ 5 [Seniors / Students]
Screening Pass - Family [4 Passes]	\$ 25
Screening Pass - Group [10+ Passes]	\$ 5 / Person
Day Pass	\$ 25
	\$ 12 [Seniors / Students]

#### Festival Events

Panel Discussion – Screenplay for Worldwide Audience \$25	
Panel Discussion – Film Pitch & Catch	
Panel Discussion – Work with China	
Panel Discussion – Distribution Innovations \$ 25	
Screenplay Showcase Free	
Cultural Fashion Competition Show	
Family Film Market \$15	

#### Cultural Mixers

Opening Night Gala \$ 5	5
Dinner Reception – Cultural Mixing Night	5

#### Award Ceremony

\$ 85

#### Where To Buy

Online Ticketing	http://2019sdikff.eventbrite.com
Group Tickets (10+ people)	Call 310-541-8040
At the Door	Accepts cash and major credit cards



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## Screenplay and Music

## Screenplays

### **Feature Screenplays**

Atoms(USA) - Sean Browne Breeze in Spring (China) – Dad, Go Home (China) – Shenglei Wang, Siyu Guang DOuG (USA) - Thresa Richardson Mashed Potatoes and Magic Spells (USA) - Janice Davidson Mythatania (USA) - Nicholas Julius Ridin on Duke's Train (USA) - Ken Kimmelman

### Short Screenplays

Atoms (UK) - Sean Browne Chocolate Chip Cookies (USA) - Tianzhao Zhang, Jinghui Jia Hickory (&me) (USA) - Jeffrey Morin It Hurts To Look Up(Australia) - Dean Friske Playground Tales: Children of War(USA) - Eric White The Weight of Feathers(Ireland) - Jon Gregory When in Rome(UK) - Amy Amani

## Music

Love Blooms In The Sun (China)– Love Is The Only River(USA) – Mario Schmolka, Erik Stabenau Max Topas - The Book of the Crystal Children(Germany) uP(USA) - Trinity Rose, Ian Sloane Violet Saturn 'Sweetest Life' music video(USA) - Dr. Michael W. Driesch

#### 2019 SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL KIDS' FILM FESTIVAL

## Event Schedule

#### VENUE 1

Carlsbad City Library 1775 Dove Lane Carlsbad, CA 92011

DAY 1 August 23

#### **Opening Film**

2:30-5:00 PM Schulman Auditorium @ Venue 1 Admission: Opening Film Ticket

#### **Opening Gala**

6:00-9:00 PM Hall @ Venue 2 Admission: Gala Pass VENUE 2

Carlsbad Senior Center 799 Pine Avenue Carlsbad, CA 92008

## DAY 2 August 24

Panel: Screenplay for Worldwide Audience 11:00-12:30 PM Meeting Room @ Venue 2 Admission: Panel Pass

Panel: Pitch & Catch 1:00-3:00 PM Meeting Room @ Venue 2 Admission: Panel Pass

Panel: Work with China 3:30-5:00 PM Meeting Room @ Venue 2 Admission: Panel Pass

#### Maeya Angel Ambassador

11:00-6:00 PM Hall @ Venue 2 Admission: Ambassador Pass

#### **Reception for Filmmakers**

6:00-9:00 PM Hall @ Venue 2 Admission: Gala Pass

#### **Screenplay Showcase**

7:00-8:00 PM Hall @ Venue 2 Admission: Gala Pass

#### Family Film Market 11:00-7:00 PM

Venue 2 Admission: Market Pass

#### VENUE 3

Mira Costa College 1 Barnard Drive Oceanside, CA 92056



#### Mixer: Distribution Innovations 11:00-1:00 PM

Club House @ Worldmark 1301 Carmelo Dr. Oceanside Admission: Panel Pass

Panel: Audition for Family Movies

2:00-3:30 PM Club House @ Worldmark 1301 Carmelo Dr. Oceanside Admission: Panel Pass

Red Carpet Fashion Show 5:00-6:00 PM Concert Hall @ Venue 3 Admission: Red Carpet Pass

#### Award Ceremony

6:00-9:00 PM Concert Hall @ Venue 3 Admission: Award Ceremony Ticket

## Screening Schedule

DAY 1			
August 23	Start	Film	Time
Schulmann Auditorium	9:15am	Short Film Showcase 1	97
	11:00am	Checker Tobi and Our Planet's Secret	86
	12:40pm	Dam Wall	90
	2:10pm	Miles to Go	48
	3:00pm	The Last Fiction	100
Meeting Room	12:05pm	Afterlife	90
0	1:40pm	Short Film Showcase 3	94
	3:15pm	Appu in Search of Truth	106
DAY 2			
August 24			
Schulmann Auditorium	9:15am	Eaten by Lions	94
	10:55am	Short Film Showcase 4	93
	12:30pm	Frank and Fearless	97
	2:10pm	The Book of the Crystal Children	82
	3:35pm	Short Film Showcase 5	89
Meeting Room	12:05pm	Good Game: The Beginning	115
	2:00pm	Short Film Showcase 6	90
	3:30pm	The Magic Ram	92
Senior Center Auditorium	10:10am	Team Marco	86
	11:40am	Short Film Showcase 7	100
	1:20pm	Short Film Showcase 2	89
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	4:00pm	Zombie Bro	80
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## Short Film Showcases

## Showcase 1

A Big Mission	USA	6
A Home for Curiosities	USA	17
A Monster Day	Taiwan	14
A Prickly Pair	USA	5
A White Dog over the Fog	Korea	5
Bear in the Mirror	USA	3
Beeju	USA	4
Beware of Fault Lines	Canada	10
Bit Stop	Brazil	12
Blue and Curt	Canada	2
Chocolate Chip Cookies	USA	13

### Showcase 2

Como Jugando	Peru 20
Kid-E-Cats	Russia 5
Dunk	France 20
Egg Car	Taiwan 11
Erin, Owen, and the Loch Ness Monster	USA 9
First Disco	Ireland 18
Flourish	USA 6

## Showcase 3

Flight of Freedom (Udne Do)	India 20
Foul Weather Friends	USA 2
Glitter Model Temporada 2	Brazil 21
Grandfather	India 11
Gum and Sauce Go to Skill School	USA 5
Ham Jam	USA 2
Helen	USA 15
Heliocentric	USA 5
Homo Ludens	Turkey 13

### Showcase 4

Paradise Dwellers	Iran 9
Konrad & Paul	Germany 9
Lemons	USA 3
Light Sleeper	USA 8
London's Home	USA 7
Love Never Forgets	USA 14
Margo Hoo Couldn't Sleep!	USA 20
Mindfulness is Elementary	USA 7
Miss Persona	Canada 3
Pool	Israel 13

### Showcase 5

My Happy Heart - Lulu	Australia 3
My Shadow	USA 4
Never Give Up	N/A 30
Night	USA 4
Pink & Blue	USA 7
Playdate	USA 7
Space Pups	USA 3
Star Wars: The Toys Awaken	USA 7
Super Booba	Russia 4
My little brother, Seung-hyuk	Korea 20

### Showcase 6

The Forest and the Trees	Canada 7
The Letter	Germany 12
The Very Loving Caterpillar	USA 6
They Shall Inherit the Earth	USA 14
Why Z?	USA 4
Youth News@ PTS: History of Taiwan	Taiwan 4
Across the Street	USA 5
Driver's Ed	USA 13
Factory	Hong Kong 2
Forbidden Concept Trailer	Canada 2
Harass	Hong Kong 2
Light and Day	USA 5
Reece	USA 11
Santa's Kidnapper	USA 3

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### Showcase 7

The Seasons	
<i>Try</i>	USA 4
Walking for Water	USA 3
Beverly Hills Heroes	USA 4
Do the Dryden Dos	USA 3
Fortissimo	Germany 3
Heroes Around Me: Ma and Pa	USA 3
Hungry Dinosaur	USA 2
I.T. Support	Australia 5
If by Life You Were Deceived	
International Police - Homework Division	
Kick Scooter	. Greece 2
Lake Lanier Life	USA 5
Max & Leyla	Germany 7
Mime Doesn't Pay	USA
Mr. Orange & Baby Snot	USA 2
My Red Ball	. Canada 3
Priorities	USA 8
Run Mia Run!	USA 5
Say Something	Australia 5

### Showcase 8

The Dog's Story	Russia 9
The Journey of Story Float	Taiwan 6
The Mom Plan	USA 5
The Turtles Swim	USA 2
The Universal Declaration	USA 8
Undo	USA 2
Love Is The Only River	USA 6
The Book of the Crystal Children	Germany 2
иР	USA 8
Sweetest Life	USA 4
Teddy Mate	USA 16
Turn it around	Israel 16

### Showcase 9

Lion Dance	China 8
Arapaho Truths	USA 30
Tuva youngster-Yongdeng	China 35
Tei Tei	USA 17
Teenagers In the Capital	China 16
Headphone	USA 10
Mountains are Innocent	China 20

## Kids-made Films













#### **Beverly Hills Heroes**

USA | 4 min Short | Documentary Director/Producer: Ryker Overacker

An interview of the Beverly Hills Police Chief and the Beverly Hills Fire Chief.

#### Do the Dryden Dos

USA | 3 min Short | Musical

Director: Rachel Asper, Emilia Burszczyk, Emily Morton, Rosemary Heckard, Kristina Kazuraite, Charlotte Stahlman, Aleena Patel, Sage Altschuler, Kai Lair, Jonas Gregory, Jovanni Aiello, Frankie O'Mara.

What if kindness was contagious? What if you could activate change just from your example? Believe in yourself because we believe in you. It's not hard to do the right thing. So, do the Dryden Do's.

#### Fortissimo

Germany | 3 min Short | Animation Director/Writer/Producer: Lilith Jörg

The concert stage is always home to wonderful sounds and incredible musicians, but sometimes the sounds next to the stage gather attention instead. A cellist tries to start his performance, but encounter a number of surprises.

#### Heroes Around Me: Ma and Pa

USA | 3 min Short | Documentary Director/ Writer/ Producer: John Burns

A brief story about the writer's great-grandparents.

#### Hungry Dinosaur USA | 2 min Short | Animation Director/Writer: April Yu Producer: Dong Yu

A story about a loving dinosaur family.

*I.T. Support* Australia | 5 min Short | Drama Director/Writer/Producer: Eli Rauchberger

A group of kids form a support group for people addicted to technology.

If by Life You Were Deceived USA | 25 min Short | Family | Drama Director/Writer: Xun Zhuo

As the little girl grows up, she starts to be sensitive and doubt on everything. One day she finds out about a secret of her family.

#### International Police - Homework Division

Australia | 9 min Short | Drama Director/Writer: Angus Grant Producer: Angus Grant, Liam Grant

School kids going on break to avoid homework? Call the International Police - Homework Division. Guaranteed homework delivery.

#### Kick Scooter

Greece | 2 min Short | Documentary Director: Yiannis Petsas, Kostas Petsas Writer: Yiannis Petsas

A school assignment with the subject of "Television"

#### Lake Lanier Life

USA | 5 min Short | Documentary Director/Writer/Producer: Spencer Perry, Tripp Hopkins

A GoPro video shoot documents two boys' fun on Lake Lanier in Atlanta, Georgia.

#### Max & Leyla

Germany | 7 min Short | Animation Director: KIDS 'N TRICKS, PROF. ISOLDE ASAL Writer: KIDS 'N TRICKS Producer: PROF. ISOLDE ASAL

A little dragon, living on a small island in the middle of a big ocean, realizes that a group of creatures living next to him under the sea live happily due to a magical item.

USA | 3 min Short | Drama Director/Writer: Ella McKeon

A mime realizes his skills don't set him up well for a real job, therefore he must think outside the box. A lonely Mr. Orange finds happiness in a strange place.

Mime Doesn't Pay









#### **KID-MADE FILMS**

Mr. Orange & Baby Snot USA | 2 min Short | Animation Director/Producer: Kana Hutchens

A lonely Mr. Orange finds happiness in a strange place.

#### My Red Ball

Canada | 3 min Short | Drama Director/Writer: Esabella Strickland Producer: Young Movie Makers

An urban legend about a girl who is bullied and socially alienated because of her learning disability, but makes friends with a boy in the forest.

#### **Priorities**

Australia | 8 min Short | Drama Director: Laura Barley-Tayler Writer/Producer: Laura Barley-Tayler, Chloe Tran

A mother's priorities result in issues for daughter.

After realizing that she's forgotten her homework, a girl goes through quite an ordeal to submit it on time.

Say Something Australia | 5 min Short | Drama Director: Emily Prior Writer: Jen Prior

1 in 4 Australian kids experience bullying. This film looks briefly at the different forms of bullying, and follows a girl and her friends who stand up to a bully for a new friend.

#### Tei Tei

USA | 17 min Short | Drama Director/Writer/Producer : Mark Leschinsky Producer:

A heartwarming story about an unusual friendship of two children living in different countries in different time periods. An 11-year-old boy, Johnny, a talented young chess player, has found his best friend.









Run Mia Run! USA | 6 min Short | Drama Director/Writer: Ella McKeon

#### KID-MADE FILMS

#### The Journey of Story Float

Taiwan | 6 min Short | Mixed Media Director: Yung-Lin Chen Writer: Yun-Chien Yin Producer: Szu-Hsin Lee, You-Bang Zhang, Yun-Chien Yin, Wan-Jhen Yu, Ming-Chi Chen, Ju-Yo Lo

Residents of a town learn and understand that they should not litter or pollute the environment.

*The Mom Plan* USA | 5 min Short | Drama Director/Writer: Ella McKeon

A single father and his son set out to find the perfect mother/wife.

*The Turtles Swim* USA | 2 min Short | Animation Director/writer/Producer: Genna Lee

A scuba diver's swim with turtles leads him to discover sunken treasure.

*The Universal Declaration of Human Rights* USA | 8 min Short | Documentary Director: Kids N Film, Natasha Berry, Saela Fitzgerald, Gianna Fragozo Producer: Jacalyn Evone

Students at Vallejo Charter School in California share their understanding of the articles of human rights.

#### Undo

USA | 2 min Short | Experimental Director: Claire, Daniel, Joana, Julia, Kristina, Martin, Mary, Natalie, Nicolet, Rachel, Samantha, Sophia Producer: Fugleflick Filmmakers

An original music video demonstrating how wonderful an undo button would be in an art room.









## YOUTH-MADE FILMS



#### Across the Street

USA | 5 min Short | Musical Director: Caden H. Hollander Writer: Caden H. Hollander, Tyler Texeira Producer: Aydin Haleftiras, Caden H. Hollander, Emma Hollander, Tyler Texeira

After a lonely teenage boy has a bag of candy stolen on Halloween, he goes on an insane bizarre adventure to get it back.



**Diver's Ed** USA | 13 min Short | Drama Director/Writer: Dana Koops Producer: Samuel Parker, Dana Koops

An overconfident teen encounters unexpected obstacles when trying to pass her driver's test.

#### Factory

Hongkong | 2 min Short | Animation Director: Sui San Lo, Chun Wai Liu, Ka Kei Chen Producer: Ka Chun Chan

A story about two worlds: a forest full of animals, and a factory owned by man. For unexplained reasons, the animals in the forest regularly disappear every day, but one day when the animals don't disappear as usual, the man decides to go upstairs to understand what's happening.

#### Forbidden Concept Trailer

Canada | 2 min Short | Horror Director: Emily Schooley Producer: Natasha Heschelle

This is a supernatural Romeo and Juliet with a cultural twist. A beautiful enslaved African druid in colonial America fell in love with a mistress's dashing fiancé, the son of a rival family, igniting a centuries-long war between their supernatural and immortal families.

















#### Harass

Hongkong | 2 min Short | Animation Director: Hin Shing Lam, Pak Leung Lau, Ming Hang Leung, Chun Wai Lui Producer: Ka Chun Chan

One night as a man is going to sleep, the female neighbor who lives upstairs decides to exercise. She turns on music and starts dancing loudly, waking up the man. Angrily, the man goes upstairs to confront her about the problem. Eventually the lady learns how to respect others.

#### Light and Day

USA | 5 min Short | Animation Director/Writer/Producer: Sam Kellman, Dexter Gardner

Having worked a dull job in a brick factory for the entirety of his life along with everyone he knows, a man, Jeff, decides to escape his factory life for something greater.

**Reece** USA | 11 min Short | Drama Director/Writer: Dusan Brown

Because of the increasing violence in his neighborhood, a young man, Reece, fights to defend his community, regardless of the consequences.

#### Santa's Kidnapper USA | 3 min Short | Family

Director: Caroline Solakian

Reminiscing old films and tapes transport an elderly woman in and out of the simpler times when she was young.

The White Mughal: Love & Betrayal in British IndiaIndia | 36 minShort | DocumentaryDirector/Producer: Tanmay Srivastava

A true story about Lieutenant Colonel James Achilles Kirkpatrick, a British resident of Hyderabad, as well as a Mughal princess, in 17th century India.

#### *The Seasons* USA | 2 min Short | Animation Director/Writer/Producer: Alexandra Nickel

A favorite backyard tree changes through the seasons.





Try

USA | 4 min Short | Drama Director: Maxine Sutton

Try to find hope and strength in others in the face of aggression and bully-ing.

*Walking for Water* USA | 3 min Short | Documentary Director/Writer/Producer: Miles Fesler

A short documentary depicting the story of a man's dream of clean, accessible water for his village in southwestern Kenya.

## Short Films











A Big Mission

USA | 6 min Short | Animation Director: Longyin Zhou, Yujie Chen

After killing all the dinosaurs, a baby devil was promoted at work, but must now destroy humankind. The baby moves into a bigger house, however, the furniture in the house does not allow the baby to leave to go to work. Will the baby devil complete his big mission?

*A Home for Curiosities* USA | 17 min Short | Fantasy Director/Writer: Ben Tobin Producer: Shannon Ryan, Ben Tobin

A young boy discovers a house full of imaginary friends. With his friend, he helps bring these creatures back to the real world to meet new human companions.

*A Monster Day* Taiwan | 14 min Short | Experimental Director/Writer: Chan Ning Producer: Coco

A five-year-old's mother is stressed out, and after suppressing her stress for too long, she turned into a monster one morning. Now the young girl has to take care of her monster mom.

A Prickly Pair USA | 5 min Short | Animation Director: Mia Andrea Producer: Lynn Pratt

A man's quest for water becomes unexpectedly complicated when he stumbles upon a sentient cactus.

Arapaho Truths USA | 30 min Short | Documentary Director: George Giglio Producer: Dara Weller

The Northern Arapaho People in Wyoming are story tellers. To pass their culture to the next generation, the elders tell the children traditional stories while the children make the stories come to life.













### A White Dog Over the Fog

South Korea | 14 min Short | Family | Drama Director/Writer: Seung-hee Jung

A girl moves to a foggy seaside village and encounters a lone white dog. The girl, afraid of the outside world, and the dog that has never gotten out of its world, struggle to take a step toward the unknown world beyond the fog.

#### **Bear in the Mirror**

USA | 3 min Short | Animation Director/Writer: Yuxin Zhao

A story about how a teddy bear brings a little girl and her mother together, and depicts how to face life after the loss of a loved one.

#### Beeju

USA | 4 min Short | Animation Director/Writer: Brian Cheng Synopsis: In a world where knights are armed with the forces of Chi, Shao and Morhan must arrive in Nawia within one day as Soma's army approaches.

**Beware of Fault Lines** Canada | 10 min Short | Animation Director/Writer: Amanda Lo

In a landscape of magical realism, a shy Chinese girl struggles to figure out her identity, as a little monster steals her cultural stories and uses them to separate her from her family.

#### Bit Stop

Brazil | 12 min Short | Animation Director: Belli, Rubens Writer: Cargnin Filipe, Tenfen Maicon, Grynszpan Ricardo Producer: Belli Studio

Boris uploads an embarrassing video of Enzo to the "interpetnet" without Enzo's consent. A lamp genie transports the two into the interpetnet, where they attempt to stop the uploading of the video at any cost.

**Blue and Curt** Canada | 2 min Short | Comedy Director: Jesse Cote Producer: Jesters Animation

A stubborn little monster receives some advice from a clever little bird.











#### **Chocolate Chip Cookies**

USA | 13 min Short | Comedy | Drama Director: Tianzhao Zhang Writer: Tianzhao Zhang, Jinghui Jia Producer: Lingyu Meng

To complete the entry test of the Bravery club, a friendless young boy puts laxatives into chocolate chip cookies and delivers it to a creepy old man living next door, but ends up finding friendship with him.

#### Como Jugando

Peru | 21 min Short | Fiction Director: Berenice Adrianzén Zegarra

After two boys return home after a long day at school, they go out to play and find "treasure" when they meet another boy, a neighbor who decides to accompany them on the adventure.

#### **Contos Divertidos Os 3 Porquinhos**

Brazil | 6 min Short | Animation Director: Marco Botana

The classic tale of the three little pigs depicted in a way that provides anyone, no matter where, with the ability to understand to the tale.

#### Dunk

France | 20 min Short | Drama Director/Writer: Martin, Sophie Producer: d'Autryve, Nicolas

A teenage girl with a sturdy personality, and captain of her city's basketball team, is struck by a tragic car accident involving her parents. She prefers to hide the truth from her friends, but she must learn how to integrate herself into society and overcome her anger and sadness. Basketball is the key for her seemingly impossible adaptation.

#### Egg Car

Taiwan | 11 min Short | Animation Director: Chang, Kai-Hsiang Writer: Sun, Anran Producer: Ming-Hsien, Chan, Shu-Wan, Yang, Jianli Yang, Takaya Kubo

This is an adventure story about exploring, courage and problem-solving. There are different kinds of creatures with wheel-shaped feet on five islands. In order to rescue his village and family, Dash, an imperfect egg-shaped car starts a journey with his buddies.













## *Erin, Owen, and the Loch Ness Monster* USA | 9 min Short | Animation

Director/Writer/Producer: Nicholas Julius

Scottish siblings escape the clutches of bullies in order to barely make it on time for their father's Loch Ness tour boat, thinking the day will be uneventful.

#### First Disco

Ireland | 18 min Short | Drama | Comedy Director/Writer: Helen O'Reilly Producer: Helen O'Reilly, David C. Lynch, Jim Sheridan

A girl is not only experiencing her first crush, but she's also going to her first disco. The only problem is that she's getting nervous before her big night and is overwhelmed by self-consciousness. However, with the help of her best friend, she realizes what's important in her life.

#### Flight of Freedom (Udne Do)

India | 20 min Short | Drama Director: Aarti Bagdi Writer: Sulekha Bajpai Karkare, Aarti S. Bagdi Producer: Usha Kakade, Pallavi Rohatgi, Vinay Mishra, Raghavan Bharadwaj

The film speaks to both children and adults, creating awareness for children in an empathetic storyline while modeling ideal behavior amongst parents and other authority figures in dealing with children.

#### Flourish

USA | 6 min Short | Family Director: Christopher Allan Francis Writer: Christopher Allan Francis, David Schulz Producer: Christopher Allan Francis, Nicole Franco

A rural boy learns the ways of nurturing greenhouse plants from his father, and soon realizes that true flourishing of life requires personal risk.

*Foul Weather Friends* USA | 2 min Short | Animation | Family Director: Dave Levy

A little tree named Maple branches out by trying something new each day.

#### Short Films

#### **Glitter Model Temporada 2** Portugal | 22 min Short | Animation Director: Angelo Nunes

The adventures of a girl and her two best friends, structured in a way that stimulates children to recognize their own inner shine.

#### Grandfather

India | 11 min Short | Drama Director/Writer/Producer: Uma-Gaiti Uma-Gaiti

The inseparable bond between a grandfather and his granddaughter demonstrates the permanence of love undeterred by the impermanence of the physical world.

#### Gum and Sauce Go to Skill School

USA | 5 min Short | Animation Director/Writer: Chadwick Whitehead

Gum pranks Sauce in order to take a photo for his class project. Clump helps Gum apologize but it makes matters worse. In the end, a sincere apology is made and an amazing photo is accidentally taken.

#### Ham Jam

USA | 2 min Short | Comedy Director: Sage Drake Writer: Michelle Lewis Producer: Sanelle Sibanda

A frustrated young actress entertains herself in a Los Angeles traffic jam.

#### Headphone

USA |10 min Short | Science Fiction Director: Rio Jiang Producer: Jingru Xu

A college boy finds out that some mysterious things have happened to his headphones...

#### Helen

USA | 15 min Short | Drama Director: Ji Hyun Kim Writer: Julia Yu Producer: Danae Grandison

Almost single-handedly raised by his nanny, a young boy is eventually forced to face the harsh truth about their close connection.























#### Heliocentric

USA | 5 min Short | Animation Director: Mike McCraw Writer: Ray Hedgpeth Producer: Mike McCraw, Ray Hedgpeth

Boxer, Verve, Campbell and Herman teach Naomi Money that the Earth revolves around the Sun, foiling her quasi-evil plan, and schooling her about Ptolemy, Galileo and Copernicus in the process.

#### Homo Ludens

Turkey | 13 min Short | Comedy Director: Emin Fırat Övür

During recess, beyond the classroom's concrete walls, kids create micro-societies through hide and seek.

#### June Gloom

USA | 10 min Short |Drama Director: Xander Bailey

June struggles to get through a tense Thanksgiving dinner with her dysfunctional family. While she tries to keep it together, there is no denying that something dangerous is in the air. Reality gets blurred when she questions her instincts, putting everything in jeopardy.

#### Kid-E-Cats

Russia | 5 min Short | Animation Director: Dmitry Vysotsky Writer: Dmitry Vysotsky, Darina Schmidt Producer: Karina Kabanova, Natalia Ivanova-Dostoevskaya Synopsis: Three little kittens take children on adventures that teach safety, the meaning of friendship and family, and how to think before acting.

#### Konrad & Paul

Germany | 9 min Short | Drama Director/Writer/Producer: Sarah Schill

Paul, an outsider in his class, meets Konrad, who shows him that true freedom means being able to choose who you want to be.

#### Lemons

USA | 3 min Short | Family | Comedy Director/Producer: Brian Petersen

A quick glimpse into the fast-paced, high-stress world of lemonade selling.

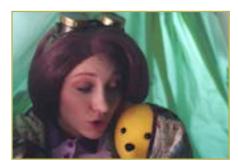












#### Light Sleeper

USA | 8 min Short | Family Director: Robin Sindler Writer: Robin Sindler, David Boerger Producer: Robin Sindler, David Boerger

A little girl who won't stay in bed at night finds herself in deeper trouble.

#### London's Home

USA | 7 min Short | Documentary | Animation Director/Producer: Kristen McGregor, Jennifer Treuting

When a fire destroys the apartment that a young girl and her family have called home for years, everything's suddenly different. Everyone's safe, but where will they stay?

**Love Never Forgets** USA | 14 min Short | Drama Director: Fred Grant Writer: Lynn Schneider, Fred Grant Producer: Julia Guo, Cici Lau, Merlin Showalter

A story of a family's affiliation with Alzheimer's Disease depicted from the unique perspective of a five-year-old child.

#### Margo Hoo Couldn't Sleep!

USA | 20 min Short | Animation | Family Director/Writer/Producer: Raul Gonzo

As a result of being unable to sleep, a girl sneaks around her neighborhood at night causing mischief.

*Mindfulness is Elementary* USA | 7 min Short | Documentary Director: Geoffrey Chandler

How do teachers and students react to the meditation techniques called "mindfulness" in this elementary school?

#### Miss Persona

Canada | 3 min Short | Family Director: Brandon Lane, Matt Greyson Writer: Brandon Lane Producer: Kimberly Persona

The Miss Persona web series gently approaches problem solving though dress-up imaginative play.

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Short Films

### My Happy Heart – Lulu

Australia | 3 min Short | Family Director/Writer: Hailey Bartholomew Producer: Alarna Zinn

Children ought to take advantage of their power by asking themselves, "what makes my heart happy?"

#### My little brother, Seung-hyuk

Korea | 20 min Short | Drama Director/Writer: Deok Geun Kim Producer: Seonghyuk Lim

A boy has been sacrificing a lot for his older brother suffering from ADHD. He finds out that his single mother plans to leave home with his brother, but he refuses to let her and sends his older brother to school by himself.

#### My Shadow

USA | 4 min Short | Family Director: Evan Kimball Plochmann Producer: Bryan P. Hughes, Zhang Haoyue

An adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's poem, "My Shadow".

#### Never Give Up: The Journey of Bassett Robotics

USA | 30 min Short | Documentary Director/Writer/Producer: Vincent Precht

Six inner city ten-year-olds defy all odd by making it to the World Championship of Robotics.

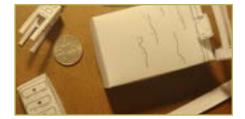
#### Night

USA | 4 min Short | Animation Director/Writer: Yoshi Makishima

For everyone who is stumbling in the dark seeking connection, this film expresses the simple hope that we will be found.

**Paradise Dwellers** Iran | 9 min Short | Drama Director: Ramin Samani

A little girl is alone at home with her paralyzed grandmother. The grandmother wants to use the toilet, but the girl isn't able to take her there alone, and although her mother has told her not to interact with the neighbor's son, she has no choice but to ask him for help.











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#### SHORT FILMS

#### Pink & Blue

Canada | 2 min Short | Animation Director: Jesse Cote Producer: Jesters Animation

A stubborn little monster receives some advice from a clever little bird.

#### Playdate

USA | 7 min Short | Drama Director: Matt Aaron Krinsky Writer: Eric Larner, Matt Aaron Krinsky Producer: Marco A. Elorreaga, Matt Aaron Krinsky, Julianne Homokay

A boy and a girl find themselves stuck on a playground with no electronic devices and must rediscover how to play using their imaginations.

#### Pool

Israel | 13 min Short | Family | Drama Director/Writer: Ido Weisman Producer: Hadar Hasina Masasa

Standing between his shameful father and the popular classmates, the delicate balance in the water becomes unbearable for a boy.

#### Sommernachtskinder Germany | 30 min Short |Comedy Director/Writer/Producer: Zara Demet Altan

A love triangle emerges among high school students in Berlin. Two boys are both in love with one girl, and their struggle to get her attention ends up in a big fight involving the entire class.

#### Space Pups

UK | 3 min Short | Animation Director: Joonas Utti Writer: Joonas Utti, Martti Sirkkola, Anttu Harlin, Maria O'Loughlin Producer: Anttu Harlin

Dylan Dalmatian discovers it's difficult to juggle being a universal space hero astronaut with baby-sitting little sister Dorothy Dalmatian.





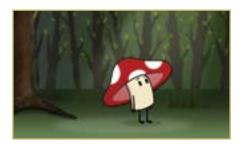














Star Wars: The Toys Awaken

USA | 7 min Short | Animation Director/Writer/Producer: Raymond Montemayor

On the opening night of Star Wars: The Force Awakens, a seven-year-old girl's Star Wars toys come to life. They learn who their characters are and set off on an adventure to help their young companion as she heads out to watch The Force Awakens.

#### Super Booba

UK | 4 min Short | Animation Director: David Petrosyan Writer: Evgeny Eremeev, Olga Granovskaya Producer: Nikolay Okorokov, Vitaly Prokhorov, Dakeshi, Konstantin Kobzev, Vladimir Egorov, Olivier Bernard, Talgat Chinikeyev, Nurlan Zhumanov, Vladimir Dobrynin.

Booba discovers superpowers that let him cope with unusual stuff, help a friend, and have fun.

#### Teddy Mate

USA | 16 min Short | Fantasy |Drama Director: Rommel Villa Writer: Lydia Lane Producer: Damon Laguna, Anabel Inigo

In a world where children bond with magical teddy bears that eventually transform into their perfect, human life partner; an optimistic and strong-willed young woman struggles when her teddy mate subverts expectations.

**The Forest and the Trees** Canada | 7 min Short | Animation Director/Writer: Choom Lam Producer: Oliver Sterczyk

A determined mushroom conquers tumultuous emotions while journeying through a forest.

**The Letter** Germany |12 min Short | Drama Director: Doc Miguel

It's the second time a ten-year-old receives a letter from the class teacher to his parents. And his father had warned him: if he gets another letter for inadequate performance or disruptive behavior there'll be a hefty punishment. Looking for a way out of his dilemma, the young boy finally thinks about help from up above.

#### Short Films

### The Very Loving Caterpillar

USA | 6 min Short | Animation Director/ Writer/ Producer: Sean Browne

A caterpillar must save his family from the environment that once nurtured them.

#### They Shall Inherit the Earth

USA | 14 min Short | Drama Director: Jason Koiter Producer/Writer: Jason Bernero

Three young orphaned brothers struggle to adapt to life after the mysterious death of their parents.

#### Turn It Around

Israel | 16 min Short | Drama Director/Writer: Boaz Olandar Producer: Noemie Biegeleisen

Three best friends living in south Tel Aviv are all children of immigrants and refugees. One of the boy's parents work from morning to night just to support the family, leaving the responsibility of taking care of his little sister to himself.

#### Why Z?

USÁ | 4 min Short | Animation Director/Writer: Asher Horowitz Producer: Jimmy Calhoun

"Why Z?" follows the story of z, a lonely and shy letter stuck at the end of the alphabet. As he struggles to deal with the torment from his bullies at school, as well as everything else that comes from last in line, he constantly asks himself, "why z"?

#### Youth News@ PTS: History of Taiwan

Taiwan | 4 min Short | Animation Director: LU, Wei Chih Writer: Yeh, Zhong Xin, Wu, Liang Heng, Ni, Shou En, Wu, Wei Chi Producer: Lai Yan-ru

In the era of the Great Voyage, the aborigines on the island of Taiwan have been in contact with the forces of the Netherlands, Japan and other countries at that time, and have even been included in negotiation and international conflicts.

















#### Lion Dance

China | 7 min Short | Animation Director: Yu Zhong Writer: Xiaoli Wang Producer: Jinming Lu

Star lion who can dance. He feels frustrated for being regarded as a weirdo by the other lions because of his aspiration to get people's attention and become a lion star. However, watching the lion-dance performance, he rekindles his confidence. Though lion group doesn't like his dance, but perhaps visitors will like it!

#### Teenagers in The Capital

China | 16 min Short | Drama Director: Weiji Miao Writer: Zhi Yang, Min Zhang Producer: Yu Tang

There have 5 children flee from home by the war. They steal food from each other but finally become good friends. In the end, they built to defend their homes with their weak body's mission, and use own power to protect theirs' home.

#### Tuva youngster-Yongdeng

China | 35 min Short | Documentary Director/Writer: Xiquan Zhang Producer: Hong Zhang

China's remote village development gradually, herding family began to have some knowledge of the city. Yongdeng, a young boy who has a big dream, his family hope that he can learn professional skiing and leave the countryside to touch the real world.

## Feature Films











#### Afterlife

Netherlands | 90 min Feature | Family | Drama Director/Writer: Willem Bosch Producer: Iris Otten, Pieter Kuijpers, Sander van Meurs

A story about a very bright, mature 14-year old girl. She's a good student, disciplined, and always on time...

Appu in Search of Truth India | 106 min Feature | Drama Director: Sohan Lal Writer: Raju Ranganath Producer: A. V. Anoop

A nine-year old boy is in a moral predicament. After failing an exam, he is required to get his father's signature on the exam sheet. Afraid of getting a beating from his father, he debates forging the signature.

#### Checker Tobi and Our Planet's Secret

Germany | 86 min Feature | Drama Director/ Writer: Martin Tischner Producer: Franz Gernstl, Oliver Gernstl, Fidelis Mager

Checker Tobi's greatest adventure begins on a pirate ship. That's where he finds a message in a bottle which contains a riddle. If he's able to solve the riddle he will reveal our planet's greatest secret. An exciting treasure hunt that brings Tobi across the globe is about to begin!

#### Dam Wall

India | 90 min Feature | Drama Director/Writer: Vedanti Chandrakant Dani Producer: Archana Dani

Dharan is a story of friendship between a six-year-old urban girl and an eight-year-old rural boy.

**Eaten By Lions** UK | 95 min Feature | Drama Director: Jason Wingard Producer: Hannah Stevenson

A tale of two brothers, one mother, and three dads.

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#### Frank and Fearless

South Africa | 100 min Feature | Drama Director/Writer: Gray Hofmeyr Producer: Menzi Thabede, Andre Scholtz

A rural boy, a large dog, an orphaned baby rhino, and an aging reprobate set out to stop a rhino's slaughter.

#### Good Game: The Beginning

Turkey | 115 min Feature | Family | Drama Director: Umut Aral Writer: Emre Sirel Producer: Hakan Bas, Alper Caglar, Doruk Acar

A recent high school graduate uses his talent in video games to work parttime at a gaming house to support his single mother and sister.

#### Max Topas – The Book of the Crystal Children

Germany | 82 min Feature | Drama Director: Dr. Michael W. Driesch Writer: Miguel G. Baldío Producer: Michael W. Driesch

A young boy wakes up very late one morning to find that his family has vanished without a trace. A peculiar stranger appears and claims to have cast a spell on the family. In order to save his family, the boy must find a book for the stranger within just two hours.

#### Miles to Go

Germany | 48 min Feature | Drama Director/Writer: Manoah Biesheuvel Producer: Simon Heahnel, Tobias Müller

Two men, one car, and 2000 miles of American soil. The German DJ duo "andHim" are taking a road trip of the west coast on a quest for the American dream of beer, boobs, and burgers. Traveling between their shows, the two guys experience everything that America has to offer.

#### Snow White and the Magic of the Dwarves

Germany | 90 min Feature | Drama Director: Ngo The Chau Writer: Max Honert Producer: Jens Christian Susa

A girl grows up as an orphan in strict seclusion due to her stepmother who uses her beauty for power. The girl escapes from her isolation and goes to the old castle blacksmith where she meets a prince.











#### **Team Marco**

USA | 86 min Feature | Comedy | Drama | Family Director/Writer: Julio Vincent Gambuto Producer: Sam Sandweiss

A young boy is obsessed with electronics and rarely leaves the house, but when his grandmother dies and his grandfather moves in, the boy's life is turned upside-down when his grandfather introduces him to bocce ball, an old sport.

#### The Last Fiction

Iran | 100 min Feature | Animation Director/Writer: Ashkan Rahgozar Producer: Ehsan Rasouluf

Based on classic Persian literature, The Shahnameh by Ferdowsi (The Book of Kings), the film follows an upstart ruler's treacherous rise to the throne in ancient Persia, and a young hero who will save the kingdom and people from the darkness.

#### The Magic Ram

Algeria | 92 min Feature | Fantasy Director: Saddek Kebir Writer: Sabine Kebir

Pupils from the Sahara desert visit Algiers's large zoo. Not only do they encounter exotic animals there, but also some enchanted animals as well as a zoo director who turns out to be a magician. The day's outing to the zoo awakens the students' love and respect for all animals.

#### **The Wayang Kids** Singapore | 88 min Feature | Family | Comedy Director/Writer: Raymond Tan Producer: KH Low

A boy with autism, and also a talent for drawing, dreams about taking part in a performance. A girl discovers the boy's dream and with the help of classmates, they help him fulfill it.

#### Zombie Bro

Australia | 80 min Feature | Family | Comedy Director: May Grehan Producer: Claudia Pickering

A young girl must enlist her juvenile father to help save the town from her zombie brother.



#### **Innocent Prisoners**

China | 67 min Feature | Drama Director: Hongru Jin, Jia Chen Writer: Hongru Jin, Liyuan Ma Producer: Hongru Jin



*Love Blooms in the Sun* China | 67 min Feature | Drama Director: Hongru Jin, Jia Chen Writer: Hongru Jin, Liyuan Ma Producer: Hongru Jin

This film tells you about the life and treatment experience of three children suffering from thalassemia in different families. It let us know what is thalassemia, how to prevent them and what should we do to reduce the source of tragedy.



China | 46 min Short | Family | Drama Director: Yi Xu Producer: Xun Hong Writer: Qi Zhan

Yu, an ethnic kid of Tujia nation, used to live in the countryside with his grandparents. To help him improve his performance of studying, his parents took him to the city and started taking care of him. At a coincidential occasion, Yu met the badminton master Dong and became his close student. With Dong's leading, Yu opened the door of the magic badminton world.



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