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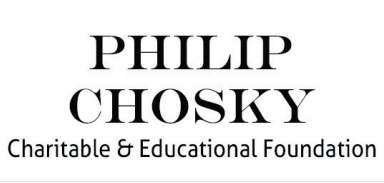
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- All Festival Pass (\$922 value)
- \$275 – Early Bird – ends Nov. 2
- \$300 – Regular Price

VIRTUAL ONLY

- All Festival Pass (\$234 value)
- \$100 – Regular Price

IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL

- 3RFF Festival Pass (\$556 value)
- \$175 – Regular Price

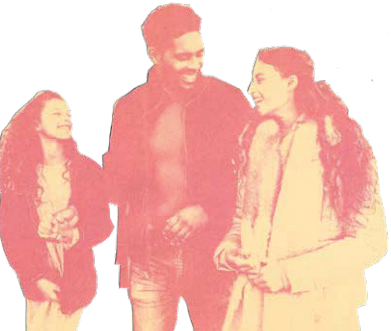
IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL

- Shorts (includes Script Competition)
- All Festival Pass (\$366 value)
- \$125 – Regular Price

Filmmaker Conference

IN PERSON

- \$100 – All Conference Pass (includes all sessions, a \$175 value)
- \$25 – Single Session



SINGLE TICKETS IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL

- \$18 – General Admission
- \$100 – Festival Friend (\$18 ticket, \$82 donation)
- \$10 – Age 25 and under (with ID, in-person, at door only, does not include specially priced events)
- \$5 – Students (full-time with ID, in-person, at door only, does not include specially priced events)
- \$35 – Opening Night Three Rivers at Row House – Hollywood (includes reception)
- \$35 – Centerpiece Film Three Rivers at Point Park (includes reception)
- \$35 – Opening Night Pittsburgh Shorts at Harris (includes reception)
- \$25 – Chiller Theater at Row House Hollywood (includes drinks and special programming)
- \$100 – Opening Night/Centerpiece Festival Friend (\$35 ticket + \$65 donation)

VENUES

Harris Theater
809 Liberty Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Pittsburgh Playhouse – PNC Theatre
350 Forbes Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

The Lindsay Theater
418 Walnut Street
Sewickley, PA 15143

Row House – Hollywood
1449 Potomac Ave
Dormont, PA 15216

FREE PARKING

Harris and Playhouse: Free parking is available at Theater Square Garage (120 7th St.). Bring your ticket to the Film Pittsburgh box office. On-street parking is free Monday through Saturday after 6pm and free all day on Sunday.

The Lindsay: Free parking is available after 5pm on weekdays, after 1pm on Saturdays, and all day on Sunday. Paid parking is available on the street or in several nearby lots.

Row House – Hollywood: Metered public parking is located all along Potomac Avenue. There is a public parking lot at Potomac & Epsy, as well as 2922 W. Liberty.

Tickets are available in advance at:
FilmPittsburgh.org

Tickets are available in advance at FilmPittsburgh.org and at each venue beginning 30 minutes prior to show time. Online sales for that night's films end at 10am.

VIRTUAL SCREENINGS ON EVENTIVE

Virtual screenings will take place on Eventive. If you joined us for virtual viewing in the past, your Eventive account is already active. If you're new to the Eventive platform, you will receive an email after your ticket purchase walking you through how to activate your account.

Three Rivers Film Festival feature films are available for viewing in Pennsylvania,

West Virginia, and Ohio. After "unlocking" your film for viewing, you will have 48 hours to watch it. All short film blocks are available for viewing in the United States. All films offered virtually are available for viewing from November 13 - 23.

CONTENT WARNING

Independent films are not rated and may contain disturbing language or images.

All content is subject to change.

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OPENING NIGHT / IN PERSON
HORSEGIRLS
Director: Lauren Meyering
2025, 102 minutes, USA | English
Pennsylvania Premiere
Dramedy

As her mother Sandy grapples with an uncertain diagnosis, autistic 22-year-old Margarita must reluctantly grow up. Bugged down by the demands of her new job at a Halloween store and the complications of her mom's illness, Margarita discovers a competitive hobbyhorse team, a sport in which young athletes mimic equestrian activities like jumping and galloping while riding a stick horse. Encouraged by her coach, Margarita begins to gain confidence as she grows into her independence and looks forward to her next chapter.

This film won five awards at the Seattle Film Festival, including the Grand Jury award for Best Feature Film.

Wednesday, November 12, 2025
7:30 PM
Row House Hollywood
Followed by Q&A
Co-presented with ReelAbilities
Reception included in ticket price



IN PERSON
SLANTED
Director: Amy Wang
2025, 104 minutes, USA | English, Mandarin
Pennsylvania Premiere
Horror

Slanted follows Joan Huang, a Chinese-American teen in the 2010s South, as she battles racism and cultural clashes. As an 8-year-old, she's bullied for her differences. At 17, obsessed with popularity, she pursues prom queen and undergoes extreme changes, including dyeing her hair and considering racial modification surgery, to achieve a "white" ideal. Her quest alienates her from family and friends, satirizing assimilation and white worship while focusing on her tragicomic struggle for self-worth.

If you loved The Substance and Mean Girls, this one's for you!

Wednesday, November 12, 2025
7:00 PM
Harris Theater
Co-presented with SCREENSHOT: Asia

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IN PERSON
HONEYJOON
Director: Lilian T. Mehrel 2025,
75 minutes, USA | English
Pennsylvania Premiere
Comedy

Honeyjooon finds American June on vacation in the beautiful Azores islands with her Persian-Kurdish mother, Lela, one year after the loss of her father. Accidentally surrounded by overly affectionate honeymooners, the pair have plans to navigate their trip in completely different ways. June’s goal of regaining her joie de vivre is put to the test as Lela pines for a deeper investigation into their shared loss. When a tour guide challenges their status quo with his many, many charms, the two begin to reawaken and learn that what they truly need to move forward may be found within the distance between them.

Mehrel was the winner of the 2024 Tribeca / AT&T Untold Stories award, where she then went on to be in the top three for the Audience Choice award at Tribeca in 2025.

Thursday, November 13, 2025
6:00 PM
Harris Theater
Followed by Q&A



IN PERSON & VIRTUAL
AONTAS
Director: Damian McCann 2025,
91 minutes, Ireland | Irish
Pennsylvania Premiere
Thriller

Three unlikely thieves, led by a woman on the verge of a breakdown, rob a rural Irish Credit Union. Opening in the tragic aftermath of the heist-gone-wrong, the story uses reverse chronology to unravel the events that led to this point. What starts as a poorly executed robbery becomes a portrait of a willful woman trapped in her own past. *Aontas* is a fractured thriller about the impact of our choices and the memories we can’t escape.

This heist film won Best Feature and Best Director at the 2025 Manchester Film Festival.

Thursday, November 13, 2025
7:00 PM
The Lindsay Theater



IN PERSON
RAINS OVER BABEL
(LLUEVE SOBRE BABEL)
Director: Gala del Sol
2025, 113 minutes, Colombia, United States, Spain | Spanish
Pennsylvania Premiere Fantasy

In a retro-futuristic, tropical-punk twist on Dante’s *Inferno*, a group of misfits converges at Babel, a legendary dive bar that doubles as purgatory, where La Flaca—the city’s Grim Reaper—presides. We see Dante, recently freed from his contract with death; Monet, a ghost desperate to return to his body; Jacob, who is caught between his orthodox upbringing and his passion for drag; and Timbí and Uma who must travel through the circles of hell to save the people they love. El Boticaro, the devil himself, and Erato, a fallen angel, act as the omniscient narrators of this world.

Steeping us in the intoxicating brew of a Colombian steampunk fever dream, first-time feature director Gala del Sol creates a mesmerizing, fantastical world where life and death collide and fates turn on the roll of a die.

This film won the International Juried Award for Best Feature at the Inside Out Toronto LGBT Film Festival.

Thursday, November 13, 2025
8:00 PM
Harris Theater

Co-presented with
ReelQ: Pittsburgh LGBTQ+ Film Festival

Three Rivers Film Festival 2025



IN PERSON
FRIEDA’S CASE (FRIEDAS FALL)
Director: Maria Brendle
2021, 107 minutes, Switzerland | Swiss German
Pennsylvania Premiere
Historical Drama

The murder of a young woman’s son sparks a pivotal moment in the fight for women’s rights and political equality in early 20th-century Switzerland, setting the stage for a historic court case. Young seamstress Frieda Keller becomes the central figure in a high-profile legal battle that exposes the deep injustices of a patriarchal society. Her case forces male prosecutors to confront personal and professional dilemmas that challenge their views on morality and gender equality. As the trial unfolds, public protests and media attention highlight the unequal treatment of women in the legal system. Frieda’s fight for justice becomes a symbol of the broader struggle for gender equality and a mirror reflecting societal hypocrisy and injustice.

Director Maria Brendle’s short film Ala Kachuu – Take and Run played at Pittsburgh Shorts in 2020, where it won the Jury Prize for Best Narrative / Live Action Short.

Friday, November 14, 2025
6:00 PM
Harris Theater



IN PERSON & VIRTUAL

MISTURA

Director: Ricardo de Montreuil 2024, 97 minutes, Peru | Spanish, French
Pennsylvania Premiere
Drama

In 1960s Peru, a privileged French-Peruvian woman's life unravels when her husband's betrayal ostracizes her from elite society, leading her to embrace people from the very communities that she was raised to disregard. Amidst the backdrop of newfound alliances, she embarks on a transformative journey that challenges societal norms and reveals Peru's authentic identity through a daring culinary venture that celebrates the country's remarkably diverse cuisine and people, igniting a revolution that redefines her life.

This gorgeous film about food has won the Jury Award for Best Narrative Feature at the Durango Independent Film Festival, Sarasota Film Festival, and Stony Brook Film Festival.

Friday, November 14, 2025
7:00 PM
The Lindsay Theater



IN PERSON & VIRTUAL

CAPER

Director: Dean Imperial 2025, 88 minutes, USA | English
Pennsylvania Premiere
Comedy

When a sext to the wrong number sends a group of clueless men into a panic, they recklessly embark on an all-night odyssey through New York City's underbelly to hack, bribe, and bluff their way to deleting the evidence. Over the course of seven hours, this misguided, toxically masculine mission to save a friend from ruin exposes their own fears, flaws, and misconceptions about women.

A must-see if you love early 90s dark comedies!

Friday, November 14, 2025
8:00 PM
Harris Theater
Followed by Q&A



IN PERSON & VIRTUAL

SHUFFLE

Director: Benjamin Flaherty 2025, 82 minutes, USA | English
Pittsburgh Premiere
Documentary

Shot over the course of three years, *Shuffle* follows three individuals whose lives depend not on getting into treatment, but on getting out alive. Through the lens of his own recovery, a filmmaker offers an intimate look inside the billion-dollar addiction treatment industry, where young people are bought and sold for their insurance policies and ushered into a system designed to keep them sick. These personal stories provide the framework for a more public investigation with the help of an FBI informant, an insurance analyst, and the former Executive Director of a Philadelphia-based treatment facility. This documentary unravels a web of public policy and private interest preying on a desperate population for the sake of profit.

Shuffle was the winner of the SXSW Film Festival Documentary Feature Competition.

Saturday, November 15, 2025
2:30 PM
Harris Theater
Followed by Q&A



IN PERSON

THE FISHERMAN

Director: Zoey Martinson 2024, 105 minutes, Ghana | English
Pennsylvania Premiere
Comedy

A traditional Ghanaian fisherman forced into retirement teams up with a bougie talking fish and his quirky associates on a whimsical adventure, chasing their dream of owning a boat while learning to navigate the modern world. Filled with laughter, magic, and the vibrant culture of Ghana, *The Fisherman* is a delightful tale of family, dreams, and the enduring spirit of a true fisherman. Magical realism combines with a story of how technology isn't always the solution.

This film won the Grand Jury award for Best Feature at the Cordillera International Film Festival.

Saturday, November 15, 2025
4:00 PM
The Lindsay Theater

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IN PERSON / VIRTUAL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
(ياد شري ب يباه)

Director: Sarah Goher
91 minutes, Egypt | Arabic
Pittsburgh Premiere
Drama

Eight-year-old maid Toha goes to great lengths to ensure that her best friend Nelly, the daughter of her wealthy employer, has a successful birthday party in this poignant debut feature exploring classism in modern-day Cairo.

Director Sarah Goher is an Egyptian-American writer and producer who has worked on Marvel Studios' *Moon Knight* (2022). *Happy Birthday*, her directorial debut, premiered at the 2025 Tribeca Film Festival, where Sarah won three awards: Best International Feature, Best International Screenplay, and the Nora Ephron award for a distinguished female filmmaker.

This is Egypt's submission to the Academy Awards for Best International Feature.

Saturday, November 15, 2025
5:00 PM
Harris Theater



IN PERSON

TRANSPLANT

Director: Jason Park
2024, 93 minutes, USA | English, Korean
Pittsburgh Premiere
Drama

Jonah (played by Eric Nam), a motivated Korean-American surgical resident, was born to follow his father's footsteps as a doctor. When he lands the coveted spot training under Dr. Harmon (Bill Camp), a legendary heart transplant surgeon who's obsessed with protecting his perfect reputation, he pushes himself to extreme lengths while trying to balance caring for his sick mother and himself.

This intense psychological drama will remind you of Whiplash!

Saturday, November 15, 2025
7:00 PM
The Lindsay Theater

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IN PERSON

SIRÂT

Director: Oliver Laxe
2025, 115 minutes, France, Spain | Spanish, French
Pittsburgh Premiere
Thriller

A father and his son arrive at a rave deep in the mountains of southern Morocco. They're searching for Mar—daughter and sister—who vanished months ago at one of these endless, sleepless parties. Surrounded by electronic music and a raw, unfamiliar sense of freedom, they hand out her photo again and again. Hope is fading but they push through and follow a group of ravers heading to one last party in the desert. As they venture deeper into the burning wilderness, the journey forces them to confront their own limits.

This is Spain's submission to the Academy Awards for Best International Feature.

Saturday, November 15, 2025
7:30 PM
Harris Theater



IN PERSON

THE LOVE THAT REMAINS
(ÁSTIN SEM EFTIR ER)

Director: Hlynur Pálmason
2025, 109 minutes, Iceland | Icelandic
Pittsburgh Premiere
Drama

This drama from Janus Films portrays a year in the life of a family as the parents navigate their separation. Through both playful and heartfelt moments, the audience witnesses the bittersweet essence of faded love, co-parenting, and shared memories amidst the changing seasons. Surprisingly funny and occasionally surreal, this portrait of a dissolved marriage will stay with you long after the credits roll.

This is Iceland's submission to the Academy Awards for Best International Feature.

Sunday, November 16, 2025
2:30 PM
Harris Theater

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IN PERSON
FOR WORSE

Director: Amy Landecker 2025,
90 minutes, USA | English
Pennsylvania Premiere
Romantic Comedy

Lauren, a newly divorced, sober mom, feels like she has a new lease on life after joining her first acting class and starting a fling with her hot, young scene partner. However, when they attend their Gen Z classmate's wedding together, things begin to fall apart, and Lauren finds herself behaving like a drunk 25-year-old bridesmaid. Luckily, after a disastrous night, she stumbles into a new day and a new beginning.

This new rom-com is directed by the star of the series Transparent.

Sunday, November 16, 2025
3:00 PM
The Lindsay Theater



IN PERSON
LATE SHIFT (HELDIN)

Director: Petra Biondina Volpe
2025, 91 minutes, Switzerland, Germany |
German **Pittsburgh Premiere**
Drama

Nurse Floria works with passion and professionalism in the surgical ward of a Swiss hospital. Her every move is perfect. She has an open ear for patients, even in the most stressful situations, and is immediately on hand in an emergency—ideally. But in the harsh reality of her daily routine, things are often unpredictable. When she starts her late shift one day, a colleague is absent from the fully occupied, understaffed ward. Amidst the hustle and bustle, Floria looks after a seriously ill young mother and a man desperately waiting for his diagnosis. But as the night progresses, her work becomes more and more of a race against time.

This is Switzerland's submission to the Academy Awards for Best International Feature.

Sunday, November 16, 2025
5:00 PM
Harris Theater

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IN PERSON
THE TALLEST DWARF

Director: Julie Forrest Wyman
2025, 92 minutes, USA | English
Pennsylvania Premiere
Documentary

The Tallest Dwarf charts filmmaker Julie Wyman's quest to find her place within the little people (LP) community at a moment when dwarf identity is poised to radically change. As Julie unpacks the rumors of “partial dwarfism” in her family she finds that hers is the last of a body type she has inherited. She joins forces with a group of dwarf artists to confront the legacy of being fetishized and put on display. Together they create films that reclaim a complicated history and speak back to the echoes of eugenics in the newly emerging pharmaceutical interventions that make little people taller. Through its personal and expanding perspective, the film invites audiences to a new way of seeing.

See this film before it premieres on PBS' Independent Lens on April 6, 2026!

Sunday, November 16, 2025
6:00 PM
The Lindsay Theater
Co-presented with ReelAbilities



IN PERSON
THE LIBRARIANS

Director: Kim A. Snyder
2025, 92 minutes, USA | English
Pittsburgh Premiere
Documentary

As an unprecedented wave of book banning largely addressing race and LGBTQIA+ issues is sparked in Texas, Florida, and beyond, librarians under siege join forces as unlikely defenders fighting for intellectual freedom on the front lines of democracy. Filmmaker Kim A. Snyder (*Newtown, Us Kids*, 2025 Oscar-nominated *Death by Numbers*) takes us to an unexpected front line where librarians emerge as first responders in the fight for democracy and free access to information.

This is a critical documentary about free speech for people who believe librarians are our superheroes.

Sunday, November 16, 2025
7:30 PM
Harris Theater
Followed by Q&A

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IN PERSON

**THE SECRET AGENT
(O AGENTE SECRETO)**

Director: Kleber Mendonça Filho
2025, 158 minutes, Brazil, France, Netherlands, Germany | Portuguese
Pittsburgh Premiere
Thriller

In this tense political thriller set in Brazil, an asylum seeker and technology expert, Marcelo, is on the run. He arrives in Recife during Carnival week, hoping to reunite with his son, but he soon realizes that the city is far from being the non-violent refuge he seeks.

This is Brazil's submission to the Academy Awards for Best International Feature.

Monday, November 17, 2025
7:30 PM
Harris Theater



IN PERSON

**GUESS WHO IS CALLING!
(LE RÉPONDEUR)**

Director: Fabienne Godet
2025, 102 minutes, France | French
US Festival Premiere
Comedy

Baptiste, a talented imitator, cannot make a living from his art. One day, he is approached by Pierre Chozène, a famous but discreet novelist, disturbed by solicitors, socialites, and annoying and importunate people. Pierre needs calm to finish his most ambitious, most intimate text. He offers Baptiste to become his voice on the telephone, and Baptiste becomes his answering service—with complicated results.

This feel-good French rom-com about deception and impersonation is making its East Coast premiere after having a screening in LA at a French Comedy Club.

Tuesday, November 18, 2025
7:30 PM
Harris Theater



IN PERSON

**BOY GEORGE & THE
CULTURE CLUB**

Director: Alison Ellwood 2025,
96 minutes, USA | English
Pennsylvania Premiere
Documentary

A multi-racial band with a style and sound reflective of their various ethnicities emerged against the backdrop of the New Romantics and Margaret Thatcher's Britain to create Culture Club. Now, set against a backdrop that mirrors the gritty yet beautiful tension that defined the band, present-day interviews with the members are riddled with high fashion, higher hats, and raw emotion. Along with a treasure trove of archival footage, nothing is off limits—from songwriting and touring to fashion and fiery inter-band dynamics. But at its core is the tender yet explosive love story between Boy George and Jon Moss, a relationship that inspired some of their biggest hits but also brought the band to its knees.

For the first time George O'Dowd, Mikey Craig, Jon Moss, and Roy Hay reunite to bare their truths.

Wednesday, November 19, 2025
7:00 PM
Harris Theater

Co-presented with
ReelQ: Pittsburgh LGBTQ+ Film Festival

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CENTERPIECE FILM / IN PERSON & VIRTUAL

**ABOUT FACE:
DISRUPTING BALLET**

Director: Jennifer Lin
2025, 87 minutes, USA | English
Pittsburgh Premiere
Documentary

Georgina Pazcoguín, an acclaimed dancer, and Phil Chan, author and choreographer, challenge the dance world to rid ballet of offensive “yellowface” caricatures from ballets like *The Nutcracker* and *La Bayadère*. In real time, we witness the Scottish Ballet update its version of the Chinese Dance to both high praise and stinging backlash. *About Face* vividly shows the tension and risks the two artists endure as they push an art form—created for the entertainment of kings and queens hundreds of years ago—to be more relevant to diverse audiences today.

Georgina Pazcoguín was born and raised in Altoona, Pennsylvania and was a soloist with the New York City Ballet.

About Face will be preceded by
COLDPLAY: ALL MY LOVE - DIRECTOR'S CUT
(Director: Spike Jonze, Mary Wigmore, USA, 7 minutes)

THE COCKROACH
(Director: Mary Pat Bentel, USA, 20 minutes)

Wednesday, November 19, 2025
7:30 PM
Pittsburgh Playhouse - PNC Theater

Followed by Q&A
Reception included in ticket price

November 12-23, 2025

**WEDNESDAY
November
12**

OPENING NIGHT

7:30 pm Horsegirls
RHH Comedy Drama 102m

7 pm Slanted
HARRIS Horror 104m

**SATURDAY
November
15**

2:30 pm Shuffle
HARRIS Documentary 82m

4 pm The Fisherman
LINDSAY Comedy 105m

5 pm Happy Birthday
HARRIS Drama 91m

7 pm Transplant
LINDSAY Thriller 93m

7:30 pm Sirât
HARRIS Thriller 115m

**TUESDAY
November
18**

7:30 pm Guess Who is Calling
HARRIS Rom Com 102m

**THURSDAY
November
13**

6 pm Honeyjoon
HARRIS Comedy Drama 75m

7 pm Aontas
LINDSAY Crime 91m

8 pm Rains over Babel
HARRIS Fantasy 88m

**SUNDAY
November
16**

2:30pm The Love That Remains
HARRIS Drama 109m

For Horse LINDSAY
Rom Com 90m

5 pm Late Shift
HARRIS Drama 92m

6 pm The Tallest Dwarf
LINDSAY Documentary 92m

7:30 pm The Librarians
HARRIS Documentary 82m

**WEDNESDAY
November
19**

7 pm Boy George & The
HARRIS Culture Club
Documentary 96m

7:30 pm About Face:
PPPNC Disrupting Ballet
Documentary 87m

**FRIDAY
November
14**

6 pm Frieda's Case
HARRIS Historic Drama 107m

7 pm Mistura
LINDSAY Drama 97m

8:00 pm Caper
HARRIS Crime Comedy 88m

**MONDAY
November
17**

7:30 pm The Secret Agent
HARRIS Thriller 158m

HARRIS Harris Theater
LINDSAY Lindsay Theater
PPPNC Point Park PNC Theater
RHH Row House Hollywood

POST FILM PROGRAMMING
Most short programs and some
feature screenings will be followed
by special programming. See
website for details.



**THURSDAY
November
20**

7:30 pm OPENING NIGHT SHORTS
HARRIS Shorts 99m

**SUNDAY
November
23**

9 am– Filmmaker
12 pm Conference
HOTEL

12:30 pm Sunday Block 1
HARRIS Shorts 106m

2:45 pm Sunday Block 2
HARRIS Shorts 104m

5 pm Script Competition
PEIRCE Reading Scripts 75m

7 pm CLOSING NIGHT
HARRIS Best of Fest &
Awards Program
Awards 120m

HARRIS Harris Theater
HOTEL VEN Hotel
PEIRCE Peirce Studio
RHH Row House Hollywood

**FRIDAY
November
21**

11 am–3pm Filmmaker
HOTEL Conference

5 pm Friday Block 1
HARRIS Shorts 105m

7:30 pm Man on the Run
HARRIS Documentary 105m

8 pm Chiller Theater
RHH Shorts 105m

PLAYING VIRTUALLY
November 12 -23

FEATURES

Caper **Mistura**
Aontas **Shuffle**
Happy Birthday **About Face**

SHORTS

All Ages Virtual **ReelAbilities**
Chiller Theater 2 **Shorts 1**
Comedy **ReelAbilities**
Global Shorts **Shorts 2**
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Most short programs and some
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**SATURDAY
November
22**

9 am–12 pm Filmmaker
HOTEL Conference

12:30 pm Saturday Block 1
HARRIS Shorts 105m

3 & Saturday Block 2
4:30 pm All Ages Shorts
HARRIS Shorts 55m

6 pm Saturday Block 3
HARRIS Shorts 103m

8:30 pm Saturday Block 4
HARRIS Shorts 106m



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Filmmaker Conference / Script Competition

FILMMAKER CONFERENCE Friday, November 21 to Sunday, November 23

Join us for three days of fascinating conversations around all things filmmaking! This year's event will be loaded with essential information for writers, directors, actors, and producers and will include sessions on financing your independent film, navigating the film festival scene, working with SAG, the do's and don'ts of taking a meeting, and a can't miss keynote session with Tina Romero.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER Tina Romero



TINA ROMERO is a filmmaker based in Brooklyn, NY. After earning her BA in Cinema Studies at Wellesley College, she attended the NYU Tisch Graduate

Photo credit Liz Liguori Film program, where she won the Warner Brothers Film Award for accomplishments in filmmaking. Tina has cut her teeth with her recently released debut feature *Queens of the Dead*, a unique take on a zombie tale fitting for the daughter of legendary Pittsburgh filmmaker George Romero.

Topics and speakers subject to change. All sessions and networking events are included with the Filmmaker Conference Pass. Tickets for individual sessions can be purchased for \$25. Check out FilmPittsburgh.org for more info.

Location: EVEN Hotel Conference Room



SCRIPT COMPETITION Sunday, November 23, 5pm

Film Pittsburgh and Carnegie Screenwriters have joined together again to honor the best short scripts by storytellers from around the world. Join us for a live reading of the four finalist scripts by some of Pittsburgh's best actors. And stick around after the readings as we award \$1,000 in prizes!

Location: Peirce Studio Sponsored by the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust

SCRIPT COMPETITION JUROR Sharon Badal



Sharon Badal is the vice president of the Tribeca Film Festival. She was a juror at its inception and is Tribeca's Music Video juror. She is a full-time faculty member at New York University Tisch School of the Arts and a Distinguished Lecturer at Soho House. She has been a juror in the Screenplay competition for several years and has been a reviewer for Screen Ireland's Focus Shorts Funding Program, evaluating screenplays and required applicant elements. In 2022 she was invited by the BBC as one of six short film programmers worldwide to help curate the BBC Longshots program. Sharon has been a panelist, presenter or juror at numerous festivals and for industry organizations globally.

SCRIPT FINALISTS

CAN'T FLOAT by Dave Schilling A young Black man struggles to overcome his own fear of the water—and America's historical stereotypes of Black people—and learn to swim.

LIGHT by Cynthia Riddle & Peter Hunziker The harrowing story of women prisoners at Auschwitz who risk everything to keep hope alive. Based on a book and a true story.

LULUBELLE by Michael Goyert Cattle farmer Michael lovingly tends to his herd until the arrival of a seemingly omnipresent stranger throws his life into a spiral of existential chaos.

WE ARE MONSTERS by Kate Mellors A strapped-for-cash delivery woman downloads an exclusive errands app catering only to the super-wealthy and gets dragged into a dark underworld with sinister consequences.

SEMIFINALISTS

THE BEACH OF STONES by William Armstrong
GOOD EVENING, MARSHALL (GOOD EVENING, GERALDINE) by Jessica Mosher
OLIVIA COLMAN SAYS MY FARTS DON'T STINK by Lisa Marie Tedesco
THE SCREAM OF THE BUTTERFLY by Anjini Taneja Azhar
SENIOR MOMENTS by Shana Hughes
TIME ENOUGH by Nick Fituri Scown

QUARTER FINALISTS

BUTTON by Abbey Monnin
THE GREAT BIG YANKEE LESBIAN SWAP by Nick B. Parker
HEART TO MOUTH by Portia Lannak
MUDSLIDE by Frederik Ehrhardt
RIGHT HAND RED by Ilana Turner
SHE WAS A SK8R BOI by Chase Norman
THIS EMAIL COULD HAVE BEEN A MEETING by Chase Norman
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Three Rivers Film Festival 2025



IN PERSON MAN ON THE RUN

Director: Morgan Neville 2025, 115 minutes, UK | English Pittsburgh Premiere Documentary

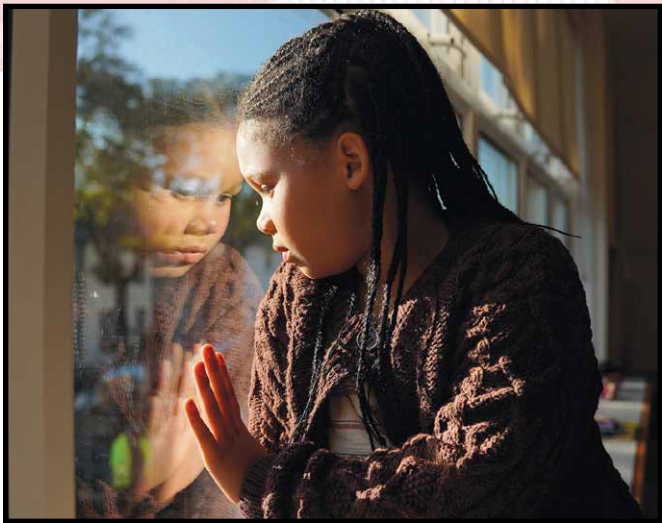
Man on the Run takes viewers on an intimate journey through Paul McCartney's extraordinary life following the breakup of The Beatles and the formation of Wings with his wife Linda. From Academy Award-winning director Morgan Neville, the film chronicles the arc of McCartney's solo career as he faces down myriad challenges while creating new music to define a decade. Through unprecedented access to previously unseen footage and rare archival materials, the documentary captures Paul's transformative post-Beatles era through a uniquely vulnerable lens.

See it before it premieres on Amazon Prime Video on February 25, 2026!

Friday, November 21, 2025 7:30 PM Harris Theater

Independent films are not rated and may contain disturbing language or images.

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IN PERSON

OPENING NIGHT
Thursday, November 20, 7:30pm
Harris Theater
99 minutes
Reception included in ticket price
Co-presented with the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust

TACOCUNR
(Director: Erin Brown Thomas, USA, 2 minutes)
One woman's valiant attempt to log into her email.

KIKI
(Director: Naomi Sheridan, Ireland, 14 minutes)
Refugees find themselves being greeted by angry protestors.

MY FAVORITE MURDERER
(Director: Tina Carbone, USA, 9 minutes)
True crime or true love? A true crime aficionado may have to choose.

THE WILHELM SCREAM
(Director: Anna Quinlan, USA, 12 minutes)
The story behind a legendary sound effect.

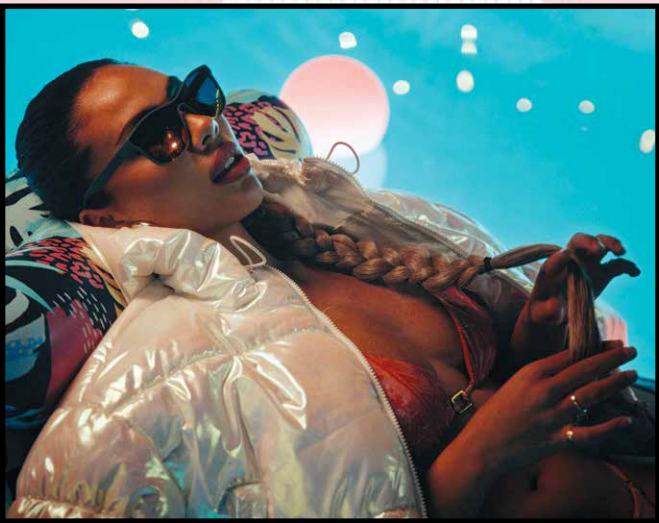
STICKS 
(Directors: Dean Bog, Reed Agnew, USA, 23 minutes)
A family suffers from their father's unlikely obsession.

SNOW BEAR
(Director: Aaron Blaise, USA, 11 minutes)
Facing an unforgiving environment, a polar bear tries to find a friend.

ONE DAY THIS KID
(Director: Alexander Farah, Canada, 17 minutes)
A father and son navigate unspoken tensions.

NIGHT SESSION
(Director: Ballard C. Boyd, USA, 11 minutes)
An unexpected relationship blossoms in this comedic tale.

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IN PERSON

FRIDAY BLOCK 1
Friday, November 21, 5pm
Harris Theater
105 minutes

MUTED
(Director: Jenna Reilly, USA, 2 minutes)
A TV remote wreaks havoc on a couple's afternoon.

WILD ANIMAL
(Director: Tainyun Lyu, USA, 13 minutes)
A tale of love in the wild.

HAND JOB
(Directors: Davis Cameron Chu, Meezahn Senbetta, USA, 12 minutes)
A sentient hand seeks to save its body.

DR. C. DELORES TUCKER VS. GANGSTER RAP 
(Directors: Ramona Y. Wright, Diara Newman, USA, 4 minutes)
The tale of how the one-time Secretary of the State of Pennsylvania campaigned against Gangsta Rap.

CHASERS
(Director: Erin Brown Thomas, USA, 31 minutes)
A starry-eyed musician seeks clarity as she navigates an LA party.

ELIJAH
(Director: Sam Roebeling, USA, 16 minutes)
An unexpected Passover Seder experience tests the ideals of a group of young, sophisticated Jewish New Yorkers.

SHE DEVIL 
(Director: Allie Perison, USA, 15 minutes)
Gemma and Mae attend a "to die for" break-up party.

MOSH
(Director: Portlynn Tagavi, USA, 12 minutes)
A desperate father struggles to bond with his son.

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IN PERSON

CHILLER THEATER
Friday, November 21, 8:00pm
Row House Hollywood
138 minutes
Join horror hosts Lori Cardille and Sean Collier for horror shorts

WHITCH
(Director: Hoku Uchiyama, USA, 6 minutes)

BERTA
(Director: Lucía Forner Segarra, Spain, 17 minutes)

THRIFT STORE OUIJA BOARD 
(Director: Rebecca Gruss, USA, 7 minutes)

THE PEARL COMB
(Director: Ali Cook, United Kingdom, 20 minutes)

HALFWAY HAUNTED
(Director: Sam Rudykoff, Canada, 17 minutes)

HAINT
(Director: Jahmil Eady, USA, 15 minutes)

STRAWBERRY SWEET KILLERS 
(Director: Bethany Barich, USA, 22 minutes)

MANGO
(Director: Joan Iyiola, USA, 11 minutes)

THE MONKEY CLAW 
(Director: Jamie Lockhart, USA, 9 minutes)

LONG PORK
(Director: Iris Dukatt, USA, 13 minutes)

Check filmpittsburgh.org for more information about the short films. This event includes one drink ticket in the ticket price. We encourage costumes!

IN PERSON

SATURDAY BLOCK 1
Saturday, November 22, 12:30pm
Harris Theater
105 minutes
Free for City of Pittsburgh residents thanks to the American Rescue Plan Act. Registration recommended.

BREAK ROOM
(Directors: Emily Goss, USA, 1 minute)
Sometimes you just NEED to break.

WHO GIVES A SH*T? 
(Director: Hannah Rose Snyder, USA, 13 minutes)
A Pennsylvania tourist town struggles to fund their failing sewer plant.

HEADBANG
(Director: Anna Khaja, USA, 14 minutes)
The American perspective on the hijab is explored through the very different experiences of two young women.

PATTERNS
(Director: Alex Glawion, Germany, 8 minutes)
A passenger's journey on the rails swiftly becomes an escape into a vibrant patterned world.

FLOW 
(Director: Wendy Bird Womack, USA, 12 minutes)
Felicity's 30th birthday "zencation" is derailed by a different flow state.

TOO GOOD
(Director: Meron Alon, USA, 7 minutes)
A recently deceased man arrives at the Gates of Heaven.

BITTER LEAF
(Director: Omar S. Kamara, USA, 18 minutes)
A streamer is torn between her ambition and the cost of success.

THE MUSIC STORE
(Director: Joe Gillette, USA, 32 minutes)
A day in the life of a small town music shop in Northern California.






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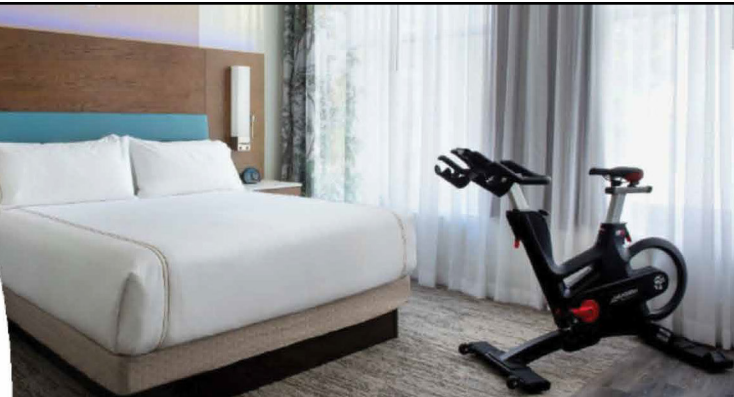
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ALL AGES LIGHT UP NIGHT!
Saturday, November 22, 3:00 and 4:30pm
Harris Theater
This 55-minute block will play twice, back-to-back.
Free for all thanks to RAD Days. Registration recommended.

- ALONE**
(Directors: Alex Weight, Australia, 7 minutes)
A lonely robot on a long voyage seeks a companion.
- POW!**
(Director: Joey Clift, USA, 8 minutes)
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 LOCAL CONNECTION



IN PERSON

SATURDAY BLOCK 3
Saturday, November 22, 6pm
Harris Theater
103 minutes
Free for City of Pittsburgh residents thanks to the American Rescue Plan Act. Registration recommended.

- OVARY-ACTING**
(Director: Ida Melum, United Kingdom, 12 minutes)
A harried thirty-something woman is forced to confront the ticking clock.
- THE VOTE**
(Director: Sylvia Ray, USA, 14 minutes)
A brother and sister navigate a very difficult decision.
- LAKE PLACID BLUE**
(Director: Justen Mann, USA, 9 minutes)
A grieving father states his case.
- ALOO POORI** 
(Director: Aditi Sridhar, USA, 14 minutes)
A mother and daughter struggle to come to terms with a future without one another as they prepare a traditional dish.
- QUOTA**
(Director: Studio Job, Joris & Marieke, Netherlands, 3 minutes)
All citizens are required to have their CO2 emissions tracked by phone and there may be consequences.
- THE SINGERS**
(Director: Sam Davis, USA, 18 minutes)
Downtrodden men in a pub unexpectedly find connection.
- WE MEET AGAIN**
(Director: Matthew Lucas, USA, 12 minutes)
An aging spy and his longtime nemesis duel once more.
- MONSTER SLAYER**
(Director: Catie Skipp, USA, 21 minutes)
An artist weaponizes public art to make a bold statement.

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SATURDAY BLOCK 4

Saturday, November 22, 8:30pm
Harris Theater
106 minutes

Free for City of Pittsburgh residents thanks to the American Rescue Plan Act. Registration recommended.

PLAYING GOD
(Director: Matteo Burani, Italy, 9 minutes)
A clay sculpture comes to life in the darkness of a workshop.

JUMPMAN
(Director: Tom Dey, USA, 20 minutes)
The story of the photographer who took the photo of Michael Jordan that became Nike's world-famous logo.

CANDY BAR
(Director: Nash Edgerton, Australia, 6 minutes)
A young girl thinks a man in the concession line looks just like her dad.

PLASTIC SURGERY
(Director: Guy Trevellyan, United Kingdom, 12 minutes)
A doctor is thrown into chaos when a hidden threat emerges in the ER.

ALL ROADS LEAD TO HERE
(Director: Olivia Gill, USA, 23 minutes)
A relationship finds its footing over the course of one night.

AND USTED TAMBIÉN
(Directors: Andrea Cañizares-Fernandez, Emilia Mendieta Córdova, Ecuador/USA, 4 minutes)
A bilingual Ecuadorian-American faces a crisis over a simple transaction.

BEYOND SILENCE
(Director: Marnie Blok, Netherlands, 17 minutes)
Two women, two generations, one shared trauma.

BELIEF
(Director: Christian Loubek, USA, 14 minutes)
A letter redefines the life a father remembers.



IN PERSON

SUNDAY BLOCK 1

Sunday, November 23, 12:30pm
Harris Theater
106 minutes

RETIREMENT PLAN
(Director: John Kelly, Ireland, 7 minutes)
A man dreams of the beauty and joy he will find in retirement.

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
(Director: Ty Hudson, USA, 15 minutes)
A twenty-year reunion finds a wife and mother fantasizing about the exotic lifestyle of an old classmate.

BENEATH THE SAME SKY
(Director: Christine Kane, USA, 12 minutes)
Fidel confronts the complex reality of his life as a Border Patrol agent.

UNCAGED
(Director: Jay Richardson, USA, 5 minutes)
A young NIL student-athlete grapples with the hidden costs of success.

LIGHTS OUT
(Director: William Gleeson, USA, 12 minutes)
The final conversation between two friends.

ONE LAST ROUND
(Director: Kor Adana, USA, 25 minutes)
A husband and wife debate an impossible decision.

SHE RAISED ME
(Director: Ben Lewis, Canada/USA, 13 minutes)
A man's plans take a sharp turn when he discovers a surprising fact about his boyfriend.

DALY CITY
(Director: Nick Hartanto, USA, 16 minutes)
An Indonesian boy and his mother attend a church potluck and lie about their dish.

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IN PERSON
SUNDAY BLOCK 2
Sunday, November 23, 2:45pm
Harris Theater
104 minutes

DANCE INTO THE DAY
(Director: Taney Basinger, USA, 4 minutes)
An elderly woman kick-starts the day by transforming her morning routine.

OTHER HALF 
(Directors: Anna Basse, Halle Charlton, USA, 15 minutes)
A woman's grief is interrupted by an estranged best friend.

CHIPS OR CRACKERS
(Director: Michael Gabriele, USA, 3 minutes)
A simple goodbye turns into an awkward predicament.

THE TRAVELER
(Director: Matthew Scheffler, USA, 18 minutes)
A grief-stricken widow encounters an unexpected presence in her remote farmhouse.

VALENTINE'S DAY
(Director: Tina Carbone, USA, 10 minutes)
Two women unexpectedly meet on a train platform in a moment of crisis.

GIVING MOM THE TALK
(Director: Vidhya Iyer, USA, 14 minutes)
In this literal “coming” of age story, a daughter gives her mom “the talk.”

ADO
(Director: Sam Henderson, USA, 16 minutes)
A middle school theater class is rehearsing for their upcoming production when they experience an unexpected interruption.

THE LIFE WE HAVE
(Director: Sam Price-Waldman, USA, 24 minutes)
The story of a man who has run at least a mile every single day for over three years despite the challenges he has faced.



IN PERSON
CLOSING NIGHT
Sunday, November 23, 7pm
Harris Theater
Join us for the Awards Ceremony to see who wins the Three Rivers Film Festival Jury Prizes and Audience Awards voted on by you! Following the Awards Ceremony, we'll screen a selection of the winning short films that represent the Best of the Fest.

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We'll also present Audience Awards based on your ratings throughout the festival, so make sure to get a ballot and vote after each screening you attend!
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• Best Documentary
• Best Narrative
• Best Comedy
• Best Student Film
• And more!

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VIRTUAL
CHILLER THEATER 2
November 13-23
99 minutes

DONT.4GET2SMILE
(Director: Stefano Alessandro, USA, 10 minutes)
An unexpected death and a mysterious social media follower are cause for concern.

THEY KILL BY NIGHT
(Directors: Grace Uther, Sam Uther, Australia, 17 minutes)
Locked out of her roadside motel room, a woman turns to a stranger for help.

INNER DEMONS
(Director: Jasmine J Johnson, USA, 11 minutes)
Mya is forced to confront the darkness lurking within.

MASCLOOKING
(Director: Jonathan Hammond, USA, 9 minutes)
A mysterious stranger draws near.

RAT!
(Director: Neal Suresh Mulani, USA, 17 minutes)
A singer's devoted fans seek retribution.

LOUD
(Director: Adam Azimov, Canada, 7 minutes)
An aspiring music producer is haunted by the recorded sounds of a violent event.

MASKS
(Director: Andre LeBlanc, USA, 13 minutes)
A husband slowly draws his wife from a long-standing catatonic state.

PLATANERO
(Director: Juan-Sébastien Hernandez Francoeur, United Kingdom, 12 minutes)
Two Haitian brothers find themselves confronting a mysterious beast.

All virtual shorts programs are available for viewing in the USA.



VIRTUAL
COMEDY
November 13-23
136 minutes
SECOND DATE WITH WET SARA
(Directors: Creston Whittington, Evan Enderle, USA, 10 minutes)
An awkward date gets spooky.

MILDRED 4 A MILLION
(Director: Kim “Kimmie P” Callaway, USA, 21 minutes)
A gregarious great-grandmother sets out on a quest to get a million followers on TikTok.

SEX DATE
(Director: Mike Nicholas, USA, 14 minutes)
A married couple attempts to rekindle their romance.

CUMING OUT
(Director: Jasmine J. Johnson, USA, 19 minutes)
Kennedy's desire for a heteronormative experience finds her embarking on a one-night-stand.

SIENNA AND THE SIT
(Director: Scottie Thompson, USA, 17 minutes)
A heartbroken Sienna is in search of a spiritual remedy.

FIREFLIES IN THE DUSK
(Director: Jonathan Hammond, USA, 18 minutes)
A fantastical romance across time and space.

DON'T BRING EMPANADAS
(Director: Salvatore Sutera, USA, 11 minutes)
A college-bound teen causes chaos after making an unfortunate choice.

BULLDOZER
(Director: Andrew Leeds, USA, 27 minutes)
Jo's life is becoming very complicated.

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VIRTUAL

GLOBAL SHORTS

November 13-23
127 minutes

I'M NOT A ROBOT

(Director: Victoria Warmerdam, Netherlands, 22 minutes)
After repeatedly failing Captcha tests, Lara becomes obsessed with a disturbing question.

HATCH

(Directors: Alireza Kazemipour, Panta Mosleh, Canada, 11 minutes)
An Afghan refugee boy hides with his mother inside a moving water tanker.

DEAD WEIGHT

(Director: Øyvind Tangseth, Norway, 8 minutes)
Three men in a hot air balloon find they have an unexpected problem.

BIG

(Director: Olga Dymskaya, Russian Federation, 18 minutes)
A musician arrives on tour in a small town and finds himself in a claustrophobic situation.

CALF

(Director: Jamie O'Rourke, Ireland, 15 minutes)
An accident reveals a long-held secret.

GRANDMA NAI WHO PLAYED FAVORITES

(Director: Chheangkea, Cambodia/France/USA, 19 minutes)
A grandmother sneaks away from her peaceful afterlife to observe her family's chaotic visit.

ON HEALING LANDS, BIRDS PERCH

(Director: Naja Pham Lockwood, USA, 34 minutes)
The remarkable story behind one of the most iconic photos in history.



VIRTUAL

REELABILITIES SHORTS 1

November 13-23
93 minutes

Co-presented with ReelAbilities

KEY OF GENIUS

(Director: Daniel Persitz, USA, 12 minutes)
In this incredible true story, a piano teacher is determined to unlock the musical genius of a boy who is blind and autistic.

STILLS MOVING

(Director: Kevin Tsung-Hsuan Yeh, Taiwan, 16 minutes)
A sculptor diagnosed with ALS pours her heart and soul into her next work.

¡SALSA!

(Director: Antonina Kerguelen Roman, Columbia, 14 minutes)
Margarita seeks liberation in a judgmental society when her path intersects with Liana, a deaf traveler, amidst the rhythms of congas and bongos.

THE CURSE OF STIGMA

(Director: Derek Watson, USA, 17 minutes)
Kenyan men and women living with epilepsy are forced to live in the shadows because of a suffocating cultural stigma.

THE COCKROACH

(Director: Mary Pat Bentel, USA, 20 minutes)
After a body-altering accident, a woman must find a way forward in her new reality.

BELIEF

(Director: Christian Loubek, USA, 14 minutes)
While unpacking his new family home, Lennox discovers a letter that redefines the life that he remembers.



VIRTUAL

REELABILITIES SHORTS 2

November 13-23
101 minutes

Co-presented with ReelAbilities

CALICO

(Director: Jake Mavity, United Kingdom, 15 minutes)
Bullied for her severe vitiligo, Lorrie forms an unexpected alliance with the school's talking goldfish.

ROMCHYK

(Director: Alexis Bicat, United Kingdom, 12 minutes)
After a devastating missile attack that shatters Romchyk's life and leaves him with severe burns, he pursues his dream of ballroom dancing.

DIVE DEEP

(Director: Veerle Ackerstaff, Netherlands, 15 minutes)
Storm, an 18-year-old skater with cerebral palsy, wrestles with the complexities of adolescence, sexuality, and self-expression.

UNHOLY

(Director: Daisy Friedman, USA, 14 minutes)
Noa attends her family's Passover Seder for the first time since being put on a feeding tube for a gastrointestinal disorder and confronts challenges of family and faith.

AT SEE

(Director: Serena Dykman, USA, 15 minutes)
A group of visually impaired travelers navigate a commercial cruise ship with their guide dogs.

IZIDOR

(Director: David Kabbe, USA, 30 minutes)
Izidor, a disabled orphan trapped in an asylum in communist Romania, gets a glimpse of a better life in the outside world.

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VIRTUAL

JFILM SHORTS

November 13-23
115 minutes

THE SACRED SOCIETY

(Director: Benny Zelkowitz, USA, 13 minutes)
The animated story of who cares for the body once our time is over.

THE SOURCE OF ALL BEAUTY

(Director: Rachel Lévy, Israel, 20 minutes)
An ultra-Orthodox Jewish young woman carries a terrible secret that may destroy all her chances for future happiness.

BABKA

(Director: Serena Dykman, USA, 17 minutes)
A newly blind Jewish man tries to navigate a tricky path in his quest to reopen his beloved bakery.

LAYERS

(Director: Klil Kovesh, Israel, 23 minutes)
Gali is the only female member of a mine-clearing team in the south of Israel.

THE ICE CREAM MAN

(Director: Robert Moniot, USA, 29 minutes)
A popular ice cream store owner finds himself targeted by the infamous "Butcher of Lyon," Klaus Barbie.

OUR NEIGHBOR'S ASS

(Director: Max Goldberg, United Kingdom, 13 minutes)
A widow is left with the responsibility of caring for her late husband's donkey.

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106 minutes

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A childless gargoyle adopts a rock.

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BRIDGE - MY LITTLE FRIENDS
(Director: Kazuyuki Ishihara, Japan, 10 minutes)
Heartbreak might be healed with a trip to the Rainbow Bridge.

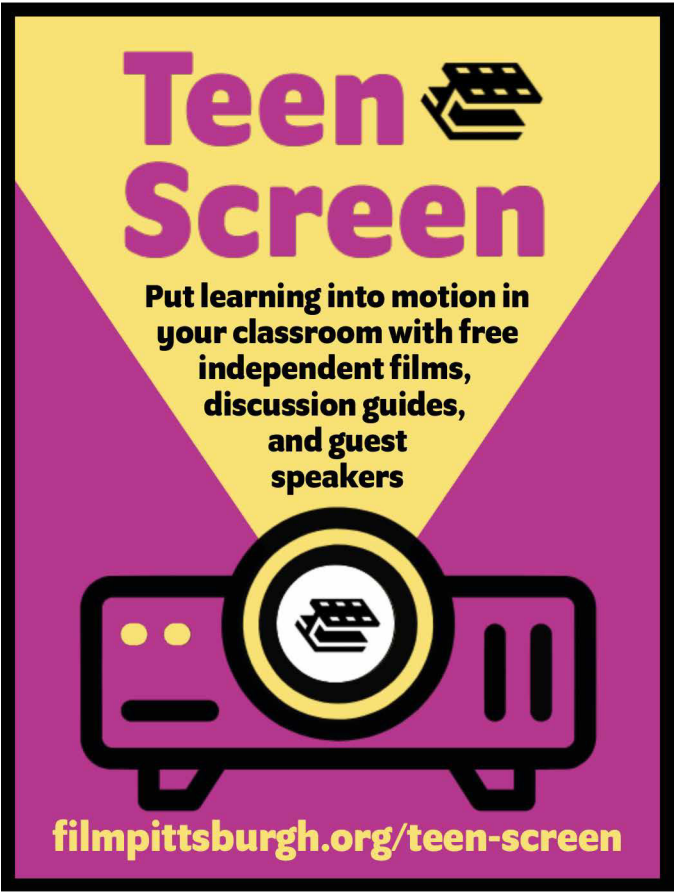
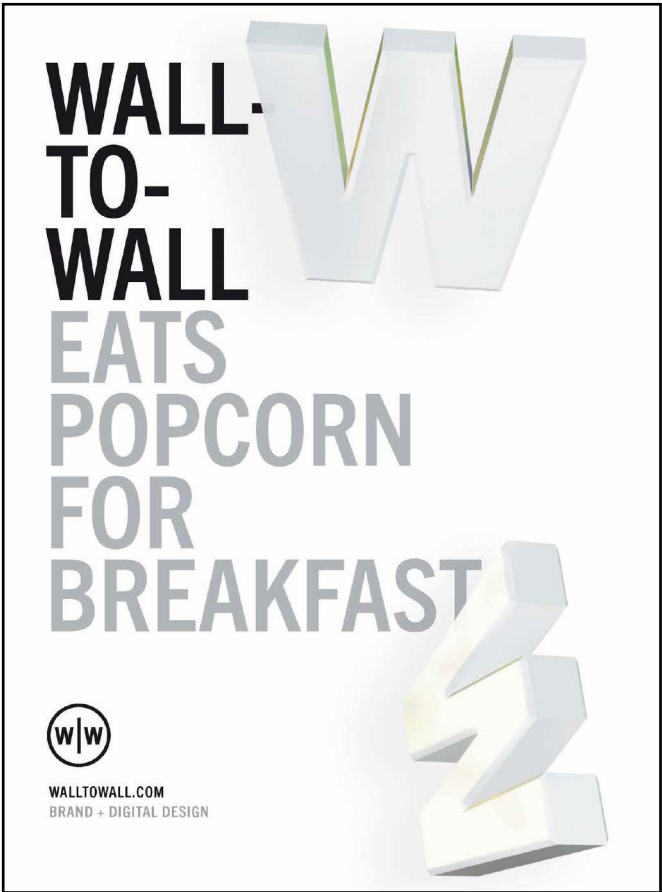
MARCEL'S PIÑATA
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A highly imaginative 10-year-old boy befriends his superhero-themed piñata.

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