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AMT International Film Festival was created to bring together the artistic community locally and internationally. At AMT we deeply believe in fostering creativity in theater and film. Our festival is open to all filmmakers and screenwriters. AMT brought on Producer Pete Dorton to join General Manager and Festival Director Sharon Osowski to produce AMT's very first International Film Festival.

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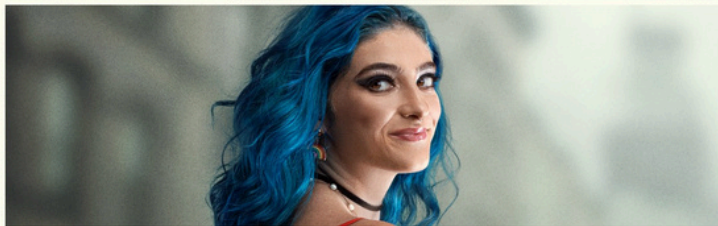
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BLOCK A - NOVEMBER 8, 5PM



Penny

Directed by Caroline Duncan

Penny's story is filled with love and laughter but it is missing one thing. We don't often look at the women that are "childless NOT by choice". What does it do to a nurturing soul to be without the thing she always wanted, always assumed would be, where does she fit, will she survive the grief.

Cast: Victoria Presott, Jared Delaney, Liz Mauer

Writer: Victoria Prescott

Producer: Victoria Prescott, Amy Haupl, Beth Campbell Bruce



Silver Sizzle

Directed by Brian Russell

Two recent widowers enlist the aid of a cemetery caretaker to find new love among widows visiting their departed spouses.

Cast: Boyd Gaines, James Naughton, Mike Boland, Kathleen McNenny, Sara Sessions, Michele Gramesty, Lisa DeTullio Russell

Writer: Ross Popick, Brian Russell

Producer: Brian Russell, Lisa DeTullio Russell



Miracles Happen Elsewhere

Directed by Wes Tomasz Cieřła

Paweł is an insular and complex writer. His longtime partner has left him and he's coping by doing the only thing that distracts him from the breakup - his work. The story that Paweł chooses to write features an idealized version of himself, who goes on a journey of self-discovery through his interaction with the characters he has created. Paweł gets interrupted when someone knocks on his apartment door. It's his ex-partner, Jenna. Paweł now has to choose the ending to his own story, but how is he going to react to this twist in the tale?

Cast: Denis Ooi, Agnes Artych, James Hallaway, Alyssa Abraham

Writer: Wes Tomasz Cieřła

Producer: Bofan Zhang, Wes Tomasz Cieřła



Worms

Directed by Aden Bertisch

Since the age of five, Ronny has been eating worms, a strange habit yet surprisingly healthy. Now, as he begins his freshman year of high school, Ronny faces a dilemma: continue his unusual diet or seek social acceptance. Embarking on a journey to find his place, Ronny must decide if there are people who will accept him for his 'disgusting' eating habits, or if he must change who he is to fit in.

Cast: Andrei Prunila, Alison Ormsby, Vaune Suitt, Jack Light, Rosa Ramirez, Niko Soroko, Monica Joelle Ortiz, Madeleine Dee

Writer: Aden Bertisch

Producer: Aden Bertisch



Hero

Directed by Miguel Garzón Martínez

A woman struggles with trauma while trying to break into the world of acting but resorts to unhealthy coping mechanisms.

Cast: Sarah Ceballos, Tim Realbuto, Jennifer Gegan, Taylor Graves, Tara Troy, Jarvis Lamar

Writer: Sarah Ceballos

Producer: Pete Dorton



Apart

Directed by Pierre Marais

After many years apart, two siblings, now strangers, take a road trip and navigate what it means to share the same blood.

Cast: Nasia Thomas, De'Lon Grant

Writer: Pierre Marais

Producer: Abingdon Virtual Productions, Anne Busquet, Yasmeen Mock



Broken Broken

Directed by Sayra Player, Sebastian Mlynarski

Filmed in the waning days before the demolition of the East River Park, a lost group seeking emotional shelter come together to find themselves in each other.

Cast: Mo Stark, Ben Jacobsen, Scott McCord, Sayra Player, Chris Stack, Yaz Perea, Kia Warren, Rock Kohli

Writer: Sayra Player, Sebastian Mlynarski, Mo Stark

Producer: Sayra Player

BLOCK B = NOVEMBER 8, 7:30PM



Love Beyond Dreams

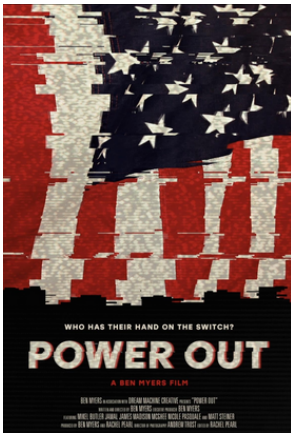
Directed by Jeremiah Kipp

When Simin struggles in her intimacy with Harish, she seeks solace in her dream world. Discovering Charmaine and Antoine's life which is rich in love, romance, passion and dance, a portal of inspiration opens, fueling her romantic journey with Harish and thus rekindling their timeless love.

Cast: Simin Vaswani, Harish Vaswani, Stefan Badea, Karan Vaswani, Stephanie Garcia, Shayna McDonald, Oskar Krimus

Writer: Simin Vaswani

Producer: Simin Vaswani



Power Out

Directed by Ben Myers

Five friends spend a night together.... Cloverfield meets High-Maintenance in this political dramedy about our times.

Cast: Nicole Pasquale, Jamal James, Madison McGhee, Matt Steiner, Mikel Butler

Writer: Ben Myers

Producer: Ben Myers



Love Music Shelter

Directed by Courtney Miller

A homeless teenage girl and her mom are living on the streets, busking for their survival until a performing arts school rescues the talented singer despite her mother's fears, alcoholism and past demons.

Cast: Laurissa Romain, Marsha Dietlein, Brenda Braxton, Frederick Weller, Esther McGregor, Isabella di Rienzo

Writer: Alixx Schottland

Producer: Scott Rosenfelt, Alixx Schottland



Wedding Cake

Directed by Ryan Manuud

A younger brother reminisces about his changing relationship with his older sister. Growing up idolizing her, he now finds himself alone and conflicted at his sister's cheap, backyard wedding.

Cast: Adam Tinkelman, Olivia Sanders

Writer: Ryan Manuud

Producer: Rachel Traub



Because I Love You

Directed by Bob Celli

Marco and Joanna enjoy an electric marriage, until Marco is witness to a series of events that lead him to suspect Joanna is having an affair with a co-worker.

Cast: Jennifer Plotzke, Bob Celli, Melissa Joyner, Dave Roberts, Iliana Guibert

Writer: Bob Celli

Producer: Laura Delano, Bob Celli, Margaret Romolo-Zukor, Iliana Guibert



Last Set

Directed by Joe Acierno

A young, obsessive bodybuilder contends with not just the cost of his ambitions, but also the temptation of steroids.

Cast: Jose Alberto Alvarez, Steve Downing, Casey Ericson, Yafreici "Fraze" Peralta

Writer: Jose Alberto Alvarez

Producer: Joe Acierno, Jose Alberto Alvarez, Marc Reign, Yafreici "Fraze" Peralta



In Pieces

Directed by Donald Wayne Jarman

A Brother and Sister struggle to come to terms with their Father's advanced stages of Alzheimer's.

Cast: Emily Killian, Phil Kruse, Kevin Hahn McKim

Writer: Donald Wayne Jarman

Producer: Phil Kruse, Justin Hobson, Donald Wayne Jarman, Phil Kruse


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BLOCK C = NOVEMBER 9, 11:30 AM



A Violent Breakup

Directed by Tyrell Jason

Paul is a jealous, possessive boyfriend who finally crossed the line that made Isabelle realize she wants out of the relationship - any way possible.

Cast: Victoria Rooney, Meg Wells, Dan Gregory

Writer: Larry Rosen

Producer: Larry Rosen, Robert Cunniff



Choice

Directed by Kaye Tuckerman

A cautionary tale in which a woman learns the hard way that her choices are not always her own.

Cast: Dawn Young, Jimmy Pravasilis, Kate Greer, Amanda Brooke Lerner, Latisha di Venuto, Vanessa Thorpe, Michael Piper Younie

Writer: Dawn Young

Producer: Dawn Young, Vanessa Thorpe



Who Are You?

Directed by Kathleen Marie Wilce

Based on true events, a New York City real estate agent, in the process of selling her boyfriend's apartment for his late Aunt, ends up becoming possessed by the former occupant, and realizes his Aunt never left.

Cast: Kathleen Marie Wilce

Writer: Kathleen Marie Wilce

Producer: Kathleen Marie Wilce



The O.G.s

Directed by Tom Cavanaugh

Three retirees go from victims to vigilantes when they turn the table on a couple of burglars.

Cast: Bob Telford, Christine Di Tillio, Robert DiTillio, Chris Narrie, Victoria Ippolito

Writer: Tom Cavanaugh

Producer: James Cavanaugh, Tom Cavanaugh



Money

Directed by Brian Drillinger

A Whimsical rap parody about the rise and fall of a financial titan in America.

Cast: C.Hope Belmont, Brendan O’Leary

Writer: C.Hope Belmont, John Chibbaro

Producer: C.Hope Belmont



Trivial Pursuits

Directed by Kaitlin Kemp

With the help of her supportive boyfriend, a young woman must pick up the pieces of her life to graduate from NYU after the sudden loss of her best friend, until a letter postmarked before her friend’s death arrives, potentially changing everything. A grounded mental health drama that explores the many perspectives that grief touches.

Cast: Susanne McDonald, Branden Lindsay

Writer: Susanne McDonald

Producer: Susanne McDonald, David Walton Smith, Ross Shenker



How Did That Happen?!

Directed by Laurence Shanet

Two mismatched New Yorkers become roommates and through comic trials, tribulations and hi-jinks, a makeshift family is formed. A series that seeks to expose and poke fun at the hidden biases we all share and live with every day.

Cast: Jeannie Dalton, Ryan Nelson, Natasha Lopez, Eric Michael Gillett, Imran Sheik, Lori Vega, Hannah Dubner, Paulette Dalton Thompson, Vance Clemente, Viki Boyle, Sha James Beamon

Writer: Jeannie Dalton, Ryan Nelson

Producer: Ryan Nelson, Jeannie Dalton, Craig Melville, David Curry, Laurence Shanet, Roderick Innes Smith, Ellen Halpin



Music in the Air

Directed by AJ Ciccotelli

A visual artist, a painter, asks passers-by what kind of music they are because Asbury Park, NJ is music to her ears!

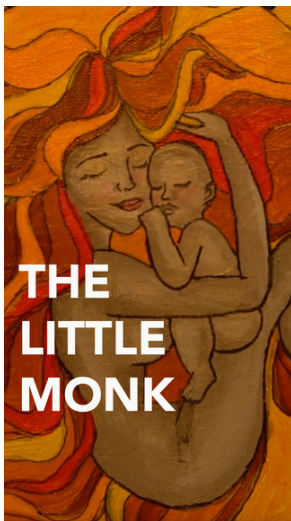
Cast: Margaret Leone, Matt Pritchett, Frances Rivera, Voltaire Balderrama, Debbie Gleeson, Erica Castellini, Ron Liguori

Writer: Tom Cavanaugh

Producer: Tom Cavanaugh

BLOCK D - NOVEMBER 9, 1:30 PM

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The Little Monk

Directed by Jonah Gercke

Legendary Italian folk anti-hero The Little Monk stumbles into David's apartment to steal his things, jumpstarting a day that slowly unravels the mystery of their meeting and their shifting identities.

Cast: Richard Jessie Johnson, Esteban Suero

Writer: Jonah Gercke

Producer: Bill and Judy Garrett, Kristianne and Laura Kurner, Jonah Gercke, Evan Macaluso



A Sketch of an Artist

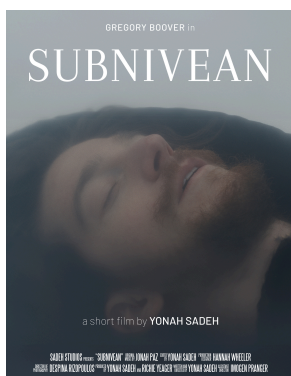
Directed by Olya Zueva

Darius Yektai, a Hamptons-based artist, seeks to establish his own artistic identity, separate from his renowned father, by turning his personal challenges and experiences into sources of hope, motivation, and art.

Cast: Darius Yektai

Writer: Olya Zueva, Darius Yektai

Producer: Olya Zueva



Subnivean

Directed by Yonah Sadeh

SUBNIVEAN follows Dan, a man coping with loss and isolation on his late father's rural farm. As he navigates the harsh winter, he reconnects with memories and nature, seeking solace in the land and a path toward healing.

Cast: Gregory Boover, Shamu Sadeh, Lev Sadeh, Dana Domenick

Writer: Yonah Sadeh

Producer: Sadeh Studios - Yonah Sadeh

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BLOCK E - NOVEMBER 9, 3:30 PM



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FILM

M Hotel

Directed by Changik Jeong

People are sometimes pessimistic about the present at every difficult moment and dream of a happy next life. However, even in the next life, there are difficult moments. Don't be particularly pessimistic about your life, cherish all your moments. Here's a homeless man who has spent his whole life lamenting. This homeless man enters a special hotel and looks back on the important values of life.

Cast/Artist: Seungwoo Kim, Sungbum Hu, Joohee Lee, Jinhee Lee

Writer: Changik Jeong

Producer: Hyunjung Baek



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FILM

Beside Myself

Directed by H. Paul Moon

"BESIDE MYSELF" is a poem/film that engages the reader/viewer to trade places with the poet for a generative new thing that can, with your help, change the world.

Cast: Molissa Fenley, Marcos de la Fuente, Vanesa Álvarez Díaz, Leon de la Fuente, Anne Waldman, Ram Devineni, Christian Clarke, Charles Bernstein, Katherine Sloan, Angela Sloan, Kyabell Glass, Hannah Beerman, Sono Kuwayama, Ki Smith

Writer: Bob Holman

Producer: Bob Holman



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FILM

Thank you, mom

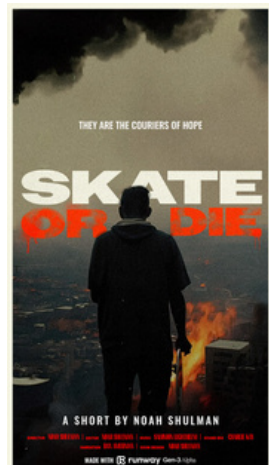
Directed by Michaela Ternasky-Holland

In this narrative short film, the audience peers into the life story of a woman through a series of journal entries. Each entry captures a pivotal moment, as she grows up in the wake of her father's death and her mother's effort to rebuild their lives. As she navigates the emotional landscape of grief, abandonment, and admission, her words come to life and create scenes shaped by both sorrow and hope. From the innocence of childhood to the complexities of adulthood, the film poignantly explores themes of family trauma and self-healing.

Cast: Rebecca Lee Lerman

Writer: Michaela Ternasky-Holland, Eleanor Thibeaux

Producer: Michaela Holland



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FILM

Skate or Die

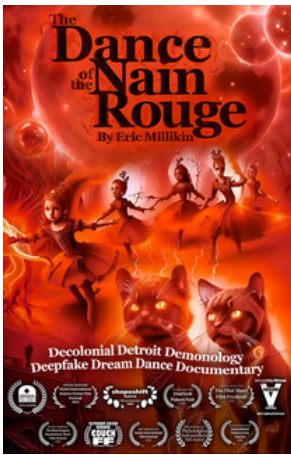
Directed by Noah Shulman

After a catastrophic experiment turns their city into a wasteland, a group of skaters becomes the last hope, delivering the cure through the decaying streets.

Cast/Narrator: Dan Amerman

Writer: Noah Shulman

Producer: Noah Shulman



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FILM

The Dance of the Nain Rouge

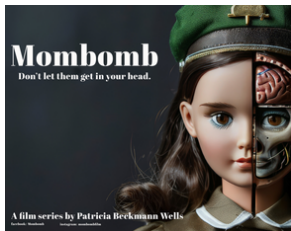
Directed by Eric Millikin

This is an experimental decolonial Detroit demonology deepfake dream dance documentary, based on the legend of the Nain Rouge (“Red Dwarf”) of Detroit. According to folklore and urban legend, the Nain Rouge is a supernatural shape-shifting native being who was brutally attacked by xenophobic colonists and has since been seen dancing as an omen of successful rebellions by the oppressed, having reportedly been seen before events such as the victory of Chief Pontiac at the Battle of Bloody Run in 1763 and the 1967 Detroit Rebellion against racism and police brutality.

Cast: Eric Millikin

Writer/Creator: Eric Millikin

Producer: Eric Millikin



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FILM

Mombomb

Directed by Patricia Beckmann Wells

Pez sees life through fairy tales while serial killers hunt her. Mombomb explores intergenerational trauma and memory through the eyes of the daughter of WWII immigrants. Pez is a first-generation immigrant daughter in Toledo Ohio, a breeding ground of serial killers in the 70's, and she must learn how to survive when her mother allows her to be hunted.

Cast: Patricia Beckmann Wells

Writer: Patricia Beckmann Wells

Producer: Peter Tomas Wells



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FILM

Little Martians: Dear Human, My Muse

Directed by Vanessa Rosa

Little Martians are future beings who claim to be the creators of our reality. One of them wants to apologize to humanity.

Cast: Vanessa Rosa

Writer: Vanessa Rosa

Producer: Vanessa Rosa



Ms Pink

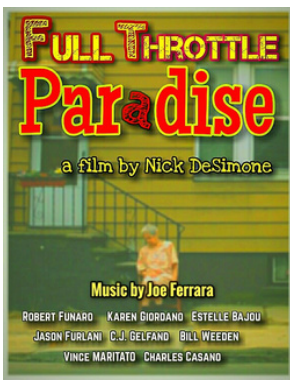
Directed by Lauren McCann

Ms. Pink follows the journey of a single mother as she navigates motherhood while working towards being inducted into an ancient ban of female assassins. This 15- minute proof of concept is designed to introduce the viewer to the world we have created and the characters who live in it. Those identifying as woman are placed in positions of power – raising children is powerful, holding a job is powerful.... Eliminating evil is powerful.

Cast: Lauren Joan McCann, Jo-Anne Lee, Ken Perlstein, Helene Galek, Brian Reilly, Marcus Troy, Steven Strickland, Tahtianna Candy Fermin, Stefanie Colon

Writer: Lauren McCann

Producer: Lauren McCann



Full Throttle Paradise

Directed by Nick DeSimone

A dark farce that explores feminism, materialism, and fetishes. Pat Padula, a seemingly connected man in the neighborhood, expresses his love for the free-spirited Dottie in an atypical family therapy session. But why in a motorcycle garage? Dottie is a bluntly aggressive woman who takes Pat's need for her as a threat to her independence. Meanwhile, the attractive young female counselor is having her own problems navigating in a man's world, which sets her on a collision course with Dottie.

Cast: Robert Funaro, Karen Giordano, Estelle Bajou, Jason Furlani, Bill Weeden, C.J. Gelfand, Charles Casano, Vince Maritato, Kenny Marino, Billy Hartmann, Nick DeSimone, DeMingo Graham

Writer: Nick DeSimone

Producer: Nick DeSimone, Marisa Vitali, Vince Maritato, Michael Fels



Blood is Thicker

Directed by Melissa Skirboll

Two sisters living in the same city but completely different worlds reconnect over a meal. A mother suffering dementia pulls them back home but before they can return the trauma of their past must be addressed.

Cast: Jeanine Bartel, Melissa Skirboll

Writer: Melissa Skirboll

Producer: Melissa Skirboll, Penny B. Jackson, Tracy Boak



The Monster They Made Me

Directed by Victoria Francesca

The year is 1894, Anastasia Valencia is madly in love with Marcus Bryer, but she is hiding a crucial part of her identity. A centuries old demon that she fears will ruin the fresh love she is growing with Marcus. As this tragedy progresses, we learn just how impossible it is to hide our darkest, yet truest, parts of ourselves from the ones we love, whether for better...or worse.

Cast: Victoria Francesca, Will Rittweger, Nicky Lazos

Writer: Victoria Francesca

Producer: Bryce Parks, Isaiah Wyckoff

BLOCK F = NOVEMBER 9, 6 PM



Black Mike

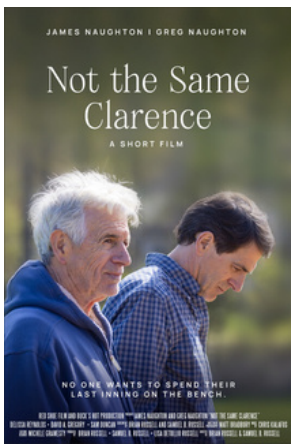
Directed by Mario Corry

Loosely based on a true story. After thirty years in prison Black Mike goes back to his old roots and is finally making money. What he finds is a new world order in life and on the streets where he grew up. Disrespected and threatened by a rising star in the New York City mob, Black Mike, an old school mobster goes to his dark side.

Cast: Mario Corry, Ernest Mingione, Joseph D'Onofrio, Tim Cinnante, Chelsea LeSage, Tommy Lombardo, Jim Grant, John Abate, Tommy Amado

Writer: Mario Corry

Producer: Mario Corry, Roberta Corry, Andrea DelBene



Not the Same Clarence

Directed by Brian Russell, Samuel B Russell

A man must come to terms with his fathers Alzheimer's disease.

Cast: James Naughton, Greg Naughton, Delissa Reynolds, Sam Duncan, David A Gregory

Writer: Brian Russell, Samuel B Russell

Producer: Brian Russell, Lisa DeTullio Russell, Samuel B Russell



The Button Sponge and the Magic Glasses

Directed by Tom Cavanaugh

A father and daughter plan a casino heist, but their personal life seems to get in the way as they plan to rip off a High Stakes Blackjack Table. Inspired by a real Casino Heist that changed the entire gaming industry.

Cast: Bob Telford, Heidi Schooler

Writer: Tom Cavanaugh

Producer: Tom Cavanaugh, Allyson Sereboff, Bob Telford



Her Turn

Directed by Melissa Skirboll

A mature woman's coming-of-age story, HER TURN follows the day of a worn mother as she packs up her family home of 25+ years for the inevitable downsize - she finds herself in a full-on face-off with her past, abandoned dreams, and her bearing with her beloved family. She makes an unexpected turn. Charged with humor, this poignant drama delves into themes of family, marriage, neurodiversity, LGBTQ+, and getting older.

Cast: Rachel Black Spaulding, Sal Rendino, Janet Aldrich, Allison Wick, Alex Brett

Writer: Rachel Black Spaulding

Producer: Pete Dorton, Rachel Black Spaulding



The Pepper Project

Directed by Caris Vujcec, Eric Yellin

Ex-CIA super-sniper Pepper and her boy Friday must solve a series of increasingly dangerous puzzles in order to find her missing sister. We tell a story of personal challenge with intriguing and complex characters, plot lines that intersect and unravel, sans gratuitous violence.

Cast: Caris Vujcec, Sidney Williams, Scott Janes, Rob Breckenridge, Kate Levy, Scears Lee, Dave Powers, Maxon Davis

Writer: Caris Vujcec

Producer: Caris Vujcec, Eric Yellin



BLOCK G = NOVEMBER 9, 7:45 PM



The 190

Directed by Jake Laurence

A NJ widower makes a surprise day trip to his son's bookstore in NY only to disturb the peace, set against the backdrop of the 2008 recession.

Cast: Gian-Murray Gianino, James Laurence, Te'ena Klein

Writer: Jake Laurence

Producer: Todd Rawiszer



The Last Take

Directed by Brian Foyster

Facing the end, a movie star from the golden age of Hollywood must reconcile with the only man he ever loved.

Cast: Richard Fancy, Austin Basis, Cindy Dolenc

Writer: Brian Foyster

Producer: Brian Foyster, Pam Foyster,



Don't Pick Up

Directed by Jeremiah Kipp

Louisa enters a Children's Bookshop to escape a humiliating day. When Chris, the sweet and lonely store manager, attempts an awkward flirt, it both excites and terrifies her, awakening old compulsions. Which is stronger? Love?...or the wild need to escape with the book in her purse?

Cast: Keith David, Kathryn Erbe

Writer: Susannah Nolan

Producer: Nick Candido, Lina Lansky



Call Failed

Directed by Lee Raphael Koppel

While on a call with her fiancé, Shae is convinced she hears him crash. In a desperate series of phone calls, Shae races against time, trying to get him help.

Cast: Tara Willey, Mikayla Cohen, Noelle Cornelius

Writer: Lee Raphael Koppel

Producer: Lee Raphael Koppel



Sisters of Seneca

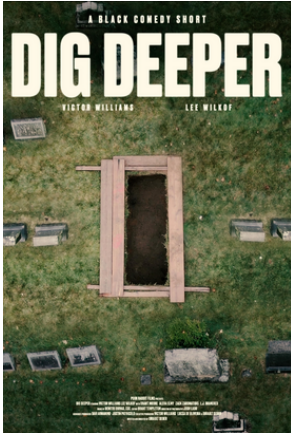
Directed by Greg Kaston

Two women working in a Speakeasy in present day New York City are visited by a pair of detectives who are looking for a missing person. The detectives are met with modern day survivors of a historical atrocity and a supernatural force that puts their own lives in danger.

Cast: Greg Kaston, Nasia Thomas, NaTonia Monét, Anthony Robert Grasso, Michael Egues, John Rearick, Richard Kent Green

Writer: Greg Kaston

Producer: Pete Dorton



Dig Deeper

Directed by Girault Seger

A gravedigger struggling with his sense of self-worth desperately seeks appreciation for his craftsmanship.

Cast: Victor Williams, Lee Wilkof, Zack Zaramatidis, L.J., Grant Moore, Nolan Lundsford, Alexa Elmy

Writer: Girault Seger

Producer: Girault Seger

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BLOCK H = NOVEMBER 10, 1 PM



The Prof

Directed by Debra Markowitz, Rob Graydon

Famous indie film director, Jack Gallucci, falls from favor. His chance meeting with Marigold McCormack forces him to face the mess he's made of his career and decide if he has it in him to try again.

Cast: Lukas Hassel, Linda Collins, Eulone Gooding

Writer: Debra Markowitz

Producer: Linda Collins, Debra Markowitz



Never Forget

Directed by Darius Delsoin, Oladayo Alade

A hit man completes one last job before retiring that tests his moral limits.

Cast: Jose Alberto Alvarez, Avery Ouellette, Ian O'Boyle, Rafael Bonilla

Writer: Darius Delsoin

Producer: Darius Delsoin, Joe Acierno, Oladayo Alade



The Final Walk

Directed by Tom Ryan

After the death of a close friend, three former high school classmates reunite to honor her memory by taking a final walk on their favorite trail, revealing dark secrets and betrayals that will change their lives forever.

Cast: Beatrice Boepple, Wendell Laurent, Glenn McBride, Jr.

Writer: Beatrice Boepple, Wendell Laurent, Glenn McBride, Jr.

Producer: Beatrice Boepple, Wendell Laurent



Ivy's Dream

Directed by Louis Leuci

After a tragedy that she struggles to understand, a wife and mother falls into alcoholism, unable to cope. Her confused husband, fed up with her dangerous behavior in front of their children, is torn between hopefully waiting for her to recover, or breaking up their family. Their home becomes the scene for a confrontation long overdue.

Cast: Maggie Alexander, Anthony Robert Grasso

Writer: Brendon Lemon

Producer: Maggie Alexander



Overdue

Directed by Melissa Skirboll

A romantic dramedy.

Maureen and Jason are each having a very bad night. Their chance encounter gives both a glimmer of hope as they discover a shared past and a connection that brings light to the darkness in their lives.

Cast: Jeanine Bartel, Howard Hendrix Powell

Writer: Penny B. Jackson, Melissa Skirboll

Producer: Penny B. Jackson, Melissa Skirboll, Meghan Martin

BLOCK II = NOVEMBER 10, 3 PM



Your Silent Face

Directed by Anna Capunay

Two romantically linked Latines sneak out to catch their favorite post-punk band, Bootblacks, perform in Brooklyn. Guada is risking not only being grounded if caught but may find them-self back at the psych ward if they don't comply with their mother's terms.

Cast: Greta Quispe, Yessenia Rivas, Marie Capunay

Writer: Anna Capunay

Producer: Anna Capunay, Bill McDonald



Ashes

Directed by Darius Delsoin

In the distant future, after Earth is invaded by aliens that prey on the mind, two agents are tasked with clearing out sectors heavily populated by the aliens.

Cast: Jose Alberto Alvarez, Brian Collins, Rise Powell

Writer: Darius Delsoin

Producer: Joe Acierno, Chey Loran



Falling Planes

Directed by Cameron Raser

Lindsey, a mother eager to support her son through addiction, searches for hope, strength and purpose as she looks deeper into the memories they share.

Cast: Molly Gazay

Writer: Cameron Raser

Producer: Alara Siegel

Facing his biggest challenge...

Local Runner
a film by Tom Wardach



Local Runner

Directed by Alexander Wardach, Tom Wardach

A long-time marathon runner deals with his biggest challenge.

Cast: Alexander Wardach, Tom Wardach

Writer: Tom Wardach

Producer: Tom Wardach



The Maples

Directed by Taylor Coriell

Two former classmates cross paths again, their dissatisfaction with life in tow. On a solitary park bench in New York City, they retread paths not taken and realize that perhaps happiness isn't a destination.

Cast: Sierra Rein, Mick Bleyer

Writer: Randall C Willis

Producer: Mick Bleyer, Sierra Rein, Randall C Willis



Square Breathing

Directed by Kim Cummings

Tony and Nikki meet on the Brooklyn Heights Promenade to see if there is any way back 3 months after Nikki suffers a post-partum psychotic break and nearly does the unthinkable.

Cast: Timothy Nolan, Jennifer Plotzke, Emilia Carro, Luciana Carro

Writer: Susannah Nolan

Producer: Jennifer Plotzke

BLOCK J = NOVEMBER 10, 4:45 PM



Bobby up the Block

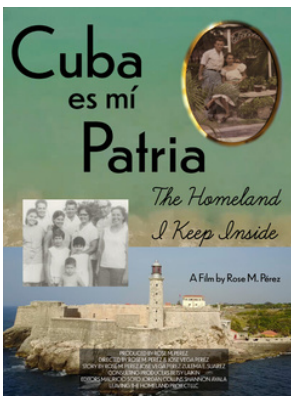
Directed by Phil Garrison

Everybody has a story. Bobby just happens to have lots of them!

Cast: Bobby Heller

Writer: Phil Garrison

Producer: Phil Garrison



Cuba es mi Patria

Directed by Rose Marie Perez, Jose Isaias Vega Perez

As a result of tensions between the United States and Cuba, Cuban Americans have experienced exceptional identity and relational challenges that have persisted throughout their lives. Cuban Americans have remained cut off from their homeland, yet they continue to keep it psychologically present.

Cast/crew: Zulema E. Suarez, Shannon Ayala, Betsy Laikin

Writer: Rose Marie Perez, Zulema E. Suarez

Producer: Rose Marie Perez



Breaking Ground: America's First Black Tomb Guard

Directed by Phil Garrison

An elite group of US Soldiers continually guard the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. They keep vigil everyday, all day, without fail. Until the early 1960s, Tomb Guards had only been white men. Fred Moore became America's first Black Tomb Guard in 1961. This documentary short is a tribute to Fred Moore. He is an inspiration and pioneer.

Cast: Fred Moore

Writer: Phil Garrison

Producer: Phil Garrison



Becoming Chavela

Directed by Joyce Callo

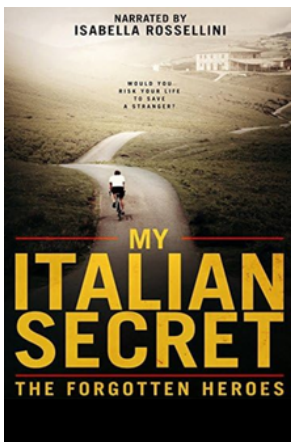
Adapted from Stephanie Trudeau's docu-cabaret performance of the iconic lesbian Mexican singer Chavela Vargas' life and music. Told in a hybrid genre--using performances, animation, and scripted narrative--this blend of approaches is a perfect combination to bring this unique tale to vivid life.

Cast: Stephanie Trudeau

Writer: Stephanie Trudeau, Joyce Callo

Producer: Stephanie Trudeau, Joyce Callo

BLOCK K = NOVEMBER 10, 7 PM



My Italian Secret: The Forgotten Heroes of the Holocaust

Directed by Oren Jacoby

Financed for the Italy and the Holocaust Foundation by a group of Italian Americans

MY ITALIAN SECRET tells a heroic story that was all but lost to history, until now. The film recounts how WWII bicycling idol Gino Bartali, physician Giovanni Borromeo and other Italians worked with Jewish leaders and high-ranking officials of the Catholic Church, risking their lives by defying the Nazis to save thousands of Italy's Jews.

Cast: Isabella Rossellini, Robert Loggia

Writer: Oren Jacoby

Producer: Oren Jacoby

Consulting producer: Elizabeth Bettina

SCREENPLAY NOMINEES



OrthodoxGirl

Written by Jeryl Parade
Short Screenplay

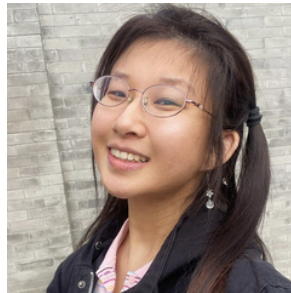
When Zoey meets Azel sparks—of the spiritual kind—fly. OrthodoxGirl is a 10-page screenplay for a short romance film about Zoey a secular Jewish woman & Azel an Ultra Orthodox man. Amazing projects such as Unorthodox & Disobedience depict the beauty of breaking free from a restrictive world. OrthodoxGirl shows the other side of that desire. Zoey says she yearns for "something, someone spiritual." Nothing Fails by Madonna conveys the tone of OrthodoxGirl: "I'm not religious, but I feel such love, makes me want to pray."



Yo Andrea

Written by Mike Boland
Feature Screenplay

A lonely middle-aged man obsessed with the movie Rocky is convinced he can win over the girl of his dreams if he proves his courage and becomes a boxer.



Ghost

Written by Dan Bi
Short Screenplay

Sophia is often bewitched by a voice that no one else can hear, and almost jumps off the tall building. Her parents believe she is just too stressed out, until a fire breaks out at their house on her birthday...



Timeless Love

Written by Simin Vaswani
Feature Screenplay

A woman, realizing that her marriage has lost it's spark, accesses memories of her past life filled with love, passion and dance. This inspires her romantic journey with her husband, but grief and loss also begin to mirror one another in both lives, unearthing a deep childhood trauma. Through resilience, she reconciles her past into the present thus rekindling their timeless love.





Americana

Written by Michael Gangloff, Victoria Sayeg Carr
Feature Screenplay

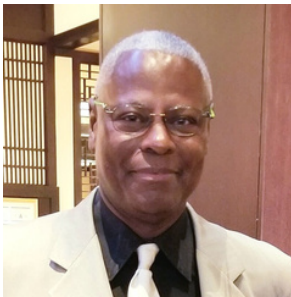
A distraught modern-day greaser and his fellow car club members must say goodbye to their deceased friend's ashes, in their own epic way, all the while trying to save their car club, their garage, and their way of life from going under.



The Sex Life Of The Mantis

Written by Frank P. Tomasulo
Short Screenplay

In 1975, the impoverished Ernest Newman, a sensitive "Vietnam" veteran who writes haiku poetry, tutors a young girl, Jacqueline Silver, in his New York apartment. The girl's mother, Andrea, and grandmother come to grow suspicious that Ernest might do harm to the girl. In the meantime, at Ernest's place, Jacqueline finds a service weapon in the refrigerator and plays with Ernest's pet praying mantis, "Junior," possibly killing the caged insect. She also flirts shamelessly with her tutor, causing him to reveal the sex life of the mantis. Ernest's PTSD emerges when he learns that Junior (rescued from the battlefields of the 'Nam) is dead. At that moment, mother and grandmother arrive at the apartment and burst in. What will happen? After all, there is a GUN involved.

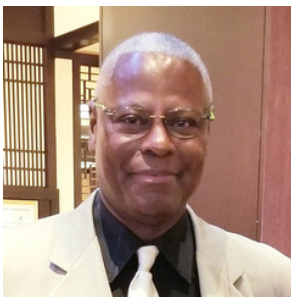


AT THE MERCY OF FAITH - Terror Version

Written by Samuel Lee Taylor
feature Screenplay

A chilling tale of the internal struggles between the forces of good and evil within oneself, and the invisible universe that surrounds us all.

Marvin Taylor, a disciple of God, falls from grace after the traumatic event he experienced as a teenager, and grows up to be a bitter man, who is constantly being tested by forces, ONLY HIS EYES CAN BEHOLD, battling to claim his soul.



AT THE MERCY OF FAITH - Alternative Horror

Written by Samuel Lee Taylor
feature Screenplay

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Old and Cold

Written by Frank P. Tomasulo
Short Screenplay

A young NY painter suddenly finds himself the darling of the Soho art world, based on a successful gallery show and write-up. A gallery owner sponsors him to a new studio and a solo show uptown IF he can complete a large triptych - and abandon his principles about art.



Vigilantes (web-series) EP 3 & EP 4

Written by C. Hope Belmont, Angela Gunn
Short Screenplay

A dark comedy about a group of female eco-assassins whose mission is to save the world who would abuse their beloved planet.



"Just Kids Havin' Fun"

Written by Salvatore Riggio
Feature Screenplay

A physically and psychologically abused sixteen year old has access to an AR-15 assault weapon. What could go wrong?

"Just Kids Having Fun" is a story about teenagers in a typical Florida high school facing everyday conflicts with friends and family. But everything changes when an "active shooter drill" is not a drill.



Salvation on the Twenty

Written by James Pravasilis
Feature Screenplay

A lovesick, burnt out bus driver navigates the streets of San Francisco engaging with the weirdos and denizens of the Golden Gate City while a serial killer at large closes in.



Christmastime in Christmastown

Written by Ilene A Fischer
Feature Screenplay

"A Christmas movie for the rest of us"
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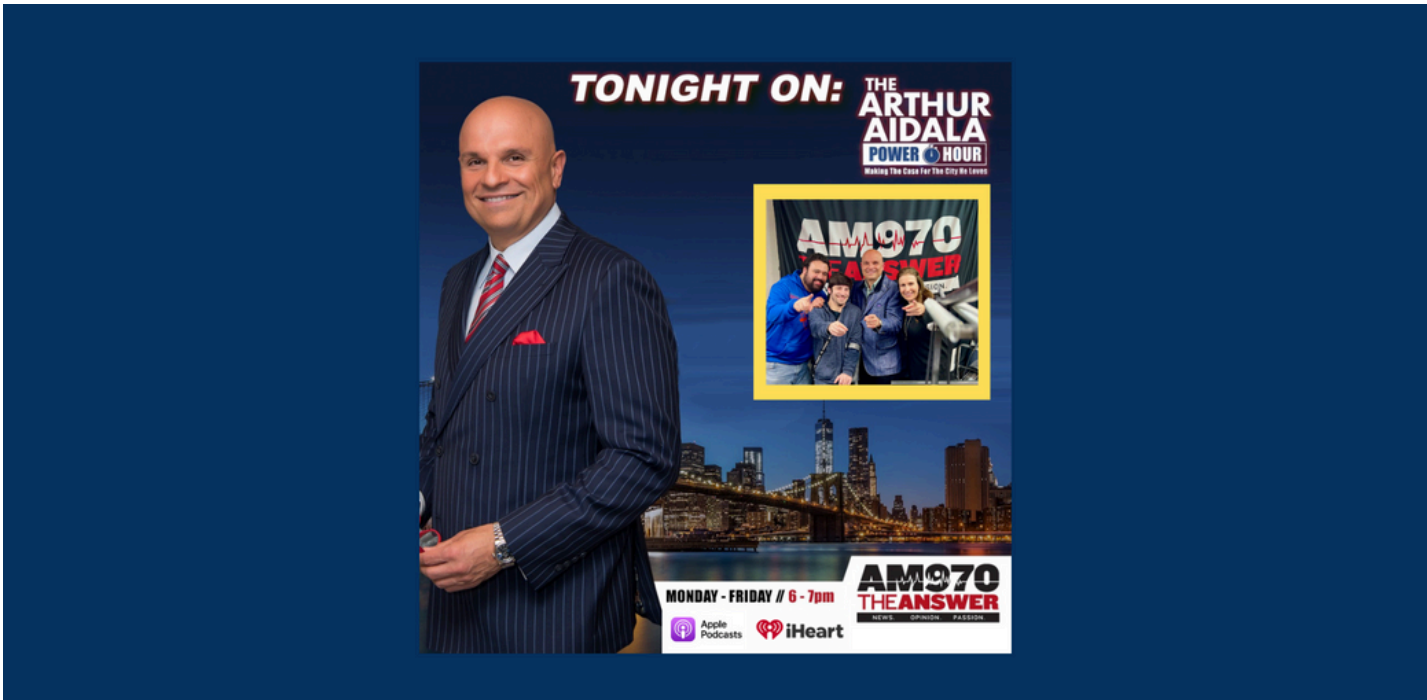
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