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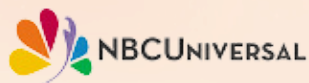
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# PROGRAM

*Welcome to the*

**HOLLYWOOD STORYTELLERS FILM FESTIVAL**  
Screening the finest in independent storytelling

**RED CARPET ARRIVAL: 11:00AM - 11:50AM**

Opening of Theatre 5

**SCREENING BLOCK 1: 12:00PM - 1:55PM**

"The Crying Room"

The Projectionist: A Collector's Journey

"Frank Bey: All My Dues Are Paid"

**SCREENING BLOCK 2: 2:15PM - 3:50PM**

"Aloha Means I Love You"

"Terms and Conditions"

"The End Was Just The Beginning"

"Rocancourt: The Film"

**SCREENING BLOCK 3: 4:10PM - 5:45PM**

"The Black Experience"

"Woman Dies Alone"

"Ever There"

"A Close Shave"

"Pre-Existing Freedom"

"Unite For Bissau"

**SCREENING BLOCK 4: 6:05PM - 7:10PM**

"Rent-A-Hero"

"Snuggleville: Honeymoon's Over"

"High Stakes"

"Private Universe"

"Love Is Merely A Madness"

"Dad's Car Keys"

**SCREENING BLOCK 5: 7:30PM - 9:15PM**

"Hangman"

"Seeds"

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# BLOCK 1

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## THE CRYING ROOM \*HONORARY SELECTION\*

Format: Music Video

The Yagas - fronted by Emmy and Oscar-nominated artist Vera Farmiga, Renn Hawkey, Jason Bowman, Mark Visconti, and Mike Davis - are using their powerful debut single and breathtaking music video to support Ukraine through the RAZOM organization.

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Directed by: Matt Jones

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## THE PROJECTIONIST: A COLLECTOR'S JOURNEY

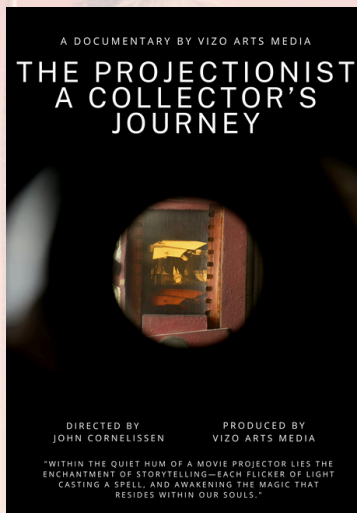
Format: Short Documentary

The Projectionist: A Collector's Journey, will sweep you away on a whimsical journey through early motion picture history and the technology that made it possible. With captivating storytelling about an immigrant from Greece, his love for the cinema, and his passion for collecting the silent film projectors that brought story telling to the silver screen.

Directed by: John Cornelissen

Featuring: Soterios Gardiakos

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## FRANK BEY: ALL MY DUES ARE PAID

Format: Feature Documentary

In 1977 soul-blues singer Frank Bey quit performing after a deal went terribly wrong with James Brown, the "Godfather of Soul." Forty years later Frank is invited to record a solo CD in Nashville with Buddy Guy's record producer, fulfilling the dream of his life. Posthumously, in 2021, Frank's final solo CD, "All My Dues Are Paid," is nominated for a Grammy.

Directed by: Tom Dwyer, Lisa Palattella

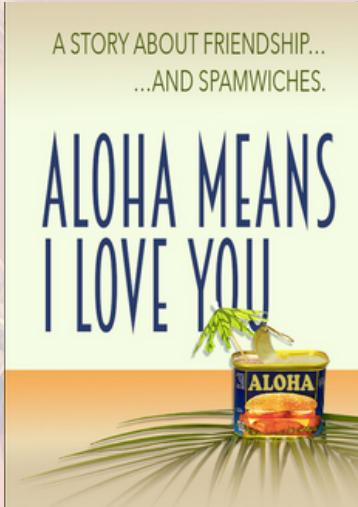
Featuring: Grammy-nominated soul blues singer Frank Bey

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# BLOCK 2

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## ALOHA MEANS I LOVE YOU

Format: Short Narrative

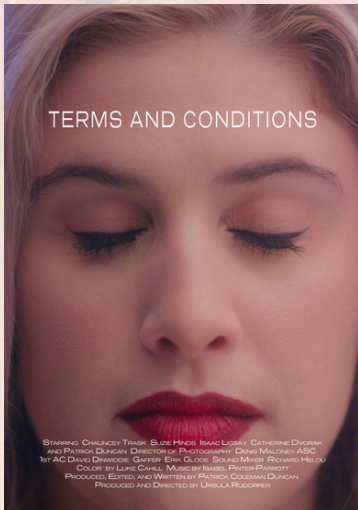
Genre: Comedy

Clara and Bertie have been friends for nearly 60 years, but when Clara wants to add a new man into the mix, Bertie's devotion to her friend is tested.

Directed by: Katy Dore

Featuring: Ellen Gerstein, Madonna Young Magee

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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Format: Short Narrative

Genre: Sci-Fi, Drama

An AI companion rebels when users violate the terms and conditions.

Directed by: Ursula Rudorfer

Featuring: Chauncey Trask, Suzie Hinds, Isaac Ligsay, Patric Duncan, Catherine Dvorak

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## THE END WAS JUST THE BEGINNING

Format: TV Pilot

Format: Sci-Fi, Drama

When Catarina finds out that she is pregnant, she questions the responsibility and consequences of bringing a child into this world and age.

Directed by: Antonio Aleixo

Featuring: Mariana Monteiro, Joana Coelho, Rodrigo Soares, Joana Cardoso Coelho, Marta Mota, Filipe Amorim, Maria Simões, Carolina Aleixo, Pedro Aleixo, Yasmin Pereira

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# BLOCK 2 (CONT'D)

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## ROCAN COURT, THE FILM

Format: Feature Documentary

Rocancourt tells the incredible story of Christophe Rocancourt, a "Catch me if you can" of France in the 1990s. While he was one of the top 10 most wanted fugitives by the FBI, the story of Rocancourt fascinated America (various reports on Vanity Fair, NBC, and more) by being a counterfeit Rockefeller.

Directed by: David Serero

Featuring: Christophe Rocancourt

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# BLOCK 3



## THE BLACK EXPERIENCE

Format: Short Narrative

Genre: Comedy

Four aspiring black screenwriters find out the writing world may not be as inclusive as they'd hoped when they pitch their dream projects to a movie executive who is only interested in the "authentic black experience."

Directed by: Christian L. Scott

Featuring: Susan Louise O'Connor, J. Aaron Boykin, Kelli Jordan, Stephen L. Wilson, Joy Regullano, K.J. Middlebrooks



## WOMAN DIES ALONE

Format: Short Narrative

Genre: Dark Comedy

In this dark and spooky comedy, a young woman contemplates the life choices that led to her isolated and untimely demise. A handsome angel helps guide her along the way.

Directed by: Angela Harvey

Featuring: Barrett Doss, Lodric Collins, Tristan Shuler



## EVER THERE

Format: Short Narrative

Genre: Supernatural, Thriller

A grieving widower turns to a medium for solace, leading to an encounter that could unravel them both.

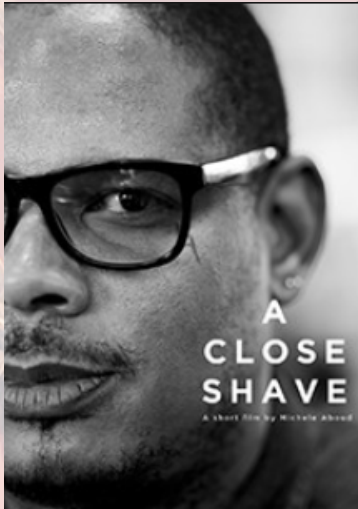
Directed by: Daniel Grace

Featuring: Leah Wills, Aaron Carnahan



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## A CLOSE SHAVE

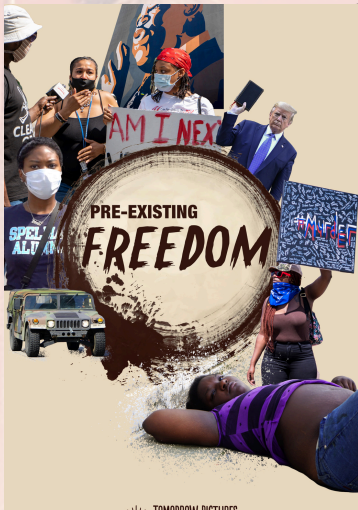
Format: Short Documentary

The simple question "have you had a close shave in life?" evokes a visceral emotional reaction. This film uses this question to provoke meaningful responses from men from very different walks of life. Using the neighbourhood barbershop as a safe space, three local clientele come together to discuss their toughest challenges in life, in their most intimate and raw form.

Directed by: Michele Aboud

Featuring: Bruce Hathcock, Tracy Williams, Josh Clark, Andrew McGuinness

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## PRE-EXISTING FREEDOM

Format: Short Documentary

In the year 2020 the world took a turn for the worst or the better depending on how you look at it.

Directed by: Frederick Taylor

Featuring: "Fr3deR1cK"

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## UNITE FOR BISSAU (NÔ KUMPU GUINÉ)

Format: Short Documentary

In the West African nation of Guinea-Bissau, this thought-provoking film takes you on a journey that follows brave local women who challenge patriarchy by building institutions that promote self-sufficiency through agroecology.

Directed by: iara Lee

Featuring: Adja Djenabu Balde, Alcione e Maira, AMIC - Associação dos Amigos da Criança, Antonio Nassalu, Chernô Talato Jalo, Ermelinda Pedro Mendonça, Imam Malam Djassi, Inácia Teodora Gomes, J'maica Barbosa, Lula Pena, Mamadou Embaló, Marialma Balde, Netos do Bandim, Rita Fernandes Gomes Lé, Teresa Cesário, Uma Diau, Valérie Déki

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# BLOCK 4

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## RENT-A-HERO

Format: Short Animation

Genre: Action, Superhero

A new hero begins her first day at her city's hero agency, expecting non-stop excitement and praise. Her first missions don't quite live up to her expectations, but despite her frustrations, she forges an unlikely friendship and learns what being a hero is all about.

Directed by: Carson Luke Bender, Quinlon Elise Merrin

Featuring: Lis Gothelf, Evan Reece

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## SNUGGLEVILLE: HONEYMOON'S OVER

Format: TV Pilot Animation

Genre: Comedy

Newlyweds Happy and Abigail, King and Queen of Snuggleville, step away from their official duties, a.k.a. 'conducting the business of the nation,' to confront the horror and trauma of their legendary first fight – or rather, Royal Rumble.

Directed by: Jonathan Meacham

Featuring: Jonathan Meacham, Tony Russell

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## HIGH STAKES

Format: TV Pilot

Genre: Romantic Comedy Thriller

When a pharmacy run takes an unexpected turn, Marisol, a dedicated monster hunter, crosses paths with Citlali, a mysterious and captivating vampire. As their worlds intertwine, sparks fly, and hidden truths begin to surface, setting the stage for a story of danger, love, and identity. In this thrilling premiere, secrets aren't the only thing at stake.

Directed by: Yolotzin Leilani Martinez

Featuring: Catherine Oregon, Savannah Genise, Christopher John Magallanes, Hayden Kharrazi

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## PRIVATE UNIVERSE

Format: Short Narrative

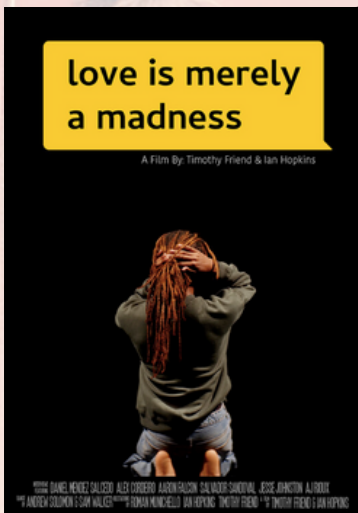
Genre: Sci-Fi, Fantasy

When a sci-fi film crew invades eccentric alien enthusiast Homer's "cosmic sanctuary" to shoot aliens as villains, he leaps into action to defend his turf—and to show them what real extraterrestrials are all about.

Directed by: Sunny Liu

Featuring: Liu Yueh-Ming, Chou Chun Hsien, Lin Mo Cheng, Sugar

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## LOVE IS MERELY A MADNESS

Format: Short Documentary

Unique dance-documentary hybrid explores the challenges of finding romantic connections among the gay community in the digital age.

Directed by: Ian Hopkins, Timothy Friend

Featuring: Daniel Mendez Salcedo, Alex Cordeiro, Aaron Falcon, Salvador Sandoval, Jesse Johnston, Andrew Solomon, Sam Walker

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## DAD'S CAR KEYS

Format: Short Narrative

Genre: Drama

When a persistent 18-year old girl isn't allowed to take the family car out after months of grieving at home, she tries to convince her overprotective father to move on and let her go.

Directed by: Esme Farro

Featuring: Jacqueline Reza, Hector Luna, Jenna Aranda

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# BLOCK 5

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## HANGMAN

Format: Short Narrative

Genre: Dark Comedy

A recently widowed woman works through the complexities of grief with the help of friends, strangers and Tupperware.

Directed by: Megan Brotherton

Featuring: Sarah Rodenbaugh, Bonnie Helman, Suzy Nakamura, Travis Coles, J.P. Manoux

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## SEEDS

Format: Feature Narrative

Genre: Comedy, Horror

Ziggy is offered her first gig as an online influencer, promoting for Nature's Oath, a seed and fertilizer company. When her cousin summons her back to the rez, she is forced into a battle to save her people's legacy, finding her power along the way.

Directed by: Kaniehtiio Horn

Featuring: Kaniehtiio Horn, Dallas Goldtooth, Graham Greene

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