

April 14 - April 16, 2023

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# MULTICULTURAL

## Film Festival

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# Maeya Culture Exchange Group



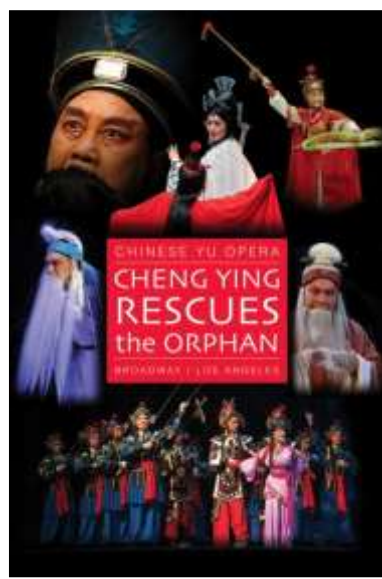
The **Maeya Culture Exchange Group LLC** provides a platform for different cultures to explore, share, and communicate with one another. Our purpose is to increase mutual understanding and appreciation between people from different cultures through education and culture exchange. The Economic globalization brings financial benefit; **Maeya Culture Exchange Group LLC brings harmony through culture and art environment.**

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



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



In February 2013, Maeya proudly presented Cheng Ying Rescues the Orphan, Maeya's first theater production at Studio 54 Theater in New York's Broadway as well as at the Warner Grand Theater in Los Angeles. On October 18, 2016, Maeya present this Chinese Yu Opera, for the first time, at Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, the home of Academy Awards.



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Dear UMFF attendees,

Welcome to the very special 2023 Universe Multicultural Film Festival (UMFF) online.

The UMFF celebrates cultural diversity, creativity, tolerance, and global unity in its exhibition of excellent films and screenplays. We showcase films and scripts that are rich in storytelling, strong in character development, and hold deep roots in diverse cultures.

This year, the UMFF have selected 42 official selections from 32 countries, including the Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Haiti, India, Iran, Italy, Korea, Peru, Russia, Spain, Taiwan, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, and United States. Attendees may choose to view from a wide variety of features, shorts, documentaries, and animations. This special event will also be a place where international film delegations share the screen with young and soon-to-be-known talents. Other than film screenings, attendees may participate in the film market, industry panels, cultural events, film Q&As, film receptions, and Galas. Filmmakers are welcomed to meet here with potential partners and share their deal-making tips and insights.

On behalf of the entire UMFF committee, we thank you for being a part of our festival and participating in the cultural exchange. We thank the sponsors, supporters, and volunteers who make this event possible. With your generous support, new friendships and lasting memories have formed.

Sincerely,



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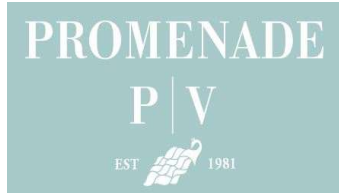
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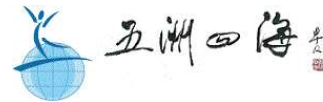


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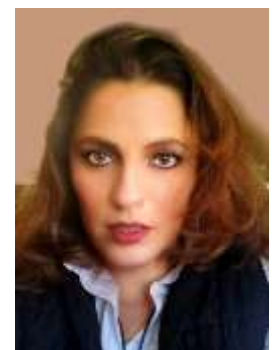
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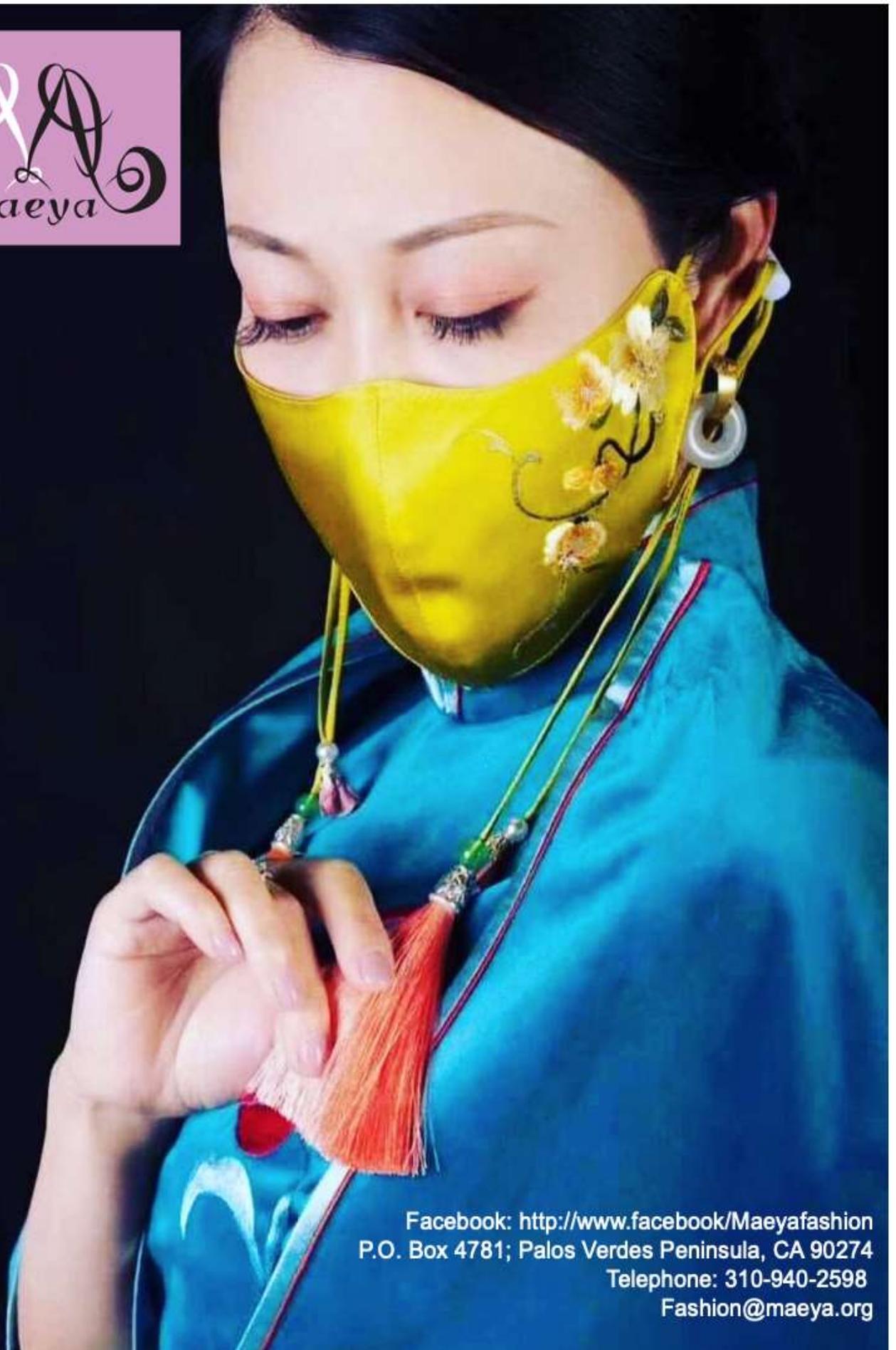


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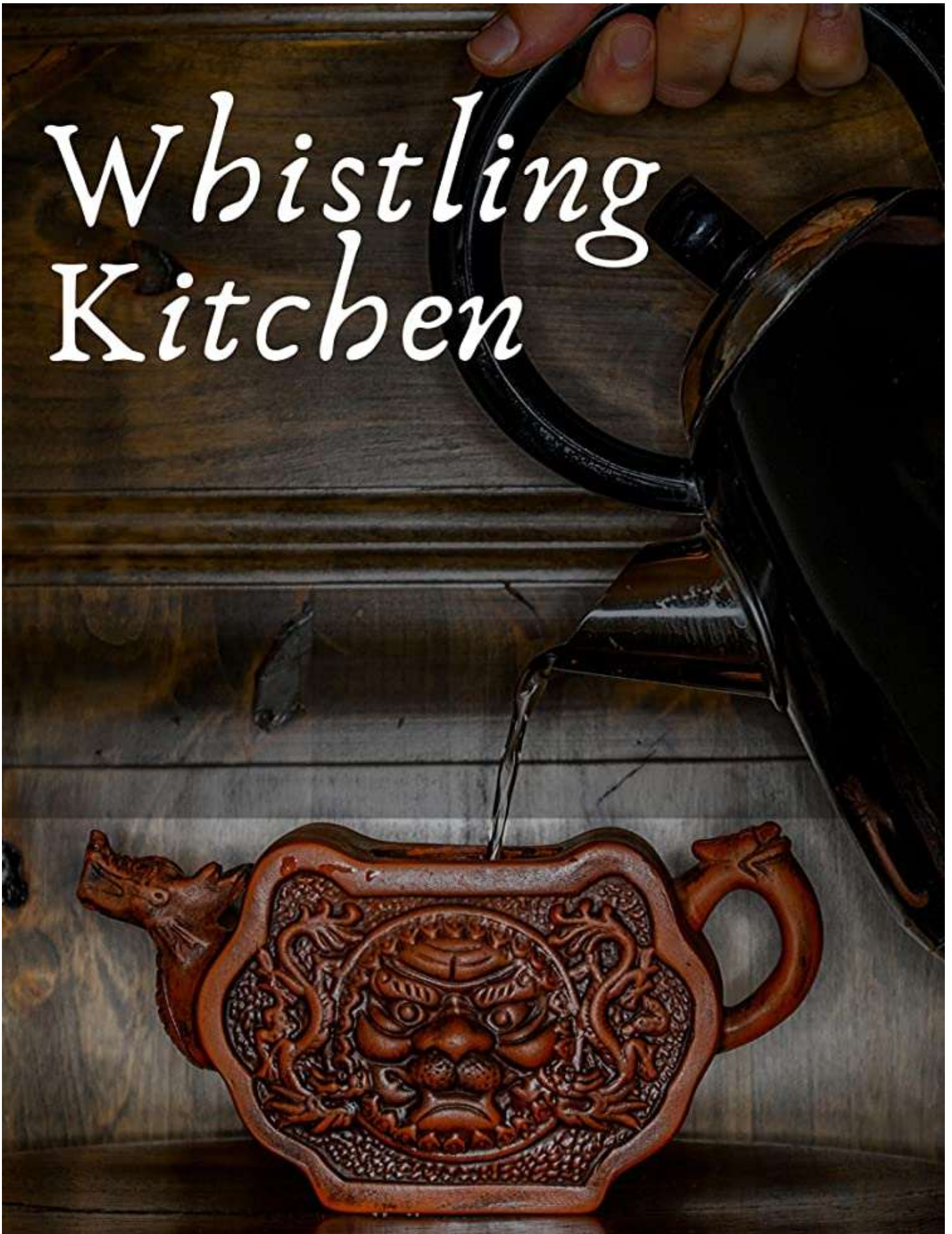


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# MAEYA CULTURE EXCHANGE GROUP LLC

## Communications Bring Peace to World

As a division of Maeya Culture Exchange Group, Maeya Films was founded to provide filmmakers from various countries with customized services in development, pre-production, production, post-production, distribution, and promotion in which cross cultural coordination and international cooperation are involved. Its services also include talent representation and casting for multicultural films and TV productions.



# 2023 UNIVERSE **MULTICULTURAL** FILM FESTIVAL

## EVENT SCHEDULE

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Peninsula Center Library  
701 Silver Spur Rd  
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

Promenade on the Peninsula  
550 Deep Valley Dr  
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

Malaga Cove Library  
2400 Via Campesina  
Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

### **Pitch & Catch Panel**

April 14, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Promenade PV Suit 163  
Admission by Panel Pass

### **Maeya Culture Ambassador Contest**

Training: April 14, 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
April 15, 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Contest: April 15, 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM  
Promenade on the Peninsula Suit 163

### **Opening Gala**

April 14, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
Promenade PV Suit 163  
Admission by Opening Night Gala Pass

### **"Multicultural Screenplay" Panel**

April 15, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM  
Promenade PV Suit 163  
Admission by Panel Pass

### **"Work with Asian" Panel**

April 15, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM  
Promenade PV Suit 163  
Admission by Panel Pass

### **"Produce Global Film" Panel**

April 15, 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM  
Promenade PV Suit 163  
Admission by Panel Pass

### **"Cross Cultural for Filmmakers" Reception**

April 15, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
Promenade on the Peninsula Suit 163  
Admission by Gala Pass

### **Screenplay Showcase**

April 15, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
Promenade PV Suit 163  
Free

### **Distributor Mixer**

April 16, 10:30 AM - 11:30 PM  
Promenade PV  
Admission by Panel Pass

### **The Red Carpet Show**

April 16, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Promenade PV First Floor Valley  
Free

### **Multicultural Film Market**

April 14-16, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Promenade PV Suit 163  
Admission by Film Market Pass

### **"Audition for Multicultural Movies" Panel**

April 16, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM  
Central Fountain  
Admission by Panel Pass

### **Award Ceremony Gala**

April 16, 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM  
Fountain at Promenade PV  
Admission by Award Ceremony Pass

### **After Party**

April 16, 6:30 PM - 11:00 PM  
Private Estate in Palos Verdes  
Admission by Invitation ONLY

# 2023 UNIVERSE MULTICULTURAL FILM FESTIVAL

## SCREENING SCHEDULE

April 14 2023

### SLOT 1 : 11:00AM-11:30AM

Tiger Totem	4:32	China
A Name in Your Book	4:29	United States
Big Trouble in Little America	9:05	China
Macau, In-Between	9:00	Macao

### BREAK: 11:30AM-11:40AM

### SLOT 2: 11:40AM-1:05PM

Acts of Service	1:21:13	United States
Calling In Sick	2:48	United States

### BREAK: 1:05PM-1:15PM

### SLOT 3: 1:15PM-3:00PM

Between Two Worlds	1:43:00	United States
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### BREAK: 3:00PM-3:10PM

### SLOT 4: 3:10PM-4:40PM

Farsh-e-Parandeh (Flying Carpet)	6:24	Australia
Salvation	11:27	Armenia
Psychics/Экстрасенсы	27:00	Federation
The Desire To Live - Web Series	20:00	China
Eyes Wide Open (From "North Star")	3:15	UK
Legendary Visionary	2:53	Canada
The Nightmare	4:13	China
Street Living	10:00	USA
Curettage	11:41	Iran

### BREAK: 4:40PM-4:50PM

### SLOT 5: 4:50PM-6:00PM

Experiments in Freedom	01:08:25	United States
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Peninsula Center Library

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Free Parking



# 2023 UNIVERSE MULTICULTURAL FILM FESTIVAL

## SCREENING SCHEDULE April 15, 2023

### SLOT 1: 11:20AM-1:00PM

Anemone 1:39:05 United States

### BREAK: 1:00PM-1:20PM

### SLOT 2: 1:20PM-3:00PM

On Matriarchy Lake 1:40:00 United States

### BREAK: 3:00PM-3:10PM

### SLOT 3: 3:10PM-5:10PM

Running the Base 2:00:00 United States

## Special Screening Film



### On Matriarchy Lake

"On Matriarchy Lake " is first ever cinema made in Mosuo, the last matriarchal society tribe in China, also doubled as the 'Kingdom of Women'

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Rolling Hills Estates; CA90274

**Free Parking**





# 2023 UNIVERSE MULTICULTURAL FILM FESTIVAL

## SCREENING SCHEDULE April 14, 2023

### SLOT 1 : 11:00AM-12:00PM

STEM Roots

1:00:00 United States

### BREAK: 12:00PM-12:10PM

### SLOT 2: 12:10AM-1:40PM

Thirsty

1:28:46 China

### BREAK: 1:40PM-1:50PM

### SLOT 3: 1:50AM-3:20PM

Quatre Raons(Four Reasons)

1:26:00 Spain

### BREAK: 3:20PM-3:30PM

### SLOT 4: 3:30PM-5:00PM

The Story of Me and the Class

Teacher

1:28:00 China

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# 2023 UNIVERSE MULTICULTURAL FILM FESTIVAL

## SCREENING SCHEDULE

April 15, 2023

### SLOT 1: 11:00AM-12:30PM

The Healers	32:10	China
Disappeared Girl	13:56	China
If There is Love in Heaven	37:00	China

### BREAK: 12:30PM-12:40PM

### SLOT 2: 12:40PM-2:10PM

The Tale of the Frog and the Golden Orb	1:30:00	Germany
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### BREAK: 2:10PM-2:30PM

### SLOT 3: 2:20PM-3:40AM

Fitting In	3:38	United States
Two Dancers One Love	17:00	United States
Aforoz(The Banishment)	20:00	Turkey
Los Aspirantes(The Applicants)	15:00	Spain
Pray	17:00	China
Seven Heavenly Fairies		
Wish For Humanity	7:12	United States
Rinna	6:49	United States

### Promenade PV

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## OFFICIAL SELECTIONS-Feature

**Acts of Service**

United States | 1:21:13

**Director:** Anthony Rizzo

A feature-length documentary film, Acts of Service is an intimate, touching portrait of an 85-year-old man as he reflects on his life. As the son of Jewish immigrants, young student, pentathlon participant, veteran, researcher, educator, author, business owner, parent and grandparent, husband, retiree, world traveler, and philanthropist, the film showcases the themes that emerged during the course of filming. Interviews and scenes of the subject, his wife, and several family members along with video and photographic archival materials are included.

**Anemone**

United States|1:39:05

**Director:**Bobby Ciasulli, Frank Modica

Anemone is a coming together movie about a biracial couple and the struggles they face in trying to be together. Only divine intervention could put forth a chain of events leading to a place where no one could have imagined .

**Between Two Worlds**

United States|1:43:00

**Director:** Alice Larson Scott

Between Two Worlds is a fictionalized story based on the Old Testament Prophet, Daniel. Technology and old world clash as government leaders are corrupt and failing the people. Territory lines are being redefined and loyalty is a thing of the past. Enter Daniel Abrams, a young man with a traditional upbringing and a respect for laws and for God. Facing the reality of imminent invasion from the rising city of Babylon and its sadistic ruler, Nebuchadnezzar, Daniel is forced to embrace the unknown and confront his doubts as he finds himself caught Between Two Worlds.

**Experiments in Freedom**

United States|01:08:25

**Director:** Yehuda Sharim

During a time of compounded crisis, from environmental, social, racial, and economic drought, Ana stands by her eighteen-year-old son, Marcos, as he decides to work in the fields together with other migrant workers. Experiments in Freedom is a lyrical meditation that retells the stories of being young in a world of limited (or no) opportunities in rural parts of the USA with a clarion call for present-day action.

**I Am Not**

Israel|1:39:49

**Director:** Tomer Heymann

Acclaimed documentary filmmaker Tomer Heymann's latest film is a deeply emotional work that follows an outcast teenager's life-changing journey. Oren was adopted from Guatemala by an Israeli family when he was a baby. Long unable to find his place in society, the teenager has been subject to ridicule and racism for years, while at the same time dealing with recurring false diagnoses of mental illness. Oren decides to take up a small video camera and document his own life. He embarks on a quest back to the country of his birth to seek out his biological family in the hopes of better defining his own identity.

## OFFICIAL SELECTIONS-Feature



### Quatre Raons(Four reasons)

SPAIN | 86:00

**Director:** PEDRO PÉREZ-ROSADO

A little story. It tells the story of María Cuixart Belmontes, twenty-seven weeks pregnant, who is a victim of gender violence at the hands of her partner Alejandro and since then remains in a coma debating between life and death. In such a situation of unconsciousness that will last up to almost 8 years – the same age that her daughter currently has Raquel – in Maria's mind are agitated the bad memories and episodes of violence lived with her partner and those that have led her to be where she is. He wants to settle accounts with his aggressor if only through his thought.

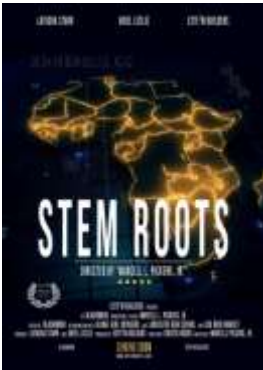


### Running The Bases - Feature

United States | 2:00:00

**Director:** Marty Roberts, Jimmy Womble

A small-town high school baseball coach gets the offer of a lifetime from a large 6A school. He uproots his family and leaves the only home they have ever known. He soon learns that things run differently in the big city. For this nine-time state championship coach, winning is secondary to creating young men of character and integrity. As a man of faith, he faces extreme opposition to his coaching methods from the school superintendent. After the loss of his wife, the superintendent struggles with faith and builds emotional walls that even his own son cannot breakthrough. He turns his bitterness towards the new coach, chipping away at the very thing that makes the coach who he is.



### STEM Roots

United States | 60:00

**Director:** Marcell L Pickens, Jr.

Many families are turning to genetic engineering to better connect with the family roots from where they originate. When applied to hands-on projects in genetic engineering, this knowledge can be used to help students build confidence in the STEM capabilities, while learning more about their ancestral history. ESTe2M Builders is a company that aims to further Science, Technology, Engineering, Entrepreneurship, and Math (STe2M) education.



### THE TALE OF THE FROG AND THE GOLDEN ORB

Germany | 1:30:00

**Director:** Chau Ngo

Two brothers make a living by swindling valuable goods from royal houses through false courtship. With this method, they also try to obtain the dowry of the marriage candidate Princess Griseldis at Fels Castle. When the older brother Gai falls unexpectedly in love with her younger sister Matilda and thus gives up hope for a success of the actual plan, the younger brother Teo steals the golden ball of the king. The ensuing escape fails, and the brothers are banished to the eerie Shadow Forest. There, the exiles do not encounter hostiles, but the young fairy Fingerhut. She wants to help Gai get back to the castle unnoticed, but her awkward transformation spell goes wrong. Gai becomes a frog who can speak...



### Thirsty

China | 88:46

**Director:** Quanwei Liu, Yaning Lu

Two friends who grew up together are forced by life to stray into black gold mine, almost take a life; Something happened on the way out and it turned into a feud.



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UMFF 2023 Special Screening

April 15th

1:20 PM - 3:00 PM

# On Matriarchy Lake

"THE WALKING MARRIAGE IS FOR LOVE NOT MARRIAGE"

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The first ever cinema made for Miao, the last "Kingdom of Women" in China

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## OFFICIAL SELECTIONS-Feature



### The Story of Me and the Class Teacher

China|1:45:00

**Director:** Feng Gao

A story about a rebellious high school girl with the lowest academic performance who, under the careful care of her personal homeroom teacher, corrected her attitude towards life and finally entered her ideal university.

## OFFICIAL SELECTIONS-student film



### Big Trouble in Little America

China|9:05

**Director:** Qiyue Sun

Haunted by wet dreams on her newly bought mattress every night, 'Chinese Girl' goes on a journey to cleanse herself of the spirits with help from her Chinese heritage.



### Seven heavenly fairies wish for humanity

United States|7:12

**Director:** Katherine Linrui Liu

In the beautiful Heavenly palace, seven fairies are dancing to celebrate the Queen Mother's birthday. The fairies take advantage of this rare free time to play in the heavenly palace and watch the scenes in the human world. They are moved by the happy, free and colorful life in the human world, as they confide in each other's troubles and show their yearning for freedom and happiness. In fact, the troubles mentioned by the fairies, such as the queen mother not allowing her hair to be dyed, pierced ears and eyes, etc., are not the troubles in the sky, but the real troubles of the little actors who play the fairies in real life. The clever combination makes the film full of fun and thought-provoking...

## OFFICIAL SELECTIONS-Youth-made film



### Fitting In

United States|3:38

**Director:** Mark Leschinsky

"Fitting In" is a symbolic social-impact film that draws a parallel between fitting into shoes and fitting into society, and, in doing so, it inspires us to embrace our unique personalities.



### The Healers

China|32:10**Director:** Ruiqi Yang, Haitong Lian, Xiaotian Lu, Tianshui Li

This documentary was filmed in the early spring of 2022 and tells of the life and yearnings of three doctors at Ansteel Group General Hospital with different personalities: Deputy Chief Physicians Zhang Ning and Li Ning of Cardiology Department, and Deputy Chief Physician Liu Xin of Obstetrics and Gynecology Department.

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## OFFICIAL SELECTIONS-Short

**Aforoz(THE BANISHMENT)**

KURDISH TURKEY | 20:00

**Director:** YILMAZ ÖZDİL

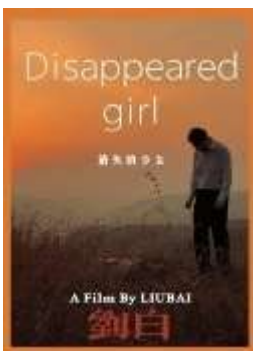
ZIKO, a young sleepwalker, is exiled from his village for a "serious sin" he committed in his sleep. This decision is also announced to all the surrounding villages so that no one can house and feed him. On a cold winter's day, half-naked and hungry, Ziko has to cross several villages to reach the city. The same day, a deaf-mute hunter, unaware of all this, must also cross the same villages.

**Curettage**

Iran | 11:41

**Director:** Sepideh Ghavami

There is a pregnant woman who, after a doctor's examination, realizes that the fetus has a disability. Those around her have pressured her to abort the fetus, but she is hesitant

**DISAPPEARED GIRL**

China | 13:56

**Director:** Bai Liu

Professor Li held back to carry out his revenge plan. He never drank water from the village and ordered a large amount of mineral water from the store every week, so he was familiar with the store owner Chen Wu. He was very concerned about Chen Wu's health and advised him to drink more water instead of coke. Chen Wu's health condition was getting worse, and people died intermittently in the village.

**I Cheated**

United States | 8:30

**Director:** Ben Escobar

"Yo he sido infiel," Spanish for "I cheated," is whispered as the premise of a father's attempt to rebuild a relationship with his son. Shrouded by the shadows of a blue hour on a fishing dock, the two navigate their lasting shame and grudges in an effort to reacquire as the best friends they once were.



## OFFICIAL SELECTIONS-Short



### Macau, In-Between

Macao|9:00

**Director:** Sergio Basto Perez

10th of May, 2020. These are uncertain times. Mira, a restaurant owner in Macau, China, opens her restaurant. Time stands still. In-between the uncertainty of the future and the calmness of the present, she shares a moment with Mr. Lei, her neighbour shop owner.

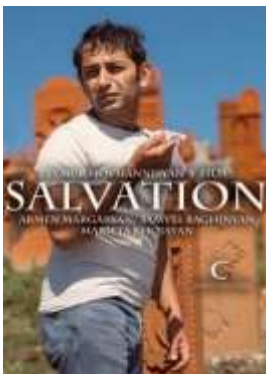


### Pray

China|17:00

**Director:** Lumen Chao

The boy Suder rescued a lamb and prayed for his brother Bilge that all would be well, while the brother wanted to sell the lamb for gambling.



### Salvation

Armenia|23:27

**Director:** Temur Hovhannisyan

This movie is about faith and the miracle it can lead to. It's a story about a sick woman with no chance for life. Devastated and hopeless her son pays a visit to the most powerful St Hovhaness Ghaltaghchi church. He asks God to heal his mother. So with the help of God she recovers.



### The Nightmare

China|4:13

**Director:** Cece Jiao

The Nightmare is a stop motion animation inspired by the Dunhuang fresco titled Mara's Attack found in Cave 254 of the Mogao Grottos, and captures the silent struggles of mental illness. The tale unfolds over three chapters. "The Dancer" follows the anxiety of a dancer about her appearance. The harder she pursues outward beauty and perfection, the more cracked and fissured her face becomes. "Phobia" is a glimpse into the Horseman's unease and fear of being exposed to social activity. "Insomnia" is the wakeful dream of a depressed insomniac.

## OFFICIAL SELECTIONS-Short

**If there is love in heaven**

China | 37:00

**Director:** Yi Han

The film tells the story of Li Kaiyun, because of his love and missing for his late wife, he drinks wine every day with nothing to do, and asks high prices through land expropriation in coal mines. Finally, under the guidance of the judge, he understands that the way of love is not only to give material in an extreme way. At the same time, the film also expresses the good wishes of school bullying.

**Rinna**

United States | 6:49

**Director:** Kyle Tianshi

A piano teacher born in Odessa, Ukraine chronicles her journey as an American immigrant in a turbulent century. Grieving the Russian invasion of her homeland and battered by family loss, she turns to classical music as a light, a unifier of diverse communities, and a home.

**Two Dancers One Love**

United States | 17:00

**Director:** Denise Blasor

Two dancers, an older woman and a younger man, find special love as they teach each other to let go of yesterday and dream dance along the path to a better tomorrow.

**Calling In Sick**

United States | 2:48

**Director:** Raquel Marvez

Too many working Americans, especially Black and Latina mothers, lack what some may consider a fundamental human right: the right to rest. The USA is the only developed country that does not guarantee all its workers paid sick time, deeply impacting underserved communities. "Calling In Sick" amplifies the voices of three mothers from different backgrounds, situations, and of different ages. They tell their stories in hopes to enlighten those unaware of this inequity to join as allies, advocating for social change.



# OFFICIAL SELECTIONS-TV Episode



## Psychics/Экстрасенсы

Russian Federation | 27:00

**Director:** Roman Bataev

Three Loser Psychics attract the attention of journalist Anna, who decides to make a revealing film with their participation. In the course of the investigation, Anna not only begins to feel sympathy for the charismatic trinity, but also begins to doubt that their activities are an absolute fake.



## The Desire To Live - Web Series

Armenia | 20:00

**Director:** Mariam Avetisyan

Meet Mariam Avetisyan, a brave young filmmaker from Artsakh with her no-commentary-style documentary web series to show post-war life in Artsakh called #TheDesireToLive. The aftermath of the 2020 war on the Indigenous population living in Artsakh and the how their livelihood has been affected and threatened until today, living in a world of uncertainty with very little resolve in the horizon.



## Street Living

United States | 10:00

**Director:** Magi Avila

Our world is a crazy place. But it's also a beautiful place. This duality is the same one we see in people. We are flawed beings, perfectly imperfect. Most people want to look past those who have problems, believing they should get over their issues. But for these people, change is one of the hardest things they can encounter. In Street Living, Baron is in the center of this world where he is just trying to feel free from the world around him. He lets in only those who allow him to be himself and don't force him to fall in line. He moves between shelters and beds, constantly on the edge of being homeless but lucky enough to find enough resources to keep his restlessness going.



## Los Aspirantes(THE APPLICANTS)

SPAIN | 15:00

**Director:** YOLANDA BROWN MELIÁN KEVIN RAMOS FERNÁNDEZ

It is a hilarious comedy set in a recruitment agency called Holliwood where everything turns into a disaster. Every single person in the office is tempted into getting a better job and they compete with the applicants for that purpose. Most of the situations are really surrealistic and funny so you never know what is going to happen. The more jobs offered, more [...]

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## OFFICIAL SELECTIONS-Music video



### A Name in Your Book

United States | 4:29

**Director:** Elizabeth Mantia

This is the second part of a trilogy conveying the heartbreak of when a romantic relationship. Singer Songwriter Allen Ling tells his story through lyrics, music and film. "An Name in Your Book" is about a special kind of journal his lover keeps, and what happens when his lover tires of him and moves on to her next adventure.



### Farsh-e-Parandeh (Flying Carpet)

Australia | 6:24

**Director:** Leila Honari

Inspired by philosopher Attar's Conference of Birds (1177) and using the structure of a phenakistoscope Farsh-e-Parandeh (Flying Carpet) shows the effort of a group of migratory seabirds trapped in the frames of the looped universe of an animated Persian carpet. These birds symbolically reflect the current environmental and migration crises of humans. The work provides a window into an alternate history of animation when the circle rather than the rectangular screen was foremost. Farsh-e-Parandeh represents unity, wholeness and the divine narrative of the eternal return and is a meditative celebration of the human condition.



### Legendary Visionary

Canada | 2:53

**Director:** Rupan Bal

## OFFICIAL SELECTIONS-Film song



### Eyes Wide Open (From "North Star")

United Kingdom | 3:15

**Director:** SoundWave Studios Music Group

"Eyes Wide Open"(from "North Star" soundtrack)I know you with eyes wide open//All you conceal let out/If my spirits broken/It never made a sound/I'm here but you can follow/Long gone out of reach/To forget what I'd forgotten/But the truth is love won't let me be/Let me be/Let me be/Let me be/I walk and the air felt heavy/Dust spread across the room/I know how I got here/But I came here far too soon/You saw me break a promise/That was not meant to be/Don't forgive me till it's honest/Won't your mind change?/A sign is all I need/All I need/It's all I need/All I need



### Tiger Totem

China | 4:32

**Director:** Ariel Zeng, Tang Chuan Yukawa

"Tiger Totem" is the original theme song of the movie "The walnuts of felicity" filmed by Fengguo Pictures. It is performed by Ariel, who plays the first female Mi Xiaolu in the movie.

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## OFFICIAL SELECTIONS-SCRIPT

**MOKSHA**

United States | 117pages

**Writer:** Saurin Lakhia

In the late 22nd century, a gay Indian-American man uses Hindu psychedelic science to lead humanity to their new interstellar home, but must first confront his past after finding out a secret from Earth involving his mother and her mass ritual suicide cult.

**Quatre Raons (Four reasons)**

SPAIN | 86:00

**Writer:** PEDRO PÉREZ-ROSADO

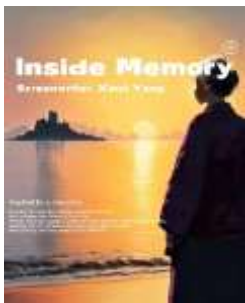
A little story. It tells the story of María Cuixart Belmontes, twenty-seven weeks pregnant, who is a victim of gender violence at the hands of her partner Alejandro and since then remains in a coma debating between life and death. In such a situation of unconsciousness that will last up to almost 8 years – the same age that her daughter currently has Raquel – in Maria's mind are agitated the bad memories and episodes of violence lived with her partner and those that have led her to be where she is. He wants to settle accounts with his aggressor if only through his thought

**Wood Engraving Picture**

China | 110 pages

**Writer:** Xiaoping Chen

Zhang Dequan is an artist of "wood engraving picture". But modern printed New Year pictures are more popular, and "wood engraving picture" is declining. Zhang Ziyang, his son, turned to work in a printing New Year picture factory. There was a fire at home, and the wood engraving pictures were burned down. Zhang Dequan was devastated.

**Inside Memory**

| China | 10 pages

**Writer:** Xinyi Yang

Fang Hui, a 75-year-old Alzheimer's patient, cannot accept that her husband Zhang Jianmin is dying. When Zhang Jianmin died, he left his last letter to his wife, urging her to accept the reality and let her feel that his love would always be with her. To fulfill my father's last wish. Zhang Xiaoman guides her to retrieve the lost memory

**Mom, Where Are You**

| Mongolia/China | 219pages

**Writer:** AORIGELE

This is a characteristic of Mongolian drama. Although Gulliver is a key member of a drug trafficking gang, he also has a brave and simple side in the play "Hatred Mother's Love". He eventually reformed and found his second glorious journey in life. The female leader is the leader of a mafia gang. In the final stage of the plot, she identifies Alima as her biological daughter and saves her life with her own life. She deeply loves her daughter and realizes the kind and benevolent side of Mongolian Eji (mother)

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