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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.





Welcome Letter from Executive Director Lynn Tang

Dear UMFF attendees,

Welcome to the very special 2024 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 77 official selections from 17 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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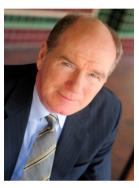


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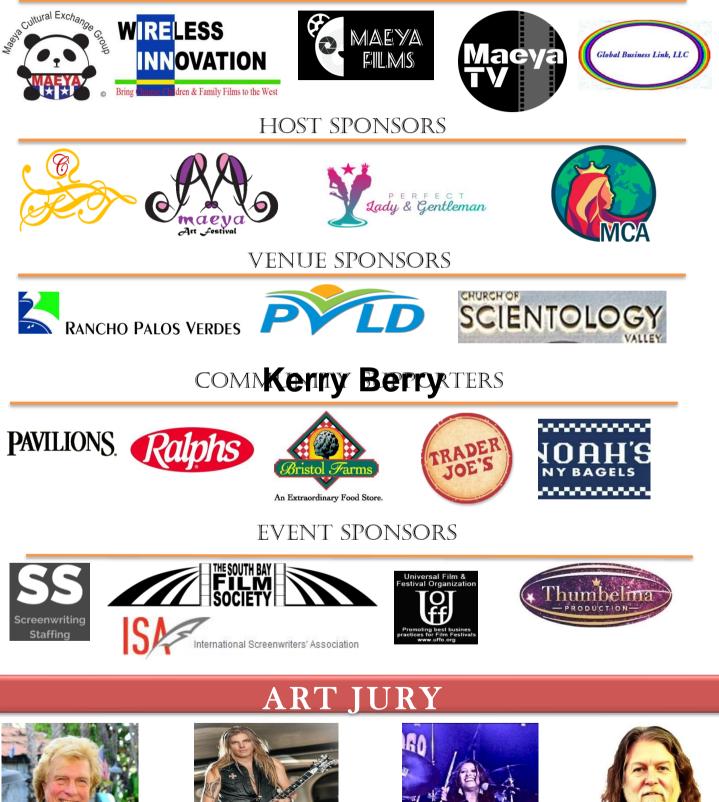


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As a division of Maeya Culture Exchange Group, Maeya Films was founded to provide filmmakers from various countries with customized services in development, pre-production, production, post-production, distribution, and promotion in which cross cultural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



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EVENT SCHEDULE

Maeya Film Market UMFF

June 14-15, 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM Fred Hesse Park Admission by Film Market Pass

Pitch & Catch Panel

June14, 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Fred Hesse Park Admission by Panel Pass

Opening Gala

June14, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Fred Hesse Park Admission by Opening Gala Pass

"Working with Asian" Panel

June 15, 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Fred Hesse Park Admission by Panel Pass

Screenplay Showcase Live Show

June 15, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Fred Hesse Park Admission by Gala Pass

Distributor Mixer

June 16, 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM CSTV Theather Conference Room Admission by Panel Pass

New Project International Annoucement

June 16, 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM CSTV Theather Hall Way Open to Public

Award Ceremony Gala

June 16, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM CSTV Theather Admission by Award Ceremony Pass Maeya Culture Ambassador Contest

Training: June14, 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM June15, 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM Contest: June15, 7:30 PM -10:30 PM Fred Hesse Park Red Carpet Custom Show: June 16, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Award Ceremony Show: June 16, 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM CSTV Theater

"Multicultural Screenplay" Panel

June 15, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Fred Hesse Park Admission by Panel Pass

"Produce Global Film" Panel

June 15, 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Fred Hesse Park Admission by Panel Pass

"Cross Cultural for Filmmakers" Reception

June 15, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Fred Hesse Park Admission by Gala Pass

"Audition for Multicultural Movies" Panel

June 16, 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM CSTV Theather Conference Room Admission by Panel Pass

Red Carpet Show

June 16, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM CSTV Theather Valley Admission by Show Pass

After Party

June 16, 8:30 PM - 10:30 PM CSTV Theather Court Yard Admission by Invitation Only

Peninsula Center Library 701 Silver Spur Rd Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274 Fred Hesse Park 29301 Hawthorne Blvd Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

CSTV Theater 11455 Burbank Blvd North Hollywood, CA 91601

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Friday - Malaga Cove Library

2:00-3:00 - Student Film Block 3:20-4:40 - Moussi 4:40-6:00 - Unstoppable

Friday - Hesse Park

10:40-12:20 - The Dental Plan 12:40-2:20 - The Legend of the White Snake 5:00-6:20 - The Story of Hexi Village

6:40-8:00 - Documentary Block 1

Student Film Block

Rrmea Over the Clouds - Ojue - The Wall

Documentary Block 1

- I am Kanaka
- Whispers of the Shadow
- Tracks

- A Glimpse of Hope
- Back to India An Immigrant Story
- Finding Community: A Trail Running Community Story

Saturday - Peninsula Center Library

10:40-12:00 - Balkancisco

12:20 - 2:20 - New Biography of Xishi

2:40-4:00 - Flora

4:00-5:00 - Muito Amor - Jews and Judaism in Amazonia

Saturday - Hesse Park

10:00-12:00 - Chinese Film Block

12:20-2:00 - Gui

2:20-3:40 - Short Film Block 1

3:40-5:20 - Unstoppable

6:00-7:00 - Don't Let My Mother Cry

7:20-8:40 - Septiembre

Chinese Film Block

- Friendly with Neighbors for Win-Win Outcome
- The Tale of Fragrant Rice Struggle for Happiness
- Named After a Duck My Pretty Horse Snail

Short Film Block 1

-	Up, Up and Away	- Alma	- Ahora	- Stripes
-	Story of Godia	- Sacred Flowers	- Black City Nights	

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Sunday - Peninsula Center Library

1:00-2:40 - Where Olive Trees Weep

2:40-4:00 - Thank You, Amelia Earhart

Sunday - North Hollywood

12:00-1:20 - Documentary Block 2

1:40-3:20 - Mimy & Tony: The Creation of a Dream 3:40-4:00 - Short Film Block

Documentary Block 2

- She Marches in Chinatown La Mariachi
- The Tales of the Blue Sky Guiding Light

Short Film Block 2

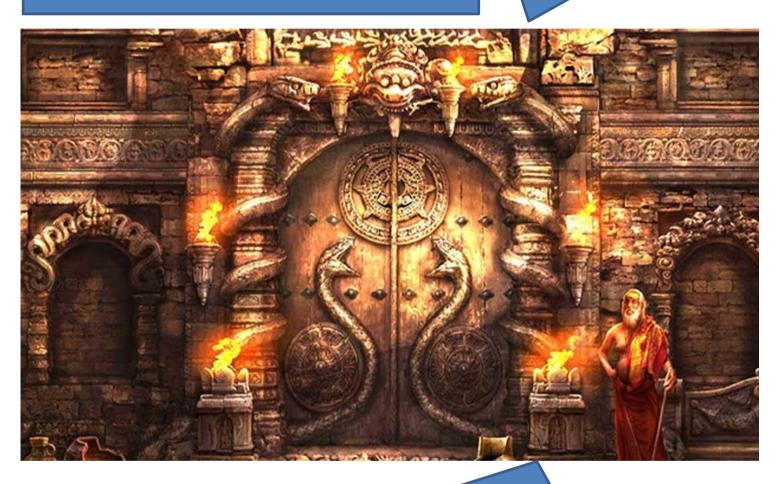
- Journey of a Girl Who Discovers Her Inner Self
- Klara's Box Tapeshaye Delam You and Me





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A real version of Hollywood blockbuster "Indiana Jones", with the multicultural and cross-countries team to protect the treasures of ancient civilization



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The sun's black hole appeared abruptly! The gods in charge of the five major states and the 18 ocean&rivers convened an emergency meeting to develop a rescue plan! http://lbwtech.com/shanhaijing/Eproject.html



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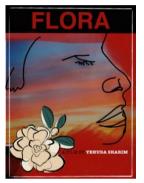
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Turkey | 1:15:00 **Director:** Tugrul Sarikaya

When a young Turkish immigrant arrives in San Francisco, she finds herself inside an ever growing Balkan music scene and sets on a quest to explore how the Bay Area has become such a hotbed for Balkan music, how it influenced the local music scene and how music travels across borders.

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Flora

|United States| 01:20:35
Director: Yehuda Sharim
Flora is a collective memoir interweaving the stories of visionaries and warriors who must teach themselves about love and tenderness in a world dominated by unnecessary suffering and hurt.



Gui

|China|1:36:00 Director: Xuan Cao

When his father was diagnosed with a serious illness, Ji'an left home to earn medical expenses and did not return for ten years. One day, his mother informed him that his father had died of illness. Ji'an faced the confusion of his relatives and villagers.



Maoussi

|France| 1:15:00 Director: Charlotte Schiøler

A dark comedy about the presumptions on love, Babette unexpectedly finds herself sharing her small Parisian apartment with Edo, a Congolese refugee. When Maoussi, an escaped lab mouse makes an appearance, their lives are turned upside down as they try to navigate cultural misunderstandings and conflicting expectations, about what love and parenthood are supposed to look like in 2023.



Mimy & Tony: The Creation of a Dream

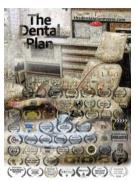
|United States/Peru| 01:42:12

Director: Tony Succar, Santiago Díaz

Delve into the creative journey of Mimy and Tony, a remarkable mother-son duo. From Mimy's humble beginnings as a singer to her resurgence on *La Voz Perú*, this documentary showcases their collaborative Grammy nominated album. With celebrated artists and touching stories woven into each song, it's a testament to their passion and dedication in the world of music.



OFFICIAL SELECTIONS-Feature



The Dental Plan

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|Canada| 1:34:00 Director: Wayne Diu

An unexpected patient takes a dentist and his assistant hostage, revealing uncomfortable truths about society, and most of all, the truths of those trapped in the office with him.

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The Legend of the White Snake

|China|1:30:00 **Director:** Dawei Yin

In order to express her gratitude for saving her life, the thousand-year-old snake demon Bai Suzhen transformed into a human and married her benefactor Xu Xian, thus starting a love story of "human and demon taking different paths".



Rapunzel and the Return of the Falcon

|Germany| 1:27:58

Director: Christoph Heimer

Abandoned by her biological parents as a newborn, Rapunzel lives deep in the forest with the magician Eleonor. When Queen Freya unexpectedly summons the magician to court to witness her son Prince Sigismund's succession ritual, Rapunzel and the prince quickly fall in love. However, Eleonor's past mistakes and Queen Freya's vengeful spirit threatens to keep the pair apart, requiring courage and cunning to let their love prosper.



September

|Spain| 1:23:00 Director: Carlos Acetuino

After the death of her mother, Alma returns to her hometown to care for the family home. Alex, her first love, never left the town and has built his life there. They meet again after 20 years and for a weekend they return to their adolescence feeling the magic that being together gave them. The paths they have taken in their lives and this meeting years later will make them discover who they really are now.



A love story of two generationst

|United States| 139 Director: Weiji Miao

Hexi Village actively develop modern aquaculture industry poverty alleviation story.Village director Wang Dashun and work back home aquatic doctor Zhao Xiaohe is a childhood sweetheart, they came together after resolving the misunderstanding of their parents, together to lead the villagers committed to the development of their hometown.



OFFICIAL SELECTIONS-Feature



Unstoppable

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China 1:33:00 Director: Feng Yang

In 2080, the earth has become a gathering place for immigrants from various planets. When the Pegasus meteor shower suddenly descends onto Earth, Haitian and Yiwen must prevent a dangerous plot for the survival of Earth's inhabitants.



Where Olive Trees Weep

|United States/Palestine| 1:43:14 Director: Zaya Benazzo, Maurizio Benazzo

Where Olive Trees Weep offers a searing window into the struggles and resilience of the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation. It explores themes of loss, trauma, and the quest for justice. This emotional journey bares the humanity of the oppressed, while grappling with the question: what makes the oppressor so ruthlessly blind to its own cruelty?



Muito Amor – Jews and Judaism in Amazonia

|Israel| 01:01:15

Director: Malka Shabtay

An Israeli anthropologist travels throughout Amazonia to meet the descendants of Moroccan Jews who immigrated to the region in 1810. Together they share their unique story of resilience and persistence in this special part of the world, as well as their daily lives and their deep feelings towards their Jewish origins, which sometimes still exist only in their hearts.



New Biography of Xishi

|China|1:52:00

Director: Lu Dai

During the Spring and Autumn Period, the Kingdom of Yue was defeated by the Kingdom of Wu in the Battle of Fuju. Xishi, a girl from Yue, flees with her father to the capital of Wu in order to make a living. When the Wu Kingdom general takes a liking to Xishi, a thrilling sequence of events occurs to bring down the Wu Kingdom and avenge the Kingdom of Yue.



Thank You, Amelia Earhart

United States | 1:26:33 Director: Al Mertens

Health issues are finally forcing the elderly Myrtle out of her house. She's foul-mouthed and bigoted to everyone, including Season, her latest fresh-out-of-school caregiver. The truths the two women learn from each other leave both forever changed.



MAEYA ACADEMY offer innovative programs that designed for a new generation of storytellers – for artists who share a passion for visual and performing arts, across a wide array of media and want to learn by doing with the multicultural background. Classes are taught by award-winning industry professionals, in a real-world environment with state-of-the-art facilities and equipment.

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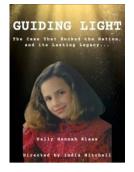
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OFFICIAL SELECTIONS-Youth-made film



Guiding Light

|United States| 5:00 Director: India Anne Mitchell

Through the compelling interviews of the lead prosecutor, the defense attorney and the police chief, *Guiding Light* tells the story of a young teen from a small town in America kidnapped from her bedroom during a slumber party. Director India Mitchell, a teen growing up in the same town thirty years later brings a fresh perspective and highlights the importance of the legacy of this case to the continuing endeavor to keep children safe.

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Whispers of the Shadow

|South Korea| 16:46 **Director:** Hyojin Lee In this documentary, Lee explores the dangers of voice phishing crimes.



A Glimpse of Hope

|United States| 5:00
Director: Brandon Kim
A heartfelt documentary depicting the struggles of a Ukrainian couple victimized by the Russia-Ukraine war that highlights the importance of assisting those in need.



Back to India – An Immigrant Story

|United States| 10:07 **Director:** Zidaan Kapoor Vishal Kapoor returns to his childhood home.

OFFICIAL SELECTIONS-Student Film



Ojue

|Panama| 13:08

Director: Fernando Broce

A Panamanian fashion designer living in the US who is embarrassed about her culture, is forced to bring her father with dementia (who is convinced that he is still in Panama) to her most important exhibition.



Rrmea Over the Clouds

|United Kingdom| 15:00 Director: Renyin Zhang

A young girl named Xiao Yu returns to her hometown in memory under the guidance of God-Sheep, and uncovers an unknown secret of her grandma. This allows her to reconnect the deep emotional relationships between her, her hometown, and her grandma.



OFFICIAL SELECTIONS-Student Film



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The Wall

|China|24:40 Director: Li Yixuan

Xu Qiao's sister suffered from depression and attempted suicide due to frequent browsing of negative information spread by an account on the Internet. Brother Xu Qiao found his friends to find the account holder, and finally discovered that the real murderer was among them.

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OFFICIAL SELECTIONS-Short



Up, Up and Away

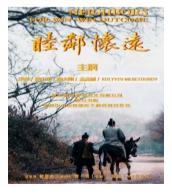
|Hong Kong| 14:00 Director: Kai Yin Canice Tam

"To be a star, you must shine your own light, follow your own path, and must not fear darkness, for that is when the stars shine brightest." TszChun is a shy kid who is always on his own. Facing many hard times and difficulties in life, he has no one to share with but his toy astronaut. One day in school, there was a drama show about outer space exploration. In between fantasy and reality, TszChun embarks on an adventurous journey.



Alma

|Chile | 7:00
Director: Sebastián Claro
Alma (14) is in charge of her brother's, León (8), care in her loneliness. An unfortunate accident will leave her true reality exposed.



Friendly with Neighbors for Win-win Outcome

|China|18:32

Director: Yuanbao Zhang

This film explores the story of Hu Ze, the transshipment envoy of Guangnan West Road during the Song Dynasty, to show that the officials of the Song Dynasty believed in the concept of the world being for the common good, being a good neighbor, and caring for the future.



Journey of a Girl Who Discovers Her Inner Self!

|United States| 3:37 Director: Adrina Isakhani The purpose of this short film is to hope, find, and discover the inner self to move forward and live a prosperous life.



OFFICIAL SELECTIONS-Short



Klara's Box

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|United States| 14:48 Director: ZhuZha Akova

When a down on her luck and grieving young woman receives a business opportunity from a family friend, she has no idea that it will lead her to uncovering the mystery behind her father's recent murder.

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Named after a Duck

|China|7:00 **Director:** Xudong Cui The story looks at the fate of a duck from birth to death. From the perspective of a woman and a man, she is simply a duck. Even so, she still illuminates others with her warmth.



Snail

|China|12:10
 Director: Jiaxing Yang, Lixuan Han
 A girl who loved painting lost her pursuit of her hobby and dream because of her mother who valued academics. A painting competition allows her to gain confidence in her dream



The Tale of Fragrant Rice

and slowly gain her mother's understanding.

|China| 37:42 Director: Mi Yang

It depicts the responsible and accomplished young generation through the village cadre Liu Ye and the young rice expert Wang Sheng, as well as the conflicts among the villagers.



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OFFICIAL SELECTIONS-Documentary Short



My Pretty Horse

|China| 36:41 Director: Dongzhu Cairang

Based on the real life of herders and ethnic customs in Tibetan areas, it tells the touching story of the horseback people's love and respect for horses, and expresses the Tibetan people's broad sentiments of loving life and loving nature. The film aims to sing for the times, create a biography for the people, tell the story of the horse, and enhance cultural confidence.



The Tales of the Blue Sky

United States/Armenia| 43:00

Director: Vruir Tadevosian

This documentary illustrates the impact war has on children. Their stories of challenge, survival and triumph will bring you tears, laughter, and the stark shock and realization, that fate like this can still exist. Hear and see their truths. Take their extended hands, and let them take you into their wondrous worlds.



Happiness from Struggle

|China|22:19

Director: Dongzhu Cairang

The film is based on the national rural revitalization strategy and multiple stories that happened on the Tianjun grassland. With the light and color of the development of the times, it reveals the secrets of Tianjun County, Western Mongolian and Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Qinghai Province before and after poverty alleviation.





|Canada| 16:34

Director: Chad Charles Kirvan, Kasper Wabinski

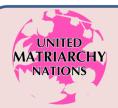
"Finding Community: A Trail Running Community Story" charts the transformative path of a former basketball coach turned long-distance runner. Not just about running, this film is about overcoming personal barriers, finding community, and reconnecting with oneself through the simple act of moving forward. It is a testament to the human spirit's capacity to find new passions and redefine personal limits, even when starting later in life.



I am Kanaka

|United Kingdom| 15:00 Director: Genevieve Sulway

A local Hawaiian hero fights to save his culture by teaching traditions, sustainability and life skills to disadvantaged indigenous kids.



A organization that unit all matriarchy nations, organization, communities together to keep and develop its matriarchy culture, tradition, etc.

United Matriarchy Nations: https://umn.stculture.org/

OFFICIAL SELECTIONS-TV Episode



La Mariachi

|United States| 5:20 Director: Sarah Menasce Love, loss, sickness, and sisterhood. La Mariachi recounts Veronica Robles' turbulent road to success & how she turns pain into strength through the art of Mariachi.



She Marches in Chinatown

|United States| 33:00 Director: Della Chen

In 1952, the Seattle Chinese Community Girls Drill Team was formed. For 70 years, they have performed at parades all around Washington state, inspiring generations. This history is shared by Ruby Chow and her daughter Cheryl Chow from footage filmed in 2002. An inspiring story about belonging, identity, sisterhood, leadership, and a community that has flourished among a diverse group of women despite being in a neighborhood targeted by hate and discrimination.



Tracks

|United States/Netherlands| 10:36 Director: Maclovia G Martel A visual Journey of remembrance in Amsterdam.



Story of Godia

|Libya| 45:00 Director: Mouayed Zabtia

Hussein lives in his father's house, who used the house as a retirement home before he, a number of elderly people, and Hussein's daughter died in a poisoning accident. Now, Hussein's sick son suffers from a disease that requires expensive treatment. The child watches strange happenings in the house.

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OFFICIAL SELECTIONS-Film Song













Zen Nandu

|China|5:50 Artist: Yixue Cao、 Gang Wu Director: Yixue Cao

Beautiful Dream

|China|4:04 Artist:Min Ye、 Rong Qing Singer:Xuan Xuan

Yongkang in The World

|China|4:34 Artist: Yixue Cao、 Moses.W Director: Yuanbao Zhang

Broken Spring

|China|4:12 Artist:Min Ye、 Rong Qing Singer:Yingchun Qu、 Xuefei Zhao、 Yanfei Li

Eve |United States| 2:08 Artist: Ming Chen

Searching for Gur Song

|China|4:11 ArtistNarigele, Sudula, Mengkechaolu Singer:Ayunga



OFFICIAL SELECTIONS-Music video



Black City Nights

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|United States| 4:33 Director: Nathan Castiel

"Black City Nights" is a music video for the disheveled and defeated, a vivid depiction of long sleepless nights, chasing ghosts of one's past and future, lost bets, and blind optimism that the next big break is just around the corner. Christoph Hochheim of Always You shares, "It's about loneliness and what people do to escape it, as well as the hopefulness that keeps us pushing through."

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You and me

United States | 3:34

Director: Minhan Liang

Guided by holy spirit, the protagonist, a girl from the beach, summons three heroines from different dimensions. Together, these three girls embark on a profound journey in search of truth, unraveling a narrative that spans time and space.



Tapeshaye Delam

|United States| 3:32 **Director:** Alex Ferra About the singer's heartbeats for the love of his life. He sings about the excitement of loving and expressing emotions toward his love of life.



Ahora

|Spain| 4:00

Director: Javier Alvarez Solís

Despite medical advances, multiple sclerosis continues to challenge the lives of more than two million people worldwide. A neurologist, a composer, and an association of affected people have embarked on the project NOW WITH MS with a clear message: a diagnosis of multiple sclerosis is not the end. On the contrary, it is a challenge to transform fear and weakness into strengths, so that goals and dreams can be fulfilled.



Sacred Flowers

|United States| 3:52 **Director:** Jeremy Gredone Native American Blues/Rock band BLUE MOUNTAIN TRIBE honors family and loved ones left behind with the grief and loss of thousands of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women.



Stripes |United States| 3:36 Director: Sarah Menasce



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OFFICIAL SELECTIONS-SCRIPT



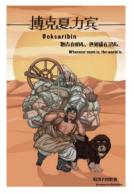
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|United States| 1p Writer: Tracy L Swanson

This is a comedy about a stray bulldog, who oneday is found on the doorstep of a bakery called Stanley's Bagels. Stanley soon discovers the bulldog's love of eating bagels (as it's the only thing he has to feed the stray dog at the bakery) and appropriately names him "Bagel Dog".

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Boke.Xialibin

|China| 80p **Writer:** Batuchaolu

Based on the national heritage of "Shalibor Wrestling", it tells the story of Xialibin who was framed, imprisoned, and burned in order to protect the "gold-spiked deerskin Shalibor" (wrestling waistcoat). The plot revolves around bravery, kindness, family affection, love, and tolerance, unfolding a tear-jerking tragic story.



Brothers Blood

|United States| 90p Writer: CV Herst, Virginia Travers, Scott Amour Jack Irvine is an obsessive recovering 50+ alcohol

Jack Irvine is an obsessive recovering 50+ alcoholic who lives in his Houseboat in Sausalito ,CA. A not so successful painter with a CIA past Jack manages a local café and restaurant in town. When Jack's younger brother Danny commits a crime and goes missing, Jack must recall his detective past to solve the mystery.



Take This Faux Turkey and Shove It!

|United States| 10p Writer: Mia Rivera When the perfect wife tri

When the perfect wife tries to create the perfect Thanksgiving dinner for her Air Force husband's not so perfect family, she may have bitten off more than she can chew.



Uncle Buren and Dog Hairi

|China|58p Writer: Zhizhong Yan

The screenplay is about a moving story concerning a tourist spot called "Uncle Buren and Dog Hairi" on the grassland. The story includes two plots: the first plot tells the story of Hairi, a sheepdog who constructs its kennel beside the grave of Aunt Qiqige, wife of Uncle Buren and savior of Hairi to guard the grave to pay a debt of gratitude. The second plot narrates how Uncle Buren as a herdsman reunites with Dog Hairi after a long and thrilling experience, thus displaying the deep friendship between them.



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Colorful Clouds on the Horizon

|China|69p Writer: Zhizhong Yan

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This screenplay is about the story of a troupe called Ulan Muqir Troupe on the grassland. The troupe endures the ordeals of mountain torrents and sandstorms, fights negative social customs, and develops tourism on the grassland. A plot-based theatrical screenplay, *Colorful Clouds on the Horizon* discusses themes surrounding ethnic minorites.

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SACRED SUN

|United Kingdom| 93p Writer: Micheal Louis Gould

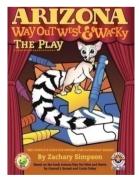
The clock stops time, the mirrors in the house define their own world and the forest fills with silky light. Sacred Sun is a symbolic narrative on the subject of America and the rift that sits at the base of her psyche, impasse between Christian belief and Native vision-dream.



3 Ways to Say I Love You in Danish

|United Kingdom| 25p Writer: Amelya Goldy

A London-based singer has a vivid dream about a gorgeous mystery man. She goes to a Danish Film Club and sees him on screen. He's the lead actor. The next day she finds herself in a bookshop reading about the theory of Twin Flames. She decides she must find a way to meet her Danish film star soulmate, break into his world and not come off like a crazy stalker.



Arizona Way Out West & Wacky: The Play

|United States| 50p Writer: Zachary Simpson

This play explores Arizona's past and present through the journeys of ringtails Johnny and Jayne Ringo, sharing fascinating facts, amusing anecdotes, and touching moments.

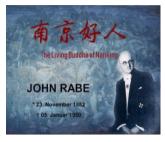


Baby Dormitory

|China|107pWriter: Botong LiuThe hilarious story of four mediocre college students who raise a baby while in college, and who must change their outlook on life and find life goals because of the baby!



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The Good Man of Nanking

|China|55p
Writer: Xiqiang Li
This screenplay is based off the diary of John Rabe, the "Good Man of Nanking" who protected 250,000 Chinese from the Nanking Massacre.

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The Pickleball Killer

|United States| 113p Writer: Jim Carroll

Brigg, an aging pickleball sensation, with supernatural speed, and dark mysterious origin, becomes the target of the Cartel after he inadvertently rescues a young trafficked girl from their clutches. In an attempt to give Amy a better life, he becomes her father figure. Brigg and Amy then take the dangerous mission of rescuing her sister and other girls held by the Cartel.



Roaring Dragon & Masterly Sage

China|55p

Writer: Fengming Liu

In the Kunlun Mountains, the king of all mountains, there lived a sage named Celestial who was proficient in divination and could predict the future and interpret mysteries of nature. He protected people's peaceful lives together with his disciples. Sage Celestial awakened the original nature of the black dragon with his divination skills and sincere compassion, and transformed this divine creature into an auspicious dragon to guard people' lives.



Cave of Reckoning

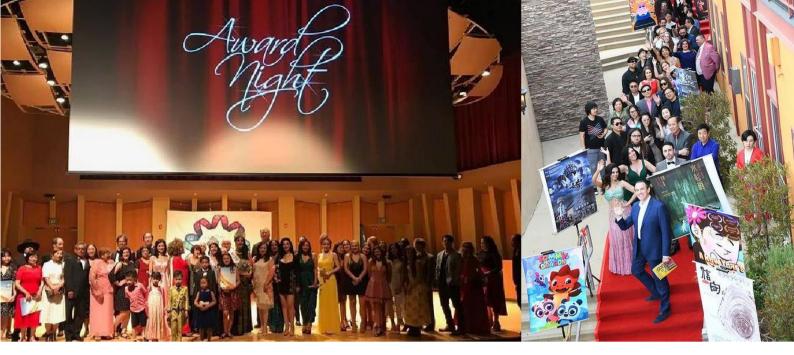
|United States| 11p Writer: Brent L Peterson

Lost in time after entering a supernatural cave, a young Native American girl must find her way back home. In the process, she will lose everything, yet gain a deep connection to her family and culture.



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