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Opening Night Film & After Party	\$15
CUFF Member Entry	\$13

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*Ticket details on page 23*

SERIAL MOM: 30TH ANNIVERSARY	\$12
CUFF Member Entry	\$10

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CUFF Member Entry	\$10
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## GHOSTKEEPER (35MM) – NATIONAL CANADIAN FILM DAY FREE SCREENING

GUEST IN ATTENDANCE



Canada, 1981, 89 min

Wednesday, April 17 | 7:00 PM

**F**or this year's CanFilmDay event, join us for a FREE 35mm film presentation of the homegrown 1981 Alberta supernatural slasher Canuxploitation classic GHOSTKEEPER. Cast & crew will be in attendance for this special reunion screening!

In the atmospheric GHOSTKEEPER, three friends on a New Year's Eve snowmobiling excursion in the Canadian Rockies find themselves stranded at an abandoned lodge, where the elderly female innkeeper is concealing a sinister secret. Unaware of the grave danger that they have put themselves in, they are left wondering who, or what, is the Ghostkeeper, and will anyone survive the night? Co-written and directed by Jim Makichuk in his directorial debut and featuring a cast of Albertan actors including Georgie Collins and Murray Ord, GHOSTKEEPER was filmed on location in Lake Louise and Banff, and is the only Albertan film created under the legendary Canadian tax shelter program in the 1980s.

### WHAT IS CANFILMDAY?

CanFilmDay is a massive, one-day coast-to-coast-to-coast celebration of Canadian cinema. Launched in 2014, CanFilmDay has brought together hundreds of thousands of Canadians, to celebrate our stories and the incredible achievements of our filmmakers. Each year, CUFF hosts Calgary's flagship event.

#### DIRECTOR

Jim Makichuk

#### PRODUCERS

Jim Makichuk  
Harold J. Cole

#### CAST

Riva Spier  
Murray Ord  
Sheri McFadden  
Georgie Collins

#### CINEMATOGRAPHER

John Holbrook

#### SCREENWRITER

Jim Makichuk  
Doug MacLeod

#### STORY CONSULTANT

Dave Makichuk

### PRESENTING PARTNER

**NATIONAL  
CANADIAN  
FILM DAY**

**REEL CANADA**

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## FESTIVAL AWARDS

Each year we offer awards in the following categories:

- Audience Award Best Narrative Feature
- Audience Award Best Documentary Feature
- Audience Award Best Canadian Short
- Audience Award Best International Short
- Jury Award Best Narrative Feature
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## SCHEDULE

APRIL 18 - 28, 2024

### THURSDAY 18

▲ 7:00 PM | I Saw the TV Glow

### FRIDAY 19

▲ 6:00 PM | Indie Game Bash  
▼ 6:45 PM | The Last Stop In Yuma County  
▲ 8:45 PM | Shorts: Inescapable Horror  
▼ 9:30 PM | Humane

### SATURDAY 20

▼ 10:00 AM | Saturday Morning All-  
You-Can-Eat-Cereal Cartoon Party!  
▲ 2:00 PM | Panel ★  
▼ 2:15 PM | Flipside  
▲ 4:15 PM | Shorts: Banquet of  
Consequences  
▼ 4:45 PM | Cube: Vincenzo Natali  
Retrospective  
▲ 7:00 PM | Born Innocent:  
The Redd Kross Story  
▼ 7:30 PM | Rats!  
▲ 9:45 PM | The Last Video Store  
▼ 10:15 PM | Oddity

### SUNDAY 21

▲ 12:30 PM | Roll Bus Roll: A Jeffrey  
Lewis Documentary  
▼ 1:00 PM | Nothing: Vincenzo Natali  
Retrospective  
▲ 3:00 PM | 48-Hour Showcase  
▼ 3:45 PM | Booger  
▼ 6:15 PM | Uncropped  
▲ 6:45 PM | In A Violent Nature  
▼ 9:00 PM | Boy Kills World  
▲ 9:30 PM | Infested

### MONDAY 22

▼ 6:30 PM | Kryptic  
▲ 7:00 PM | Shorts: The Ties That Bind Us  
▼ 9:15 PM | Omen  
▲ 9:45 PM | Off Ramp

### TUESDAY 23

▼ 4:30 PM | Oddity  
▲ 6:30 PM | Scream Of My Blood:  
A Gogol Bordello Story  
▼ 7:00 PM | The Feeling That The Time For  
Doing Something Has Passed  
▲ 9:00 PM | The Vourdalak  
▼ 9:30 PM | A Shit Day

### WEDNESDAY 24

▲ 7:00 PM | John Waters: Devil's Advocate  
▼ 7:30 PM | Loch Ness: They Created A Monster  
▲ 9:00 PM | Serial Mom: 30th Anniversary  
▼ 9:45 PM | Property

### THURSDAY 25

▼ 4:30 PM | The Last Stop In Yuma County  
▲ 6:30 PM | Ghostlight  
▼ 7:00 PM | Art and Life: The Story of Jim  
Phillips  
▲ 9:30 PM | Hippo  
▼ 9:45 PM | Yannick

### FRIDAY 26

▼ 6:30 PM | Flipside  
▲ 7:00 PM | Mother Father Sister Brother  
Frank  
▼ 9:00 PM | I'm 'George Lucas': A Connor Ratliff  
Story  
▲ 9:30 PM | The Blue Rose

### SATURDAY 27

▲ 1:00 PM | Live Script Reading ★  
▼ 1:30 PM | Loch Ness: They Created A Monster  
▼ 4:00 PM | Thank You Very Much  
▲ 4:30 PM | Department of Paranormal Affairs  
▼ 6:30 PM | Babes  
▲ 7:00 PM | Falling Stars  
▼ 9:15 PM | Teaches of Peaches  
▲ 9:45 PM | Cuckoo

### SUNDAY 28

▲ 12:30 PM | Ghostlight  
▼ 1:00 PM | Art and Life: The Story of  
Jim Phillips  
▲ 3:15 PM | The Last Video Store  
▼ 3:45 PM | Never Look Away  
▼ 6:30 PM | Thelma

### LEGEND

▲ Globe Upstairs  
▼ Globe Downstairs  
● Guests in Attendance  
★ Free Event  
■ Encore

## 48-HOUR MOVIE MAKING CHALLENGE SHOWCASE



Sunday, April 21 | 3:00 PM

Canada, 2024, 180 min

**P**resented in partnership with NUTV, join us for the completed shorts showcase of this year's 48-Hour Movie Making Challenge.

All registered teams were provided randomly selected elements – genre, prop and line of dialogue – to include in their film. The teams were given just 48 hours to complete a two to five-minute short film, which will be screened for the first time, with an audience on the big screen! The in competition shorts, which meet all the rules of the challenge, will be juried live at the screening, followed by an awards ceremony. The films will be given jury and audience awards based on how well teams integrated the given elements, and the overall quality of film produced, including story, structure, entertainment factor. One of the most celebrated, fun and must-attend events at CUFF!

### JURY

Vicki Chau: Canadian filmmaker & cultural worker based in Calgary

Liane Cunje: Canadian Producer, Film Programmer & Acquisitions for Vinegar Syndrome Pictures

Kelly Michael Stewart: Founder and Festival Director of the Blood in the Snow Film Festival

### PRESENTING PARTNER



## A SHIT DAY



Tuesday, April 23 | 9:30 PM

Canada, 2023, 91 min  
**Calgary Premiere**

**D**rowning under the abuses of her narcissist ex-husband and condescending boss at the lottery company where she works, a single young mother is having an absurdly shit day.

On the brink of a mental breakdown, Maude is sent to the middle of nowhere Quebec to interview a strange hermit who just won the jackpot. Dealing with an uncooperative man that does not want to speak about his recent winnings, a boss that won't take no for an answer, an angsty teenage son who is tagging along for the drive, and a relentless ex is all just too much. When she accidentally rams her car into a tree, Maude is pushed over the edge in a spectacular fashion, triggering a series of events that there's no turning back from. The French-Canadian dark comedy is the feature directorial debut of CUFF alum Kevin T. Landry (NIGHT CROSSER, winner of the CUFF 2018 Best Canadian Short Award).

*"This refreshing proposition from Kevin T. Landry, infused with black humour, undoubtedly has its place in the current cinematic landscape."* – La Presse

*"A fabulous cast plays these dynamic characters flawlessly and the cinematography is a visual treat that delivers a polished piece of French Provincial noir."* – Edmonton Journal

### DIRECTOR & SCREENWRITER PRODUCERS

Kevin T. Landry Kélyna N. Lauzier  
Macha Houssart

### CAST

Eve Ringuette Réal Bossé  
Louka Amadeo Bélanger-Léons  
Valérie Blais  
Isabelle Giroux

### CINEMATOGRAPHER

Simon Lamarre-Ledoux

## ART AND LIFE: THE STORY OF JIM PHILLIPS



Thursday, April 25 | 7:00 PM  
Sunday, April 28 | 1:00 PM

United States, 2024, 90 min  
**International Premiere**

**E**mbark on the epic ride of Jim Phillips, the genius behind skateboarding and rock culture's electrifying art. Drawing inspiration from his life in Santa Cruz, California, Jim helped shape the golden era of skateboarding.

A pioneer of graphic art, Jim Phillips, known for his bold and eye-popping imagery, has left an unforgettable mark on the world of rock posters, surf, and skateboard art. Jim's journey, from publishing his first artwork in 1962 to becoming the art director for Santa Cruz Skateboards, was instrumental in skateboarding culture. Beneath the thriving success, however, lay the weight of high demands, leading to the closure of Phillips Studios. Jim bounces back by freelancing and reviving his rock poster art career, crafting cherished collectible posters for renowned musicians. This documentary explores Jim's life and career, showcasing his iconic work that both defined an era and secured his place in modern art history.

**DIRECTOR,  
SCREENWRITER &  
PRODUCER**  
John Makens

**CINEMATOGRAPHER**  
Chris Patterson

**CAST**  
Jim Phillips  
Neil Young  
Jeff Grosso  
Rob Roskopp  
Jeff Kendall  
Rich Novak

## BABES



Saturday, April 27 | 6:30 PM

United States, 2024, 109 min  
**Canadian Premiere**

**A**fter becoming pregnant from a one-night stand, Eden, an aggressively single woman, leans on her married best friend and mother of two, Dawn, to guide her through prenatal life and beyond.

Eden, played by the film's co-writer Ilana Glazer best known for her work on BROAD CITY, is a yoga instructor living in New York, who, despite their lifestyle differences, has remained best friends with Dawn (stand-up comedian Michelle Buteau) for nearly 30 years. After a chance subway encounter and one-night stand with a charming actor, Eden finds herself pregnant. A buddy comedy with women at the centre, the film, which had its world premiere at SXSW, explores the pains and joys of new motherhood. It isn't afraid to go raunchy with some gross-out moments, while still focusing on the importance and meaning of female friendship in a heartfelt way.

*"By turns tender and raucous, Pamela Adlon's feature-length directorial debut, BABES, spins the uneasy, unwelcome, weirdly cool corporeal realities of pregnancy into heartfelt comic gold."* – Slant Magazine

*"A comedic gold mine of delightful punch lines."* – TheWrap

**DIRECTOR**  
Pamela Adlon

**SCREENWRITERS**  
Ilana Glazer  
Josh Rabinowitz

**CAST**  
Ilana Glazer  
Michelle Buteau  
John Carroll Lynch  
Hasan Minhaj

**PRODUCERS**  
Ilana Glazer  
Josh Rabinowitz  
Susie Fox  
Ashley Fox  
Breean Pojunas

**CINEMATOGRAPHER**  
Jeffrey Kim

## THE BLUE ROSE



Friday, April 26 | 9:30 PM

United States, 2023, 103 min  
**Alberta Premiere**

A genre-bending surrealist noir set in the 1950s, **THE BLUE ROSE** follows the one-night journey of two rookie detectives as they set out to solve a seemingly clear-cut homicide, only to find themselves in an alternate reality of their worst nightmares.

It's the 1950s and Detective Dalton and Detective Lilly's investigation of a man murdered in his home takes a surrealist turn, as they search for the dead man's wife and anyone who might have a lead on the case. Soon they become immersed in the mysterious world of Tinseltown, and the women who rule it. The impressive feature debut from 18-year-old George Baron who also stars in the film and is best known for his role in **WET HOT AMERICAN SUMMER: FIRST DAY OF CAMP**, **THE BLUE ROSE** is a Lynchian mystery ripped straight from the Golden Age of Hollywood with vibrant production design and on-point performances.

"Fans of David Lynch are sure to be entertained with this head-scratching and kooky story that embraces the bygone decade of the fifties." – *Hollywood News*

**DIRECTOR & SCREENWRITER**  
George Baron

**CAST**  
Ray Wise  
Danielle Bisutti  
Logan Miller  
Olivia Scott Welch

**PRODUCERS**  
Andra Gordon  
Sarena Khan

**CINEMATOGRAPHER**  
Blaine Dunkley

## BOOGER



Sunday, April 21 | 3:45 PM

United States, 2023, 78 min  
**Alberta Premiere**

After her dead friend's cat runs away, Anna grows desperate to find him, ignoring the fact that her life (and body) are totally falling apart.

An eerie and strange cringe-comedy. When her best friend Izzy unexpectedly dies in a bike accident, Anna (Grace Glowicki, **STRAWBERRY MANSION**) struggles to put the pieces back together. Before she even has a chance to process, Booger, Izzy's cat, escapes the Brooklyn apartment they used to share. As she turns her already unstable life upside down looking for him, a gnarly cat bite results in terrifying and surprising physical changes. Anna must face her grief head on before it consumes her completely. **BOOGER** is a film about losing your best friend and losing control, taking viewers on a surprising, grossly sweet journey.

"Body horror meets mumblecore in Mary Dauterman's feature debut, which follows a young woman whose mourning period includes meowing." – *Dread Central*

**DIRECTOR & SCREENWRITER**  
Mary Dauterman

**PRODUCER**  
Lexi Tannenholtz

**CINEMATOGRAPHER**  
Kenny Suleimanagich

**CAST**  
Grace Glowicki  
Garrick Bernard  
Marcia DeBonis  
Heather Matarazzo  
Sofia Dobrushin  
David Rysdahl  
Jordan Carlos  
Richard Perez

## I DON'T LIKE MONDAYS



Canada, 2023, 3 min  
**DIRECTOR:** Dara Moats

A short experimental found footage documentary about school shooter, Brenda Spencer.

## BORN INNOCENT: THE REDD KROSS STORY



Saturday, April 20 | 7:00 PM

United States, 2023, 92 min  
**Canadian Premiere**

With an influence reaching across the genres of punk, college rock, grunge, metal and indie rock, **BORN INNOCENT** makes the case for Redd Kross as the seminal Los Angeles band of the last half century.

Formed in 1978 by brothers Jeff and Steve McDonald, and still actively playing and recording today, Redd Kross are the ultimate rock and roll lifers. They have influenced independent music in ways that beg to be acknowledged. From inventing Beach Punk to influencing the Grunge and Hair Metal movements, Redd Kross have maintained the highest level of musical integrity, originality and quality for over 40 years. The McDonald Brothers are the underappreciated link between countless threads of Los Angeles rock, embodying Southern California, rock and roll, and what it means to be an artist.

**DIRECTOR**  
Andrew Reich

**CINEMATOGRAPHER**  
Steve Appleford

**PRODUCERS**  
Julian Cautherley  
Andrew Reich

## AFTERPARTY AT THE PALOMINO

Following the screening of **BORN INNOCENT: THE REDD KROSS STORY**, there will be an after-party at The Palomino Smokehouse and Social Club featuring Neon Taste Records DJs and live music including Witch Victim, Cat Piss, Uncle Monty & More. Tickets cost \$14.

## BOY KILLS WORLD



Sunday, April 21 | 9:00 PM

Germany / South Africa / United States, 2023, 115 min  
**Alberta Premiere**

In this dystopian action film, Bill Skarsgård stars as "Boy" who vows revenge after his family is murdered by a deranged matriarch of a corrupt post-apocalyptic dynasty that left the boy orphaned, deaf, and voiceless.

Driven by his inner voice, one which he co-opted from his favourite childhood video game, Boy trains with a mysterious shaman to become an instrument of death and is set loose on the eve of the annual culling of dissidents. Bedlam ensues as Boy commits bloody martial arts mayhem, inciting a wrath of carnage. As he tries to get his bearings in this delirious realm, Boy soon falls in with a desperate resistance group, all the while bickering with the apparent ghost of his rebellious little sister.

"A high-octane action extravaganza sure to satiate genre fans' delirious bloodlust." – *The Daily Beast*

"It delivers exactly what it says on the tin, a gleeful orgy of violence and blood-letting – wrapped in a stylish and imaginative package." – *The Playlist*

**DIRECTOR**  
Moritz Mohr

**PRODUCERS**  
Zainab Azizi  
Wayne Fitzjohn

**SCREENWRITERS**  
Tyler Burton Smith  
Arend Remmers  
Moritz Mohr

Dan Kagan  
Alex Lebovici  
Roy Lee  
Stuart Manashil  
Sam Raimi  
Simon Swart

**CAST**  
Bill Skarsgård  
Jessica Rothe  
Michelle Dockery  
Jon Benjamin

## THE TOWER



Canada, 2024, 5 min  
**DIRECTOR:** Alex Mitchell

A young woman engages the services of a tarot card reader and gets more than she bargained for.

CUBE: VINCENZO NATALI  
RETROSPECTIVE



Guest in Attendance  
Saturday, April 20 | 4:45 PM

Canada, 1997, 90 min

A group of strangers awaken to find themselves placed in a giant cube, and must work together to escape an endless maze of deadly traps. See the 1997 breakout film as part of CUFF’s Vincenzo Natali retrospective! Director Vincenzo Natali and lead actors David Hewlett and Andrew Miller in attendance!

A man named Alderson awakens in a mysterious cube-shaped room with hatches on each wall, ceiling, and floor. Each hatch leads to similar interconnected rooms. He enters another room, but is killed by a razor wire trap. To avoid Alderson’s fate, his remaining counterparts, each of them gifted with a special skill – a cop, a math whiz, a building designer, a doctor, an escape master, and a disabled man – join forces in an attempt to break free from the bizarre and deadly labyrinth of cube-shaped rooms.

Vincenzo Natali is a Canadian film director and screenwriter, known for sci-fi and horror films such as CUBE (1997), CYPHER (2002), NOTHING (2003), and SPLICE (2009). CUBE was Natali’s directorial debut, and became success worldwide, breaking box office records for a Canadian film. CUBE received five Genie Award nominations, and won Best Canadian First Feature at the Toronto International Film Festival. As part of the retrospective CUFF is also showing NOTHING on Sunday, April 21.

- DIRECTOR**

Vincenzo Natali

**SCREENWRITERS**

Andre Bijelic  
Vincenzo Natali  
Graeme Manson

**PRODUCERS**

Betty Orr  
Mehra Meh
- CST**

Nicole De Boer  
Nicky Guadagni  
David Hewlett  
Andrew Miller  
Julian Richings

**CINEMATOGRAPHER**

Derek Rogers

CUCKOO



Saturday, April 27 | 9:45 PM

Germany / United States, 2024, 103 min  
Canadian Premiere

On a trip to the German Alps with her father and stepmother, Gretchen discovers that the resort town where they’re staying hides sinister secrets, as she’s plagued by strange noises and frightening visions of a woman pursuing her.

Reluctantly, 17-year-old Gretchen leaves her American home to live with her father, who has just moved into a resort in the German Alps with his new family. Arriving at their future residence, they are greeted by Mr. König, her father’s boss, who takes an inexplicable interest in Gretchen’s mute half-sister Alma. Something doesn’t seem right in this tranquil vacation paradise. Gretchen is plagued by strange noises and bloody visions until she discovers a shocking secret that also concerns her own family. The film, shot on 35 mm, features EUPHORIA’s star Hunter Schafer alongside a brilliant and terrifying Dan Stevens. Following his festival sensation LUZ, German director Tilman Singer has once again succeeded in creating an atmospheric and visually outstanding horror trip with an original plot and perfidious twists.

“Sure to be a cult classic, it’s quite literally cuckoo – and often gloriously so.” – Time Out

“A fun midnight genre romp ... It’s incredibly strange and deviously fun.” – Mashable

- DIRECTOR & SCREENWRITER**

Tilman Singer

**PRODUCERS**

Markus Halberschmidt  
Josh Rosenbaum  
Maria Tsigka  
Ken Kao  
Thor Bradwel
- CST**

Hunter Schafer  
Jessica Henwick  
Dan Stevens  
Marton Csokas  
Mila Lieu

**CINEMATOGRAPHER**

Paul Faltz

DEPARTMENT OF PARANORMAL  
AFFAIRS: EPISODIC SERIES



Guest in Attendance  
Saturday, April 27 | 4:30 PM

Canada, 2024, 60 min  
International Premiere

The Department of Paranormal Affairs is a special branch of the government that deals with the day-to-day problems of vampires, werewolves, ghosts, goblins, and anything else that goes bump in the night. See the World Premiere of the Alberta-created, six-part episodic short form series, with cast and crew in attendance!

You know all of the monsters from scary stories? They’re totally real, but they’re just trying to get by like the rest of us. The Department of Paranormal Affairs, a special branch of the government, and its employees Jenny Hicks (Nancy Ngo) and Scott Power (David Feehan), led by Director Greg LeGrow (Donovan Workun), are the civil servants dedicated to dealing with the ordinary problems of extraordinary beings. Scott does things by the book, Jenny’s never read a book, and Greg couldn’t care less what either of them does – but they’ll all have to work together if they’re going to keep the paranormal world safe.

- DIRECTOR**

Michael Peterson

**SCREENWRITERS**

David Feehan  
Jessy Ardern

**CINEMATOGRAPHER**

David Baron
- PRODUCERS**

Don Depoe  
Michael Feehan  
David Feehan  
Dept.9 Studios

**CAST**

David Feehan  
Nancy Ngo  
Donovan Workun

**NIGHT DRIVES**



Canada, 2023, 17 min  
DIRECTOR: Jono Hunter

Six short episodes from Season 2 of the award-winning animated web series NIGHT DRIVES. Somewhere between waking life and a dream, you will be treated to surrealist stories.

FALLING STARS



Guest in Attendance  
Saturday, April 27 | 7:00 PM

United States, 2023, 80 min  
Alberta Premiere

On the first night of harvest in the American West, three brothers set out for the desert to see a witch’s corpse.

In a reality where witches descend from the heavens on a fateful night in late October each year to harvest vulnerable humans, three brothers and a friend ignore the town curfew to search for the body of a witch who the friend shot down and buried in the desert the previous year. Despite knowing the very strict rules about how to behave around the exhumed body, the youngest brother accidentally desecrates the corpse, setting off a fateful chain of events. Now, no one is safe on harvest night.

“A visually striking tale of superstition and familial bonds.” – THN

- DIRECTORS**

Gabriel Bienczycki  
Richard Karpala

**SCREENWRITER**

Richard Karpala

**PRODUCERS**

Richard Karpala  
Gabriel Bienczycki

**CINEMATOGRAPHER**

Gabriel Bienczycki
- CST**

Piotr Adamczyk  
Rene Leech  
Shaun Duke Jr  
Andrew Gabriel  
Greg Poppa  
J. Aaron Boykin  
Diane Worman

**THE MAKESHIFT SHRINE**



Canada, 2024, 6 min  
DIRECTOR: Rino Mioc

When Sylvia interrupts her partner’s obscure holiday tradition, the couple are thrown into a nightmarish confrontation with an ancient being.

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## THE FEELING THAT THE TIME FOR DOING SOMETHING HAS PASSED



Tuesday, April 23 | 7:00 PM

United States, 2023, 87 min  
**Alberta Premiere**

Joanna Arnow's hilarious comedy, executive produced by Sean Baker, follows a 30-something New York woman as time passes in her long-term casual BDSM relationship, low-level corporate job, and quarrels some Jewish family.

A complex look at the mosaic of experience that informs who we become, the indie comedy is divided into chapters named for the different men Ann (Arnow playing a comedic version of herself), sleeps with or considers dating. While we watch her struggle with the perils of HR and office life, as well as time spent with her parents (also played by Arnow's real-life parents), the narrative feature directorial debut by this rising talent, who also wrote the film, had its world-premiere in Cannes' Directors' Fortnight and earned her a nomination for the "Someone to Watch Award" at the 2024 Independent Spirit Awards. Settle in for a mix of lewd, mundane, dry, awkward, and cringe, with a funny, deadpan lead performance.

**DIRECTOR & SCREENWRITER**  
Joanna Arnow

**PRODUCERS**  
Graham Swon  
Pierce Varous

**CINEMATOGRAPHER**  
Barton Cortright

**CAST**  
Joanna Arnow  
Scott Cohen  
Babak Tafti  
Alysia Reiner  
Peter Vack

### LIMERENCE

USA, 2023, 4 min  
DIRECTOR: Sydney Task

As capitalism runs rampant in an outdated world, the owner of a sweet shop abuses her access to gelatinous goods, rotting out her teeth in hopes of returning to a handsome dentist.

## FLIPSIDE



Saturday, April 20 | 2:15 PM  
Friday, April 26 | 6:30 PM

United States, 2024, 96 min  
**Alberta Premiere**

Exploring themes of art and failure, FLIPSIDE is a comical attempt to save a New Jersey record store and confront a mid-life crisis.

When filmmaker Chris Wilcha revisits the record store he worked at as a teenager in New Jersey, he finds the once-thriving bastion of music and weirdness from his youth slowly falling apart. FLIPSIDE documents his tragicomic attempt to revive the store, while revisiting other documentary projects he has abandoned over the years. In the process, Wilcha captures "This American Life" icon Ira Glass in the midst of a creative rebirth, discovers the origin story of David Bowie's ode to a local New Jersey cable television hero, and uncovers the unlikely connection between jazz photographer Herman Leonard and TV writer David Milch. This disparate collection of stories coheres into something strange and expansive—a moving meditation on music, work, and the sacrifices and satisfaction of trying to live a creative life.

"FLIPSIDE takes viewers on a journey up river into the dark heart of the creative process where one fights the strong current of procrastination." – POV Magazine

"It's beautiful and inspiring, and it might just spur you into some mind-f\*cking self-reflection. Good luck." – Mashable

**DIRECTOR**  
Chris Wilcha

### SCREENWRITERS

Joe Beshenkovsky  
Adam Samuel Goldman  
Chris Wilcha

### CAST

Ira Glass  
Judd Apatow

### PRODUCERS

Joe Beshenkovsky  
Michelle Currinder  
Alex Fisch  
Adam Samuel Goldman  
James A Smith  
Chris Wilcha

### CINEMATOGRAPHER

Adam Beckman

## GHOSTLIGHT



Thursday, April 25 | 6:30 PM  
Sunday, April 28 | 12:30 PM

United States, 2024, 115 min  
**International Premiere**

When a construction worker unexpectedly joins a local theatre's production of ROMEO AND JULIET, the drama onstage starts to mirror his own life.

Melancholic construction worker Dan Mueller is a blue-collar father and husband trying to cope with the suicide of his son a year earlier. When an actor named Rita draws Dan into her small community theater's production of ROMEO AND JULIET, Dan meets a group of small-time thespians whose friendship helps him move forward through grief, despite keeping the role a secret from his wife and daughter. However, as the drama onstage starts to resemble his life, he and his family are forced to confront a personal loss.

"A little indie gem that comes together almost perfectly." – The Playlist

"A beautifully woven tale on the constructive ways that life and art reflect, propel, and imitate each other." – Harper's Bazaar

**DIRECTORS**  
Alex Thompson  
Kelly O'Sullivan

**SCREENWRITER**  
Kelly O'Sullivan

### CAST

Keith Kupferer  
Katherine Mallen Kupferer  
Tara Mallen  
Dolly De Leon

**PRODUCERS**  
Ian Keiser  
Alex Wilson  
Pierce Cravens  
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## HIPPO



Thursday, April 25 | 9:30 PM

United States, 2023, 100 min  
**Alberta Premiere**

**H**ippo, a peculiar adolescent, and his Hungarian step-sister Buttercup struggle to come of age in late 1990s America, under the roof of a mother who has been institutionalized at least once.

Loosely based on the Greek tragedy 'Hippolytus' — HIPPO examines the coming-of-age of two step-siblings: Hippo, a video-game addicted teenager, and Buttercup, a Hungarian Catholic immigrant with a love of classical music and Jesus. Like the Ancient Greek Aphrodite, Buttercup's love is unrequited by a young man who prefers to indulge the art of war and chaos. The film aptly captures the tumult of one's teenage years, within a repressed religious household. It is a cautionary tale about the dangers of something one cannot avoid—your DNA. You can escape a monster, a ghost, even a vampire, but not your family; a fact is both horrific and hilarious, and the film revels in both sides.

*"Rapaport plays with topics that would make even the most hardened film fan blush... all with a formalist structure and aesthetic crafted to lend a sense of authority to this grotesque existence."*  
— ScreenAnarchy

*"HIPPO has all the hallmarks of being a cult-classic and is a welcome addition to the world of cinematic transgression."* — The Curb

### DIRECTOR

Mark H. Rapaport

### SCREENWRITERS

Kimball Farley  
Mark H. Rapaport

### PRODUCERS

Anthony Argento  
Mark H. Rapaport

### CAST

Kimball Farley  
Lilla Kizlinger  
Eliza Roberts  
Eric Roberts  
Jesse Pimentel  
Vann Barrett

### CINEMATOGRAPHER

William Tracy Babcock

## HUMANE



Friday, April 19 | 9:30 PM

Canada, 2024, 93 min  
**Alberta Premiere**

**T**he feature directorial debut of Caitlin Cronenberg, the dystopian thriller takes place over a single day, mere months after a global ecological collapse has forced world leaders to take extreme measures to reduce the earth's population.

In a wealthy enclave, a recently retired newsman has invited his four grown children to dinner to announce his intentions to enlist in the nation's new euthanasia program. But when the father's plan goes horribly awry, tensions flare and chaos erupt among his children. Shot on location in Hamilton, ON, the film stars Jay Baruchel, Emily Hampshire, and Peter Gallagher. Following in the footsteps of Canadian icons, her father David and brother Brandon, Caitlin lives up to the type of filmmaking her family is known for: an impressive thriller, with heart, humour, violence, and just the right amount of blood.

### DIRECTOR

Caitlin Cronenberg

### SCREENWRITER & PRODUCER

Michael Sparaga

### CINEMATOGRAPHER

Douglas Koch

### CAST

Jay Baruchel  
Emily Hampshire  
Enrico Colantoni  
Peter Gallagher

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## OPENING NIGHT FILM: I SAW THE TV GLOW



United States, 2024, 100 min  
**Canadian Premiere**

Thursday, April 18 | 7:00 PM

**T**his year's Opening Night Film is the Canadian premiere of the Sundance 2024 A24 release from visionary filmmaker Jane Schoenbrun (WE'RE ALL GOING TO THE WORLD'S FAIR).

When a lonely teenager is introduced by a classmate to a mysterious late-night TV show, the world within the show begins to feel more real than real life. Owen is just trying to make it through life in the suburbs. This all changes when a friend shows him a TV program, which offers a vision of a supernatural world beneath their own. In the pale glow of the television, Owen's view of reality begins to crack. Shot on gorgeously hypersaturated 35mm and fuzzed-out VHS with an original soundtrack, Jane Schoenbrun's evocative and uncanny story of suburban horrors and coming of age in the mid-1990s creates a foreboding feeling that unspools across decades before reaching a breaking point. Starring Justice Smith in a jaw-droppingly authentic performance and featuring bit parts from icons such as Phoebe Bridgers and Fred Durst, I SAW THE TV GLOW is a haunting tale of self-actualization that will not soon be forgotten.

*"A masterclass in queer storytelling whose genre ethos elevate it to new heights."*  
— Dread Central

*"Bold, unhinged, extremely unusual, and also kind of magnificent ... you'll be talking about this horror film all year."*  
— Collider

**DIRECTOR & SCREENWRITER**  
Jane Schoenbrun

**PRODUCERS**  
Sarah Winshall  
Fruit Tree  
Sam Intili

**CAST**  
Brigette Lundy-Paine  
Justice Smith  
Ian Foreman  
Helena Howard  
Fred Durst  
Danielle Deadwyler

**CINEMATOGRAPHER**  
Eric Yue

## OPENING NIGHT AFTERPARTY

Join us after the film for drinks, food, and music at The Derrick across the street from Globe Cinema (620 8 Ave SW). Special DJ set from CJSW's Station Manager Adam Kamis. Tickets cost \$15 (\$13 for CUFF members) and include both the film and afterparty. Multi-pack tickets are not accepted.

## I'M 'GEORGE LUCAS': A CONNOR RATLIFF STORY



Friday, April 26 | 9:00 PM

United States, 2024, 90 min  
**International Premiere**

Five years into performing as renowned filmmaker George Lucas in his NY cult comedy talk show, comedian Connor Ratliff questions the need for its continuation and his drive for success.

Co-hosted by actor Griffin Newman and featuring A-list guests, "The George Lucas Talk Show", allows Connor to both exalt and poke fun at the vast world of Lucas, including STAR WARS. However, Connor begins to question if the show should continue due to its ongoing stress with little financial and career gain. By following the live performances and behind the scenes for one year, the mysteries of Connor's inner self are explored in this portrait of an artist.

*"I'M 'GEORGE LUCAS': A CONNOR RATLIFF STORY may lead the way for the keys to success and happiness."*  
– Film Threat

*"What we learn about Ratliff ... [is] that what drives us shouldn't be grind culture, shouldn't be fame or fortune, but success as defined by personal satisfaction."*  
– Elements of Madness

### DIRECTOR

Ryan Jacobi

### CAST

Connor Ratliff  
Griffin Newman  
Patrick Cotnoir

### PRODUCERS

Annamaria Sofillas  
Ryan Jacobi  
Marsh Chamberlain

### CINEMATOGRAPHER

Marsh Chamberlain

## IN A VIOLENT NATURE



Sunday, April 21 | 6:45 PM

Canada, 2024, 94 min  
**Canadian Premiere**

This Sundance-selected ambient slasher from Canadian filmmaker Chris Nash (Z IS FOR ZYGOTE) methodically depicts the enigmatic resurrection, rampage, and retribution of an undead monster in the remote wilderness.

When a locket is removed from a collapsed fire tower in the woods that entombs the rotting corpse of Johnny, a vengeful spirit who was the victim of a horrific 60-year-old crime, his body is resurrected, and he's hell-bent on retrieving what's his. The undead golem hones in on the group of vacationing teens responsible for the theft, and in his mission to get the locket back proceeds to methodically slaughter them one by one, along with anyone in his way. One of the few slasher films to be shot from the killer's POV, IN A VIOLENT NATURE is a modern Canadian horror classic in the making.

*"You've never seen a horror film like writer-director Chris Nash's IN A VIOLENT NATURE."* – Collider

*"One of the kills executed so beautifully IN A VIOLENT NATURE feels like a shoo-in for the year's best and most memorable."* – Film School Rejects

### DIRECTOR & SCREENWRITER

Chris Nash

### CAST

Ry Barrett  
Andrea Pavlovic  
Cameron Love  
Charlotte Creaghan  
Liam Leone

### PRODUCERS

Shannon Hanmer  
Peter Kuplowsky

### CINEMATOGRAPHER

Pierce Derks

## INFESTED



Sunday, April 21 | 9:30 PM

United States / France, 2023, 106 min  
**Canadian Premiere**

Residents of a rundown French apartment building battle against an army of deadly, rapidly reproducing spiders.

Kaleb is a small-time hustler with a passion for exotic critters. His room is filled with vivariums, and he makes money by selling sneakers to the residents of his building in the Paris suburbs. On one fateful day, Kaleb purchases a big exotic spider from the back office of his friend Ali's bodega. When the spider escapes its makeshift shoebox pet carrier, Kaleb barricades his room in hopes of containing the exotic creature, but to no avail. Soon, Kaleb and his neighbours are in a fight for their lives against the venomous arachnid menace. INFESTED is the debut feature from Sébastien Vanicek, a rising talent who will be in the director's chair for the next EVIL DEAD movie.

*"With amazing creature effects and a story that cares about its characters, INFESTED is the best spider horror film in recent memory."* – Dread Central

*"Vanicek has crafted what is possibly the best 'when spiders attack' movie in over 30 years, and that is no small feat. INFESTED, for lack of a better phrase, has plenty of bite."* – Bloody Disgusting

### DIRECTOR

Sébastien Vanicek

### CAST

Théo Christine  
Sofia Lesaffre  
Jérôme Niel

### SCREENWRITERS

Florent Bernard  
Sébastien Vanicek

### CINEMATOGRAPHER

Alexandre Jamin

### PRODUCER

Harry Tordjman

## JOHN WATERS: DEVIL'S ADVOCATE



Wednesday, April 24 | 7:00 PM

United States, 2024, 90 min

A one-night only spoken-word show from John Waters presented as part of the 21st Calgary Underground Film Festival!

John Waters. Is he a cautionary contrarian, a reactionary radical, or a true devil's advocate? In this all-new, fast-moving, part-confessional, part-inquisitorial comic spoken word show, this fifth elder, known for his "transgressive" films and his "subversive" books, salutes the new gender-guerilla generation of today for doing the impossible - actually making him nervous. Together, he demands, we must form a new rainbow of rancid colors and seize back the sexual revolution from the self-righteousness of the left and the intolerance of the right. A new middle-of-the-road madness that uses humor as terrorism, wit as ammunition. A happy family of all-age, cuckoo crossover: hip-hop hippies, pansy punks, queer gangstas, down-low hos, and shit-kicking skeezers. We're here. We sneer. Don't get used to us. John Waters - he's the Devil's Advocate and his questions must be answered.

Following this event, John Waters will introduce the 30th anniversary screening of his film SERIAL MOM.

### TICKET INFORMATION:

\$80 – VIP: Seating in the centre section of the first six rows for DEVIL'S ADVOCATE, limited edition poster illustrated by Tom Bagley (signed by John Waters) & SERIAL MOM. \*Limited VIP tickets are available.  
\$60 – DEVIL'S ADVOCATE & SERIAL MOM  
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Festival passes and multi-packs are not accepted for this event.

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**RISE UP**

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Monday, April 22 | 6:30 PM

Canada / United Kingdom, 2024, 99 min  
Canadian Premiere

A Canadian psycho-thriller about a woman’s search for a missing monster hunter and her growing realization that she is inescapably linked to the creature being pursued.

Kay is in trouble. A strange encounter in the woods has left her with no memory. Only one thing is certain: she is the spitting image of missing monster hunter, Barb Valentine. When an intruder breaks into her house, she runs, with no idea where she’s going; but she knows her only chance to reconnect is to shed more light onto Barb’s mysterious disappearance. Random encounters seem to point her in the right direction, but what was hoped to be a journey of self-discovery gradually becomes a hunt for the monster itself. Director Kourtney Roy’s visionary debut feature, shot in British Columbia, takes us into the heart of Canadian sasquatch country, which serves as a backdrop for this offbeat psychological thriller.

**DIRECTOR**  
Kourtney Roy

**CAST**  
Chloe Pirrie  
Jeff Gladstone  
Jason Deline  
Ali Rusu-Tahir  
Christina Meredith Lewall  
Patti Allen

**SCREENWRITER**  
Paul Bromley

**PRODUCERS**  
Amber Ripley  
Sophie Venner  
Josh Huculiak

**CINEMATOGRAPHER**  
David Bird

**THE SAINT & BEAR**



Canada, 2024, 7 min  
DIRECTOR: Dallas R Soonias

Two strangers cross paths on an ominous park bench.

THE LAST STOP IN YUMA COUNTY



Friday, April 19 | 6:45 PM  
Thursday, April 25 | 4:30 PM

United States, 2023, 90 min  
Alberta Premiere

A traveling knife salesman is stranded and forced to wait at a rural rest stop, and suddenly finds himself in the middle of a violent hostage situation upon the arrival of two bank robbers who are on the run after a recent heist.

The debut feature from writer/director/editor Francis Galluppi, is a neo-western heist thriller that channels Tarantino and the Coen Brothers, among other greats. Featuring a killer soundtrack of jukebox hits and an incredible ensemble cast including Jim Cummings (THUNDER ROAD), Jocelin Donahue (THE HOUSE OF THE DEVIL), Richard Brake (MANDY), and Faizon Love (FRIDAY) LAST STOP IN YUMA COUNTY will have you on the edge of your seat.

“Director Francis Galluppi transcends expectations of the Western to create a sun-bleached crime thriller that’ll have you on the edge of your seat.” – Dread Central

“A cold-hearted, blood-soaked, grimy B-movie of the highest order, just like the Coen brothers used to make.” – Third Coast Review

**DIRECTOR & SCREENWRITER**  
Francis Galluppi

**CAST**  
Jim Cummings  
Jocelin Donahue  
Richard Brake  
Nicholas Logan  
Faizon Love  
Barbara Crampton

**PRODUCERS**  
Francis Galluppi  
Matt O’Neill  
Atif Malik

**CINEMATOGRAPHER**  
Mac Fiskén

THE LAST VIDEO STORE



Saturday, April 20 | 9:45 PM  
Sunday, April 28 | 3:15 PM

Canada, 2023, 79 min  
Calgary Premiere

In this love letter to the era of the video store, we follow Nyla who accidentally uncovers a “cursed” VHS tape from Albertan-born filmmakers Cody Kennedy and Tim Rutherford (aka House of Heathens).

A magical VHS tape holds the power to connect the real world to a dimension where movie fantasy exists as reality. Nyla and the video store owner (played by Kevin Martin, owner of Edmonton’s cult video store, The Lobby) unwittingly awaken a long-dormant curse that unleashes a series of classic cinematic villains plucked from the bowels of the B-movies themselves. A true celebration B-movie glory, THE LAST VIDEO STORE is a charming homage to videostores, slashers, and film nerds. With a story honouring Canuxploitation and showcasing Alberta talent, this is a crowd-pleaser with loads of gore, and character parodies offering a blast of nostalgic fun.

“A meta-horror blast of nostalgia about how loving movies can be both a blessing and a curse.” – SlashFilm

“Those lamenting the loss of physical media as society transitions to digital will probably find comfort in Cody Kennedy and Tim Rutherford’s THE LAST VIDEO STORE.” – Dread Central

**DIRECTORS**  
Cody Kennedy  
Tim Rutherford

**CAST**  
Kevin Martin  
Yaayaa Adams  
Matthew Kennedy  
Joshua Lenner  
Leland Tilden

**SCREENWRITERS**  
Joshua Roach  
Tim Rutherford

**PRODUCERS**  
Laurence Gendron  
Greg Jeffs

**CINEMATOGRAPHER**  
Benji Irwin

LOCH NESS: THEY CREATED A MONSTER



Wednesday, April 24 | 7:30 PM  
Saturday, April 27 | 1:30 PM

Ireland / United Kingdom, 2023, 91 min  
North American Premiere

A fresh take on Scotland’s most famous story – the unbelievable story behind the unbelievable story of the search for the Loch Ness Monster.

Rumours and sightings of a dinosaur-like creature had persisted at the Loch for decades, and the 1970s saw a frenzy of Monster Hunting. From Japan, the US, and across the world, World War 2 veterans, mad scientists, and hippies were drawn to a remote lake in the highlands of Scotland competing in a search for what they passionately believed would be the Natural History Discovery of the Century. But the deeper they looked, the darker it got. Monster egos, fakes and frustrations, rivalries, and ridicule mean that Loch Ness quickly became home to a very different type of monster.

“Here’s one for Nessie enthusiasts and cryptozoologists everywhere: a documentary about the monster-hunting frenzy at Loch Ness in the 1970s and 80s.” – Guardian

“With knife threats, a Molotov cocktail and a mysterious disappearance all coming into the picture, there’s plenty to reassure viewers of the old adage that man is the real monster.” – Eye for Film

**DIRECTOR & SCREENWRITER**  
John MacLavery

**CINEMATOGRAPHERS**  
Carlo D’Alessandro  
Stephen Gourlay  
Sarah Howitt

**PRODUCER**  
John Archer

**THE LURE**



UK, 2023, 1 min  
DIRECTOR: Tony Hipwell

Late at night, a lone fisherman discovers he is not the only one hoping to hook something.

## MOTHER FATHER SISTER BROTHER FRANK



GUEST IN ATTENDANCE

Friday, April 26 | 7:00 PM

Canada, 2024, 85 min  
**Canadian Premiere**

The Jennings family couldn't be more painfully suburban, but when asshole Uncle Frank crashes their weekly Sunday dinner with a nasty surprise, murder turns up on the menu.

Sunday family dinner is off to its usual start: Dad's had too much to drink, Jim is buried in his phone, Jolene is irritated, and Mom's doing her best to cover the silence with idle chit-chat. They might seem like a happy family of four, but under the surface, something is off. When Uncle Frank shows up, and the adult children learn that Frank has been blackmailing their parents for the family's beloved childhood home and a secret \$5 million nest egg, the Jennings' thoughts turn to murder. Can the seemingly perfect family overcome secrets, dysfunction and the distances between them to learn that ultimately, the family that slays together, stays together?

**DIRECTOR &  
SCREENWRITER**  
Caden Douglas

**CAST**  
Enrico Colantoni  
Mindy Cohn  
Melanie Leishman  
Iain Stewart  
Juan Chioran

**PRODUCERS**  
Michael Lomenda  
Matt Schieter

**CINEMATOGRAPHERS**  
Matthew Campagna  
Gaelen Cook

## NEVER LOOK AWAY



Sunday, April 28 | 3:45 PM

New Zealand, 2024, 85 min  
**Alberta Premiere**

CNN combat camerawoman, Margaret Moth, risks it all to put the viewer inside the conflict until a fateful injury gets in the way of her appetite for danger and adrenaline.

Margaret Moth walks the razor's edge between sanity and chaos. Her mystery and beauty bewitches lovers and her confidence intimidates powerful men. Moth stares down danger and she confronts those that perpetuate it. In vivid, emotional dioramas, we see what Moth and her camera crew felt; the nightmare dreamscapes of war. In footage – both what she shot, the production shot, and others – we go on a rollicking ride through love, truth, and war. Early on in her career she covers conflicts in the Middle East before fatally, she is sent to Sarajevo to cover the Bosnian war.

*"Margaret Moth is an incredible person, and in NEVER LOOK AWAY, Lawless found a way to tell her story in a deeply affecting way. Moth's legendary status is now on full display."* – Film Threat

*"This is a strong documentary debut for Lawless, who captures Margaret Moth and her life's many phases and facets. NEVER LOOK AWAY is as fearless as the movie's subject."* – Geek Vibes Nation

**DIRECTOR**  
Lucy Lawless

**SCREENWRITERS**  
Tom Blackwell  
Matthew Metcalfe  
Lucy Lawless

**PRODUCERS**  
Matthew Metcalfe  
Tom Blackwell  
Lucy Lawless

**CINEMATOGRAPHERS**  
Darryl Ward  
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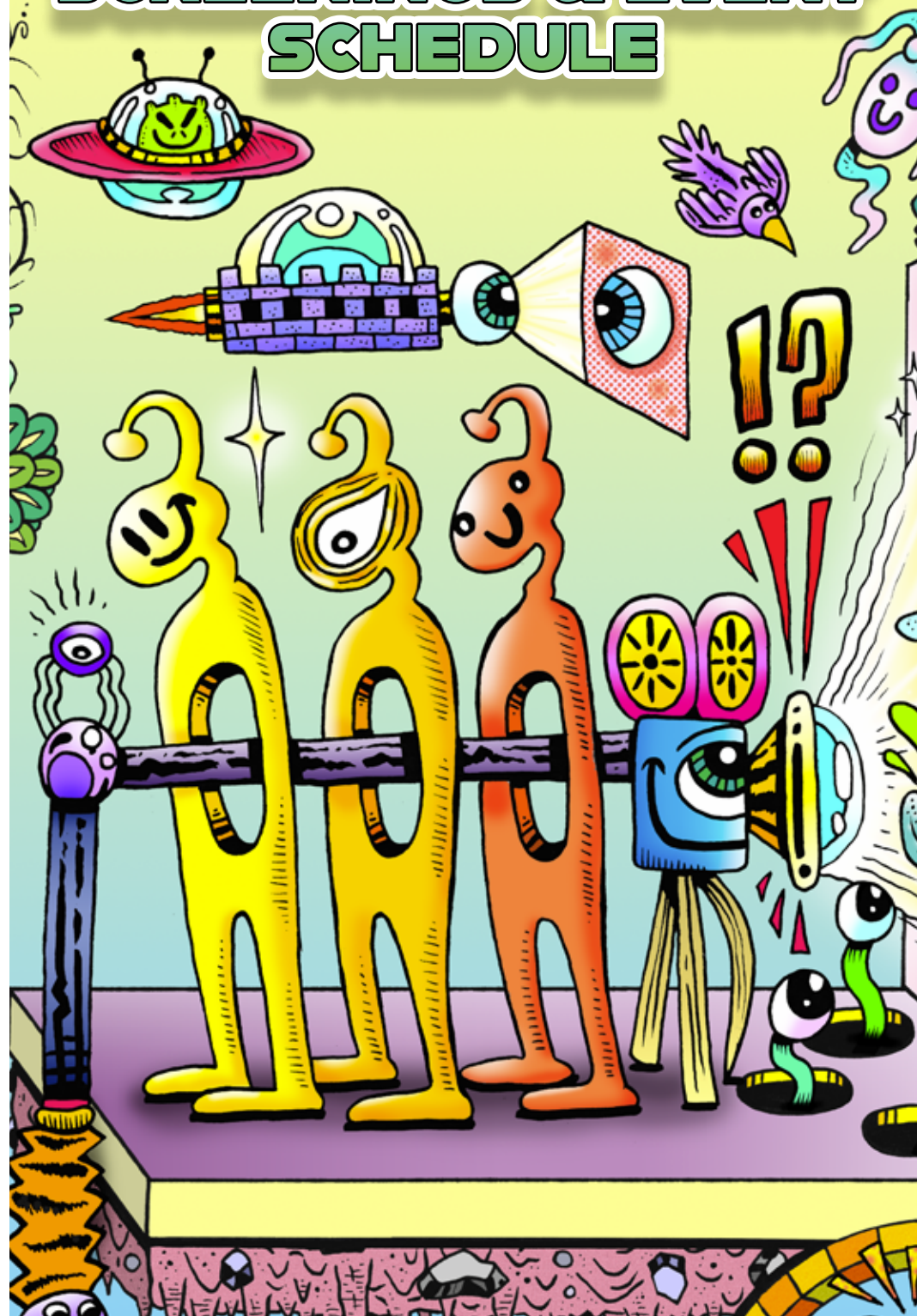
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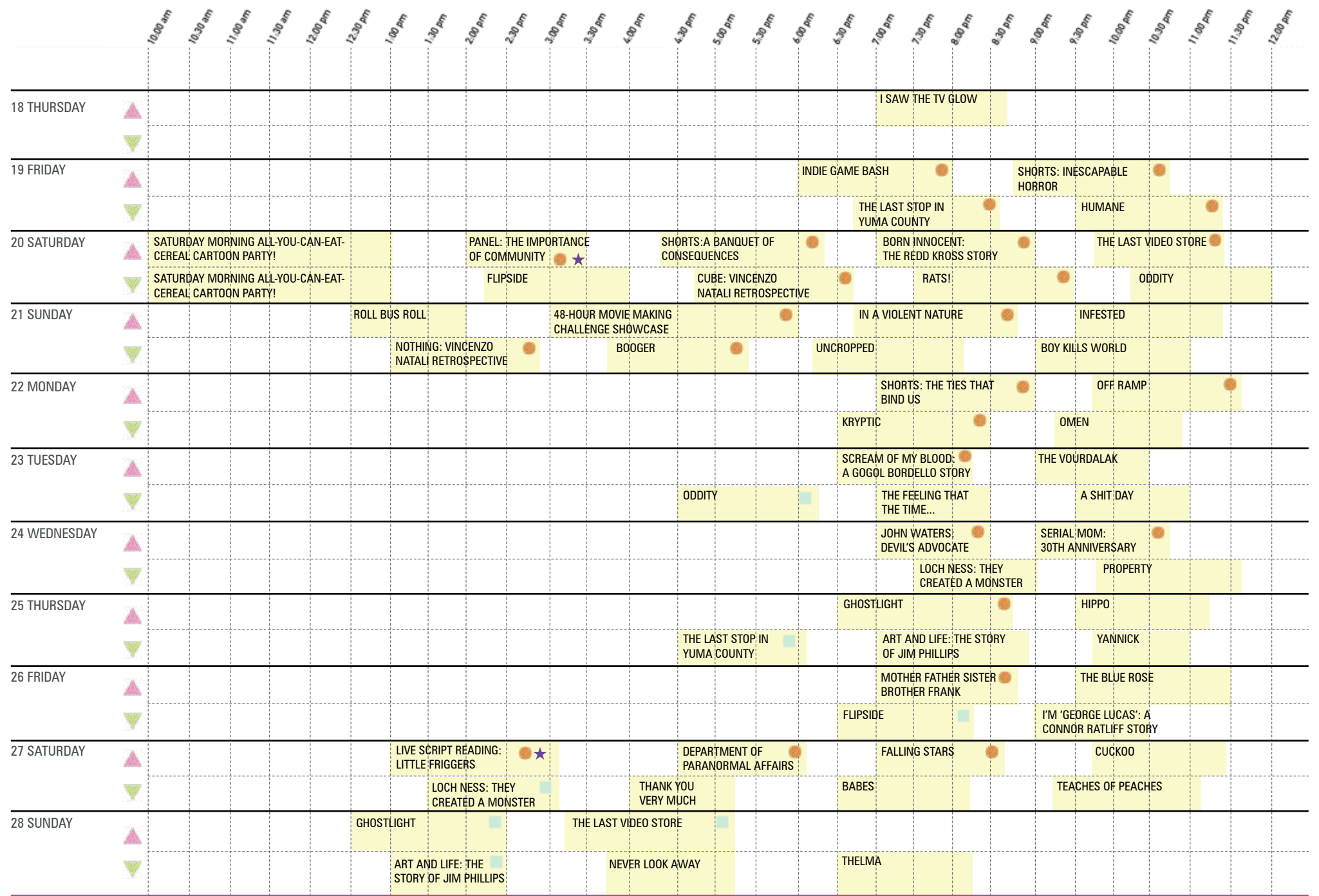
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## NOTHING: VINCENZO NATALI RETROSPECTIVE

GUEST IN ATTENDANCE



Sunday, April 21 | 1:00 PM

Canada, 2003, 90 min

After a terrible day, two good friends and housemates find the outside world converted into a featureless and empty white void. See the 2003 Canadian surrealist comedy-drama is part of CUFF's Vincenzo Natali retrospective. Director Vincenzo Natali, along co-writers and actors, David Hewlett and Andrew Miller in attendance!

NOTHING tells the story of two good friends who live together, Andrew (Andrew Miller), an agoraphobic travel agent who works from his home, and Dave (David Hewlett), a loser who works in an office where he is treated with contempt. Just when it seems things can't get any worse for the two, the entire world outside of their house disappears and is replaced with an endless white void.

*Vincenzo Natali is a Canadian film director and screenwriter, known for sci-fi and horror films such as CUBE (1997), CYPHER (2002), NOTHING (2003), and SPLICE (2009). In 2005, NOTHING won the International Fantasy Film Award at Fantasporto, and was nominated for three 2024 Directors Guild of Canada awards. As part of the retrospective CUFF is also showing CUBE on Saturday, April 20.*

**DIRECTOR**  
Vincenzo Natali

**SCREENWRITERS**  
Vincenzo Natali  
Andrew Miller  
David Hewlett  
Andrew Lowery

**PRODUCER**  
Steve Hoban

**CAST**  
David Hewlett  
Andrew Miller  
Gordon Pinsent  
Marie-Josée Croze  
**CINEMATOGRAPHER**  
Derek Rogers

## ODDITY



Saturday, April 20 | 10:15 PM  
Tuesday, April 23 | 4:30 PM

Ireland, 2024, 98 min  
**Canadian Premiere**

In this new supernatural spectacle from CAVEAT's Damian McCarthy, a blind medium uncovers the truth behind her sister's death with the help of a frightening wooden mannequin.

When Dani is brutally murdered at the remote country house that she and her husband Ted are renovating, everyone suspects a patient from the local mental health institution, where Ted is a doctor. However, soon after the tragic killing, the suspect is found dead. A year later, Dani's blind twin sister Darcy, a self-proclaimed psychic and collector of cursed items, pays an unexpected visit to Ted and his new girlfriend, Yana. Convinced that there was more to her sister's murder than people know, Darcy has brought with her the most dangerous items from her cursed collection to help her exact revenge.

*"ODDITY continues the filmmaker's exploration of supernatural karma and retribution with offbeat characters and a unique vision for scares."*  
— Bloody Disgusting

*"ODDITY is poised to be one of the scariest movies of the year."* — Dread Central

**DIRECTOR & SCREENWRITER**  
Damian McCarthy

**PRODUCERS**  
Laura Tunstall  
Mette-Marie Kongsved  
Katie Holly  
Evan Horan

**CAST**  
Gwilym Lee  
Carolyn Bracken  
Tadhg Murphy  
Caroline Menton  
Jonathan French  
Steve Wall

**CINEMATOGRAPHER**  
Colm Hogan

## OFF RAMP



Monday, April 22 | 9:45 PM

United States, 2023, 90 min  
Canadian Premiere

A couple of lovable, degenerate Juggalos journey through America's hellish underbelly to The Gathering of the Juggalos, the one place on earth they feel accepted.

Trey and Silas are reunited after Trey spent the last year in prison for some dumb shit. To celebrate his freedom, and to peddle their rap demo, the pair embark on their perennial trip to The Gathering of the Juggalos. On the way, they are detoured by a psychotic powerful Sheriff, a violent blood ritual, a trailer park princess, a back woods gang, and a country cop tripping on LSD. And then things start to get really crazy. Along their way they discover their destiny, identity, and the true meaning of family while getting themselves into, and out of, a lot of trouble. It all leads to an unforgettable, gore-soaked, climax in the backwoods of a highway offramp. The feature film debut from Nathan Tape, OFF RAMP was written by Edmonton's Tim Cairo.

"A wild and crude ride of a movie ... [and] one of the most genuinely sweet and compassionate comedies you're likely to see this year." – Boston Hassle

"Part buddy comedy, part horror-thriller, part clown show. I've never seen anything quite like it." – The Aisle Seat

### DIRECTOR

Nathan Tape

### CAST

Jon Oswald  
Scott Turner Schofield  
Ashley Smith  
Reed Diamond  
Jared Bankens  
Miles Doleac

### SCREENWRITERS

Tim Cairo  
Nathan Tape

### PRODUCERS

Nathan Tape  
Fabiola Andrade  
Laura Cassidy

### CINEMATOGRAPHER

Bron Moyi

## OMEN



Monday, April 22 | 9:15 PM

Belgium / Netherlands / Congo, 2023,  
90 min  
Canadian Premiere

After spending years in Belgium, a young Congolese man returns to his birthplace of Kinshasa to confront the intricacies of his family and culture.

Secrecy and sorcery erupt when a nosebleed is mistaken for a curse, and Koffi is shunned from his family. Using magical realism to paint a portrait of "undesirables" and "sorcerers," OMEN delves into the intricacies of identity, culture, and belief systems through a deeply rich and visually captivating lens. The Cannes Award Winning Film explores the weight of beliefs on one's destiny through four characters accused of being witches and sorcerers, all of them intertwined and guiding each other into the phantasmagoria of Africa.

"An intriguingly ambivalent reckoning with Baloji's mother country, a genre-hopping, beautifully slippery exploration of Congolese belief systems and their relation to patriarchally inflicted traumas." – IndieWire

"Baloji's striking drama ... suggests a bright future for a filmmaker with an appreciation for atmosphere and character." – Screen Daily

### DIRECTOR & SCREENWRITER

Baloji

### PRODUCER

Benoit Roland

### CINEMATOGRAPHER

Joachim Philippe

### CAST

Marc Zinga  
Lucie Debay  
Eliane Umuhire  
Yves-Marina Gnahoua  
Marcel Otete Kabeya

## PROPERTY



Wednesday, April 24 | 9:45 PM

Brazil, 2023, 101 min  
Canadian Premiere

In this Brazilian thriller, which picked up the Best Feature Film Award at Fantastic Fest 2023, a woman becomes trapped in her armoured car when rebelling workers occupy her family's estate.

Teresa and her husband travel to their family farm to take refuge from urban violence. But there they face a revolt by local workers, alarmed by the imminent loss of their homes. She locks herself in her armoured car, but is unable to start it. Meanwhile, workers try to communicate with her and if necessary, take her out by force. The layer of armour that separates these two universes may not be enough to contain the fear and violence that grows every passing minute. PROPERTY is the second feature film written and directed by Daniel Bandeira.

"Part home-invasion, part eat-the-rich warfare, and all murky moral ground, PROPERTY is as merciless as the society which birthed the film's treacherous class disparity to begin with." – Dead Ringers

"Moments of shock will leave many audience member's jaws on the floor." – The Blogging Banshee

### DIRECTOR & SCREENWRITER

Daniel Bandeira

### PRODUCERS

Kika Latache  
Livia De Melo

### CINEMATOGRAPHER

Pedro Sotero, Abc

### CAST

Malu Galli  
Zuleika Ferreira  
Tavinho Teixeira  
Samuel Santos

## RATS!



Saturday, April 20 | 7:30 PM

United States, 2024, 93 min  
International Premiere

The first feature film from CUFF alumni Maxwell Nalevansky (A CHEST OF DRAWERS, JAZZBERRY) and Carl Fry (WITH PLEASURE) is a hilarious story of a young Texan stuck on a turbulent rollercoaster of misguided chaos.

Summer just got a lot shorter for Raphael Tinski. It's 2007 and the peak of emo-culture is in full swing. Raphael just got arrested by a psychotic cop. Raphael just fell in love with a girl at community service. Raphael might get blown up by nukes. He's a good kid, so you can't blame Raphael for the events that unfold after his arrest. None of it is Raphael's fault, but it is his problem.

### DIRECTORS & SCREENWRITERS

Carl Fry  
Maxwell Nalevansky

### PRODUCERS

Alison Moses  
Harrison Nalevansky  
Adam Levin

### CINEMATOGRAPHER

Carmen Hilbert

### CAST

John Ennis  
Luke Wilcox  
Danielle Ploeger  
Jacob Wysocki  
Larry The Pig  
Khali Sykes  
Darius Autry  
Shelby Quinn

## ROLL BUS ROLL: A JEFFREY LEWIS DOCUMENTARY



Sunday, April 21 | 12:30 PM

United States, 2024, 74 min  
International Premiere

**R**OLL BUS ROLL casts an eye at the life and art of Jeffrey Lewis, one of the most prominent musicians associated with NYC's anti-folk scene.

Offering a glimpse into the unique movement of anti-folk, a music genre that challenges traditional folk conventions, the documentary follows Jeffrey on tour, across cities and continents. A self-deprecating genius, Jeffrey's life and work are introduced through contrasting narratives: his own modest self-assessment, and the views of fans and fellow artists such as Adam Green. The film reaches its emotional climax as Jeffrey opens up about a lost love, revealing his mental health struggles that impacted his relationship.

*"A warts and all look at the man, his music and his art where he opens up about everything in his life including the dark places that his mind takes him to."*  
— *Unseen Films*

### DIRECTOR & PRODUCER

Ilya Popenko

### CINEMATOGRAPHERS

Ilya Popenko

Dmitriy Rozin

Setare Gholipour

### CAST

Adam Green

Jeffrey Lewis

## SATURDAY MORNING ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT-CEREAL CARTOON PARTY!



Saturday, April 20 | 10:00 AM

1930-'90s, 171 min

**I**n this all-new program, you'll see both faves and obscurities spanning the '30s through the '90s, all punctuated with vintage commercials, PSAs and station IDs! Jammies Encouraged! ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT CEREAL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

It's the return of the SATURDAY MORNING ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT CEREAL CARTOON PARTY! It's that special time when kids and kids-at-heart get to relive the exciting Saturday Morning ritual of non-stop retro cartoons, and binge on the multi-coloured sugary cereals that used to be a part of every "balanced" breakfast! As always, this 3-hour trip into the weird and wonderful world of yesteryear's animated antics will be accompanied by an all-you-can eat buffet of cereal that is open throughout the show (and yes, there will be non-dairy options too!). The cartoon lineup is always a mystery, but in this all-new program you'll see both faves and obscurities spanning the '30s through the '90s, all punctuated with vintage commercials, PSAs and station IDs! So get ready for a sugar rush and an explosion of nostalgia all wrapped up in one candy-coated package.

### ABOUT THE CURATOR

**David Bertrand** is a film programmer, musician, writer, and Film/TV production multitasker who was bestowed curating duties of The Saturday Morning All-You-Can-Eat-Cereal Cartoon Party from founder Kier-La Janisse in 2020. His Stompbox Music-On-Film Series has presented nearly 100 film & live music events. David has helped produced a dozen of films, worked for numerous film festivals, written about film & music for books and magazines, co-founded Montreal's legendary micro-cinema Blue Sunshine, releases synth music and performs as The Great Octopus, and is drummer for the band Dragon Sounds.

### TICKET INFORMATION:

\$12 – General Admission (multi-packs are not accepted)

\$10 – CUFF Members / \$6 – Kids 6 & Under

## SCREAM OF MY BLOOD: A GOGOL BORDELLO STORY



Tuesday, April 23 | 6:30 PM

United States, 2023, 90 min  
Canadian Premiere

**A**n intimate, career-spanning portrait of Ukrainian immigrant and punk legend Eugene Hütz, chronicling his childhood journey to the U.S., his rise to fame with the band Gogol Bordello, and his defiant return to Ukraine after the Russian invasion.

Gogol Bordello is a wild, visionary cadre of immigrant musicians, artists, and outsiders, whose border-blasting message of inclusion and personal liberation, coupled with their musical supercollider style, have made them one of the world's most vital and explosive live acts. Through never-before-seen photo and video archives spanning two decades – including concert performances, behind-the-scenes footage, and intimate interviews – the wild punk-rock-doc follows the epic journey of Gogol Bordello's frontman Eugene Hütz, as he uses music as a rallying cry for the cultural identity of Ukraine in a time of war.

*"A compelling behind the scenes glimpse into the high octane cross-cultural cabaret roadshow that is of Gogol Bordello."* — *AWFJ.org*

*"Ultimately, watching SCREAM OF MY BLOOD is not so different from watching Gogol Bordello live, thanks to the perfect balance of unhinged fun and political purpose."*  
— *Collider*

### DIRECTORS

Eric Weinrib

Nate Pommer

### PRODUCERS

Beverly Chase

Nate Pommer

### CINEMATOGRAPHERS

Nate Pommer

Alessandro Pavone

GUEST IN ATTENDANCE



## SERIAL MOM: 30TH ANNIVERSARY



Wednesday, April 24 | 9:00 PM

United States, 1994, 95 min

**S**he's the perfect all-American parent: a great cook and homemaker, a devoted recycler, and a woman who'll literally kill to keep her children happy. A special 30th Anniversary Screening of the 1994 cult classic with a live intro by John Waters!

Director John Waters puts a twist on the everyday mediocrity of suburban life in the domestically devious SERIAL MOM. See Kathleen Turner like never before as Beverly Sutphin, the seemingly perfect homemaker who will stop at nothing to rid the neighborhood of anyone failing to live up to her moral code. It's a killer comedy that will take you over the edge with laughter.

*"A loose remake of FEMALE TROUBLE with Polyester's subversively accessible polish, SERIAL MOM is the strongest film of the post-midnight-movie chapter of John Waters's career."* — *Slant Magazine*

*"Sharply funny, wonderfully snarky, and a better satire of our true crime obsession than most anything this century—it remains a prescient, properly fun film without compare."* — *The Stranger*

### DIRECTOR &

SCREENWRITER

John Waters

### PRODUCERS

Mark Tarlov

John Fiedler

### CINEMATOGRAPHERS

Robert M. Stevens

Erica Huggins

### CAST

Kathleen Turner

Sam Waterston

Ricki Lake

Matthew Lillard

### TICKET INFORMATION:

Single tickets are available or can be purchased as package with JOHN WATERS: DEVIL'S ADVOCATE. See page 23 for details.

## TEACHES OF PEACHES



Saturday, April 27 | 9:15 PM

Germany, 2024, 102 min  
**Alberta Premiere**

**A**rtist and musician Peaches is a feminist icon leaving an indelible mark on popular culture as proven by this blend of archival gems, interviews, and riveting tour footage.

Filmed during "The Teaches of Peaches Anniversary Tour" in 2022, this documentary weaves together exclusive archival and dynamic tour footage capturing the transformative journey of Canadian Merrill Nisker into the internationally acclaimed cultural powerhouse Peaches. From the inception of the stage show to the rigorous rehearsals and riveting performances, the film provides an intimate look at the inner workings of a tour led by this beloved and globally celebrated icon. As a feminist musician, producer, director, and performance artist, Peaches has spent over two decades challenging gender stereotypes, solidifying her status alongside pop and music industry icons. Through biting wit, she advocates for LGBTQIA+ rights and tackles issues of gender and sexual identity, leaving an indelible mark on popular culture.

*"A polished homage to the electro-punk trailblazer."*  
— Film Fest Report

*"A joyous record of one artist at one moment in time."*  
— In Their Own League

### DIRECTORS

Judy Landkammer  
Philipp Fussenegger

### CAST

Leslie Feist  
Black Cracker  
Bláthin  
Tif "Teddy" Lamson  
Shirley Manson

### CINEMATOGRAPHER

Dino Osmanovic ASBH

### PRODUCER

Cordula Kablitz-Post

## THANK YOU VERY MUCH



Saturday, April 27 | 4:00 PM

United States, 2023, 99 min  
**Canadian Premiere**

**T**HANK YOU VERY MUCH explores the life and work of the uniquely original, and utterly hilarious comedian and performance artist Andy Kaufman: aka the "song and dance man."

With his gonzo, boundary-shattering comedy, Andy Kaufman provoked, and often outraged audiences. For those who got the joke, that outrage was the very point; Kaufman's genius was in making people confront their own presumptions. Now through never-before-seen archival footage and intimate recollections of friends, colleagues and family members including Danny DeVito, Marilu Henner and Steve Martin, filmmaker Alex Braverman excavates the all-too-short life and career of the enigmatic legend whose impact is felt all the more today with the blurring of artifice and reality that defines our present age. Winner of the Best Documentary on Cinema Award at the 2023 Venice Film Festival.

*"The film largely focuses on Kaufman's professional achievements... But the film's most noteworthy moments come on the rare occasions when it probes his psyche."*  
— IndieWire

*"A documentary about Andy Kaufman that does just what you want it to do."* — Variety

### DIRECTOR

Alex Braverman

### PRODUCERS

Lauren Belfer  
Alex Braverman  
Joe Plummer

### CINEMATOGRAPHERS

Brandon Somerhalder  
Jeremy Leach

### CAST

Danny DeVito  
Marilu Henner  
Andy Kaufman  
Steve Martin

## THE VOIRDALAK



Tuesday, April 23 | 9:00 PM

France, 2023, 90 min

**L**ost in a hostile forest, the Marquis d'Urfé, a noble emissary of the King of France, finds refuge in the home of a strange family.

What were vampires before Bram Stoker's Dracula? On a mission for the King of France, a young marquis gets lost in the forest and meets a mysterious woman who invites him to take refuge in her family home. His visit quickly turns into a nightmare when the patriarch of the family, Gorcha, returns stricken with a mysterious blood disease. THE VOIRDALEK is adapted from the Aleksei Tolstoy's 1884 novella, which is known to be the first vampire story in Europe, preceding Dracula by 40 years. Shot on Super 16mm film, and featuring a vampiric performance from a life-sized puppet, Adrien Beau's THE VOIRDALEK is a radical take on a folk horror tale that is certain to send chills down your spine.

*"Genre fans and lovers of the macabre will appreciate the intelligence and craft that has gone into a tasty blend of blood, wit and social commentary."*  
— Screen International

*"A dark, delicious fairytale fantasy brought to life with profound emotional integrity, THE VOIRDALEK breathes new life into the far-too-often pedestrian vampire movie."* — AWFJ.org

### DIRECTOR

Adrien Beau

### SCREENWRITERS

Hadrien Bouvier  
Adrien Beau

### PRODUCERS

Judith Lou Lévy  
Eve Robin  
Marco Pacchioni

### CAST

Ariane Labed  
Kacey Mottet-Klein  
Grégoire Colin  
Vassili Schneider  
Claire Duburcq

### CINEMATOGRAPHER

David Chizallet

## CLOSING NIGHT FILM: THELMA



Sunday, April 28 | 6:30 PM

United States, 2024, 97 min  
**Canadian Premiere**

**W**hen 93-year-old Thelma Post gets duped by a phone scammer pretending to be her grandson, she sets out on a treacherous quest across the city to reclaim what was taken from her.

A story exploring aging, family, and autonomy (and uniquely inspired by action movies like MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE) – THELMA is based on a real-life experience of writer/director Josh Margolin's grandmother, and marks June Squibb's first leading film role of her 70+ year career. Squibb, who did most of her own stunts, plays the feisty grandmother who demonstrates that she is more than capable of taking care of business – despite what her family might believe. The poignant action-comedy is rounded out with an A-list cast including Fred Hechinger (THE WHITE LOTUS), Parker Posey (DAZED AND CONFUSED), Clark Gregg (Phil Coulson in various Marvel movies), and the final performance of trailblazing actor Richard Roundtree (SHAFT).

*"Sincere and sensitive ... Writer-director Josh Margolin ingeniously tweaks action- and crime-movie clichés to tell this rather quaint little story."* — Vanity Fair

*"More than a winsome romp. It's a real thrill."*  
— Mashable

**DIRECTOR &  
SCREENWRITER**  
Josh Margolin

### PRODUCERS

Zoë Worth  
Chris Kaye  
Nicholas Weinstock  
Benjamin Simpson  
Karl Spoerri  
Viviana Vezzani

### CAST

June Squibb  
Fred Hechinger  
Richard Roundtree  
Parker Posey  
Clark Gregg  
Malcolm McDowell

### CINEMATOGRAPHER

David Bolen

## UNCROPPED



Sunday, April 21 | 6:15 PM

United States, 2023, 111 min  
**International Premiere**

**UNCROPPED** rediscovers the work of photographer James Hamilton, who captured some of the most remarkable people and stories of the last half century.

One of the great chroniclers of the cultural history of America, for over four decades Hamilton worked as a staff photographer at publications such as Harper's Bazaar, The New York Observer and most notably, The Village Voice. A New York legend himself, Hamilton created iconic images of musicians like Charles Mingus, Patti Smith, and Lou Reed, took intimate portraits of everyone from Liza Minnelli to Alfred Hitchcock, did set photography for George Romero, Noah Baumbach, and Wes Anderson, and pursued powerful and controversial assignments across the U.S. and the world. All the while he never stopped amassing a stunning chronicle of his beloved New York City in all its grit and glory. Hamilton's story and vast archive offer a singular window into the heyday of alternative print media.

*"Must-see. A rich and absorbing documentary."*  
— IndieWire

*"Compelling. James Hamilton's pictures are tremendous."*  
— The Hollywood Reporter

### DIRECTOR

D.W. Young

### CAST

Wes Anderson  
James Hamilton  
Thurston Moore

### PRODUCERS

Judith Mizrachy  
D.W. Young

### CINEMATOGRAPHERS

Marika Hacking  
Francesco Saviano

## YANNICK



Thursday, April 25 | 9:45 PM

France, 2023, 67 min  
**North American Premiere**

In the middle of a performance of a very bad community theatre production of the play "Le Cocu" (The Cuckold), Yannick, an unhappy spectator, gets up and interrupts the show to take the evening back into his own hands.

CUFF favourite Quentin Dupieux (DEERSKIN, RUBBER) returns to the festival with a dark comedy that explores the audience's part in the creation of art with the director's keen eye and trademark wit. In a show-stealing performance, Raphaël Quenard, who made his feature debut in Dupieux's SMOKING CAUSES COUGHING, stars as the working-class security guard, who believes he has the right to express himself: he tells the Thespians that their play sucks and then takes action. YANNICK, one of two movies Dupieux released in 2023, is an absurdist farce that will keep you guessing until its thrilling conclusion.

*"I'd venture to say it's Dupieux's best film."* — Variety

*"Appealing to both theater fans and arthouse viewers familiar with the director's previous movies."*  
— Hollywood Reporter

**DIRECTOR,**  
**SCREENWRITER,**  
**CINEMATOGRAPHER &**  
**EDITOR**  
Quentin Dupieux

**CAST**  
Raphael Quenard  
Pio Marmāi  
Blanche Gardin  
Sébastien Chassagne

### PRODUCERS

Quentin Dupieux  
Hugo Séguinac  
Mathieu Verhaeghe  
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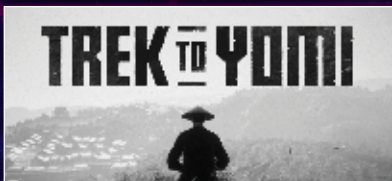
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BY TERRY CAVANAGH

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BY FLYING WILD HOG

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## SHORTS: A BANQUET OF CONSEQUENCES



Saturday, April 20 | 4:15 PM

Various Countries, 2023/2024, 103 mins

The choices made in this package may have all seemed like good ideas at the time. Most do not work out well.

### BIRD HOSTAGE

Dir. Lauren Andrews, Canada, 2023, 13 min

Lauren takes a job pet-sitting a parrot who longs for freedom and has a mouth like a sailor. The two strike up a friendship, and hatch a plan for his escape.

### CALLER NUMBER NINE!

Dir. Sandy Honig, U.K., 2024, 8 min

A telemarketer accidentally calls into a radio show and wins a radio contest.

### THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

Dir. Dimitri Simakis, U.S.A., 2024, 13 min

Tina and her elderly dog visit a mysterious clinic offering human-to-pet communication. Two sinister doctors uncover a bond that transcends time and space.

### FÁR

Dir. Gunnur Martinsdóttir Schlüter, Iceland, 2023, 5 min

A bird hits a window of a café and disrupts its customers. A woman faces a decision on whether to ignore nature or to react.

### YUMMO SPOT

Dir. Ashley Brandon, U.S.A, 2024, 8 min

Corny lovebirds move to the boonies and experience big, wild, American love.

### FAVOURITES

Dir. Nick Russell, Australia., 2023, 5 min

Two parents face an impossible choice when their family camping trip turns deadly.

### TINY THING

Dir. Joshua Giuliano, U.S.A., 2023, 16 min

It's the tiny things that fuck us over in the end.

### YOUR MONEY'S NO GOOD HERE

Dir. Jakob Skrzypa, Canada, 2023, 9 min

A common phrase's misinterpretation propels one man's life into a dark, downward spiral.

### THREADS

Dir. NOFAC3, Canada., 2024, 3 min

A harrowing clay animated story of a seamstress' desperate battle against an insidious parasite that threatens to consume her from within.

### THE YEAR OF STARING AT NOSES

Dir. Matt Eastman / Karen Knox, Canada, 2024, 22 min

A hybrid narrative-documentary about a woman who undergoes plastic surgery in an attempt to become a contestant on a reality television show.

## SHORTS: INESCAPABLE HORROR



Friday, April 19 | 8:45 PM

Various Countries, 2023/2024, 101 mins

The subjects of these shorts face situations that push the limits of what they can handle. Can you handle watching them?

### FCK'N NUTS

Dir. Sam Fox, USA, 2023, 12 min

Sandy is grievously forced to break it off with the boy of her dreams in order to avert him from meeting her unusual parents.

### KOMBUCHA!

Dir. Jake Myers, USA, 2023, 7 min

A musician is trapped in an office job he couldn't care less about. He decides to give some free kombucha a try; unfortunately, the kombucha has a series of nasty side effects.

### SHÉ (SNAKE)

Dir. Renee Zhan, UK, 2023, 15 min

When pressures mount on a tightly wound violinist in a London youth orchestra, her internal monsters take external form.

### UNDER A BURNT ORANGE SKY

Dir. Heston L'Abbé, Canada, 2023, 5 min

A pair of huntresses encounter a stranger in a post-apocalyptic wasteland.

### SINCOPAT

Dir. Pol Diggler, Spain, 2023, 13 min

Ona, a creative executive of a large company, is about to launch the latest technological revolution: a device that allows listening to music directly inside the brain.

### WE JOINED A CULT

Dir. Chris McInroy, USA, 2023, 4 min

They just wanted to play kickball.

### MAKE ME A PIZZA

Dir. Talia Shea Levin, USA, 2024, 12 min

Bored housewife seduces hot pizza guy for free pizza, but is desire worth \$29.99?

### APOTEMNOFILIA

Dir. Jano Pita, Spain, 2023, 10 min

The premiere packs the theatre while the leading lady Clara refuses to leave her dressing room, gripped by internal turmoil she must finally confront.

### RAINY SEASON

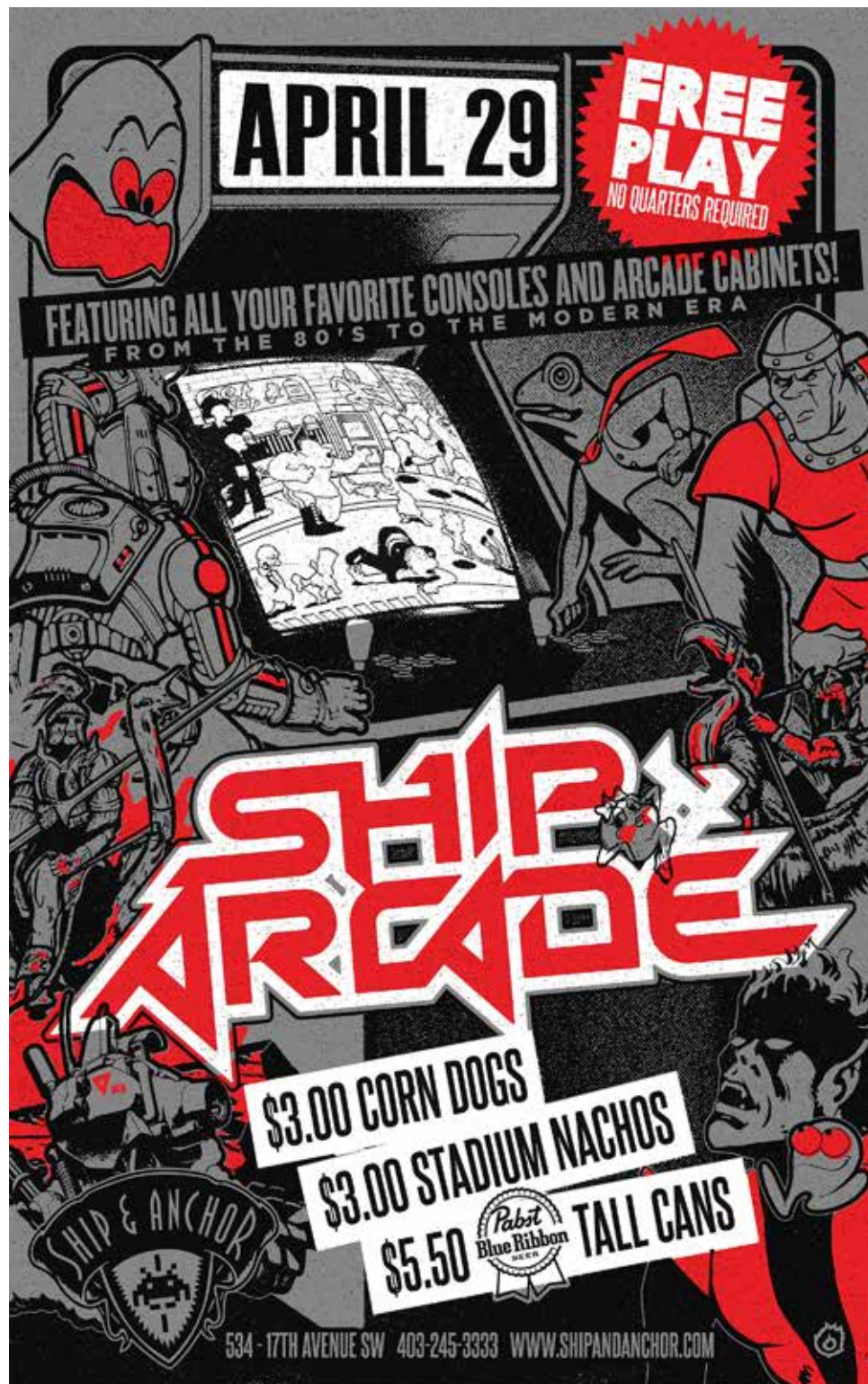
Dir. R. Trevor Griffiths / Jason Wan Lim, Canada., 2024, 13 min

A young couple vacationing in a small town receive repeated warnings to leave before rainy season begins. In this story by Stephen King, the precipitation has nothing to do with the weather.

### ROOM TONE

Dir. Michael Gabriele, U.S.A., 2023, 9 min

A sound guy resorts to violent methods when his noisy film crew keep sabotaging his attempts to record room tone.



## SHORTS: THE TIES THAT BIND US



Monday, April 22 | 7:00 PM

Various Countries, 2023/2024, 96 mins

Sometimes it just takes the right people, whether brought together by fate or family, to make you show your true self.

### A REAL, SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP

Dir. Alex Bliss, USA., 2024, 14 min

On their anniversary, a spontaneous sex-tape forces a 30-something couple to confront dormant issues in their relationship.

### DARK NIGHT OF THE JULES

Dir. Mike Lars White, USA, 2023, 6 min

An existential comedy about tourism (and difficult software).

### BOUNCE HOUSE

Dir. Callie Bloem / Christopher J. Ewing, USA, 2023, 15 min

Civilization has ended. Everyone Polly loves is dead. But at least she has a bounce house.

### FED

Dir. Michael Bartolomeo, USA, 2023, 9 min

In this stop-motion fantasy, a talented chef meets her match when a mysterious food critic visits her restaurant.

### WILDMEN OF THE GREATER TORONTO AREA

Dir. Solmund MacPherson, Canada, 2023, 12 min

Fed up with the cost of living in Canada's most populous city, the citizens of Toronto begin renouncing their personhood to legally become animals.

### DEVIL'S TRUMPET

Dir. Maddie Brewer, USA, 2024, 2 min

When three teenagers inhale the powerful pollen of The Devil's Trumpet, a rare flower said to bring on strange hallucinations, the ensuing journey exacerbates underlying emotional tensions.

### THE NEW ME

Dir. Paul Emerson, USA, 2023, 7 min

The old Dawn and Paige have been through some shit. The new Dawn and Paige don't take shit. Watch out world, they're capable of anything.

### BOB'S FUNERAL

Dir. Jack Dunphy, USA, 2024, 18 min

Searching for the root of generational trauma, the director sneaks a camera into his estranged grandfather's funeral

### THE BICYCLE THIEF

Dir. Zach Strum, USA, 2023, 2 min

A heartbroken cyclist rides across the US on a bike he stole from his ex.

### A JOYFUL PROCESS

Dir. Alex Goldberg, USA, 2024, 11 min

In this Steinbeck-esque dark comedy, two old-timey fellas meet up to fish. Joe, the book-smart one, aims to find out why Bruce, the town's bighearted tramp, ran off to live in the woods.

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## SPECIAL EVENT INDIE GAME BASH



Friday, April 19 | 6:00 PM

Indie Game Bash, an exhilarating indie game fighting tournament, is coming to the iconic Globe Cinema in Calgary for one night only during the Calgary Underground Film Festival.

Get ready for an evening of non-stop action. Join fellow gamers, indie game enthusiasts, and talented developers as participants battle it out on a massive theatre screen, showcasing their skills and tactics in these fast-paced, adrenaline-fueled games. Feel the energy and excitement as the crowd cheers on their favourites, with every arrow, sword strike, and epic showdown. Expect some surprises as you watch or participate in a 32-person, bracketed fighting game tournament.

### HOSTS & COMMENTARY

Brendan Hunter  
thatcloud

### TIMELINE

5:00 - 6:00 PM: Reception  
Meet the developers and register to play in the tournament

6:00 - 8:00 PM: Tournament  
All are welcome to play or watch.

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## SPECIAL EVENT LIVE SCRIPT READING: LITTLE FRIGGERS



Saturday, April 27 | 1:00 PM

Join a cast of actors for a live script reading of the upcoming feature-length sci-fi creature comedy **LITTLE FRIGGERS**, featuring the most foul-mouthed aliens in the galaxy trying to save humanity in a town that's outlawed swearing.

This is a FREE event, open to the public, and a great opportunity to experience a film in the early stages of development.

There will be a Q&A following the reading and the production team is open to script feedback.

### THE STORY

Ten year-old Riley lives in the sleepy, swear-free town of Bonner's Butte, and she has just joined the Anti-Swear Squad, a volunteer school patrol that protects the town from foul language. But when Riley learns her favourite teacher has been cussing up a storm, she discovers an intergalactic parasite has invaded the town and no one is safe. Just when she seems powerless to stop the invaders from enslaving the human race, she's visited by some pint-sized catlike extraterrestrials called the Fucknoids, who bring advanced weaponry, fearless attitudes, and the foulest mouths anyone's ever heard. In a Technicolor battle for the ages, Riley and the Friggers must convince the people of Bonner's Butte that swearing is caring if they have any hope of saving the town with a Power Rangers-style weapon that's the last line of defense against the interstellar horror.

### DIRECTOR

David Hiatt

### PRODUCERS

Anna Cooley  
Dave Alexander  
David Hiatt

### SCREENWRITER

Braden Brickner

## SPECIAL EVENT PANEL: THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY



Saturday, April 20 | 2:00 PM

## DISTRIBUTORS & PROGRAMMERS DISCUSS THE FILM SCENE

Meet the senior programmers and artistic directors from some of the top film festivals alongside cutting-edge distributors. Join us for a casual conversation about the importance of engaging with your film communities in order to help the local culture thrive and expand.

This is a FREE event, open to the public, and a great opportunity to learn about the film industry.

### MODERATOR

Heather Buckley: Producer with Black Mansion (THE RANGER, THE SACRIFICE GAME)

### PANELISTS

Liane Cunje: Production & Acquisitions, Vinegar Syndrome Pictures

Mitch Davis: Artistic Director, Fantasia International Film Festival

Jarod Neece: Senior Programmer, Tribeca Enterprises

Kelly Michael Stewart: Festival Director, Blood in the Snow Film Festival

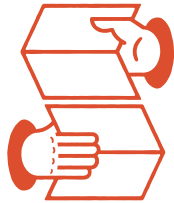
Logan Taylor: Acquisitions and Development, Umbrella Entertainment

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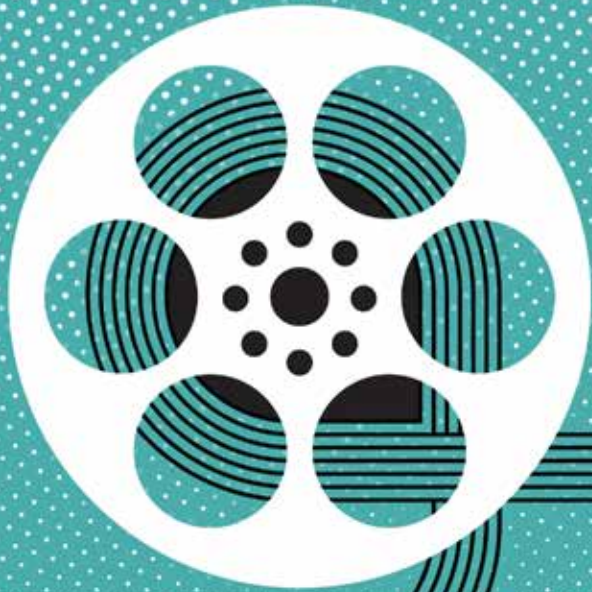


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