March 7 - 12 2017
OMAHA FILM FESTIVAL
FILM GUIDE
304 North 174th Street
Omaha, Nebraska 68118
Welcome

A FOUR STEP GUIDE ON HOW TO FESTIVAL

STEP 1:
Visit our friendly volunteers at the festival booth (you can’t miss it, it literally takes up the entire middle of the Village Pointe lobby). Decide which pass option is best for you - All Access (all the fun), All Films (all the films), or Weekend (all the fun on the weekend). Or, of course, you can purchase single tickets to single events.

STEP 2:
Pick up a film guide (if you are reading this, then you are already at Step 2). Peruse our list of special screenings, where you will find films with Shirley McClain and Kristen Stewart. Then review our list of feature films, decide on which ones you want to see, and start scheduling...wait, we are showing some great documentaries as well. Okay, so, review the list of documentaries, figure out which ones you want to see, realize you may have to adjust your sched...holy cow, there are short films, too?! Wow, a lot of short films. Some of those are even from our great Nebraska filmmakers. Deep breath. You can do this. Grab a simple schedule or review the schedule in the front of the film guide and map out your course. Everything will be fine.

STEP 3:
Realize that there is also a brand new Virtual Reality showcase this year. And Conference panels with Hollywood professionals on Saturday. And the Writer’s Theatre on Sunday. And great parties every single night of the festival!

STEP 4:
Have your mind blown.

WELCOME TO THE 12th ANNUAL OMAHA FILM FESTIVAL!
Schedule

Tuesday, March 7
6:30 Opening Night Film – The Last Word

Wednesday, March 8
5:45 Woman on Fire
6:00 Shorts 1
- La Invitacion (Sleepover)
- No Soy Yo (This Isn’t Me)*
- Counter Act
- Promise
- A State of Emergency
- Dryad
- Love is a Sting
- The Boy by the Sea
6:15 Kate Can’t Swim
8:15 Pushing Dead
8:15 Shorts 2 – Nebraska Documentary
- The Retirement of Mr. Jones*
- The Seventh Stage of Grief*
- Think Design Every Day*
- Missing Piece*
8:45 Chee & T

Thursday, March 9
5:45 Shorts 3 – Nebraska Student
- Obsession*
- Wizard Quest - The Questing*
- Ben’s Last Day*
- The Photographer*
- Alone With My Thoughts*
- Let’s Meet by the Tree*
- Essence*
- Salmon Challis*
- Fable*
6:00 Walk With Me*
6:00 The Lost City of Z

Friday, March 10
5:45 Shorts 5
- Skinny Fat Girl
- J*
- Lightningface
- Bella Donna
- Dawn of the Dead
- Shutter
- First Like
- Vendetta!
- A Beautiful Day Girl Flu.
- Supergirl*
6:00 DIani & Devine Meet the Apocalypse*
8:15 Brave New Jersey
8:25 Shorts 6 – Nebraska Shorts
- Darkroom*
- eleMental*
- 11 Confession Road*
8:25 I Am the Messenger*
- No Clean Finish*
- The Controller*
- The Boulevard (T)errorism*
- The Last Bottle*
- Blitzed*
- In Situ: Epilogue*
- Coffee and Cigarettes IV*
- Reverie*

Friday, March 10, cont’d
6:00 Different Flowers*
6:30 Written Off*
7:30 Shorts 10 – Nebraska
- GPS*
- Child’s Play*
- Hawksbill Crag*
- Not About Me*
- Funeral Favors*
- Up River*
- The Music Box*
- Spelling Bee*
- Over the Fairy Hill*
- Neighbor / Neighbor*
- The Quest for Excalispoon*
8:30 All the Birds Have Flown South
8:30 Dave Made a Maze*

Saturday, March 11
11:30 Long Live the King
12:00 Shorts 7
- Glimpse
- Real Artists
- Paradox
- The Firefly Girls
- The Bus Stop
- The Wrights
- Past The Second Stage
- Venefica
- Icarus
1:15 Wild Prairie Rose*

Sunday, March 12
11:45 Shorts 11 – Documentaries
- Gardeners of the Forest
- The Art of Hope
- The John Show
- Soul City
- Frank Carter & The Rattlesnakes
- The Gathering
12:15 The Islands and the Whales
12:15 The Bear and the Owl*
2:15 Window Horses
3:15 Herd*
4:30 Awards Ceremony
5:30 Closing Night Film - Personal Shopper

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OMAHA FESTIVAL
Writer’s Theatre

March 12, 12:00PM
Village Pointe Cinema

SCREENPLAY FINALISTS

Shorts
The Old States by Lain Kienzle
A Letter Before Dying by Nathan Edwards
No Choice by Stephen M Hunt
Lotustown by Doug Sasse
Summer Fruit by Annalise Lamberty

Features
War/Love by Hannah Feller
The Snowman by Nick Cammilleri
Red Velvet by Tom Radovich
End Transmission by Richard Ferrando
The Keeper Beauchamp by Mike Comstock
Dietrich Danzig by John Pisano-Thomson

Directed by Jason Levering, Aaron Sailors, & David Weiss
Stage Manager: Michael Placzek

CAST
Brett Comstock, Stephanie Elrod, Jennifer McGill, Amber Keller,
Daria Hlazatova, Kiera Levering, Christina Rohling,
Shannon Thunder Hawk-Taylor, Frankie Ali, Tim Barr, Liam Diesing,
Ken Gray, Jeff Koterba, Ryan Langenegger, Jason Levering,
Christopher Levering, Jeff Luby, Caleb Myers, Karl Rohling
Aaron Sailors, Zac Triemert
The Last Word
Tuesday March 7 at 6:30PM
USA - 108 minutes
Rated R for language
Director: Mark Pellington
Writer: Stuart Ross Fink
Producers: Kirk D'Amico, Anne-Marie Mackaym, Mark Pellington
Cast: Shirley MacLaine, Amanda Seyfried, Anne Heche
www.bleeckerstreetmedia.comthelastword

Harriet Lauler (Shirley MacLaine), a once-successful businesswoman, works with young local writer Anne Sherman (Amanda Seyfried) to pen her life story. When the initial result doesn’t meet Lauler’s high expectations, she sets out to reshape the way she’ll be remembered, dragging Anne along as an unwilling accomplice. As their journey unfolds, the two women develop a strong bond which not only alters Harriet’s legacy but also Anne’s future.

The Lost City of Z
Thursday, March 9 at 6:00pm
Brazil - 141 minutes
Rated PG-13 for violence, disturbing images, brief strong language and some nudity
Writer/Director: James Gray
Based on the book “The Lost City of Z: A Tale of Deadly Obsession in the Amazon” by David Grann
Producer: Dede Gardner, Dale Armin Johnson, Jeremy Kleiner, Anthony Katagas
Executive Producer: Brad Pitt, Mark Butan, Felipe Aljure
Cast: Tom Holland, Charlie Hunnam, Robert Pattinson, Sienna Miller, Angus Macfadyen
www.lostcityofz.com

A true-life drama, centering on British explorer Col. Percival Fawcett, who disappeared while searching for a mysterious city in the Amazon in the 1920s.

A Quiet Passion
Saturday, March 11th at 3:45pm
UK, Belgium - 125 minutes
Rated PG-13 for thematic elements, disturbing images and brief suggestive material
Writer/Director: Terence Davies
Producer: Sol Papadopoulos, Roy Boulter
Cast: Cynthia Nixon, Jennifer Ehle, Keith Carradine, Emma Bell, Duncan Duff, Rose Williams
www.imdb.com/title/tt2392830

The story of American poet Emily Dickinson from her early days as a young schoolgirl to her later years as a reclusive, unrecognized artist.

Personal Shopper
Sunday, March 12 at 5:30pm
USA - 105 minutes
Rated R for some language, sexuality, nudity and a bloody violent image
Writer/Director: Olivier Assayas
Producer: Charles Gillibert
Cast: Kristen Stewart, Lars Eidinger, Sigrid Bouaziz
www.ifcfilms.comfilms personal-shopper

Olivier Assayas, the internationally-acclaimed director of Clouds of Sils Maria and Summer Hours, returns with this ethereal and mysterious ghost story starring Kristen Stewart as a high-fashion personal shopper to the stars who is also a spiritual medium. Grieving the recent death of her twin brother, she haunts his Paris home, determined to make contact with him.

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**Score: A Film Music Documentary**

**Thursday, March 9th at 8:30pm**

**USA - 93 minutes**

**Writer/Director:** Matt Schrader

**Cast:** Hans Zimmer, James Cameron, John Williams, Danny Elfman, Rachel Portman, Trent Reznor, Quincy Jones

**www.score-movie.com**

This documentary brings Hollywood's premier composers together to give viewers a privileged look inside the musical challenges and creative secrecy of the world's most widely known music genre: the film score.
**Feature Films**

**Kate Can’t Swim**

*Wednesday, March 8th at 6:15pm*

USA - 90 minutes  
Director: Josh Helman, Evan Jonigkeit, Co-Director  
Writer: Jennifer Allcott, Josh Helman  
Producer: Jennifer Allcott, Samuel R. Syrop  
Cast: Celeste Arias, Jennifer Allcott, Grayson DeJesus, Josh Helman  
www.katecantswim.com

Kate is almost thirty, almost engaged, almost settled in her career as a writer—but is deeply dissatisfied. When Kate's best friend Em returns from Paris with a surprising new lover in tow, Kate and her boyfriend Pete spend a weekend in upstate New York with the new couple. As Kate struggles with her suspicions about Em's new lover, dormant feelings about her own life arise, forcing her to decide whether to stay on her current life path or to burn it down and forge a new one.

**Pushing Dead**

*Wednesday, March 8th at 8:15pm*

USA - 111 minutes  
Director: Tom E. Brown  
Writer/Director: Tom E. Brown  
Producer: Chris Martin, Richard LaGravenese, Jim Bloom, Eyde Belasco  
Cast: James Roday, Danny Glover, Robin Weigert, Khandi Alexander  
www.pushingdead.com

When a struggling writer, HIV positive for 20+ years, accidentally deposits a $100 birthday check, he is dropped from his health plan for earning too much. In this new era of sort-of universal care, can he take on a helpless bureaucracy or come up with $3000 a month to buy meds on his own? A comedy.

**Chee & T**

*Wednesday, March 8th at 8:45pm*

USA - 80 minutes  
Director: Tanuj Chopra  
Writer: Tanuj Chopra, Chee Malabar  
Producer: Sohini Sengupta, Sunkrish Bala, Christine Kwon  
Cast: Dominic Rains, Sunkrish Bala, Asif Ali, Noureen DeWulf, Rebecca Hazlewood, Karan Soni, Bernard White, Scott Rogers, Himanshu Suri  
www.cheeandt.com

Chee and T, a pair of underachieving debt collectors stuck in Silicon Valley, spend their days kicking in doors, collecting rent, and chain smoking. The man-children survive by remaining in the employ of Chee’s Uncle Rob, a wealthy Silicon Valley landlord-tycoon. When Uncle Rob asks them to do a seemingly small job: get his nephew Mayunk a fresh haircut and new suit for his upcoming engagement party, Chee and T kick back thinking they’re in for the easiest job of their ‘careers.’ Unfortunately for the duo, young Mayunk has an unfiltered swagger and talent for hunting down narcotics. It turns out that handling their hyperactive, drug-crazed little cousin proves to be anything but simple.

**Laura Gets a Cat**

*Thursday, March 9th at 8:45pm*

USA - 83 minutes  
Director: Michael Ferrell  
Writer/Director: Michael Ferrell  
Producer: Michael Ferrell, Chris Prine, Devin Sanchez  
Cast: Dana Brooke, Michael Ferrell, Josh Tyson, Jason Kravits, Eric T. Miller, Gregory Lay, Candace Thompson, Devin Sanchez, Chris Prine  
www.lauragetsacat.com

Laura, an unemployed writer in New York City, has a boyfriend who provides little excitement and two best friends who seem to have achieved all their hopes and dreams, if only to spite her. Good thing she has a vivid imaginary life. Even her daydreams turn on her however, including a podcast host who exposes her for having a cliché dream sequence and poet Lord Byron, who has traveled time to see her only to become pathetically needy. After she starts an affair with Ian, a performance artist coffee shop barista, real life proves too complicated. She packs up a suitcase and moves to a small beach town in North Carolina only to find out that peace of mind is not necessarily found by chasing it.
**Feature Films**

**Girl Flu**
Friday, March 10th at 6:00pm
USA - 94 minutes
Writer/Director: Dorie Barton
Producer: David K. Wilson, Jay Lowi
Executive Producer: Richard Hull, Paul Schiff
Cast: Katee Sackhoff, Jade Pettyjohn, Jeremy Sisto, Heather Matarazzo, Diego Josef, Judy Reyes
www.girlflu.com

Bird, 12, wise beyond her years, finds herself having to take care of her fun-but-flighty stoner of a mom, Jenny. When Bird is humiliated by getting her first period at the school picnic, the delicate balance at home blows up as Bird and Jenny struggle to navigate the onslaught of change and raging hormones. After making some regrettable decisions along the way, with the help of Jenny’s golden-hearted boyfriend and her rock steady best friend, both mother and daughter discover what it means to really become a woman.

**Diani & Devine Meet the Apocalypse**
Friday, March 10th at 8:15pm
USA - 90 minutes
Writer/Director: Etta Devine, Gabriel Diani
Producer: Gabriel Diani, Etta Devine, Chad Meserve
www.dianiandevine.com/ddmta

A feature-length comedy about two comedians who are woefully unprepared for the End of Civilization. Like “The Road”...but funnier!

**Brave New Jersey**
Friday, March 10th at 8:25pm
USA - 86 minutes
Director: Jody Lambert
Writer: Michael Dowling, Jody Lambert
Producer: Taylor Williams, Jen Roskind
www.imdb.com/title/tt4660172

A comedy about a small town on the night of Orson Welles’s legendary, 1938 “War of the Worlds” radio broadcast -- the hoax that terrified millions into believing Martians were invading America. As the citizens of one New Jersey town are faced with what they think is their last night on Earth, their lives will change forever. An alien invasion movie where the aliens never show up.

**Wild Prairie Rose**
Saturday, March 11 at 1:15pm
USA - 91 minutes
Director: Deborah LaVine
Writer: Sharon B. Greene
Producer: Carol Monroe
Executive Producer: Cliff Schulz
Cast: Tara Samuel, Troy Kotsur, SuAnne Spoke, Courtney Jones, Maya Brattkus, Samuel Schulz
www.wildprairierosethemovie.com

In 1952 Rose Miller returns to her rural hometown of Beresford, South Dakota to care for her ailing mother. Once there, she falls in love with a deaf man and must decide if she has the courage to follow her heart. Wild Prairie Rose is an examination of the changing roles of women in 1950s America and in the ways that people who have great differences can learn to communicate with one another. It is a film that focuses on one woman’s story, and yet challenges the audience to examine their own assumptions about what makes a good life.
Different Flowers
Saturday, March 11 at 6:00pm
USA - 99 minutes
Writer/Director: Morgan Dameron
Producer: Morgan Dameron, David Karp
Cast: Shelley Long, Sean Gunn, Sterling Knight
www.differentflowersmovie.com

Full of girl power, kooky characters, and real heart, Different Flowers is an independent dramedy feature film written and directed by Morgan Dameron. Millie and Emma are sisters with a rocky relationship who bring out the best and worst in each other. When Emma helps Millie run out on her big Kansas City wedding, they embark on an adventure neither could have anticipated.

Dave Made a Maze
Saturday, March 11th at 8:30pm
USA - 81 minutes
Director: Bill Watterson
Writer: Steven Sears, Bill Watterson
Producer: John Charles Meyer, John Chuldenko
Cast: Nick Thune, Meera Rohit Kumbhani, James Urbaniak, Adam Busch
www.DaveMadeAMaze.com

Dave, an artist who has yet to complete anything significant in his career, builds a fort in his living room out of pure frustration, only to wind up trapped by the fantastical pitfalls, booby traps, and critters of his own creation. Ignoring his warnings, Dave's girlfriend Annie leads a band of oddball explorers on a rescue mission. Once inside, they find themselves trapped in an ever-changing supernatural world, threatened by booby traps and pursued by a bloodthirsty Minotaur.

All the Birds Have Flown South
Saturday, March 11th at 8:30pm
USA - 98 minutes
Writer/Director: Joshua H. Miller, Miles B. Miller
Producer: Kathryn Francis Tucker, John Charles Meyer, John Chuldenko
Cast: Paul Sparks, Joey Lauren Adams, Dallas Roberts
www.imdb.com/title/tt3434122

After the death of his overbearing mother, a sheltered man attempts to win the affection of a degenerate waitress by caring for her terminally ill and abusive husband. Soon, all three lives began to unravel as obsession and disease began to consume them all.

Window Horses: The Poetic Persian Epiphany of Rosie Ming
Sunday, March 12th at 2:15pm
Canada - 88 minutes
Director: Ann Marie Fleming
Writer: Ann Marie Fleming & Maryam Najafi
Producer: Ann Marie Fleming, Sandra Oh
Cast: Ellen Page, Shohreh Aghdashloo, Sandra Oh
www.windowhorses.com

A young Canadian poet with Chinese and Persian parents travels to Iran to perform at a poetry festival.
A margarita goes with any movie and popcorn, too!
**Documentary Films**

**Woman on Fire**

*Wednesday, March 8th at 5:45pm*

USA - 84 minutes  
Writer/Director: Julie Sokolow  
Producer: Danny Yourd  
Cast: Brooke Guinan, George Guinan, Jim Baker  
www.womanonfirefilm.com

This portrait of courage under fire celebrates NYC’s first openly transgender firefighter. For Brooke Guinan, fighting fires runs in her blood – both her father and grandfather served in the FDNY. But as a transgender woman, her path to service has not been without obstacles. Transitioning from male to female in what is still an overwhelmingly macho profession proves a challenge for her coworkers and her family, while her boyfriend reckons with the impact of Brooke’s newly public profile on his parents.

**Walk With Me: The Trials of Damon J. Keith**

*Thursday, March 9 at 6:00pm*

Canada - 104 minutes  
Director: Jesse Nesser  
Producer: Patrick Lane, Mitch Albom, Sally Davis  
Cast: Damon J. Keith, Mitch Albom, John Conyers Jr, Peter Hammer  
www.thedkdoc.com

The story of ten extraordinary years, four groundbreaking cases, and one unconventional federal judge.

An ordinary “colored” janitor from Detroit, whose personal struggles reflected those of a nation first coming to terms with civil rights, Damon J. Keith became a controversial judge who used the law to advance social change, ultimately changing the country. Today, at 94, he is still on the bench; he is still the only federal judge ever to be sued by a sitting U.S. President, and his rulings continue to influence a nation still arguing about “which lives matter” almost 50 years later.

**Supergirl**

*Friday, March 10th at 6:15pm*

USA - 80 minutes  
Writer/Director: Jessie Auritt  
Producer: Jessie Auritt, Carmen Delaney, Justin Levy  
www.supergirldoc.com

When a 9-year-old girl breaks a powerlifting world record, she turns into an international phenomenon and “Supergirl” is born. Naomi seems like a typical Orthodox Jewish pre-teen, until her extraordinary talent transforms the lives of her family and thrusts her into news headlines. SUPERGIRL follows Naomi’s unique coming-of-age story as she fights to hold on to her title while navigating the perils of adolescence—from strict religious obligations to cyber-bullying, and health issues which could jeopardize her future in powerlifting. Can she still be “Supergirl” if she can no longer break world records? With a passionate family supporting her, Naomi must learn to accept herself and discover she is as strong inside as she is outside.

**Long Live the King**

*Saturday, March 11th at 11:30am*

USA - 67 minutes  
Writer/Director: Frank Dietz, Trish Geiger  
Producer: Brian Kelly Jones, Scott Weitz  
Cast: Joe Dante, Greg Nicotero, Bob Burns, Dana Gould, Doug Jones, Brian Howe  
www.longlivethekingmovie.com

The 8th Wonder of the World! The name King Kong immediately brings to mind images of the mighty Beast whose legendary love for a Beauty was his undoing. Since 1933, this majestic, tragic character has enthralled moviegoers and inspired creativity. LONG LIVE THE KING is a new documentary that explores our fascination with the great ape, and his impact on pop culture throughout the world. Featuring interviews with dozens of celebrated writers, actors, artists and filmmakers, this is a highly entertaining celebration of the greatest monster movie icon of all time. Directed by Frank Dietz and Trish Geiger, creators of the award-winning BEAST WISHES. This film is dedicated to the memory of special FX master Ray Harryhausen.
Written Off
Saturday, March 11th at 6:30pm
USA - 88 minutes
Writer/Director: Molly Hermann
Producer: Molly Hermann, Rob Lyall
www.written-off.com
Grippingly honest personal journals reveal the secrets one man worked so hard to conceal as an innocent prescription for painkillers leads to a 10-year struggle to escape opiates and the stigma that surrounds his addiction.

The Islands and the Whales
Sunday, March 12th at 12:15pm
UK, Denmark - 81 minutes
Produced/Director: Mike Day
www.theislandsandthewhales.com
In their remote home in the North Atlantic the Faroe Islanders have always eaten what nature could provide, proud to put local food on the table. The land yields little, so they have always relied on harvesting their seas.

Hunting whales and seabirds kept them alive for generations, and gave them the way of life they love; a life they would pass on to their children. But today they face a grave threat to this tradition.

It is not the controversy surrounding whaling that threatens the Faroese way of life; the danger is coming from the whales themselves.

The Faroese are among the first to feel the effects of our ever more polluted oceans. They have discovered that their beloved whales are toxic, contaminated by the outside world. What once secured their survival now endangers their children and the Faroe Islanders must make a choice between health and tradition.

The Bear and the Owl
Sunday, March 12th at 2:00pm
USA - 46 minutes
Director: Mark Davis
Writer: Mark Allen Davis, Jan Jensen
Producer: Jan Jensen
thebearandtheowl.com
In 1986, a young girl from Beloit, WI was about to celebrate her 7th birthday in the Boston Children’s Hospital. After her teacher puts an article in the local newspaper requesting cards from the community, a complete stranger responds by sending her a handmade card every day for two and half years.

The heartwarming bond that forms between them showcases the healing power of love, empathy and compassion. 30 years later, as she’s about to undergo her 42nd (and hopefully last) surgery, Joni’s optimistic strength is an inspiring example of the difference that a simple act of kindness can make.

Herd
Sunday, March 12th at 3:15pm
Canada - 52 minutes
Writer/Director: Stefan Morel
Cast: Liz Mitten Ryan
www.HerdFilm.com
Herd explores how horses can guide us to heal the chaos within our lives.

During a weeklong off-grid nature retreat, deep in the heart of British Columbia’s horse country, eight people participate in a collective spirit quest of meditation and equine therapy.

The film documents a nascent, interspecies community where horses and humans share fears, doubts and truths as they form a new hybrid herd. The horse/human communication transcends language to foster a dialogue of shared mindfulness.
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La Invitacion (The Sleepover)

**Writer/Director:** Susana Casares  
www.madridencorto.es/2016

Pushed by the fear of losing her friends, Silvia (10) has invited them to a sleepover... but things can be complicated when your home is not exactly what your friends may call a home. A chance when a stranger, Tim (Ian Harding), mistakes her identity.

No Soy Yo (This Isn’t Me)

**Mexico - 3 minutes**  
**Writer/Director:** Manfred Lopez Grem  
mansfredlopez.com/film/this_isnt_me

Car accidents are one of the leading causes of death. This film explores the harrowing consequences of what we swear will never happen to us.

Counter Act

**Canada - 15 minutes**  
**Writer/Director:** The Affolter Brothers  
www.counteractfilm.com

When Alice, a naïve young woman having lunch in a diner circa 1960, joins Mary and Ray in their “sit-in” protest, the ire of the racist patrons boils over and Alice learns what it truly takes to stand up for what you believe in.

Promise

**China - 16 minutes**  
**Director:** Tian Xie

Deep in China, simple peasant parents have raised a smart boy. But life for the family has become impossible financially, so the parents take jobs in a distant city. Promising to return on the new year, they leave their only son to live on his own. Loneliness sets in and the boy stumbles upon a lost piglet. The two immediately become inseparable as he raises the pig as a member of his family.

A State of Emergency

**Germany/France - 12 minutes**  
**Director:** Tarek Roehlinger  
www.facebook.com/Unetatdurgence

A movie about a society in fear. It is the story of two soldiers in the everyday life of Paris guarding an official building. An abandoned bag, curious passants and a crazy tramp move the situation into its climax. The lines between normality and real danger disappears.

Dryad

**France - 12 minutes**  
**Writer/Director:** Thomas Vernay  
www.facebook.com/Unetatdurgence

The wind blows, noises of armor resound. A knight escorts a young woman athwart plains. The thunder begins to scold, clouds invade the landscape. The knight, worried, stares the castle on the horizon. The end is close.

Love is a Sting

**Ireland - 18 minutes**  
**Director:** Vincent Gallagher  
www.loveisastingmovie.com

The story of struggling children’s book writer Harold Finch. At his lowest point, Harold gains an unexpected house guest in the form of an ageing, hyper-intelligent mosquito named Anabel. Anabel has been the fly on the wall throughout history, but has never communicated with a human. She will attempt to do so and will teach Harold that the smallest voice can make the biggest noise.

The Boy by the Sea

**Netherlands - 7 minutes**  
**Director:** Vasily Chuprina  
www.imdb.com/title/tt5560706

The story of an unlikely friendship. A young boy sitting by the sea, watching the stones he throws disappear beneath the surface. An old lighthouse keeper. A different truth beyond the water.
The Retirement of Mr. Jones
USA - 17 minutes
Writer/Director: Matt Townley
www.facebook.com/MrJonesDocumentary
After 36 years as Director of Instrumental Music at the Fort Calhoun Community School District, Mark Jones will retire. This film documents Mr. Jones during the 2012-2013 school year and shows his strong dedication to his craft and the difficulty he has letting it go.

The Seventh Stage of Grief
USA - 13 minutes
Writer/Director: Jacob Rosdail
In preparation for an ecological apocalypse, two men have removed themselves from society. Together they host an internet radio show where they preach the gospel of learning to let go of the world.

Think Design Every Day
USA - 5 minutes
Writer/Director: Mike Machian
Omaha fashion designer Buf Reynolds tells us how she got started, the inspiration for her most recent collection and what she would like to accomplish next.

Missing Piece
France, Germany, Iceland, Netherlands, Peru, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, USA
25 minutes
Writer/Director: Tim Guthrie
www.facebook.com/missingpiecefilm
Simultaneously a portrait and a self-portrait. My journey to pay homage to my wife, who died a year ago; the missing piece in my life.

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Short Program 3
Thursday, March 9th at 5:45pm
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**Obsession**
USA - 5 minutes
Director: Mitch Fey
A man's struggle with feelings for an unconventional love interest, spiraling into a final confrontation.

**Wizard Quest - The Questing**
USA - 5 minutes
(Drama)
Writer/Director/Producer: Emma Korengel
Wizards have taken many forms and kept nature and harmony in balance, including The Wizard of Darkness, a soul fated to bring misery to the Earth. But when The Wizard of Darkness creates global warming, it's up to the remaining wizards to talk sense into her.

**Let's Meet by the Tree**
USA - 9 minutes
Writer/Director: Meredith Zielie
Two teenagers runaway to be together forever. What could go wrong?

**Alone With My Thoughts**
USA - 3 minutes
Director: Brendan Doyle, Noah Floersch
A music video to the song "Alone With My Thoughts" delves into the solitary state of space travel.

**Ben's Last Day**
USA - 5 minutes
Director: Gabrielle Push
The Super Duper Secret Services (SDSS) president, Sergeant London Harper, has decided to retire. Agent Benjamin Bently is called in after Sergeant Harper has picked her preceding leader. Agent Bently finds the wrong man and it doesn't end well for him.

**The Photographer**
USA - 5 minutes
Director: Julian Hock-Beaty
Young woman is stalked by an unknown man.

**Salmon Challis**
USA - 11 minutes
Director: Nathan Hazel
Three boys embark on a coming-of-age wilderness adventure that eventually leads to the erosion of old friendships.

**Wizard Quest - The Questing**
USA - 5 minutes
(Drama)
Writer/Director/Producer: Emma Korengel
Wizards have taken many forms and kept nature and harmony in balance, including The Wizard of Darkness, a soul fated to bring misery to the Earth. But when The Wizard of Darkness creates global warming, it's up to the remaining wizards to talk sense into her.

**Essence**
USA - 19 minutes
Writer/Director: Sam Bench, Seth Bench, Philip Tilden
www.emptyspacefilms.com
Jay, an unmotivated and love searching man, finds himself unknowingly affecting the lives of three close individuals: Karen, his desperate loving girlfriend, Sam, his sober bartending best friend, and Aunt Bessie, his smoking addict relative he lives with.

**Fable**
USA - 8 minutes
Director: Sam Bench, Seth Bench, Philip Tilden
www.emptyspacefilms.com
Robin, an easy-to-scare high school girl, and Jake, a non-believer in paranormal activity, find themselves playing Fable, a spooky and mysterious card game, consisting of riddles that, when read aloud, become true.
### Post No Bills

**Canada - 4 minutes**  
Director: Robin Hays, Andy Poon  
www.postnobillsfilm.com

On an urban city wall plastered with posters Noodle Boy must make his way through a series of obstacles and challenges in order to save his crush, Miss Fortune from the city’s clean up crew.

### Three Little Ninjas Delivery Service

**Belgium - 11 minutes**  
Writer/Director: Kim Claeys, Karim Rhellam  
www.3littleninjas.com

When a not so charming Prince slays the dragon guarding a fairy tale Princess, she promptly orders a new one with the Three Little Ninjas Delivery Service. They deliver whatever, wherever, whenever...

### Boomerang

**USA - 5 minutes**  
Writer/Director: Steven Vander Meer  
www.stevenvandermeer.com

The workings of nature and the universe are mystically and whimsically illustrated in this fast paced, gorgeously hand drawn film. Great music and a quirky sense of humor define the beauty of it all, and it’s no coincidence when it happens this way.

### Good Dog

**Australia - 3 minutes**  
Writer/Director: Tim Cant  
www.timebombillustration.com

A short story about a dog and its unconditional love for its owner.

### Nutag (Homeland)

**Canada - 6 minutes**  
Writer/Director: Alisi Telengut  
cargocollective.com/AlisiTelengut/  
Nutag-Homeland-2016

A non-narrative hand-painted visual poem about ideas of diaspora, homeland, and the tragic mass-deportations of the Kalmyk people during WWII.

### Trial & Error

**Germany - 5 minutes**  
Director: Antje Heyn  
protoplanet-studio.de

A film about a lost shirt button, perfectionist aunts, busy cats, startled parrots—and a long-lost friend.

### The Trapeze Artist

**Ukraine/United Kingdom - 2 minutes**  
Director: Daria Hlazatova, Lawrence Solon

The trapeze artist named Thomas takes a leap into space.

### The Bald Future

**France - 5 minutes**  
Writer/Director: Paul Cabon  
paulcabon.com/  
Le-Futur-sera-chauve-The-bald-future

Being a bald man sucks. Knowing you’ll become one is worse.
Panic Attack!
USA - 3 minutes
Writer/Director: Eileen O’Meara
eileenomeara.blogspot.com/p/panic-attack
You know the nagging thoughts that start with “did I leave the coffee on?” and turn in to “what if I give birth to Satan’s baby?” This hand-drawn animation explores anxiety, obsession, and one woman’s slippery hold on reality.

Nocna ptica (Nighthawk)
Slovenia/Croatia - 8 minutes
Director: Spela Cadez
bonobostudio.hr/en/film/distribution/nighthawk
A badger lies motionless on a local road. A police patrol approaches the body in the dark. They soon realise that the animal is not dead; the badger is dead drunk! When the police attempt to drag the creature off the road, he wakes up and things take a strange turn.

Notorious Corn
France - 1 minute
Writer/Director: Mallory Grolleau
www.imdb.com/title/tt6246242
It’s the story of a small grain of corn that dreamed about glory. He’s going to succeed... Unfortunately...

Lion Dance
USA - 5 minutes
Writer/Director: Tim Pattinson, Zheng Kang
www.imdb.com/title/tt6246242
A romantic visual poem set during a traditional Asian parade in which a highly acrobatic dance is performed to bring good luck. It explores the theme of serendipity using a combination of CG, 2D animation techniques, and a soundtrack to express the rhythmic and pulsating emotion and actions of the characters.

UKA
Spain - 3 minutes
Writer/Director: Valle Comba
www.offecam.com/catalogo/uka
Uka is a little girl who lives in a grey abandoned factory. While she’s painting of her canvas, she finds a way of changing how she sees the world.

The Song of Wandering Aengus
United Kingdom - 4 minutes
Writer/Director: Matthew Lawes
www.otherbrotherstudios.co.uk
An ambitious stop frame animation short created over 1 year, based on W. B. Yeats poem 'The Song of Wandering Aengus', narrated by Liam Cunningham, with original music score from David Holmes and Keefus Ciancia.

Once Upon a Line
USA - 7 minutes
Writer/Director: Alicja Jasina
www.onceuponinlineonline.com
A man leads a monotone, humdrum existence until he suddenly falls in love. What follows is a short portrait of a difficult relationship marked by a struggle for control and identity. The ending gives hope for a new beginning and a change of perspective.

Green Light
South Korea - 15 minutes
Writer/Director: Seongmin Kim
dflab.ajou.ac.kr/greenlight
With the ecosystem destroyed after a nuclear war, Mari, a survivor, does all she can to rebuild. When she stumbles upon a robot soldier in an abandoned city, everything changes.
Skinny Fat Girl
USA - 11 minutes
Director: Brandon Baer
www.imdb.com/title/tt5389786

Based on a true story, we meet Annie on her return to the dating scene after losing 100 pounds. After consistent failure, Annie and her best friend Hannah decide to have a girls night. Enter Parker, a charming handsome guy who is interested in Annie. We follow her with the hope of new blossoming love.

J
USA - 13 minutes
Writer/Director: Nick Psinakis
www.foureighteenfilms.com

In the near future, a hacktivist quickly growing in popularity, purchases a synthetic artificial clone of himself in the hopes of masking his true whereabouts.

Lightningface
USA - 19 minutes
Writer/Director: Brian Petsos
lightningface.com

An origin story, of sorts—LIGHTNINGFACE stars Oscar Isaac as Basil Stitt, who in the aftermath of an inexplicable incident, decides to sequester himself inside his apartment, setting the stage for a profound transformation.

Bella Donna
USA - 5 minutes
Director: Christopher Basile
www.imdb.com/title/tt3802634

A beautiful, faithful wife plans the perfect dinner for her husband, whose idea of perfection is far from hers.

Dawn of the Deaf
United Kingdom - 12 minutes
Writer/Director: Rob Savage
www.dawnofthedeafmovie.com

When a strange sound wipes out the hearing population, a small group of Deaf people must band together to survive.

Shutter
Germany - 7 minutes
Writer/Director: Robert Mueller
www.imdb.com/title/tt5240446

Mark, an aspiring photographer, who witnesses a murder, tries to sell the pictures he took of the scene to an editorial department.

First Like
Sweden - 3 minutes
Writer: Alexander Ronnberg
youtube.be/JX3j33Z5Q4U

First to Like - First to Die Do you dare to be the first to press Like...?

Vendetta!
Italy - 4 minutes
Writer/Director: Joe Vignola

An actor seduces an ice cream vendor and a young actress. The two women uncover the truth and take a “sweet” revenge on him.

A Beautiful Day
USA - 21 minutes
Director: Phedon Papamichael
www.abeautifuldayfilm.com

Gene gets up day after day and follows the same monotonous routine that he has lived since the death of his wife ten years earlier. He is aging fast from illness and loneliness and has given up on the future. Today, however, he awakens with a new determination to end the life he has known - a new resolve that will change the course of everything.
Darkroom
USA - 10 minutes
Writer/Director: Magie McCombs
www.imdb.com/title/tt6261608
Two college students develop a friendship while working in the darkroom, but one has an unsettling secret that could put an end to their chemistry.

eleMental
USA - 7 minutes
Writer/Director: Nolan Anderson
nolan-anderson.squarespace.com
Thrill and adventure seems just out of reach for a man stuck in the mundane.

11 Confession Road
USA - 6:43 minutes
Writer/Director: Rhett McClure
www.abprofilms.com
The Year 2020. Set in post-alien-life-reveal apocalypse America, two paranoid bounty hunters on the run from the NSA are about to ditch their prisoners.

I Am the Messenger
USA - 6 minutes
Writer/Director: Elijah Watson
A young man decides to take action when discovers someone committing a horrible crime.

No Clean Finish
USA - 15 minutes
Writer/Director: Eric Dwight
www.imdb.com/title/tt5058238
Tommy is an independent wrestler who has just been called up to the big time. On his last night with the company, he is set to drop the title. Around him are those who have their own take on Tommy’s recent push. During the lead up to the main event, Tommy is battling making a decision that could change so many peoples’ lives.

The Controller
USA - 6 minutes
Director: Benjamin Hartzell
Two girls get more than they bargained for when they buy a haunted video game at a garage sale.

The Boulevard (T)errorism
USA - 22 minutes
Created by Trevor Nealy & Karl Yanike
Kevin and Rufus try to fund a movie that just might blow up, just not in the way they hope.

The Last Bottle
USA - 8 minutes
Director: Magie McCombs
www.imdb.com/title/tt6320524
Months after their parent’s murder-suicide, two siblings revisit their troubling and traumatizing past, shedding light on the day their parents died.
Blitzed
USA - 2 minutes
Director: Jonathan Kimbrell
www.imdb.com/title/tt6320536
In the near future, a team of mercenaries meet up after the job they were hired for turned out to be a set-up.

In Situ: Epilogue
USA - 4 minutes
Writer/Director: Andrew Johnson
www.unfiltered-ent.com/?page_id=70
The struggle for survival after a catastrophic plague is not limited to biological humans.
Jason, who until recently was a college student in search of his own sense of purpose, is chosen against his will. He must accept that he is special and do what is required of him.
He is the only one who can save his world's existence - by protecting the electrical generators sustaining it.

Coffee and Cigarettes IV
USA - 3 minutes
Writer/Director: Ian Snyder
www.rad-radish.com
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Reverie
USA - 4 minutes
Director: Karalyn Smith
A man uses daydreams to build his confidence to ask out the girl of his dreams.

Glimpse
USA - 6 minutes
Director: Enrique Mendoza
www.glimpse-movie.com
Would you like to see how a relationship ends before committing to it forever? In the not-so-distant future, a new tech startup offers a peek into a defining moment from a couple's life together. John and Emma must decide whether or not to still start a life together after their Glimpse reveals more than they anticipated.
Real Artists
USA - 11 minutes
Writer/Director: Cameo Wood
www.realartists.film
Sophia just scored every animator's dream interview at world famous Semaphore Animation Studios. But when the Creative Director reveals that she knows about Sophia's fan-edit of Semaphore's hit film Mythos, Sophia sees her dreams begin to slip away.

Paradox
USA - 8 minutes
Writer/Director: Brad Helmink, John Rauschelbach
www.brothersshamus.com
A man falls asleep alone at night, but is woken up by the sounds of someone breaking in. The intruder's identity is scarier than the act itself.

The Firefly Girls
USA - 11 minutes
Director: Katie Micay
www.thefireflygirlsfilm.com
Will is struggling to move on after his beloved daughter dies. Stuck in a cloud of grief, he spends his time hiding in his house. Meanwhile, a young girl from the neighborhood, Gracie, is determined to sell the last of her Firefly Girl cookies. Gracie knows Will is the only person left in town who hasn't bought any cookies. So fearless Gracie breaks into his house. Similarities between the two arise.

The Bus Stop
USA - 14 minutes
Writer/Director: Justin Malone
www.malonepictures.com
Two young boys come to blows due to religious stereotypes they learned from their parents.

The Wrights
USA - 14 minutes
Director: Michael Steger
www.thewrightsfilm.com
Three estranged siblings come together after the death of their father. Dark secrets emerge and loyalties are questioned at the reading of the last will and testament.

Past The Second Stage
Australia - 5 minutes
Director: Samuel Hunter Galloway, Peter Camilleri
www.facebook.com/pastthesecondstage
While cleaning his deceased brothers derelict apartment, a man comes across an old laptop containing the last documentation of his life. But in order to access the files he must pass three security questions regarding family that threaten to bring up his well buried resentment towards his wayward brother.

Venefica
USA - 7 minutes
Writer/Director: Maria Wilson
www.veneficafilm.com
A young modern-day witch embarks on a difficult rite of passage to learn whether her abilities are destined for good or for evil.

Icarus
USA - 20 minutes
Director: Tom Teller
www.frame48.com
When a Mars colony's comm satellite is damaged, Emilia Riley embarks on a seemingly harmless repair excursion. A shuttle malfunction cuts connectivity to the ground and Chris, her son, makes the knee jerk decision to go after her.
Worst-Case Scenario, Inc.
USA - 17 minutes
Writer/Director: Jenny Lee, Gareth Smith
www.smithleefilm.com
Ryan is an agent for a company called Worst-Case Scenario, Inc. where he predicts disastrous possible outcomes. He’s assigned a case to inspect the home of a nervous new mother. What could possibly go wrong?

Start Over
USA - 9 minutes
Director: Liz Rizzo
www.imdb.com/title/tt5693782
Three men and a woman hire a video service to find someone special.

The Perfect Note
USA - 11 minutes
Director: Michelle Davidson
www.imdb.com/title/tt5282600
What happens when a mundane life becomes a movie musical.

Memoir
USA - 15 minutes
Director: Alexander Jeffery
www.bespokeworksllc.com
Memories can either fuel our existence or eat away at us like a disease. In the not-too-distant future, Dr. Theodore Maine is on the cusp of losing his job at Janus Labs where he is developing research for Alzheimer’s treatment. That is, until a mysterious visitor named Obee changes his life forever.

Walk for Me
USA - 12 minutes
Writer/Director: Elegance Bratton
www.walkformemovie.com
Walk For Me is a contemporary coming out story set in present day New York City. Hassan Kendricks is a conflicted teenager torn between his devotion to Andrea his mother and his desire to be himself.

Fall Repeat
USA - 5 minutes
Writer/Director: Elise Sievert
www.elisesievert.com/fall-repeat-short-film
A dancer navigates what she will compromise for the sake ambition while her mentor pushes boundaries.

Three Women
USA - 14 minutes
Director: Alex Beh
www.threewomenfilm.com
Over drinks, Darren Peters and friends discuss their waiter’s sudden proffer, that at any given moment in any man’s life there are three women involved: The Available, The Unavailable, and The Unattainable.

Last Light
USA - 17 minutes
Director: Jency Griffin Hogan
www.imdb.com/title/tt6367914
On the verge of her mother’s death, Addie returns home to shed light on her dark past amidst the wreckage collected over twenty years.
Now’s A Bad Time
USA - 8 minutes
Writer/Director: Michael Oberst
A dark comedy about two guys doing nothing wrong. Unless you consider trying to pry a grieving mother for her deceased sons personal info to sell for a small (but reasonable) profit “wrong” but who’s to say?

3-Way (Not Calling)
Canada - 11 minutes
Writer/Director: Molly McGlynn
www.facebook.com/3waynotcalling
A woman riddled with existential dread on the eve of a big birthday convinces her partner to have a threesome that changes everything...and nothing.

Dear George
USA - 20 minutes
Writer/Director: Emily Skyle
www.deargeorgethefilm.com
After his high school sweetheart sends him a breakup letter and moves out of state, a heartbroken gamer takes off on a trip filled with a TSA shakedown, Acapella group, bad decisions and a “borrowed” chicken costume.

Help! I’m Trapped In A Movie
United Kingdom - 9 minutes
Writer/Director: Riley Madincea
A man wakes up to find himself the star of a Hollywood blockbuster, but his dream soon becomes a nightmare when he discovers he can’t control the plot.

Duffy’s Jacket
USA - 9 minutes
Director: Brian Hoesing
www.imdb.com/title/tt5892408
A forgetful boy and his 2 cousins must survive the night once discovered by an ancient woodland monster. (Based on the short story by Bruce Coville and starring Doug Jones)

Jesse Eisenberg Uses the Urinal
USA - 7 minutes
Director: Alec Brown
www.imdb.com/title/tt5810038
Oscar-nominee Jesse Eisenberg might play a captivating know-it-all on the big screen, but there is one thing the talented actor doesn’t know- how to use the urinal.

Nuts
USA - 4 minutes
Writer/Director: Theo Sena
www.imdb.com/title/tt5225572
A man wakes up and fixes a world that isn’t broken.

Time Travel Romance
USA - 12 minutes
Writer/Director: Ben Giroux
www.BenGiroux.com
After continually striking out with women, an awkward man invents a time machine against his mother’s wishes.

The Robbery
USA - 10 minutes
Director: Jim Cummings
www.imdb.com/title/tt6391374
Crystal robs a liquor store. It goes pretty ok.
Short Program 10

Saturday, March 11th at 7:30pm
Nebraska • 93 minutes

GPS
USA - 1 minutes
Writer/Director: Derek Davidson
www.rad-radish.com
It’s time we had a serious talk.
With our phones.

Child’s Play
USA - 6 minutes
Writer/Director: Candace Nelson
Two young girls learn how to survive from a childhood game gone wrong.

Hawksbill Crag
USA - 5 minutes
Writer/Director: Alexander Jeffery, Brent Scott Maze
A nature photographer is sent to Northern Arkansas to take pictures of Hawksbill Crag, but the trails and environment slowly drive him into anxiety and paranoia. Something is watching.

Not About Me
USA - 6 minutes
Writer/Director: Aaron Nix
www.imdb.com/title/tt6185848
A husband attempts to avoid the building tension at home. Instead, he finds perspective on the urgency of life and love with the hopes of reconciling with his wife.

Funeral Favors
USA - 3 minutes
Director: Ben Semisch
After a Funeral Adam offers a helping hand to his friend Todd. Todd takes the offer too far asking for increasingly ridiculous favors.

Up River
USA - 8 minutes
Writer/Director: Allison Holt
A young woman journeys into the wilderness to find her father in the midst of a food drought.

The Music Box
USA - 15 minutes
Writer/Director: Aliza Brugger
When Gloria finds a mysterious box in her cellar, her life is shaded with bursts of terror. She and Maya must overcome the shadows together.

Spelling Bee
USA - 2 minutes
Writer/Director: Dominic Ciofalo
www.rad-radish.com
A young boy must use all his wits if he is to be crowned the champion of a contest of spelling things good.
Over the Fairy Hill
Ireland - 15 minutes
Director: William Fischer
www.imdb.com/title/tt5862464
The young couple of Crissie and Darragh are very much in love and looking forward to a future with their coming child. But in Darragh’s small pub built above a sidhe, the past intrudes in the form of a decrepit, dying fairy.

Neighbor / Neighbor
USA - 19 minutes
Director: Bruce Nelson, Staci Monk Nelson
www.masstransitproductions.com/neighbor-neighbor
When less than desirable new neighbors move in next door from a perfect nuclear family, sparks fly. What starts out as a simple disagreement between men over a few bags of trash soon escalates into an all out war that drags in entire families.

The Quest for Excalispoon
USA - 7 minutes
Director: Sam Senser, Thomas Johnson
www.youtube.com/watch?v=epUfvIMhMKM&feature=youtu.be
Two knights enter into the gates of Utensia, in search of the legendary Excalispoon.

Welcome to the Second Annual OFF Academy
Thursday and Friday, March 9 & 10
Omaha Funny Bone Comedy Club
With industry professionals from across the country the OFF Academy offers two days of sessions that will give students an inside look at screenwriting, acting, cinematography, lighting, editing, directing, and producing and will include hands-on interactive workshops targeting students in the disciplines they’re most interested in.

In addition to the Academy, the students are all invited to participate in everything the Omaha Film Festival has to offer which includes the Writer’s Theatre, the Filmmakers Conference, and the over 125 films that will screen at the Village Pointe Theatre from March 7-12.

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Omaha South High School
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South High Magnet
Westside High School
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Short Program 11
Sunday, March 12th at 11:45am
Documentary • 99 minutes

Gardeners of the Forest
USA/Lao People's Democratic Republic
14 minutes
Director: Ceylan Carhoglu, Nicole Jordan-Webber
www.gardenersoftheforest.com

For generations, Laos was known as the Land of a Million Elephants. Today, there are around 400 elephants left in Laos. If the Laotian elephants become extinct, not only does it mean a loss of one of the largest mammals on earth but also the loss for Laotian history and culture. This documentary explores how the growing Chinese market, deforestation, and tourism all play a cyclical role in the imminent extinction of elephants.

The Art of Hope
USA - 17 minutes
Writer/Director: Benjamin J Bogard
www.imdb.com/title/tt5873162

Offering sanctuary in the last frontier, Hope Community Resources Inc. provides resources to individuals with physical and cognitive disabilities. At the main campus in Anchorage, Hope Studios, a fully functioning art studio, serves as a safe space for free ideas and expression. Surrounded by bright colors and quirky artwork, vibrant individuals create collaborative projects to support the studio and their careers as artists. three artists (Justin Humphrey, Kristine Ethel Whalen, and Judy Evans) share their personal stories of challenges and hope as they find their life purpose. The Art of Hope tells the story of a community creating art every day, communicating with the world that inability and disability are not synonymous terms.

The John Show
USA - 12 minutes
Writer/Director: Julie Sokolow
www.juliesokolow.com/Th e-John-Show

Graphic designer Brett Yasko wanted to save his friend John's life, so he asked every artist in their town to make a portrait of John. The result is the 2016 art show “John Riegert” – a funhouse containing 250 portraits on the titular subject, with John himself acting as tour guide. This heartfelt story chronicles the making of a singular exhibit and the mental health struggles and personal triumphs of its subject.

The Gathering
USA - 24 minutes
Writer/Director: Micki Dickoff
www.imdb.com/name/nm0225586

Witness to Innocence is the only organization of death row exonerees in the United States, led by death row survivors and their families. These innocent men and women, gather once a year to share their thoughts and feelings, fears and dreams with the only people who really understand what they went through.

Soul City
USA - 23 minutes
Director: Monica Berra, ShRea DeSol, & Gini Richards
www.soulcityfilm.com

“Soul City” is a documentary short that tells the story of a group of civil rights activists and city slickers who attempt to build a multiracial utopia in the heart of Klan Country, North Carolina in the 1970s. Their pioneering efforts to jumpstart this black-owned, black-built town run up against tenacious enemies that still face idealists and dreamers today--ingrained racism, public skepticism, and unwillingness on the part of the government to think outside the box to solve social problems. As this group of dreamers try to bring together unlikely allies to support black power and economic development, they are forced to balance their soaring idealism with the hostile reality of the times.

Frank Carter & The Rattlesnakes - Year of The Snake
United Kingdom - 9 minutes
Writer/Director: Max Horn
www.baronxbones.com

Year Of The Snake is a short documentary following the rise and rise of Frank Carter & The Rattlesnakes.

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All Conference Panelists are “scheduled to appear” – times subject to change, see website for updates

Saturday, March 11, 2017

9:30am – 10:30am – Filmmaker Panel
Attending (non-Nebraska) filmmaker’s Q&A panel

10:45am – 11:30am – Documentary Panel
A conversation with visiting documentary filmmakers about their process

11:45am – 12:45pm – Writing for the Big and Small Screen
A moderated panel discussion with Maria Maggenti and Jennifer Levin

1:00pm – 2:00pm – Acting on the Big and Small Screen
A discussion with Yolonda Ross about acting in a popular TV series

2:30pm – 4:00pm – A Brief History of Filmmaking in Nebraska
A presentation with Nebraska Film Commissioner Laurie Richards

Sunday, March 12, 2017

12:00pm – 2:00pm – Writer’s Theatre
A live reading of selections from this year’s OFF screenplay finalists

2:15pm – 3:15pm – Writing the Great American Screenplay
A conversation about screenwriting with Lew Hunter

Panelists:

Maria Maggenti – writer/director/producer – wrote and directed Sundance films “The Incredibly True Adventure of Two Girls in Love” and “Puccini for Beginners,” and writer of the 2011 Black List screenplay “Before I Fall” which is currently in theatres.

Jennifer Levin – writer/producer – Showrunner for CW’s “Felicity” and “Beauty and the Beast,” writer on ABC’s “Brothers and Sisters” and CBS’s “Without a Trace.”

Yolonda Ross – writer/director/actress – Two-time Film Independent Spirit Award nominee and Gotham Winner for HBO’s “Stranger Inside” and John Sayle’s “Go For Sisters.” Also in “Treme,” “The Get Down,” “How to Get Away with Murder,” and the upcoming Showtime series “The Chi.”

Lew Hunter - writer - Screenwriting 434, chairman Emeritus and Professor of Screenwriting at the UCLA Department of Film and Television.
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