

2024

JANUARY
FROM
19th TO 28th

An artistic illustration of a woman's profile in shades of brown, looking upwards and to the left. Her hair is styled in a large, voluminous bun. The bun is composed of several overlapping loops of film strips in various colors: red, purple, blue, green, and yellow. The background features a pattern of light blue and white dots on a blue gradient, transitioning to a yellow and orange gradient at the bottom. The overall style is vibrant and celebratory.

**Chandler
International
Film Festival**

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WELCOME TO 8th ANNUAL CHANDLER INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL



The Chandler International Film Festival (CIFF) celebrates its 8th year of bringing exciting new and different films and screenplays for viewing to Chandler, Arizona. This year we proudly announce that the film festival will last ten days with each day showing stimulating and moving films and screen plays from talented filmmakers from all over the world.

CIFF is excited to return to the LOOK Dine-in Cinema for our viewing pleasure. Each day CIFF has scheduled a different category of film or documentary along with feature films or a workshop. Expect to meet and ask questions from the filmmakers and celebrities after each session and enjoy the after hours party in one of Downtown Chandler's hot spots. CIFF is dedicated to bringing art and culture and an exciting and fun experience to moviegoers and fans.

Come join the festival. All are welcome and you will find there is something for everyone! See you on the red carpet.

Mitesh Patel
Founder & Festival Director

OUR TEAM



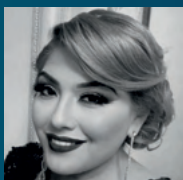
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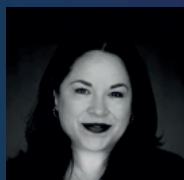
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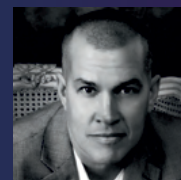
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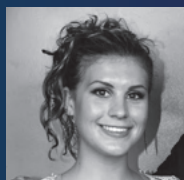
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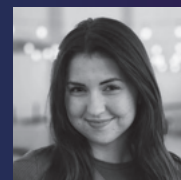
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Friday, January 19th, 2024

6:00
PM

HOLLYWOOD *Style* Red Carpet

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: 1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225

Come one, Come all! Join us as we kick off the 8th annual Chandler International Film Festival

To open the festival we welcome you to walk the red carpet, get flashed by the paparazzi and become a "Hollywood Star" for an evening! This is your opportunity to meet and greet with filmmakers, actors, and all who support the film industry. Thank you to all!

Please wear your best formal wear.

7:45
PM

Villains Inc. (Feature Film)

Opening Night!

Come join us at the 'Red Carpet' opening night! Events include:

- Opening Ceremonies on the Red Carpet
- Opening night film screening
- After Party at LOOK Dine-In Cinemas Chandler

Directed by **Jeremy Warner** | Run Time: **1 hour 42 minutes, USA**

After the death of their villainous boss, low-level henchpeople Beatrix, Cain, and Harold are left destitute living in an abandoned grocery store. Not content with the situation they find themselves in, Beatrix is determined for them to strike out on their own and take over the world by any means necessary.



Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Jeremy Warner

Film Type : Feature Film

Run Time : 102 minutes

Location : United States

10:00
PM

After Party @ LOOK Dine-In Cinema

LOOK Dine-In Cinema, 1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225

Once the opening night feature film is complete the night is not over!

Please join us at LOOK Dine-In Cinema for food, beverages and to meet some of the cast and crew.

LOOK

DINE-IN CINEMAS

Saturday, January 20th, 2024

8:00
AM

Coffee Connections

Hilton Garden Inn - Downtown Chandler
150 S Arizona Ave Chandler, AZ 85225

Hilton Garden Inn

Join us for a delightful morning filled with coffee and meaningful connections! This event is specially curated for filmmakers like you to come together, share experiences, and build lasting connections within the vibrant filmmaking community. Exchange contact information, discuss potential collaborations, and leave with a network of like-minded filmmakers.



10:00
AM

Film Festival Workshop

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theater 2
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225

Film Festival Mastery

It's common knowledge that the success of an indie film can be heavily influenced by whether or not a film has a successful festival run. If your film makes even the tiniest of splashes, it can lead to distribution, sales, financing, representation, connections, and advancing your career. Slamdance co-founder Jon Fitzgerald will share the keys to playing the right events and maximizing your film festival experience, as well as insights into advancing your career.



Jon Fitzgerald

Jon has over 25 years of experience in independent films and has run several top tier festivals. He has led many film projects through the maze of festivals and authored the leading social impact filmmaking book, "Filmmaking for Change: How to Make Movies that Transform the World", and also teaches two popular web-based courses: Film Festival Mastery and Film Distribution Mastery.

12:00
PM

Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theater 3
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



Remnant Falls

Adrian Locke, a broken man casted out from society - smuggles his way back into the most dangerous city known as "Remnant" to investigate the death of his father. His journey to find the truth from sunset to sunrise will go down as the worst night of his life.



Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Isaac Joel Verduzco

Film Type : Feature Film

Run Time : 118 minutes

Location : United States

12:10
PM

Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theater 4
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



Third Wheel

An edgy, millennial coming-of-age breakup story following Ray—a depressed hopeless romantic—who finds himself struggling with heartbreak and his return to single life, all the while living among his newly-coupled, lovestruck best friends.



Premiere Status : World Premiere

Director : Blake Tamarkin

Film Type : Feature Film

Run Time : 110 minutes

Location : United States

12:15
PM

Best Arizona Short Films

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theater 2
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The Weight of the Badge

A tin star doesn't weigh much, until you pin it on. An old west lawman is torn between his own best interest and his duty to uphold his oath. This is the story of a man's struggle between fulfilling his oath and his own personal well-being. It will resonate with first responders and military personal as they face this crisis daily.

Premiere Status : Phoenix Premiere

Director : John Marrs

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 18 minutes

Location : United States



The Foxhole

A kidnapped atheist has her first and last conversation with God.

Premiere Status : World Premiere

Director : John Kestner

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 18 minutes

Location : United States



The Condition

In "The Condition," join SARAH, a courageous teenage daughter of a mega church Pastor, as she confronts a life-altering diagnosis that tests her faith and values. A startling truth awaits her, and as she navigates this challenging situation, a life hangs in the balance. Experience a gripping tale of resilience and the power of conviction in this profound film.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere
Director : Rod Randolph
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 22 minutes
Location : United States



The Arizona Storm

Storm Timelapse collection from Randy Alan Woods out of Scottsdale, AZ. Years of his best timelapses condensed into a short film to showcase the power of the weather in the desert.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere
Director : Randy Alan Woods
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 3 minutes
Location : United States



Superstar

After a prolonged hiatus from the public eye following a tragic car accident, Frankie, a rising actress, prepares to give her first TV interview while trying to deal with her deteriorating, hallucinogenic psychosis.

Premiere Status : World Premiere
Director : Talha Hussaini & Jacob Heimlich
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 24 minutes
Location : United States



The Next to Last Supper

A husband has his faith tested when he and his wife join her bitter, terminally-ill father for lunch.

Premiere Status : Phoenix Premiere
Director : John Kestner
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 10 minutes
Location : United States



Bruiser

Samantha and Erik's first date turns ugly when a blast from the past confronts the dating couple to rehash hard feelings.

Premiere Status : Phoenix Premiere
Director : Freddy Piñon
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 6 minutes
Location : United States

2:45
PM

Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theater 4
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What Rhymes with Reason

Tragedy ignites a group of teens on a quest to find a legendary landmark hidden in the wilderness. Together, they navigate the quest while confronting the darkness within themselves.

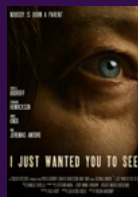


Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere
Director : Kyle Roberts
Film Type : Feature Film
Run Time : 97 minutes
Location : United States

3:00
PM

Best New Filmmaker

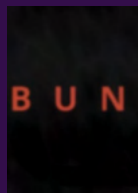
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I Just Wanted You to See

A grieving mother kidnaps a group of teenagers to find out who killed her son.

Premiere Status : Phoenix Premiere
Director : Yordan Harasimov
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 20 minutes
Location : United Kingdom



Bunker Healers Refuge

On 24th February 2022 Russia invaded Ukraine. Indian Medical students in Kharkiv, Kyiv assumed their universities would never become a war zone. They did not expect the war to escalate. Having failed to reach safe borders students were advised to stay in bunkers until any help arrived or an official plan for safe passage was created.

Premiere Status : World Premiere
Director : Swati Nilesh Ghorpade
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 16 minutes
Location : United States



Wuss

Abandoned by his father, young Zach struggles with feelings of loss, and self-blame. Despite his mother's encouragement to express his emotions, Zach shies away, convinced that crying reflects weakness. At least that's what Daddy says. However, when his cherished cat goes missing he embarks on a journey to find his beloved pet.

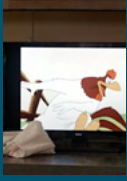
Premiere Status : World Premiere

Director : Nadine Wilson

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 13 minutes

Location : United Kingdom



Stripped

An emotionally-distant son returns home one more time to aid his ailing father, whose memory is fading with each passing day.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Ryland Jones

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 14 minutes

Location : United States



Shattered

Lucas, a young man in the suffocating grip of an abusive relationship with his domineering boyfriend, Kurt, wrestles with fear and self-doubt as tension rises. When a childhood friend re-enters his life, he tests the waters of deception and liberation, seeking to break the cycle of abuse as he plots his own escape.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Kory Getman

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 22 minutes

Location : United States



Ask Your Friends

It's senior year and Whit thinks he's found the one. His best friend, Kern, thinks he's an idiot. Nancy has found the one. Unfortunately, she's cheating on her. Her best friend, Donald, thinks she's an idiot. Together the four confront love, intelligence, and nicotine addiction over the course of a single party.

Premiere Status : World Premiere

Director : Joshua Carone

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 16 minutes

Location : United States



Mutual

A long-distance military couple must face reality.

Premiere Status : North America Premiere

Director : Kelsey Arden Ferrell

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 16 minutes

Location : United States

5:00
PM

Feature Film

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In Fidelity

A happily married husband supports the wish of his terminally ill wife to sleep with their rock star neighbor.



Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Rob Margolies

Film Type : Feature Film

Run Time : 87 minutes

Location : United States

5:20
PM

Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theater 3
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



Halfway to Amarillo

Western Author Michael Coleman gets stuck with writer's block when his main characters seep out of the novel wreaking havoc on their author's life who must figure out how to keep them alive and get them back into the story.



Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Burt Binder

Film Type : Feature Film

Run Time : 81 minutes

Location : United States

5:40
PM

Best International Short Films Block A

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theater 2
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Cristo

Cristo is an old age pensioner who leads a peaceful, lonely life which is changed by the confession of his longstanding, hidden feelings.

Premiere Status : North American Premiere

Director : Alejandro G. de la Osa

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 20 minutes

Location : Spain



Two Bullets for the Devil

The death of little Margaret in Willow Creek, Wyoming, destroys the family hegemony thus far, a mother gone mad and a tormented father.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Manuel Olaya

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 16 minutes

Location : Spain



Minwoo and Rie

A girl from Japan, Rie visits Gunsan, Korea to deliver her grandpa's unsent letter. Trying to find Kimura Keiko, the addressee of the letter, Rie wanders about Gunsan where old Japanese-style houses are still left. With a help of a local boy, Minwoo, she gets closer to the addressee yet acknowledges what her grandpa did during the period of Japanese colonialism.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Jinrung CHUN

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 26 minutes

Location : Republic of Korea



La Pietra (The Stone)

Rosabella, a yesteryear Italian opera singer, loses the spark in her life when her dear friend, Giuseppe, introduces her to a wise woman who helps her bring back the magic.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Nikita Hattangady

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 15 minutes

Location : United States



The Journey

The Journey portrays a revealing and distressing tale based on the true story experienced by hundreds of low-income families with children who are fighting cancer in Ecuador.

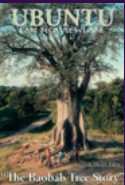
Premiere Status : World Premiere

Director : Andrés Hidalgo

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 5 minutes

Location : Ecuador



Ubuntu ~ The Baobab Tree Story

This Story is a film to highlight the essence of the meaning of Ubuntu; I Am Because We Are. When a group of young children are given the opportunity to compete against each other, they choose the Path of Cooperation and in The Spirit Of Ubuntu they share the prize together.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Kudzai Tinago

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 4 minutes

Location : Zimbabwe



Sticky Fingers

Facing debts and violent consequences with a local mob enforcer, two lowlife criminal brothers scheme with their partners to steal an expensive watch. But after their plan is shot to hell, the brothers find a surprise waiting for them in their escape.

Premiere Status : Phoenix Premiere

Director : Nicolai Joseph

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 27 minutes

Location : Canada

7:15
PM

Feature Film

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Wake

Desperate for a lead role in a Hollywood remake, a struggling actress tracks down the lead of the original film who's now a mysterious recluse. Strange occurrences quickly turn the meeting into a nightmare.



Premiere Status : World Premiere

Director : Thom Arizmendi & Austin Parks Stewart

Film Type : Feature Film

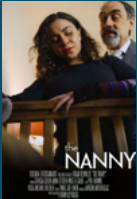
Run Time : 90 minutes

Location : United States

7:25
PM

Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theater 3
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



The Nanny

A wealthy couple hire a young girl from Finland to take care of their newborn. These new parents should be in a state of bliss, so why does it seem like they are trying to kill each other?



Premiere Status : North America Premiere

Director : Brian Reynolds

Film Type : Feature Film

Run Time : 110 minutes

Location : United States

8:10
PM

Best Action/Adventure Short Films

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theater 2
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



Artificial Intelligence

Set decades in the future, the remnants of a tech-saturated world are still commonly scavenged and repurposed. Jake is a sought-after tech scavenger, but when he loses everything, he accepts a longshot scavenging job to win back what he's lost. Turns out the wasteland can have some personality once you get to know it better.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Nick LaRovere

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 17 minutes

Location : United States



The Assassin's Apprentice 2: Silbadores of the Canary Islands

Kaylee, an apprentice assassin for TAA Corp., is taking a long-deserved vacation when her handler, Rick explains to Kaylee that she is being urgently summoned for a new mission.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Russ Emanuel

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 25 minutes

Location : United States



Space Ryder

We follow Ryder, an intergalactic bounty hunter in pursuit of his white whale: a monstrous alien creature. As Ryder sets out on a mission to finally capture the elusive beast, he travels to a remote planet, where he traverses through otherworldly landscapes, faces incredible dangers, and ultimately comes to question his own identity as a hunter.

Premiere Status : North American Premiere

Director : Jeff Kenji Yamashita

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 13 minutes

Location : United States



Sunset Drive

Humans and an invasive alien species have come to a stalemate. Humans in rural areas can only survive at night with a shield built from alien tech. When marauders steal an older couples shield power source it doesn't take long for them to realize they might have messed with the wrong old couple.

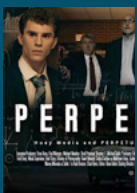
Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Michael Thomas DeLano

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 19 minutes

Location : United States



Perpetual

In today's world, the importance of renewable energy is paramount. It is crucial for both satisfying our energy needs and preserving our environment. Matthew and Maria take on the task of unlocking the solution to one of humanity's most significant challenges - how to meet the relentless demands for energy in a sustainable manner.

Premiere Status : World Premiere

Director : F Michael Cable

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 18 minutes

Location : United States

9:00
PM

After Party @ La Ristra

La Ristra New Mexican Kitchen
140 North Arizona Avenue Chandler, AZ 85225

Join us after a full day of fantastic screenings! The fun doesn't stop as filmmakers and filmgoers can all meet and eat at La Ristra New Mexican Kitchen.



Sunday, January 21st, 2024

8:00
AM

Coffee Connections

Downtown Chandler Cafe and Bakery
40 S San Marcos Pl Chandler, AZ 85225

Downtown Chandler Cafe & Bakery

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10:00
AM

Distribution Workshop

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theater 2
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225

Secrets of Quality Filmmaking for Global Distribution

Join filmmaker Mitesh Patel as he unveils the insider secrets behind creating compelling low-budget indie films that captivate audiences. From script to screen, discover the art of resourceful filmmaking and gain insights into navigating the wide-release distribution landscape. This workshop is a must for aspiring filmmakers seeking to maximize impact on a minimal budget and explore strategies for successful wide-reaching distribution.



Mitesh Patel

Mitesh Patel is a seasoned industry leader, renowned as the President and Founder of Applied Art Productions. With a knack for building professional partnerships with notable writers, directors, and producers, Patel has produced nine feature films and directed seven, earning him a distinguished reputation in his field. His combination of creative vision and business acumen makes him a skilled and accomplished professional in the industry.

12:00
PM

Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theater 1
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



Fortis Femina

"Based on a true story" Seven women embark on a transformative weekend in Sedona, Arizona, forging bonds and finding inner strength through shared struggles and secrets. [Out of Competition]



Premiere Status : Phoenix Premiere

Director : Mitesh Patel

Film Type : Feature Film

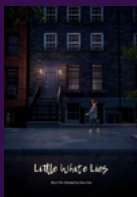
Run Time : 84 minutes

Location : United States

12:15
PM

Best Student Filmmaker

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theater 2
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



Little White Lies

A story about a girl studying and living alone in New York, who misses her family but tells white lies so that her parents do not worry about her.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Jisoo Kim

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 3 minutes

Location : United States



Be Water, My Friend

Be Water, My Friend is a satire that follows Zhiyi, a first-generation Chinese immigrant struggling to find his way in America.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Sean Yang

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 8 minutes

Location : United States



El Halcón

El Halcón (The Falcon) follows Fernando De La Cruz, an ex-gang member and aspiring tattoo artist, who is trying to turn his life around. When he meets a young boy and his abusive father, Fern is faced with a difficult decision. The story explores themes of trauma, redemption, and pursuing one's passion despite the challenges life throws at us.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Arlene Torres

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 15 minutes

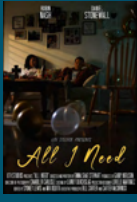
Location : United States



The Rematch

A once promising amateur boxer must decide whether to leave behind his life in the ring.

Premiere Status : US Premiere
Director : Myles Jared Gordon
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 7 minutes
Location : United States



All I Need

On their way home from an evening church session, the Baker family stops at a gas station. The siblings wait in the car as their mother goes in. In moments, things escalate and they watch as her mother is shot. Five years later, they're forced to finally have a heart to heart.

Premiere Status : Phoenix Premiere
Director : Emma Shae Stewart
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 14 minutes
Location : United States



Doorway

Within the fractures of family bonds, a doorway materializes, propelling Stephen through a life-altering odyssey that reshapes his existence and weaves an indelible tapestry of change for his loved ones.

Premiere Status : World Premiere
Director : Siddharth Gautam
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 10 minutes
Location : United States



La Solución Cuesta

A young artist gets sucked into a world of crime, in an attempt to save his family.

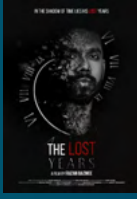
Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere
Director : Yosi Loza
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 8 minutes
Location : United States



Passenger Seat

A young Pakistani girl from Queens, New York finds her relationship to her father shifting as his taxi business starts to decline with the rise of ride-share apps.

Premiere Status : World Premiere
Director : Neha Gautam
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 18 minutes
Location : United States



The Lost Years

Story about a 27 year old boy who has a mind of a 15 year old due to a 12 year long coma. He falls in love with a 15 year old girl leading to disturbing circumstances.

Premiere Status : World Premiere
Director : Faizan Anees Bazmee
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 14 minutes
Location : United States

12:30
PM

Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theater 3
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



Operation Hope

Hope's great-grandmother was experimented on during the holocaust and the modification was passed down genetically giving her powers she does not understand. She makes it her mission to save the oppressed and the bullied and simultaneously take down the villains.



Premiere Status : World Premiere
Director : Phillip Penza
Film Type : Feature Film
Run Time : 126 minutes
Location : United States

2:10
PM

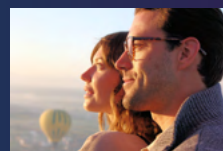
Feature Film

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An Egypt Affair

A rejected husband. A beautiful stranger. A dangerous liaison. For two couples enjoying a spectacular Egyptian adventure, treachery and deception cruise the Nile along with them.



Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere
Director : Marlin Darrah
Film Type : Feature Film
Run Time : 83 minutes
Location : United States

2:40
PM

Best International Short Films Block B

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Man's Best Friend

Georg Abelhaug's wife is found murdered. He seeks solace in his dog Tiedemann. During interrogation he tries to evade from suspicion.

Premiere Status : North America Premiere

Director : Marcus Støren

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 10 minutes

Location : Norway



LIV

A young woman discovers a strange and mystical power to bring the dead back to life - but only if she is the cause of death. Her life takes a twist when her boyfriend shares his deep secret.

Premiere Status : World Premiere

Director : Kasper Vejlo Kristensen

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 15 minutes

Location : Denmark



Raj - Lost & Found

A young man learns his family's dark secret and is unable to accept the truth about his identity. Lost amongst strangers, he wanders aimlessly in the "The Kumbha mela" only to find the truth.

Premiere Status : World Premiere

Director : Saraswathi Vani Balgam

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 15 minutes

Location : United States



Hedgehog

As the war starts in Ukraine, six years old Nina is sent to her grandma's remote village. In the shack outside, Nina discovers a badly wounded Russian soldier.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : D. Mityr

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 17 minutes

Location : United States



Rare Land

Rare Land is an emotional journey of discovery from darkness into the light. On a beautiful summer day, Alexandros and his brother bike along a pier in a remote seaside village in Greece. As he bikes precariously close to the edge, Alexandros tumbles into the sea. Alexandros has a rare disease, Alpha Mannosidosis.

Premiere Status : North America Premiere

Director : Efthimis Hatzis

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 37 minutes

Location : Greece

3:15
PM

Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theater 3
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



Thabo and the Rhino Case

Thabo (11) wants to become a private detective. If only his home, the small African village, was not the most peaceful Savannah paradise. But things take a sudden turn when a rhino is murdered in the safari park because of its horn.



Premiere Status : North America Premiere

Director : Mara Eibl-Eibesfeldt

Film Type : Feature Film

Run Time : 93 minutes

Location : Germany

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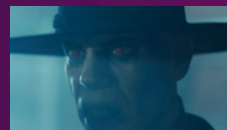
Feature Film

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The Activated Man

After Ors Gabriel loses his beloved dog to cancer, the shock from the trauma produces strange vision projections that force Ors to wrestle with two possibilities: That his mind has fractured, or that it's actually real.



Premiere Status : World Premiere

Director : Nicholas Gyeney

Film Type : Feature Film

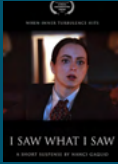
Run Time : 115 minutes

Location : United States

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Best Suspense/Thriller Short Films

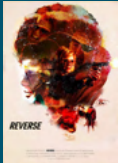
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I Saw What I Saw

A flight attendant's inner turmoil is triggered on a late night flight.

Premiere Status : World Premiere
Director : Nanci Gaglio
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 10 minutes
Location : United States



Reverse

With the help of her alters, an ex-spy with dissociative identity disorder hatches a plan to get revenge on the one-eyed, the man who tried to kill her.

Premiere Status : US Premiere
Director : Christophe Lenoir
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 12 minutes
Location : France



Ortolan

On the night of their mother's wake, three estranged sisters divide their childhood home over a pot of magic mushroom tea while a family secret boils to the surface. A story about the tenuousness of memory, buried trauma, food... and psychedelics.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere
Director : Tracy Mathewson
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 25 minutes
Location : United Kingdom



The Living Room

On the eve of her wedding night, Sasha contemplates her future with drugs, booze, and a love triangle with the effortless charmer, Cam, and drug dealer, Ozzy - raging her problems away until things begin to spiral out of control.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere
Director : Joseph Salvatore DiBartolo
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 21 minutes
Location : United States



Laundry Man

A woman's worst fears are awakened when her pile of laundry comes alive.

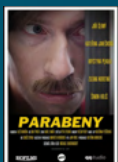
Premiere Status : World Premiere
Director : Laura A. Garcia
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 5 minutes
Location : United States



They Don't Leave

A divorced alcoholic seeks refuge in a remote ancestral cabin only to be confronted by demons that have haunted her family for generations.

Premiere Status : US Premiere
Director : Caz McGovern
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 25 minutes
Location : United Kingdom



Parabens

Peaceful and ordinary afternoon turns into a horrifying experience for a wealthy family from the kitschy suburbs when a sleazy cosmetics peddlers Adam and Sonia knock on their door. Their initially friendly offers in an instant turn into a pathological need to force their products on the family, until the situation escalates.

Premiere Status : US Premiere
Director : Michael Bukovanský
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 19 minutes
Location : Czech Republic

5:35
PM

Feature Film

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Alta California

Inspired by a spring-break trip south of the border, a young Mexican immigrant looks for a better life in the one place he knows he will find it: back in México.



Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere
Director : Andrés Taboada
Film Type : Feature Film
Run Time : 63 minutes
Location : Mexico

7:00
PM

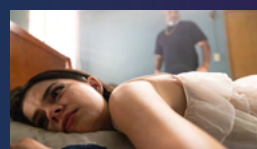
Feature Film

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Maya

When a 15-year old, seeking an escape from her alcoholic mother's abusive boyfriend, is lured into a sex trafficking scheme by a man she met online, she must realize the difference between love and manipulation to return to those who care.

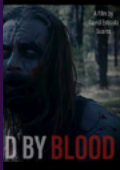


Premiere Status : World Premiere
Director : Julia Verdin
Film Type : Feature Film
Run Time : 103 minutes
Location : United States

8:00
PM

Best Horror Short Films

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Bound By Blood

Wounded brothers Jay and Roy make their way through the eerie woods, hunting a beast that has noticeably taken a lot from them. The duo race against time, seeking to kill the monstrous creature that roams through the wilderness, before they eventually become just like it.

Premiere Status : Phoenix Premiere

Director : David Estrada Suarez

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 6 minutes

Location : United States



Mars Hill Bait and Ammo

When an arrogant insurance company CEO travels to rural Maine to investigate a hunter's outrageous claim that aliens destroyed his barn, he becomes entangled in the Native American Algonquin legend of the Wendigo and uncovers answers he could never imagine.

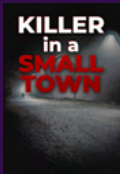
Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Alfred Thomas Catalfo

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 16 minutes

Location : United States



Killer in a Small Town

True crime super-fan, Will Wesley, has seen it all, but tonight a face in the dark may outsmart him.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Clinton Cornwell

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 18 minutes

Location : United States



The Sealer

In a twisted tale of karma, several entitled hotel guests learn their abhorrent treatment of the hotel staff is not without consequence. Finding themselves in a game of hunter and prey, the guests must face the results of their actions.

Premiere Status : World Premiere

Director : Melissa Anderson, Cassie Riojas, Victor Currington

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 8 minutes

Location : United States



77

A doctor running a Women's Behavioral Center struggles to keep her patient stable when her own mental well-being begins to deteriorate, or does it? This psychological thriller keeps you guessing in the mind of Olivia West.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Kim Kopf

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 8 minutes

Location : United States



The Director

4 friends take their Film centric Podcast and YouTube channel on the road when they're invited to an exclusive interview with the famous horror director Jack Myers.

Premiere Status : Phoenix Premiere

Director : Ryan Adolph & Alex J Greenberg

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 15 minutes

Location : United States



The Game

With her daughter about to leave for college, Jennifer Hansen decides to foster two seemingly sweet sisters. But there's something strange about these two girls.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Brynn Chamblee

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 25 minutes

Location : United States

8:00
PM

Feature Film

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Roswell Delirium

During the 1980s the US is hit by a wave of nuclear attacks. A young girl named Mayday tries to make contact on a series of ham radios with her father who is in space on a shuttle mission. Instead of making contact she receives a intergalactic distress call from space that leads her on a journey to Spacerock, the land where Area 51 once was.



Premiere Status : World Premiere

Director : Richard Bakewell

Film Type : Feature Film

Run Time : 110 minutes

Location : United States

9:30
PM

After Party @ The Uncommon

Uncommon Chandler
1 East Boston Street Chandler, AZ 85225

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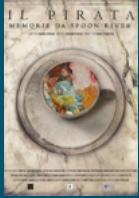


Monday, January 22nd 2024: EUROPEAN DAY

6:00
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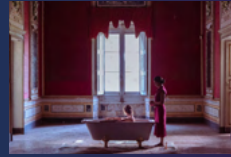
Feature Film

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1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



The Pirate - Memories from Spoon River

In a immutable microcosm of a southern Italian province, the Pirate, a solitary and blind artist, spies on the life of his fellow citizens. They are bizarre characters, left on the margins of our cybernetic and too fast society. They find meaning in their circumscribed universe, accepting with sweet melancholy that inexorable, but salvific, immobility.

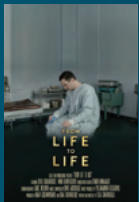


Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere
Director : Cristiano Ciliberti
Film Type : Feature Film
Run Time : 62 minutes
Location : Italy

8:00
PM

Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theater 2
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



From Life to Life

In 1990s Georgia, after the collapse of the Soviet Union. Luka is a surgical doctor, who saves lives, but struggles to adapt to the corrupt new system and by all available means tries to stay loyal to his profession. However, eventually he has to make a choice between his family and lives of others, which leads to irreversible consequences.



Premiere Status : World Premiere
Director : Beka Sikharulidze
Film Type : Feature Film
Run Time : 93 minutes
Location : Georgia

8:00
PM

Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theater 1
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



Young Gun

An illegal immigrant accepts a contract to assassinate the UK branch leader of the KKK during a karaoke event. He confronts a maze of twisted challenges that test his survival instincts, while striving to prove his devotion as a father.



Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere
Director : Henk Pretorius
Film Type : Feature Film
Run Time : 87 minutes
Location : United Kingdom

9:30
PM

After Party @ The Stillery

The Stillery
130 South Arizona Avenue Chandler, AZ 85225

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Selected Screenplays

What's the worst that can happen? | by Joseph Michael Leone

Sacred Sun | by Michael Louis Gould

The Ferry Man | by Mary Noel Hoffman

Path of Vindication | by Prakshep Bhatt

Unison Kismet: The Twin Samaritan | by Francesco Capussela

Amelia Earhart | by Michael J Dunker

Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024: **LATIN DAY**

**5:30
PM**

Feature Film

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Land's End

Three young creatives pursuing their dreams navigate harsh realities and find their way into each other's lives.

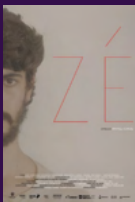


Premiere Status : World Premiere
Director : Alan Kim
Film Type : Feature Film
Run Time : 135 minutes
Location : United States

**5:35
PM**

Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theater 2
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



Zé

Brazil 1970. Zé joins the resistance against the military regime. Together with his partner Bete, both abandon public life to fight the system meanwhile raise two kids. Based on the life of José Carlos Novais da Mata-Machado who dies at the age of 27, falsely accused of betraying his companions.



Premiere Status : North America Premiere
Director : Rafael Conde
Film Type : Feature Film
Run Time : 123 minutes
Location : Brazil

**8:10
PM**

Feature Film

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1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



Sara: La Fuerza Del Mar

Sara, after meeting David, must make decisions about her continuity in the office where she works and her relationship with Lucas, her husband. Sara, through the force of the sea, wants to achieve spaces of freedom. The encounters with a Caribbean woman, Rosa, and a man from the city, will be decisive in resolving the pending dilemmas.



Premiere Status : US Premiere
Director : Martín Agudelo Ramírez, Andrés Ricaurte
Film Type : Feature Film
Run Time : 108 minutes
Location : Colombia

**8:15
PM**

Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theater 1
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



Un Parcerero En Nueva York

A down in his luck unemployed parcerero (man) after many failed attempts in his home country, has an opportunity to travel to New York and with little luck and some work might reach or not reach the hyped American dream. [Out of Competition]



Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere
Director : Harold Trompetero
Film Type : Feature Film
Run Time : 60 minutes
Location : Colombia

**10:00
PM**

After Party @ DTC Sports Grille

DTC Sports Grille
55 West Chicago Street Chandler, AZ 85225

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Wednesday, January 24th 2024: **ASIAN DAY**

**5:30
PM**

Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theater 1
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



Dark Feathers

Kate must choose loyalty to a historical Asian clan, and her non-traditional love, amidst the deaths of her dance partners being investigated by her new lover.

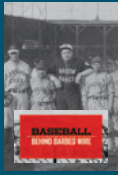


Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere
Director : Crystal J. Huang, Nicholas Ryan
Film Type : Feature Film
Run Time : 93 minutes
Location : United States

**7:40
PM**

Feature Film & Short Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theater 1
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



Baseball Behind Barbed Wire

Baseball Behind Barbed Wire tells the story of the WWII incarceration of Japanese Americans, through the uncommon yet popular lens of baseball, America's national pastime.

Premiere Status : World Premiere
Director : Yuriko Gamo Romer
Film Type : Documentary Short
Run Time : 32 minutes
Location : United States



The Last Passenger

Endo, a taxi driver, picks up a girl who asks to go to Beach Town that was wiped out by Tsunami years ago and is now the center of a ghost story. When they come to the beach town...it is the beginning of his journey to discover his darkest past and his time to confront it.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere
Director : Takashi Horie
Film Type : Feature Film
Run Time : 55 minutes
Location : Japan

**10:00
PM**

After Party @ Recreo Cantina

Recreo Cantina
28 South San Marcos Place Chandler, AZ 85225

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Special Guests 2024



Dean Norris Jacqueline Emerson Cuba Gooding, Jr. Tony Todd Eric Roberts Fivel Stewart Jason Gray



Colours Swathi Sam J. Jones Damon Whitaker Mallory Everton Sean Dillingham Jon Fitzgerald Bubba Ganter Spero Stamboulis



Thursday, January 25th, 2024: NATIVE AMERICAN DAY

5:30
PM

Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theater 1
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



Touch the Water

When an intern at a Senior Center challenges an elderly Native American woman to dream again, she evaluates her frail body and mind before setting out on a life changing journey.



Premiere Status : Phoenix Premiere
Director : Travis Holt Hamilton
Film Type : Feature Film
Run Time : 92 minutes
Location : United States

7:40
PM

Feature Documentary & Short Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theater 1
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



The Weight of a Feather

"The Weight of a Feather" is an intimate exploration of the relationship between animals and human beings. By tracing the history of conservation, we discover how wildlife connects all living things. We learn about the profound role feathers play in Native American cultural identity. This film celebrates the gifts of urban wildlife in our lives and our understanding of the world around us.

Premiere Status : Phoenix Premiere
Director : Kristin Atwell Ford
Film Type : Feature Documentary
Run Time : 57 minutes
Location : United States



Borders

Based on a true events from 2021, this film follows a young immigrant girl transporting drugs who gets stranded in the Sonoran desert. She's saved from near death by a kind teenage boy from a reservation. They forge a powerful connection in a land where the border between good and evil is hard to see.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere
Director : Kenneth Thomas Shirley,
Adam Michael Conte
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 12 minutes
Location : United States

10:00
PM

After Party @ West Alley BBQ

West Alley BBQ & Smokehouse
111 West Boston Street Chandler, AZ 85225

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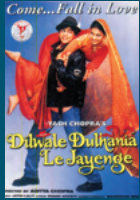


Friday, January 26th, 2024: **INDIAN DAY**

**5:30
PM**

Feature Film

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Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge

When Raj meets Simran in Europe, it isn't love at first sight but when Simran moves to India for an arranged marriage, love makes its presence felt. [Out of Competition]



Premiere Status : Special Screening
Director : Aditya Chopra
Film Type : Feature Film
Run Time : 181 minutes
Location : India

**5:35
PM**

Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theater 2
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



Yaadhum Oore Yaavarum Kelir (One Planet; One Family)

Punithan has a mysterious charm. He is not a riddle, though he appears to be one. Who is he? Where is he from? Where is he heading to? Why is he here? Answers will arrive only when he breaks his silence.



Premiere Status : US Premiere
Director : Venkata Krishna Roghanth
Film Type : Feature Film
Run Time : 95 minutes
Location : India

**7:45
PM**

Feature Film

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1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



Sir Madam Sarpanch

A US raised girl from a small village in Central India inadvertently ignites a firestorm as she learns how the stagnant bureaucracy promotes corruption within the village's political and social fabrics. It is up to an inter-generational group of women to battle against the system.



Premiere Status : US Premiere
Director : Praveen Morchhale
Film Type : Feature Film
Run Time : 100 minutes
Location : India

**9:00
PM**

Short Film Screening with Special Guest

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1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



Satya

Satya is the the journey of a girl from an 'over protected' childhood walking into the freedom that was gifted to her by her husband who himself is fighting some bigger battles in life.



Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere
Director : Naveen Vijay Krishna
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 25 minutes
Location : India

**10:00
PM**

After Party @ Craft 64

Craft 64 (Chandler)
68 West Buffalo Street Chandler, AZ 85225

Join us after a full day of fantastic screenings! The fun doesn't stop as filmmakers and filmgoers can all meet and eat at Craft 64.

**CRAFT
64**

Saturday, January 27th, 2024

8:00
AM

Coffee Connections with the Mayor

Maple House
198 W Boston St Chandler, AZ 85225

Maple House with Mayor Kevin Hartke

Join us for a delightful morning filled with coffee and meaningful connections! This event is specially curated for filmmakers like you to come together, share experiences, and build lasting connections within the vibrant filmmaking community. Exchange contact information, discuss potential collaborations, and leave with a network of like-minded filmmakers.

MAPLE
HOUSE

10:00
AM

Improv & Scene Study Workshop

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theater 2
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225

Improv & Scene Study

Sean will conduct a 2 hour workshop - with hour one being dedicated to Improv. Learn and participate in improv warm-ups and games. Learn theory and principals. Hour two dedicated to Scene Study where participants will perform scenes directed and broken down by Sean. Sean will also have copies of his book "The Book on Acting" for purchase at the workshop.



Sean Dillingham

As an actor, he has appeared in over 200+ commercials and 95+ films and 30 national television series. He's had network television appearances on Brooklyn Nine-Nine, This is Us, There's Johnny, Yellowstone, Gentified, MacGruber & Better call Saul! Sean has trained with several of the top Improv Theaters in the country including The Second City, The Groundlings, Upright Citizens Brigade and I.O. West. He has and continues to study with The Lee Strasberg Theatre and Stella Adler Theatre.

12:00
PM

Feature Film

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Road to Terzetto

Three brothers that never met each other are getting an inheritance from their estranged father. On their journey, they find out things aren't what they seem.



Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Brian Shakti

Film Type : Feature Film

Run Time : 96 minutes

Location : United States

12:15
PM

Best Woman Short Films

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Perception

A seemingly perfect family has a secret that they aren't willing to share or discuss, despite the fact that it is negatively impacting them in similar and extremely emotional ways.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Erik. Bloomquist

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 12 minutes

Location : United States



Receding

Sophia, is an 8-years-old girl suffering from Alopecia, where she can have sudden hair loss or a receding hair line. She gets bullied by other kids for her hair condition, but then surprises her mom, Mary when she asks permission to try-out for cheerleading which unexpectedly builds bravery and confidence in her.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Renee Garcia

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 16 minutes

Location : United States



Not Him

When her husband turns strange and violent, a wife becomes convinced he is possessed. But will anyone believe her?

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Sarah Young

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 15 minutes

Location : United States



Life of Riley

In the intriguing drama, Life of Riley, when Riley witnesses a suspicious act involving her boyfriend Juan Carlos, she begins questioning everything, launching her well-crafted world into a maelstrom of doubt, secrets, and ultimately, a devastating reversal of fortune.

Premiere Status : World Premiere

Director : Lisa Datz

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 15 minutes

Location : United States



An Outfit

A mother of a young two year old girl, has been unhappy with her body and has been avoiding purchasing any clothes for herself, since she gave birth. With an impending social event coming up of a close friend, she has to overcome that instilled fear and begin to re-piece her confidence.

Premiere Status : Phoenix Premiere
Director : Zohra & Isaias Pérez
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 17 min
Location : United States



Bad Secret

A Chinese mother's world is turned upside down when she discovers her daughter's secretive behavior, fueling her anxiety and leading to a vivid and unsettling nightmare. The mother's distress strains their relationship, creating a widening rift between them. Through introspection and a journey of self-discovery, she learns the power of open communication.

Premiere Status : World Premiere
Director : Yuxing Lei
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 9 minutes
Location : United States



Abrazo

Luz, a young pregnant Central American migrant, accidentally finds shelter in the house of Norma, a North American conservative woman.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere
Director : Paola Baldion
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 17 minutes
Location : United States

12:05
PM

Feature Documentary & Short Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theater 3
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Ibrahim and the Dreamer

When Ibrahim, a villager in Northern Ghana, and his brother, Osman, have a falling out, it seems that nothing can reconcile them and bring their family back together. But on his way to meet Osman to extract his revenge, Ibrahim meets a strange man, Wumbui, that he's seen only in his dreams. [Out of Competition]



Premiere Status : Special Screening
Director : Ryan Patch
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 25 minutes
Location : United States



The Color of Slavery

Between the 16th and 19th centuries, 25,000 convoys of approximately 300 to 450 African captives crossed the Atlantic after a 40-to-50-day journey to the Antilles. More than a million of them lost their lives. Through reconstructed scenes with different characters, we discover the life that was reserved for them.



Premiere Status : US Premiere
Director : Patrick Baucelin
Film Type : Feature Documentary
Run Time : 93 minutes
Location : Martinique

2:30
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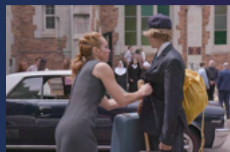
Feature Film

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When Angels Fear

It is 1974, Joseph Florio enters Divine Light Catholic Preparatory Seminary as a fourteen year old Freshman. He quickly learns that not everyone has enrolled to learn about Clerical life. Now his life is threatened in an effort to silence what he knows. His survival will only be possible using his own ingenuity.

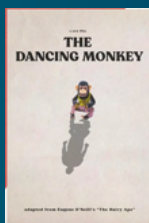


Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere
Director : Peter DeAnello
Film Type : Feature Film
Run Time : 80 minutes
Location : United States

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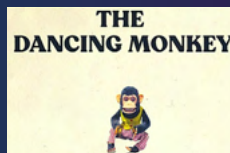
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The Dancing Monkey

Set in the present, the film follows Wayne, a factory worker with an important decision to make. After being compared to a dancing monkey by one of the factory owners, Wayne sets out to find an answer to a question that will decide his fate and those around him.



Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere
Director : Chandler Wild
Film Type : Feature Film
Run Time : 73 minutes
Location : United States

2:50
PM

Best Comedy Short Films

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theater 2
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



The Struggle

Adulting is hard. Morning is harder.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Keith Armonaitis

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 5 minutes

Location : United States



Housebroken

A family is stunned to discover that their young daughter's new puppy is a werewolf.

Premiere Status : World Premiere

Director : John Kestner

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 11 minutes

Location : United States



A Close Encounter

A serendipitous meeting between Thomas and Ashley on an almost empty flight leads to revelations they were never expecting.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Adam Linkenhelt

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 15 minutes

Location : United States



Help is...on the Way?

A cynical patient finds himself at a crossroads with his therapist. The advice she gives may save him, but could have far reaching consequences.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Jason A. White

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 8 minutes

Location : United States



Foreverland

Kate feels stagnant in her marriage to her high school sweetheart, Rob. Will a mysterious stranger turn her life upside down?

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Brian Shakti

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 14 minutes

Location : United States



An Ernest Surprise (or Lack Thereof)

Ernest: "Gotta go, I have a family dinner. I'll be back by eight."

Premiere Status : US Premiere

Director : PJ Koebel

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 9 minutes

Location : United States



CATastrophe

When life keeps getting in the way of a man's quest to spend a romantic evening with his girlfriend, Christian, a self-centered, pathological liar, will dodge multiple obligations in order to get what he wants. He now faces the task of covering up any evidence of being responsible for the disappearance of his girlfriend's cat Taquito.

Premiere Status : World Premiere

Director : Tracy Lauren Locke

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 10 minutes

Location : United States



Izzy

Following a series of increasingly catastrophic first dates, Izzy discovers an online dating site with a twist: 100% satisfaction guaranteed. A shortcut to a soul mate? Possibly; if the stunning and seemingly perfect Persy has anything to say about it.

Premiere Status : Phoenix Premiere

Director : Micah Stathis

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 14 minutes

Location : United States



The Mosquito Effect

After accidentally altering the timeline, two friends must figure out a way to undo their mistake or lose their favorite restaurant forever.

Premiere Status : World Premiere

Director : Romano Natale

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 9 minutes

Location : United States



H.O.E.s: The Bulge

A single camera comedy that shows the on air/off air shenanigans at the Home, Outdoor, and Entertainment shopping channel. Rhonda Stevenson comes to H.O.E. to sell her latest item for male consumer confidence, The Bulge!

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Robin Leabman

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 18 minutes

Location : United States

4:40
PM

Feature Film

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Guardians

A charismatic minister's sermons transport his congregation back to biblical times while he works closely with guardian angels to save people in modern day life-threatening situations.



Premiere Status : World Premiere

Director : Rick Walker

Film Type : Feature Film

Run Time : 75 minutes

Location : United States

5:15
PM

Feature Film

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1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



Just for a Week

To gain the inheritance of their dying father, two estranged half-siblings need to prove they can work together to survive a week in the desert. If they can't, they risk losing it to their father's new trophy wife and his lawyer.



Premiere Status : Phoenix Premiere

Director : Michael Jason Allen

Film Type : Feature Film

Run Time : 90 minutes

Location : United States

5:30
PM

Best Short Films Block A

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Skrilla

After being robbed of their stash, two mid-level drug dealers enlist the help of a dancer to recover their stolen goods as well some personal items that carry certain significance to our heroes. SKRILLA is a violent revenge tale about what really matters. For them, it wasn't about the money.

Premiere Status : World Premiere

Director : Chris Trull

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 15 minutes

Location : United States



No Tell!

A jaded crime boss, looking to cash in his chips before his luck runs out, orders one final hit from his best killers - each other. Only then can he put the crime world behind him - without having to look over his shoulder. But what price can buy loyalty?

Premiere Status : World Premiere

Director : Darwin Reina

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 14 min

Location : Sweden



Sweet Rose

A woman goes on an absinthe-induced dream lead by the ghost of Charlie Chaplin to find her future love in 1920.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Gustavo Sampaio

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 18 minutes

Location : United States



Strings

Despite her inability to play, Penny has big dreams of becoming the world's greatest axe player. After stealing one from an antique shop, she decides to break it in at the local punk bar she frequents. Things don't go very well. She quickly turns to a familiar vice when a dark presence approaches her: she gives up three souls, and all her dreams come true.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Rodrigo Moreno-Fernandez

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 13 minutes

Location : United States



Twenty One at the Belle Saloon

A female cardsharp hell-bent on revenge challenges a dangerous man to a high-stakes game of Black Jack, or "vingt et un" as they used to call it. Intrigued, the man takes her up on the game, thinking it would be an easy win. But he has no idea who he's up against...

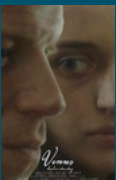
Premiere Status : North America Premiere

Director : Scott Seagren

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 17 minutes

Location : United States



Venus

A young female artist unravels the beautiful facade that painted over her lover's abuse.

Premiere Status : World Premiere

Director : Esmeralda Seay-Reynolds

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 10 minutes

Location : United States



The Delicate Cycle

On the cusp of adolescence, Adam revisits a nostalgic laundromat before his parents' custody battle. There, he forms an instant and forever life-changing friendship with a disheveled, yet entertaining stranger named Lance.

Premiere Status : US Premiere
Director : Katherine King
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 22 minutes
Location : United States

6:45
PM

Feature Film

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Art Thief

After stealing a painting from a local museum, a passionate-but-untalented artist is thrust into the midst of an even bigger theft. Inspired by the 1990 robbery of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston.



Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere
Director : Arthur Bjorn Egeli
Film Type : Feature Film
Run Time : 94 minutes
Location : United States

7:30
PM

Feature Film

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1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



The Buildout

A friendship is tested as two women experience something strange in the desert.



Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere
Director : Zeshaan Younus
Film Type : Feature Film
Run Time : 70 minutes
Location : United States

8:15
PM

Best Short Films Block B

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Dos Bros Force

In a struggling immigrant household, a little girl's birthday wish, and her brother's well-intentioned mistake teach their workaholic father that being present for their family is as important as working for their future.

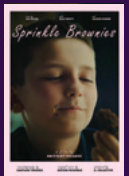
Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere
Director : Jyothis Kalyan Sura
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 15 minutes
Location : United States



Bloody Fury

In the Far West, the fur trade is raging! Bloody Fury, one of the last red wolves, decides to avenge his exterminated family. But is revenge the best solution to find the way to redemption?

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere
Director : Inconstant Jordan
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 23 minutes
Location : France



Sprinkle Brownies

Brooke is forced to confront her fears about becoming a mom when spending the day with her ten year old nephew.

Premiere Status : US Premiere
Director : Brittany Delgaty
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 12 minutes
Location : Canada



A Hell of a Trip to Delicias

Tourists visiting Granada, Nicaragua explore its rich colonial heritage and architecture. That is, for those fortunate to stay anywhere besides Hotel "Delicias". Suffice it to say that 500 years of colonial rule, has left a lot of bad juju among some of the natives. And they will exact their revenge, if you're unfortunate enough to pick Hotel "Delicias".

Premiere Status : US Premiere
Director : Darwin Reina
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 21 minutes
Location : Nicaragua



Miss Agata

An Italian-style Bridget Jones moves from Piemonte to Ferrara in her grandmother's old house to escape a stalker ex-boyfriend. When Nabil, a shy refugee from Gambia, manages to make her smile again, she wrongly becomes convinced that he could be the answer to ALL her problems.

Premiere Status : Phoenix Premiere

Director : Anna Elena Pepe, Sebastian Maulucci

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 20 minutes

Location : Italy

9:00
PM

After Party @ The Perch Brewery

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8:00
AM

Coffee Connections

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Join us for a delightful morning filled with coffee and meaningful connections! This event is specially curated for filmmakers like you to come together, share experiences, and build lasting connections within the vibrant filmmaking community. Exchange contact information, discuss potential collaborations, and leave with a network of like-minded filmmakers.



10:00
AM

Distribution Workshop

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1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225

Film Distribution Through The Eyes of A Filmmaker

A real and pragmatic view of the "true" mechanics of independent film distribution. The realities of the deal "not" on paper. How to evaluate a distributor or sales agent....they are not the same thing. What it really takes to make and distribute a film successfully. Here is an opportunity to learn from a producer who has completed and distributed 20-plus films and also crossed the line into distribution for the past six years.



Spero Stamboulis

Stamboulis has been in the entertainment industry for almost 30 years. Over the past 15 years he has produced 25 features, a few TV series, many commercials and a documentary which is being theatrically released this year. Six years ago Spero was brought into the world of film distribution. Now, armed with a profound understanding of both film production and distribution, Spero Stamboulis has seamlessly positioned himself as an invaluable resource for fellow filmmakers.

12:00
PM

Feature Film & Short Film Irish Block

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The Quiet Girl

Rural Ireland 1981. A quiet, neglected girl is sent away from her dysfunctional family to live with foster parents for the summer. She blossoms in their care, but in this house where there are meant to be no secrets, she discovers one. [Out of Competition]

Premiere Status : Phoenix Premiere

Director : Colm Bairread

Film Type : Feature Film

Run Time : 95 minutes

Location : United States



An Irish Goodbye

In rural Northern Ireland, a pair of estranged brothers reunite following their mother's untimely death. [Out of Competition]

Premiere Status : Phoenix Premiere

Director : Tom Berkeley & Ross White

Film Type : Short Film

Run Time : 23 minutes

Location : United States

12:15
PM

Best Documentary Short Films

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The Last Wild River

An optimistic conservationist teams up with a jaded record holder to tell the story of the Verde River in Arizona, one of the state's last free flowing rivers. Over the course of six months, the duo paddled the entirety of the Verde in an attempt to capture its beauty, its threats and challenges, as well as what is being done to save it.

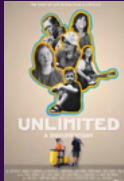
Premiere Status : Phoenix Premiere

Director : Isaac Dudley

Film Type : Documentary Short

Run Time : 11 minutes

Location : United States



Unlimited: A Documentary

Scottsdale Bible Church serves people with special needs from ages 3-85 across 37 different zip codes in the Phoenix/Scottsdale area. This is their story.

Premiere Status : World Premiere

Director : Paul Dowler

Film Type : Documentary Short

Run Time : 27 minutes

Location : United States



Ministry of Surf

An intimate look inside the healing power of water & surfing on autistic children and the surfers who offer "one perfect day" to kids worldwide for free. Featuring Izzy Paskowitz.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Collins Reagan

Film Type : Documentary Short

Run Time : 8 minutes

Location : United States



Red Scooter Diaries

This short documentary highlights one woman's determination to rise above the challenges of a rare disease to live with purpose. As she adventures on her red scooter through stunning landscapes, the narration tells the story of what living with the progressive disease is teaching her and those around her about the human condition.

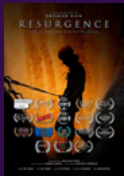
Premiere Status : Phoenix Premiere

Director : Claire Szabo-Cassella & Tiffany Dew

Film Type : Documentary Short

Run Time : 30 minutes

Location : United States



Resurgence

Ryan De Vries, a professional canyoneer, encounters a near-death experience in the canyons of Southern Utah. The documentary highlights Ryan's struggles after losing his identity, along with the disparity in his journey of physical recovery, mental healing, and emotional resurgence, and how they affect one another.

Premiere Status : World Premiere

Director : Krushan Naik

Film Type : Documentary Short

Run Time : 19 minutes

Location : United States



The Grotto of Death

A mysterious invasion of flesh-eating creatures terrorizes a small fishing village. What are these things? THE GROTTTO OF DEATH is one of hundreds of comic books drawn by Julio Camarena Pérez. At its peak in the 1970s, Mexico was the world's largest per capita producer of comic books -- and Pérez was one of its most elevated practitioners.

Premiere Status : North America Premiere

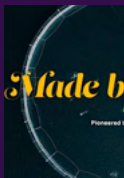
Director : Christopher Sperandio, Brian

Huberman, Augusto Mora

Film Type : Documentary Short

Run Time : 16 minutes

Location : United States



Made by nature

The bounty of the sea and sustainer of countless communities, the fishing industry is a vital pillar of society for those living in coastline towns. Måsøval is a salmon producer providing for towns and villages along Norway's coastline for generations, delivering environmentally conscious and healthy food for a growing world.

Premiere Status : North America Premiere

Director : Constantin Pilavios

Film Type : Documentary Short

Run Time : 9 minutes

Location : United Kingdom

12:30
PM

Feature Documentary

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The Exchange. In White America.

High school student exchange between a mostly Black high school and an all-white high school in 1966.



Premiere Status : Phoenix Premiere

Director : Joanne I Williams

Film Type : Feature Documentary

Run Time : 62 minutes

Location : United States

2:00
PM

Feature Documentaries

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Hollywood's Pastor

A 2023 documentary about the late Rev. H. K. Rasbach who served as pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Hollywood, California from 1947 to 1980. The film includes interviews with film historian Katherine Orrison, the Rev. Mark Rasbach, son of Rev H.K. Rasbach, and rare audio interviews with the Rev. H.K. Rasbach himself.

Premiere Status : US Premiere
Director : Darryl M. Haase
Film Type : Feature Documentary
Run Time : 42 minutes
Location : United States



Jailhouse To Milhouse

This is the courageous journey of Pamela Hayden, voice of the plucky, resilient Milhouse on "The Simpsons": After surviving an abusive boarding school and juvenile jail, as well as other setbacks, Pamela now speaks to teen girls about overcoming obstacles and turning their dreams into reality. Her story is told with surprising humor and great candor.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere
Director : Buddy Farmer
Film Type : Feature Documentary
Run Time : 67 minutes
Location : United States

3:00
PM

Best Drama Short Films

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Immigrant Mother

Award-Winning short Film, Immigrant Mother: Driven by Duty, Inspired by Love. A day in the life of Officer Oksana Williams, a Ukrainian immigrant and rookie police officer for the San Diego Police Department who comes across Immigrants migrating on the San Diego, U.S / Mexico border.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere
Director : Renee Garcia
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 19 minutes
Location : United States



La Línea (At The Border)

A group of individuals looking for a way to cross the border and pay 2 coyotes to give fake passports and cross them over. At the international border, something goes wrong and complicates everything to the point to fight for their lives.

Premiere Status : US Premiere
Director : Ruben Morales
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 25 minutes
Location : United States



Memory Swim

A professional swimmer, Jake, through his memories connects to a time where his younger self trains for a big race and also tries to court his sweetheart, but he is disrupted by voices and visions which feel real and far at the same time. Jake wonders who these unwelcome guests are as he also tries to enjoy his time with the love of his life.

Premiere Status : World Premiere
Director : Erwin Alejandro Ordóñez
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 14 minutes
Location : United States



Black Velvet

A hugely successful 1940s Hollywood movie star, in an attempt to regain a sense of control in her life, turns to scamming a kind man at a bar.

Premiere Status : World Premiere
Director : Josie Hull
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 12 minutes
Location : United States



Five Questions

In Five Questions, Jill, a young woman played by Amber Paul, comes to terms with an early trauma in her life. In each of the film's five scenes, a question is asked that propels Jill forward and toward an answer that opens a path to resolution.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere
Director : David Arrow
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 11 minutes
Location : United States



Five-Tool Player

In the most defining season of his baseball career, a closeted misfit varsity star player, Abe Hernandez, struggles to hide his ankle injury from his militaristic father for a fighting chance to prove himself.

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere
Director : Carlos Ramirez
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 15 minutes
Location : United States



The Visit

A man. A woman. An afternoon that could make all the difference.

Premiere Status : World Premiere
Director : Sean Patrick Folster
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 6 minutes
Location : United States



The Dark Night of the Soul

Josephine is a young woman who sees the vividness of life through the lens of her camera. Darkness covers her sight and her soul feels betrayed. Olivia, her childhood best friend searches for hope before it's too late.

Premiere Status : Phoenix Premiere
Director : Tamara Guthrie-Muro
Film Type : Short Film
Run Time : 12 minutes
Location : United States

3:00
PM

Feature Documentary

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Running The RadioTron

Documentary about managing an historic hip hop night club and youth center in Los Angeles.



Premiere Status : World Premiere
Director : David Guzman
Film Type : Feature Documentary
Run Time : 62 minutes
Location : United States

5:30
PM

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