

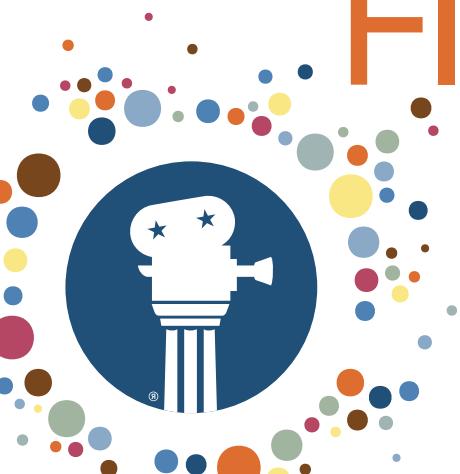
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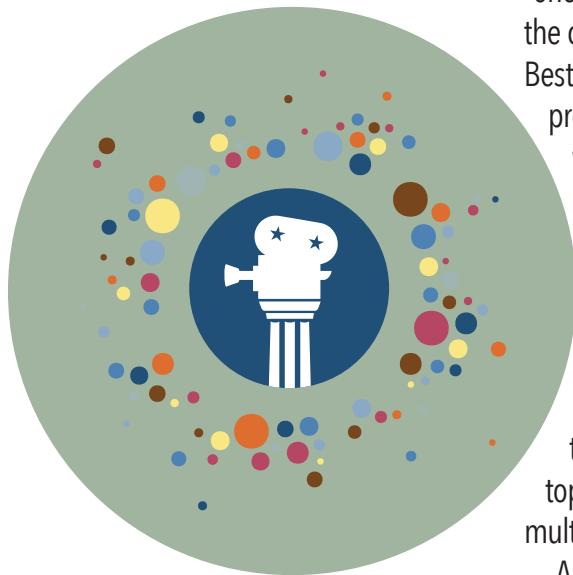
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# Welcome

## to the 2016 DC Shorts Film Festival!



**I**N 2003, DC SHORTS BEGAN ITS SUPPORT OF SHORT FILMMAKING. Thirteen years later, we are among the most influential and important showcases of short cinema in the world. Moviemaker Magazine named us "one of the most influential film festivals" and the "coolest short film festival" in the country, and Washington City Paper readers have consistently voted us the Best Film Festival in the region. We are proud to earn this praise, but even more proud of our position to bring incredible films to you – and for you to interact with the filmmakers and creative teams that tell such amazing stories.

This year saw a record number of film submissions – over 1300 with 94 screenplays from around the globe. Our extraordinary programming team and judges chose 131 diverse, compelling, vital and often uproarious films, created by filmmakers who hail from 33 different countries, all to bring you "The World in 90 Minutes."

Over the course of 11 days, from September 8th to 18th, we invite you to partake in 14 different showcases, plus special screening blocks spanning topics as diverse as immigration and LBGTQ issues to modern technology and multicultural interests. (We also have free lunchtime and family screenings!)

Along with these amazing films comes the opportunity to meet and interact with the filmmakers at our post-film Q&As or during our various parties and events. If you are a filmmaker – accomplished or aspiring – we offer workshops and seminars that will expand the knowledge of your craft. If you are a film lover, we have classes for you to gain a better understanding about film and its many intricate processes.

In this age of smartphones, tablets and computers we are pleased to continue The DC Shorts Online Film Festival. Explore over 75 films from our secure online portal. No matter where you are, you can enjoy short filmmaking at its best.

DC shorts has always been proud to feature truly independent films and filmmakers. I look forward to you joining us for 11 days of pivotal, poignant and award-winning films, filmmaker conversations and celebrations.

**Let the films begin!**

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# Festival Highlights



**THE DC SHORTS SCREENPLAY COMPETITION** is an incredible evening of live script readings where the audience determines the winner of a \$2,000 grand prize! This year, finalists come from all over the country. [SEE PAGE 44 FOR DETAILS!](#)

Seeing every film at the theater is not always possible – we are showing a staggering 14 hours of film! The **DC SHORTS ONLINE FILM FESTIVAL** is a way to watch many of the films in the comfort of your home – or on the run using a smartphone or tablet. [SEE PAGE 12 FOR DETAILS!](#)

Our parties have become legendary as a great place to meet filmmakers and make new friends. The **CITY VIEW PARTY** overlooks the city from a private downtown rooftop. [SEE PAGE 14 FOR DETAILS!](#)

We're presenting four **SPECIAL SHOWCASES** during the festival week. We'll screen the largest collection of **LGBTQ SHORTS** in DC, **PIGMENTAL STUDIOS ANIMATION SHOWCASE** and two **SOCIAL ISSUES** showcases, "**TECHNOLOGY ADDICTION**" and "**IMMIGRATION**." [SEE PAGE 16 FOR DETAILS!](#)

Last year, DC Shorts facilitated the organization of the first short film festival in Sunderland, England – one of DC's sister cities and the ancestral home of George Washington. Join us for year two's showcase featuring the **BEST OF THE SUNDERLAND SHORTS FILM FESTIVAL** and see what our neighbors across the pond chose as their top films. [SEE PAGE 18 FOR DETAILS!](#)

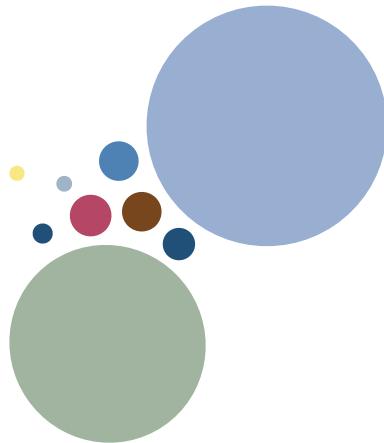
DC Shorts proudly presents jury and audience awards to our top films. These shorts are programmed into two **BEST OF DC SHORTS** showcases that are screened at the U.S. Navy Memorial Heritage Center and Atlas Performing Arts Center on September 17th and 18th. It's a great way to conclude the week – and catch the selections that might go on to win an Oscar! [SEE PAGE 20 FOR DETAILS!](#)

## About DC Shorts

**DC Shorts champions short filmmaking.**

Through a series of regularly scheduled educational programs, screening opportunities, shared resources via online tools, partnerships with numerous organizations, and our annual DC Shorts Film Festival, DC Shorts provides opportunities for filmmakers of every skill level to explore and learn their craft – while entertaining and expanding the horizons of audience members.

**More information at [dcshorts.com](http://dcshorts.com).**



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# Theaters & Venues

## LANDMARK'S E STREET CINEMA

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Landmark's E Street Cinema is a jewel, with multiple auditoriums, and a gourmet concession stand, complete with a full bar.

### Metro

The theater is located 2 blocks from Metro Center station and 4 blocks from Gallery Place station.

### Driving

Landmark will validate parking for 3 hours at the reduced rate of \$11 after 5 p.m. on weekdays and all day on weekends at the garage adjacent to the theater (entrance on 11th between E and F Streets – the lot closes at midnight). Limited metered street parking is available.

## U.S. NAVY MEMORIAL HERITAGE CENTER

701 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

The U.S. Navy Memorial Heritage Center's Burke Theater holds 240 guests and offers pristine projection on a two-story screen with unparalleled sound.

### Metro

The Heritage Center is located above the Archives/Penn Quarter Metro station. Exit the station, turn right and follow the curve of the sidewalk until you see the entrance. You must enter from the Plaza – there is no access from the 7th Street door.

### Driving

Limited metered street parking is available, and garages are located throughout the neighborhood.

## ATLAS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

1333 H Street NE, Washington, DC

Theater Lab 1

The Atlas Performing Arts Center brings people together through the arts to create, connect and engage through compelling performances, events and initiatives spanning a range of artistic expressions, traditions and cultures. The Atlas is where the arts, culture and connection happen on H Street.

### Metro

The Union Station Metro Stop is the closest MetroRail station. It's about a 20 to 25 minute walk from the Metro.

### Walking from Union Station

Head east on Massachusetts Avenue, go around around Stanton Park, then continue east on Maryland Avenue NE. Turn left on 13th Street NE. Turn right on H Street NE and the Atlas will be on your right.

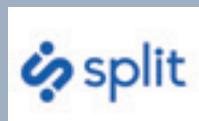
### Driving from 295

Limited metered street parking is available, and garages are located throughout the neighborhood.

## Alternative Transportation



Metro offers a free, Web-based service called the Trip Planner, which provides instant information that is accurate and up-to-the-minute. Type in where you're traveling from, where you're traveling to, and the time of day you plan to travel. The Trip Planner will offer up to three of the best routes and include fare information and walking directions from a Metro-rail station or bus stop to a given address. Visit [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com) for more information.



Split offers super affordable on-demand shared rides. With no surge pricing and at a price close to public transit, Split makes life a little easier. We've teamed up to get you to around the festival – just download the app & sign-up w/ code DCSHORTS for 2 ride credits (worth up to \$10 each).



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# Ticket Information

## FILM TICKETS

Each showcase runs approximately 90 minutes, and includes 7 to 9 films from around the globe.

### BUY AT DCSHORTS.COM

\$12 + service charge

We highly recommend purchasing tickets online, as many shows will sell out.

### BUY AT THE VENUE

\$15 with no service charge

Box offices at each venue open 30 to 45 mins before the first show of the day.

### NOTE ABOUT FREE EVENTS

Free events require tickets for entry. We recommend reserving online, as these events often sell out quickly.

## PARTY TICKETS

All parties include light refreshments and a special selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. Attendees must be over 21 years of age and present photo ID at the door.

Party tickets must be purchased in advance either online or at a venue box office. We cannot offer door sales.

### BUY AT DCSHORTS.COM OR AT A VENUE

\$25 + online service charge.

## FESTIVAL PASSES

The **ALL-ACCESS PASS** allows entry into every screening, party, workshop – even the Best of DC Shorts!

Plus, this pass includes:

- Priority seating at all screenings – you get in first!
- Priority entry to all parties – you get in first!
- DC Shorts T-shirt.
- Swag bag (while they last).
- Access to the DC Shorts Online Film Festival.

### BUY AT DCSHORTS.COM OR AT A VENUE

\$125 + online service charge.

## DC SHORTS ONLINE FESTIVAL

We are very excited to bring you the DC Shorts Online Film Festival – over 75 films may be watched from Thursday September 8th to Sunday September 18th on any computer and most mobile devices. Watch from a coffee shop, your office, or even the comfort of your bed.

After purchasing, you will receive an email with a unique access code and link to the online festival website.

### BUY AT DCSHORTS.COM OR AT A VENUE

\$30 + online service charge.

\$15 + online service charge if purchased with tickets for any theatrical showcase.

## TICKETING POLICIES

### ONLINE SALES

Tickets may be purchased via our ticketing partner, TicketLeap. We recommend that you either print your tickets at home or work, or use TicketLeap's app to present a "selfie ticket." If you forget your tickets, or do not have access to a printer, don't worry, we can still check you in at the door.

### IN PERSON SALES

To purchase tickets and passes in person, please visit the DC Shorts Box Office at each venue. Box offices open 30 to 45 minutes before the first event of the day, and close 30 minutes after the last event begins. DC Shorts accepts all major credit cards and cash. No checks accepted.

### EXCHANGES AND REFUNDS

All ticket and pass sales are final. There are no refunds or exchanges of tickets, party or festival passes. Please familiarize yourself with our Seating Policy. There are no refunds for late arrivals.

## SEATING POLICIES

All ticket and pass holders must be seated 15 minutes prior to showtime to be guaranteed a seat. After that time, pass holders will be admitted with the general audience on a space-available basis.

- 20 minutes before each showcase: Pass holders and filmmakers are admitted to the theater.
- 15 minutes before each showcase: Ticket holders are admitted to the theater.
- 10 minutes before each showcase: Unclaimed seats are sold at the theater door for \$15.

The standby line will form 45 minutes before the screening time. What are your chances of getting in? Pretty good – we usually release a minimum of 20-40 tickets at the door.

We know that mistakes happen. If you present a ticket purchased in error, we will make every effort to accommodate you at another screening of your choice on a space-available basis. Visit the box office for details.



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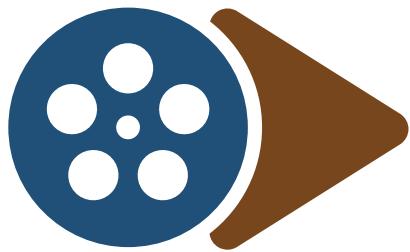


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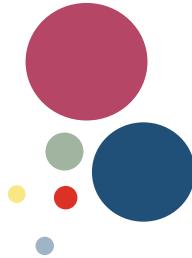
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THROUGH A SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE FILMMAKERS, OVER 75 of the films showcased are available to watch online from any computer or smartphone. It's a great way to see more films, re-watch the ones you fall in love with, and even connect with the filmmakers. But hurry – the films are available only from Thursday, September 8th to Sunday, September 18th. Purchase access to this exclusive site online, or at any DC Shorts Box Office.

**A full list of films is available at [DCSHORTS.COM/ONLINEFEST](http://DCSHORTS.COM/ONLINEFEST)**

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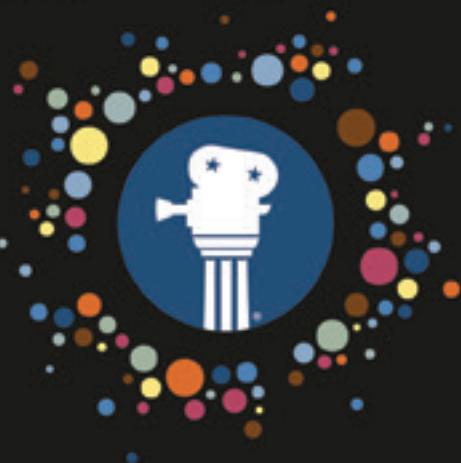
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Erin Weaver as Marianne Dashwood and Jacob Fishel as John Willoughby.  
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# Celebrate with Us!

**D**C SHORTS LOVES TO CELEBRATE OUR FILMMAKERS – AND our audience! All parties include light refreshments and a special selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. Attendees must be over 21 or older and present photo ID at the door. Tickets must be purchased in advance online or at a box office, as we cannot allow on-site sales.

## PUBLIC PARTIES

*These events are open to the general public.  
An admission ticket is required.*

### VIVA HISPANICA!

#### PRESENTED BY AKRIDGE OUR ANNUAL CITY VIEW PARTY

Saturday, September 10th, 9-11 p.m.  
The Rooftop at Carroll Square, 975 F St. NW  
(Metro Center)  
Tickets: \$25

Celebrate DC Shorts' opening weekend under the stars atop the roof deck at Carroll Square. Dance to musical entertainment while partaking in Spanish hors d'oeuvres and Cuban inspired cocktails from Ketel One and Captain Morgan as we celebrate Spanish and Cuban Films. Don't forget your scoop of custard from Shake Shack.



### CLOSING NIGHT RECEPTION

Saturday, September 17th, 7-10 p.m.  
US Navy Memorial, 701 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
(Archives Metro)  
Tickets: \$15  
Before the credits role... join us for a Lagunitas Beer and Half Pop snacks as we close out this year's festival and thank all those who made this year a success!



## PRIVATE PARTIES

*These events are only open to filmmakers and All-Access Pass Holders. Don't miss out – purchase an All-Access Pass online or at any festival box office.*

### WELCOME RECEPTION

#### PRESENTED BY PEPCO EDISON PLACE GALLERY

Thursday, September 8th, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

PEPCO Edison Place Gallery, 702 8th St. NW

Nothing could be hotter than mixing and mingling with filmmakers, not only from around the country, but around the world. Talk and listen to visiting filmmakers as they discuss films, filmmaking, and everything in between. While you are there, don't forget to take in the high quality art exhibits from our surrounding community!



### ANIMATION AWARDS RECEPTION

#### PRESENTED BY PIGMENTAL STUDIOS

Friday, September 9th, 6:30 p.m.

Landmark E Street Cinema, 555 11th St. NW

Join us as we not only celebrate our sponsor Pigmental Studios' arrival in DC, but also the award co-presentation of our "Outstanding Animation Short."



### AWARDS BRUNCH

#### PRESENTED BY THE LOFT AT 600 F

Sunday, September 11th, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
600 F St. NW

Join us for our competition weekend's closing brunch, where the Jury Awards and Audience Awards will be announced. Snack on savory items from Pinstripes and Illy Coffee as we present winning filmmakers with a gorgeous glass trophies designed by the Washington Glass School, and shower them with prize packages!



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# Special Shows

Join us at Landmark's E Street Cinema for these four very special showcases.



**J**oin us after each of our TACKLING THE ISSUES SHOWCASES as we discuss some of the topics that arise from within the films. Each panel will be a moderated discussion with special guests and filmmakers, with the opportunity for a Q&A. Each panel will last approximately 30 minutes.

## TACKLING THE ISSUES: IMMIGRATION

Sunday, September 11 @ 12:30 p.m.

This hot button topic brings us up close and personal with the strife and struggles of the immigrant experience here in the U.S. and abroad. What are the difficulties involved in trying to assimilate into and be accepted within a community, and how do prejudices and misunderstanding affect not only the immigrants, but society as a whole. Join us after the film screening for a panel moderated by Aldo Bello, Filmmaker, Dream: The American Story on where we are and how can we help.

## TACKLING THE ISSUES: TECHNOLOGY ADDICTION

Sunday, September 11 @ 3 p.m.

While we might joke about the need to be tethered to our cell phones and tablets and other personal devices, it really is a growing problem with often debilitating results. Why are we compelled to check messages during a movie? Why do we text while we drive and how can we learn to eradicate behaviors that make us less present in our daily lives? Moderator and panelist to be announced soon so check the website for updates.

## TACKLING THE ISSUES: IMMIGRATION

Sunday, September 11 @ 12:30 p.m. (With Panel Discussion)

Tuesday, September 13 @ 7 p.m.

## FRANKIE (ITALIAN ROULETTE)

DIRECTOR: FRANCESCO MAZZA • 17 MINUTES • COMEDY/DRAMA • ITALY/USA • US PREMIERE

The life and struggles of Frankie Tramonto, an Italian immigrant who comes to New York City to pursue the American dream.

## JUNGLE

DIRECTOR: ASANTEWAA PREMPEH • 13 MINUTES • DRAMA • SENEGAL/USA • DC PREMIERE

The lines between trust, betrayal and forgiveness become gray and intertwined as we follow Amadou and Yaya, two Senegalese vendors working in New York.

## EL COYOTE

DIRECTOR: JAVIER BARBOZA • 7 MINUTES • DOCUMENTARY/ANIMATION • MEXICO/USA •

DC PREMIERE

A human smuggler (also known as a coyote) describes his process and the mechanics of slipping between the Mexico and U.S. border.

## DORIS

DIRECTOR: OSCAR RODRÍGUEZ GÓRRIZ • 17 MINUTES • COMEDY/DRAMA • MEXICO/USA

• DC PREMIERE

An undocumented Mexican housemaid works for a spoiled family in exchange for their support with her green card application.

## BOAT PEOPLE

DIRECTOR: PAUL MESCHÜH • 28 MINUTES • DRAMA • GERMANY/CROATIA • EAST COAST

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On his journey from Somalia to Europe, shipwrecked Moussa is picked up by a wealthy couple on their luxurious catamaran.



## TACKLING THE ISSUES: TECHNOLOGY ADDICTION

Sunday, September 11 @ 3 p.m. (With Panel Discussion)

Monday, September 12 @ 7 p.m.

## GET THE F K OUT OF PARIS!

DIRECTOR: GREG EMETAZ • 9 MINUTES • COMEDY/THRILLER • USA/FRANCE • EAST COAST

PREMIERE

A text message turns a depressing laundry night into a mad dash for survival.

## LIFE SMARTPHONE

DIRECTOR: CHENGLIN XIE • 3 MINUTES • ANIMATION • CHINA • DC PREMIERE

While everyone stays deeply immersed in their screens, a domino effect of disasters is occurring. Look up!

## SO GOOD TO SEE YOU

DIRECTOR: DUKE MERRIMAN • 10 MINUTES • COMEDY • USA • DC PREMIERE

Theo and Frances are an artsy downtown couple driving to a dinner party at their old friend Zoe's new house in a wealthy suburb of NYC. One overheard cell phone call may jeopardize their friendship forever.

## VIDEO

DIRECTOR: RANDY YANG • 15 MINUTES • DRAMA • USA • DC PREMIERE

A woman's racist remark is captured on video by two teenage black girls.

## RATED

DIRECTOR: JOHN FORTSON • 19 MINUTES • COMEDY • USA • DC PREMIERE

Maggie must find the courage to own up to her behavior when she wakes to find every adult has received a YELP-like star rating floating over their head.

## A SOCIAL LIFE

DIRECTOR: KERITH LEMON • 8 MINUTES • DRAMA • USA • DC PREMIERE

Meredith is an ambitious career girl who wants to have it all and she understands the importance of an online presence in this hyper-connected day and age. But will her obsession and need for validation take its toll?

## MODERN LOVE

DIRECTOR: NICOLAS BEAUCHEMIN • 20 MINUTES • COMEDY/DRAMA • CANADA • DC PREMIERE

With the help of a blind dating app, a lonely, routine guy falls in love online.

## SYRAH

DIRECTOR: MIKE HOLT • 4 MINUTES • COMEDY • USA • DC PREMIERE

The Metro PCS version of "Siri" takes a hilariously unexpected detour en route to the nearest Arby's.

## 10% CINEMA: THE BEST IN LGBTQ SHORTS

Sunday, September 11 @ 12 p.m.

Tuesday, September 13 @ 9 p.m.

Thursday, September 15 @ 7 p.m.

## PINK BOY

DIRECTOR: ERIC ROCKEY • 15 MINUTES • DOCUMENTARY • USA • DC PREMIERE

Butch lesbian BJ successfully avoided dresses her entire life until she adopted Jeffrey, who to her shock, starts to dance in gowns and perform for his parents.

## VESSELS

DIRECTOR: ARKASHA STEVENSON • 15 MINUTES • DRAMA • USA • DC PREMIERE

A young transgender woman considers a dangerous black market surgery that may be her only option in gaining a more feminine body.

## SEEKING JACK TRIPPER

DIRECTOR: QUINLAN OREAR • 14 MINUTES • COMEDY/DRAMA • USA • EAST COAST PREMIERE

Tucker and Lance attempt to break the monotony of their marriage by trying to seduce a stranger at their local bar only to learn just how rusty domestication has rendered their pick-up skills.

## SPUNKLE

DIRECTOR: LISA DONATO • 11 MINUTES • COMEDY • USA • EAST COAST PREMIERE

A man contemplates fatherhood when his older sister and her free spirited wife ask him to be the sperm donor and uncle of their baby.

## THESE C\*CKSUCKING TEARS

DIRECTOR: DAN TABERSKI • 16 MINUTES • DOCUMENTARY • USA • DC PREMIERE

The man behind the world's first and only gay-themed country music album, 40 years after its release.

## SPOILERS

DIRECTOR: BRENDON MCDONALL • 21 MINUTES • COMEDY/ROMANCE • UK • DC PREMIERE

Two men meet at the end of a plane ride only to become entwined in the doubts of their own love story.



## PIGMENTAL STUDIOS PRESENT: ANIMATION NATION

Sunday, September 11 @ 2:30pm

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## TAKING FLIGHT

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A boring day with Grandpa turns into a larger-than-life journey in this ode to the Radio Flyer red wagon.

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DIRECTOR: JORGE DAYAS • 6 MINUTES • ANIMATION • SPAIN • DC PREMIERE

While two enemies fight each other on the battlefield's front lines, their respective daughters await their homecoming.

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Carlo is just a regular guy who keeps a secret world hidden inside his closet.

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A child and his conjoined head are kept inside the family mansion by their mother since their birth.

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A father starts a journey to figure out the best way to protect his son from seeing the filthiness in a crime-ridden city.

## LIMBO LIMBO TRAVEL

DIRECTORS: ZSUZSANNA KREIF AND BORBÁLA ZÉTÉNYI • 16 MINUTES • ANIMATION •

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A group of solitary and disillusioned women take the "Limbo-Limbo" Bus to a distant exotic country to find the happiness they desire.

## T.P.

DIRECTORS: BOB BLEVINS AND BRADLEY WERLEY • 10 MINUTES • ANIMATION • USA

A naïve roll of toilet paper in a gas station bathroom resolves to escape after the horrifying realization of what fate has in store.

## ARIA FOR A COW

DIRECTOR: DAN LUND • 7 MINUTES • ANIMATION • USA • DC PREMIERE

Aria, a bovine diva, demands to be respected for more than just her dairy products.

## THE ORCHESTRA

DIRECTOR: MIKEY HILL • 15 MINUTES • ANIMATION • AUSTRALIA

In a world filled with beautiful music, Vernon always seems to strike the wrong note.



## THE BEST OF SUNDERLAND SHORTS

Wednesday, September 14 @ 7 p.m.

Two years ago DC Shorts, along with the Sunderland City Council created Sunderland Shorts Film Festival in Sunderland, England – one of DC's sister cities and ancestral home of George Washington. Join us for a wonderful night of short films featuring the winners of this year's Sunderland Shorts Film Festival.

## A SIX AND TWO THREES

DIRECTOR: ANDY BERRIMAN • 12 MINUTES • COMEDY • UK • WINNER: BEST COMEDY

A short film about two boys from different sides of the tracks who meet when one goes in search of his real father.

## OMESSA

DIRECTOR: CHARLENE FAVIER • 19 MINUTES • DRAMA • FRANCE • WINNER: BEST DRAMA

Anna is always backpacking and doesn't return to France often.

Discovering a lump in her breast, she goes to a gynecologist who tells her that it is worrying. For Anna, it's the moment to return in Corsica, to face her history, her inheritance, her father.

## SEBASTIAN AND THEM

DIRECTOR: BENJAMIN BEE • 7 MINUTES • HORROR • UK. SPECIAL JURY MENTION: SCI-FI/HORROR

Based on true events. Sebastian has to leave his childhood friends behind. The only problem is they don't want to leave him.

## RIPPLE

DIRECTOR: CONNOR GRIFFITH • 3 MINUTES • ANIMATION • USA • WINNER: BEST ANIMATION

The shapes we make – an advertisement for planet Earth.

## CAMREX

DIRECTOR: MARK CHAPMAN • 13 MINUTES • DOCUMENTARY • UK • WINNER: DOCUMENTARY

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## AQUA PROFONDA

DIRECTOR: NATHAN CAMPBELL • 2 MINUTES • ANIMATION • USA • WINNER: BEST ANIMATION

After encountering a frog at a swimming pool, a young boy reflects on his life growing up on opposite coasts of Australia and his fear of the creatures that lurk in the deep end.

## JUST A SONG

DIRECTOR: GINA HIRSCH • 5 MINUTES • COMEDY • USA • WINNER: AUDIENCE FAVORITE AWARD

A songwriter shares his new song with his girlfriend and things get a little weird.

## AESTAS

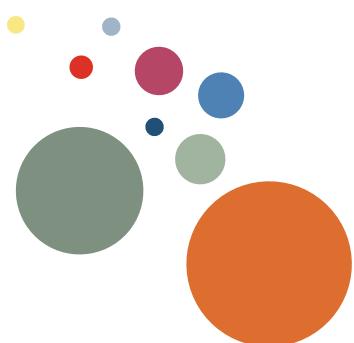
DIRECTOR: GUILLAUME COMTOIS. 20 MINUTES • DRAMA • CANADA • SPECIAL JURY MENTION: DRAMA

A man returning from a business trip saves a teenage girl from drowning. She disappears a few moments later, leaving the man quite shaken. His girlfriend tries to cheer him up, but she disappears too, when the teenage girl suddenly comes back.

## JOHNNY EXPRESS

DIRECTOR: WONJOO JUNG • 5 MINUTES • ANIMATION • KOREA • SPECIAL JURY MENTION: ANIMATION

Johnny, a space delivery courier, is traveling through space to deliver a package. His ship soon arrives on a very small planet where he needs to deliver the package. The package is so small that he has to look through a magnifying glass to see it. Johnny walks around the planet, looking for the recipient. However, he can't see anyone or anything.



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DC Shorts proudly presents jury and audience awards to our top films. These shorts are programmed into two

**BEST OF DC SHORTS** showcases screened at Atlas Performing Arts Center and the U.S. Navy Memorial Heritage Center on September 17th and 18th. It's a great way to conclude the week – and catch the selections that may one day go on to win an Oscar! Award winners are posted on [dcshorts.com](http://dcshorts.com) on Monday September 12th.

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### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

*CURATED BY DC SHORTS INTERN PIERRE REDMON • 2012 GRADUATE, WESTWOOD COLLEGE • ANIMATION • DUMFRIES, VIRGINIA*

#### **AIR MAIL, CARLO, SELF PORTRAIT, TAKING FLIGHT, LIFE SMARTPHONE, T.P.**

In my point of view, watching these films should transport you to another time or place – either physical or mental – and shine a light on cultures and situations that are not commonplace. These shorts will help educate and inform and make us better citizens of the world. Sit back, relax and enjoy the ride.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

*CURATED BY DC SHORTS INTERN SOFIA RUBIN • JUNIOR, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY • INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS • CURITIBA, BRAZIL*

#### **ON THE ROOF, FRAGILE STORM, A SOCIAL LIFE, ENFANT TERRIBLE**

Film is for me a gateway into the minds of others. It gives me the opportunity to be exposed to the abundant creativity out there, as well as to the reality of others. A good film is one that makes me think critically about an issue, and I leave the movie theater feeling contemplative and having something relevant and interesting to discuss with people. I chose these films for this very reason: they made me focus on topics that usually do not cross my mind, and after watching them, I assure you I've had some pretty heated discussions with friends about these topics!

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

*CURATED BY DC SHORTS INTERN EMMA HONORÉ • SENIOR, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY • MARKETING • PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY*

#### **GNOME, HELP! I'M TRAPPED IN A MOVIE, THE CHOP, ANOTHER EVEREST, MINE**

Films should break the preconceived expectations that we, as viewers, have going into them. All of the films I chose, with their quirky and surprising twists, allowed the shorts to jump between elements of drama, comedy, and fantasy, all while keeping us on our toes about the conclusion.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

*CURATED BY DC SHORTS INTERN DERRICK OWENS • JUNIOR • SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY • TELEVISION, RADIO & FILM • RICHMOND, VIRGINIA*

#### **SUNDAY, SO GOOD TO SEE YOU, STAY AWAKE, JADA**

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This showcase runs approximately 40 minutes and includes all of the films listed on the page. The films are appropriate for children aged 8 and up. Download a parents' guide with discussion points at [dcshorts.com/parentsguide](http://dcshorts.com/parentsguide). The guide will also be available at the libraries.

## ANOTHER EVEREST

DIRECTOR: ALEK KOSINSKI • 4 MINUTES • ANIMATION • USA • DC PREMIERE

A retired mountain climber triumphs over new challenges.



## HARRY AND THE CLOUDS

DIRECTOR: AYA SHIROI • 5 MINUTES • ANIMATION • JAPAN • DC PREMIERE

A baby sheep in heaven visits its mother on Earth.



## RICEBALLS

DIRECTOR: SHINGO USAMI • 10 MINUTES • DRAMA • AUSTRALIA/JAPAN • DC PREMIERE

The story of a father and a son overcoming a death with their love and cultural identity firmly squeezed into a Japanese riceball.

## PERFECT HOUSEGUEST

DIRECTORS: RU KUWAHATA AND MAX PORTER • 2 MINUTES • ANIMATION • USA • LOCAL FILM

A house is visited by a clean and well-organized little guest.



## MOOM

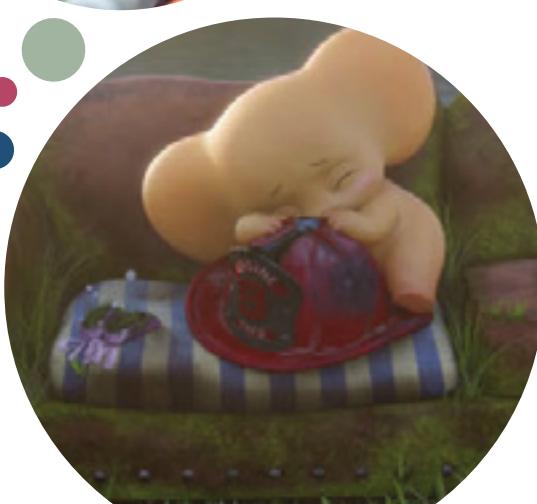
DIRECTOR: ROBERT KONDO • 14 MINUTES • ANIMATION • JAPAN • DC PREMIERE

In a magical world where memories are still attached to forgotten objects, one little memory named Moom has a harder time letting go.

## TAKING FLIGHT

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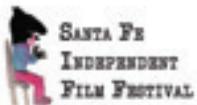
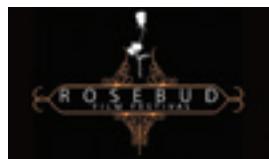
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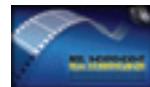
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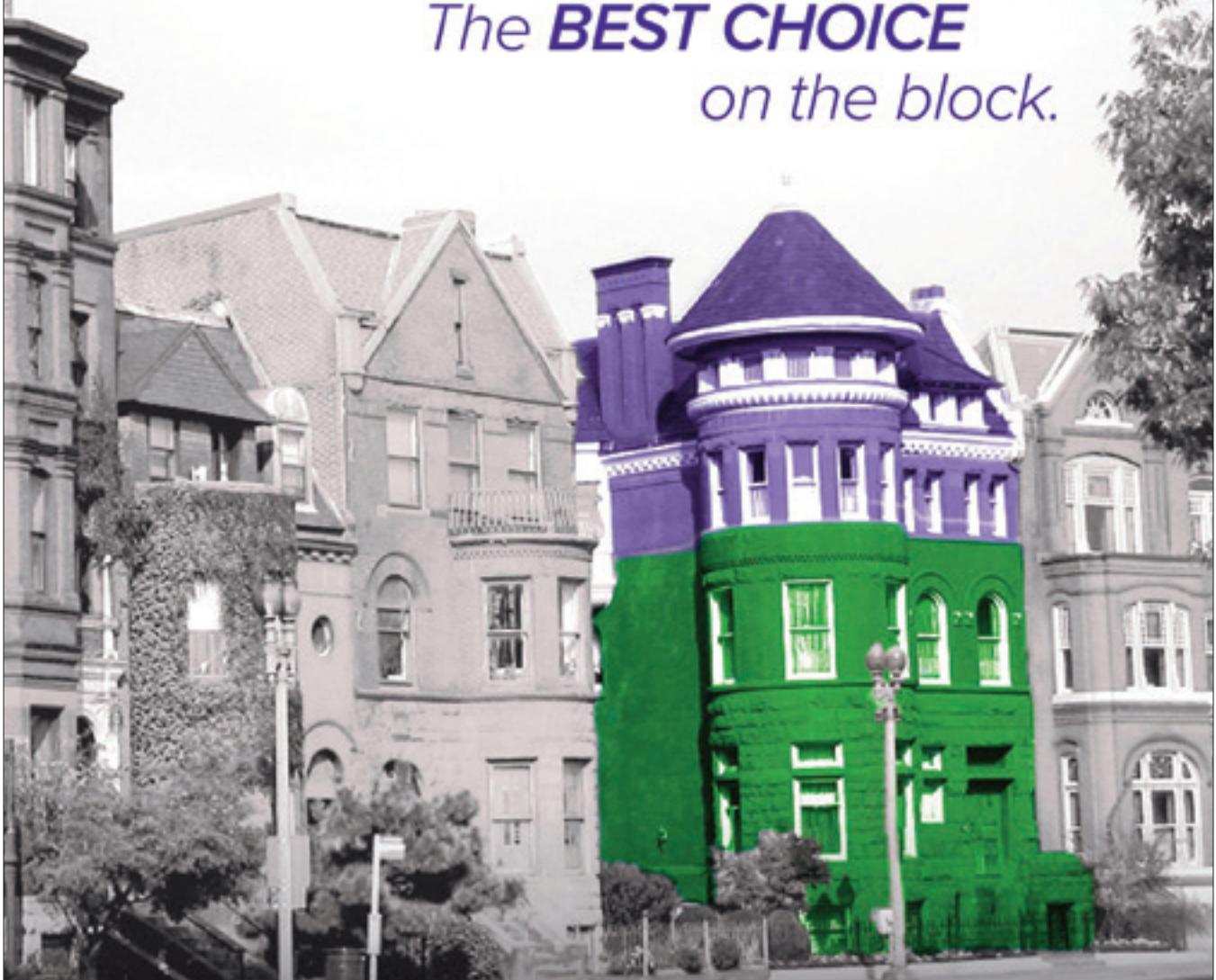
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# Life's a Journey, Not a Race

## E STREET CINEMA

THURSDAY, **SEPTEMBER 8** @ 7 P.M.

SUNDAY, **SEPTEMBER 11** @ 5 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, **SEPTEMBER 14** @ 5 P.M.

ALL DC SHORTS FILMS ARE UNRATED AND MAY CONTAIN MATURE THEMES.

### WHERE WE BEGIN

*DIRECTOR: MITSUYO MIYAZAKI • 20 MINUTES • DRAMA/ROMANCE • USA • DC PREMIERE*

Nearing the end of her life, Sophia reflects on her journey through an elaborate dance performance.

### ANOTHER EVEREST

*DIRECTOR: ALEK KOSINSKI • 4 MINUTES • ANIMATION • USA • DC PREMIERE*

A retired mountain climber triumphs over new challenges.

### TALLEST RACE ON TWO WHEELS

*DIRECTOR: JOSH DAVIDSBURG, CHRIS MULLEN • 4 MINUTES • DOCUMENTARY • USA • WORLD PREMIERE • LOCAL FILM*

A one-of-a-kind high-wheel bike race attracts thousands of participants to Maryland from serious bike racers to costumed riders atop a "penny farthing" bicycle.

### ON THE RUN

*DIRECTOR: GIANGUIDO SPINELLI • 12 MINUTES • COMEDY • FRANCE • DC PREMIERE*

Jacques has ten minutes to race home and prove to his wife that he did not spend the night in a hotel room with his mistress.

### SPLIT TICKET

*DIRECTOR: ALFRED THOMAS CATALFO. 20 MINUTES • DRAMA/FANTASY • USA • DC PREMIERE*

In 1947, future Presidents John F. Kennedy (age 29) and Richard Nixon (age 34) travel together by train to Pennsylvania where they must make a fateful decision.

### LOVE IS A STING

*DIRECTOR: VINCENT GALLAGHER • 18 MINUTES • FANTASY/ROMANCE • IRELAND • DC PREMIERE*

A struggling children's book writer gains an unexpected house guest in the form of an ageing, hyper-intelligent mosquito named Anabel.

### THE SHINING STAR OF LOSERS EVERYWHERE

*DIRECTOR: MICKEY DUZYJ • 18 MINUTES • DOCUMENTARY • JAPAN/USA • DC PREMIERE*

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# Lend a Helping Hand

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### LEND A HAND FOR LOVE

DIRECTOR: JOHN THOMPSON • 14 MINUTES • ROMANCE/COMEDY • USA • EAST COAST PREMIERE

Two timid people break free from their joyless lives to find love while their hands break free to elope in a love affair of their own.

### PERFECT HOUSEGUEST

DIRECTORS: RU KUWAHATA AND MAX PORTER • 2 MINUTES • ANIMATION • USA • LOCAL FILM

A house is visited by a clean and well-organized little guest.

### PICKLE

DIRECTOR: AMY NICHOLSON • 15 MINUTES • DOCUMENTARY • USA • WORLD PREMIERE

A couple recounts the various injured animals they have adopted as pets over the course of their marriage, including a paraplegic possum and a fish that couldn't swim.

### SELF PORTRAIT

DIRECTOR: IVAN SAYON • 5 MINUTES • ANIMATION • USA • WORLD PREMIERE

A teenage girl afflicted with cancer learns to cope with her illness by relating with a friend.

### EVERYTHING

DIRECTOR: R.J. DANIEL HANNA • 16 MINUTES • DRAMA • USA • LOCAL FILM • DC PREMIERE

A mom fights the medical and legal establishment to save her daughter's life when a bone marrow donor backs out.

### CARLO

DIRECTOR: AGO PANINI • 12 MINUTES • ANIMATION • ITALY • DC PREMIERE

Carlo is just a regular guy who keeps a secret world hidden inside his closet.

### BLACK SWELL

DIRECTOR: JAKE HONIG. 9 MINUTES • DRAMA • USA • DC PREMIERE

A man checks into a motel to kill himself but gets interrupted by an unexpected visitor.

### THE CHOP

DIRECTOR: LEWIS ROSE • 12 MINUTES • COMEDY • UK • DC PREMIERE

Yossi, a charismatic Kosher butcher who loses his job, pretends to be Muslim in order to get work at a Halal butcher shop.

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# War and Peace

## E STREET CINEMA

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 @ 6:30 P.M.**

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### CONTRE-CHAMP

*DIRECTOR: MICHAËL DE NIJS • 20 MINUTES • DRAMA/ROMANCE • BELGIUM. WORLD PREMIERE*

In the footsteps of her recently deceased war-reporter father, Lydia makes her first steps as a photojournalist during the bicentennial of the Battle of Waterloo.

### ARAAN

*DIRECTOR: JORGE DAYAS • 6 MINUTES • ANIMATION • SPAIN • DC PREMIERE*

While two enemies fight each other on the battlefield's front lines, their respective daughters await their homecoming.

### MY ALEPO

*DIRECTOR: MELISSA LANGER • 18 MINUTES • DOCUMENTARY • SOUTH AFRICA/USA • DC PREMIERE*

In South Africa, a young family of Syrian refugees huddle around a laptop in their one-bedroom apartment, awaiting news from home.

### IT WAS DAMP, DARK AND SMELLED LIKE WOOD

*DIRECTOR: PETER MEISTER • 12 MINUTES • COMEDY • GERMANY • NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE*

The last 12 minutes before the Greek heroes are going to leave their wooden horse to conquer Troy.

### PATRIOT

*DIRECTOR: EVA RILEY • 15 MINUTES • DRAMA • UK • DC PREMIERE*

Hannah's life changes forever when she meets a boy from a forbidden part of town.

### MINE

*DIRECTOR: SIMON BERRY • 8 MINUTES • COMEDY • UK • EAST COAST PREMIERE*

When Walter steps on a live land mine in a remote field in England, he finds himself at the mercy of his wife Diane, who has recently unearthed a deadly secret buried in their past.

### OPERATION COMMANDO

*DIRECTOR: JAN CZARLEWSKI • 21 MINUTES • DRAMA • SWITZERLAND • EAST COAST PREMIERE*

Brothers separated on different sides of a summer camp "war game", will test the bonds of their brotherhood...and only one can be victorious.

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# Prisoners of Circumstance

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### TWO SISTERS

DIRECTOR: KEOLA RACELA • 17 MINUTES • DRAMA • KOREA/USA • DC PREMIERE

After their parents are taken to a prison camp, two sisters attempt a breath-stopping journey of defection from North Korea.

### BUILT TO SERVE

DIRECTOR: DYLAN CHASE • 2 MINUTES • ANIMATION • USA • DC PREMIERE

An on-the-run service-robot gets his leash yanked when the only thing between him and freedom is a little girl and her dead dog.

### MONSTERS

DIRECTOR: STEVE DESMOND • 12 MINUTES • DRAMA/SCI-FI/THRILLER • USA • DC PREMIERE

Jenn lives in an underground bunker with her family, protected from the monsters that now ravage the world. This is the day that she goes outside...

### GOODBYE CHARM CITY

DIRECTOR: CHRISTIAN GRIER • 18 MINUTES • DRAMA • USA • LOCAL FILM • NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

A mother must decide whether she wants to encourage capital punishment upon the man who murdered her son.

### PEOPLE LIKE US

DIRECTOR: TINA GHARAVI • 11 MINUTES • DOCUMENTARY • UK • EAST COAST PREMIERE

Resurrection After Exoneration, a charity based in the US, battles to release those condemned to death in the US where scientific evidence can contradict the verdict.

### T.P.

DIRECTORS: BOB BLEVINS AND BRADLEY WERLEY. 10 MINUTES • ANIMATION • USA •

A naïve roll of toilet paper in a gas station bathroom resolves to escape after the horrifying realization of what fate has in store.

### WILDFIRE

DIRECTOR: ADAM MEEKS. 20 MINUTES • DRAMA • USA • DC PREMIERE

A dangerous forest fire threatens the faith and safety of a religious community in the Rocky Mountains.

### HELP I'M TRAPPED IN A MOVIE

DIRECTOR: RILEY MADINCEA • 9 MINUTES • COMEDY • UK • WORLD PREMIERE

A man wakes up in his dream of becoming the star of a Hollywood blockbuster, but it quickly becomes a nightmare when he finds he can't control the plot.

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# Shifting Perspectives

## E STREET CINEMA

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 @ 9 P.M.

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### BALCONY

DIRECTOR: TOBY FELL-HOLDEN • 17 MINUTES • DRAMA • UK • DC PREMIERE

In a neighborhood rife with racial tension, a local girl falls for a recent arrival who is the victim of prejudice and shame.

### DCDC

DIRECTOR: CHRIS TUSS • 8 MINUTES • DOCUMENTARY • USA • LOCAL FILM

The "DC Downhill Club" are a group of skateboarders from the Washington, DC area have made it their mission to seek out backyard pools to drain and skate - making unique friendships along the way.

### HARDER NOT SMARTER

DIRECTOR: MARC HAVENER • 1 MINUTE • ANIMATION • USA • EAST COAST PREMIERE

An ER receptionist adopts the misguided mantra of "working harder, not smarter."

### ON THE ROOF

DIRECTOR: DAMIA SERRA • 11 MINUTES • DRAMA • SPAIN • DC PREMIERE

When a group of boys on a roof start peeping on a woman sunbathing, one of the boy's gaze begins to drift elsewhere.

### GOOD COP, GOOD COP

DIRECTOR: KEEGAN KARNES. 5 MINUTES • COMEDY • USA • DC PREMIERE • LOCAL FILM

Officer Lane is a dedicated but no so bright police officer who just can't seem to understand the concept of good cop bad cop.

### FRAGILE STORM

DIRECTOR: DAWN FIELDS • 10 MINUTES • DRAMA • USA • EAST COAST PREMIERE

A scared young woman goes to extreme measures to escape the clutches of a terrifying older man only to realize the shocking truth about who she is and why she's really there.

### THE QUANTUM LIGHTER

DIRECTOR: PAU ESCRIBANO • 5 MINUTES • COMEDY/FANTASY • SPAIN • DC PREMIERE

*How can we prove that we actually time-traveled?*

### YOUTH

DIRECTOR: BRETT MARTY • 18 MINUTES • DRAMA/SCI-FI • USA • EAST COAST PREMIERE

After fifty years of marriage a couple decide to undergo a procedure to transplant their minds, souls, and personalities into bodies decades younger.

### FROGMAN

DIRECTOR: TYLER TRUMBO • 15 MINUTES • DOCUMENTARY • USA • DC PREMIERE • LOCAL FILM

As a child, Patrick Humphrey had no idea his father was a spy. How much we can really know someone through the stories we inherit?

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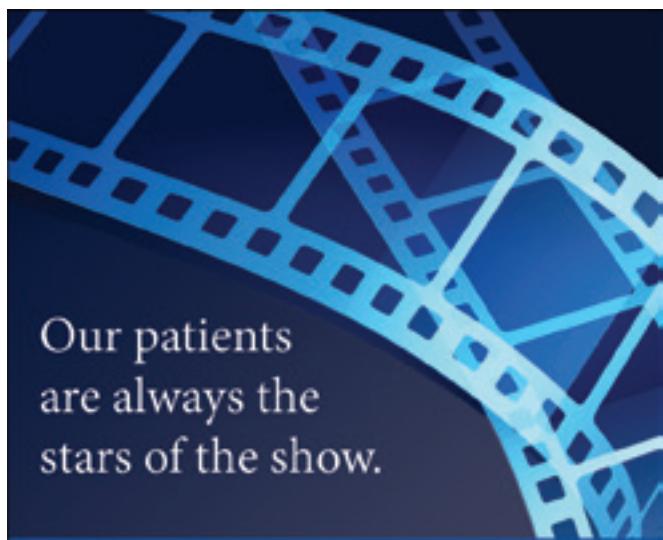


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# Slightly Sexy

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### A BOMB

DIRECTOR: GUILLAUME HARVEY. 17 MINUTES • COMEDY/DRAMA • CANADA • EAST COAST PREMIERE

Maxime helps his best friend Guérin make a bomb in an attempt to get closer to Guérin's sister, the seductive Joëlle.

### RESET

DIRECTOR: JEREMY LUTTER • 16 MINUTES • DRAMA/SCI-FI • CANADA • DC PREMIERE

A female android discovers she has feelings for her owner and must put her life on the line to gain a human connection.

### POKEY POKEY

DIRECTOR: JUNJIE ZHANG. 7 MINUTES • ANIMATION • USA • DC PREMIERE

A father starts a journey to figure out the best way to protect his son from seeing the filthiness in a crime-ridden city.

### LOVE IS BLIND

DIRECTOR: DAN HODGSON • 7 MINUTES • COMEDY • UK • DC PREMIERE

After succumbing to the temptation of a passionate love affair, Alice must negotiate her lover's escape when her husband returns home early to make amends.

### LIMBO LIMBO TRAVEL

DIRECTORS: ZSUZSANNA KREIF AND BORBÁLA ZÉTÉNYI • 16 MINUTES • ANIMATION • FRANCE/HUNGARY • EAST COAST PREMIERE

A group of solitary and disillusioned women take the "Limbo-Limbo" Bus to a distant exotic country to find the happiness they desire.

### BEAT AROUND THE BUSH

DIRECTOR: BRIANNE NORD-STEWART • 12 MINUTES • COMEDY • CANADA • EAST COAST PREMIERE

A 75-year-old widow with Alzheimer's decides it's time to have her very first orgasm ever.

### TOMMY AND DAVID

DIRECTOR: SARA JOE WOLANSKY • 4 MINUTES • DOCUMENTARY • USA/ITALY • EAST COAST PREMIERE

Tommy sells humorous "penis shorts" modeled after Michelangelo's David in order to pay tribute to his favorite work of art.

### HOPE

DIRECTOR: AIDA SENNA • 15 MINUTES • DRAMA • MOROCCO • DC PREMIERE

While Sonia and Hicham prepare for their wedding celebrations, they seem to be hiding a secret about their relationship in conservative Moroccan society.

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# Express Yourself



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## BUCK

DIRECTOR: BERNHARD WENGER • 16 MINUTES • DRAMA • AUSTRIA • EAST COAST PREMIERE

On the morning after a night out at the disco, 18 year old Michael has to go hunting with his father where their fundamental differences come to light.



## AIR-MAIL

DIRECTOR: ISABELLA FAVEZ • 6 MINUTES • ANIMATION • SWITZERLAND/FRANCE • DC PREMIERE

A girl falls in love with a boxer she can never hope to meet; but will the letter-birds change her destiny?



## POEM TO GO

DIRECTOR: NINA HOCHRainer • 7 MINUTES • DOCUMENTARY • USA • NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

Street poet Lynn Gentry writes poems on a typewriter for passers-by on a street corner in Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

## A DONE DEAL

DIRECTOR: PIERRE-MARC DROUIN • 10 MINUTES • COMEDY • CANADA • DC PREMIERE

Remy, a hitman for a small-time Montreal mobster, has to kill Fernand, an old associate who talks too much.



## THE REAL AMERICAN

DIRECTOR: DARYA ZHUK • 13 MINUTES • DRAMA/COMEDY • USA/BELARUS/RUSSIA • DC PREMIERE

Russian exchange student Alya struggles to fit into what it means to be an American teenage girl in 1994 when she realizes her host father has a crush on her.

## MAST QALANDAR

DIRECTOR: DIVIJ ROOPCHAND • 15 MINUTES • DRAMA • INDIA/UK • DC PREMIERE

Montek is a Sikh Boy who is about to turn thirteen but he doesn't want to tell his mother what he wants for his birthday.



## THE POSTMODERN PIONEER PLAQUE

DIRECTOR: BORIS KOZLOV • 8 MINUTES • ANIMATION • SPAIN • EAST COAST PREMIERE

Four decades after Carl Sagan created the "Pioneer Plaque" as Humanity's first message to extraterrestrial civilizations, the World gets together to collectively compose a new message.

## SING FOR YOUR SUPPER

DIRECTOR: MU SUN • 15 MINUTES • DRAMA/FANTASY • USA • DC PREMIERE

In a totalitarian world where one only eats as well as they can sing, a man must overcome his bout of laryngitis if he ever wants to eat again.

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# Overcoming Oppression

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### THE BESPOKE TAILORING OF MISTER BELLAMY

DIRECTOR: ALEXANDER JEFFERY • 16 MINUTES • DRAMA • USA • EAST COAST PREMIERE

At the integration of the job market in 1964 Louisiana, a posting for a janitorial position at a local law firm and the discovery of an old sewing machine ignites a buried passion in old Bellamy...

### OUT OF THE BAG

DIRECTOR: AIDAN BRADBURY-ARANDA • 14 MINUTES • DOCUMENTARY • USA • DC PREMIERE

Artists are re-appropriating the surplus of single-use plastic bags to create artworks with varying intentions: from raising environmental awareness, to expressing the conflict of personal emotions.

### SEIDE

DIRECTOR: ELNURA OSMONALIEVA • 14 MINUTES • DRAMA • KYRGYZSTAN • DC PREMIERE

Young Seide loses her childhood and her beloved horse when faced with an arranged marriage.

### ARIA FOR A COW

DIRECTOR: DAN LUND • 7 MINUTES • ANIMATION • USA • DC PREMIERE

Aria, a bovine diva, demands to be respected for more than just her dairy products.

### LECHE

DIRECTOR: GABRIELLA MOSES • 12 MINUTES • DRAMA • USA • EAST COAST PREMIERE

Nina, an 8 year-old outcast girl with albinism, finds herself the target of a jealous classmate's witch hunt.

### CRY OF THE FOX

DIRECTOR: JASON RONAZANI AND NING XU • 5 MINUTES • ANIMATION • USA • EAST COAST PREMIERE

A boy tries to save a baby fox from two bullies who upset a threatening presence in the forest.

### TWISTED

DIRECTOR: STUART BOWEN • 6 MINUTES • COMEDY • AUSTRALIA • DC PREMIERE

At a school reunion, our socially awkward hero must win the girl of his Middle School dreams through a balloon battle with his old bully and school nemesis.

### RED FOLDER

DIRECTOR: BEN KALLAM • 10 MINUTES • DRAMA • USA • DC PREMIERE

14-year-old Joseph sets out to find his teacher's red folder only to discover the unsettling futility and implications of his task.

### BREAKER BREAKER

DIRECTOR: TRAVIS BOGOSIAN • 10 MINUTES • DRAMA/COMEDY • USA • DC PREMIERE

An eccentric police officer patrols a remote hiking trail in hopes of making a new friend... but is he who he appears to be?

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# Blood is Thicker Than Water

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### JADA

DIRECTOR: DOUG ROLAND • 16 MINUTES • DRAMA • USA • DC PREMIERE

A day in the life of 7-years-old Jada, a runaway who lives alone on Venice Beach, and the man who is searching for her.

### SECOND WORDS

DIRECTOR: JAKE HULL • 18 MINUTES • DRAMA • USA • DC PREMIERE

An aging farmer tries to cook his late wife's beloved meatloaf when a mysterious young woman threatens to upend his memories.

### THE BATHTUB

DIRECTOR: TIM ELRICH • 13 MINUTES • COMEDY/DRAMA • AUSTRIA/GERMANY • DC PREMIERE

Three brothers try to recreate a childhood memory through an old family picture in the bathtub.

### ROXY

DIRECTOR: FABIAN COLAS. 9 MINUTES • DRAMA • LUEMBOURG • EAST COAST PREMIERE

An aging prostitute working in a lovemobile on the German-Luxembourgish border is rescued from a brutal rape by a young man whose intentions are unclear to her.

### RICEBALLS

DIRECTOR: SHINGO USAMI • 10 MINUTES • DRAMA • AUSTRALIA/JAPAN • DC PREMIERE

The story of a father and a son overcoming a death with their love and cultural identity firmly squeezed into a Japanese riceball.

### SEMELE

DIRECTOR: MYRSINI ARISTIDOU • 13 MINUTES • DRAMA • CYPRUS/GREECE • DC PREMIERE

11-year-old Semele will do anything to spend time with her long-absent father, and a note from school becomes just the excuse she needs to see him.

### HER & ME

DIRECTOR: SHELBY HADDEN • 15 MINUTES • DOCUMENTARY • USA • DC PREMIERE

A film about a set of identical twin sisters living identical lives.

### OUT OF THE VILLAGE

DIRECTOR: JONATHAN STEIN • 17 MINUTES • DRAMA • GHANA/USA • DC PREMIERE

The social and cultural impact of the Ebola epidemic from the perspective of an orphaned brother and his sister.

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# Guardian Angels

## E STREET CINEMA

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THURSDAY, **SEPTEMBER 15** @ 5 P.M.

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## "T"

DIRECTOR: PHILIPPE RIOUX • 16 MINUTES • DRAMA • CANADA • WORLD PREMIERE

Antoine, a social worker starting in a new special needs class, faces the biggest challenge of his young career: to help a pupil successfully write a "T" letter.

## THE ORCHESTRA

DIRECTOR: MIKEY HILL • 15 MINUTES • ANIMATION • AUSTRALIA •

In a world filled with beautiful music, Vernon always seems to strike the wrong note.

## THE GNOMIST

DIRECTOR: SHARON LIESE • 20 MINUTES • DOCUMENTARY • USA • DC PREMIERE

When fairy homes mysteriously appear in a suburban forest, three women find that believing in magic is the medicine they need to overcome their personal struggles and tragedies.

## GNOME

DIRECTOR: SACHA GOEDEGEBURE • 4 MINUTES • ANIMATION • SINGAPORE • WORLD PREMIERE

After returning home from a day of collecting nuts, a gnome finds a caterpillar struggling to reach for leaves outside his house.

## THE DIVINE STRATEGY

DIRECTORS: MARTIN FORGET AND ELIOT LAPRISE • 7 MINUTES • COMEDY • CANADA • U.S. PREMIERE

Frustrated by the Catholic Church's decline, a priest gets help from a charismatic marketing expert to bring people back to churches.

## STAY AWAKE

DIRECTOR: JAMIE SISLEY • 13 MINUTES • DRAMA • USA • DC PREMIERE • LOCAL FILM

Two brothers must deal with their mother's pill addiction and figure out way to get her into rehab.

## PENNY FROM HEAVEN

DIRECTOR: MARLEK AL-HABIB • 8 MINUTES • COMEDY • UK • WORLD PREMIERE

Penny must save the souls of 1000 people before she can get her wings and become an angel.

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# Viva Hispanica



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## SOY CUBANA

DIRECTORS: JEREMY UNGER AND IVAYLO GETOV • 17 MINUTES • DOCUMENTARY • CUBA/USA • DC PREMIERE

The unique sound and story of "The Vocal Vidas," a female a cappella quartet from Santiago de Cuba.

## BREAKFAST WITH TIFFANY

DIRECTOR: ANDRÉS MOLANO MONCADA • 14 MINUTES • DRAMA • COLOMBIA • EAST COAST PREMIERE

Rafael prepares a special birthday breakfast for the woman sleeping beside him.

## EDEN HOSTEL

DIRECTOR: GONZAGA MANSO • 14 MINUTES • FANTASY/COMEDY • SPAIN • DC PREMIERE

Hanging from the wall in one of the rooms at the Eden Hostel is a statuette of the Virgin Mary who narrates, from her peculiar point of view, the stories of the various guests who stayed there.

## ROSA

DIRECTOR: ALEJANDRA PARODY • 20 MINUTES • DRAMA • COLOMBIA • DC PREMIERE

A devoted maid for an upper class family has a special place in the heart of Daniel, the family's six-year-old boy. But when tragedy strikes, she is reminded of her true place in the family.

## LUCHADORA

DIRECTOR: RIVER FINLAY • 12 MINUTES • DOCUMENTARY • MEXICO/USA • DC PREMIERE • LOCAL FILM

Luna Magica, a professional Lucha Libre wrestling star in Mexico, dreams of becoming a world wrestling champion while fighting to make ends meet as a single mom in Mexico City.

## THE HOLY CAVE

DIRECTOR: ALEIX MASSOT • 15 MINUTES • COMEDY • SPAIN • DC PREMIERE

Carlos enlists the help of his friend Juan to win Sofia, the girl of his dreams, away from Angel, the hottest guy in the high school.

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# SHOWCASE 12

# The Price of Fame

## E STREET CINEMA

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## I USED TO BE FAMOUS

DIRECTOR: EDDIE STERNBERG • 15 MINUTES • COMEDY • UK • NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

Two worlds collide on a bench in Peckham when Vince Denman, a has-been pop star trying to forge a comeback, meets Stevie, a talented young man who helps to show Vince the power and beauty of true music for the first time.

## BOB DYLAN HATES ME

DIRECTOR: CAVEH ZAHEDI • 6 MINUTES • ANIMATION • USA • DC PREMIERE

Independent filmmaker and provocateur Caveh Zahedi (*The Shiek and I*, *I Am a Sex Addict*) meets his childhood idol. It doesn't go well.

## THE BULLET

DIRECTOR: JORDAN BAHAT • 6 MINUTES • DOCUMENTARY • USA • DC PREMIERE

A portrait of David "The Bullet" Smith Jr., the world's greatest human cannonball.

## AN AVERAGE STORY

DIRECTOR: YANIV SEGALOVICH • 18 MINUTES • COMEDY • ISRAEL • NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

When Avi Cohen is told by the Central Bureau of Statistics that he is the most average man who ever lived, his life is turned upside down.

## RATE ME

DIRECTOR: FYZAL BOULIFA • 17 MINUTES • DRAMA • UK • DC PREMIERE

A portrait of a teenage escort named Coco from many different points of view.

## SOMEBODY ELSE

DIRECTOR: LAURENT KING • 15 MINUTES • DRAMA/ROMANCE • CHINA • DC PREMIERE

A car valet pretends to be a golden boy to charm a beautiful socialite.

## ENFANT TERRIBLE

DIRECTOR: RICKY TOLLMAN • 15 MINUTES • COMEDY • CANADA • WORLD PREMIERE

When two low-level employees at an art gallery realize a terrible mistake has been made, they race to fix it before anyone finds out.

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# SHOWCASE 13

# Be Careful What You Wish For

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## SUBOTIKA: LAND OF WONDERS

DIRECTOR: PETER VOLKART • 14 MINUTES • ANIMATION • GERMANY • DC PREMIERE

Subotika, a little-known island on the other side of the globe, is an enchanting country with extraordinary sights, grand visions and a couple of minor problems... Book your holiday vacation now!

## 40TH ANNIVERSARY

DIRECTOR: J. ENRIQUE SÁNCHEZ • 14 MINUTES • COMEDY • SPAIN • US PREMIERE

Forty years of marriage is time for a lot of things. Sometime too many things.

## BOY-RAZOR

DIRECTOR: PETER PONTIKIS • 12 MINUTES • DRAMA/THRILLER • SWEDEN • DC PREMIERE

One fine summer's day, a bullied boy decides to use a waterslide to get even with his tormenters.

## SUNDAE

DIRECTOR: SONYA GODDY • 7 MINUTES • COMEDY • USA • DC PREMIERE

A woman bribes her son with ice cream for information...if only he'll just point out the right house.

## LAST DOOR SOUTH

DIRECTOR: SACHA FEINER • 14 MINUTES • ANIMATION • BELGIUM/FRANCE • DC PREMIERE

A child and his conjoined head are kept inside the family mansion by their mother since their birth.

## RED ROVER

DIRECTORS: BROOKE GOLDFINCH • 15 MINUTES • DRAMA • AUSTRALIA • EAST COAST PREMIERE

Two teenagers from a remote religious community travel to town in search of shelter after being told by their Evangelical parents that an asteroid will soon destroy the earth.

## ZERO M2

DIRECTOR: MATHIEU LANDOUR • 18 MINUTES • COMEDY/FANTASY • FRANCE • EAST COAST PREMIERE

After a series of unsuccessful flat-huntings in Paris, Paul finds himself finally moving into a nice and affordable studio. But there's one small problem and it's becoming smaller by the second.

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# Comedy and Horror Genres Collide

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### THE HOUSE IS INNOCENT

DIRECTOR: NICHOLAS COLES • 13 MINUTES • DOCUMENTARY • USA • DC PREMIERE

Tom and Barbara's new home has a notorious past and it's going to take more than a fresh coat of paint to whitewash its macabre history.

### PHOBIAN

DIRECTOR: JULIA DUNN • 1 MINUTE • ANIMATION • USA • DC PREMIERE

Phobian is a girl who is afraid of everything in the most ridiculous ways possible.

### ZOMBRIELLA

DIRECTOR: BENJAMIN GUTSCHE • 15 MINUTES • COMEDY/HORROR • GERMANY • EAST COAST PREMIERE

8-year-old Miko has attracted the attention of little Zombriella who follows the boy doggedly.

### STRANGERS IN THE NIGHT

DIRECTOR: CONOR MACMAHON • 12 MINUTES • COMEDY/HORROR • IRELAND • EAST COAST PREMIERE

Granny Fitzgerald has heard the dreaded scream of the banshee, but when her grandson Damien catches the spirit's fancy something unexpected happens.

### WHAT'S EATING DAD?

DIRECTOR: MICHAEL GOLDBURG • 11 MINUTES • COMEDY/HORROR • USA • DC PREMIERE

When Chloe meets her boyfriend's parents for the first time, what's really for dinner is something she never imagined.

### PORTAL TO HELL!!!

DIRECTOR: VIVIENO CALDINELLI • 12 MINUTES • COMEDY/HORROR • CANADA • DC PREMIERE

A crusty old superintendent has his hands full when cultists use his basement to open a portal to the watery tomb of a slumbering demon.

### THE BABYSITTER MURDERS

DIRECTOR: RYAN SPINDELL • 22 MINUTES • COMEDY/HORROR • USA • DC PREMIERE

A dark and stormy night. An innocent babysitter all alone. An escaped psychopath out for blood. You know how this story will play out... Or do you?

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# DC SHORTS 2016 JURY

**D**C SHORTS IS PROUD TO OFFER BOTH AUDIENCE AWARDS AND JURY AWARDS. THE Jury is comprised of local, national and internationally known industry professionals. Some of the winning films will screen in the Best Of the Festival Showcases September 17 and 18. See page XX for screening times and watch the website for titles.



## JURY AWARDS

Pigmental Studios Award for Outstanding Animated Film  
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Film Festival Review Committee Award for Outstanding Film  
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## U.S. NARRATIVE

**KIM ADELMAN** - Author, Making it Big in Shorts  
**KIMBERLEY BROWNING** - Founder and Festival Director, Hollywood Shorts  
**JOE RESTAINO** - Director of Programming, Sunscreen Film Festival

## INTERNATIONAL NARRATIVE

**MICHAEL GAMILLA** - Director of Programming, ImageOut, Rochester LGBT Film Festival  
**JEFF MCCRACKEN** - Producer, Director (Boy Meets World, Dinosaurs)  
**MEGAN O'NEILL** - Short Film Programmer, Tribeca Film Festival

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# Film and Filmmaking Seminars



**D**C SHORTS IS PROUD TO PRESENT SEMINARS FOR THE FILM COMMUNITY. SPACE IS LIMITED AND seating priority will be given to filmmakers in competition. While these events are free to attend, tickets are required. Please visit [www.festival.dcthorts.com/events/workshops](http://www.festival.dcthorts.com/events/workshops) for ticketing and for a full description of the seminars.

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## FOR FILM FESTIVAL DIRECTORS / PROGRAMMERS (BY INVITATION ONLY)

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9 - 10:30 a.m. – Submissions: Filmmakers have their strategies, what's yours?

10:30 a.m. - Noon – Partnerships: How can we help each other succeed

Noon - 2 p.m. – Film Festivals & Theaters: How can we better serve each other?

2 - 3:30 p.m. – Media Coverage: Strategies and More

3:30 - 5 p.m. – Fundraising: Are we leaving money on the table?

## FOR FILMMAKERS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH • LANDMARK E STREET CINEMA •

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### THEATER #A

10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – HD & 4K Camera Production Workshop

12:15 - 2:15 p.m. – How to Be Successful w/ HD & 4K in Post

2:30 - 3:30 p.m. – Demos w/ Jem Schofield

3:30 - 5 pm – Lighting w/ Brad Minardi, Barbizon Capitol

### THEATER #B

10 - 11:30 a.m. – Fundraising: Where to find money

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. – Reading the Fine Print w/ Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts

2 - 3:30 p.m. – Fiscal Sponsors and Sponsorships

3:30 - 5:00 p.m. – Prep, Performance, and Production w/ Andre Tittle

5:30 - 7 p.m. – Animation Panel Presented by Pigmental Studios. (Open to Filmmakers and All-Access Passholders Only)

## FOR FILM LOVERS

How to Write a Film Review w/ the Washington DC Film Critics Association

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH • LANDMARK E STREET

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Noon - 1:30 p.m. – What should you include in a film review? Should you write about characters, colors, sounds, camera angles? How much should you write about the filmmaker? Should you write about the filmmaker? Join us, as these and many more questions will be answered.

## FOR ACTORS

CONNECT CREATE CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

Join DC Casting, DC Shorts and the Asian Pacific American Film Festival for a full day of education, tips, and more as we answer all of your questions regarding how to launch and maintain your acting career. Don't miss out as we give you an insider's look into the field of acting!

### SESSION #1 - STARTING YOUR CAREER

MLK Library • 901 G St. NW • Room A-9

10 - 11:15 a.m. – Resume and Headshots

11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. – Actor Resources w/ The Actors Center

### SESSION #2 - MAINTAINING YOUR CAREER

MLK Library • 901 G St. NW • Room A-9

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. – Casting Agencies w/ Kimberly Skyrme Casting

2:30 - 4:30 p.m. – SAG-AFTRA: Everything you wanted to know

### SESSION #3 - CONNECTING WITH FILMMAKERS

USNM • 701 Pennsylvania Ave. NW • President's Room

7 - 8:15 p.m. – Introductions, Q&As, and Short Films

8:15 - 9 p.m. – Project Pitches

9 - 10 p.m. – Actor Monologues w/ DC Casting & APA Film

## THROUGHOUT THE EVENING

7 - 10 p.m. – Headshots / USNM's Fleet Room

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ROBERT SHILL • SPOKANE, WA

A man believes he's an Old West bounty hunter but after he finds a boy's hamster and brings in an escaped convict he must return to his home.

### THE BATTLE OF XA HOA CHAU

DAVID MALOUF • CHEVY CHASE, MD

A group of American tourists in Vietnam have conflicting feelings about the war but are united in their devotion to photography. They are involved in an incident that echoes the American wartime role as an unwelcome and destructive intruder.

### ONE CHILD BORN

STUART CREQUE • MORAGA, CA

A Rwandan Tutsi farmer's third child is coming. As he waits on his front porch for the midwife to do her work, his oldest son arrives home with the news that a Hutu mob is also coming.

### SERMON BY COMMITTEE

ANDREW MARLATT • BRANFORD, CT

Moments before Jesus is to deliver the Sermon on the Mount, his disciples decide it needs a bit of a rewrite.

### SILENT SENTINEL

JOSEPH DZIKIEWICZ • ALEXANDRIA, VA

On a night in 1917, Doris Stevens sneaks through a graveyard to meet with suffragist leader Alice Paul who is held in Washington's District Prison.

### THE SON, THE FATHER

LUKAS HASSEL • NEW YORK, NY

A ten year old's birthday surprise has unexpected consequences far into his future.

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# Schedule at a Glance

|              | E Street Cinema<br>Theater A   | E Street Cinema<br>Theater B  | United States<br>Navy Memorial   | Other Locations<br>(see page 8)  |
|--------------|--|---|--|--|
| Thurs., 9/8  | 7:00 Showcase 1<br>9:30 Showcase 2   |   |  | 6:30 Welcome Reception   |
| Fri., 9/9    | 10:00 Workshop: HD & 4K Camera Production<br>12:15 Workshop: How to be Successful w/<br>HD & 4K in Post<br>2:30 Workshop: Demos<br>3:30 Workshop: Lighting<br>6:30 Showcase 3<br>9:00 Showcase 5 | 10:00 Workshop: Fundraising - Where to Find Money<br>11:30 Workshop: Reading the Fine Print<br>2:00 Workshop: Fiscal Sponsors<br>3:30 Workshop: Prep, Performance, Production<br>5:30 Workshop: Animation Panel<br>7:00 Showcase 4<br>9:30 Showcase 6 |  | 6:30 Animation Awards<br>Reception   |
| Sat., 9/10   | 2:00 Showcase 7<br>4:30 Showcase 9<br>7:00 Showcase 11<br>9:30 Showcase 13   | 12:00 Workshop: How to Write a Film Review<br>2:30 Showcase 8<br>5:00 Showcase 10<br>7:30 Showcase 12<br>10:00 Showcase 14  |  | 11:00 Family Showcase<br>9:00 City View Party  |
| Sun., 9/11   | 12:00 LGBT Shorts<br>2:30 Animation<br>5:00 Showcase 1<br>7:30 Showcase 3  | 12:30 Immigration<br>3:00 Tech. Addiction<br>5:30 Showcase 2<br>8:00 Showcase 4   |  | 11:00 Awards Brunch  |
| Mon., 9/12   | 12:00 Lunchtime Sampler 1<br>5:00 Showcase 5<br>7:00 Tech. Addiction<br>9:00 Showcase 6  | 5:00 Showcase 8<br>7:00 Showcase 7<br>9:00 Showcase 9   |  |  |
| Tues., 9/13  | 12:00 Lunchtime Sampler 2<br>5:00 Showcase 12<br>7:00 Immigration<br>9:00 Showcase 11  | 5:00 Showcase 13<br>7:00 Showcase 10<br>9:00 LGBT Shorts  |  |  |
| Wed., 9/14   | 12:00 Lunchtime Sampler 3<br>5:00 Showcase 1<br>7:00 Best of Sunderland<br>9:00 Showcase 8   | 5:00 Showcase 2<br>7:00 Animation<br>9:00 Showcase 8  |  |  |
| Thurs., 9/15 | 12:00 Lunchtime Sampler 4<br>5:00 Showcase 10<br>7:00 LGBT Shorts<br>9:00 Showcase 13  | 5:00 Showcase 11<br>7:00 Showcase 12<br>9:00 Showcase 14  |  |  |
| Fri., 9/16   | 10:00 Screenplay Auditions   |   | 7:00 Screenplay Competition<br>8:30 Screenplay Reception                                     |  |
| Sat., 9/17   |  |   | 7:00 BEST-OF: SHOW A<br>9:00 BEST-OF: SHOW B   | 10:00 Actors' Conference<br>3:00 BEST-OF: SHOW A @<br>Atlas Performing Arts Center<br>5:00 BEST-OF: SHOW B @<br>Atlas Performing Arts Center<br>7:00 Closing Night Reception |
| Sun., 9/18   |  |   | 2:00 BEST-OF: SHOW A<br>4:00 BEST-OF: SHOW B<br>6:00 BEST-OF: SHOW A<br>8:00 BEST-OF: SHOW B |  |



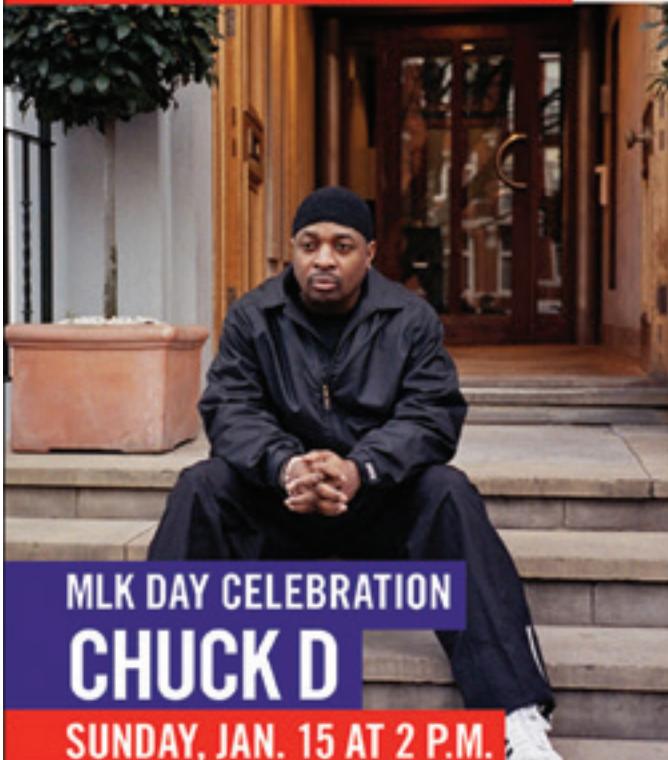
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