



GARDEN STATE FILM FESTIVAL

20TH
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MARCH 23–MARCH 27, 2022

In-Person Festival Events in Asbury Park, NJ & Cranford, NJ

MARCH 28–APRIL 3, 2022

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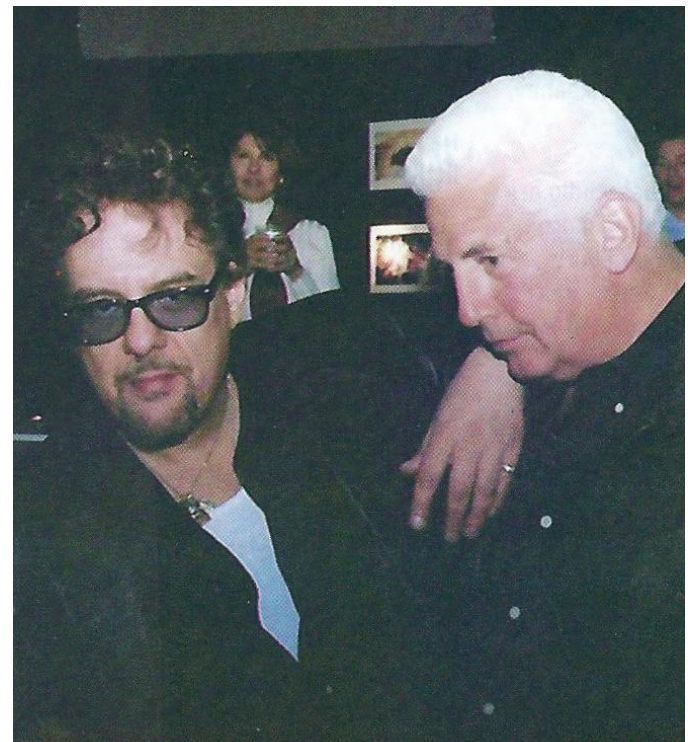


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WELCOME TO THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GARDEN STATE FILM FESTIVAL



An eye towards innovation.

Welcome to the Twentieth Annual Garden State Film Festival (GSFF), celebrating in Asbury Park and Cranford, New Jersey!

I am so grateful for coming through this great challenge with you the last two years and send a very special thank you to all who have watched us grow since the beginning. The GSFF is a labor of love and YOU are the force behind our success. It's a privilege for me to work with such a dedicated team and hope you share my appreciation for all who contributed their time and resources towards the milestones and events. I wish to express deep gratitude to our Founder, Diane Raver, who is the lifeblood of the Festival, our board of directors, Director of Operations, Kristen Dirato, Director of Technology, Sage DeValle, sponsors, GSFF crew members, filmmakers, volunteers, hosts and everyone who believed in us all these years.

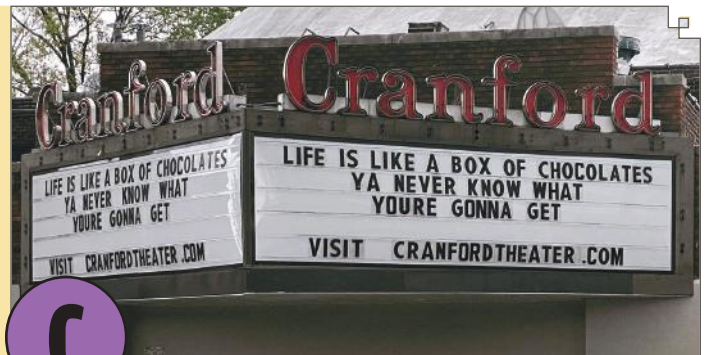
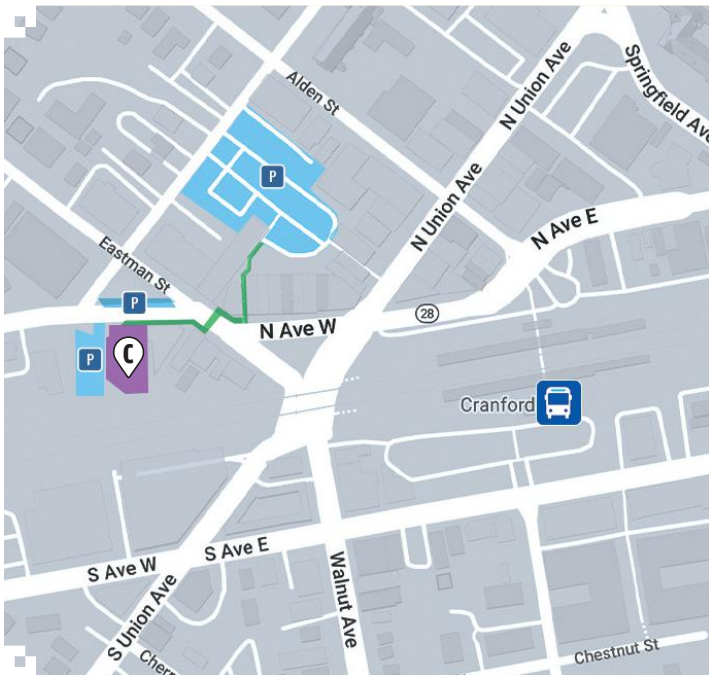
You are the backbone to our important nonprofit organization and the reason we continue forward.

With your continued support, we embark on a new year with much promise. We are steadfast in furthering our mission and to provide for present and future generations of filmmakers.

The 2020–2021 era was one of continued resilience and reinvention that led to exceptional growth and promise. It has been motivating to witness the perseverance of our festival community through continued challenges. I look forward to the future knowing what we can do as a team.

I remain grateful for your support as we embark on this spectacular celebration!

Lauren Concar Sheehy
Executive Director
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CRANFORD THEATER 25 N Ave W, Cranford, NJ 07016

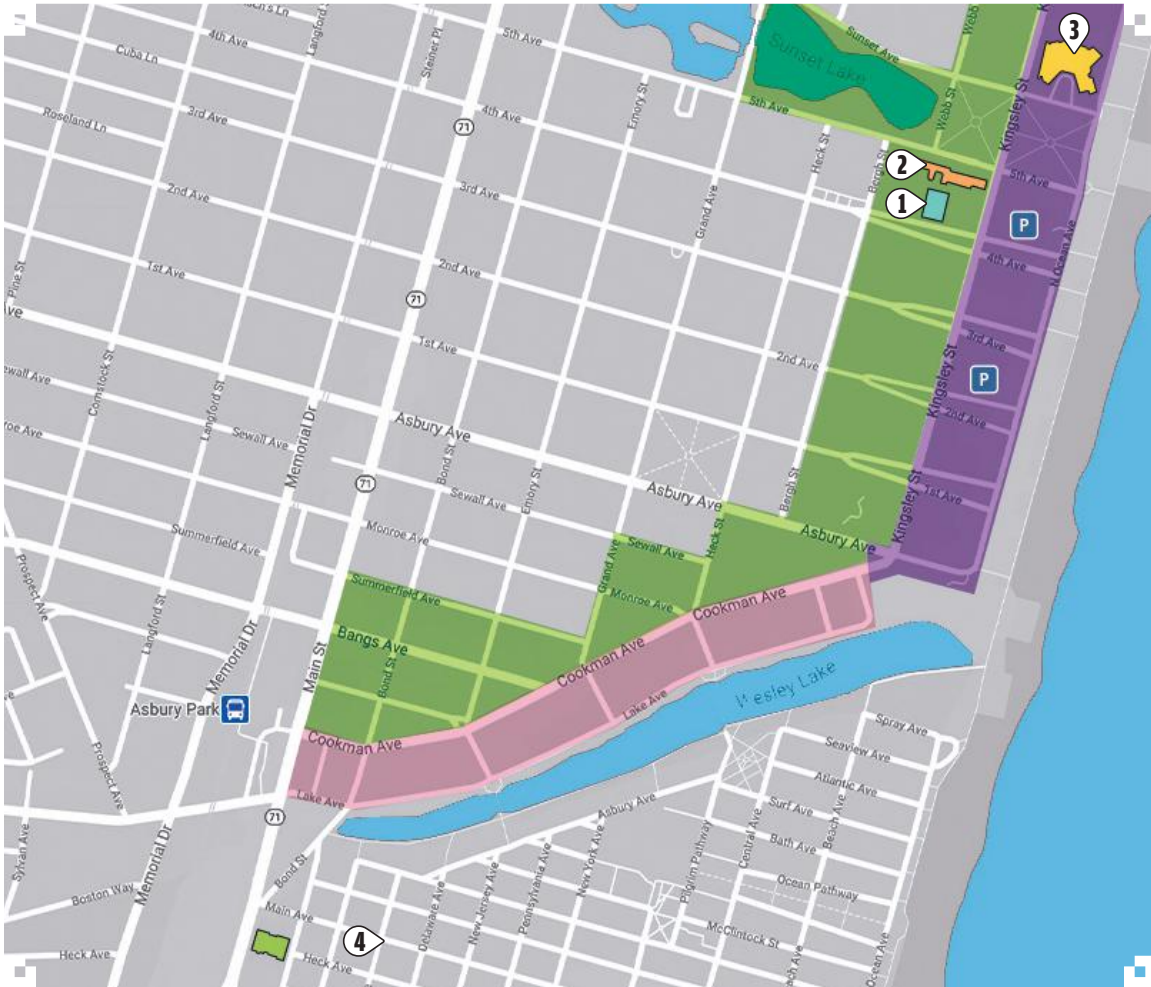
There are some free parking lots, off season, as availability lasts:

- In the side parking lot directly next to The Cranford Theater.
- Designated parking spaces across from the entrance of The Cranford Theater.
- Municipal parking lot at 106 Miln Street, Cranford, NJ 07016.
- Follow the pedestrian walkway as indicated in green.





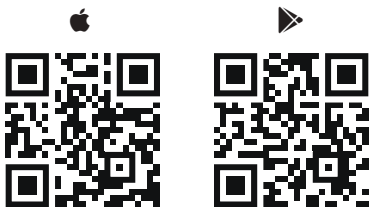
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- Central Zone – 33200
- Waterfront Zone – 33300
- Downtown Zone – 33100

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- P South of **The Wonder Bar**
115 Fourth Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ
- P **The Stone Pony Parking Lot**
110 Third Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ

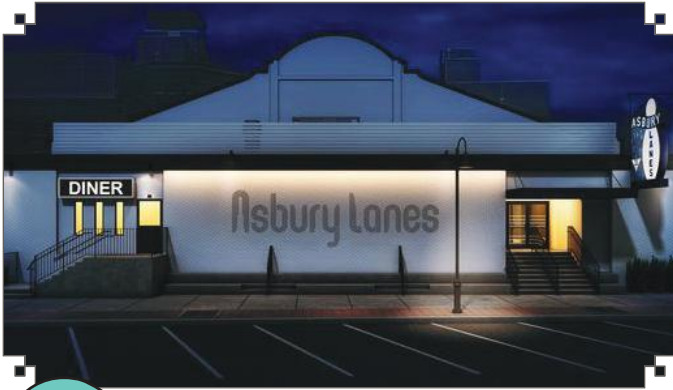


GSFF Jitney Express ADA Compliant

Frank, "The Jitney Guy," will be running the GSFF Jitney Express! The Jitney will make stops at all venues and downtown throughout the festival.

Hop on and hop off. Give yourself plenty of time to travel in between venues!

2022 Garden State Film Festival VENUE LOCATIONS



1

ASBURY LANES

209 Fourth Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ



2

ASBURY HOTEL

Asbury Hall

210 Fifth Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ



3

BERKELEY OCEANFRONT HOTEL

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1401 Ocean Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ



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How to Purchase a Virtual Access Pass

Events from March 28–April 3, 2022.



Visit gsff.org/tickets to purchase online and follow the instructions.

How to Access the Virtual Events

Scan the QR Code to get started!



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gsff.org/what-to-know/#accessibility



Dishing with Diane:

Here's Why the Garden State Film Festival is a

Q What would you say was the catalyst for creating the Garden State Film Festival?

Asbury Park was definitely the catalyst—because in the old days people fell in love with films in film houses—the grand movie theaters that made watching movies an event. My love of and belief in films began in Asbury Park at the Paramount and the Mayfair Theaters.

After a trip to Cannes and a chance meeting with Robert Pastorelli, whose encouragement has been far-reaching, I just knew my state and this city deserved the economic and cultural boost a film festival would provide.

Q You were the first woman to be president of a commercial production company in New York City. Did you really think a festival in New Jersey—so close to a film mecca—would have the credibility and attendance to last as long as the Garden State Film Festival has?

Whoa there. The film industry began in New Jersey. Thomas Edison invented the moving picture as we know it and had the first experimental movie house—the Black Maria— in West Orange, New Jersey. There were 49 film studios, including one owned by the first female director, in Ft. Lee at the turn of the century, if you want to talk meccas, New Jersey is holy ground.

I believe things that are meant to happen will happen and forces will appear to make it what it should be. From its inception the Garden State Film Festival has had generative forces all around it. Nineteen years do not happen by accident. They happen by unerring belief in what you are doing, sheer

backbreaking work and the intervention of luck that can't be explained.

Q Talk about some of the luck you have had in the longevity of the Garden State Film Festival.

There are two enormous lucky charms that keep the festival keeping on. The first was my late husband, Carroll Raver, an artist on so many levels—a director, cameraman, painter, sculptor, deep thinker about what makes humans tick. His belief in me, the respect the industry had for him, his presence at the birth of the festival and for years after—He died right after year 5—they are all an ongoing ball of energy that keeps the festival keeping on.

The second is the Executive Director of the Film Festival, Lauren Concar Sheehy. She was “given” to me by the late Roger Conant of Brookdale Television, from Brookdale Community College who saw in her as a young person with an uncompromising understanding of responsibility, a budding expertise in film making, a genius level of leadership, tech literacy and organization. Since she arrived in 2002 I have never lost a minute's sleep over the details – which doesn't mean we haven't both lost many years' worth of hours of sleep over the big things.

Q What are The Big Things that set Garden State Film Festival apart?

Far-sightedness. The biggest was knowing from the beginning that every decision we made had to be made with the long haul in mind. Most fledgling festivals don't last for more than three years. We knew we wanted to be here for our community, our filmmakers, and our film audience

for many decades so every decision we made from the beginning was with an eye toward building a strong foundation.

Next: Independent Films. I should say Independent Films with a beginning, a middle and an end. From the first, we understood that this was our niche. We wanted to highlight the filmmakers whose vision was not distilled through studio heads or bean counters. We wanted the dreamers who found a way to get their concepts from their brains onto the screen. And we wanted films that told stories, be it in narrative, documentary or animation.

And underneath it all: Service. Our incredibly dedicated team serve the film makers by watching every single film. Most years is close to 1800 submissions. I do mean every single film. It is no secret that other festivals relegate the viewing of all but a few films to the people on the lowest rungs of the organization. We believe the days, months and often years a film maker puts into making a film deserve the hours it takes us to watch it.

We serve education by going into schools and talking about our industry and about film making and by having a high school film component to the festival—an entire high school block of films on Saturday and Sunday morning. We also participate in the New Jersey School Board Association convention every year, talking with the +8,000 educators who attend about vocations in film.

We serve our seniors by providing programs to enrich and delight them whenever and where ever possible.

Finally, we serve the men and women who serve our country. For the first 10 years we sent appropriate DVD's to military bases around the world. Now they are



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available digitally. We have a *Film Club Radio Show* that is heard on *Frontlines of Freedom* the largest military radio show in the country and receives gobs of mail every week. Lt Col Denny Gillem, founder of *Frontlines of Freedom*, made the mistake of sitting next to Diane on a bus... and we are all glad he did. We instituted this respect and appreciation from the beginning and take our commitment to make the lives of veterans and those serving more involved in the day-to-day life of our country through film. We don't forget.

Q What are you proudest of when you reflect on Garden State Film Festival?

That we're still here! And not just limping along. We have grown every year—No matter what has been thrown at us, Hurricanes, illness, pandemic. You name it we have seen it all.

And I am specific about 2019 because 2020 was another whole dimension in pride. We were set to go live in 8+ venues with 240 films already scheduled when America closed its doors because of the pandemic. In 11 days, we were ready to show those 240 films in their designated time slots, with talk back after every block of films, securely and on time. We never missed a beat.

And we became global! No, 15,000 people did not come to Asbury Park, but 8,000 people watched for four days—all over the world. We found a whole new audience for our filmmakers because we weren't about to let a virus shut us down.

I am so very proud of our role in the revitalization of Asbury Park, and by the extension the Jersey Shore. Asbury Park did not look like it does today when we began this journey, and we swell with pride when we think of all the famous folks we brought

here and all of those who came and stayed opening businesses and buying homes. What we have here is a heritage as rich as any pioneer settlement. It's an amalgam of demographics bound by an appreciation of what is real and enduring. New Jersey isn't for the trendy. We're about what lasts and if it gets a little tattered, we find a way to fix it up.

Proud? I'm proud of our honest efforts and filmmaker-focused festival in every single way. We never wanted to shine a spotlight on ourselves. We like it best when it's dark and the images appear on the screen. ■

The Raver Family would like to thank everyone who made the last 20 years possible!





2022 Garden State Film Festival HONOREES



Honorary Chair | First Lady Tammy Snyder Murphy

Tammy Snyder Murphy, wife of New Jersey Gov. Philip D. Murphy, congratulates the many creative minds and talents of the Garden State and beyond. Tammy Snyder Murphy has been dedicated to improving the quality of life globally and here in New Jersey.

Over the years, she has worked with nonprofits and other organizations focused on the environment, education, health care, youth and family services, as well as the arts and trans-Atlantic relations. She currently serves as secretary and charter member of the Climate Reality Action Fund, an organization founded by former Vice President Al Gore.

As first lady, Tammy Snyder Murphy's policy initiatives focus on infant and maternal health, climate change education and fostering women-owned businesses throughout New Jersey. She has worked to create family festivals across the state to increase access to resources for mothers, children and families; worked with the New Jersey Department of Education to incorporate climate change throughout the K-12 state education guidelines; and partnered with the New Jersey Economic Development Authority to increase angel investing in women-led businesses. Tammy and Gov. Murphy have been married for 28 years and together have four children: Josh, Emma, Charlie and Sam.

The Garden State Film Festival is honored to have an honorary chair who works so diligently to support the arts and make New Jersey a better place to live.



Educator of the Year | Louis Libitz

Louis Libitz is a filmmaker and an educator. Working in experimental, narrative and documentary styles, his video works have been exhibited in festivals/galleries nationally and internationally.

Louis has more than 15 years of experience teaching Film/Video/Media Arts at the high school and university level. Currently, he is the tenured instructor of Digital Filmmaking at the School of the Arts on East Brunswick's campus of Middlesex County Vocational and Technical Schools. He has garnered many awards for his tireless work inspiring the next generation of New Jersey filmmakers. His students regularly receive official selections/awards recognition for their short films at numerous local, national and international film festivals. Big congrats to Louis, and keep up the great work!



Broader Vision Award | Dawson's Peak "Project Seven for Soldiers"

The Garden State Film Festival proudly awards a deserving organization each year with our Broader Vision Award for Filmmaking Dedicated to the Greater Good. This year we are proud to recognize Dawson's Peak. Project Seven for Soldiers follows sponsored athlete Matt Dawson's remarkable attempt to set seven world records to raise awareness for veterans. Dawson's activities include multiple polar expeditions, global mountain climbing, a global circumnavigation flight, an oceanic crossing and a desert traverse. He completed each, all while chronicling it on video. All net proceeds from "Project Seven for Soldiers" will benefit the Gary Sinise Foundation and Hope for The Warriors as these organizations provide comprehensive support to meet the critical needs of military veterans and their families in their transition from military service to civilian life. The Garden State Film Festival is proud to recognize Matt Dawson and the worthy organizations he supports through this project.





Congratulations to the 2022 Filmmakers and Honorees of the Garden State Film Festival!

Best wishes for a successful Festival!



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2022 Garden State Film Festival WINNERS



Movie Music Competition



Best Homegrown Pop Song

I Need Your Love

Composer: Paul Perrina
Performed by: Pat Guadagno

Best Song from Homegrown Short

Start Again

Composer: Griffin Berger
Performed by: Griffin Berger

Best Song from a Feature Film Drama

Somewhere New

Composer: Eddie Tadross
Performed by: Eddie Tadross

Best Main Theme from a Feature Documentary

The Red River Flood

Composer: Brian Katona
Performed by: Brian Katona;
Featuring Samantha Tomblin

Best International Short Documentary Score

The Last Minute

Composers: Alfred Phakathi
and James Basingthwaite
Performed by: The Mzansi
Youth Choir of Soweto, South
Africa

Best Homegrown Country Song

How Long

Composer: Karen Phillips
Performed by: Karen Phillips,
Jeff Levine ,Gary Oleyar, Mike
Mizwinski, Paul Avrutin, Joe
Chirco

Best Orchestral Theme

Ashley's Theme

Composer: Benjamin Krause
Performed by: Benjamin Krause



Feature Length Screenplay Winner Siobhan Fallon Hogan "Shelter in Solitude"

Siobhan Fallon Hogan is a well-known character actor in Hollywood, comfortable in dramatic and comedic roles. The actress has been in numerous blockbusters including "Men in Black," "Forrest Gump," "Holes," "New in Town," "Going in Style," "Charlotte's Web," "Clifford the Big Red Dog" and "Funny Games."

Her television credits include "Saturday Night Live," "Seinfeld," "Billions," "Wayward Pines," "30 Rock," "Law & Order" and many more.

Recently, Siobhan has added writer and producer to her long resumé. She and her husband, Peter Hogan, established Emerald Caz Productions in 2019. "Shelter In Solitude" is now in production, starring Robert Patrick, Peter Macon, Peter Hogan, Dan Castellaneta and Siobhan Fallon Hogan.

Siobhan Fallon Hogan and Peter Hogan have been married for 29 years and have three talented children.





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2022 Garden State Film Festival WINNERS



Penny Jackson

Short Screenplay Winners Penny Jackson and Melissa Skirboll "Overdue"

Penny Jackson is a playwright, screenwriter and novelist who lives in New York City. Jackson has written and produced many award-winning short films and theater plays. She is a proud member of New York Women In Film and Television, The Actor/Directors Unit of The Actors Studio, The Dramatists Guild, The League of Professional Theatre Women and The International Center of Women Playwrights.



Melissa Skirboll

Melissa Skirboll is an award-winning writer, director, producer and actor. They also collaborated on "My Dinner with Schwartzey" and "Greetings from Sarajevo," who screened at 70 festivals worldwide and won 26 awards.

Congratulations to you both!



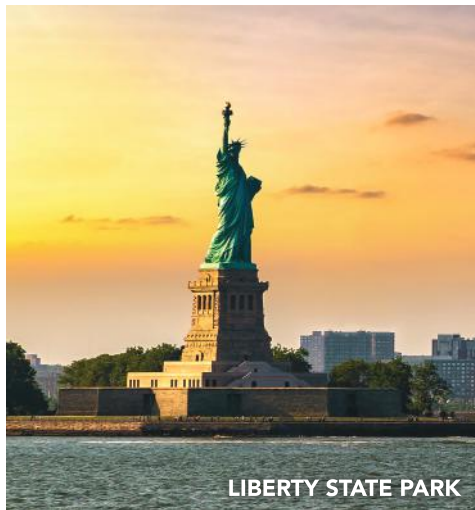
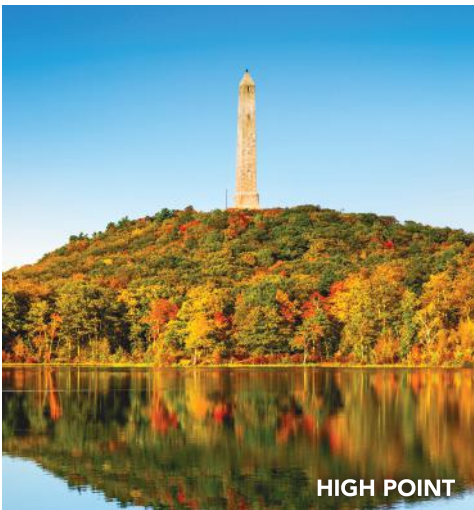
Diane RAVER

Founder, Garden State Film Festival

It's rare to find someone you can be truly inspired by. Someone that you can learn from on a daily basis. Someone that challenges you to bring out the best in yourself. Someone that is so good at what she does, it seems effortless.

On behalf of the GSFF family, we would like to thank your Founder for the best 20 years of our lives.





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2022 Garden State Film Festival RECEPTIONS & SPECIAL EVENTS



IN-PERSON Meet The Filmmakers

Thursday, March 24, 2022 from 6:30–9:30PM.
Asbury Lanes, 209 Fourth Ave, Asbury Park, NJ.

Join us for an hour of cocktails (cash bar) and light fare as we get to know the filmmakers from far and wide whose work, we will have the great privilege of presenting this weekend. To be followed by a selection of trailers of the upcoming films to help you plan your viewing.



Tickets for this event are \$25.
This event is included in the In-Person Multi-Pass.
Scan the QR code for tickets.



IN-PERSON Friday Night Gala Cocktail Reception

Friday, March 25, 2022.
7:00PM Cocktail Party, 8:30PM Opening Ceremonies and Screening.

Friday Night Gala Cocktail Reception - cocktails (cash bar) and light fare, kick off the Garden State Film Festival with the red-carpet star studded event followed by the premiere of films "The Little Drummer Boy" and "Redemption of a Rogue."



Tickets for this event are \$50.
This event is included in the In-Person Multi-Pass.
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IN-PERSON After Party Celebrations

Friday March 25, 2022 at Asbury Lanes from 10:30pm–12:30PM.
Saturday March 26, 2022 in the Johnny & June Room of the Berkeley Oceanfront Hotel from 10:30pm–12:30PM.



IN-PERSON 20 Year Celebration Happy Hour

Saturday, March 26, 2022 from 5:00–5:45PM.
Berkeley Hotel, 1401 Ocean Avenue in the Johnny & June Room on the First Floor.

Join us for 20 years of movie magic as we celebrate the Garden State Film Festival's 20th anniversary!

i Food and drinks will be available for purchase.



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2022 Garden State Film Festival RECEPTIONS & SPECIAL EVENTS



IN-PERSON SAG-AFTRA Entertainment Contracts Presentation for Independent Film Making

Sunday, March 27, 2022 at 10AM

Berkeley Oceanfront Hotel in the Oval Room on the Second Floor

Presented by the National Director of Background & NY Entertainment Contracts Stephanie Perry and Manager of SAG-AFTRA Entertainment Contracts Leif Larson, join us as we walk you through the various low budget entertainment contracts available for your union film. You will be presented with all the information and resources needed to properly identify the right contract for your project. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A.

- Stephanie Perry | National Director, Background & NY Entertainment Contracts
- Leif Larson | Manager TV / Theatrical Contracts at SAG-AFTRA.



This event is included with the Multi-Pass.

Tickets for this event are \$15.

Scan the QR code for tickets or visit sagaftracontracts.bpt.me



IN-PERSON Awards Reception

Sunday March 27, 2022

Berkeley Oceanfront Hotel in the Crystal Ballroom on the Second Floor

The festival concludes with a cocktail reception with the presentation of awards to filmmakers and high-profile honorees in attendance. Filmmakers, industry members, and VIP guests come together to celebrate and honor the winners of the Festival's various competitions. Since 2001, the Festival has paid tribute to notable director or actors/actresses who has made a significant impact on the film industry. Please note, we like to get dressed up for this one!

i Cash bar.



This event is not included with the Multi-Pass.

Tickets for this event are \$125.

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2022 Garden State Film Festival RECEPTIONS & SPECIAL EVENTS

VIRTUAL ONLY Avoiding Legal Pitfalls in Indie Film Making

April 2, 2022 from 9AM–11AM

VIRTUAL ONLY, tickets can be purchased at [gsff.org/tickets](https://www.gsff.org/tickets)

CLE: Two hours of CLE (50 minutes each)

The New Jersey Bar Association's Entertainment, Arts & Sports Law Section is excited to bring a panel of legal experts. in the field of independent film making! Spend the afternoon learning the ins and outs of the legal requirements to ensure a filmmaker does not undermine the sale of his or her film, from acquiring rights, drafting contracts, work for hire agreements, permits, when you can use products or materials on screen, to post production insurance issues.

- MODERATOR: Alexandru Aldea
- PANELISTS:
 - Ronald Bienstock, Esq., Scarinci & Hollenbeck
 - Gary Laurie, Esq., Law Office of Gary A. Laurie, Esq.
 - David Gold, Esq., Cole Schotz, P.C.



This event is not included with the Virtual Multi-Pass.
Tickets for this event are \$15.
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VIRTUAL ONLY Screenplay Competition Winner Table Read

Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 10AM

Winner: Siobhan Fallon Hogan for "Shelter in Solitude"

Screenplay reading by celebrities and up-and-coming actors hosted by our friends at Project Write Now.

Synopsis: Shelter in Solitude is the story of a wannabe country singer, Val, and her unconventional relationship with Jackson Marcus. It is an American, faith-filled, country western, prison love story told during Covid times. This screenplay is a social commentary on the inhumane conditions of the American prison system. If one determined, uneducated woman can bring humanity to the system, why can't the US government?



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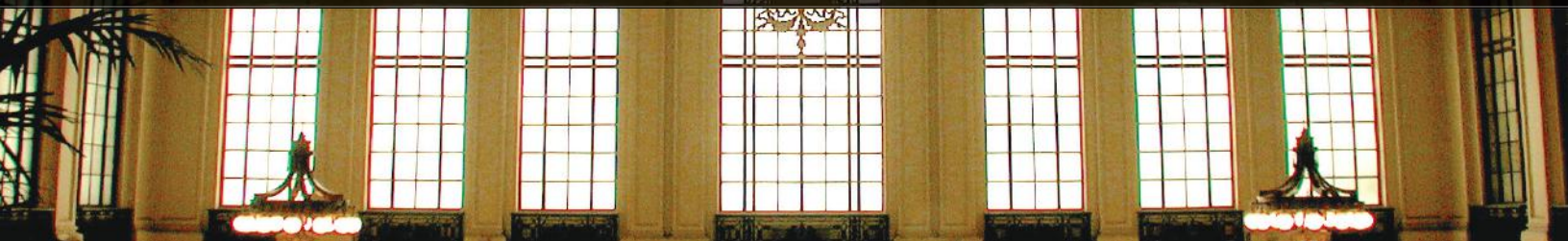
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2022 Garden State Film Festival MOVIE LISTING GUIDE

To locate the venue and address for each movie listed in the Movie Listing Guide, please refer to the letter/number combination next to each movie title.

A Fistful of Pasta
3/26/2022
United States

Venue ID: JS
Block Number: 31
JS31
9:30am-11:45am
5m

AL **Asbury Lanes**
209 Fourth Avenue
Asbury Park, NJ

TA **Asbury Hotel**
Asbury Hall
210 Fifth Avenue
Asbury Park

BK **Berkeley Hotel**
Kingsley Ballroom
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Asbury Park, NJ

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1401 Ocean Avenue,
Second Floor,
Asbury Park, NJ

JS **Jersey Shore**
Arts Center
Palia Theater
66 S Main Street,
Ocean Grove, NJ

123

23 and Mob **JS35**
3/26/2022 8:30pm-10:30pm
United States 6m
Short, Home Grown, Comedy
Director: Scott Cagney
Contact: scott@strangedogtheater.com
Synopsis: Tony is about to join the ranks of his heroes, but there's just one little problem.

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A Fistful of Pasta **JS31**
3/26/2022 9:30am-11:45am
United States 5m
Short, Home Grown, Student High School
Director: Joseph Guzzone, Tyrone Shields, Tom Hernandez
Producer:
Production Company: Middletown High School North
Contact: Guzzonejoe44@gmail.com
Synopsis: Two cowboys, Penne and brother Tony Rigatoni, run into an unwelcome Staten Islander named Angel Hair in this delectable spoof on the spaghetti Western.

A Long Time Gone **AL6**
3/26/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
United States 13m
Short, Home Grown, Comedy
Director: Robert George Haines
Contact: rghaines@trebordigital.com
Synopsis: A man runs into obstacles getting to his date on time.

Absolute Power: Nasdaq Exposed **BK18**
3/26/2022 1:30pm-3:30pm
United States 1h32m
Feature, Documentary NJ Premiere
Director: Bryan O'Connell
Producer: Bryan O'Connell, Steve DeVore, Alexander Urazov
Contact: aurazov@ladymoonent.com
Synopsis: After costing investors billions of dollars by listing fraudulent companies from China on its exchange, Nasdaq turns on longtime ally and Chinese-born consultant, Benjamin Wey, in an attempted scapegoating turned decade-long, racially charged vendetta.

Accidental Date **AL6**
3/26/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
United States 10m
Short, Comedy NJ Premiere
Director: Kim Waltrip, Kate Spates
Producer: Kim Waltrip, Kate Spates, Cindy Shoemaker, Melissa Neidermaan, Caryl Eagle, Steven Ciceron, Carolyn Moloshco, Kristin Johnson
Production Company: Palm Springs Women in Film & Television
Contact: kimwaltrip@me.com
Synopsis: A Russian woman visits Palm Springs in search of a date.

Across The Bar **AL8**
3/26/2022 8:30pm-10:45pm
United States 21m
Short, Home Grown, Comedy World Premiere
Director/Producer: Joseph Borzotta
Production Company: Borzotta Arts LLC
Contact: jborzotta@aol.com
Synopsis: Three souls confess to a priest... or a bartender on a quiet night in a New Jersey bar.

Adjustment of Status **AL6**
3/26/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
United States 12m
Short, Comedy NJ Premiere
Director: Josh Deal
Producer: Josh McGowan, Tif Hassler, Clay Hassler
Production Company: Peeplz Champ Productions
Contact: pvelez@velcip.com
Synopsis: An immigration officer has a surprise revelation during a not-so-routine green card interview.
Cast: Carla Brandberg

After The Egg **TA15**
3/27/2022 12:15pm-1:45pm
New Zealand 19m
Short Asbury Park Premiere
Director: Chelsea Slayter
Producer: Jane Davis
Production Company: Vague Pictures
Contact: vaguepics@gmail.com
Synopsis: A young woman becomes an unlikely caregiver for her estranged father and his new chicken friend.

Aftermath **BC30** 
3/27/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
United States 10m
Short, LGBTQ NJ Premiere
Director: Kim Waltrip, Kate Spates
Producer: Kim Waltrip, Kate Spates, Melissa Neiderman, Janice Lopez, Maile Klein
Production Company: Palm Springs Women in Film & Television
Contact: kimwaltrip@aol.com
Synopsis: A woman visits a therapist a year after her partner has left her.



Cast: Eileen Davidson ("The Young and the Restless")

Airstream **JS31**
3/26/2022 9:30am-11:45am
United States 14m

Short, Home Grown, Student High School
Director: Gabi Bernstein
Producer: Chris Tung, Jordan Abraham
Production Company: Blair Academy
Contact: hansom@blair.edu
Synopsis: A girl is tasked with repairing an old RV in an attempt to reconnect with her estranged parents in a dystopian near-future.

Almost Winter **BC30**
3/27/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
United States 12m
Short World Premiere

Director: Austin Kolodney
Producer: Daniel Rashid, Jack Rosman, Austin Kolodney
Production Company: Good Fool, Vanishing Angle, Five to Sixty
Contact: danielrashid847@gmail.com
Synopsis: An aging physics professor and his assistant, a recent college graduate on the verge of the rest of his life, put their friendship to the test as the assistant realizes he is less of an assistant and more of a caretaker.
Cast: Daniel Rashid, Ron Crawford

Always for the First Time **JS37**
3/27/2022 12:00pm-2:00pm
United States 21m
Short, Home Grown World Premiere
Director: John Caliendo, Victoria Meade
Producer: John Caliendo, Stephen Gracia, Michael LoPorto, Victoria Meade, Edie Nugent
Production Company: Inner Tree Media & Dialogue with Three Chords
Contact: info@innertreemedia.com
Synopsis: The film is loosely based on the first meeting of surrealist writer Andre Breton and surrealist artist Elisa Latte Elena Bindhoff Enet.

American Rackets **JS35**
3/26/2022 8:30pm-10:30pm
United States 1h24m
Feature, Documentary World Premiere
Director: Josh Webber
Producer: Joey Napoli
Contact: joey@truegritfilms.com
Synopsis: Take an in-depth look into the American Mafia, Genovese crime family and one family in the middle. Rocco "Rocky Nap" Napoli and father James "Jimmy Nap" Napoli ran the most successful and lucrative numbers operation in the country for nearly 50 years. Jimmy Nap is credited with giving birth to gambling, racketeering and numbers dating back to the 1930s. Rocky Nap carried on the family business into the 1980s. In 1988, both Napolis and five others were arrested in an alleged plot to murder the notorious John Gotti.

April Kills The Vibe **JS33**
3/26/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
United States 14m
Short NJ Premiere
Director: Bonnie Mckee
Producer: Alex Schindler, Bonnie Mckee
Contact: aprilkillsthevibefilm@gmail.com
Synopsis: When party girl April wakes up after a rowdy New Year's Eve with a lot more than just a hangover, she calls her partner in crime, Lola, to try to fill in the blanks. But the truth is uglier than April bargained for, and she is forced to confront her demons.

April Showers **JS33**
3/26/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
United States 12m
Short Home Grown Asbury Park Premiere
Director/Producer: Caytha Jentis
Production Company: Fox Meadow Films
Contact: nancy@cinemacollet.com
Synopsis: It's April 2020. A man and a woman meet on a bench in an unusually stark Central Park while the city and its residents are grappling with life at the epicenter of the pandemic. Sirens fill the air as a constant reminder that everything has suddenly changed.
Cast: Bill Sage and Lorraine Farris

Arrow **TA15**
3/27/2022 12:15pm-1:45pm
United States 18m
Short, Documentary NJ Premiere

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 Contact: connie@charmingstranger.com
 Synopsis: Twenty years after being stolen, trafficked across the American West and nearly killed, a brave horse named Arrow is saved by a woman determined to find out who he is. When she learns he's a rare Choctaw Mustang, she knows she must move to Oklahoma to reunite him with the man who raised him and who still safeguards this special breed.

Aurora TA15
 3/27/2022 12:15pm-1:45pm
 United States 6m
 Short, Animation NJ Premiere

Director/Producer: Jo Meuris
 Contact: jo_meuris@hotmail.com
 Synopsis: Once upon a time, there was a little girl who loved a beautiful horse named Aurora. "Aurora" is a bittersweet story about love, friendship and growing up.

Awaken Her JS33
 3/26/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
 United States 8m
 Short, Home Grown Asbury Park Premiere
 Director/Producer: Kerrilynn Miller
 Contact: awakenherfilm@gmail.com
 Synopsis: When a business woman is promoted to investor relations, she comes face to face with

her past demons.

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Barking Orders TA15
 3/27/2022 12:15pm-1:45pm
 United States 3m
 Short, Home Grown, Animation,
 Student University, Comedy. World Premiere
 Director: Alex Tullo
 Producer: Ringling College of Art + Design
 Contact: atullo@c.ringling.edu
 Synopsis: When the entire British Royal family tragically dies, the queen's corgi finds himself next in line for the throne and in the seat of power.

Beast, The TA12
 3/26/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
 Israel 4m
 Music Video World Premiere
 Director/Producer: Jeremiah Kaufman
 Production Company: Aleptav
 Contact: jeremiahproduction@gmail.com
 Synopsis: At the end of the world, the Beast arises but is met by the artist who must rise to the moment.

Bernard Checks In AL8
 3/26/2022 8:30pm-10:45pm
 United States 18m
 Short, Comedy NJ Premiere
 Director: Michael Basta
 Producer: Michael Basta, Carson Lund, David

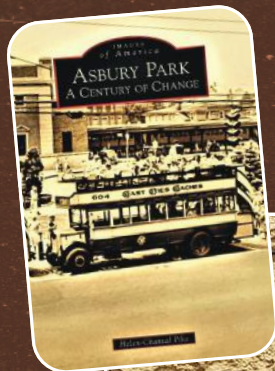
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 Production Company: Omnes Films
 Contact: michaelbasta91@gmail.com
 Synopsis: Bernard checks himself into a motel for yet another one of his business trips. When he accidentally stumbles into the wrong motel room, he meets a couple with a mischievous proposition. What at first seems enticing soon becomes fraught with tension as simmering conflicts between the lovers flare up, leaving Bernard to play unwitting mediator to their messy drama.
 Cast: Timothy Hornor, Conner Marx, Ashley Platz

Better Half JS31
 3/26/2022 9:30am-11:45am
 United States 7m
 Short, Home Grown Student High School
 World Premiere
 Director: Claire Juliana Delany, Nate Smith
 Producer: Claire Juliana Delany
 Contact: clairedelany123@gmail.com
 Synopsis: A young girl, struggling with her self image, wishes to be popular and more like the girls she sees around her. Her wish may come true, but probably not in the way that she imagined.

Big Apple Grind, The JS37
 3/27/2022 12:00pm-2:00pm
 United States 5m
 Music Video World Premiere

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Director: Bruno Taniguchi
Producer: George Kostopoulos
Contact: george.kostopoulos220@gmail.com
Synopsis: A mystery writer is laboring over his new crime novel involving a cop, the cop's wife and the wife's jazz musician lover. Set to swing music, it doesn't have a happy ending.

Birnam Wood **AL5**
 3/26/2022 12:30pm-2:00pm
 United States 18m
 Short, Home Grown, Thriller NJ Premiere
Director: Maxwell C. Blackriver
Producer: Maxwell C. Blackriver, William J. Ward
Production Company: Imaginary Friends Filmworks
Contact: maxwellbee@hotmail.com
Synopsis: Fevered re-imagining of "Macbeth" in Birnam Wood.
Cast: William J. Ward, Charles Grayson

Bonds **JS36**
 3/27/2022 9:30am-11:30am
 United States 6m
 NJ Hometown Documentary Short, Student High School. Asbury Park Premiere
Director: Laura Angstadt
Production Company: Washington Twp. High School
Contact: langstadt0617@gmail.com
Synopsis: 's

Brando's Spoon **JS33**
 3/26/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
 United States 8m
 Short, Comedy Asbury Park Premiere
Director: Mac Brydon
Producer: byrdmanco, Lafayette Salon Films
Production Company: Lafayette Salon Films
Contact: byrdmanco@gmail.com
Synopsis: Two brothers at odds bicycle across New York City in hopes of locating a beloved family heirloom.

Break Any Spell **BC30**
 3/27/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
 United States 13m
 Short, Family, Children NJ Premiere
Director: Anton Jøsef
Producer: Lisi Purr, Pierre Campbell
Production Company: Comb the Desert Inc.
Contact: elisabethpurr@gmail.com
Synopsis: A teenage girl uses live action role-playing to cope and escape from her mother who suffers from early-onset Alzheimer's.
Cast: Rachel Boyd ("Grand Army," "The Bold Type"), Catherine McGregor ("Togo," "Taken," "Designated Survivor")

Buildings **BC24**
 3/26/2022 11:45am-2:00pm
 United States 2m
 Short, Animation, Comedy World Premiere
Director: Sean Newman, Jesse VandenBergh
Producer: Sean Newman, Jesse VandenBergh,

Dan Gregory
Production Company: Frog Boyz
Contact: frogboyzanimation@gmail.com
Synopsis: This parody of popular Pixar films like "Cars" and "Toy Story" watches inanimate objects come to life.
Cast: Pratima Mani ("The Late Show with Stephen Colbert")

C

Chai **BC30**
 3/27/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
 Not Specified 8m
 Short NJ Premiere

Director: Arshum Rouhanian
Producer: Vincenzo Dama, Savarone Ammann
Contact: arshrhere13@gmail.com
Synopsis: With the grand opening of their chai stand, Iranian siblings Sanam and Reza are faced with unexpected competition from their neighbors' hot chocolate stand. Soon their conflict becomes much more than just selling the most drinks, and Sanam takes this feud into her own hands.

Chasing Childhood **JS32**
 3/26/2022 12:00pm-2:00pm
 United States 1h25m
 Feature, Documentary Asbury Park Premiere
Director: Eden Wurmfeld, Margaret Munzer Loeb
Producer: Eden Wurmfeld, Lisa Eisenpresser
Production Company: MML Productions
Contact: nancy@cinemacollet.com

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 Cast: Peter Gray, Julie Lythcott-Haims, Lenore Skenazy.

Claw, The JS34
 3/26/2022 6:00pm-8:00pm
 United States 1h39m
 Feature, Documentary NJ Premiere

Director: Philip Harder
 Producer: Karl Raschke, Patrick Riley, Danny Nevitt, Philip Harder
 Contact: karl.raschke@gmail.com
 Synopsis: James Raschke, a shy and awkward boy from Nebraska, grew up to live in infamy as Baron von Raschke, one of the greatest super villains in the history of professional wrestling. Despite his intimidating appearance and menacing German persona, the Baron is actually a college-educated, loving and sensitive family man, who cries watching TV commercials and disguises his huge, bald head in a blonde wig because he doesn't want to get attacked by angry fans while at church on Sundays. The film stars James Raschke himself, as he narrates and

acts out the most outrageous moments of his extraordinary life.

College Bound JS32
 3/26/2022 12:00pm-2:00pm
 United States 6m

Trailer, Home Grown
 Director/Producer: Gary B Rosen
 Contact: grosen17@gmail.com
 Synopsis: Applying for college is an emotional experience for the entire family. This short film explores the journey of athletes, introverts, star-crossed lovers and drama students as they apply to schools and look to achieve their dreams.

Come on, Shake Your Body Baby, Do the Conga! AL6

3/26/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
 United States 3m
 Short, Comedy Status: NJ Premiere
 Director: Tom Hipp
 Producer: Tom Hipp, George Mullinix
 Contact: tomhipp@gmail.com
 Synopsis: All Tim wants to do is ask Jane to dance.

Communist's Daughter, The JS33
 3/26/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm

Canada 12m
 Web Series/New Media, Comedy
 Director: Leah Cameron
 Producer: Natalie Novak
 Contact: palmer@locotionpix.com

Synopsis: It's the height of the Reagan 80s. While most of the Western world is celebrating the end of Communism, Canadian teen Dunyasha is not. With the Berlin Wall about to fall, her parents, two full-fledged pinkos, are becoming even more entrenched in their Uber-lefty beliefs. This would all be okay with Dunyasha if it weren't for one thing: this dutiful daughter has just started at a new high school and is full of desire to fit in and engage in this glittering thing known as American pop culture.

Coogan's Way AL8
 3/26/2022 8:30pm-10:45pm

United States 56m
 Feature, Documentary Asbury Park Premiere
 Director: Glenn Osten Anderson
 Contact: glenn.osten.anderson@gmail.com
 Synopsis: In the late 1980s and early 1990s, New York City's Washington Heights neighborhood was considered the epicenter of America's crack cocaine epidemic. Amid gang wars, street riots and growing tensions between citizens and police, the community needed a safe space, a political hub, a cultural center and a home away from home. "Coogan's Way" is the story of how a small bar and restaurant that welcomed all races, religions and interests became a force for good in the community – and how decades later, when the owners were faced with the challenges of a rapidly changing New York City real estate market, their diverse and dynamic clientele fought for this beloved institution.



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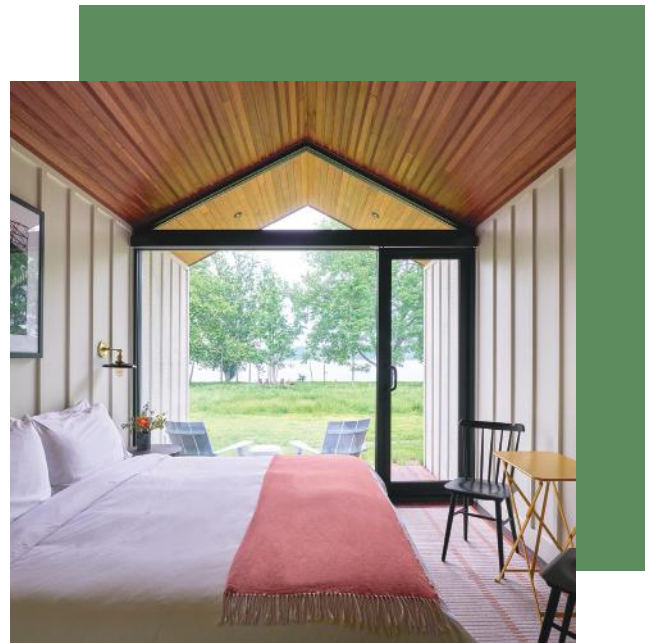
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 3/26/2022 1:30pm-3:30pm
 United States 7m
 Trailer, Home Grown USA Premiere
 Director: Derek DeAngelis
 Producer: Alan Cory Kaufman, Derek DeAngelis
 Production Company: Coppin' Stayles Studios
 Contact: derekd@derekd.com
 Synopsis: One of the world's largest media companies buys Fast Lane Daily, one of the world's most popular daily funny internet TV shows about cars. When its operations are moved to industrial Brooklyn, a comedic chain reaction of culture clashes and discord in the modern workplace ensue.
 Cast: Derek DeAngelis, Alan Cory Kaufman

Crazy Pop Roller Coaster **JS31**
 3/26/2022 9:30am-11:45am
 United States 9m
 Short, Home Grown, Student, Comedy, Thriller
 NJ Premiere
 Director: Jack Parker Vaughn
 Contact: javaughn05@gmail.com
 Synopsis: An autistic young adult lives in a boring town with little to do or see. Then, one seemingly ordinary day, something no one expected occurs.

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Dawson's Peak **AL7**
 3/26/2022 6:00pm-8:00pm
 Argentina, United States, Russia, Nepal, Tanzania 4m
 Promo World Premiere
 Director/Producer: Matt Dawson
 Production Company: Dawson's Peak, a 501(c)3
 Contact: jayblonski@gmail.com
 Synopsis: Project Seven for Soldiers is an attempt by sponsored athlete Matt Dawson to set seven world records. Activities will include multiple polar expeditions, global mountain climbing, a global circumnavigation flight, an oceanic crossing, and a desert traverse. 100% of funds raised benefit the Gary Sinise Foundation and Hope For The Warriors, providing comprehensive support to meet the critical needs of military veterans and their families in their transition from military service to civilian life.

Dear Hannah **TA16**
 3/27/2022 2:15pm-4:45pm
 United States 12m
 Short, Home Grown Student University, LGBTQ
 Director/Producer: Veronica Tullo
 Contact: vtjn@me.com
 Synopsis: Camille, a struggling artist desperate for a muse, meets Hannah, a young girl with a personality bright enough to inspire the darkest days. The art they make is truly one of a kind... until it's not.

Dentists **JS37**
 3/27/2022 12:00pm-2:00pm
 Canada 11m
 Web Series/New Media, Comedy NJ Premiere
 Director/Producer: Paradox Delilah
 Production Company: Conundrum Productions Inc.
 Contact: paradoxdelilah@gmail.com
 Synopsis: One night, while out drinking, a struggling actress pretends to be a dentist and accidentally hooks up with a real dentist. As their relationship flourishes, the lies get worse, and hilarity ensues.
 Cast: Sari Mercer

Devour **TA16**
 3/27/2022 2:15pm-4:45pm
 United States 22m
 Short, LGBTQ
 Director: Victoria Diana
 Producer: John Yost, Micah Khan, Victoria Diana
 Contact: vndfilm@gmail.com
 Synopsis: A struggling chef confronts an old flame when she shows up unannounced in search of a familiar meal. The script was produced through a \$40,000 grant by the CNY Short Film Competition.

Dirt **JS37**
 3/27/2022 12:00pm-2:00pm
 United States 9m
 Short, Home Grown University
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 • The Long Commute
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9:30–11:30AM JS36
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12:00–2:00PM JS37
 • The Big Apple Grind
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 • Nathania
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 • Homebound
 • Tristan
 • Twenty-Nine

9:30–11:30AM JS36
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**Sunday, April 3
10:00am–12:00pm**

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Director: Abigail Weinick
 Production Company: Rutgers University
 Contact: rfcfestival@gmail.com
 Synopsis: After accidentally lighting her mother's hair on fire, 12-year-old Penny discovers her parents are getting divorced. While Penny longs to grow up already, she learns that even adults don't always know what they are doing.

Do You Think Jesus Liked Hard Boiled Eggs **BK19**

3/26/2022 3:45pm-5:15pm
 United States 18m
 Short, Thriller NJ Premiere

Director: Ben Kujawski
 Producer: Trevor Clifford
 Contact: benkujawski@gmail.com
 Synopsis: A quick-tempered hitchhiker stranded at an Arizona rest area catches a ride with an evangelist whose faith takes precedence over everything – including his gas tank.
 Cast: Quinn Cooke ("Ozark"), Ernest Adams ("Baskets")

Don't Go In The Basement **TA14**

3/26/2022 8:15pm-10:30pm
 United States 7m

Short, Home Grown, Horror World Premiere
 Director: Joe Kowalski
 Producer: Joe Kowalski, Michelle DiPoala
 Production Company: Jolly Koala Productions
 Contact: joeonlyone@gmail.com
 Synopsis: Joe house sits for friends but disregards a warning.

Doubts **BC25**

3/26/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
 United States 4m
 Short, Animation NJ Premiere

Director: Julie Flanders
 Producer: Emil Adler, Marina Belica, Julie Flanders
 Contact: octoberprojectmusic@gmail.com
 Synopsis: Conveyed with love and whimsy, this short film is a light and serious reminder to elevate your spirit and believe in something better than your uncertainties.

Duet **TA11**

3/26/2022 12:00pm-1:45pm
 United States 6m
 Short, Animation NJ Premiere

Director: Yadid Hirschtritt Licht
 Contact: yadid.licht@gmail.com
 Synopsis: A cat adopted by an elderly woman connects with the woman as she teaches the cat to play piano. After the woman passes away, her family bring the cat home, where he has difficulty adjusting. As the cat and grandson play a duet, the process of healing begins.

E

En Suite **BK23**

3/27/2022 2:45pm-4:45pm
 United States 13m
 Short, Home Grown NJ Premiere

Director: Geoffrey Cantor
 Producer: Steven Beeson, Roy Havrilack, Lainie

Ventura, Jane Petrov, Geoffrey Cantor, Jennifer Harrison
 Production Company: SkyTown Entertainment
 Contact: lainieventura@mac.com
 Synopsis: Following a radical bilateral mastectomy and reconstruction, a woman and her spouse reveal the loving and often difficult challenges of the devastating diagnosis of breast cancer.
 Cast: Robert Bogue, Geoffrey Cantor

Entropy **JS31**

3/26/2022 9:30am-11:45am
 United States 3m

Short, Home Grown Student High School Asbury Park Premiere
 Director: Morgan Scasny
 Producer: JT Anderson
 Production Company: Middletown High School South
 Contact: coreyc@middletownk12.org
 Synopsis: A look at how things fall apart.

Ethereal **BK20**

3/26/2022 6:00pm-8:00pm
 United States 4m

Short, Home Grown, Thriller, Horror World Premiere
 Director: Anthony Bradford
 Production Company: Priceless Productions
 Contact: anthonybradfordinfo@gmail.com
 Synopsis: After his fiancée falls into a coma, a forlorn man becomes convinced her soul is stranded in another plane and experiments with

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Exit 66 **BK20**
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 United States 7m
 Short, Home Grown, Thriller NJ Premiere
 Director: Mark DePasquale, Lenlee Hosang
 Contact: markdepasquale25@gmail.com
 Synopsis: In the dead of night, two travelers are stalked and tormented by the evils lurking on a wooded road.

F

Father's Day **BC25**
 3/26/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
 United States 1m
 Commercial, Home Grown NJ Premiere
 Director: Erix Mercedes
 Producer: Eric Sanchez
 Contact: erix.mer@gmail.com
 Synopsis: A United States Marine veteran gives thanks to his mentor for stepping up to the plate when his father passed.

Finding Purpose **JS31**
 3/26/2022 9:30am-11:45am
 United States 5m
 Short, Student High School, Animation
 NJ Premiere
 Director: James Kirby
 Production Company: Fordham Preparatory School

Contact: jameskirbybxv@gmail.com
 Synopsis: A man stuck in his routine, struggles to find meaningful connections in his life.

Finding Sandler **AL7**
 3/26/2022 6:00pm-8:00pm
 United States 1h20m
 Feature, Documentary, Comedy NJ Premiere
 Director: David Seth Cohen
 Producer: David Seth Cohen, Matthew Walters, Anthony Marinelli, Chuck Downs, Dan Hagendorn
 Production Company: Legitimate Rascal Films
 Contact: davidsethcohen@gmail.com
 Synopsis: In the fall of 1998, David Seth Cohen set out to pursue his dream of working in the film industry. After landing his break as a production assistant on "Big Daddy," he was asked to drop off Adam Sandler's suit at his apartment. Sandler invited Cohen in to hang out and have a drink, but Cohen's fellow PA was waiting in the car for her ride home. He chose to do the right thing and always regretted it. So he tracked down Sandler for a do-over. Will they have that drink? Will it live up to his expectations? During this inspirational adventure to find Sandler, Cohen finds himself.
 Appearances by Adam Sandler, Billy Joel, Emeril Lagasse, Peter Criss, Mick Foley, Dee Snider, Carmen Electra, Paul Shaffer and Radioman

Fly, The **JS36**
 3/27/2022 9:30am-11:30am
 United States 4m
 Home Grown Student Short High School, Comedy
 Asbury Park Premiere
 Director: Kerri Orbach
 Production Company: Washington Twp. High School
 Contact: kerrirose2005@gmail.com
 Synopsis: A man tries to rake his leaves while a fly is bothering him.

Following the Comet **BC28**
 3/26/2022 10:00pm-11:15pm
 United States 5m
 Short, Home Grown Student University
 NJ Premiere
 Director: Fin Handel
 Producer: School of Visual Arts
 Contact: finhandel09@gmail.com
 Synopsis: Facing the possibility of the end, a young person reflects upon what living means and how all the minuscule things in our lives lead down the same path. Following the comet's destruction, there may not always be a difference between what was and what could be.

Fourth Grade **AL10**
 3/27/2022 3:00pm-5:00pm
 United States 1h21m
 Feature, Comedy NJ Premiere
 Director: Marcelo Galvao



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Producer: Marcelo Galvao, Gabriela Kulaif
 Production Company: Wolf in a Pack LLC
 Contact: wolf@wolfinapack.com
 Synopsis: A practical principal and a drama teacher at a prestigious Catholic private elementary school gather the fourth grade parents to discuss the alarming discovery of a brick of marijuana, found in the theater class. They need to expel the responsible student to protect the school's reputation. Ten wealthy parents and Eddie, an outsider whose daughter just won a scholarship, arrive at the meeting. After an aggressive discussion, the principal and the drama teacher leave the room. Eddie promises to find a solution within one hour and save the day. One of the parents proposes they try a little of the weed, and soon fragile and obscure secrets are revealed and perspectives begin to shift. The weed problem is exposed as hypocrisy, heartfelt truths and camaraderie blossom, and the truth is revealed.
 Cast: William Baldwin, Teri Polo, Mena Suvari and Robert Pine.

G

Game Über **AL6**
 3/26/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
 Netherlands 15m
 Short, Comedy USA Premiere
 Director: Fokke Baarssen
 Producer: Ferdi Çelik
 Contact: freelancerinkunstenwelzijn@gmail.com
 Synopsis: Happy-go-lucky Daisy starts her first

day as a driver for an online taxi service. Her first customer, Esther, just lost her job. For Daisy, everything about this woman begins to fall into place, and Esther's final destination suddenly becomes clear. Will Daisy succeed in changing Esther's final destination?

Ghost Town **BK23**
 3/27/2022 2:45pm-4:45pm
 United States 4m
 Music Video, Home Grown World Premiere
 Director: Maya Mizrahi
 Contact: maya_mizrahi@yahoo.com
 Synopsis: Filmed in Asbury Park's historic casino building which was destroyed in a fire in 1928, "Ghost Town" attempts to hold on to a fragile world of the past.

Girl with the Accent, The **BK22**
 3/27/2022 12:00pm-2:15pm
 United Arab Emirates 10m
 Short, Documentary NJ Premiere
 Director/Producer: Nadia Durry
 Production Company: Arab Film Studio / Image Nation Abu Dhabi
 Contact: alicia.gonzalez@imagination.ae
 Synopsis: An Ethiopian woman embraces her identity through the color of her skin.

Glasya's Heresy **TA14**
 3/26/2022 8:30pm-10:45pm
 United States 5m
 Music Video USA Premiere

Director: Devon Delmar
 Producer: Scott Dispel, Devon Delmar, Katherine Farquharson (Piano and recording)
 Production Company: Dispel Music
 Contact: heycarasmith@gmail.com
 Synopsis: Shot on location in Kersefontein, South Africa with an all-South African cast and crew. A weary traveler and his horse trudge across a barren landscape beckoned by visions of a beautiful woman and her promises of comfort and pleasure. Like a siren, she draws him further into the desert. The song was written and performed by Cara Smith and Scott Dispel.

Gospel of Damian, The **BC28**
 3/26/2022 10:00pm-11:15pm
 United States 4m
 Short, Animation, Comedy NJ Premiere
 Director/Producer: Collin Kornfeind
 Production Company: Meaningless Films
 Contact: collinkornfeind@gmail.com
 Synopsis: A teenage goth named Damian buries a manifesto in 1994 that is unearthed centuries later by alien invaders.
 Cast: Christine McMahon, Collin Kornfeind

GraceLand **AL10**
 3/27/2022 3:00pm-5:00pm
 United States 14m
 Short, LGBTQ NJ Premiere
 Director: Bonnie Discepolo (Ryan)
 Producer: Brad Jayne, Stephen Moffatt
 Production Company: Indie Grants

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Contact: bonniekathleen@gmail.com
 Synopsis: A southern mom's life is all shook up when her fourth grader claims to be reincarnation of the king of rock 'n' roll.
 Cast: Anna Camp, Monique Coleman, Daniel Eric Gold

Great Charlie Simmons, The **BC30**
 3/27/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
 United States 2m
 Trailer NJ Premiere
 Director: Chelsea Stavis
 Producer: Brittany Portman
 Contact: hello@stavisfilm.com
 Synopsis: A middle school girl travels through history in her trusty locker, meeting the most influential women throughout history along the way. Traveling through time and space, she learns about the world around her and even more about herself. She is The Great Charlie Simmons.

Growing Up **JS31**
 3/26/2022 9:30am-11:45am
 United States 3m
 Short, Home Grown Student High School Asbury Park Premiere
 Director: Maura Collins, Sophie Jackson, Sasha Harris, Abby Badrick
 Production Company: Middletown High School South
 Contact: coreyc@middletownk12.org
 Synopsis: A girl reminisces about her childhood.

Guardian **AL8**
 3/26/2022 8:30pm-10:45pm
 United States 14m
 Short, Comedy
 Asbury Park Premiere
 Director: Christy Lee Hughes
 Producer: Christy Lee Hughes, Bryan Kaplan, Chriss Vincelette, Cole Quirk
 Contact: christyleehughes@gmail.com
 Synopsis: A dysfunctional guardian angel fails miserably at her job of protecting her human, Derrik, from the dangers of living on Earth. After yet another horrific accident, Derrik summons the courage to fire her. Shocked, she goes through stages of grief, revealing to Derrik exactly how she got to this low point in her existence, sharing her deepest and darkest secrets.

H
Halloween Machine, The **BK20**
 3/26/2022 6:00pm-8:00pm
 United States 4m
 Short, Home Grown, Family, Children
 Asbury Park Premiere
 Director: Renee Heath
 Contact: renee@madeofionesses.com
 Synopsis: Guaranteed a trick, a treat and even a scare – for the love of Halloween. In support of the Rube Goldberg Machine Contest, committed to equity and access in STEM and STEAM education.

Halls Have Eyes, The **JS36**
 3/27/2022 9:30am-11:30am
 Student Short High School 2m
 Director: Brooke Petitt
 Production Company: Northern Burlington
 Contact: plotkin.emily@gmail.com
 Synopsis: A girl is haunted by the lights in her classroom.

He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not **JS36**
 3/27/2022 9:30am-11:30am
 United States 3m
 Short, Home Grown Student High School World Premiere
 Director: Amanda Katz
 Contact: akatz304@gmail.com
 Synopsis: Recognizing a toxic relationship is hard. Getting out of the relationship is even harder.

Head in the Clouds **JS36**
 3/27/2022 9:30am-11:30am
 United States 1m
 Student High School Short, Animation
 Asbury Park Premiere
 Director: Aldan Ortiz
 Production Company: East Brunswick Tech - School of the Arts
 Contact: ortizaldan01@gmail.com
 Synopsis: A student falls asleep during class and begins to fantasize their own world.

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Hide! **AL10**
 3/27/2022 3:00pm-5:00pm
 United States 6m
 Short, Home Grown, Comedy, Family, Children
 Asbury Park Premiere
 Director/Producer: Matt Streeter
 Production Company: East 77th Street
 Productions
 Contact: matthewstreeter1@gmail.com
 Synopsis: Two little girls fight off a monster who
 clearly underestimates their abilities.

Hideout **BK21**
 3/26/2022 8:30pm-10:45pm
 United States 1h55m
 Feature, Home Grown, Thriller, Horror
 NJ Premiere
 Director: Kris Roselli
 Producer: Tierney Boorboor, Kris Roselli, Mark
 Mattson, Mark Baum
 Production Company: Gibby Pictures
 Contact: hideoutmovie@gmail.com
 Synopsis: Four criminals evading police at a
 remote farmhouse after fumbling a robbery
 discover that the family living there is not who
 they appear to be.
 Cast: Katie Lyons, Chris Wolfe, Bryan Enright,
 Audrey Kovar, Janice LaFlam

Hit **TA14**
 3/26/2022 8:30pm-10:45pm
 United States 14m
 Short, Thriller NJ Premiere

Director: Blayne Weaver
 Producer: Rob Senska
 Production Company: Secret Identity Pictures
 Contact: blaynenweaver@gmail.com
 Synopsis: A professional assassin has second
 thoughts when he's hired to kill an innocent
 woman.
 Cast: Blayne Weaver

**Hollywood Priest: The Story
 of Fr. "Bud" Kieser** **BK19**
 3/26/2022 3:45pm-5:15pm
 United States 1h5m
 Feature, Documentary East Coast Premiere
 Director: Thomas Gibbons
 Producer: Thomas Gibbons, Maria Elena Pineda
 Production Company: Paulist Productions
 Contact: tgibbons@paulistproductions.org
 Synopsis: He started off as a minister. He ended
 up as a mogul.
 Cast: Bob Newhart, Martin Sheen, John Amos,
 Tim Matheson, Ed Begley Jr.
 Lee Purcell, Marion Ross, Catherine Hicks, Tom
 Fontana

HomeBound **JS38**
 3/27/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
 United States 19m
 Short, Thriller NJ Premiere
 Director: Usher Morgan
 Producer: Usher Morgan, Katie Vincent
 Contact: ushermorgan18@gmail.com
 Synopsis: "Agoraphobia: extreme or irrational

fear of entering open or crowded places, of
 leaving one's own home, or of being in places
 from which escape is difficult." "HomeBound" is
 the story of Jamie Rockwell, a woman burdened
 by severe agoraphobia. After losing her therapy
 dog, she must muster the courage within to find
 her dog and ultimately find herself.

Human Telegraphs **JS33**
 3/26/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
 United States 19m
 Web Series/New Media, Comedy NJ Premiere
 Director: Kayla Conroy
 Producer: Fern Lim, Rachel Kay Barclay, Kayla
 Conroy
 Production Company: Three Bright Lights
 Productions
 Contact: humantelegraphs@gmail.com
 Synopsis: This quirky and sweet, female-driven
 series follows three women as they launch an
 in-person message delivery business in New York
 City and get tangled in the intimate, unexpected
 and hilarious lives of strangers.

Hunny-Bunny **JS31**
 3/26/2022 9:30am-11:45am
 United States 6m
 Short, Student High School
 Asbury Park Premiere
 Director: Jayden Barrial
 Producer: David S Zimmerman, Eva Fisher
 Production Company: Next Breath Productions
 Contact: nextbreathproductions@gmail.com

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Synopsis: Blair and Susie, a couple with Down syndrome, are entering their 16th year of true love. Their enviable relationship thrives through the good, the bad, and life's ups and downs.

Hunter **JS31**
 3/26/2022 9:30am-11:45am
 United States 10m

Short, Home Grown Student High School USA Premiere
 Director/Producer: Michelle Tang
 Production Company: Microlite Films
 Contact: michelletang362@gmail.com
 Synopsis: A lonely 9-year-old boy wants to save his mom from his abusive father, but he feels powerless in the middle of all the fighting – that is, until he steals his father's gun.
 Cast: Reid Richards, Cameron Pillitteri, Hanna Gaffney, James Rappa

I'll Meet You There **BC30**
 3/27/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
 United States 15m

Short, Family, Children NJ Premiere
 Director: Karl Fernandez
 Producer: Sherine Toussaint
 Contact: djvolino@yahoo.com
 Synopsis: A man recounts a trip to his late wife's childhood home as they prepare for the future.

I'm a Vampire **AL10**
 3/27/2022 3:00pm-5:00pm

Mexico 15m
 Short, Comedy NJ Premiere
 Director: Sofia Garza-Barba
 Producer: Sofia Garza-Barba, Juan Jose Montes Iglesias
 Production Company: Espina Blanca Productions

Contact: sofia@sofiagarzabarba.com
 Synopsis: In the confusion created by the COVID-19 lockdown, 8-year-old Jackie believes she is turning into a vampire. Her suspicion is reinforced by her parents' bewildering behavior, and the imaginative girl creates her own plan to survive the confinement.
 Cast: Elisa Garza T, Lucy Vico, David Angulo, Pablo Guisa

ICARO **BC25**
 3/26/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
 France 7m
 Music Video NJ Premiere

Director: Patrick de Warren
 Producer: Patrick de Warren
 Contact: info@patrickdewarren.com
 Synopsis: This music video, filmed in the Hudson Valley, features the song by Lea Garnier Sound Healer.

iLive **JS31**
 3/26/2022 9:30am-11:45am
 United States 15m
 Short, Home Grown Student High School Asbury Park Premiere

Director/Producer: Alanna Rivera
 Contact: alannarivera0251@gmail.com
 Synopsis: A spotlight on the use of cell phones and social media by teenagers.

Immersion **JS31**
 3/26/2022 9:30am-11:45am
 United States 4m

Short, Home Grown Student High School Asbury Park Premiere
 Director: Stephen Sassano
 Production Company: Middletown High School South
 Contact: sassanostephen@gmail.com
 Synopsis: A teenager is playing video games when a power outage has an unexpected impact on his evening.

It's All Symmetry **TA13** 
 3/26/2022 6:00pm-7:45pm
 United States 5m

Music Video, Home Grown, LGBTQ Asbury Park Premiere
 Director: Trish Mata
 Producer: Trish Mata, Paul Anthony
 Contact: trish.mata@hotmail.com
 Synopsis: Explore a new movement through music and public forums of every culture, creed and race, unified by using the widely recognized sign language finger lock that means "friends."

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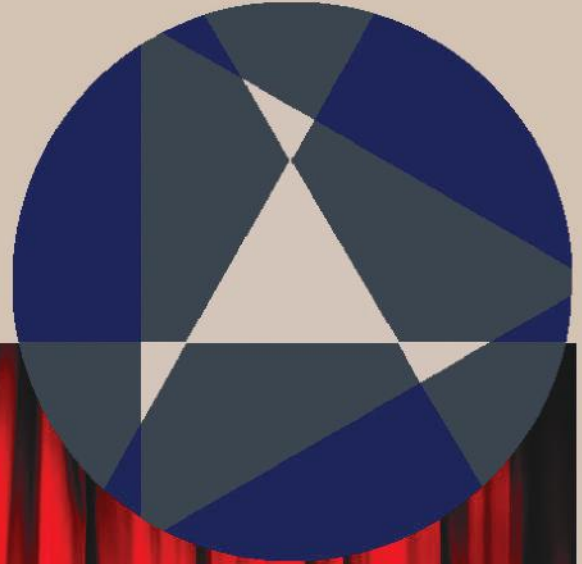
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Jay and Silent Bob's Secret Stash Re-opening **JS36**
 3/27/2022 9:30am-11:30am
 United States 4m
 Student, NJ Hometown Documentary Short
 Asbury Park Premiere
 Director: Sophia Haber Brock
 Production Company: Middletown High School North
 Contact: cullenc@middletownk12.org
 Synopsis: Visiting the brand new Secret Stash comic book shop in Red Bank on its soft opening.

Just Like You **BC30**
 3/27/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
 United States 19m
 Short Home Grown, Student University
 Asbury Park Premiere
 Director/Producer: Annie Fleisch
 Contact: annie.fleisch@gmail.com
 Synopsis: April was inspired by her grandfather to join the Navy. However, April's mother has plans for her to join the family business. April will have to choose between continuing her grandfather's legacy and helping her family.

Short, Comedy NJ Premiere
 Director: Taylor Landesman
 Producer: Max Gardner, Andrew Pang, Jessica Hinds, Alexander Backus
 Production Company: Like Whatever Productions
 Contact: Taylorlandesman@gmail.com
 Synopsis: When a poser bass player announces that she got her noise punk band a big gig in Brooklyn, her abusive boyfriend, the band's lead singer, flies into a sudden fit of rage and dies. Determined to make the long road trip to Brooklyn for the big gig, she and the ghost of her dead ex force her to face the voices of doubt from her past as she steps into her future.
 Cast: Sarah Rich, Bryan Fitzgerald, Sarah Coffey

Kiss The Cook **BK20**
 3/26/2022 6:00pm-8:00pm
 United States 4m
 Short, Comedy, Horror NJ Premiere
 Director: Matt Kenny
 Production Company: Grave Dance Productions
 Contact: matt.kenny2@gmail.com
 Synopsis: A disturbed man prepares a gourmet meal with violent vigor.

Production Company: Made in Mars Studios
 Contact: melissamarsinfo@gmail.com
 Synopsis: In a world where technology has replaced intimacy and human touch is deadly, a young couple struggles to keep their love alive.

Let Me Assist You **BC28**
 3/26/2022 10:00pm-11:15pm
 United States 9m
 Short, Comedy NJ Premiere
 Director: Noam Argov
 Producer: Noam Argov, Zach Busch
 Production Company: Noam Argov Media
 Contact: noamargov12@gmail.com
 Synopsis: After an absolutely devastating breakup, a man's AI virtual assistant tries to take over as his fitness and wellness coach.
 Cast: Dan Shaked, Ana Maria Jomolca, Montana Lampert Hoover

LGBTQ Black History **JS36** 🇺🇸
 3/27/2022 9:30am-11:30am
 United States 6m
 Student NJ Hometown Documentary Short
 Asbury Park Premiere
 Director: Jennah Pinckney, Asshadae Goodwin, Tyhia Peters, and Zoie Martinet
 Production Company: Orange High School
 Contact: yhia1204@gmail.com
 Synopsis: Meet 10 influential LGBTQ+ Black leaders through history who have made an impact on the civil rights movement, gay rights, literature, film, dance, arts and culture. Featuring

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Killing Evan **JS37**
 3/27/2022 12:00pm-2:00pm
 United States 18m

Last Touch,The **BC28**
 3/26/2022 10:00pm-11:40pm
 United States 5m
 Short, Thriller, Horror NJ Premiere
 Director/Producer: Melissa Mars

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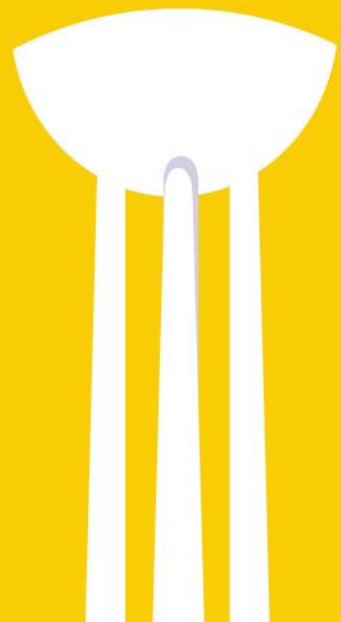
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Life on Pause **AL7**
 3/26/2022 6:00pm-8:00pm
 United States 15m
 Short, Home Grown, Comedy NJ Premiere
 Director: Steven Lifshy
 Producer: Nora K., Peter Viola, Steven Lifshy
 Production Company: Gee Whiz Films
 Contact: lifsheys@gmail.com
 Synopsis: A 1980s-era wedding videographer, still smitten with his college crush, attempts to win her love with his "totally awesome" camera skills.


Lighthouse-Italian Ice, The **JS31**
 3/26/2022 9:30am-11:45am
 United States 2m
 Trailer, Home Grown Student High School
 Asbury Park Premiere
 Director: Tyrone Shields, Joe Guzzone, Thomas Hernandez
 Production Company: Middletown High School South
 Contact: coreyc@middletownk12.org
 Synopsis: Two men must tend The Lighthouse while it is closed for the winter season.

Little Drummer Boy, The **AL4**
 3/25/2022 8:30pm-10:45pm
 United States 10m
 Short, Family, Children NJ Premiere
 Director: John Gray
 Producer: Melissa Jo Peltier, P.G.A., John Gray, Arizona Newsum
 Contact: jtgray118@gmail.com
 Synopsis: All is not what it seems when a father and son have a violent confrontation on Christmas Eve.

Lola **JS31**
 3/26/2022 9:30am-11:45am
 United States 5m
 Short, Home Grown Student High School
 NJ Premiere
 Director: Dylan Gill
 Contact: dkgill1101@gmail.com
 Synopsis: Lola and her boyfriend navigate through one of her meltdowns.

Long Commute, The **JS33**
 3/26/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
 United States 18m
 Short NJ Premiere
 Director: Miguel Garzón Martínez
 Producer: Anthony Robert Grasso, Miguel Garzón Martínez, Jonathan Benefiel, Diane Harrington Lo Grasso, Jenn Plotzke
 Contact: miguel@miguelgarzonmar.com
 Synopsis: A workaholic businessman attempting

to reconnect with his estranged father discovers that time is unforgiving.

Loud Whisper **TA16** 
 3/27/2022 2:15pm-4:45pm
 Israel 21m
 Short, Documentary, LGBTQ
 Director: Natalie Eichengreen
 Producer: Natalie Eichengreen, Kalia Eichengreen
 Contact: natalie.eichengreen@gmail.com
 Synopsis: Aharon went through ongoing sexual abuse as an ultra-orthodox youth in a yeshiva in Bnei Brak. A decade later, he has come out and is living as a secular homosexual. The truth he kept inside is bursting in his fashion collections.

Love That Remains, The **JS31**
 3/26/2022 9:30am-11:45am
 United States 4m
 Short, Home Grown Student High School
 NJ Premiere
 Director: Maura Collins, Darla Matches
 Producer: Sophie Jackson, Abby Badrick
 Production Company: Middletown High School South
 Contact: coreyc@middletownk12.org
 Synopsis: Two people fall in love and watch their relationship unfold before them, but something is off.



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United States

Short, Home Grown, LGBTQ

Asbury Park Premiere

Director: John Sabia

Producer: Mike Farragher

Production Company: Shamrocks Productions

Contact: irishwriter@optonline.net

Synopsis: Based on a true story from an actual dating profile business, the film follows the twist and turns of the first date of "The Catholic Cougar," as the meet-up goes sideways thanks to a misunderstanding about what "transitions" means to each party.

JS37



12:00pm-2:00pm

13m

Luck

3/26/2022

United States

Short, Home Grown, Comedy World Premiere

Director/Producer: Kevin Lutz

Producer: Kevin Lutz

Contact: kcl4187@gmail.com

Synopsis: What could go wrong when your numbers come up on the lottery?

AL8

8:30pm-10:45pm

2m

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Main Event, The

3/26/2022

United States

Short

Director: Max Sainvil

Producer: Guyviaud Joseph, Mike Ford,

6:00pm-8:00pm

13m

NJ Premiere

JS34

Huttenberg Nassar

Contact: themaineventshortfilm@gmail.com

Synopsis: A struggling fighter receives the opportunity of a lifetime when unexpected events arise.

Marvelous and the Black Hole

3/27/2022

United States

Feature, Comedy

Director: Kate Tsang

Production Company: FilmRise

Contact: piervolino@filmrise.com

Synopsis: A teenage delinquent befriends a surly magician who helps her navigate her inner demons and dysfunctional family with sleight of hand magic. A coming-of-age comedy that touches on unlikely friendships, grief and finding hope in the darkest moments.

Cast: Rhea Perlman, Miya Cech

AL9

12:30pm-2:30pm

1h21m

NJ Premiere

Matthew

3/26/2022

United States

Short, Home Grown, Thriller

Director: Matt Servitto

Producer: Robert Palumbo, Tom Slevin,

Christopher Pasi

Production Company:

Contact: rxpalumbo@yahoo.com

Synopsis: "Matthew" is a drama about a father's struggle to integrate his son back into the family and society after he is released from a state psychiatric hospital for a school shooting.

BK17

11:30am-1:00pm

33m

NJ Premiere

Memory

3/26/2022

United States

Short, Home Grown

Director: Stephanie Turci

Producer: Bruce Olbrantz Olbrantz, Elizabeth

Sandler, Lucas A Ferrara

Contact: stephanieturci@gmail.com

Synopsis: A young woman puts on a backyard play for her mother, Maria, who has Alzheimer's, to transport Maria back into her lost memories for one magical night.

BC28

10:00pm-11:15pm

21m

Asbury Park Premiere

Miracle Baby

3/26/2022

United States

Short

Director: Michelle Bossy

Producer: Nancy Nagrant, Steven Fechter,

Brenden Hubbard

Production Company: Anemone Productions

Contact: bearyltheremedia@gmail.com

Synopsis: A congressman's wife discovers her husband has been cheating on her. This psychological thriller follows her glorious and chilling revenge as she reveals herself as the true power partner. By night's end, the only question left is whether she has lost more than she gained.

Cast: Nancy Nagrant, Stephen Kunken

BC26

5:45pm-7:30pm

19m

Asbury Park Premiere

Miss Fortune

3/26/2022

United States

9:30am-11:45am

12m

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Short, Home Grown Student High School,
Comedy
NJ Premiere
Director: Samiksha Thakur
Producer: Cesar Ovalles, Samiksha Thakur
Contact: samikshlovic@gmail.com
Synopsis: Jane lands a date with a boy – a typical high school romance. But come date night, Jane receives a mysterious handwritten note in a fortune cookie.

Moments After, The JS36
3/27/2022 9:30am-11:30am
United States 4m
Short Student High School/Narrative
NJ Premiere
Director: Ethan Kauffman
Production Company: Eastern Regional High School
Contact: ethanskauffman@gmail.com
Synopsis: Scientists claim that after death, a person can have up to seven minutes of brain activity. In this drama, Sarah died tragically in the forest and relives her lifetime's best memories.

MONITOR BC28
3/26/22
10:00pm-11:30pm
United States 22m
Short/Sci Fi Home Grown World Premiere
Director/Producer: Daniel Meyers
Contact: dmeyers33@gmail.com

Synopsis: A tech-addicted man and his dog experience strange and mysterious electronic phenomena.
Cast: Brian May, J Michael Baran

Monmouth County, 9/11, and Its Aftermath BC24
3/26/2022 11:45am-2:00pm
United States 27m
Short, Documentary, Home Grown
Asbury Park Premiere
Director: Adam Worth
Contact: atomworth@gmail.com
Synopsis: After the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, thousands of commuters remained stranded near ground zero. With the bridges and tunnels closed, the SeaStreak commuter ferry became a lifeline, carrying evacuees across the river into Monmouth County and carrying first responders from Monmouth County back to ground zero to assist in recovery efforts. These are the stories of the New Jersey heroes of Sept. 11.

Mooby's PopUp JS36
3/27/2022 9:30am-11:30am
United States 4m
Short, New Jersey Hometown Documentary
NJ Premiere
Director: Sophia Haber Brock
Production Company: Middletown High School North
Contact: cullenc@middletownk12.org
Synopsis: A fictional fast-food chain, first

introduced in a controversial 1999 film, has crossed over into the real world at the Jersey Shore with some interesting patrons.
Cast: Sophia Haber Brock, Kevin Smith, Jay Mewes

Mt. Mystic Rangers AL6
3/26/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
United States 27m
Pilot NJ Premiere
Director: Jeremiah Dunlap
Producer: Jeremiah Dunlap, Mindy Lopez Dunlap, Seth Dunlap, Cory Quintard, Robyn Quintard, Beta Angarole
Contact: Jeremiah@foundrymass.com
Synopsis: A documentary crew arrives at Mt. Mystic State Park, where a mysterious monolith has appeared. Interim Lieutenant Joshua McMahon prepares for his dream job as a National Park ranger. Maintenance ranger Hutch Van Zant must clear out a dangerous rattlesnake pit before the incoming lieutenant arrives. Law Enforcement ranger Ed Durst takes an interest in Gale Marsh, the new ranger-in-training. Ranger Winter and Ranger Abraham question some fishermen, and a new junior ranger joins the team.

Murphy's Heist BC28
3/26/2022 10:00pm-11:15pm
United States 9m
Short, Home Grown University, Comedy
World Premiere

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Director: Brandon Leventhal
 Producer: Brandon Leventhal, Rochelle Leventhal, Robert Leventhal, Maggie Potter
 Contact: brandonleventhal@yahoo.com
 Synopsis: Anything that can go wrong for Murphy does.

Museum Paintings JS36

3/27/2022 9:30am-11:30am
 United States 1m
 Animation, Student High School Short
 Asbury Park Premiere
 Director: Jeremy Lam
 Production Company: Washington Twp. High School
 Contact: jayjaylam2003@gmail.com
 Synopsis: Using a multi-plane camera effect, the viewer walks forward to the paintings on display as the animation gives the illusion of depth in the video.

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Nathania JS37

3/27/2022 12:00pm-2:00pm
 United States 12m
 Short Home Grown World Premiere
 Director/Producer: Amit Patel
 Production Company: 50Two Productions
 Contact: 50twoproductions@gmail.com
 Synopsis: One evening, a couple reaches home to witness what they have feared the most, compelling them to take the most critical decision of their life. Will they be able to live with the practical decision they make?

Cast: Vidula Mungekar, Amit Patel

Nightmare News BK18

3/26/2022 1:30pm-3:30pm
 United States 11m
 Short, Student University World Premiere
 Director: Michael D. Smith
 Producer: Sean Arnold
 Contact: michaeldvds@gmail.com
 Synopsis: An intern at a nightly news show meets her hero, but learns his true character is not as it seems on TV.

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One Night Only BC26

3/26/2022 5:45pm-7:30pm
 Hungary 19m
 Short NJ Premiere
 Director: Lili Bordan
 Producer: Lili Bordan, Krisztián Köves, Mihaly Szabados, Eszter Csepeli
 Production Company: Clio Pictures
 Contact: bordanlili@yahoo.com
 Synopsis: A vagabond actor traveling through a strange city collides with his long-lost love, an illegal immigrant and cleaning lady he met back home in Hungary 25 years ago.
 Cast: Mihaly Szabados

Only Woman in the World, The BC29

3/27/2022 11:40am-2:00pm
 United States 1h56m
 Feature World Premiere
 Director: Debra Markowitz

Producer: John Marean
 Production Company: Intention Films and Media LLC
 Contact: debra.markowitz@gmail.com
 Synopsis: An up-and-coming film director is torn between forgiving the lover who broke her heart and risking it all for her leading man.
 Cast: Ciarán Sheehan ("Phantom of the Opera"), Abigail Hawk ("Blue Bloods"), Brian O'Halloran ("Clerks I," "Clerks II," "Clerks III," "Dogma"), Kevin Brown ("30 Rock"), Artie Pasquale ("The Sopranos"), Anthony Grasso ("Jessica Jones")

Operation Azaleas BC24

3/26/2022 11:45am-2:00pm
 United States 4m
 PSA Home Grown World Premiere
 Director: Ben Danzi
 Producer: Diane Raver
 Production Company: Holly Club of Sea Girt/22
 Contact: dianeraver@gmail.com
 Synopsis: Operation Azaleas is a project to refurbish and restore the azaleas planted by the father of the first soldier from Sea Girt whose life was taken in the Vietnam War. The Holly Club of Sea Girt formed a committee to oversee the project and help commemorate the fallen soldier.

Operation: Cavity BC30

3/27/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
 United States 18m
 Short, Comedy, Thriller NJ Premiere
 Director: Alex J Morsanutto

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Producer: Meg Catalfamo
 Contact: alex@silvermineproductions.com
 Synopsis: Kids team up to rob the dentist who traumatized their childhood.

Our almost COMPLETELY TRUE STORY TA13

3/26/2022 6:00pm-7:45pm
 United States 1h29m
 Feature NJ Premiere

Director: Don Scardino
 Producer: Mariette Hartley, Jerry H Sroka, Don Scardino
 Production Company: Silent Crow Arts
 Contact: jerrysroka@aol.com
 Synopsis: A tall, aging, shiksa icon meets a short Jewish leprechaun in a bird store. What are the chances?

Cast: Mariette Hartley, Peter Macnicol, Tess Harper, Morgan Fairchild, Bernie Kopell, John Rubenstein, Mindy Sterling

Overlook AL5

3/26/2022 12:30pm-2:00pm
 United States 26m
 Short, LGBTQ World Premiere

Director: Greta Guthrie, Jake Lazarow
 Producer: Jake Lazarow
 Production Company: Two Plus Eight Productions

Contact: jakelazarow@gmail.com
 Synopsis: Tyler, a listless teen, spends his days clocking in the local convenience store, goofing off with his only friend and waiting for purpose

to find him in his small, torpid town. When a mysterious girl breaks the monotony of Tyler's routine, he must confront his biggest fear, while realizing he still has a lot to learn.

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Parrot TA16
 3/27/2022 2:15pm-4:45pm
 United States 12m

Short, LGBTQ
 Director: Kyle B. Thompson
 Producer: Kyle B. Thompson, Z. Joseph Guice, Krystle Weaver, Bryant Hendricks, Keith Giosa
 Contact: kyle.thompson1@me.com
 Synopsis: A drag queen protects a child during a crisis as prejudices reach a breaking point.

PeaceTime: A Royal Frog JS33

3/26/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
 United States 5m
 Short, Home Grown Animation, Family, Children NJ Premiere

Director/Producer: Steve Moore
 Production Company:
 Contact: stevemooore062@gmail.com
 Synopsis: A meditation exercise for those age 3 to 99 and then some.

Peculiar Case Of The AL9

Bolted Canister, The
 3/27/2022 12:30pm-2:30pm
 United States 16m
 Short NJ Premiere

Director: Shiva Ramanathan
 Producer: Shivakumar Ramanathan, Padma Ramanathan, Shobi Ramanathan
 Production Company: PRS Pictures
 Contact: sr1@hotmail.com
 Synopsis: A bolted canister filled with Indian dessert becomes the bone of contention between a mother-daughter duo and a mythical intruder.

Pillow Talk TA12

3/26/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
 United States 11m
 Short, Comedy World Premiere

Director: Nathaniel Smith
 Producer: Dina Laura
 Production Company: Tessa Faye Talent, LLC
 Contact: dina.laura@gmail.com
 Synopsis: When Lauren awakens to a loud crash in the middle of the night, she FaceTimes the one person she wants to talk to: her hovering (and smothering) Jewish mother. They find connection, which is what Lauren needed all along – well that, and maybe a little spring cleaning.

Cast: Karen Lynn Gorney ("Saturday Night Fever")

Pine Mud BC24

3/26/2022 11:45am-2:00pm
 United States 58m
 Feature, Documentary, Home Grown
 Asbury Park Premiere

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Director: Jared Flesher
 Production Company: Hundred Year Films
 Contact: jtflesher@gmail.com
 Synopsis: New Jersey Pine Barrens are assaulted by illegal off-road vehicles. In Southern New Jersey's vast Pinelands National Reserve, these powerful vehicles trample protected sand dunes and drive circles through ancient ponds. "Off-roading" has grown more popular. Some off-roading on established trails is perfectly legal, but many ignore the rules. As a gritty local conservationist works to protect habitats for threatened species, tensions flare with off-roading enthusiasts who fear their access to the forest will be restricted.

Plan for the Pastrami JS31
 3/26/2022 9:30am-11:45am
 United States 8m
 Short, Student High School, Comedy
 NJ Premiere
 Director: Eli Lerdau, Steven Meyer, Jackson Sneed, Solomon Goluboff-Schragger
 Contact: programs@lighthousestudio.org
 Synopsis: A Jewish grandmother talks to her grandson about her funeral and asks him to settle some mafia-like debts.

Pool, The BC30
 3/27/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
 United States 13m
 Short NJ Premiere
 Director: Anna Hozian

Producer: Kim Turner, Brian Zahm
 Production Company: Lion and Mouse, Inc.
 Contact: annamariahozian@gmail.com
 Synopsis: After her husband leaves, Anita Mills picks up and starts anew in an affluent suburb, where she desperately wants her son — and herself — to fit in. However, the members of the local pool have a different idea.

PTSD: The Walking Wounded BC25
 3/26/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
 United States 1h41m
 Feature, Documentary Home Grown
 Asbury Park Premiere
 Director/Producer: Ash Patino
 Contact: ash@genericbrandhuman.com
 Synopsis: Follow the life stories of real American heroes and their struggles with PTSD following reintegration into civilian life. The film delivers a message to anyone who can identify with the battles of life after serving, loss of identity and the invisible wounds of soldiers who face their demons alone.

Pukka Tea - Relax TA15
 3/27/2022 12:15pm-1:45pm
 United States 5m
 Commercial Home Grown World Premiere
 Director: Kathy Cacicedo
 Producer: Kathy Cacicedo, Susan Thomas
 Contact: kc.photographer.director@gmail.com
 Synopsis: A natural horsemanship practitioner, Pat Pyrwood shares her thoughts on how "four-

leggeds" can teach us to be better people and how to allow for other energies to move softly, deliberately and to relax.

Q

Quiet Killer, The JS36
 3/27/2022 9:30am-11:30am
 United States 4m
 Thriller, Student High School Short
 Director: Jennah Pinckney, Zoie Martinet
 Production Company: Orange High School
 Contact: earledan@orange.k12.nj.us
 Synopsis: A high school student, is released from a Mental Institution, and seeks revenge from his former classmates.

R

Real Talk JS36
 3/27/2022 9:30am-11:30am
 United States 3m
 Narrative, Student High School Short
 NJ Premiere
 Director: Joseph Parisse
 Production Company: Washington Twp. High School
 Contact: 118jparisse@gmail.com
 Synopsis: Two best friends have a conversation that soon becomes a serious moment in their friendship.



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Red **TA14**
 3/26/2022 8:30pm-10:45pm
 Canada 6m
 Short, Animation USA Premiere
 Director/Producer: Ronald McDougall
 Contact: ron@hmdesign.ca
 Synopsis: A certain red-cloaked traveler makes her way along a wintry forest path on the lookout for possible dangers lurking about.

Redemption of a Rogue **AL4**
 3/25/2022 8:30pm-10:45pm
 Ireland 1h34m
 Feature, Comedy NJ Premiere
 Director: Philip Doherty
 Producer: Emma Foley, Tamryn Reinecke
 Production Company: Pale Rebel Productions
 Contact: emma@palerebelproductions.com
 Synopsis: This comedy follows Jimmy, who carries around a black leather doctor's bag containing the rope he plans to hang himself with. Filled with guilt and shame, he returns to his hometown just in time to witness his ailing father's last breath on a thundering, rainy day. But there is a condition in the will: His father cannot be buried on a wet day. Stuck in this "Groundhog Day"-like purgatory, days roll into weeks as Jimmy seeks redemption with plenty of laugh-out-loud twists.

Remedy, The **BK22** 
 3/27/2022 12:00pm-2:15pm
 United States 1h

Feature, Documentary, Home Grown, LGBTQ
 Asbury Park Premiere
 Director: Boris Tsessarsky
 Producer: Boris Tsessarsky, Paul A Neves
 Production Company: Parkway North Productions
 Contact: btsessarsky@gm.slc.edu
 Synopsis: Meet two New Jersey-based hip-hop artists: Freddy Salgado (Face Cadet), a self-taught musician and Ecuadorean immigrant, and Serenity AKATDB, a queer African-American woman who has carved a career in a male-dominated genre while battling lupus and a turbulent family history.

Rescue Me **BK20**
 3/26/2022 6:00pm-8:00pm
 United States 4m
 Music Video Home Grown
 USA Premiere
 Director/Producer: P.J. Bracco
 Production Company: Red Hook Films
 Contact: pjbracco@redhookfilms.com
 Synopsis: A troubled alcoholic comes to terms with his demons and takes the first steps on his journey to address his problems, mend his painful mistakes and redeem himself.

Ride **BK22**
 3/27/2022 12:00pm-2:15pm
 United States 13m
 Short NJ Premiere
 Director: Sam Findlay

Producer: Tom Hipp, Maggie McLandsborough
 Contact: tomhipp@gmail.com
 Synopsis: A rideshare driver's night takes a turn after picking up an alluring young woman.

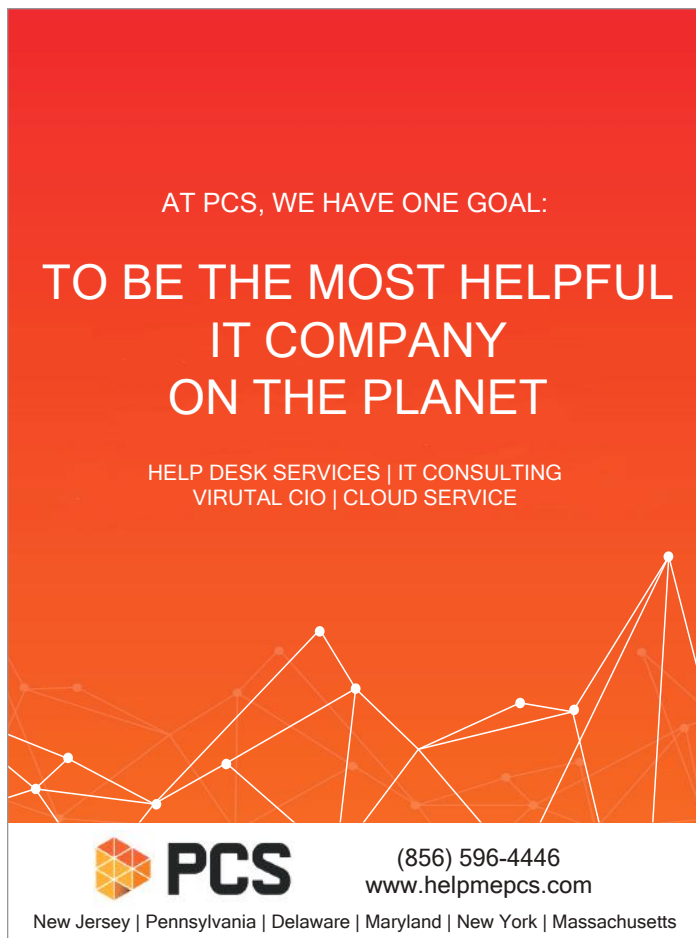
Rock Paper Scissors **BK20**
 3/26/2022 6:00pm-8:00pm
 United States 1h40m
 Feature, Home Grown, Thriller
 Asbury Park Premiere
 Director: Doug Bollinger
 Producer: Doug Bollinger, Josh Lee
 Production Company: RPS Pictures, LLC
 Contact: bollinger21@gmail.com
 Synopsis: Sam and Missy Wagner have reached a crossroads in their mundane, suburban relationship. One night of horrific events leads them down a path of fear, retribution and renewal.

Roman **BK17**
 3/26/2022 11:30am-1:00pm
 United States 1h10m
 Feature, Home Grown, Thriller NJ Premiere
 Director: Dwight Wilkins
 Producer: (late) George Ward Beacham III, Dwight Wilkins, Lisa Reed, Cyndie Beacham
 Production Company: Roman Movie LLC
 Contact: cyd602@gmail.com
 Synopsis: Based on a story "Son of a Covet," co-authored by the late George Ward Beacham III and his wife, Cyndie Beacham. A man, after a few relationship mishaps, reluctantly seeks




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advice that seeps into his spirit, causing him to examine his situation, his history and his life's legacy.

Route One North

3/27/2022 2:45pm-4:45pm
United States 1h12m
Feature, Home Grown NJ Premiere

Director: Isabelle Rose Farrell
Producer: Annie Farrell, Isabelle Rose Farrell
Production Company: Highway 212 Productions
Contact: izzyfarrell321@gmail.com
Synopsis: Sarah and Bee are two sisters who set off to track down their long-absent father after their mother refuses to give 16-year-old Bee permission to marry her military boyfriend.

Runaway Toothfairy, The

3/27/2022 9:30am-11:30am
United States 3m

Drama, Student High School Short
Director: Kayla Matthews
Production Company: Central Regional High School
Contact: kaylajoymatthews@gmail.com
Synopsis: As the kids begin to fall asleep, a special guest arrives, intent on delivering money and making it out without being caught. The tooth fairy will do anything it takes to complete her mission.

S

Scratch This The Series

3/26/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
United States 21m
Web Series/New Media, Comedy NJ Premiere
Producer: Laura Dowling Shea, Jessica Alexandra Green
Production Company: Jupiter House Productions and JAG42

Contact: lauradowlinghshea@gmail.com
Synopsis: Three self-centered sisters make a futile effort to overcome their sibling rivalry, resulting in riotous physical comedy.

Second Best

3/26/2022 12:00pm-1:45pm
United States 4m

Music Video, Home Grown, LGBTQ
Director: Amanda Duncan
Producer: Amanda Duncan
Contact: amandaduncanmusic@gmail.com
Synopsis: Vocalist Amanda Duncan and friends delight with an upbeat musical selection and whimsical effects.

Self Portrait

3/27/2022 9:30am-11:30am
United States 4m

Narrative, Student High School Short
Director: Caitlin Bieri
Production Company: East Brunswick Tech - School of the Arts
Contact: caitlinbieri@gmail.com
Synopsis: This is a delightful short about self-confidence and finding the beauty within.

Shave, The

3/27/2022 12:00pm-2:00pm
United Arab Emirates 10m
Short, Documentary NJ Premiere

Director/Producer: Fajer Alalami
Production Company: Arab Film Studio / Image Nation Abu Dhabi
Contact: alicia.gonzalez@imagination.ae
Synopsis: In this coming-of-age story, Mohammed suffers with a medical condition that does not allow him to age, placing him in an ongoing struggle to prove his manhood in the face of masculine stereotypes.

Sheer Qorma

3/27/2022 2:15pm-4:45pm
India 30m

Short, LGBTQ
Director: Faraz Arif Ansari
Producer: Marijke de Souza
Production Company:
Contact: farazarifansari@gmail.com
Synopsis: "Sheer Qorma" is a story of belonging and acceptance, identity and family, and how it comes together under one roof, as resilient, queer Muslim women and non-binary characters of color choose to embrace love that exists beyond their personal beliefs and social moralities.

Shelter by Patrizsha

3/26/2022 3:45pm-5:15pm
United States 7m
Music Video, Home Grown NJ Premiere

Director: Arthur Saken
Producer: Patrizsha
Contact: breakthru2u@live.com
Synopsis: Inspirational visuals accompany this inspiring song.

Shiny Objects - The Conductor

With ADHD 3/26/2022 12:00pm-1:45pm
Canada 40m

Short, Documentary Asbury Park Premiere
Director: Gillie Richards
Producer: Gillie Richards, Marion Barschel
Production Company: Silver Twig Entertainment
Contact: gillie@silvertwig.ca
Synopsis: Recently diagnosed with ADHD, a symphony conductor uses the 2020 pandemic to dive into her mental health. She looks for ways to face the challenges and advocate for the gifts of being neurodiverse.

Shoes, The

3/26/2022 9:30am-11:45am
United States 7m

Short, Student High School
Asbury Park Premiere
Director: Andreas Rothbart
Contact: andreasrothbartphoto@gmail.com
Synopsis: A taped confession by a troubled teenager tells the agonizing tale of his decision to kill his abusive step-father.

Signing Off

3/27/2022 12:00pm-2:00pm
United States 10m
Short, Comedy World Premiere

Director: Chandler Wild
Producer: Scott Delacruz, Chandler Wild, Peter Garafalo, Jeff Auer
Production Company: All The Way Around
Contact: chandler@atwaproductions.com
Synopsis: It's the last night at indie jazz radio station WJRA before its frequency is sold to a conglomerate. In between tracks, DJ Benedict and programmer Sam hash out a friendship built on a lifestyle that's ending.
Cast: Jeff Auer

Sisyphus Rocks It!

3/26/2022 12:00pm-2:00pm
United States 3m
Short, Animation, Comedy NJ Premiere

Director: Ron Fleischer
Producer: Ron Fleischer, David Fleischer, Scott Frank
Contact: rontoon@aol.com
Synopsis: Greek mythology's Sisyphus, a king who cheated death twice, was punished for eternity by being forced to roll an immense boulder up a hill only to have it to roll back down every time it neared the top. In a cruel twist, Sisyphus learns the dangers of celebrating too soon... too late.

Skeletons

3/27/2022 2:15pm-4:45pm
United States 18m
Short, LGBTQ NJ Premiere

Director: Adam DeCarlo
Producer: Lianne Becker, Collin Meath, Benjamin Drew Thompson
Production Company: Keep Or Destroy / in association with Incline Productions
Contact: adamdecarlo@me.com
Synopsis: When a man's former lover unexpectedly arrives on his doorstep, he must confront the pain and trauma of a past relationship.
Cast: Robin Lord Taylor, Tommy Beardmore

Skippping A Beat

3/26/2022 12:00pm-1:45pm
United States 16m

Short, Student University, Home Grown
Asbury Park Premiere
Director: Michael D Smith
Producer: Annie Fleisch
Contact: michaeldvds@smith@gmail.com
Synopsis: A struggling high school jazz band teacher must win the state jazz competition to save his job.

Sky Behind the Clouds, The

3/27/2022 9:30am-11:30am
United States 10m

Short, Home Grown Student High School
NJ Premiere
Director: Chris Zou

Producer: Peter Di Prospero
 Contact: dutch.jr15@gmail.com
 Synopsis: A high school student copes with the mental and social repercussions of the pandemic. His joy turns into fear as the film takes a dark dive.

Smiley Death Face

3/26/2022 8:30pm-10:45pm
 United States 7m
 Short, Comedy, Horror NJ Premiere

Director: Andrew Patrick Torrez

Producer: Joanna Fang

Contact: jojofang@gmail.com

Synopsis: A young girl stumbles into a text message conversation with an anonymous person who communicates entirely in emojis.

Some Guy Named Bill

3/26/2022 7:45pm-9:30pm
 United States 1h37m

Feature, Documentary, Home Grown

Asbury Park Premiere

Director: Enrico Bolognino

Producer: Enrico Bolognino, Billy Prempeh

Contact: eb713@yahoo.com

Synopsis: This is the chaotic journey of an African-American Air Force veteran who is convinced to run for Congress in New Jersey during the 2020 election. His life is turned upside down as he uncovers local political corruption, gets attacked by the media, and has to figure out how to campaign and raise money during a global health crisis.

Spin

3/26/2022 12:00pm-1:45pm
 Canada 12m
 Short US Premiere

Director: Andrea Cass

Producer: Martine Blue

Contact: andrea.m.cass@gmail.com

Synopsis: An anxious Catherine is unable to communicate with her 5-year-old daughter. Can she discover a new way to connect with her at a busy casino party?

Splinter

3/26/2022 8:30pm-10:45pm
 United States 55m

Feature, Home Grown, Thriller World Premiere

Director/Producer: Thomas Ryan

Production Company: Theatre of Terror

Contact: tomr666@comcast.net

Synopsis: While renovating his recently inherited home, Scott Wills steps on a small splinter. The wound grows worse as Scott learns the history of the town, its people and a terrible family legacy.

Cast: Jim Thalman, Kristen Muri

Squirrel Wars

3/26/2022 7:45pm-9:30pm
 United States 10m

Short, Documentary NJ Premiere

Director: Jill Morley

Contact: jill@jillmorley.com

Synopsis: A New York artist's obsession makes her the leader of a squirrel war on Facebook. The pressure cooker of quarantine mixed with

the polarization of politics intensifies the ire of squirrel lovers everywhere.

Static Space

3/27/2022 2:15pm-4:45pm
 United States 29m
 Short, LGBTQ NJ Premiere

Director: John Klein, Kate Black-Spence

Production Company: Glass City Films

Contact: johnklein2006nd@yahoo.com

Synopsis: A young woman living in rural Indiana struggles to figure out her place and identity.

When she inadvertently stumbles across a frequency on her ham radio and makes contact with astronaut Noa currently orbiting Earth, the two women could find a meaningful connection, even while worlds apart.

Cast: Kate Black-Spence

Step 1: Identify the Problem

3/27/2022 9:30am-11:30am
 United States 10m

Short, Home Grown Student High School

Asbury Park Premiere

Director/Producer: Sophia Consalvo

Contact: sophiaconsalofficial@gmail.com

Synopsis: Emma is nothing short of blunt, especially when it comes to commenting on mental health and society's treatment of it. When she mixes with a peppy advisor, self-discovery is bound to occur.

Still Together

3/26/2022 8:30pm-10:45pm



United States 14m
 Short, Comedy, Horror NJ Premiere
 Director: Christopher Piazza
 Producer: Sara Ruth Blake, Alexis Boursier, Eli Cane, Christopher Piazza, Justin Reid
 Production Company: PanopticonNYC
 Contact: chris@panopticonnyc.com
 Synopsis: She's a department store window designer. He's a Nordic warrior trapped in the body of a mannequin. When nosy coworkers disrupt these star-crossed lovers' hushed romance, they attempt a daring escape. Can their magical bond survive, or will the cynical gaze of the outside world reduce their romance to a pile of plastic?
 Cast: Clare McNulty, Steve O'Brien, Donna Cooper, Eudora Peterson, Sara Ruth Blake

Submergent Sound-A Guy Named Pete JS36
 3/27/2022 9:30am-11:30am
 United States 5m
 Student, NJ Hometown Documentary Short
 Asbury Park Premiere
 Director: Maura Collins, Jay Fielding, Grace Wilson, Erika Ridgway, Isabella Campion, Alicia Aponte, Stephen Sassano, Joseph Costa, Gigi Maiorana
 Production Company: Middletown High School South
 Contact: coreyc@middletownk12.org
 Synopsis: A short documentary about a drummer and engineer named Pete.

Superstar AL5
 3/26/2022 12:30pm-2:00pm
 United States 16m
 Short, Home Grown
 Director: Jordan Hidalgo
 Producer: Jordan Hidalgo, Jamad Mays
 Contact: jordanhidalgo@yahoo.com
 Synopsis: A day in the life of Martin, a homeless man attempting to keep his individuality despite being dehumanized by everyday society.

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Thank You Big Brother TA13
 3/26/2022 6:00pm-7:45pm
 United States 1m
 Commercial Home Grown Asbury Park Premiere
 Director: Erix Mercedes
 Producer: Eric Sanchez
 Contact: erix.mer@gmail.com
 Synopsis: A young teen writes a thank-you letter to his older brother for helping him stay focused on the task at hand.

Together Apart BC29
 3/27/2022 11:40am-2:00pm
 United States 12m
 Web Series/New Media, Home Grown, Comedy
 Asbury Park Premiere
 Director: Dave Maulbeck
 Producer: Laura Ekstrand
 Production Company: Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre, 2Scoop Productions
 Contact: laura@dreamcatcherrep.org

Synopsis: An oddball collection of characters live together in a house run by Mrs. Garrett, the possibly benign den mother of the group. Residents include an alien, a detective, a cowboy, a monk and many others, but all characters are merely heads on television screens.

Toymaker, The BK21
 3/26/2022 8:30pm-10:45pm
 United States 20m
 Short, Home Grown, Family, Children
 Asbury Park Premiere
 Director: John R. Caccamo
 Producer: Michelle Edmond, Zach Miller, Dylan J. Tollefson
 Production Company: Greasy Films Productions
 Contact: jrcaccamo@gmail.com
 Synopsis: An old toymaker finds an unexpected solution for a young girl who's in need of an escape from her abusive home life.

Transcend JS36
 3/27/2022 9:30am-11:30am
 United States 2m
 Narrative, Student High School Short
 Director: Maya Zeidman
 Production Company: East Brunswick Tech - School of the Arts
 Contact: luna.mayaa16@gmail.com
 Synopsis: A girl finds herself surrounded by strangers with no way to escape.

Trill JS32
 3/26/2022 12:00pm-2:00pm
 United States 6m
 Short NJ Premiere
 Director: Christy Anna Wu
 Producer: Christy Anna Wu, John Thuan Nguyen
 Production Company: Caveglow Pictures
 Contact: christianaliwu@gmail.com
 Synopsis: A young college student flubs an audition but finds solace in her solitude.

Tristan JS38
 3/27/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
 United States 20m
 Short, Home Grown, LGBTQ NJ Premiere
 Director/Producer: Justin Messina
 Contact: jhmessina@gmail.com
 Synopsis: Counselor by day, vigilante by night, Tristan has dedicated his life to helping victims of human trafficking. But not everyone can be saved.

Trunk Show AL7
 3/26/2022 6:00pm-8:00pm
 United States 14m
 Short, Home Grown, Thriller, Horror NJ Premiere
 Director: Will Chase
 Producer: We'll See Productions
 Production Company: We'll See Productions
 Contact: wchase2@mac.com
 Synopsis: Three teens contemplate life and what to do with the body in the trunk of their car.

Tuddy AL5

3/26/2022 12:30pm-2:00pm
 United States 19m
 Web Series/New Media, Home Grown Comedy
 NJ Premiere
 Director: Daryn Davidson, Annie Fleisch, Bruno Barros, GianCarlo Fernandez, Dalton James, Brandon Leventhal
 Producer: David W. Schoner Jr., A.J. Swirz
 Production Company: Great Mustachio Filmwords, LLC
 Contact: DavidSchonerJr@gmail.com
 Synopsis: The misadventures of TUDDY, an Atlantic City code enforcement inspector for women's swimwear in 1921.

Turning Iron Into Art: The Boonton Story JS36
 3/27/2022 9:30am-11:30am
 United States 4m
 Student, NJ Hometown Documentary Short
 NJ Premiere
 Director: Dylan Visioli
 Production Company: Boonton High School
 Contact: dbone719@gmail.com
 Synopsis: The documentary explores Boonton, New Jersey's evolution as a town and the impacts of its arts community.

Twenty-Nine JS38
 3/27/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
 United States 1h20m
 Feature, Home Grown, Comedy
 Asbury Park Premiere
 Director/Producer: Rob Ciano
 Contact: rob@robciano.com
 Synopsis: Two 20-somethings, who have been coasting through life, meet and start to fall in love just as life threatens to take them in separate directions.

Twine TA14
 3/26/2022 8:30pm-10:45pm
 United States 30m
 Short, Thriller
 Director: Scott Bolger
 Producer: Scott Bolger
 Contact: scottjamesbolger@gmail.com
 Synopsis: A young couple explores a newly inherited home and finds hidden messages from the past weaved with dark impulses from the present, forcing them into a confrontation with the afterlife.

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Underdogs TA15
 3/27/2022 12:15pm-1:45pm
 United States 15m
 Short, Student University, LGBTQ
 Director/Producer: Alex Astrella
 Contact: alex.astrella@gmail.com
 Synopsis: At the California Men's Colony in Central California, a special connection forms between dogs and their inmate handlers, as the prisoners lovingly prepare the canines to become fully operational service animals.

United States of Fashion TA12



Designer Elie Tahari, The

3/26/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
United States 1h5m
Feature, Documentary, Fashion NJ Premiere
Director/Producer: David Serero
Production Company: David Serero Productions
Contact: davidsereroopera@gmail.com

Synopsis: Fashion designer Elie Tahari has been living the American Dream for more than 50 years. He came to New York with less than \$100 and went on to build a billion-dollar fashion empire. Of the thousands of fashion companies, only three have lasted more than 45 years and are still run by their founders: Giorgio Armani, Ralph Lauren and Elie Tahari. Elie Tahari is the definition of courage, determination, kindness and chutzpah!

Cast: Elie Tahari, Fern Mallis, Melissa Rivers, Nicole Miller, Teri Agins,

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Veterans on a Shelf

BC25

3/26/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
United States 3m
Music Video, Home Grown World Premiere
Director/Producer: Tom Phillips

Production Company: G Street Productions LLC
Contact: tomstreetproductions@gmail.com

Synopsis: The story of an effort to give forgotten American veterans a proper burial. Arranged by Vietnam Veterans NJ Shore Area Chapter 12.

Cast: Bill Jennings, Kyle Ward, the Monmouth County Sheriff's Department and various

veterans of New Jersey

Vow, The

BC26

3/26/2022 5:45pm-7:30pm
United States 19m
Short NJ Premiere

Director: Charles Sweeney

Producer: Charles Sweeney, Jessica Moore

Production Company: Blankwave Films

Contact: Blankwave@icloud.com

Synopsis: A young woman trapped in a cross-cultural contract marriage devises the ultimate plan of escape.

W

Wander

JS36

3/27/2022 9:30am-11:30am
United States 2m

Narrative, Student High School Short

Director: Marlayna O'Brien

Production Company: East Brunswick Tech - School of the Arts

Contact: Marlaynaobrien@gmail.com

Synopsis: A dancer expresses herself while finding her way through nature in this film about self-discovery.

Waterspirit Promo

BC24

3/26/2022 11:45am-2:00pm
United States 1m

Promo, Home Grown

NJ Premiere

Director: Abbey Koshak

Contact: water@waterspirit.org

Synopsis: Waterspirit is a nonprofit center for spiritual ecology sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace.

We're Gonna Come Back

TA11

3/26/2022 12:00pm-1:45pm
United States 5m

Music Video

Asbury Park Premiere

Director: Janine Molinari

Producer: Brittany Portman

Contact: bport2010@gmail.com

Synopsis: A music video celebrating hope.

Welcome To Forever

BC28

3/26/2022 10:00pm-11:15pm
United States 10m

Short, Thriller

Director: John Gray

Producer: Melissa Jo Peltier, PGA, John Gray

Contact: jtgray118@gmail.com

Synopsis: The brilliant designer of smart houses leaves a posthumous surprise for his widow.

Where's My Celery?

JS36

3/27/2022 9:30am-11:30am
United States 4m

Comedy, Student High School Short

Director: Joey Malec

Production Company: Washington Twp. High School

Contact: joeymalec@gmail.com

Synopsis: Joey forgot it was his guinea pig's birthday and that he wanted celery for his

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WILD in the Garden State

3/26/2022 11:45am-2:00pm
United States 30m

BC24

Short, Documentary, Home Grown
World Premiere
Director/Producer: Sarah Galloway
Production Company: SarahGalloway.com
Contact: sarahirisgalloway@gmail.com
Synopsis: What happens when a typical suburban lawn is replaced with native plants? This film documents gardening missteps, lessons and experiences that go far beyond.

Winter of '79

3/26/22 2:30pm-4:30pm
Country 21m

TA12

Short, Student University NJ Premiere
Director: Julia Elihu
Producers: Leslie Susman, Julia Elihu
Production Company: OLIV Productions
Contact: elihu.julia@gmail.com
Synopsis. At the onset of the 1979 Iranian Revolution, a Persian-Jewish mother is forced to question her faith to her country.
Cast: Shary Nassimi, Nina Nayebi

Wood Vibrations

3/26/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
United States 8m

JS33

Short, Documentary Home Grown
World Premiere
Director: Gavin Shwahla
Producer: Gavin Shwahla, Brian Sienkiewicz
Production Company: Gavin Wild Visuals
Contact: gavin@gavinwild.com
Synopsis: Every piece of driftwood has its own story and journey. The Driftwood Buddha (Brian Sienkiewicz) and his trusted companion (Gypsy The Dog) breathe new life into what others may see as just lost debris.
Cast: Brian Sienkiewicz

Writing Box, The

3/26/2022 5:45pm-7:30pm
United Kingdom 29m

BC26

Short, Student University USA Premiere
Director: Tijana Mamula
Producer: Tijana Mamula, Monica Ioana Lungeanu, Natalie Di Giorgio
Contact: tijanamamula@hotmail.com
Synopsis: A boarding school bully schemes and dreams her way from the gloom of England to the promises of colonial India. She begins to act out against her reality with increasing hostility.

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Yellow Panther: The Life of Richard Aoki, The

3/27/2022 12:00pm-2:15pm
United States 24m

BK22

Short, Student University
Premiere Status:
Director/Producer: Orion Huang
Contact: orionhuang5000@gmail.com
Synopsis: Richard Aoki, the yellow panther, an Asian American civil rights activist who became a field marshal in the Black Panther Party and an informant for the FBI.

You're Now Beyond Hope, Arizona

3/26/2022 8:30pm-10:30pm
United States 22m

JS35

Short, Student University, Thriller NJ Premiere
Director: Nick Dugan
Producer: Ethan Lazar, Wade Cicierski
Contact: ndugan@chapman.edu
Synopsis: A viciously traumatized alcoholic is ordered to kill an AA sponsor whose gambling debts are worse than his own, he must learn self-forgiveness or succumb to moral decay. ■

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