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FRIDAY, APRIL 20 AT 4:00PM

Pehelwani
Director: Joao Canziani
Documentary

The fascinating story of a group of young men that practice the ancient art of 'pehelwan,' or mud wrestling, at the Bhuteshwar Akhara in the town of Mathura, India.

10 min | India | 2017



Hopper: In His Words
Director: Cass Warner [in person]
Cast: Dennis Hopper

A feature-length documentary about Dennis Hopper, one of Hollywood's most iconic actors, features no talking heads or pundits, but only the legendary "wild man" talking candidly about his long, yet erratic film career.

55 min | USA | 2017



FRIDAY, APRIL 20 AT 5:45PM

Eden
Director: Julie Catty
Animation

Adam and Eve are bored to death in the Garden of Eden. One night, they run off in God's cabriolet. Early in the morning, God notices their absence. Furious, he summons Dinosaur, his henchman, and sends him to get the fugitives. Adam and Eve eventually reach the city, ready to live big! But Dinosaur is after them...

5 min | France | 2017



My Uncle Archimedes 90 min | Greece/Czech Republic | 2018
Director: George Agathonikiadis
Cast: Ondřej Vetchý, Miroslav Donutl

A comedy about a Greek migrant who came to Czechoslovakia in the late 1940s to flee his country's civil war and found a new home here. The story is told through the eyes of the now adult Aris, Archimedes' nephew, who recalls how the escape from Greece changed his uncle's life.

90 min | Greece/Czech Republic | 2018



FRIDAY, APRIL 20 AT 7:45PM

Barefoot 111 min | Czech Republic/Slovak/Denmark | 2017
Director: Jan Sverák
Cast: Tereza Voříšková, Ondřej Vetchý, Oldřich Kaiser, Jan Tříska, Petra Špalková

This nostalgic coming-of-age story set during the waning years of WWII follows eight-year-old Eda who relocates with his family from Prague to the small village of Slavonice. A heartwarming new film from the father/son team behind the Oscar-winning Kolya.

111 min | Czech Republic/Slovak/Denmark | 2017



FRIDAY, APRIL 20 AT 10:00PM

Volta 105 min | Poland | 2017
Director: Juliusz Machulski
Cast: Aleksandra Domanska, Olga Boladz, Andrzej Zieliński, Jacek Braciak, Michal Zurawski

Aga is a pretty and smart girl who is going through a crisis in her relationship with Bruno, an extremely brilliant but cynical lawyer, who treats her as if she was his property. Aga's accidental meeting with her peer Viki will result in twists and changes in all their lives.

105 min | Poland | 2017



SATURDAY, APRIL 21 AT 12:00PM

All of Us 21 min | Germany/Kenya | 2017
Director: Katja Benrath
Cast: Adelyne Wairimu, Abdiwali Farrah, Barkhad Abdurahman, Charles Karumi, Faysal Ahmed

For almost a decade Kenya has been targeted by terrorist attacks of the Al-Shabaab. An atmosphere of anxiety and mistrust between Muslims and Christians is growing. Until in December 2015, Muslim bus passengers showed that solidarity can prevail.

21 min | Germany/Kenya | 2017



A Sniper's War 88 min | USA/Russia/Ukraine | 2017

Director: Olga Schechter
Documentary

The story of a sniper, whose anti-US views led him to join the pro-Russian rebels in the ongoing Ukrainian conflict—a primary source of tension between the United States and Russia. When social media becomes a communication platform to schedule sniper duels, Deki finds his life in jeopardy.



SATURDAY, APRIL 21 AT 2:00PM

Tess
Director: Ji Hyun Kim
Cast: Elizabeth Paige, Michael Ford

Tess is a young woman who only lives to please Daniel. One day, sudden tragic news shakes Daniel which affects their relationship forever.

12 min | Korea | 2017



Inside the Russian Info War Machine 90 min | France | 2018

Director: Paul Moreira
Documentary

Acclaimed journalist Paul Moreira investigates how Russia manipulates public opinion, undermines democratic governments, and attempts to alter world events. The Russians know that public perception of their country has reached a new low. Russophobia is massive. Their message is tainted with illegitimacy.



SATURDAY, APRIL 21 AT 3:45PM

A TRIBUTE TO PIER PAOLO PASOLINI

Sara Bellissimo
Director: Elisabetta Bernardini
Cast: Isabella Celani, Nico Morgia, Marina Morgia

A sudden pain. A mother and her two children. A "beautiful" day at the lake.

9 min | Italy | 2017



The Isle of Medea 85 min | Italy | 2017

Director: Sergio Naitza
Documentary

The most controversial and provocative writer of his age and the most acclaimed soprano in the world: Pier Paolo Pasolini and Maria Callas. They met during the filming of Medea, shot in 1969. Nearly 50 years later, the story of an impossible love is unveiled through the memories and anecdotes of the crew and their friends.



SATURDAY, APRIL 21 AT 5:30PM

Miss Hong
Director: Jong Ki Jeon
Animation

In a sanatorium, a grandma who is trapped in her own past suffering from Alzheimer loses her toshoes that holds the dearest memory of childhood with her family.

7 min | South Korea | 2017



Elvis Walks Home 94 min | Albania/Netherlands/UK | 2017

Director: Fatmir Koçi [in person]
Cast: Dritan Kastrati, Amos Muji Zaharia, Erand Hoxha, Ekan Gjiraj

Mickey, an illegal Albanian who used to live in London, is a part-time Elvis Presley impersonator. He gets a job entertaining British peacekeeping troops in the 1999 Balkans wars. When backstage problems ensue, Mickey flees—straight into the war zone camp.



SATURDAY, APRIL 21 AT 8:00PM

Zona
Director: Toofan Nahan Ghodrati
Cast: Payaam Ahmadi Nia, MehrdadBakhshi, Farhad Rahmanzadeh, Fahimeh Moemni, Pegah Abdi, Aida Moradi

A man is called to the court by a woman who claims pregnancy after being with him. To prove her claim the DNA test is taken and the result reveals other secrets in man's life.



Azar
Director: Mohammad Hamzei
Cast: Niki Karimi, Hamidreza Azarang, Farid Sjadi Hoseini, Shirin Aghakashi

First seen racing on a dusty motocross track, Azar isn't exactly the conventional ideal wife, at least not in Iran. She's confident, capable, and deeply committed to the fledgling pizzeria she runs with her husband, Amir, but she's a little too progressive for some tastes.



SATURDAY, APRIL 21 AT 10:00PM

500 Rupees
Director: Shashwat Gandhi
Cast: Kashish Bharti, Pradeep Bajpai, Mithese Mahadevan, Rahul Yadav

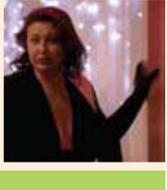
Sarita, a teenage girl who lives in a chawl of 1990s Bombay works as part-time prostitute. One day, 3 men try to make advances on her, but the situation gets diffused with her charm.



The Pink House 75 min | Australia | 2017

Director: Sascha Ettinger Epstein
Cast: Madam Carmel Galvin, Simone Kearsley, Madam Mary-Anne Kenworthy

The story of Kalgoorlie's last original gold-rush brothel, told through the eyes of the whimsical Madam Carmel, and its longest-serving lady of the night, B.J.



SUNDAY, APRIL 22 AT 12:00PM

A Drowning Man 15 min | Denmark/UK/Greece | 2017
Director: Mahdi Fleifel
Cast: Thymios Koukios, Jalal Qaniry, Atef Alshafei, Rebih El-Saleous, Irene Aggelopoulou, Mounir Alkhatieb

A story that captures some small part of the day to day lives of refugees living on the fringes of Europe.



The Silicon Valley Revolution 90 min | Germany/USA | 2017

Director: Jan Tenhaven
Documentary
This documentary tells the forgotten stories of some of the most influential personal computer pioneers in the San Francisco Bay Area who, unlike Bill Gates or Steve Jobs, never made the big bucks, but whose ideas and dreams built the foundations of the interconnected world we know today.



SUNDAY, APRIL 22 AT 1:45PM

Our New President 77 min | USA | 2018
Director: Maxim Pozdorovkin
Documentary

Ever since a fateful visit to a mummy's glass-encased tomb in 1997, Hillary Clinton has been plagued by fainting spells, drug use, and even allegations of sexual abuse and murder. Don't believe it? Just ask the reporters at Vesti and NTV, two of the most-watched state-run news shows in Russia.



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77 min | USA | 2018



SUNDAY, APRIL 22 AT 3:15PM

Anna Karenina: Vronsky's Story

Director: Karen Shakhnazarov
Cast: Elizaveta Boyarskaya, Kirill Grebenshchikov, Maksim Matveyev, Vitaly Kishchenko

1904. The Russian-Japanese War. Hospital chief Sergey Karenin learns that a wounded officer, Count Vronsky, is the person who ruined his mother, Anna Karenina, and was a partial cause of his father's death.

138 min | Russia | 2017



SUNDAY, APRIL 22 AT 6:00PM

Driven to Extinction

Directors: Harris Cohen [in person] & George Rosenfeld
Cast: Cynthia Jensen [in person]

This film highlights the work of Marin County, California artist Cynthia Jensen whose whimsical creations, made from recycled and found objects, tell the story of human action on the environment and its inhabitants.

4 min | USA | 2017



Mata Hari - The Naked Spy

Directors: Susan Wolf [in person] & Machiel Amorison
Cast: Florence Rapati, Thekla Reuten

100 years ago Mata Hari faced the firing squad as a convicted German spy. Newly-discovered documents cast doubt on her guilt and reveal startling truths about her life. She was a self-made woman whose boldness and sexuality threatened the male establishment.

78 min | USA | 2017



SUNDAY, APRIL 22 AT 8:00PM

Punchline

Director: Christophe M. Saber
Cast: Mehdi Djaadi, Alain Borek, Laurent Baier

Two wannabe gangsters can't decide on the coolest thing to say before shooting their captive.

9 min | Switzerland | 2017



Writing Home

Directors: N. Abboud, A. Lacerda, & M. Velasco
Cast: Tony Kelly, Caoimhe O'Malley, Geraldine McAlinden

Funded by a string of international bestsellers, Daniel Doran's luxurious London life consists of parties, book launches, red carpet events, women, and even bigger parties. When his estranged father falls ill, Daniel is forced to return home—rural Irish village of Darlingford.

90 min | Ireland | 2017



MONDAY, APRIL 23 AT 4:00PM

The Eternal Journey

Director: Sunil Pandey
Cast: Radha Lamsal

The Ananta Yatra (eternal journey) of an old woman who meets sudden demise in the 2015 Nepal Earthquake. Hindu mythology requires her to hold a calf while crossing the Baitadi river for her salvation. The film director's eulogy to his beloved grandmother.

15 min | Nepal | 2016



Sergeant Matacho

Director: William González
Cast: Damian Alcazar, Marlon Moreno, Fabiana Medina

The story of Rosalba Velasco, a woman trapped in the shoulder spiral of violence in Colombia during the second half of the 20th century. Matacho embodies both love and hatred, a desire for revenge and peace, life and death, warped in the heat of the fratricidal war that continues to shock the country.

94 min | Columbia | 2015



MONDAY, APRIL 23 AT 6:00PM

With My Own Two Hands

Director: Michaël Barocas
Cast: Jean-Charles Deval, Guillaume Monfraix, Jean Fornerod, Philippe Laudenbach, Christine Gautier, Anne Ribière, Hélène Bizot, Nicole Gueden

The life of a man through his hands and those around him.

4 min | France | 2017



Do You Sometimes Feel Burned Out & Empty?

Director: Lola Randl
Cast: Lina Beckmann, Charly Hübner, Benno Fürmann

It's all becoming too much for Luisa: job, marriage, affair. One day, she wakes up next to a second self which she calls Ann. Her alter ego keeps her husband, Richard, happy while she can meet with her lover, Leopold, Richard's boss.

94 min |



MONDAY, APRIL 23 AT 8:00PM

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Girl Code

Director: Casey Gates [in person]
Cast: Jessica Jacobs [in person], Kate Spare [in person]

When girls talk, here's what they say, and what they're REALLY saying. The story is about two ex-best friends running into each other at the gym. But what you'll get is a closer look at female friendships and how women communicate, for better or worse.

10 min | USA | 2017



Jail Bird

Director: Elizabeth Archer [in person]
Cast: Damian Sommerlad, Kenny Johnston, Dianna Renee, Sarah Sawyer

On the tenth anniversary of five-year-old Missy Duvall's disappearance—and would-be fifteenth birthday—small-town cop Charlie Henlen finally unravels the cold case, and discovers the unsettling truth behind the kidnapping.

13 min | USA | 2017



Paradise Cove

Directors: Charlotte Lobdell [in person] & Jack Flynn [in person]
Cast: Helena Claussen, Charlotte Lobdell, Bailey Parks, Robin Roth

While staying at a rundown motel, a young girl befriends a pink-haired teenager, who she thinks is a mermaid.

21 min | USA | 2017



Spark Plug Cowboys

Directors: S. Kramer Herzog [in person] & Leonard Marcel [in person]
Documentary

A deeper dive into American youth's car club culture of the 1950s. A collection of true stories weaved into one, featuring archived and present-day interviews with those who hands-on created the scene.

17 min | USA | 2017



Return of Harbor Porpoises to SF Bay

Director: Jim Sugar [in person]
Documentary

By the end of World War II, San Francisco Bay had become a dead body of water. Five years ago, Professor Jonathan Stern, a marine biologist at San Francisco State University, discovered that harbor porpoises were once again swimming under the Golden Gate Bridge and into SF Bay in large numbers.

9 min | USA | 2017



D for DOCS

Director: Joe Sikoryak [in person]
Cast: John Parsons, Marisa Darabi, JD Scalzo

Professor Marty is a documentary film teacher who thinks he has the worst class ever. Now he has to explain himself to the department chair who's come to watch his student's final projects. Will it be the last class of his career?

15 min | USA | 2017



Olivia

Director: Nicolas Collins [in person]
Cast: Delaney Ross, Nathan Krasner, Annie Ostergard

Olive is a twenty-something female living in West Oakland who's in the midst of preparing a new chapter in her life, welcoming her new roommates, Brad and Nina. When the couple arrives at her doorstep, conflict ensues as their relationship already appears to be on the rocks.

10 min | USA | 2017



TUESDAY, APRIL 24 AT 4:00PM

Bonbone

Director: Rakan Mayasi
Cast: Saleh Bakri, Rana Alamuddin

A Palestinian couple resorts to an unusual way to conceive as the husband is detained in an Israeli jail where visits are restricted.

15 min | Palestine/Lebanon | 2017



Pomegranate Orchard

Director: Igar Najaf
Cast: Ilah Hasanova, Semimi Farhad, Gurban Ismayilov, Hesen Aghayev

Gabil, who left without warning twelve years ago and was never once in contact, returns home—a humble family farmstead surrounded by an orchard of venerable pomegranate trees. His unexpected return disrupts the lazy progression of sultry summer days.

90 min | Azerbaijan | 2017



TUESDAY, APRIL 24 AT 6:00PM

Forever, Comandante

Director: Faisal Attrache
Cast: Ernesto Rodriguez Acosta, Andres Rodriguez Rodriguez

Ernesto, a 14-year-old barber, wants to get a tattoo despite his father's adamant objection to it. Living in the shadow of the revolutionary generation's unrelenting Cuban ideals, he must reconcile these values with the reality around him.

14 min | Cuba | 2016



The Long Summer of Theory

Director: Irene von Alberti
Cast: Julia Zange, Katja Weilandt, Martina Schöne-Radunski

Three women with artistic and creative professions are sharing a flat in an old building close to Berlin Central Station. The area is one of the city's last remaining gaps between buildings. They decide to end their flatshare as soon as the first trenches will be dug.

82 min | Germany | 2017



TUESDAY, APRIL 24 AT 8:00PM

Limit

Director: Javad Daraei
Cast: Davod Moeini Kiya, Karim Gholi Zade, Hakha Bazargan, Farhad Ghotbi

A disabled young man in a quiet neighborhood asks for help from people whom he is seeing, until someone suddenly enters his home. The film is a spiritual adaptation employing novel metaphors to challenge the cliché hardships for physically impaired people.

7 min | Iran | 2017



Conditional Release

Director: Hossein Shahabi [in person]
Cast: Amir Jafari, Shaqayeq Farahani, Leila Otadi, Amir Reza Delavari, Diba Zahedi, Ahmad Nikpour

Kamali, a middle-aged man who has been sentenced to 20 years in prison, has been granted a conditional release after 10 years of imprisonment. Avoidance of any sort of punishable act, strife and affray is the biggest challenge in front of him.

100 min | Iran | 2017



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25 AT 4:00PM

Interiors & Exteriors

Director: Ashique Mostafa
Experimental

A one-take observational piece about the microcosm of Islamic practices and class segregation in Bangladesh's capital city Dhaka. Multiplicity within a Muslim community and the passage of people through one single frame documents this society's interiors and exteriors.

8 min | Bangladesh | 2017



Pushkar Myths

Director: Kamal Swaroop
Documentary

Pushkar, a small town in the Federal State of Rajasthan in northwest India, is one of the holiest places of Hinduism. Once a year, however, during the full moon in the month of Kartik, the town and the nearby dunes turn into a sprawling fun fair with Ferris wheels and carousels, music, and colorful dance performances.

104 min | India | 2017



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25 AT 6:00PM

The Day My House Fell

Director: Thessa Meijer
Cast: Wim Willaert, Wim Opbrouck, Peter Van den Begin, Frieda Pittoors

When three adult brothers are left behind by their mother, they have to deal with themselves and each other while their home is falling apart. As the relationship between the brothers gets more distorted, the house starts leaning over faster as well...

45 min | Netherlands | 2017



Jamaica Man

Director: Michael Weatherly
Cast: Nigel Pemberton

A subjective documentary profile of British expat Nigel Pemberton. Directed by Michael Weatherly, this biographical picaresque is a highly stylized and unconventional portrait of a raconteur nearing the end of his life.

63 min | USA/Jamaica | 2017



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25 AT 8:00PM

BAY AREA SHOWCASE

Alexa and May

Director: Khai Nguyen [in person]
Cast: Le Chieu Giang, DeDe Cheng, Winn Cheng, John Cheng

May travels out to the San Francisco Bay Area to help out with her daughter's busy family, but her daytime solitude is disrupted when she makes a new acquaintance.

9 min | USA | 2017



Man's Best Friend

Directors: Natasha Blass [in person] & Alex Mallonee [in person]
Cast: Christophe Parker, Megan Putnam, Jon Paul Tillman

A dark comedy that examines our relationship to smartphones and how they both connect and isolate us from one another.

11 min | USA | 2017



Aloha

Director: Molly Barata [in person]
Cast: Jane Wiedlin [in person], Pietro Straccia [in person]

A fantastical stop frame animation video made by San Francisco-based fine artist Molly Barata. Molly painstakingly placed and moved thousands of fresh flowers, shooting still photos of each move.

4 min | USA | 2017



Hidden Life

Directors: Hannah Mattner [in person] & Kaitlyn Satter [in person]
Cast: Dale Pearson, Milton Love, Linda Krop, Brett Ryan, Emily Callahan

An exploration of the controversy behind the "Rigs to Reefs" program, which allows decommissioned oil platforms to stay in the marine environment to act as artificial reefs.

10 min | USA | 2017



Strayed

Director: Heather Edwards [in person]
Cast: Thresa Richardson, Danielle DellaPorta, Don Reynolds

A dark comedy set in the colorful 1980's where a young girl faces life or death decisions involving a stray cat, a narcissistic 'mother' and the pet cemetery of the rich and famous.

20 min | USA | 2017



Surviving International Boulevard

Director: Sian Taylor Gowan [in person]
Cast: Sarai Theolinda, Smith Mazariegos, Regina Evans

A documentary that reveals the complex reality of domestic child sex trafficking through the experiences of two local women from Oakland, California.

22 min | USA | 2017



THURSDAY, APRIL 26 AT 4:00PM

Manicure

Director: Arman Fayaz
Cast: Nima Hasandokht, Mazaher Ramezanpoor, Bahman Sadeghassani, Hamideh Barati

The young woman who committed suicide was being carried for burial to the holy tomb of the village, but the fanatical villagers discover she was wearing manicure on her fingers refusing to bury her.

14 min | Iran | 2017



Happy Birthday

Director: Christos Georgiou
Cast: Nefeli Kouri, Dimitris Imellos

When George runs out of the police riot bus and sees his daughter among the demonstrators facing him, he and his wife decide that father and daughter should go to their country home for a few days, to keep her safe and see if they can salvage their relationship.

88 min | Cyprus | 2017



THURSDAY, APRIL 26 AT 6:00PM

Burning

Director: Slimane Bounia
Cast: Sabrina Ouazani, Salim Kechiouche, Rachid Hadid

Three modern Algerians, a suicidal fisherman, a village girl with a secret plan and a cocky cab driver, are brought together by an enormous frozen fish.

18 min | France | 2016



The Beatles, Hippies, and Hells Angels

Director: Ben Lewis
Cast: The Beatles, Peter Coyote

Advised by their accountant to form a new company to protect their assets, The Beatles created Apple Corps in 1968 and began investing in all manner of businesses to spread their countercultural ethos, from a fashion boutique and hairdressing salon to a film production company and a dubious tech startup.

90 min | UK | 2017



THURSDAY, APRIL 26 AT 8:00PM

Zip

Director: Jeremy Braunsberg
Cast: Felicitas Franz, Markus Freistätter, Fritz Triendl, Anatol Kaebisch

Veronika is a young, beautifully dressed girl and is hurrying to an appointment with a shop owner. She is nervous about it. Why?

7 min | Austria | 2018



August in Berlin

Director: Becky Smith [in person]
Cast: Maximilian von Pufendorf, Mariah Katharina Friedrich

A character-driven drama that dives deep into the hearts of two strangers who learn about each other in an intense few hours, through talking about work, life, the difficult past and the unknown future.

78 min | USA | 2017



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