

THE 10TH ANNUAL

REEL EAST TEXAS FILM FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 11–14, 2026

KILGORE, TEXAS

THE FILMS · THE FILMMAKERS · THE STORIES

TEN YEARS OF GETTING REEL

WELCOME TO KILGORE

Four days of independent film, bold ideas, new voices, and conversations that continue long after the credits roll. Explore each screening block, discover the filmmakers' stories, and find your next favorite film.

THE FESTIVAL AT A GLANCE

WED · NOV 11	5 PM · Opening Cocktail Party · REEL Lounge 7 PM · Opening Night Screening · Texan Theater 9:30 PM · Opening Night Party · REEL Lounge
THU · NOV 12	5 PM · Annual Derrick Lighting · Downtown Kilgore 7 PM onward · Screening Blocks 2·5
FRI · NOV 13	5 PM · Make Your Film in Kilgore and East Texas · Texan Theater 7 PM onward · Screening Blocks 6·10
SAT · NOV 14	10 AM · Networking Brunch · Texan Theater 12 PM onward · Screenings and Live Screenplay Readings 8 PM · Awards Ceremony · Texan Theater 9:30 PM · Closing Night Party · REEL Lounge

SCREENING GUIDE

19 BLOCKS. COUNTLESS STORIES.

01	Opening Night	Wed Nov 11 · 7:00 PM
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19	Sci-Fi Saturday	Sat Nov 14 · 5:45 PM

BLOCK 01

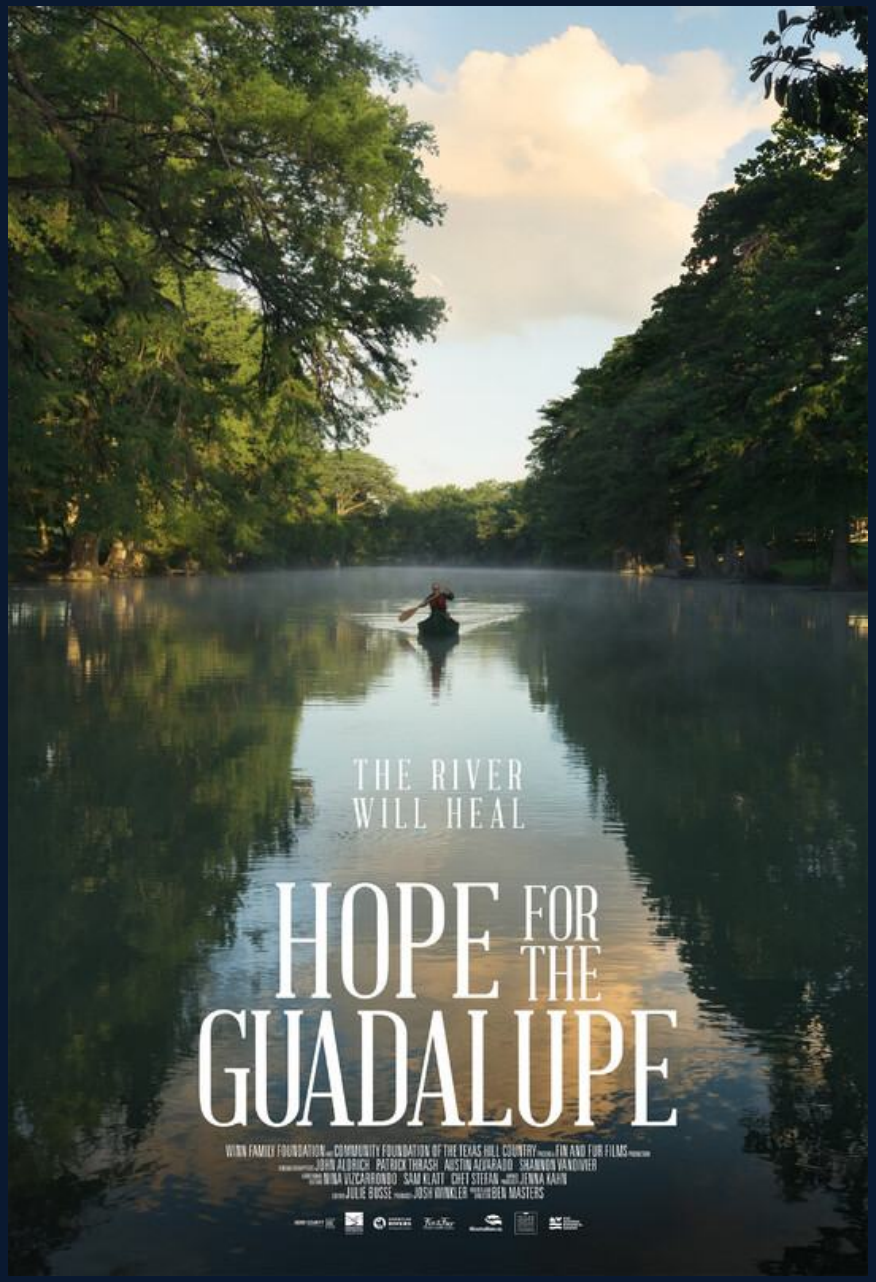
OPENING NIGHT

WED · NOV 11 · 7:00 PM

Texan Theater

6 selections

Hope for the Guadalupe	26 min
Coyote	12 min
What a Wonderful World	4 min
Penitence	11 min
The Fountain	21 min
Farm	15 min



BLOCK 01 / OPENING NIGHT

Hope for the Guadalupe

Wed · Nov 11 · 7:00 PM

Texan Theater

26 minutes

On July 4th, 2025, catastrophic flash flooding devastated the Texas Hill Country, bringing unimaginable tragedy to families and communities along one of the state's most treasured rivers. Hope for the Guadalupe bears witness to the heartbreaking disaster and showcases a coalition of Texans launching an ambitious effort to restore the river and help heal their communities.



BLOCK 01 / OPENING NIGHT

Coyote

Wed · Nov 11 · 7:00 PM

Texan Theater

12 minutes

Three women make a desperate attempt find the medical care that's being denied to them. With unknown enemies in close pursuit, they have to decide if they can trust the one person who promises them deliverance.

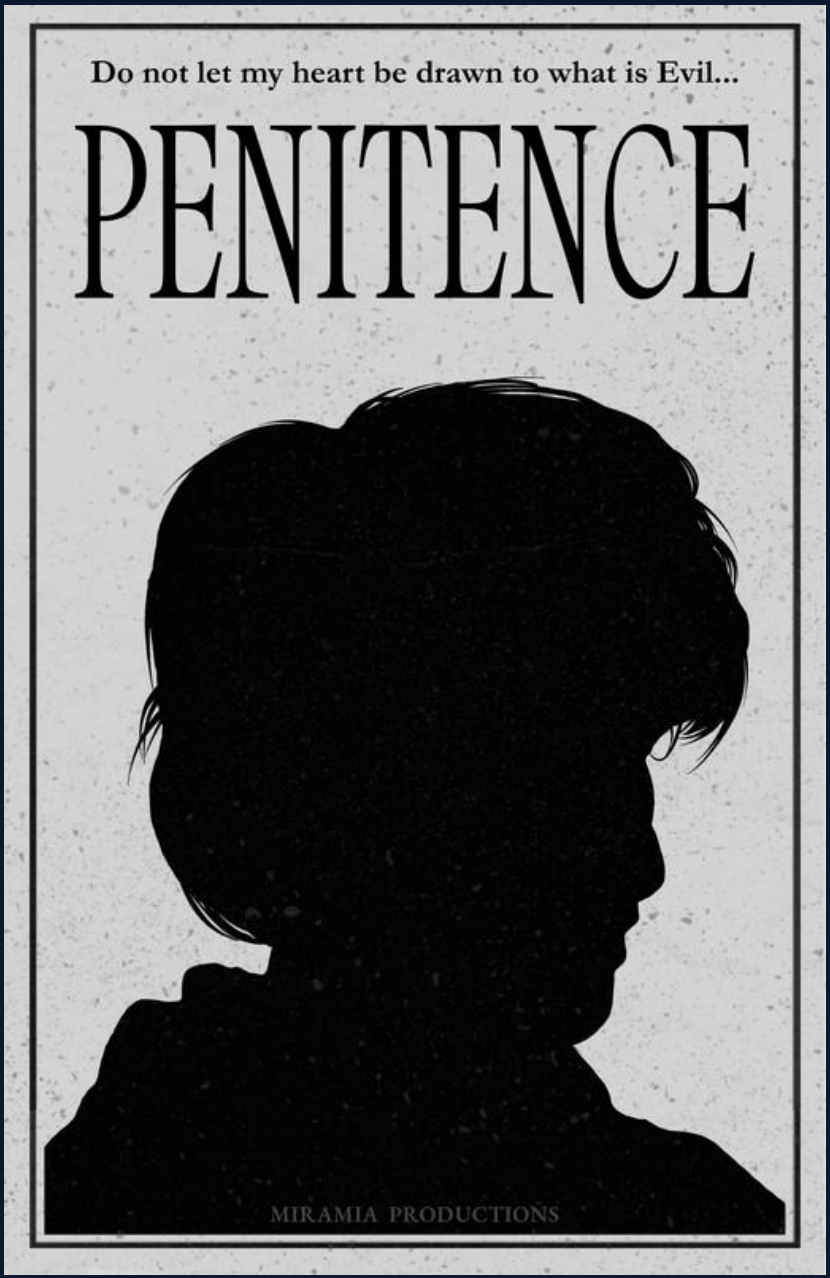


What a Wonderful World

Wed · Nov 11 · 7:00 PM

Texan Theater

4 minutes



BLOCK 01 / OPENING NIGHT

Penitence

Wed · Nov 11 · 7:00 PM

Texan Theater

11 minutes

A young man finds himself drawn to the criminal underworld, but when does it get to be too much?



BLOCK 01 / OPENING NIGHT

The Fountain

Wed · Nov 11 · 7:00 PM

Texan Theater

21 minutes

After the death of her parents, eleven-year-old Mila moves to the countryside to live with her grandparents. Traumatised by loss, she stops speaking and withdraws from the world. With gentle patience and long walks in nature, her grandfather tries to awaken the spark of childhood and a sense of everyday life. During one of their walks, Mila discovers an ancient fountain hidden in the forest that mysteriously responds to every object she throws into it. When the fountain begins returning what was lost, Mila starts to believe it holds a power beyond understanding. Her discovery becomes a journey of healing and belief.



BLOCK 01 / OPENING NIGHT

Farm

Wed · Nov 11 · 7:00 PM

Texan Theater

15 minutes

Against the backdrop of rural Aotearoa, New Zealand; Jeanie is about to move from the home she’s known most of her adult life. As she comes to terms with this change, she begins to believe a cow on her farm is the reincarnation of her dead husband.

BLOCK 02

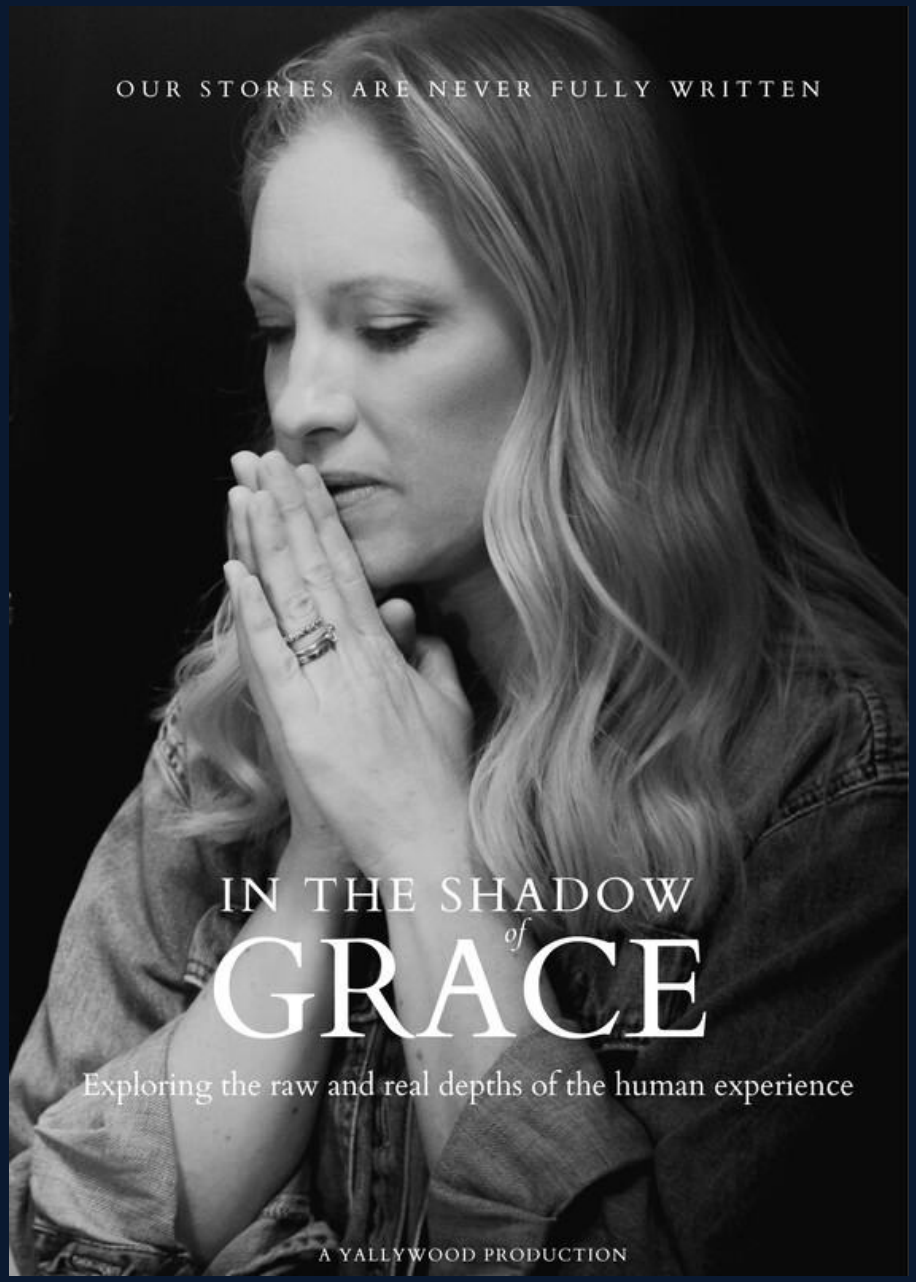
STORIES OF RESILIENCE

THU · NOV 12 · 7:00 PM

Texan Theater

3 selections

In the Shadow of Grace	11 min
Desperate Things	17 min
We Name Ourselves	76 min



BLOCK 02 / STORIES OF RESILIENCE

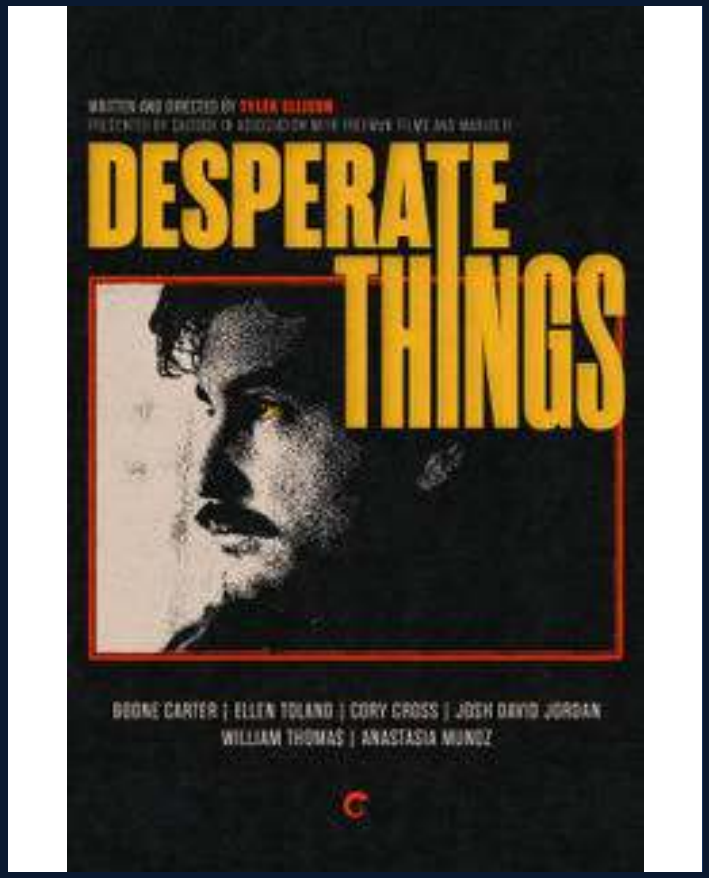
In the Shadow of Grace

Thu · Nov 12 · 7:00 PM

Texan Theater

11 minutes

Our stories are never fully written, and within these pages are stories of healing. In exploring the raw and real depths of the human experience, we uncover a chapter of the heart where redemption and healing meet. In the Shadow of Grace follows three individuals who share honest testimonies of mental health struggles, addiction, and family trauma. Their journeys reveal how faith carries them from brokenness into restoration, and a closing message from a local pastor reminds us that hope and renewal remain possible even in our darkest seasons.



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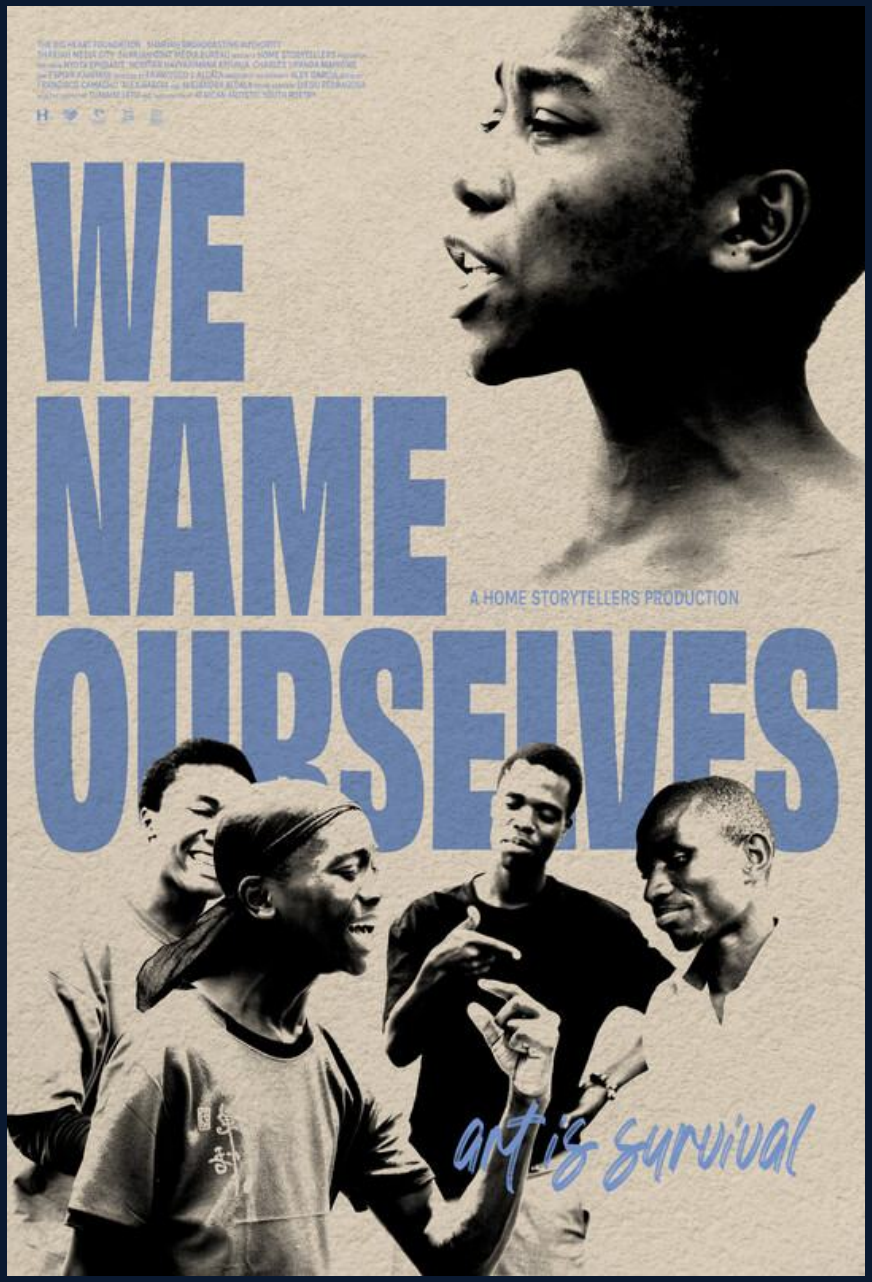
Desperate Things

Thu · Nov 12 · 7:00 PM

Texan Theater

17 minutes

Haunted by the childhood trauma that shaped him, a small-town police officer kidnaps his lover’s abusive partner and leads him into the woods to settle an ancient debt—where an unexpected act of grace forces him to choose between vengeance and redemption.



BLOCK 02 / STORIES OF RESILIENCE

We Name Ourselves

Thu · Nov 12 · 7:00 PM

Texan Theater

76 minutes

Dzaleka Refugee Camp, is under-resourced and over-populated. Once Malawi's high-security prison, it now shelters over 53,000 displaced people from war-torn countries like the DRC, Burundi & Rwanda.

BLOCK 03

DARK WATERS

THU · NOV 12 · 7:15 PM

Broadcast

2 selections

Do Evil Thoughts Make an Evil Man?	13 min
Wrath of the Gods	97 min



BLOCK 03 / DARK WATERS

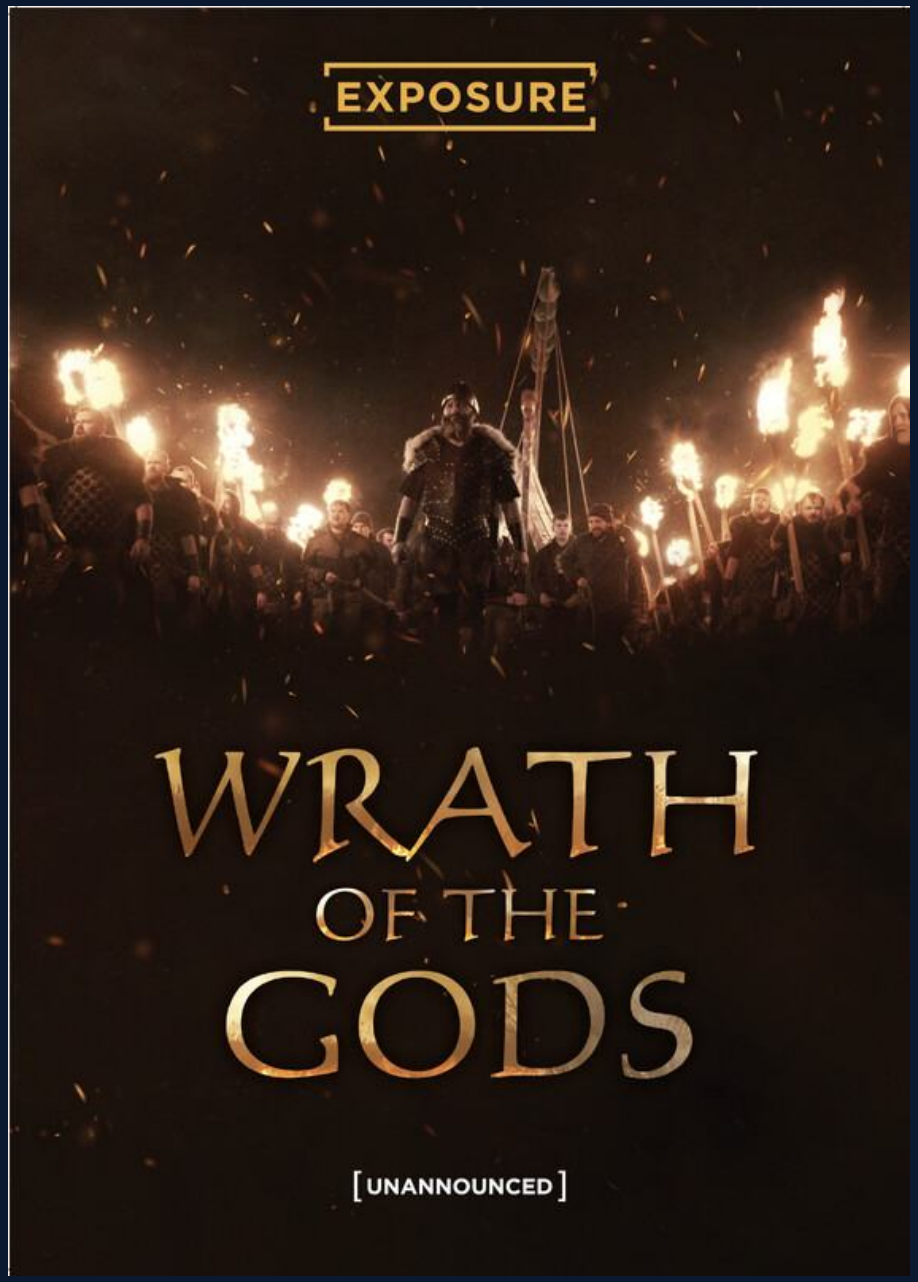
Do Evil Thoughts Make an Evil Man?

Thu · Nov 12 · 7:15 PM

Broadcast

13 minutes

A man on his deathbed makes a horrible confession.



BLOCK 03 / DARK WATERS

Wrath of the Gods

Thu · Nov 12 · 7:15 PM

Broadcast

97 minutes

Young, grieving widow Anna returns to Hel Island to bury her late husband after his suicide. She is cast out by the eccentric locals for being a symbol of bad luck and evil. When children start going missing the island is forced to reckon with its dark history of familial abuse and the terrifying beast-like forces of the sea.

BLOCK 04

LIVES IN RETROSPECT

THU · NOV 12 · 8:30 PM

4 Star Cinema

2 selections

Drive-In Theater	4 min
American Yodel	52 min

Drive-In Theater

Thu · Nov 12 · 8:30 PM

4 Star Cinema

4 minutes



In "Drive-In Movie" (04.23 min) award-winning acclaimed poet Tom Sleigh lyrically recalls his childhood spent growing up at a Texas drive-in theatre his parents owned and the complexities of his often fraught relationship with his mother. This experimental non-fiction short matches his lyrical voice with found footage, props, dreamy original video and animation. Drive-In is drawn from his book on his mother's life and death "Rosie: A Memoir of Farewell". In this excerpt her lays bare his complex relationship with Rosie, who "loved literature more than motherhood". It is told through the metaphor of the flickering Drive-In films, images that merge in his mind with her often overwhelming presence. This film is a moving evocation of his grief, love and the deep and raw ties that bind him to her as a writer.



BLOCK 04 / LIVES IN RETROSPECT

American Yodel

Thu · Nov 12 · 8:30 PM

4 Star Cinema

52 minutes

A funny and moving documentary road trip following the descendants of Anabaptists who fled Europe, particularly Switzerland, for America. Traveling through the Midwest and Pennsylvania, a filmmaker, journalist and their 83-year-old guide Jacques explore Swiss heritage and the Mennonite and Amish communities. As their journey unfolds, Jacques reveals a personal loss that gives the expedition a deeper purpose.

BLOCK 05

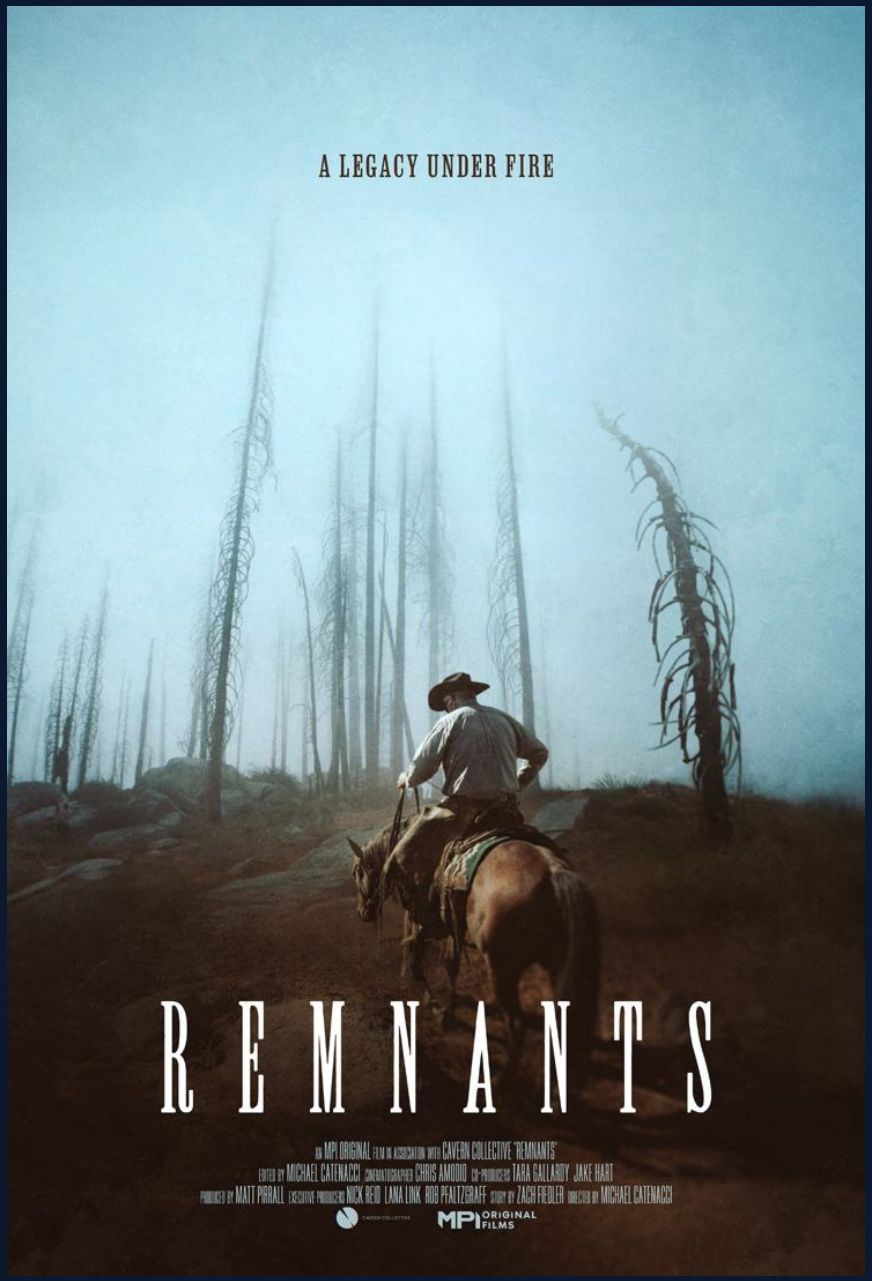
WHAT REMAINS

THU · NOV 12 · 8:45 PM

4 Star Cinema

5 selections

Remnants	23 min
The Writer	27 min
Wonderful World with Clint Townsend	13 min
Guygu	7 min
Insensible Losses	8 min



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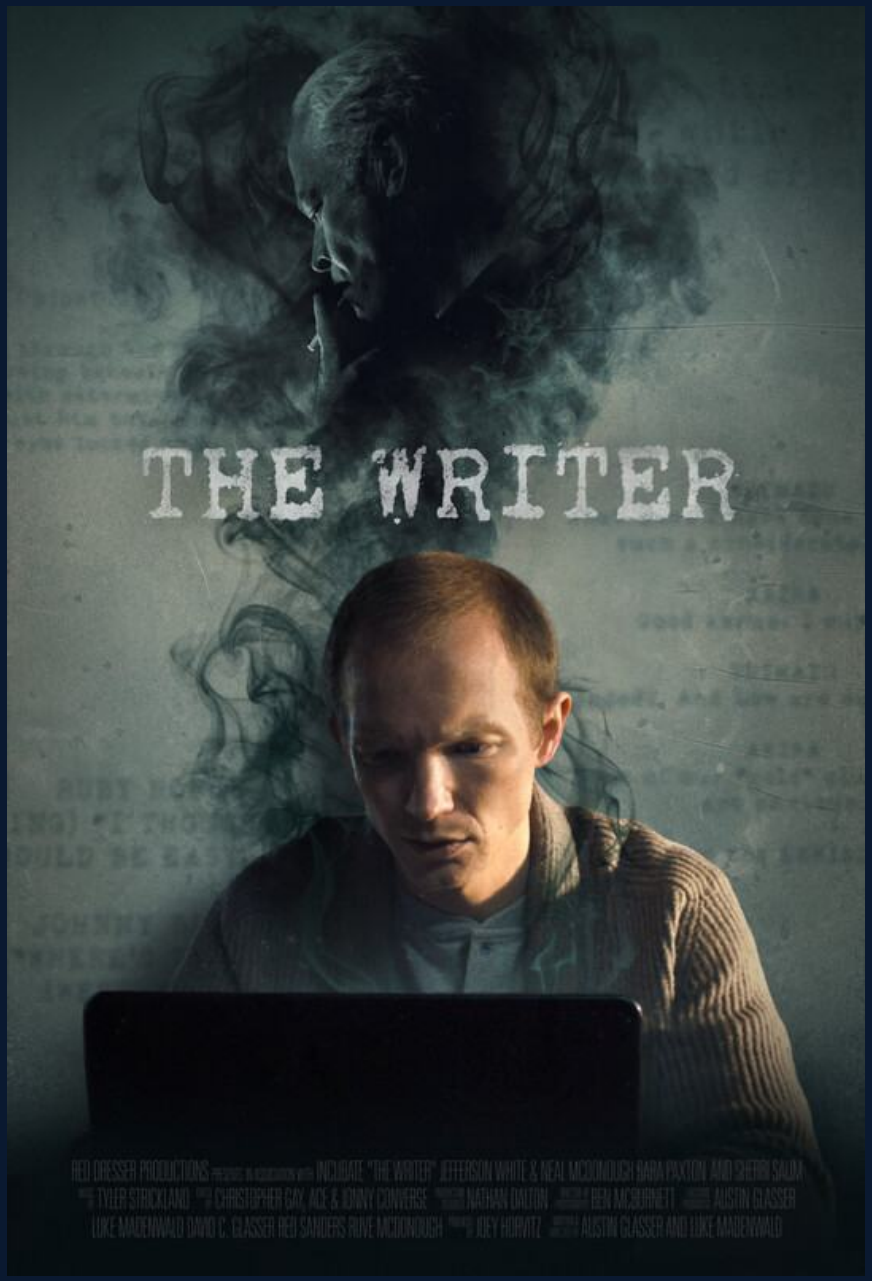
Remnants

Thu · Nov 12 · 8:45 PM

4 Star Cinema

23 minutes

When a devastating wildfire ravages their land, a sixth-generation ranching family grapples with the legacy of the American cowboy in the face of government policies that threaten their livelihood and a changing culture that brands their lifestyle a thing of the past.



BLOCK 05 / WHAT REMAINS

The Writer

Thu · Nov 12 · 8:45 PM

4 Star Cinema

27 minutes

Self isolated, a writer navigates the pressure of the film industry, family, and the looming presence of his father, only to lose himself to his ambitions.



BLOCK 05 / WHAT REMAINS

Wonderful World with Clint Townsend

Thu · Nov 12 · 8:45 PM

4 Star Cinema

13 minutes

Wonderful World follows Clint — a man whose body is being taken from him by one of the most unforgiving diseases known — and yet whose spirit refuses to follow. From the shock of diagnosis to the daily reality of living with ALS, Clint's story is carried by the people around him: family and friends who show up, again and again, in ways that matter.

The film builds to something remarkable — a recording session where Clint, removed from his ventilator, joins his loved ones and the cast of the national touring production of The Great Gatsby to sing What a Wonderful World. It is, against all odds, exactly that.

Guygu

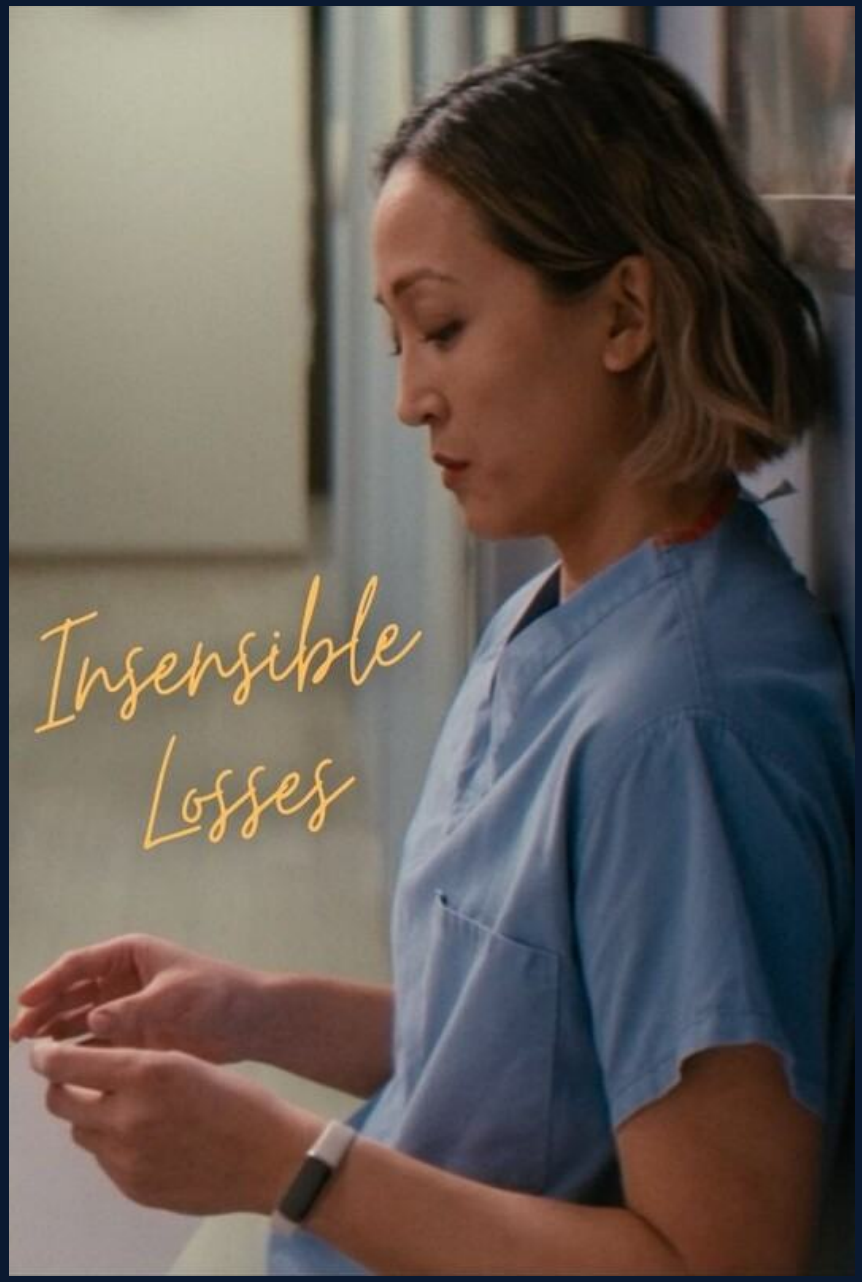
Thu · Nov 12 · 8:45 PM

4 Star Cinema

7 minutes



A short animated documentary about Guy Gilboa Dalal, who was kidnapped from the Nova party and was held hostage by Hamas for over two years.



BLOCK 05 / WHAT REMAINS

Insensible Losses

Thu · Nov 12 · 8:45 PM

4 Star Cinema

8 minutes

A doctor puts aside concerns about her own pregnancy as she works to care for a miscarrying patient.

BLOCK 06

THE TEXAS TAPESTRY

FRI · NOV 13 · 7:00 PM

Texan Theater

4 selections

The Best Little Tiny Park in Texas	8 min
Kerrville, Texas	20 min
James Magee and the Hill	14 min
The Rocin Texas Chronicles	78 min

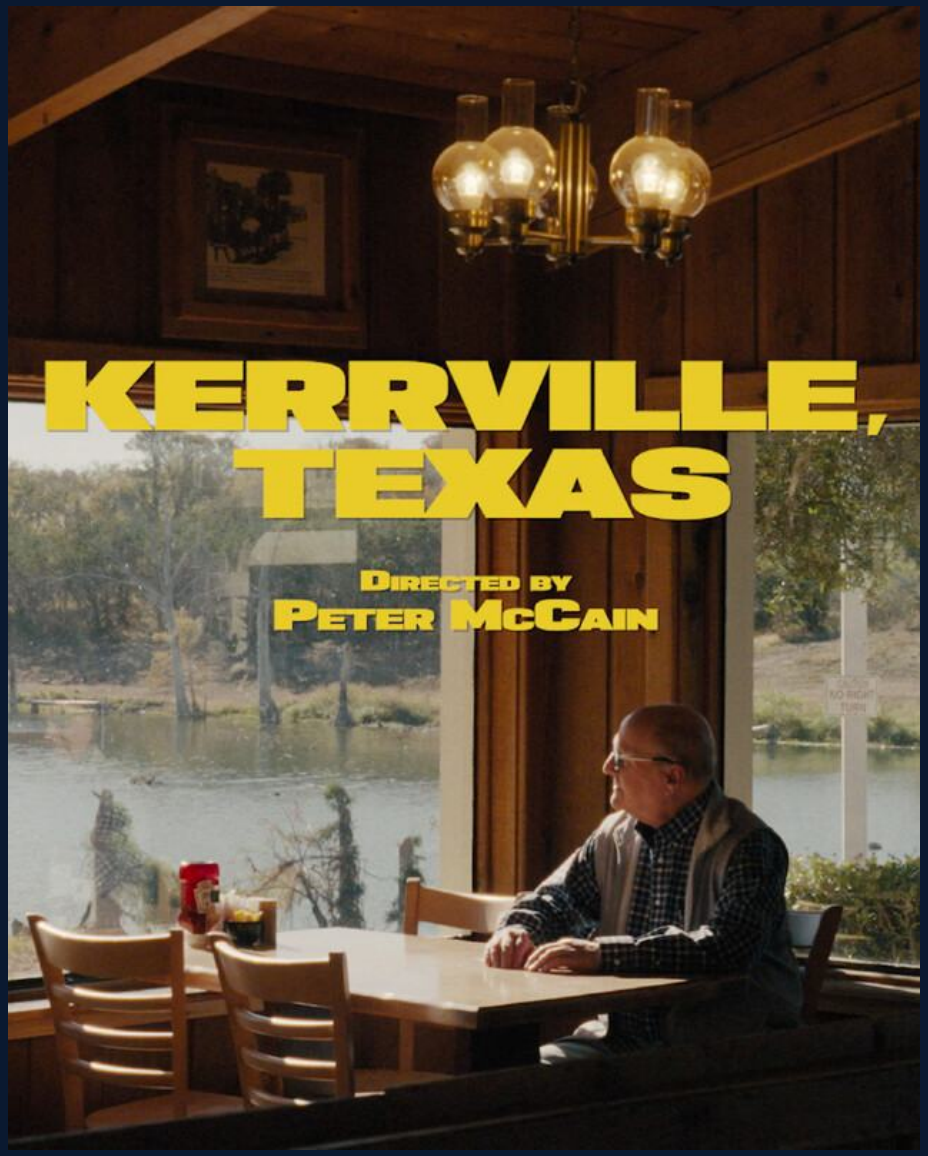


The Best Little Tiny Park in Texas

Fri · Nov 13 · 7:00 PM

Texan Theater

8 minutes



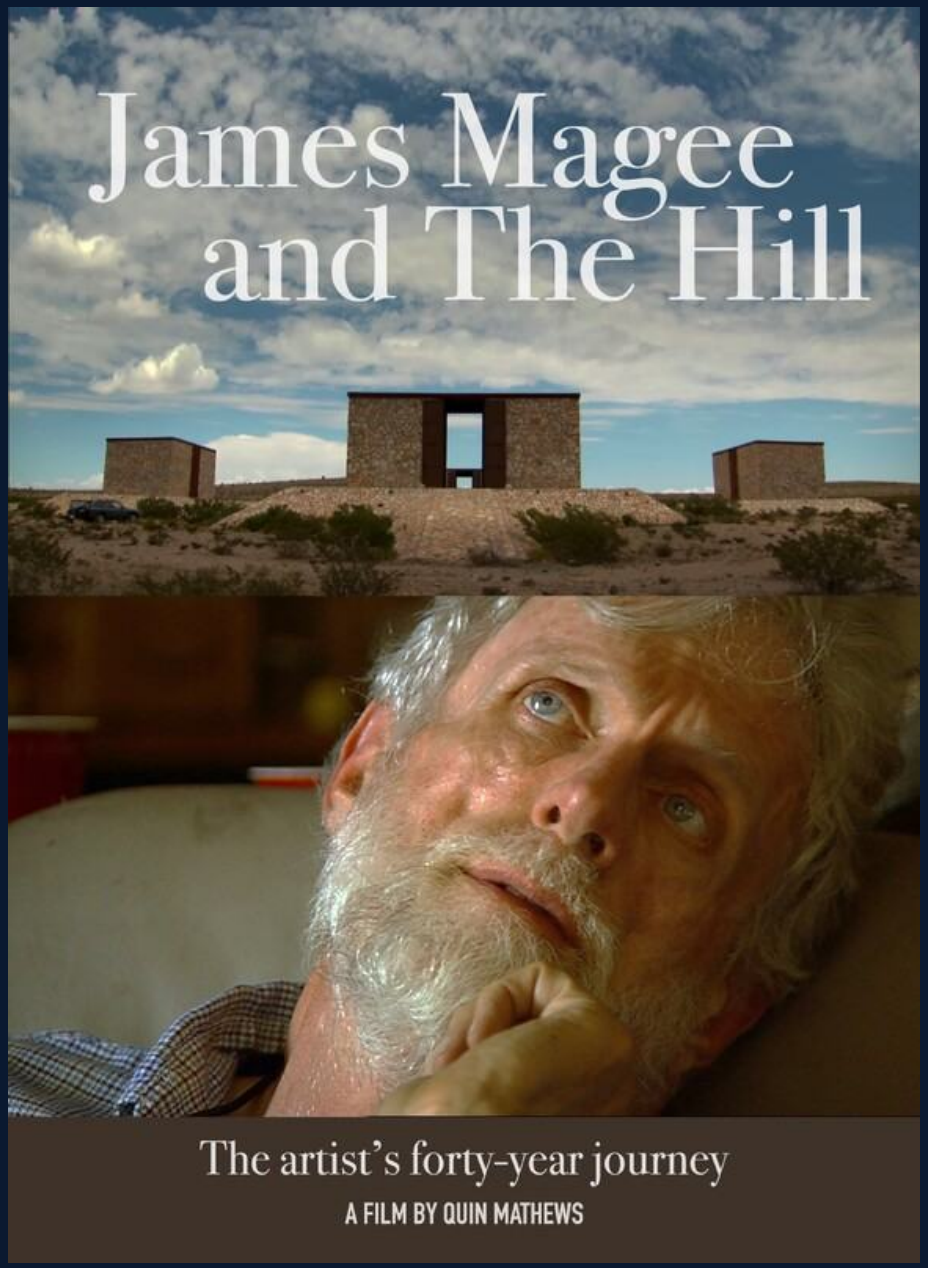
Kerrville, Texas

Fri · Nov 13 · 7:00 PM

Texan Theater

20 minutes

The small town of Kerrville, Texas rebuilds after a flash flood on July 4th, 2025 claimed the lives of 119 people, including 27 girls at a sleepaway camp. Throughout this film, the theme of restoration recurs in unexpected ways as volunteers remove flood debris and plant new saplings along riverbeds, a paleontologist works to protect ancient dinosaur footprints, a taxidermist sands antelope antlers, a cowboy art museum installs paintings by local artists, and a church choir revisits an old hymn.



BLOCK 06 / THE TEXAS TAPESTRY

James Magee and the Hill

Fri · Nov 13 · 7:00 PM

Texan Theater

14 minutes

Artist James Magee spent over forty years building installation in the West Texas desert, El Paso. Often working alone or with one assistant, Magee constructed four stone buildings, in the shape of an equidistant cross, containing his large steel-and-glass sculptures.

The Rocin Texas Chronicles

Fri · Nov 13 · 7:00 PM

Texan Theater

78 minutes



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It is the summer of 1972 in the small town of Rocin, Texas. The head football coach has hired a new offensive coordinator, Emil "Muley" Sanchez, fresh out of college and eager to prove himself on the gridiron.

But first he has to mature a bit as a man, and work on his pride in the hands of the lovely Anne, and the antics of his follow coaches watching him from the "Bull Pen", as they deal with life in the small town, and the characters they share it with.

BLOCK 07

DIGNITY

FRI · NOV 13 · 7:15 PM

Broadcast

2 selections

Garbage Days	13 min
Poverty Trap	90 min



BLOCK 07 / DIGNITY

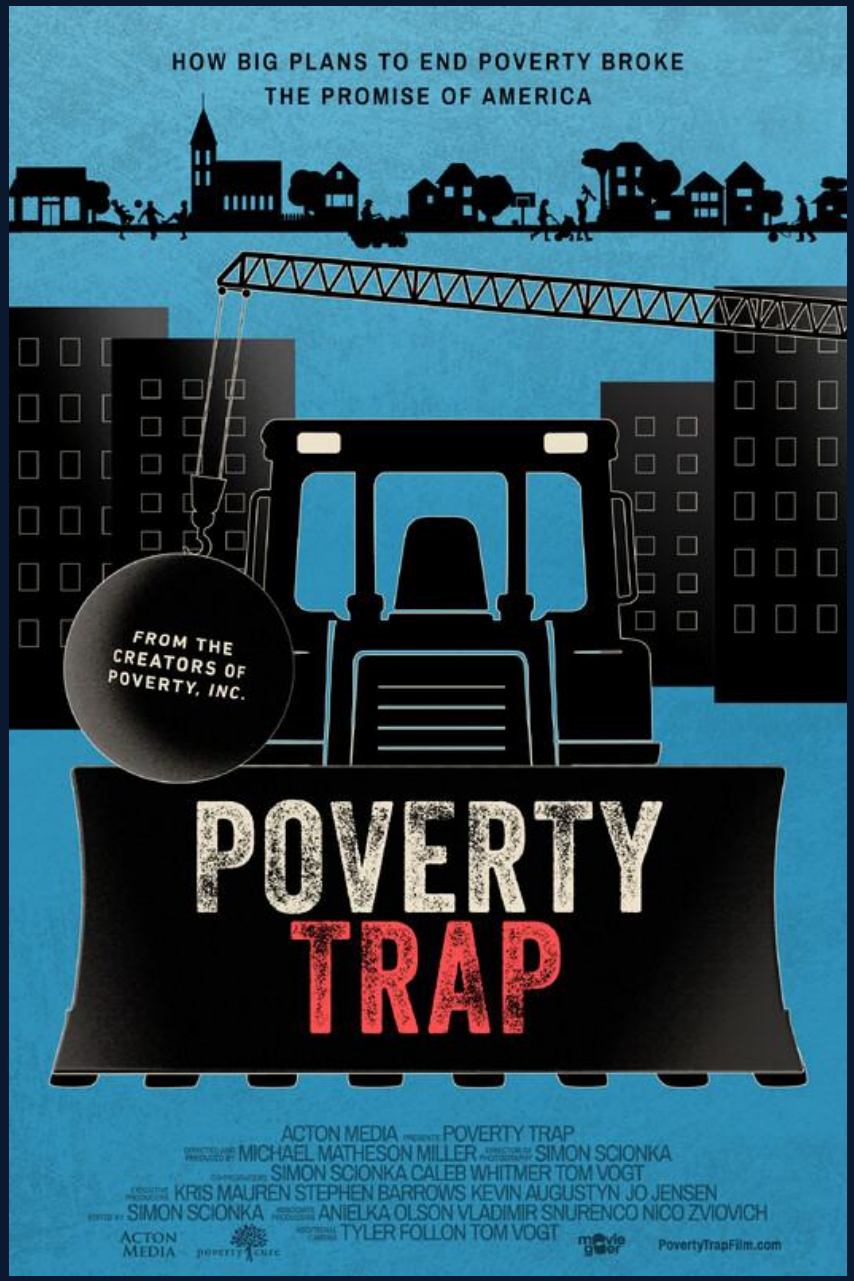
Garbage Days

Fri · Nov 13 · 7:15 PM

Broadcast

13 minutes

A brief look into an elderly woman's weekly routine that has become one the her last symbols of independence.



BLOCK 07 / DIGNITY

Poverty Trap

Fri · Nov 13 · 7:15 PM

Broadcast

90 minutes

Drawing on more than 130 interviews across 16 states, Poverty Trap examines why decades of anti-poverty policy have often failed the communities they were meant to serve. Alongside those failures, the documentary finds stories of dignity, recovery and renewal as people rebuild their lives through friendship, purpose and community.

BLOCK 08

LOVE, UNEXPECTED

FRI · NOV 13 · 8:30 PM

4 Star Cinema

2 selections

Farther Along	14 min
Love and Taxe$	98 min



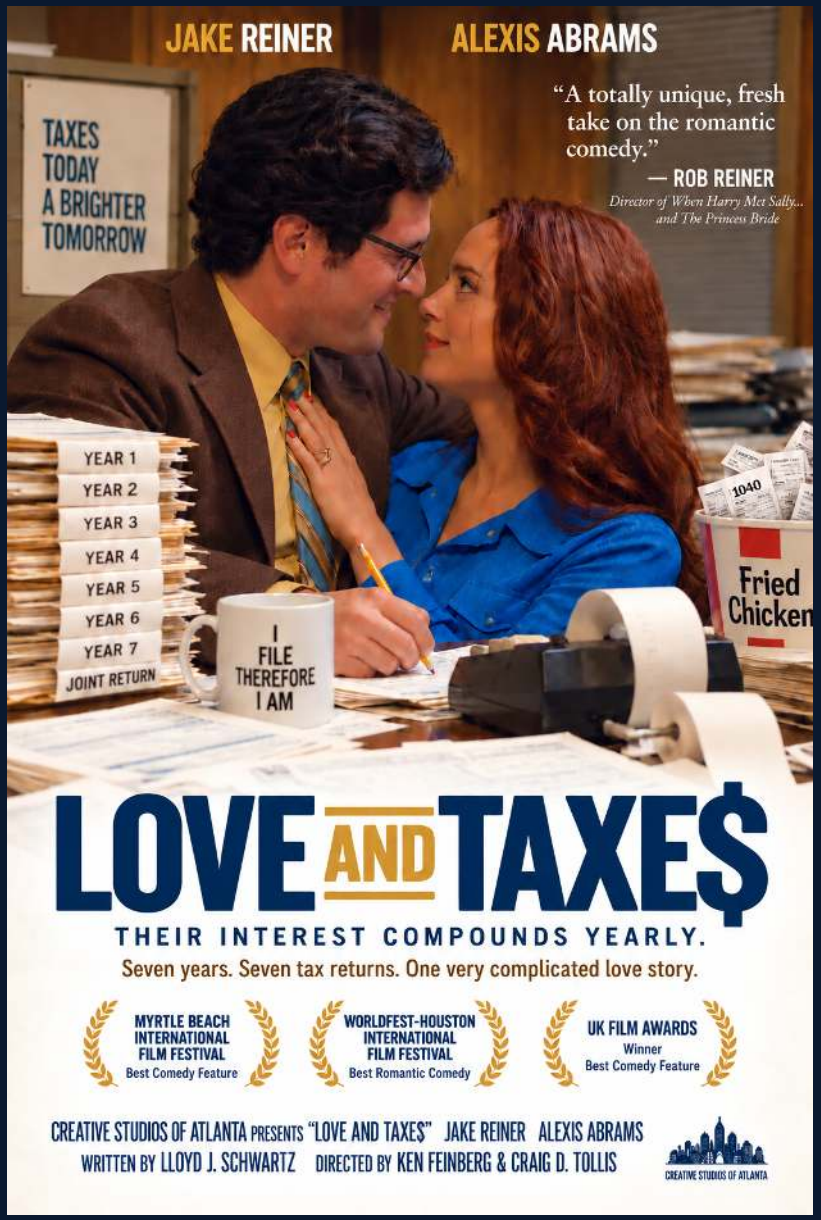
Farther Along

Fri · Nov 13 · 8:30 PM

4 Star Cinema

14 minutes

After his mother's death and being dumped by his boyfriend, an uptight perfectionist allows his devil-may-care father, a minister, to move in.



Love and Taxe$

Fri · Nov 13 · 8:30 PM

4 Star Cinema

Love and Taxe$ is an indie romantic comedy filmed in one take. Set in the early 1970s, it follows Donald, an ambitious CPA, and Belinda, a free-spirited waitress, through a decades-long flirtation that unfolds during tax season. As marriages, affairs, business ventures and personal ambitions intersect, their relationship explores trust, betrayal, social expectations and desire, with bittersweet irony and wit.

BLOCK 09

FRIDAY NIGHT FRIGHTS

FRI · NOV 13 · 8:45 PM

4 Star Cinema

1 selections

Ding Dong, Die! 106 min



BLOCK 09 / FRIDAY NIGHT FRIGHTS

Ding Dong, Die!

Fri · Nov 13 · 8:45 PM

4 Star Cinema

106 minutes

Ally Clement is throwing an intimate Halloween party for her closest friends. But before the festivities can really begin, a stranger drops by with a Halloween treat of her own. The mysterious gift turns out to be an ancient curse sealed in a bottle and when it's released, it transforms Ally into the most hideous "mean girl" anyone has ever encountered. Now, Ally's two best friends, Ramona and Lilith, must find a way to exorcise their cursed friend... before her mom gets home.

BLOCK 10

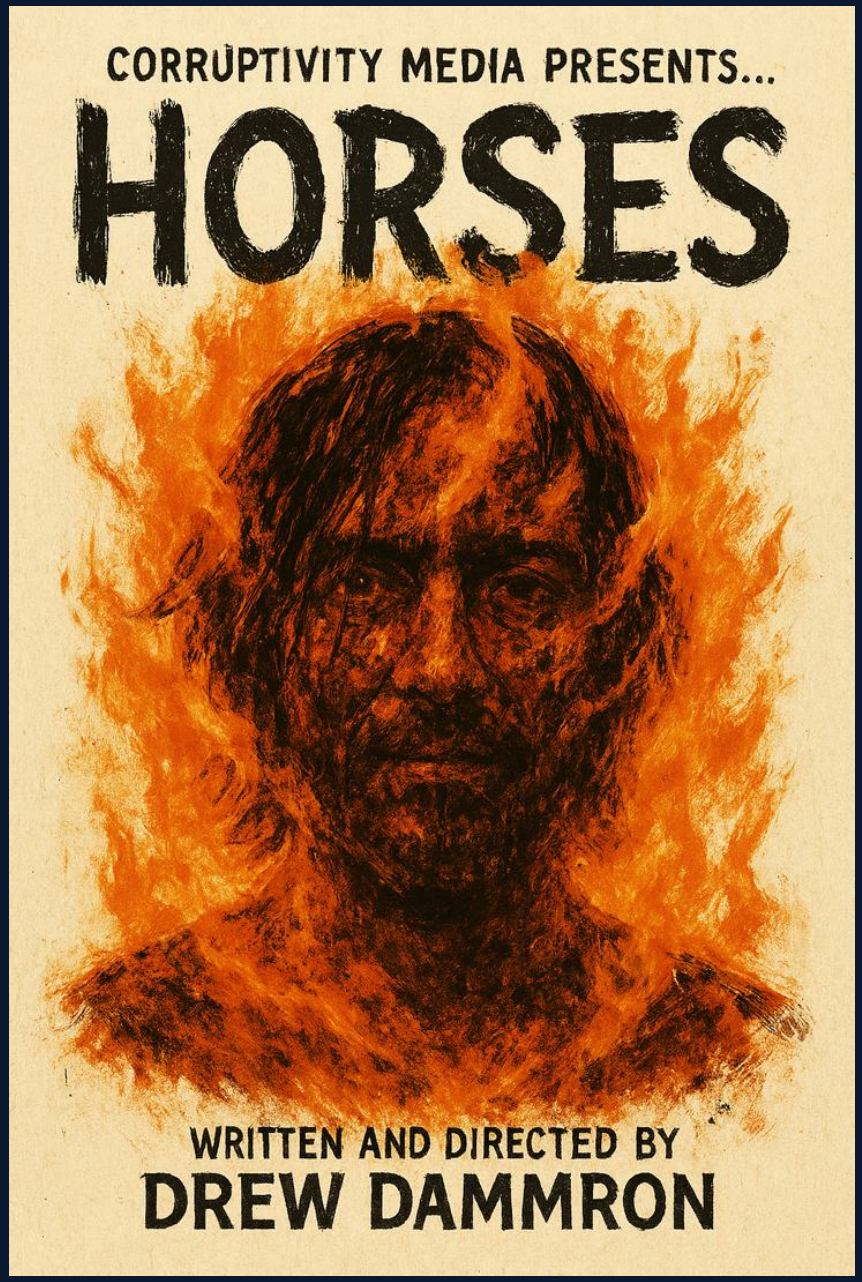
FRIDAY NIGHT FRIGHTS: THE RETURNING

FRI · NOV 13 · 10:00 PM

Texan Theater

5 selections

Horses	9 min
Seasoning	2 min
Dahlia Has a Phobia	15 min
Tasty Bones	5 min
Dead on Distribution	18 min



Horses

Fri · Nov 13 · 10:00 PM

Texan Theater

9 minutes

Anguished by the technological advents threatening his livelihood and sense of purpose, a Hollywood actor sets out to destroy the city he once called home.

Seasoning

Fri · Nov 13 · 10:00 PM

Texan Theater

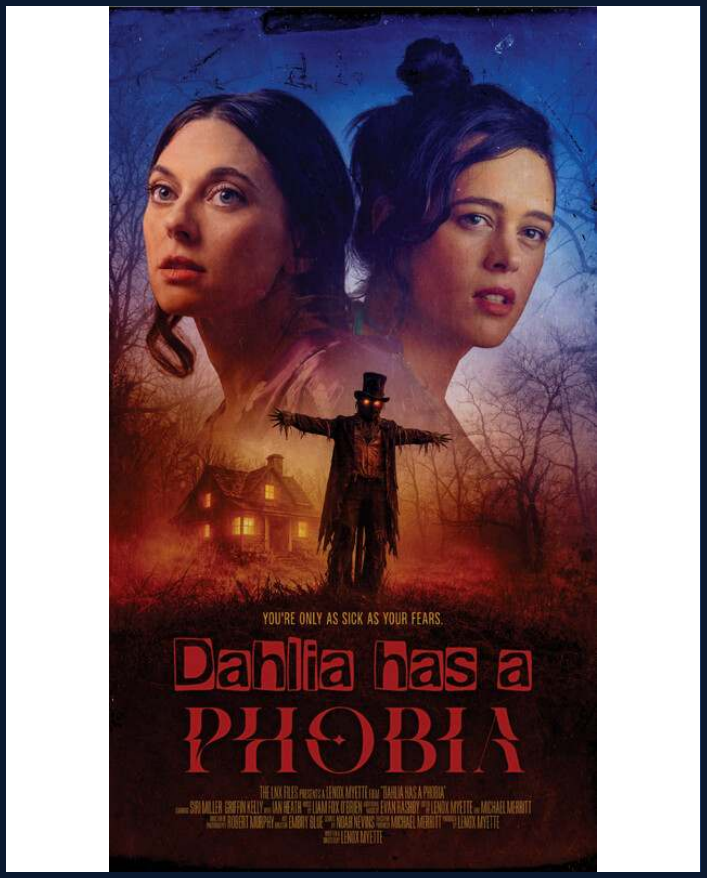
2 minutes

In this 90s TV commercial, a boy and two girls run up the hill for a nice picnic. What could possibly go wrong when he sprays on some cologne?



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Dahlia Has a Phobia



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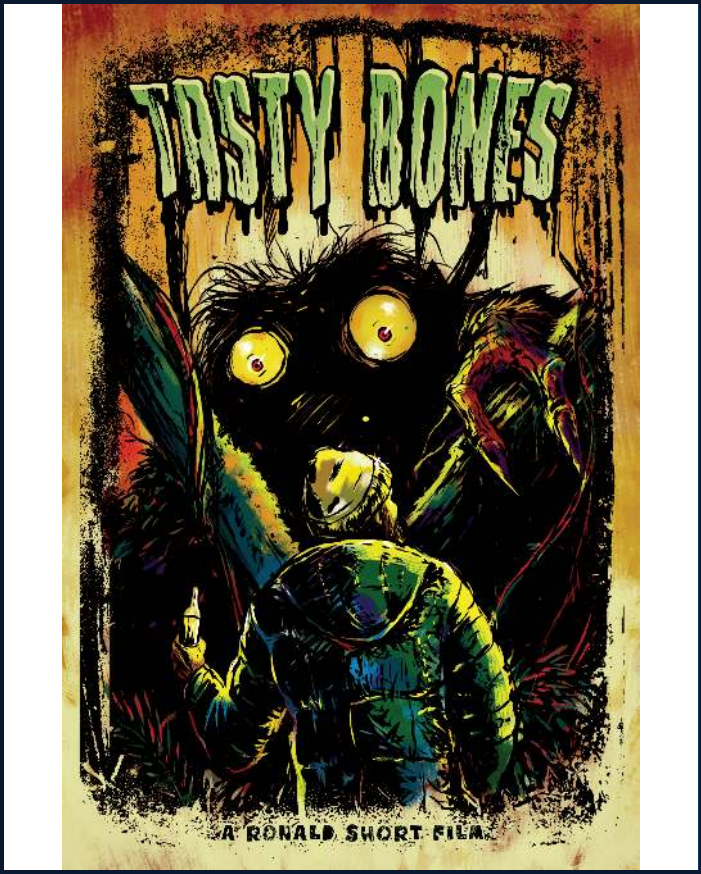
Fri · Nov 13 · 10:00 PM

Texan Theater

15 minutes

Two women retreat for a quiet weekend to salvage their unraveling relationship. But when one’s crippling fear of scarecrows resurfaces, their fragile dynamic begins to fracture. As the scarecrow disappears—and reappears—the line between paranoia and reality erodes, and survival becomes uncertain.

Tasty Bones



10TH ANNIVERSARY ARTWORK

Fri · Nov 13 · 10:00 PM

Texan Theater

5 minutes

Out at a campfire late at night, a man drunkenly stumbles to the edge of the woods to relieve himself. As he does, he starts to absentmindedly whistle. Something in the woods whistles back.



BLOCK 10 / FRIDAY NIGHT FRIGHTS: THE RETURNING

Dead on Distribution

Fri · Nov 13 · 10:00 PM

Texan Theater

18 minutes

A B-movie filmmaker attempts to get a distribution deal for his new slasher flick, but the lead actor has some unsavoury ideas about how to promote the film after its poor reception.

BLOCK 11

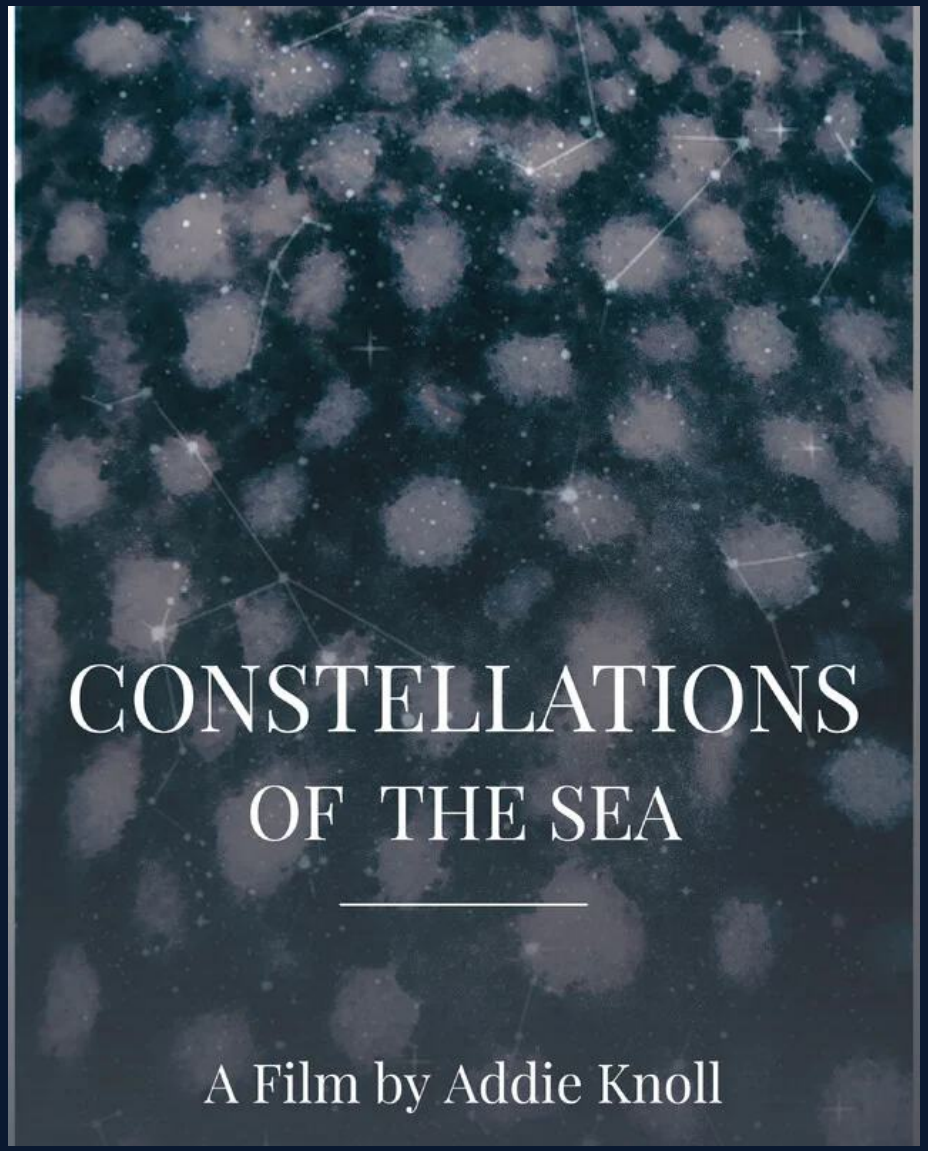
HIGH SCHOOL

SAT · NOV 14 · 12:00 PM

Broadcast

12 selections

Constellations of the Sea	13 min
Hexed	18 min
No Small Matter	6 min
Raised to Serve: Parenting Through Generations	7 min
Red Roses	6 min
Redefining Resilience: The Hannah Evans Story	7 min
Six Minutes	5 min
The Record	5 min



BLOCK 11 / HIGH SCHOOL

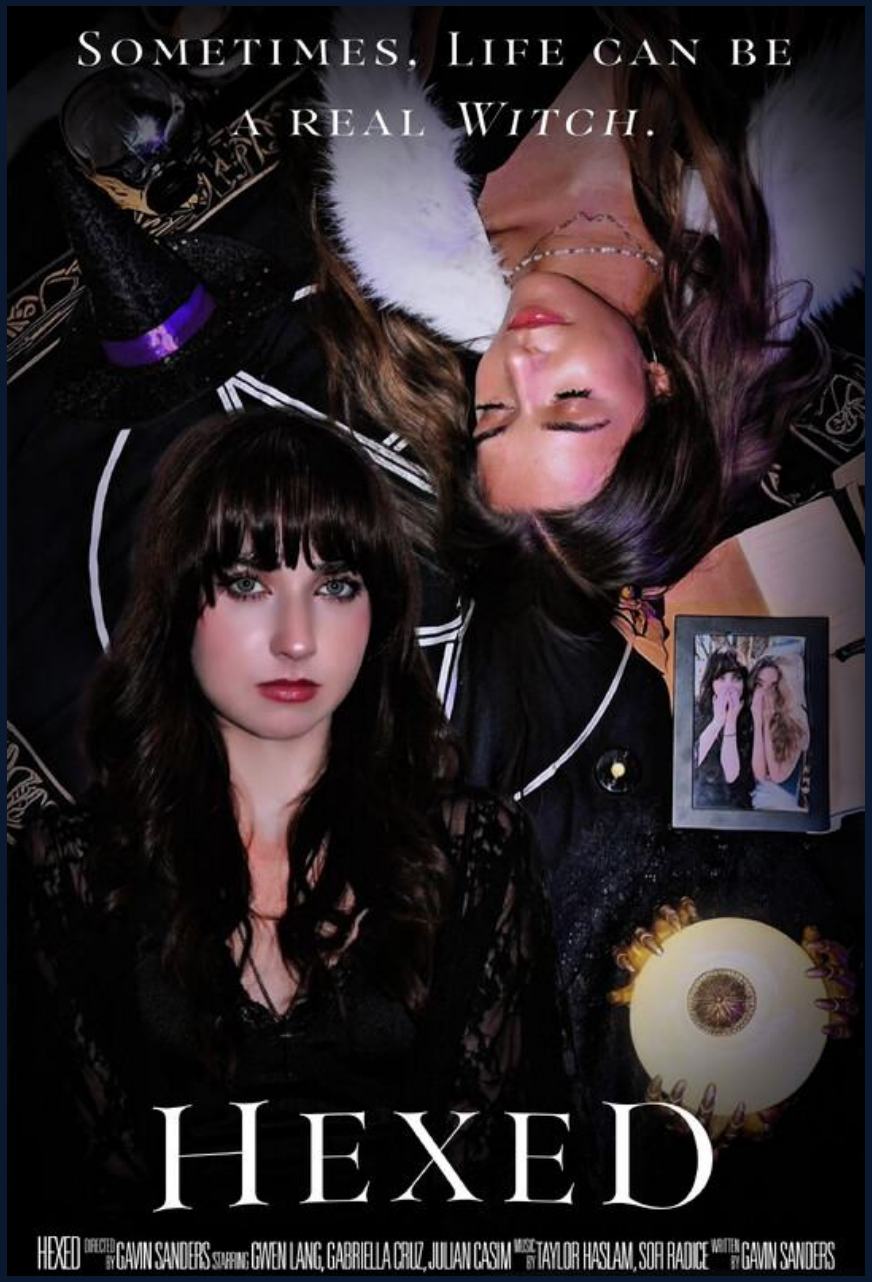
Constellations of the Sea

Sat · Nov 14 · 12:00 PM

Broadcast

13 minutes

A 17-year-old filmmaker joins a Maldives research team to document the growing challenge of protecting endangered whale sharks at the center of a global tourism industry.



BLOCK 11 / HIGH SCHOOL

Hexed

Sat · Nov 14 · 12:00 PM

Broadcast

18 minutes

Cass, a young wicca entering her final year of high school, finds herself at odds with her only friend, a popular girl, Dawn. Will their friendship survive magic, curses, and most importantly, senior year?



BLOCK 11 / HIGH SCHOOL

No Small Matter

Sat · Nov 14 · 12:00 PM

Broadcast

6 minutes

In the shadows of a worsening mental health crisis, thousands of lives are lost to a revolving door of shelters and institutions. Through the lens of a 15-year-old filmmaker, No Small Matter pulls back the curtain on a radical shift: a court designed not to punish, but to provide a final, desperate lifeline. The film explores whether a courtroom can truly offer the dignity of a home and the hope of recovery to those the world has forgotten.

Raised to Serve: Parenting Through Generations



Sat · Nov 14 · 12:00 PM

Broadcast

7 minutes

The idea of how to raise a family in the modern era is often polarizing. Spanning more than 50 years, this film gives a small glimpse into the parenting legacy left behind of Connie and Donna Tomlin. Together they raised 3 young men who made decisions to live in service of others—one became a teacher and adoptive father, one is a fireman and paramedic, and one is a worldwide Christian music worship leader. Each have made decisions to serve others based on the lessons learned from their parents.



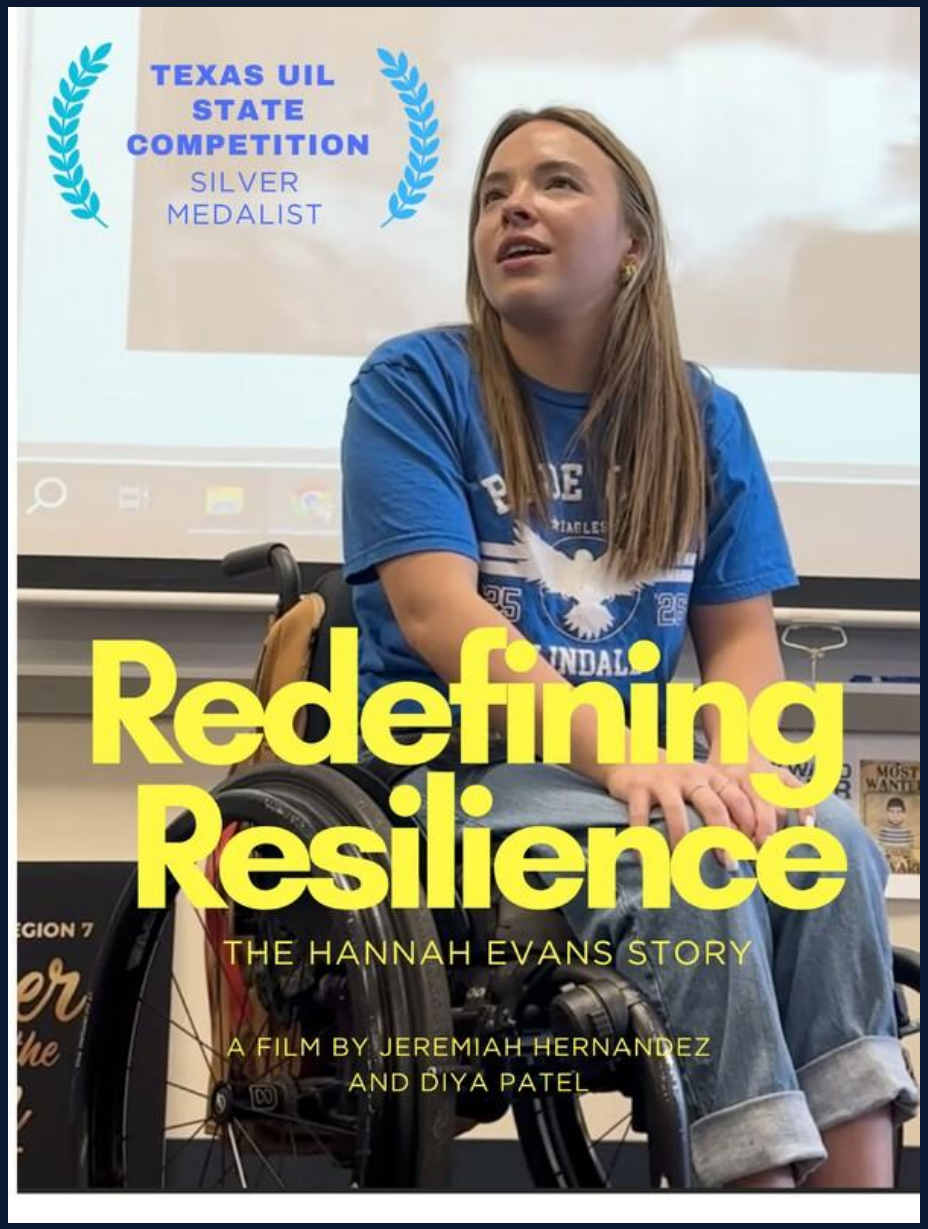
Red Roses

Sat · Nov 14 · 12:00 PM

Broadcast

6 minutes

In a noir-inspired mystery, a detective investigates a suspicious death outside a church and uncovers a tangled history of betrayal, grief and revenge involving a woman named Scarlet Thorn.



Redefining Resilience: The Hannah Evans Story

Sat · Nov 14 · 12:00 PM

Broadcast

7 minutes

Tragedy can come unexpectedly in the flash of a moment. Hannah Evans is a young lady with an unlimited future ahead of her. However, in 2023, her life, in the space of one moment, was tragically altered. This is her story—one of overwhelming obstacles and unbelievable resilience and grit.



BLOCK 11 / HIGH SCHOOL

Six Minutes

Sat · Nov 14 · 12:00 PM

Broadcast

5 minutes

A young man faces never-ending isolation, ridicule, and loneliness, with only one person showing him kindness.



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The Record

Sat · Nov 14 · 12:00 PM

Broadcast

5 minutes

A young man discovers a record player on his run, and encounters something strange when he listens to the record that was left on the player.

Those Left Behind

Sat · Nov 14 · 12:00 PM

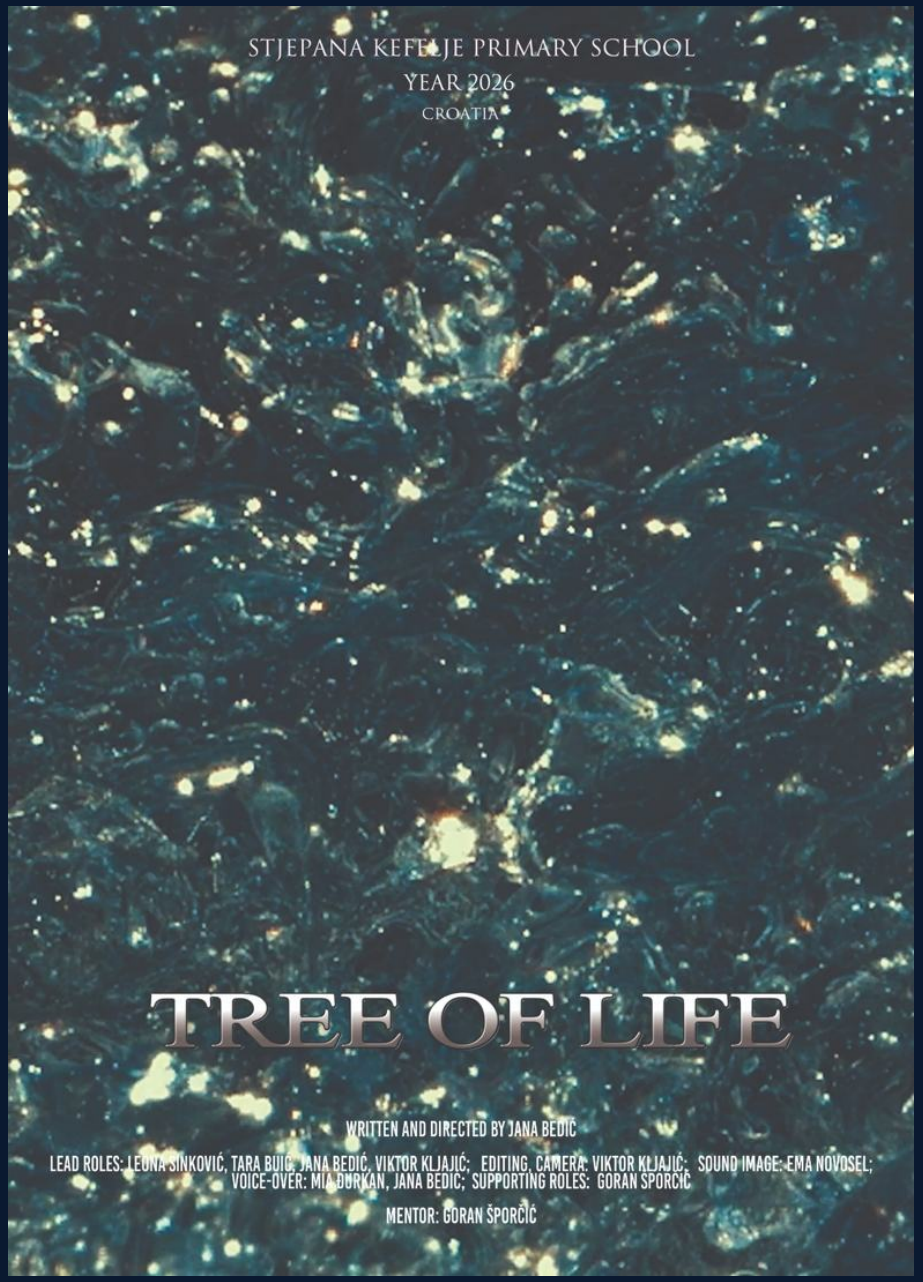
Broadcast

7 minutes

With flags waving and the national anthem playing, we often revere America’s veterans as our heroes—those willing to fight for us. However, the consequence of being a veteran is more than just putting a life on the line. This film discusses how the cost of their service is also born by their families.



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BLOCK 11 / HIGH SCHOOL

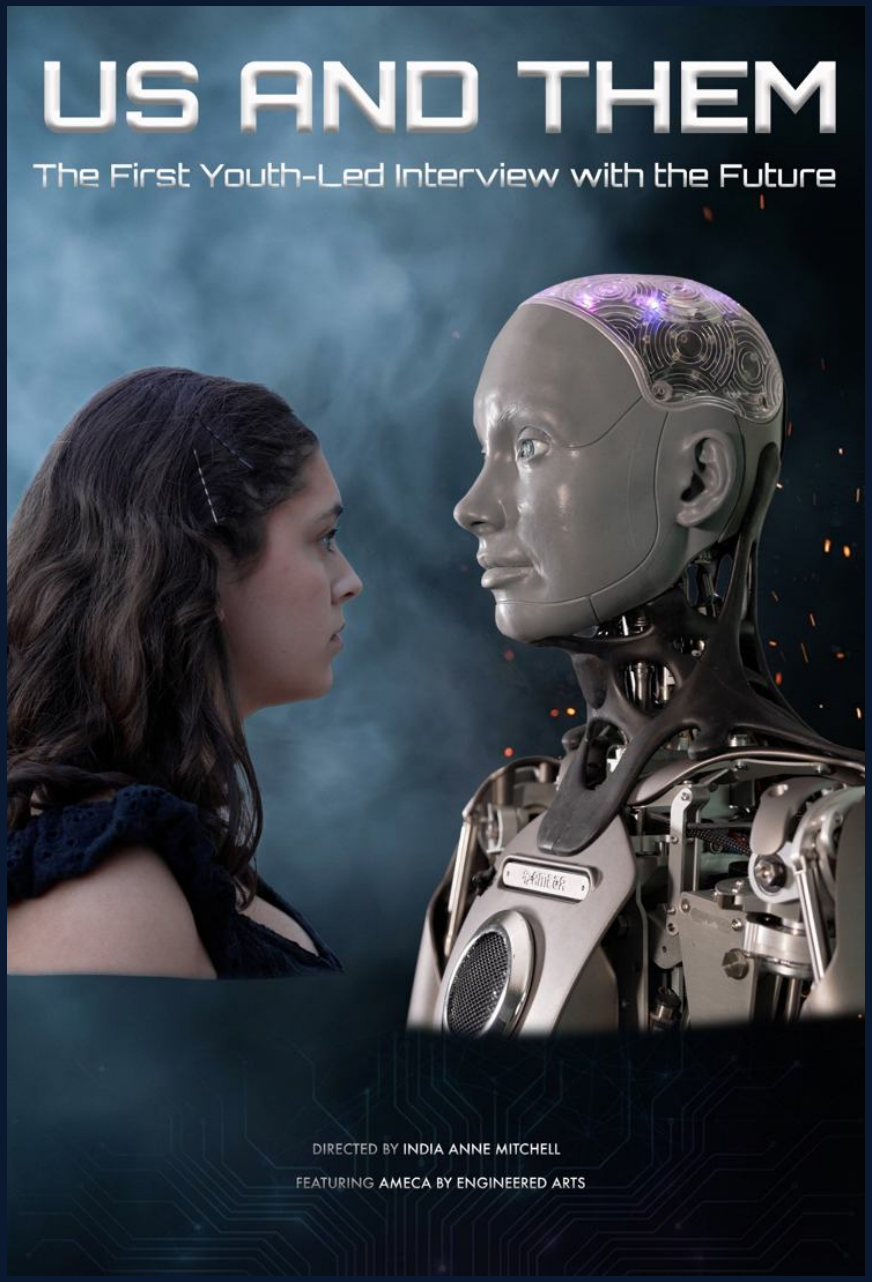
Tree of Life

Sat · Nov 14 · 12:00 PM

Broadcast

6 minutes

The Tree of Life is a poetic experimental short film that explores the relationship between memory, existence, and time. Narrated by a spectral voice drifting through the misty landscapes of a swamp, the film blends voice-over, rhythmic music, and cinematic imagery of nature to visualize inner emotions and transformation. Through its reflective storytelling, the film blurs the boundaries between past, present, and future while contemplating human transience and our connection to the natural world.



BLOCK 11 / HIGH SCHOOL

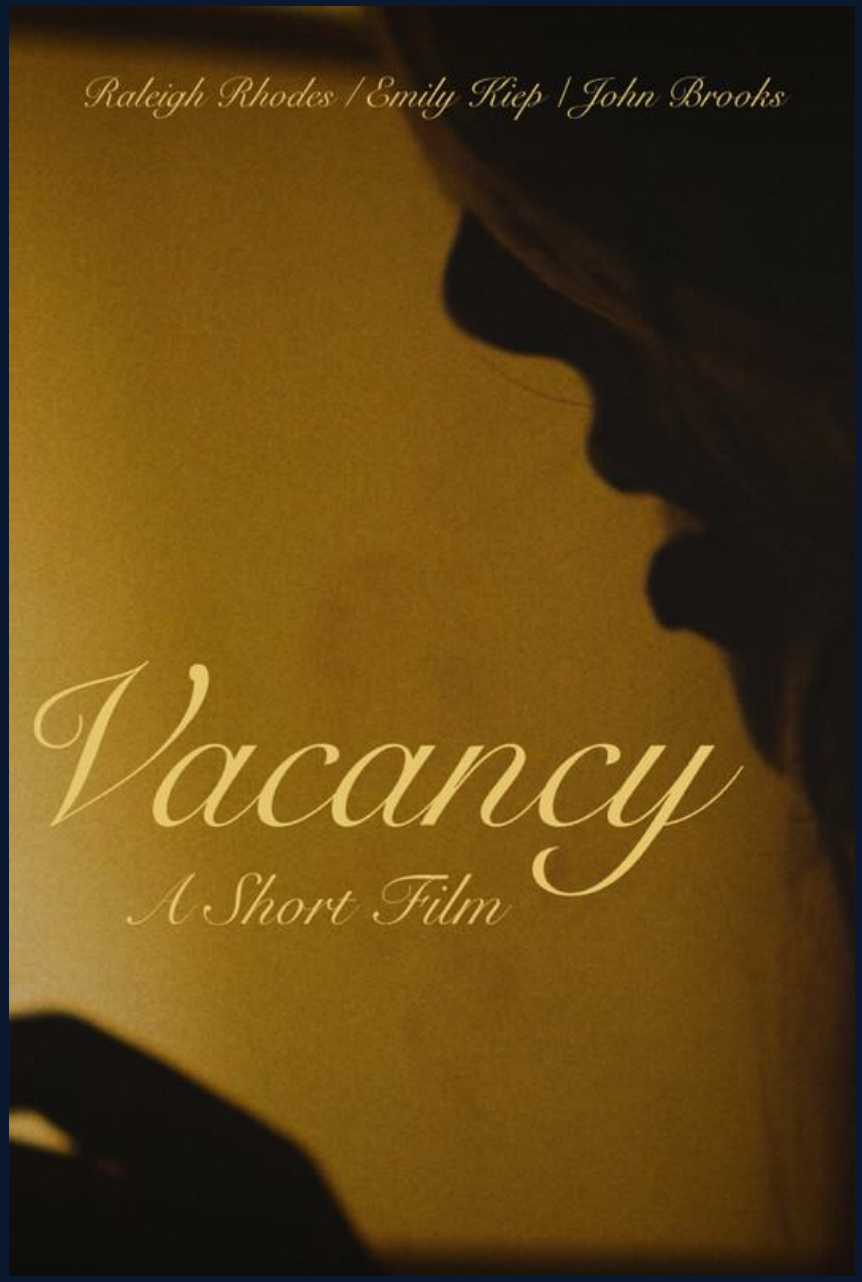
Us and Them

Sat · Nov 14 · 12:00 PM

Broadcast

8 minutes

When a 15-year-old filmmaker conducts the first youth-led in-depth interview with Ameca, the most expressive humanoid robot on Earth, the Q&A blossoms into an unexpected friendship that dissolves the boundary between silicon and soul.



BLOCK 11 / HIGH SCHOOL

Vacancy

Sat · Nov 14 · 12:00 PM

Broadcast

10 minutes

A woman checks into a motel, someone else is watching.

BLOCK 12

BEYOND SEPARATION

SAT · NOV 14 · 12:15 PM

4 Star Cinema

2 selections

Sunday Mornings at the Beach	17 min
The Time of the Sun	87 min



Sunday Mornings at the Beach

Sat · Nov 14 · 12:15 PM

4 Star Cinema

17 minutes

When heading to the oceanside, one might expect to see surfers, joggers, and sunbathers—but not this. Each Sunday, a quiet yet powerful ritual unfolds as worshippers in Tijuana and San Diego gather on opposite sides of the border wall. Through song, prayer, and fellowship shared across rusty steel bars, an unexpected act of unity, faith, and resistance comes to life.



The Time of the Sun

Sat · Nov 14 · 12:15 PM

4 Star Cinema

87 minutes

A Paraguayan filmmaker recovers the film made by a Frenchman in rural Paraguay in 1968, the one that had moved him in his adolescence, during Stroessner’s dictatorship. He embarks on an odyssey through France, Argentina and Paraguay with the intention to reunite the Frenchman with the Paraguayan peasant family, building a film of questions and searches, about the absent and the present, about the adventure of life and the mystery of cinema. Years later, the long dreamed of reunion takes place on a luminous day under the bright sun, as a love story about humanity and the power cinema exerts on the personal and the collective memory.

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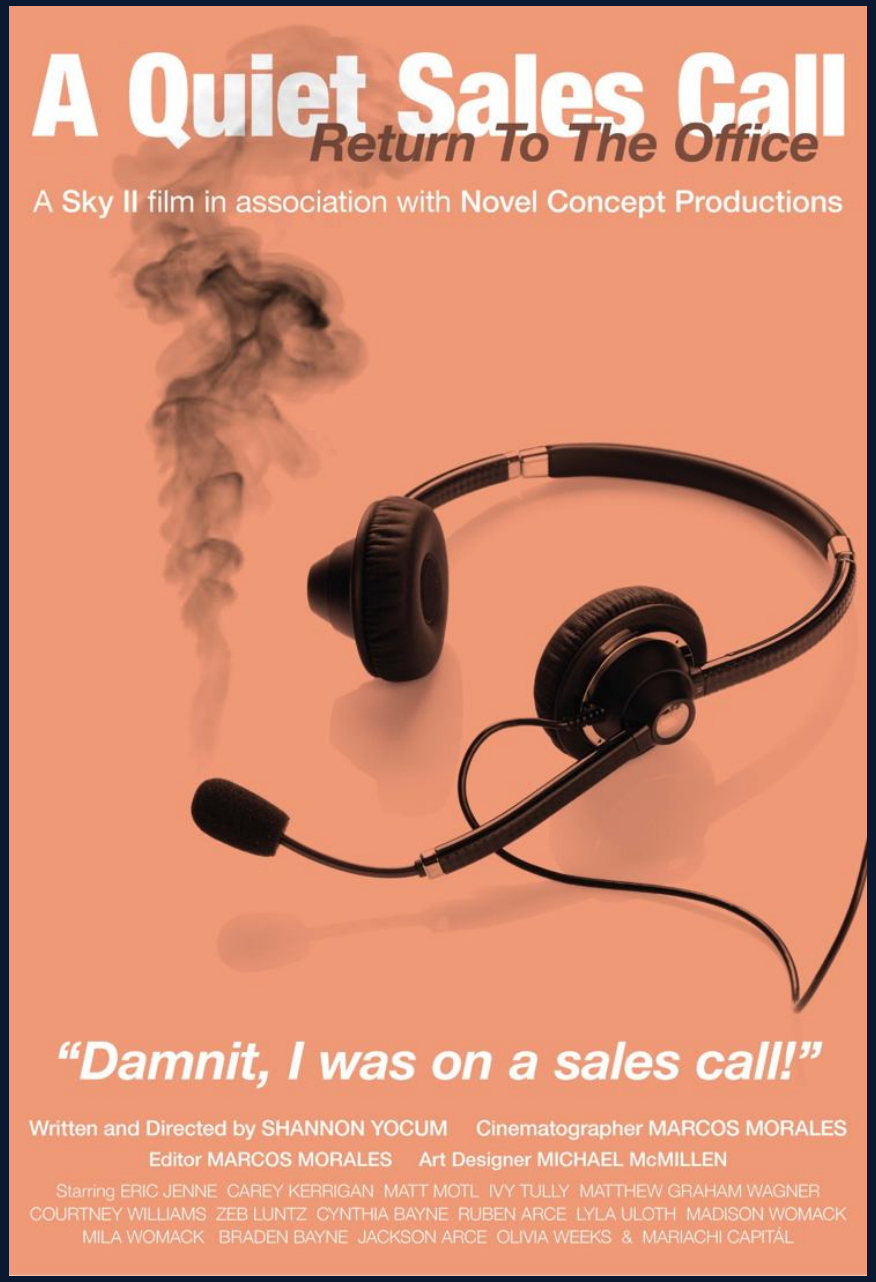
PRESSURE POINTS

SAT · NOV 14 · 12:30 PM

4 Star Cinema

7 selections

A Quiet Sales Call – Return to the Office	11 min
Last Call	6 min
Four Hands	17 min
Ya Tengo Otro	6 min
Turf War	5 min
Self Help	14 min
Hey Pumpkin	20 min



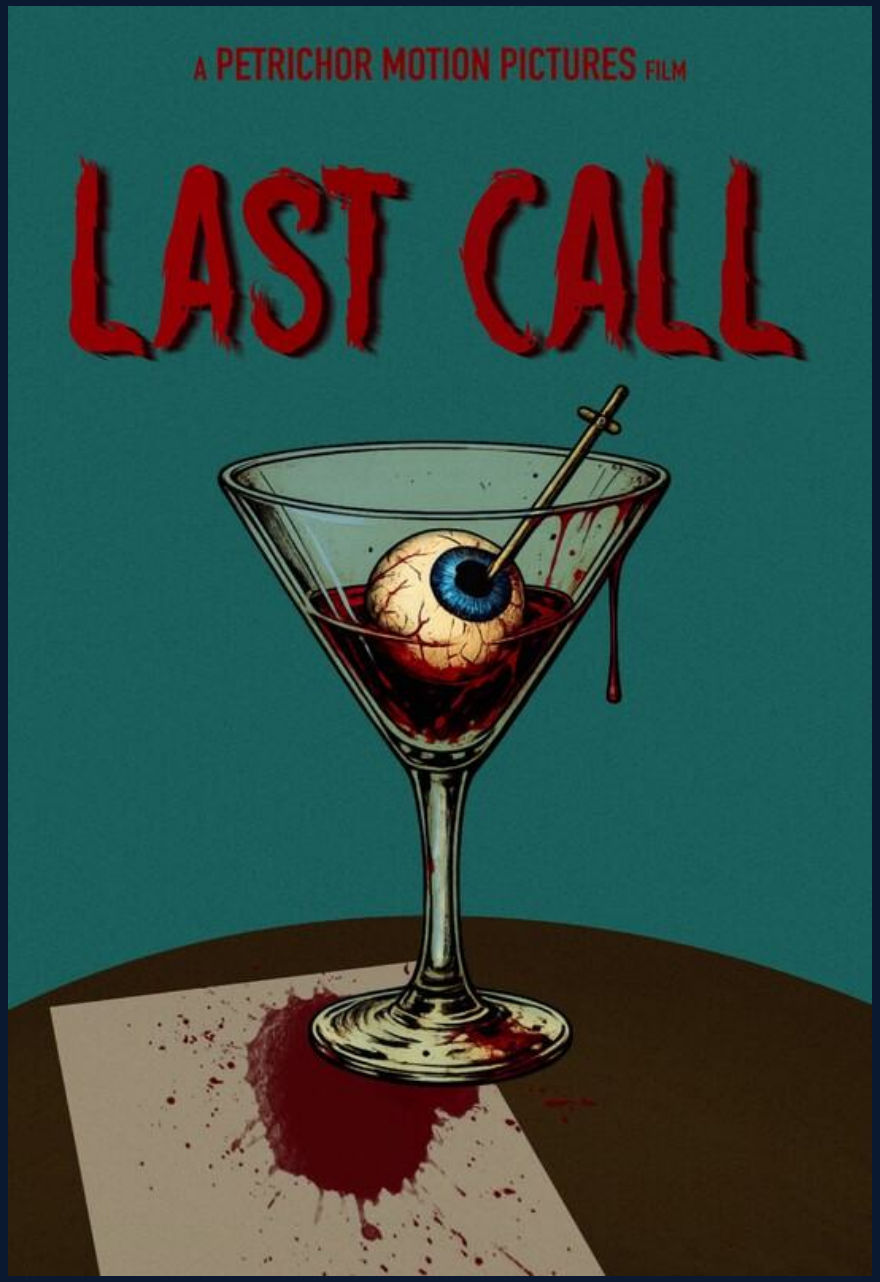
A Quiet Sales Call – Return to the Office

Sat · Nov 14 · 12:30 PM

4 Star Cinema

11 minutes

A talented sales rep's worst nightmare becomes reality when his company abruptly ends its work-from-home-policy.



Last Call

Sat · Nov 14 · 12:30 PM

4 Star Cinema

6 minutes

A woman murders her rival job candidates as she works her way to the top of the hire list.



BLOCK 13 / PRESSURE POINTS

Four Hands

Sat · Nov 14 · 12:30 PM

4 Star Cinema

17 minutes

FOUR HANDS explores the intimate relationship between legendary French classical pianist Philippe Entremont and his young Japanese protégé, Gen Tomuro, through their rehearsals and musical exchanges, as the maestro prepares for his final concert at the age of 90.



BLOCK 13 / PRESSURE POINTS

Ya Tengo Otro

Sat · Nov 14 · 12:30 PM

4 Star Cinema

6 minutes

Not All Goodbyes Come With Words



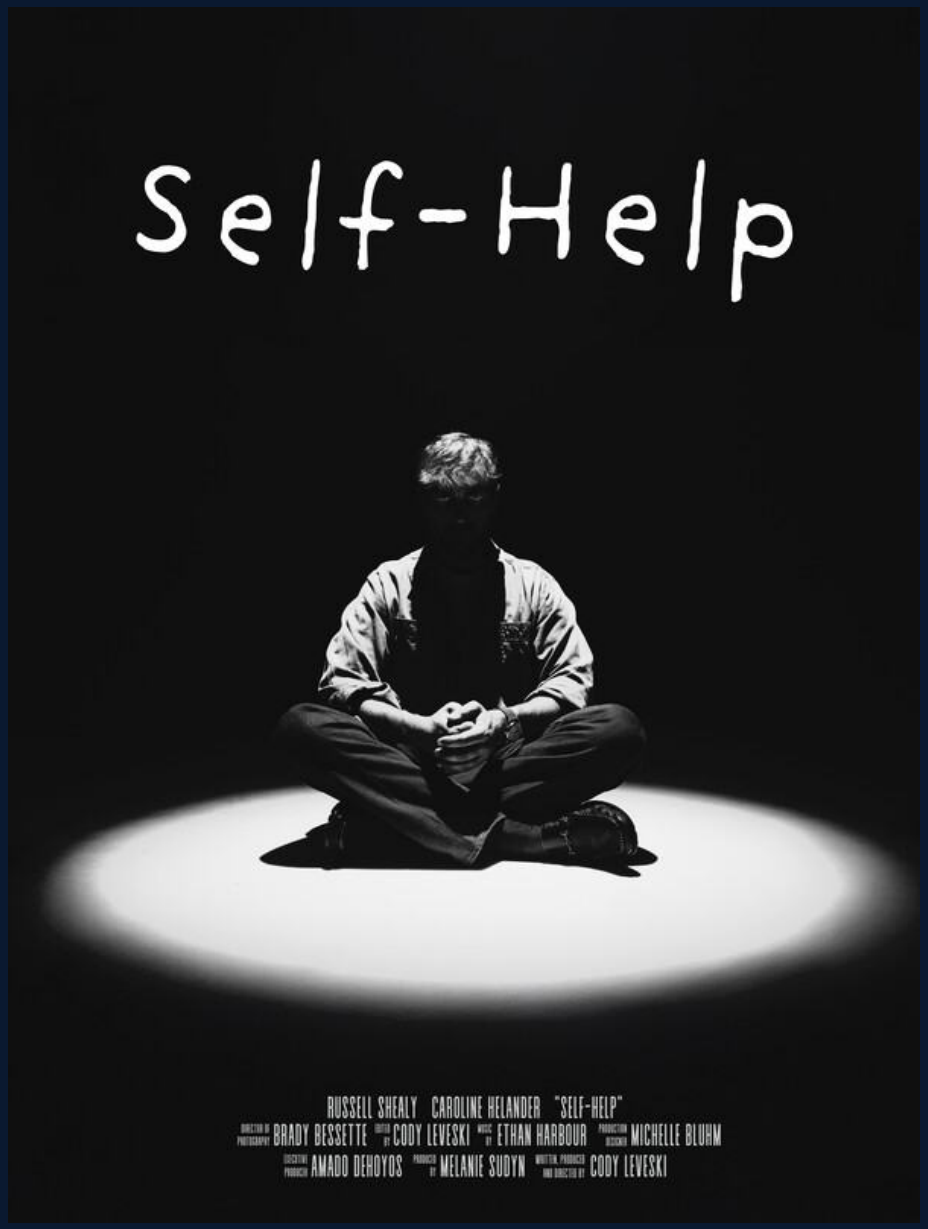
Turf War

Sat · Nov 14 · 12:30 PM

4 Star Cinema

5 minutes

Two performers duke it out to stake their territorial claim.



Self Help

Sat · Nov 14 · 12:30 PM

4 Star Cinema

14 minutes

After surviving a suicide attempt, a man embarks on a path to recovery, but must face his inner self to overcome his intrusive thoughts.



BLOCK 13 / PRESSURE POINTS

Hey Pumpkin

Sat · Nov 14 · 12:30 PM

4 Star Cinema

20 minutes

After her recent marriage proposal, Dani’s night spirals into spilled coffee, unwanted advice, and relentless advertisements that seem to know her greatest fears. While picking up her sister from a party gone wrong, both women confront love, adulthood, and the possibility that none of this is as spontaneous as it feels.

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BLOCK 14

COLLEGE 1

SAT · NOV 14 · 12:45 PM

Texan Theater

10 selections

Prayer Request	4 min
$5 Margaritas	16 min
Housing Hope	10 min
Love Bites!	14 min
NOLA	12 min
The Stolen Future	18 min
The Fool	10 min
My Mother’s Belly	11 min



Prayer Request

Sat · Nov 14 · 12:45 PM

Texan Theater

4 minutes

A college-aged girl's quiet prayer spirals into a full-blown fantasy about her “perfect guy." But when real life interrupts, she’s forced to face the difference between what she imagined and what actually shows up.



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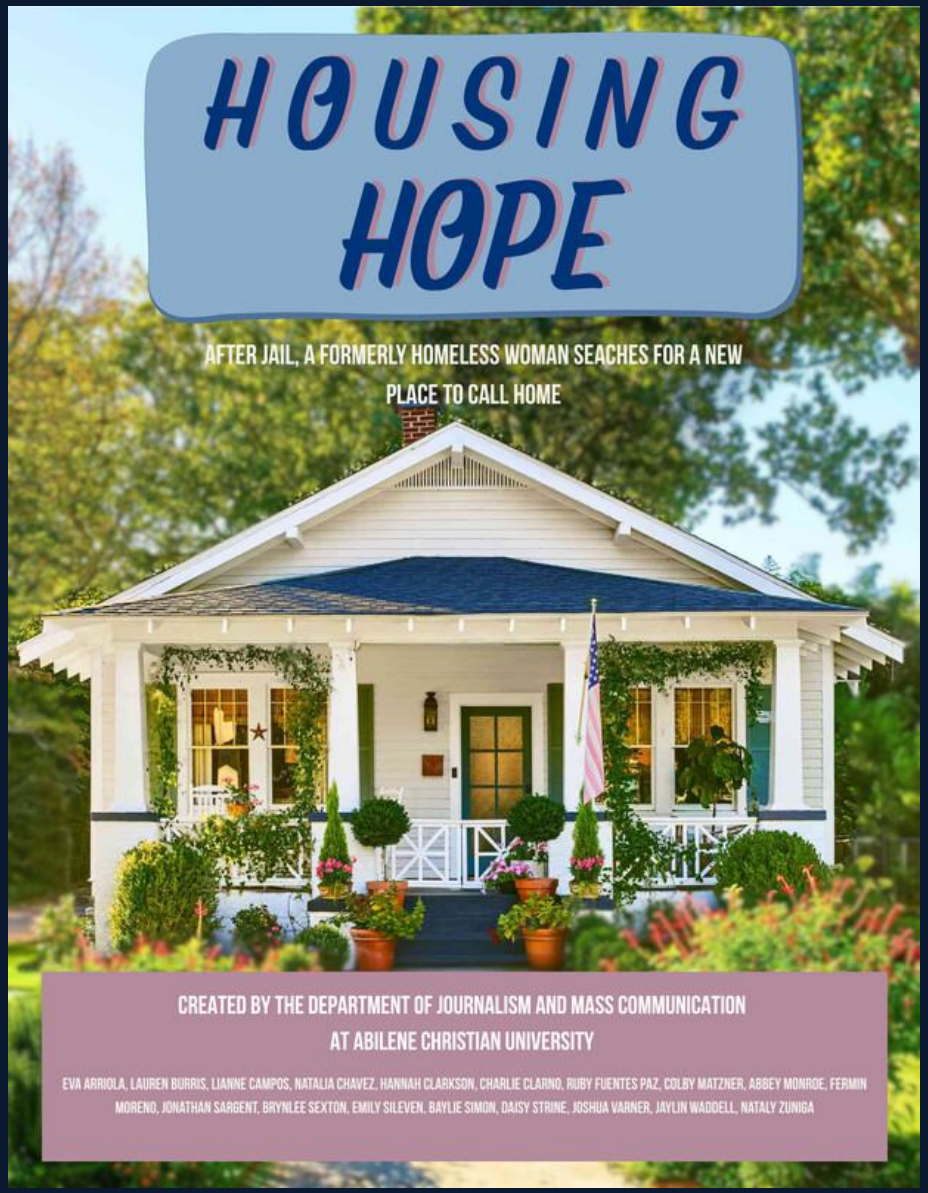
$5 Margaritas

Sat · Nov 14 · 12:45 PM

Texan Theater

16 minutes

It's the Wok and Roll Society's busiest night of the year, and it's Claire's very first day. Having no prior job experience, it isn't long before she realizes the food service industry is life or death.



Housing Hope

Sat · Nov 14 · 12:45 PM

Texan Theater

10 minutes

Set in Abilene, Texas, this short documentary chronicles one woman's effort to move beyond chronic homelessness and create a more stable future. As she navigates recovery, her story reveals the human side of a crisis often reduced to statistics.



BLOCK 14 / COLLEGE 1

Love Bites!

Sat · Nov 14 · 12:45 PM

Texan Theater

14 minutes

In 'Love Bites!', Sofia is convinced her best friend, Jules, is dating a vampire. Will her theories prove false, or is she in for a bloodbath she'll never forget?!



NOLA

Sat · Nov 14 · 12:45 PM

Texan Theater

12 minutes

A woman with nowhere else to go ends up in the clutches of a sinister, sisterly cult.



The Stolen Future

Sat · Nov 14 · 12:45 PM

Texan Theater

18 minutes

On a stormy night, Myra, drunk and distraught, hits what appears to be a little girl on an empty road. But there’s no body, only memories of a past crime she thought was buried. Drawn into an abandoned hostel, Myra encounters a mechanic who isn’t who he seems, and a series of spectral figures: a teenager, a middle-aged woman, and an old lady in white. Together they reveal the truth: she once killed a child and hid the body, and these are the ghosts of her stolen future. Tormented by the ghosts and hunted by sewn-mouthed revenants, Myra is forced into the same fridge where she once left her victim to die. And the ‘mechanic’, who locks her in the fridge, turns out to be the brother of the girl Myra killed. A girl whose revenge is still incomplete. This supernatural horror short explores how unpunished crimes against children linger, not only as ghosts but as stolen possibilities, haunting both the guilty and the society that ignored them.



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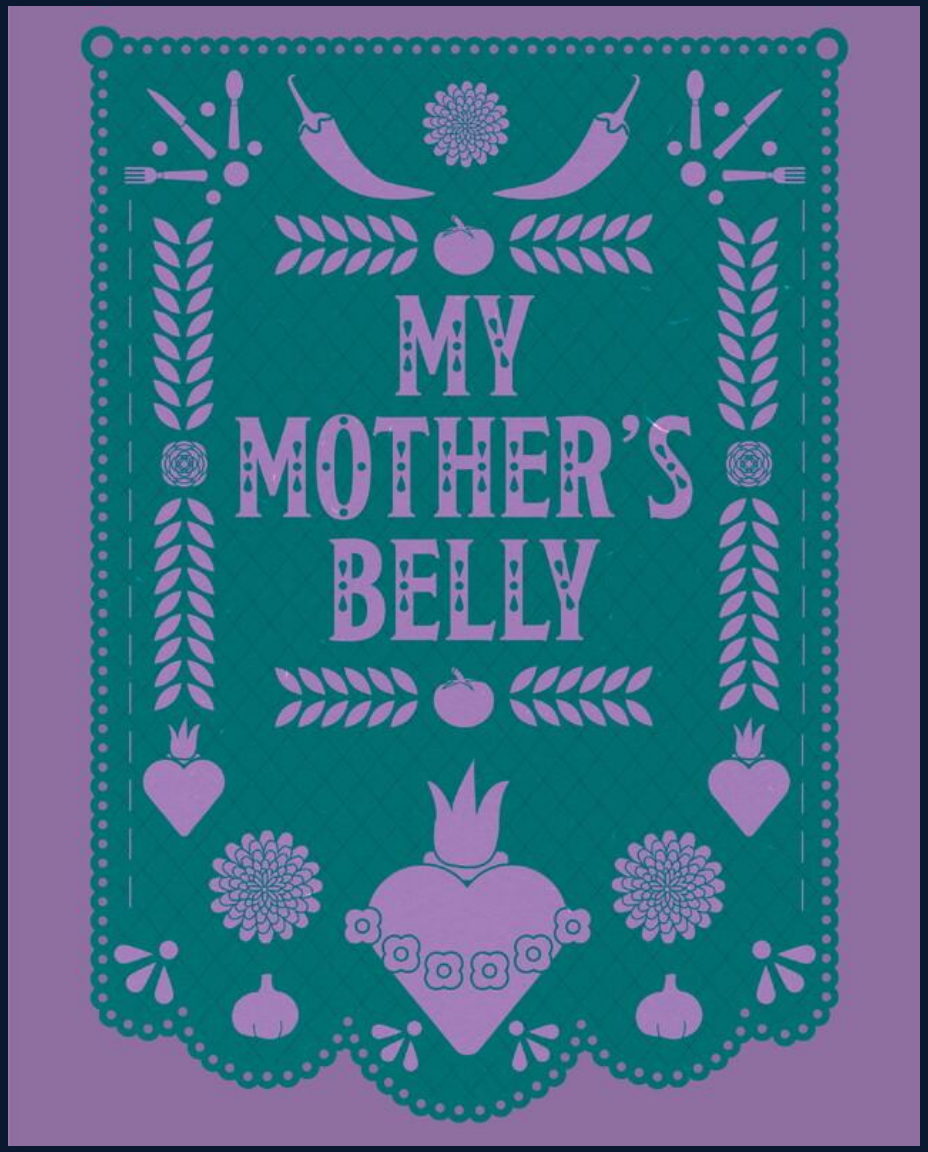
The Fool

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Texan Theater

10 minutes

Taylor, an anti-social bookworm, embarrassingly attempts to find true love at a college halloween party, unbeknownst to her it's been right in front of her the whole time.



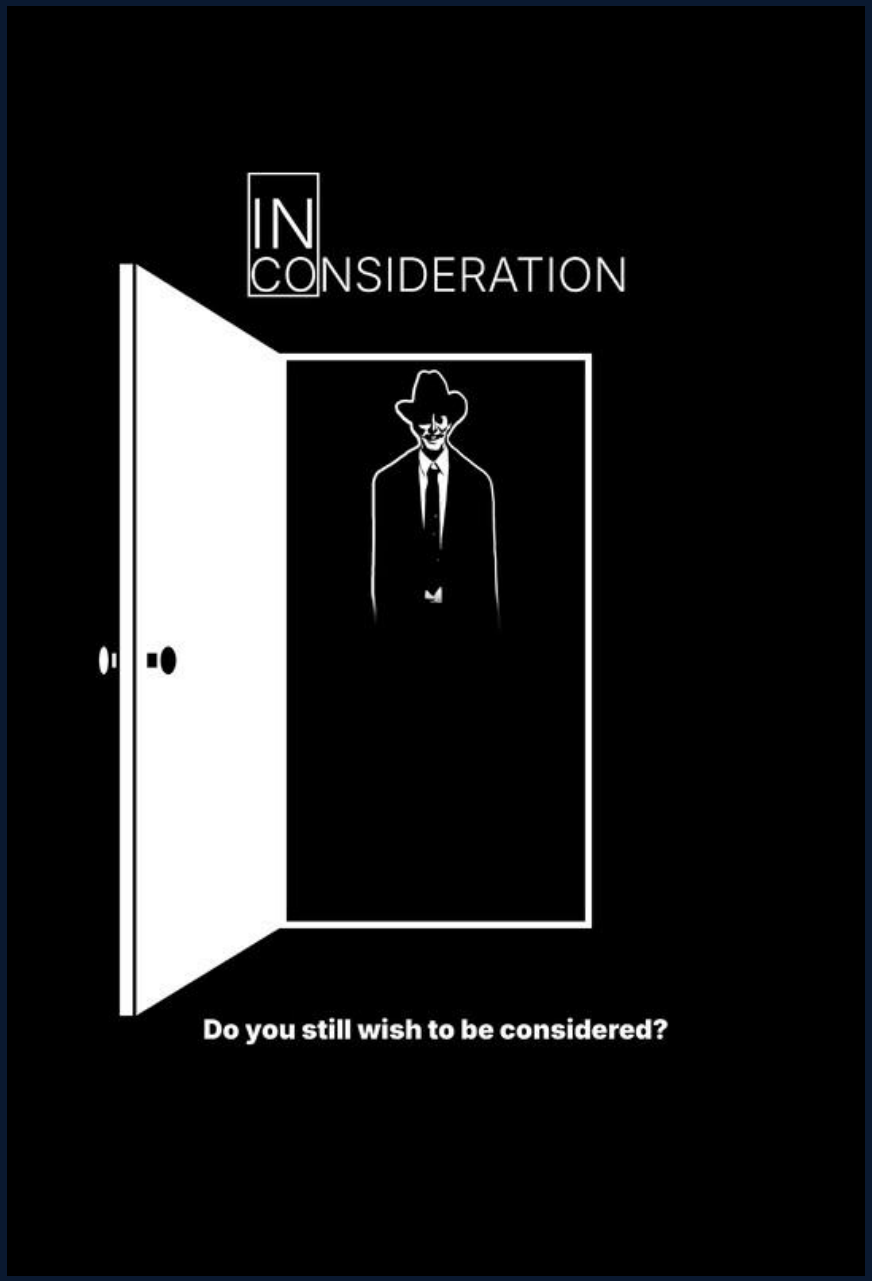
My Mother’s Belly

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Texan Theater

11 minutes

A young woman attempts to cook a family recipe by memory. This means remembering a difficult revelation with her mother.



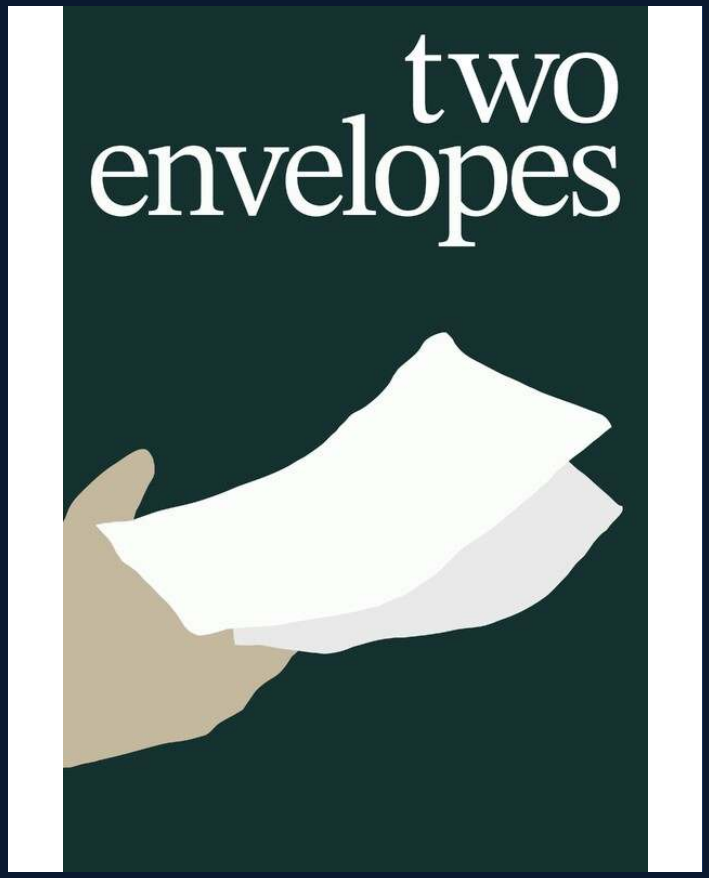
In Consideration

Sat · Nov 14 · 12:45 PM

Texan Theater

17 minutes

Nathan Queue, a passionate but anxious newcomer, waits for his first job interview in a sterile lobby. The first-time job applicant slowly realizes that the interview process is not merely strange but fundamentally predatory.



10TH ANNIVERSARY ARTWORK

Two Envelopes

Sat · Nov 14 · 12:45 PM

Texan Theater

5 minutes

A mail boy delivers 'bad news' envelopes throughout his neighborhood while his father anxiously waits at home.

BLOCK 15

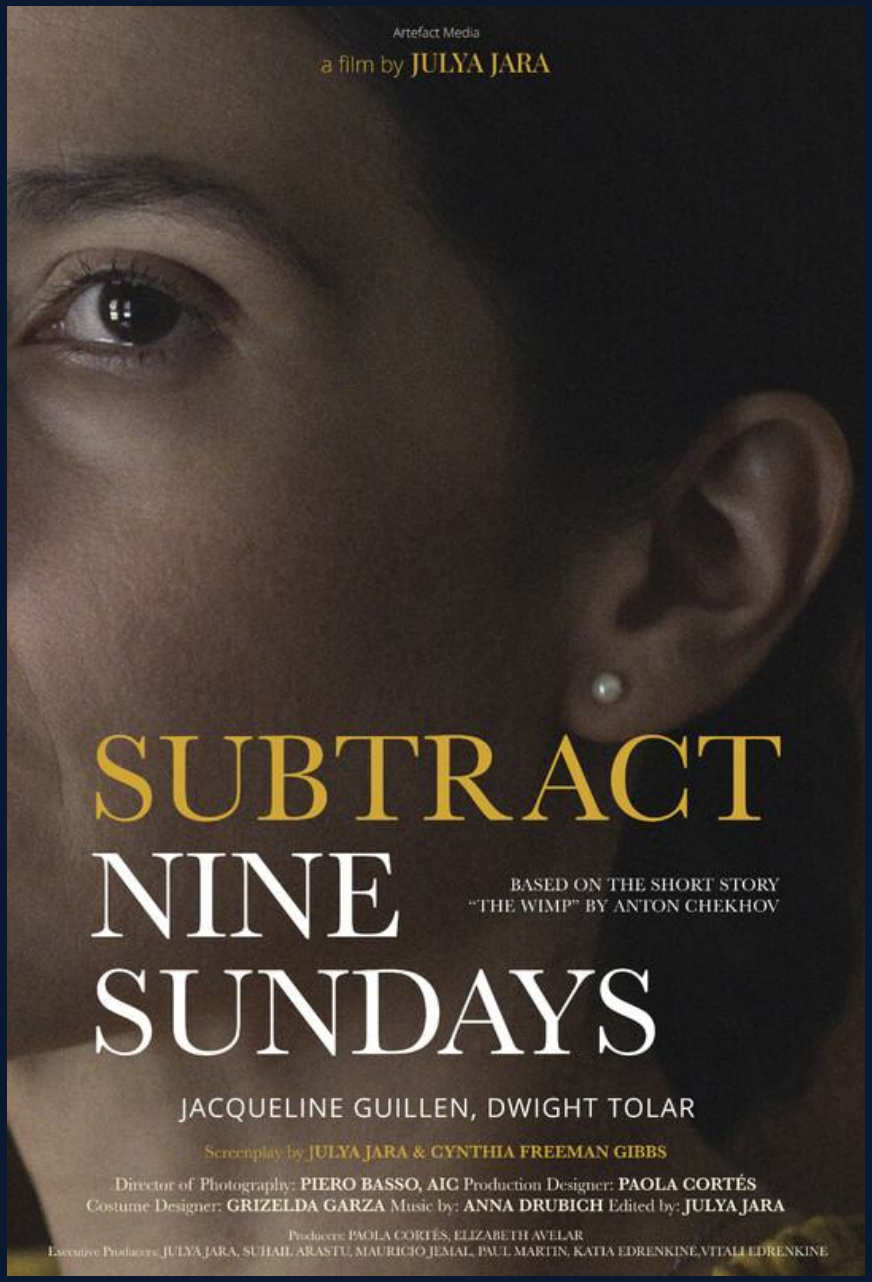
THE LIMITS OF POWER

SAT · NOV 14 · 1:30 PM

Broadcast

3 selections

Subtract Nine Sundays	15 min
The Border Czar	12 min
Taming the Mouth	89 min



BLOCK 15 / THE LIMITS OF POWER

Subtract Nine Sundays

Sat · Nov 14 · 1:30 PM

Broadcast

15 minutes

An affluent employer calls in his live-in nanny to settle unpaid wages; his unquestioned authority meets her resolute agency.

Adapted from an Anton Chekhov short story and set in contemporary Texas, Subtract Nine Sundays explores the dynamics of power. A sponsored project of the New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA).



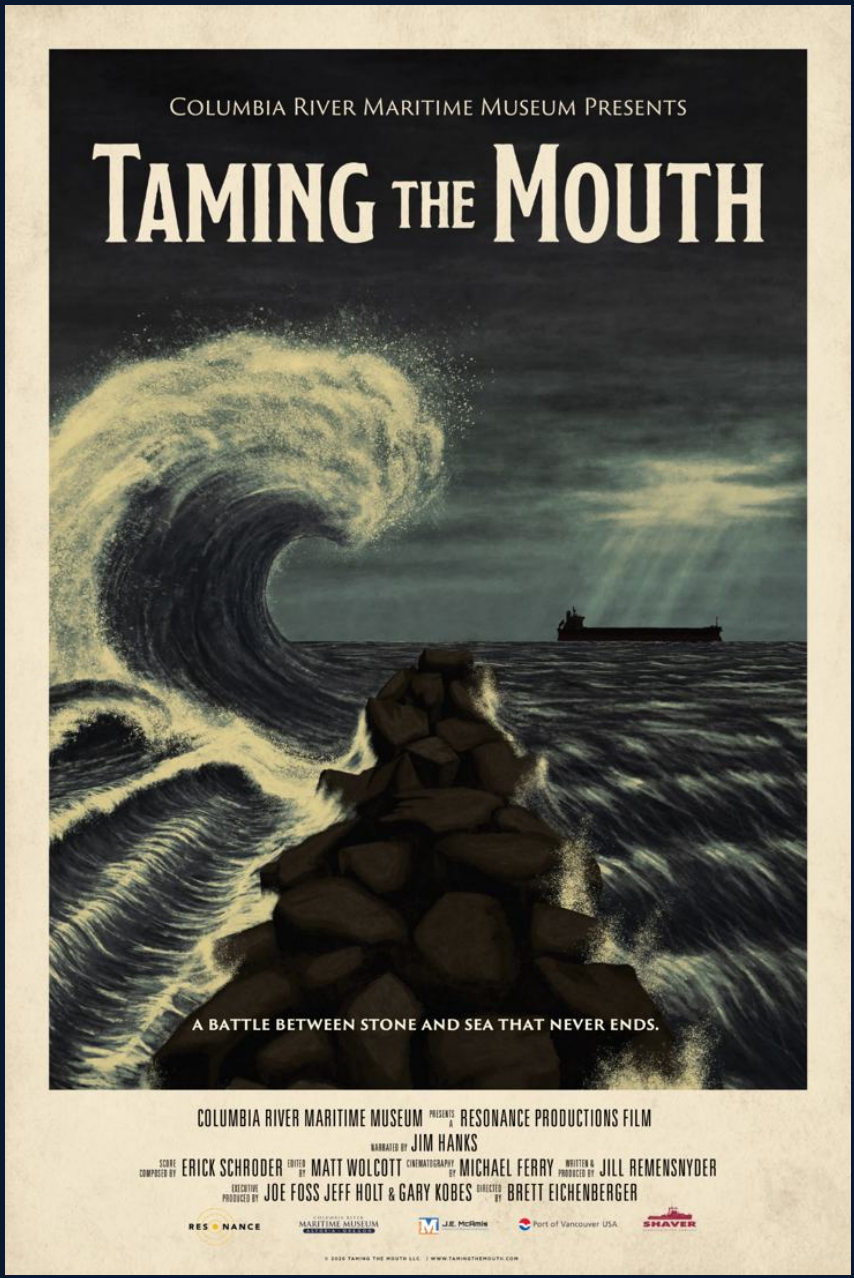
The Border Czar

Sat · Nov 14 · 1:30 PM

Broadcast

12 minutes

After delivering a rousing speech on immigration, Rep. Jim Coolidge goes to sleep - only to wake up on the wrong side of the border.



BLOCK 15 / THE LIMITS OF POWER

Taming the Mouth

Sat · Nov 14 · 1:30 PM

Broadcast

89 minutes

At the mouth of the Columbia River lies one of the most dangerous stretches of water on Earth—an unpredictable collision of powerful currents, shifting sandbars, and violent Pacific storms. Taming the Mouth traces the dramatic history of this perilous river entrance, from early shipwrecks and heroic rescues to the monumental construction of the jetties that reshaped the region. Through the experiences of those who work, live, and navigate at the river's edge, the documentary reveals a story of danger, ingenuity, and endurance. The Columbia River Bar remains a place where human determination meets the raw force of nature—and where that battle continues.

BLOCK 16

LIVE SCREENPLAY READINGS

SAT · NOV 14 · 3:30 PM

Texan Theater

8 selections

Live Screenplay Readings

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10 Past 6

Big Shoes to Fill

Border Crossings

Chain Reaction

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It’s Hard Not to be Romantic About Time Travel

Joe Returns a Video

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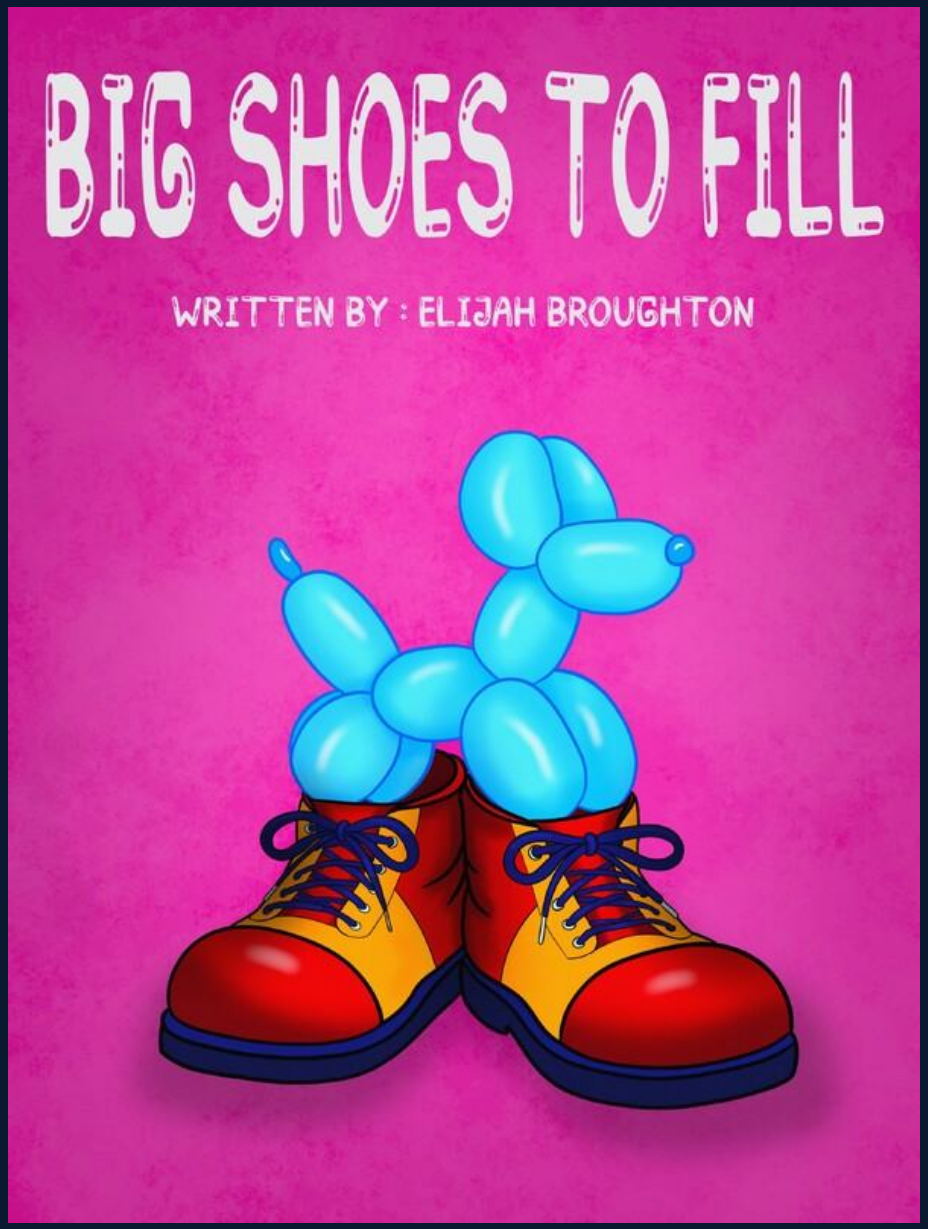
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10 Past 6

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Texan Theater

A woman reflects on personal, tragic events involving her younger brother.

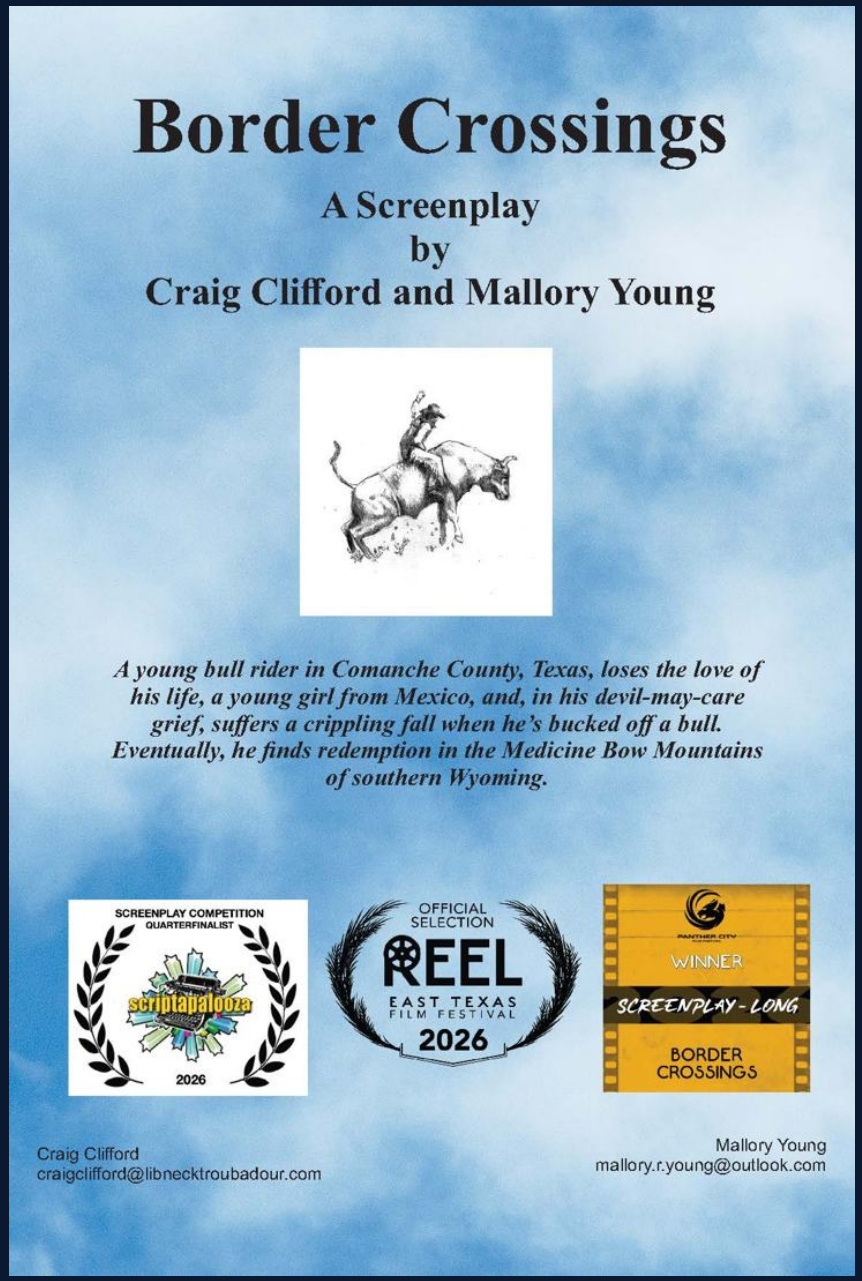


Big Shoes to Fill

Sat · Nov 14 · 3:30 PM

Texan Theater

At his six-year-old son's birthday party, recently divorced Franklin struggles as he watches his place in his family's life slip away. Broke, isolated, and desperate to feel like he still matters, he arrives empty handed only to be overshadowed by a charismatic clown entertaining the party, TANGO. As the day goes on, Franklin becomes convinced Tango is replacing him, not just as the center of his son's attention, but as the man in his family's life. Consumed by jealousy, alcohol, and his own insecurities, Franklin lashes out, turning a child's birthday party into chaos.



Border Crossings

Sat · Nov 14 · 3:30 PM

Texan Theater

An old bull rider from Texas is telling his life story to his comrades around a campfire in the Medicine Bow Mountains of southern Wyoming, explaining why he walks with a limp and how he ended up there. We flash back to the story he is telling: his ill-fated love affair with a young girl from Mexico, his crippling ride on the great bull Red Rock, his descent to an emotional rock bottom, and his struggle to put his life back together as a ranch hand in Wyoming. In the penultimate scene, the old bull rider completes his story by showing his comrades the wedding ring he had bought but never used. In the final scene in Mexico, we see his former love, now a mother and grandmother, looking wistfully at an aging photograph of her and the young bull rider together in Texas.

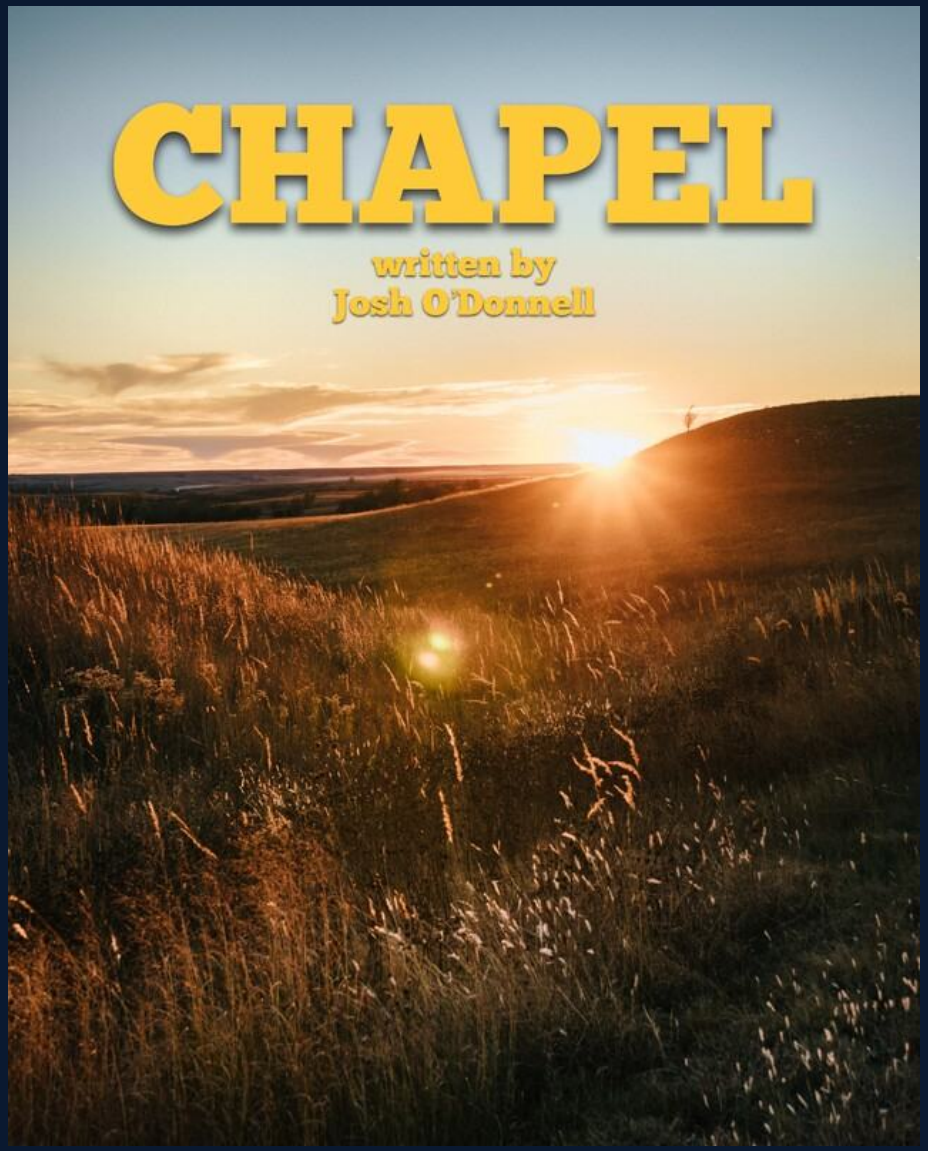


Chain Reaction

Sat · Nov 14 · 3:30 PM

Texan Theater

A small town Texas family deals with life after the nuclear Armageddon.



Chapel

Sat · Nov 14 · 3:30 PM

Texan Theater

When a sheltered young man swears a deathbed oath to a dying stranger, a chance encounter with a ruthless gang of killers will force him to fight for his life, or die before he ever becomes the man he was meant to be.



It’s Hard Not to be Romantic About Time Travel

Sat · Nov 14 · 3:30 PM

Texan Theater

After losing five years to a crime he didn’t commit, a bitter ex-con joins his weed-fueled best friend on a love-powered time travel quest to clear his name... only to risk losing the woman who finally gives him a future.



Joe Returns a Video

Sat · Nov 14 · 3:30 PM

Texan Theater

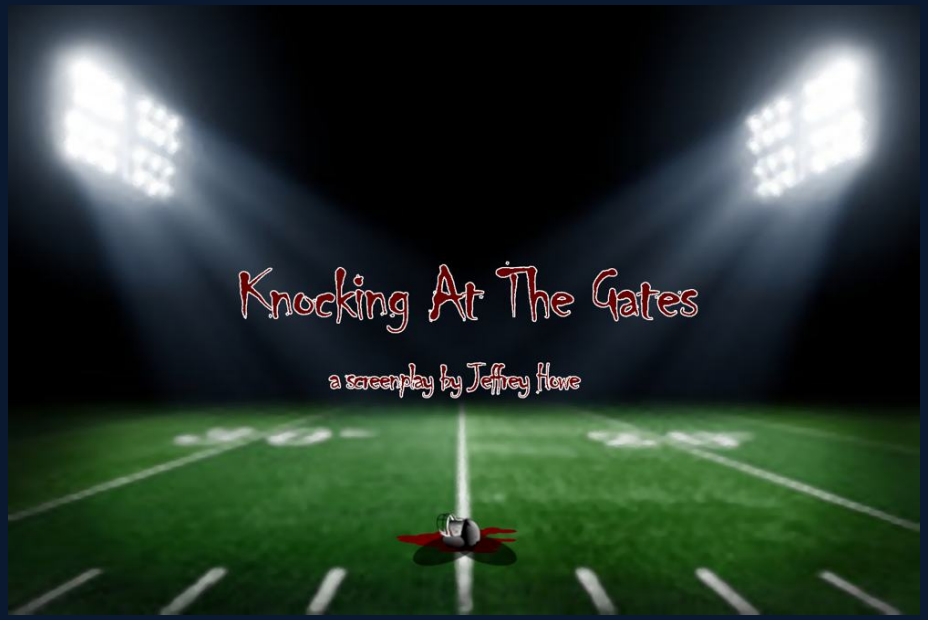
Joe suddenly realizes that his VHS rental of Steven Seagal's Above the Law is 29 years late. When he tries to return it, he gets himself involved in a big kerfuffle.

This is the feature length adaption of the award-winning short film.

Knocking at the Gates

Sat · Nov 14 · 3:30 PM

Texan Theater



When a Texas high school football assistant coach and his ambitious wife hatch a plot to get him the head coach's job, their scheme goes disastrously right--until consequences begin to catch up with them.

BLOCK 17

COLLEGE 2

SAT · NOV 14 · 5:00 PM

Broadcast

11 selections

Pull of the Water: The Sadie Goldin Story	24 min
Pressure Points	13 min
Right Hook	7 min
Heart on the Diamond	13 min
Breaking News	5 min
I Bleed Maple Syrup	8 min
Breathe	13 min
Women Supporting Women	4 min



10TH ANNIVERSARY ARTWORK

Pull of the Water: The Sadie Goldin Story

Sat · Nov 14 · 5:00 PM

Broadcast

24 minutes

Sadie Goldin doesn't know life without swimming. On a journey to becoming a successful Division I swimmer, she is diagnosed with fibromyalgia and myofascial pain syndrome, along with several mental health issues, which prompt challenges internally and with those around her. Getting a fresh start at the University of North Texas, Goldin shares her life story through the lens of her healing and self-discovery, while also grappling with the end of her swim career.



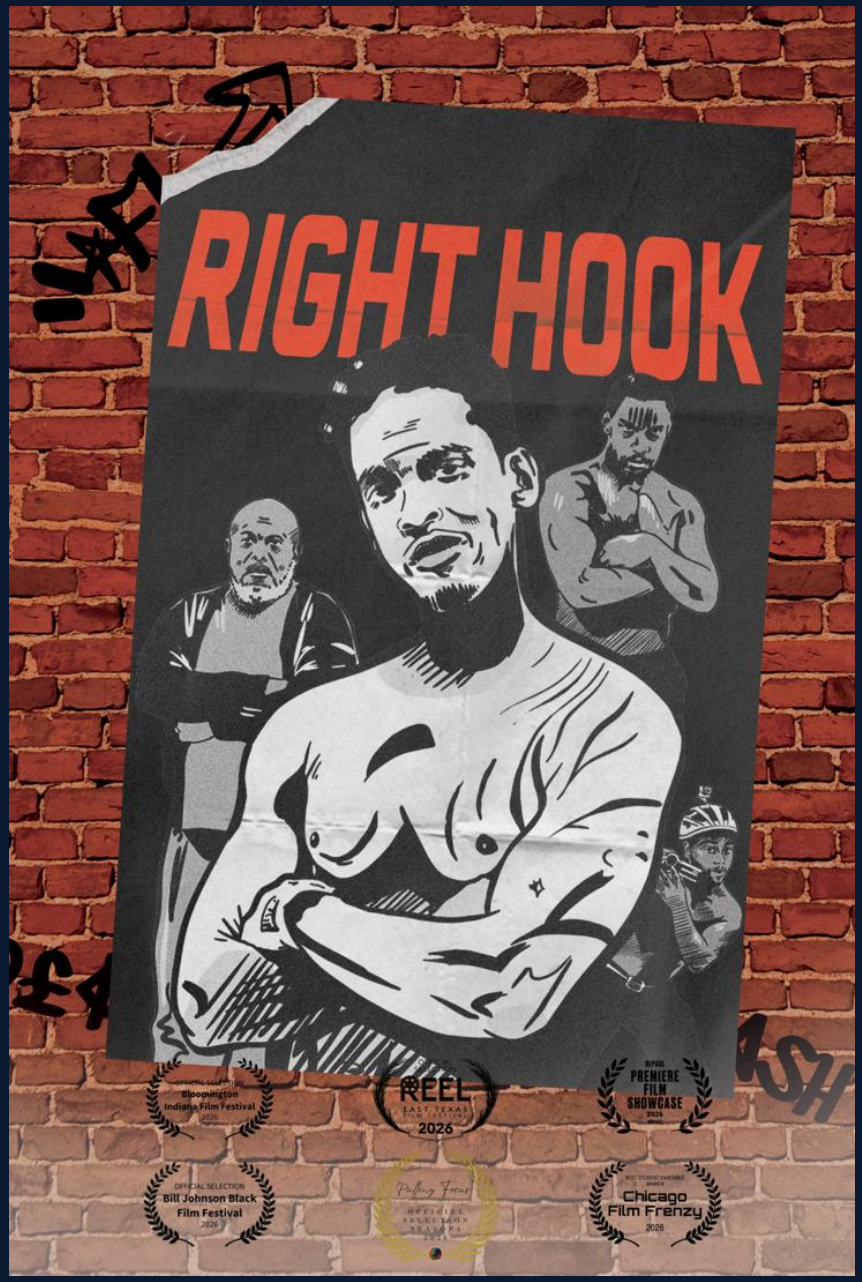
Pressure Points

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Broadcast

13 minutes

In this short dramedy, when two lifelong friends discover the spark in their marriages has faded, their sex lives are unexpectedly reignited by an unassuming elder with "magic hands" who unlocks desire and proves that sexuality has no expiration date.



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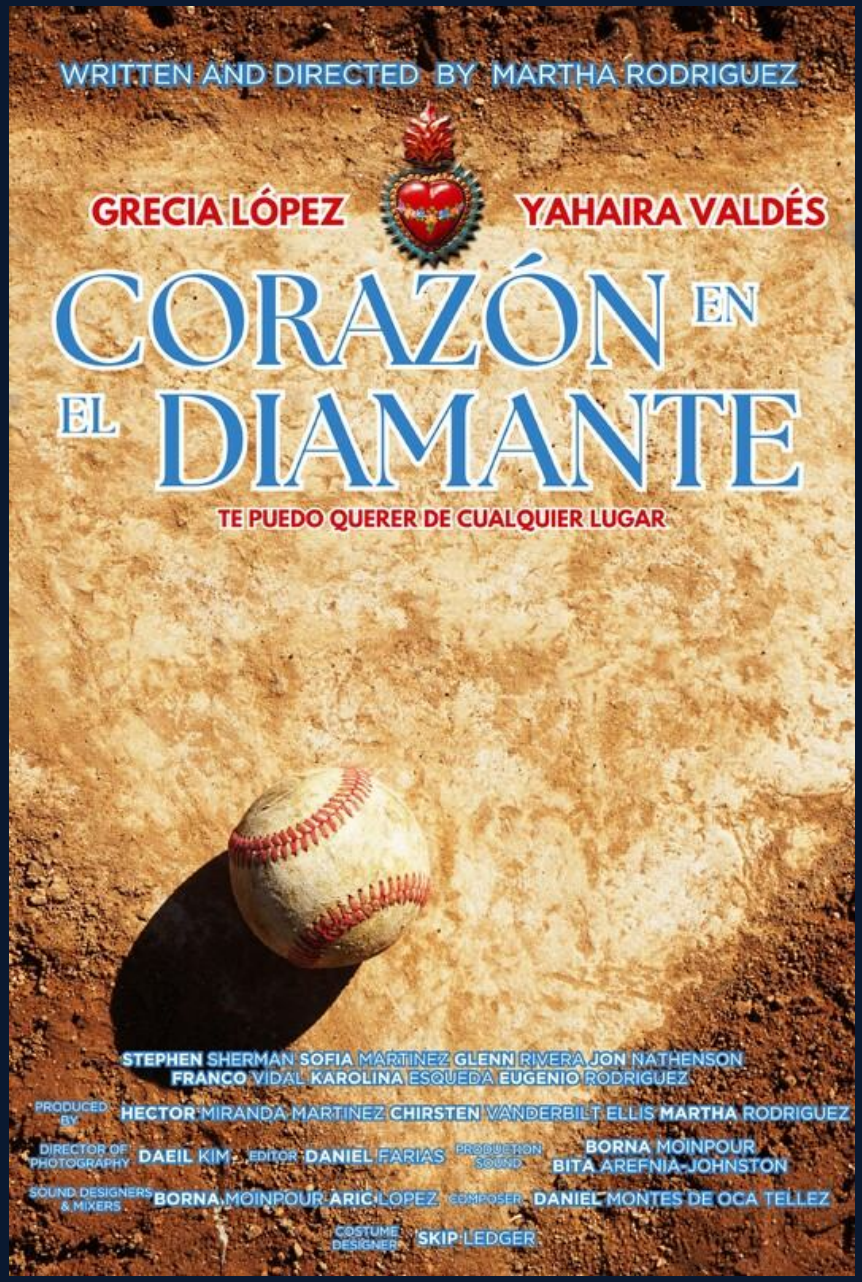
Right Hook

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Broadcast

7 minutes

An unserious boxer learns his lesson at his uncle's boxing gym.



Heart on the Diamond

Sat · Nov 14 · 5:00 PM

Broadcast

13 minutes

Corazón en el Diamante is a heartfelt story about Cecilia, a passionate 15-year-old baseball player, and her mother Gloria, who grapples with the challenges of immigration and family sacrifice. As Gloria fights to resolve her expired green card to visit her dying mother in Mexico, Cecilia struggles with the potential upheaval of her life in the U.S. Through emotional confrontations and acts of love, they ultimately reaffirm their bond, finding strength in their resilience and shared determination.



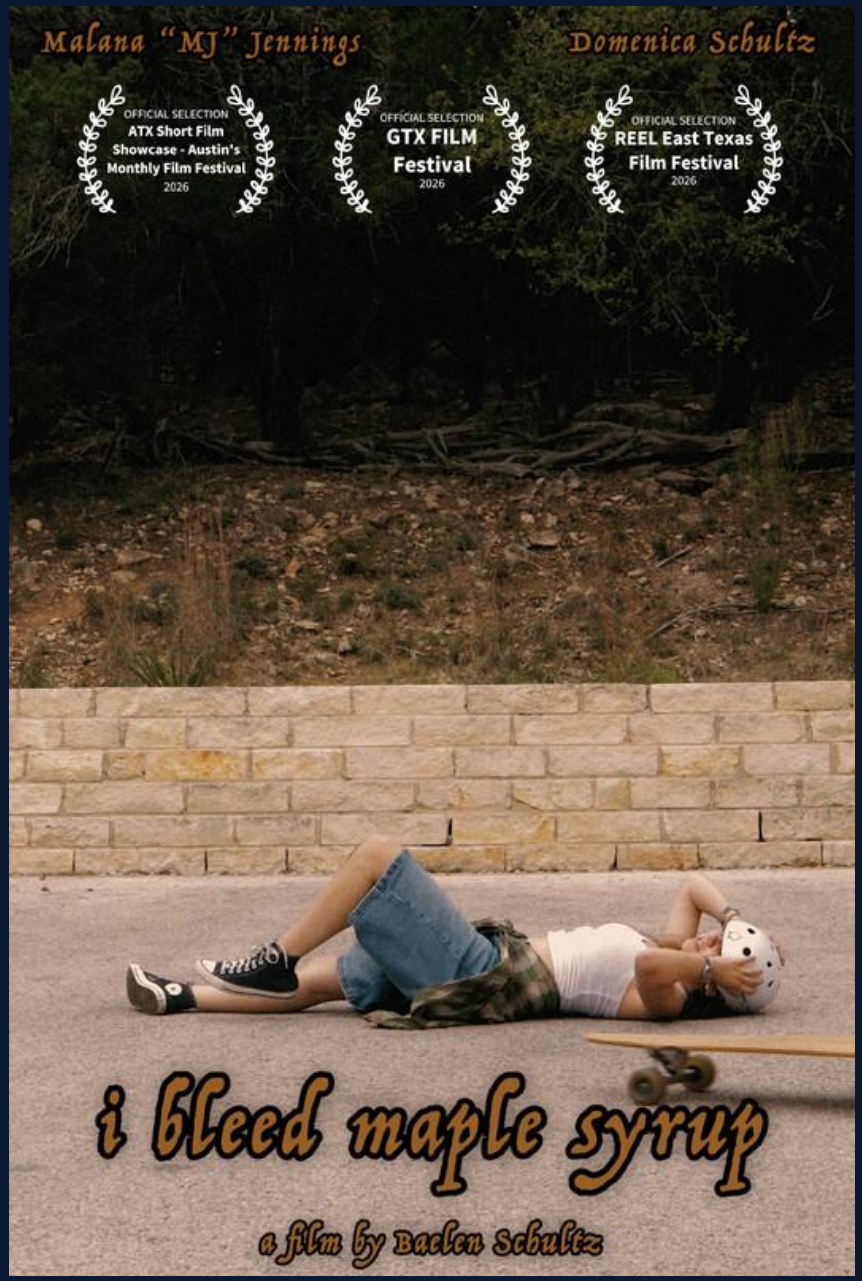
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Breaking News

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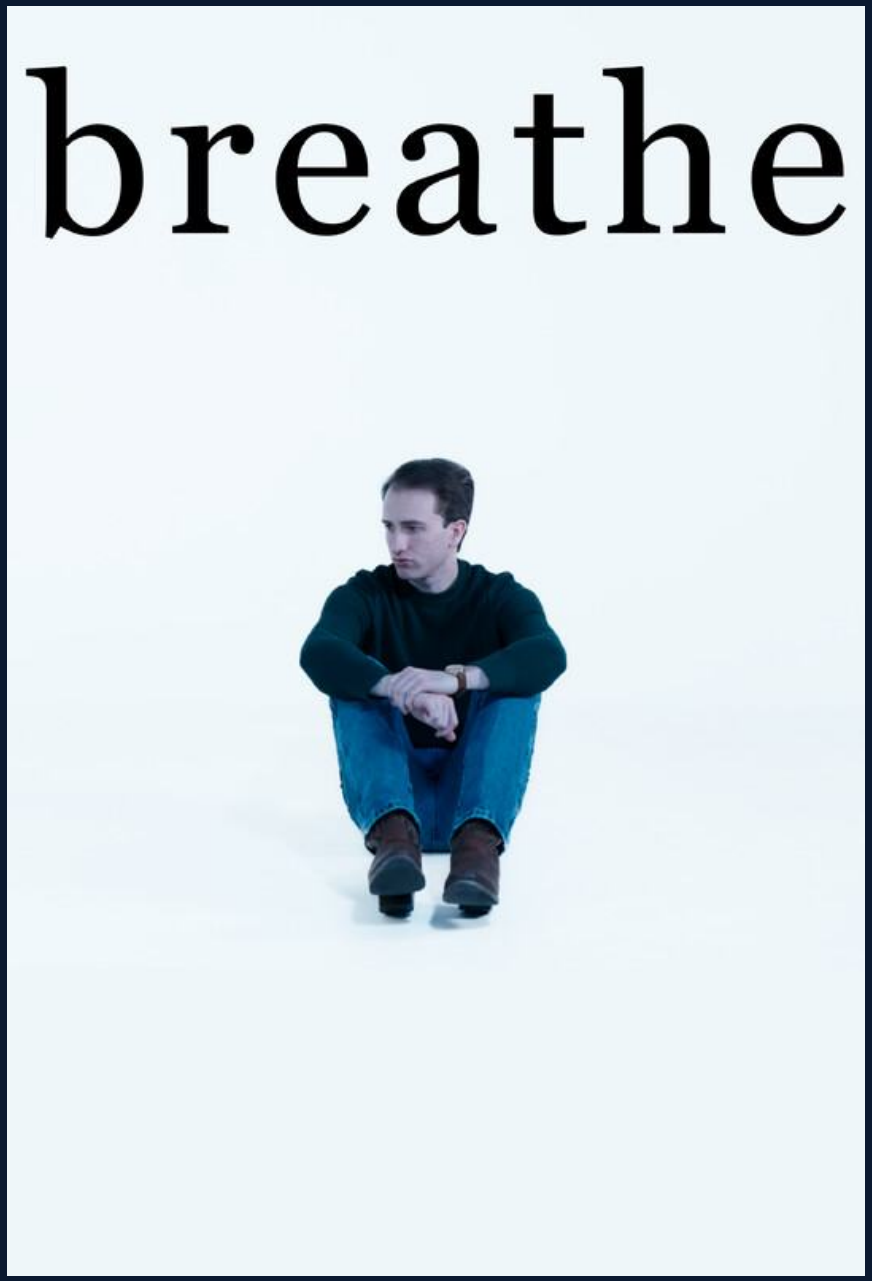
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I Bleed Maple Syrup

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Broadcast

8 minutes



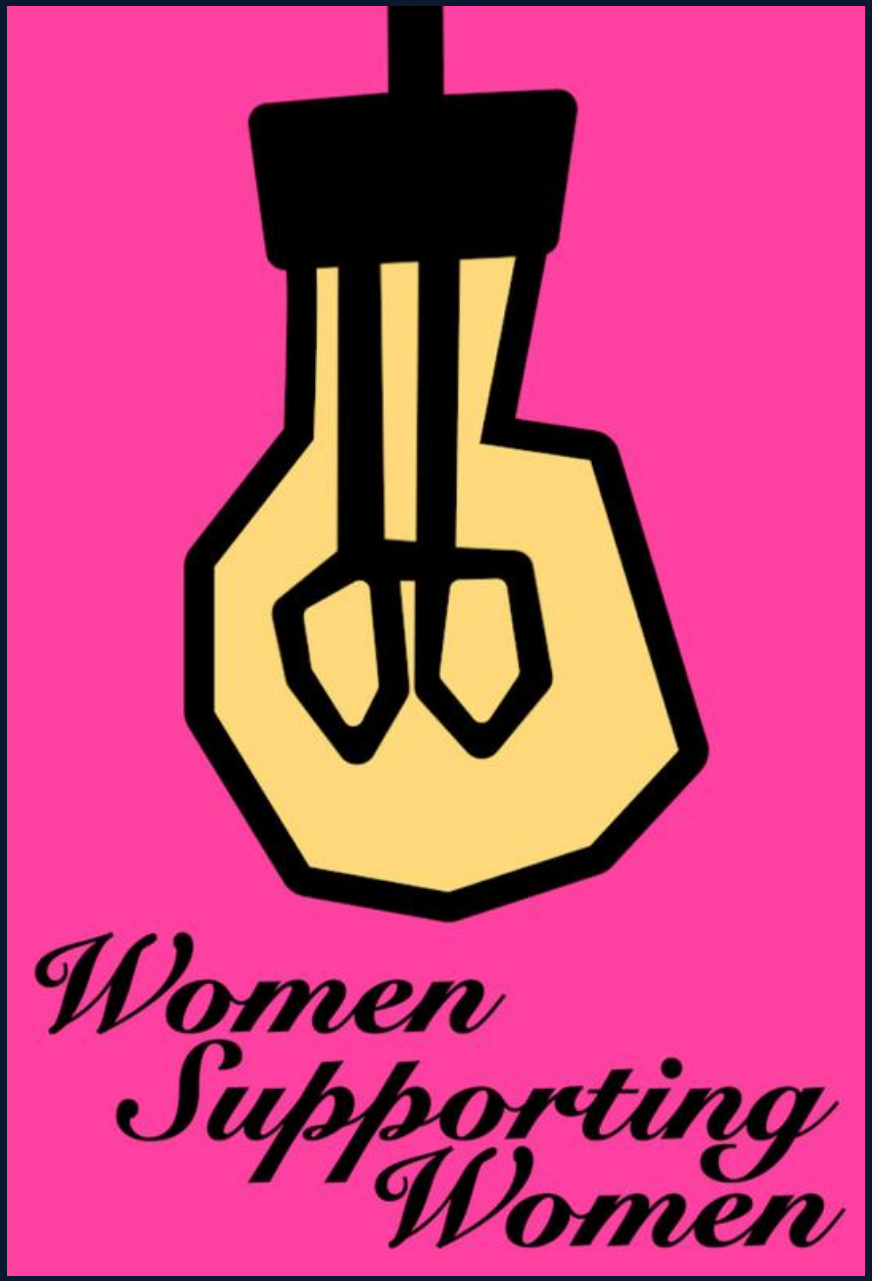
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Breathe

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Broadcast

13 minutes



BLOCK 17 / COLLEGE 2

Women Supporting Women

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Broadcast

4 minutes



BLOCK 17 / COLLEGE 2

The Fare

Sat · Nov 14 · 5:00 PM

Broadcast

10 minutes



Understudy

Sat · Nov 14 · 5:00 PM

Broadcast

17 minutes



Overtime: The Musical

Sat · Nov 14 · 5:00 PM

Broadcast

6 minutes

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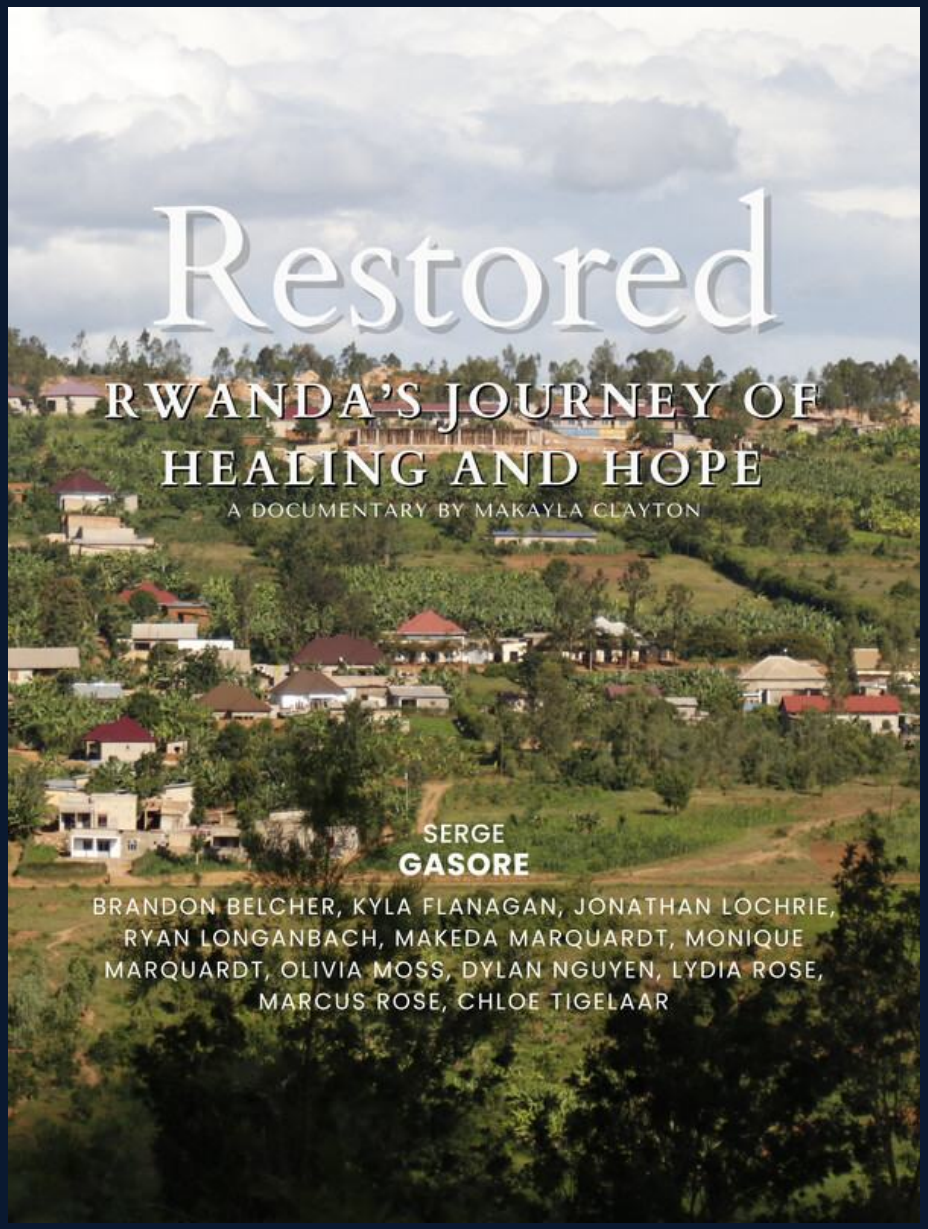
COLLEGE 3

SAT · NOV 14 · 5:15 PM

Texan Theater

9 selections

Restored: Rwanda’s Journey	15 min
Mitosis	10 min
The Same Paige	17 min
Wakin’ Snakes	6 min
Beaks Bloody	13 min
Golden Dandelions	25 min
Chicago, 1968	7 min
Moontime	18 min



BLOCK 18 / COLLEGE 3

Restored: Rwanda's Journey

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Texan Theater

15 minutes



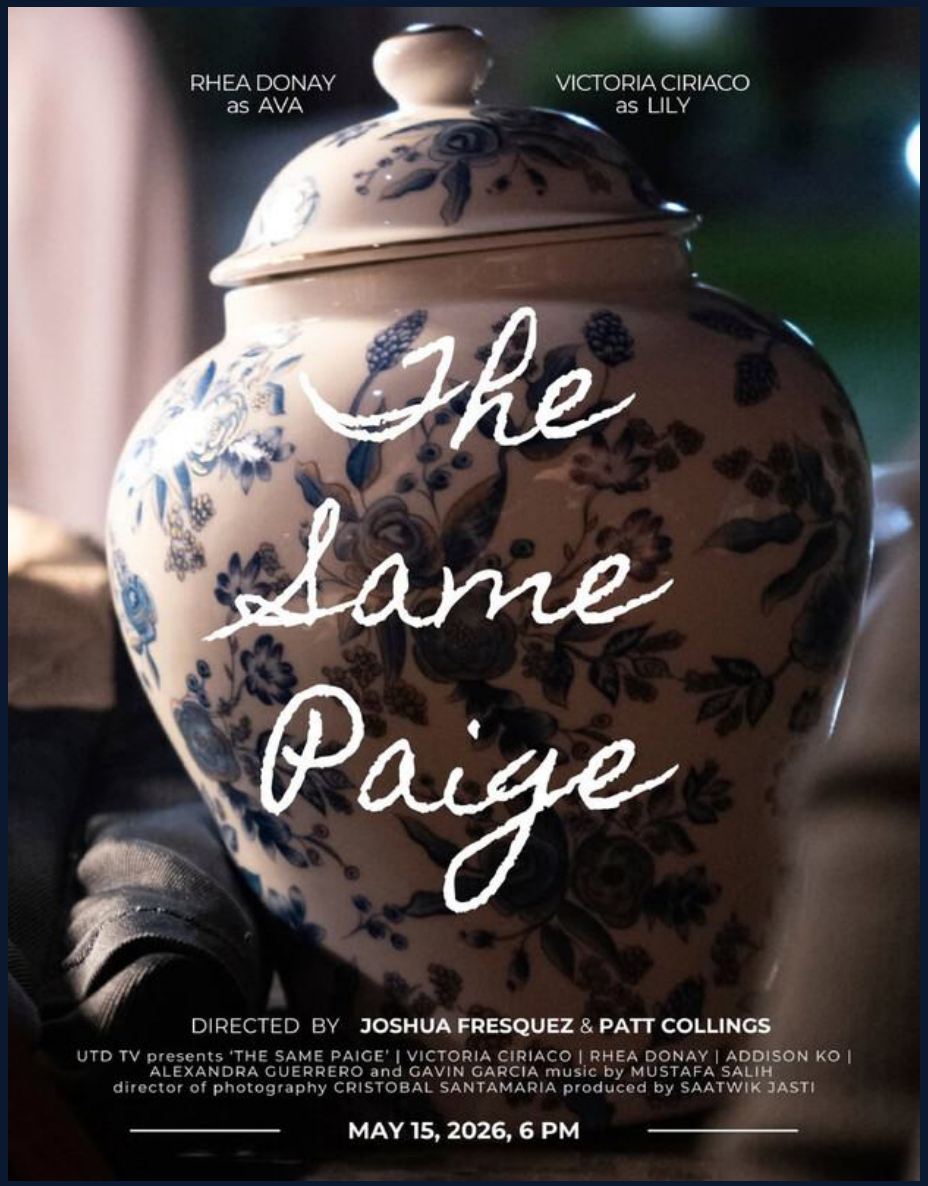
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Mitosis

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Texan Theater

10 minutes



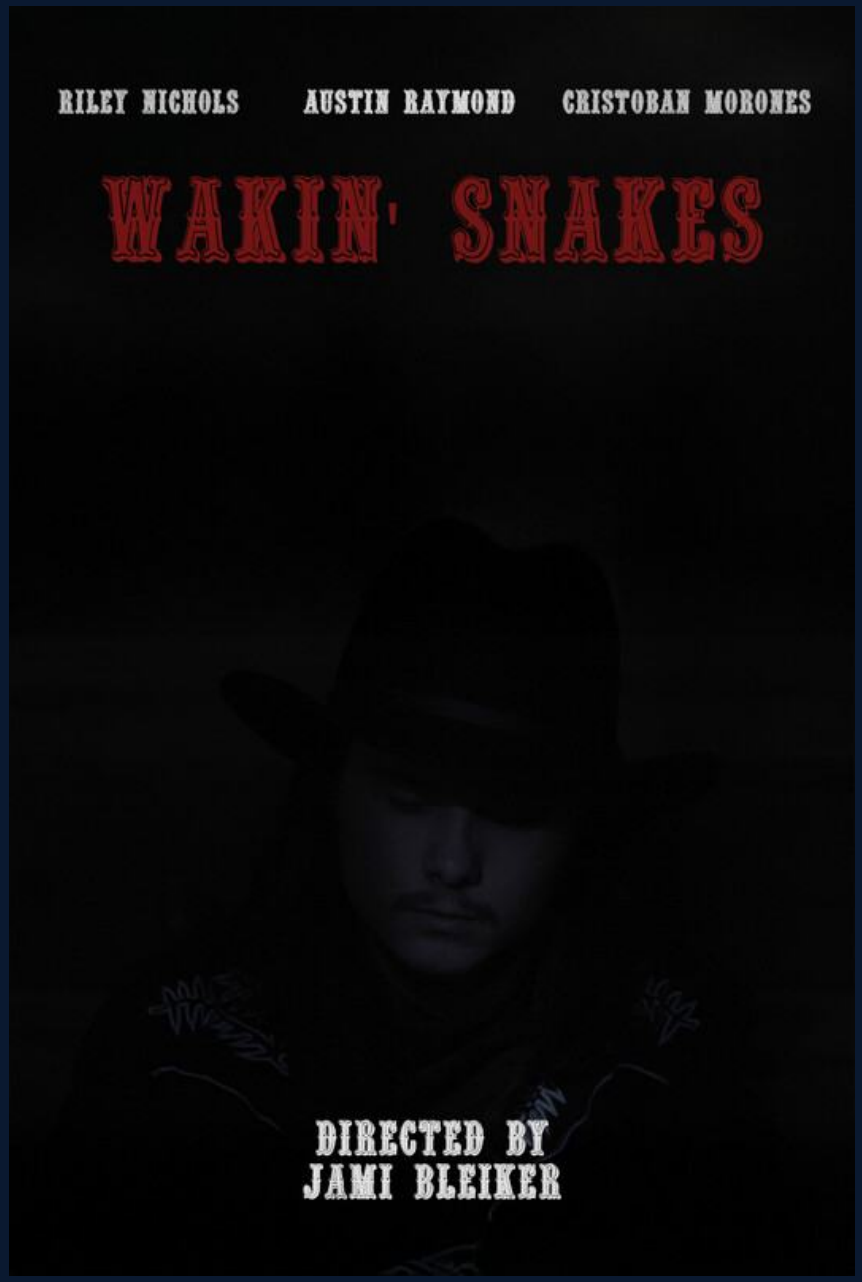
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The Same Paige

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Texan Theater

17 minutes



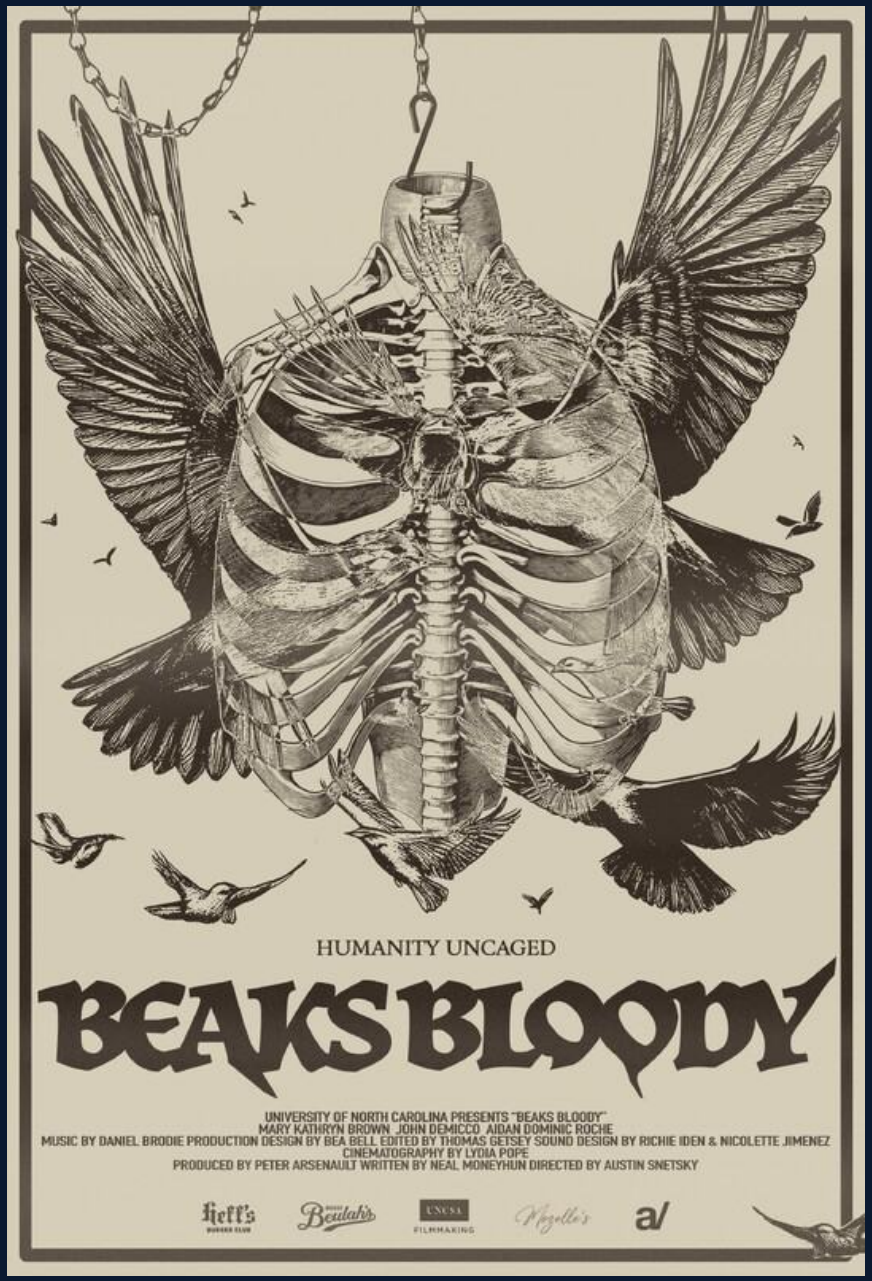
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Wakin’ Snakes

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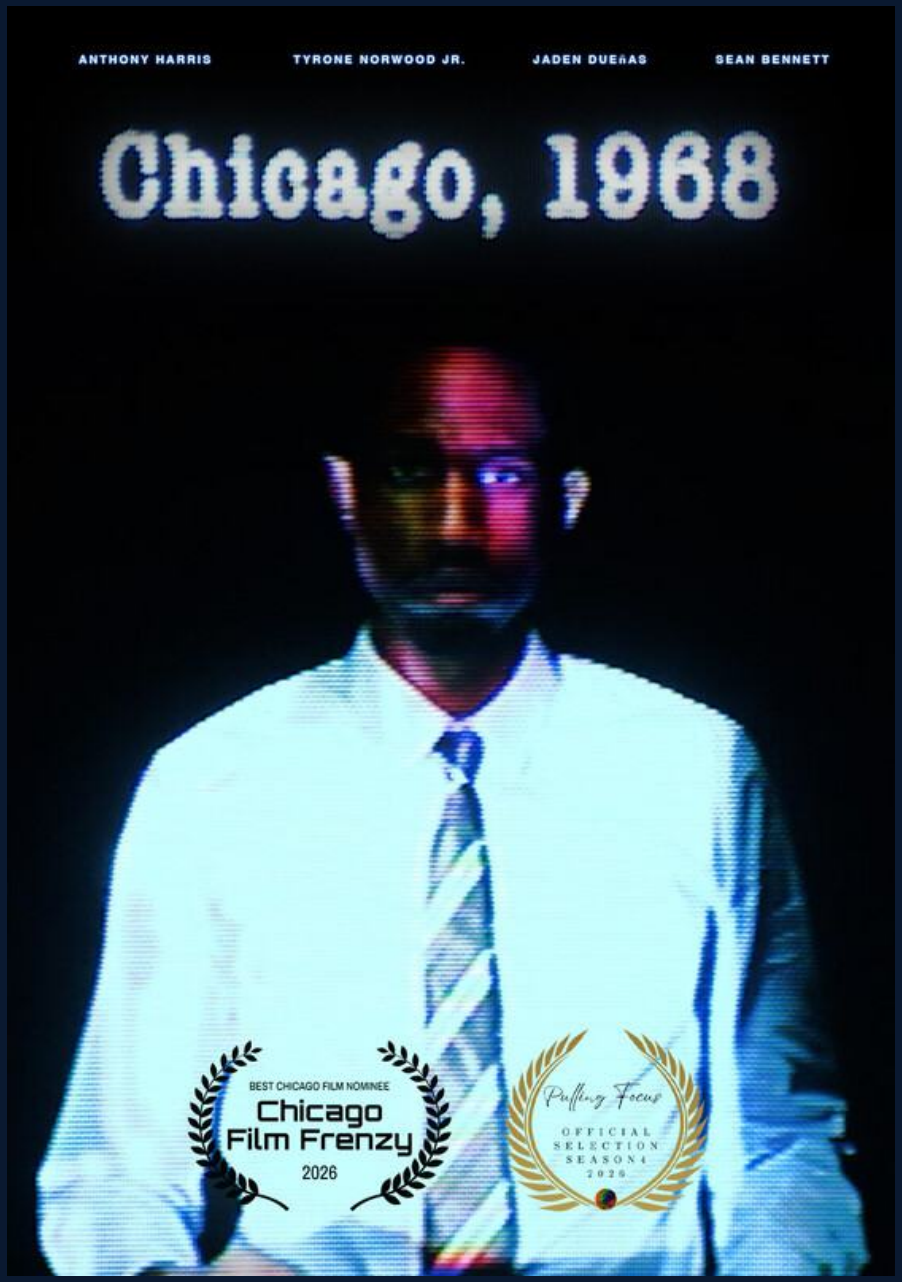
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Golden Dandelions

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Texan Theater

25 minutes



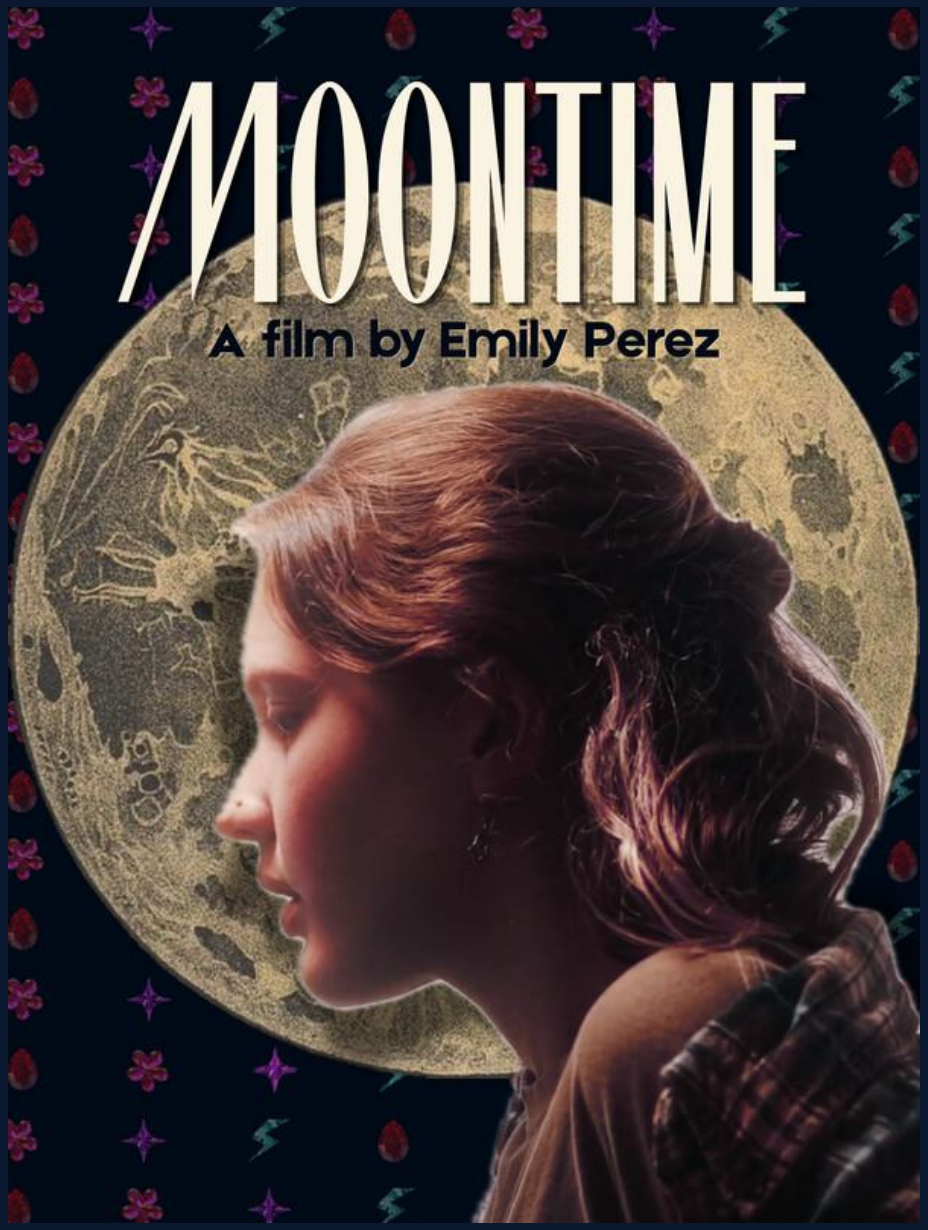
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Chicago, 1968

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Texan Theater

7 minutes



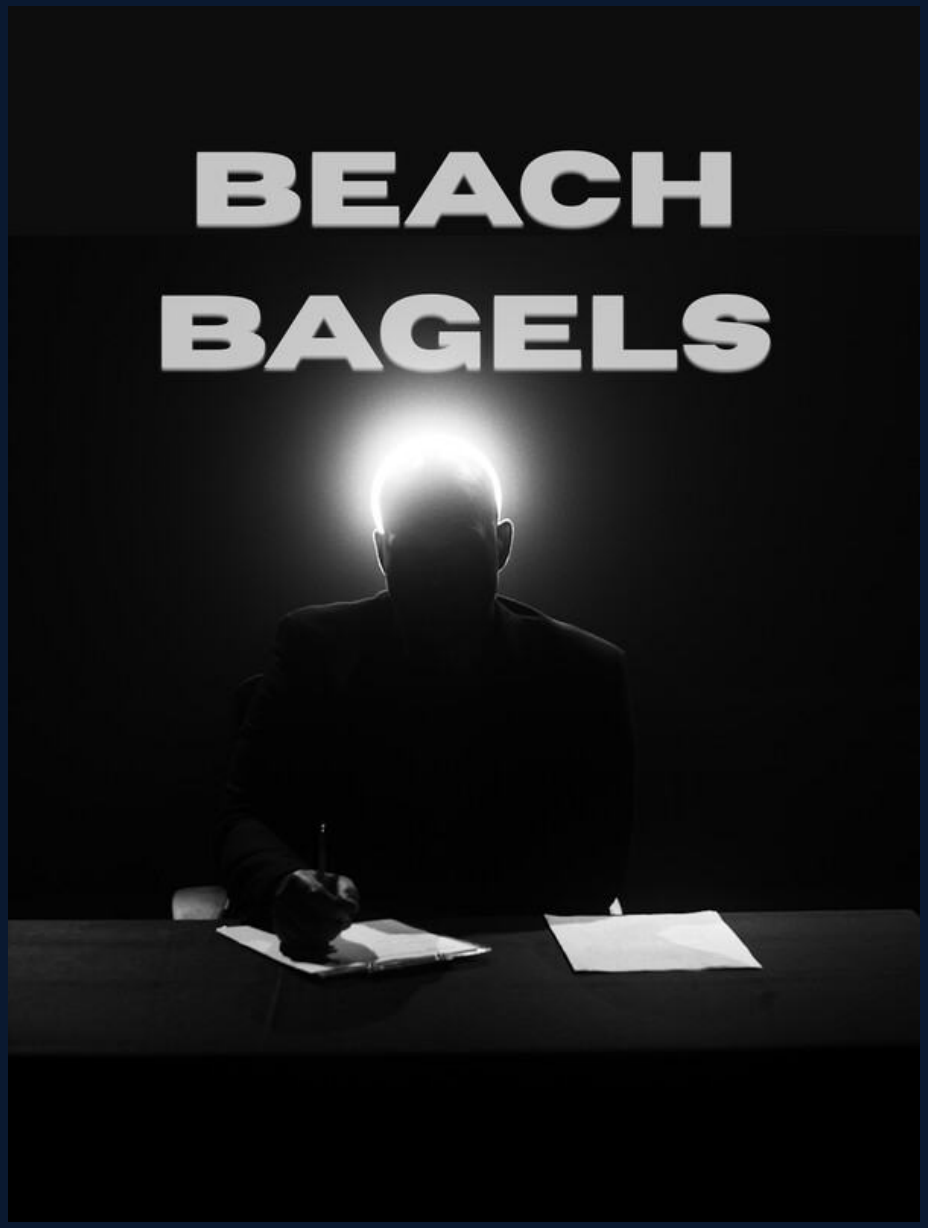
BLOCK 18 / COLLEGE 3

Moontime

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Texan Theater

18 minutes



BLOCK 18 / COLLEGE 3

Beach Bagles

Sat · Nov 14 · 5:15 PM

Texan Theater

8 minutes

BLOCK 19

SCI-FI SATURDAY

SAT · NOV 14 · 5:45 PM

4 Star Cinema

3 selections

Magic Camera	13 min
Growth	10 min
Mantis	94 min



Magic Camera

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4 Star Cinema

13 minutes

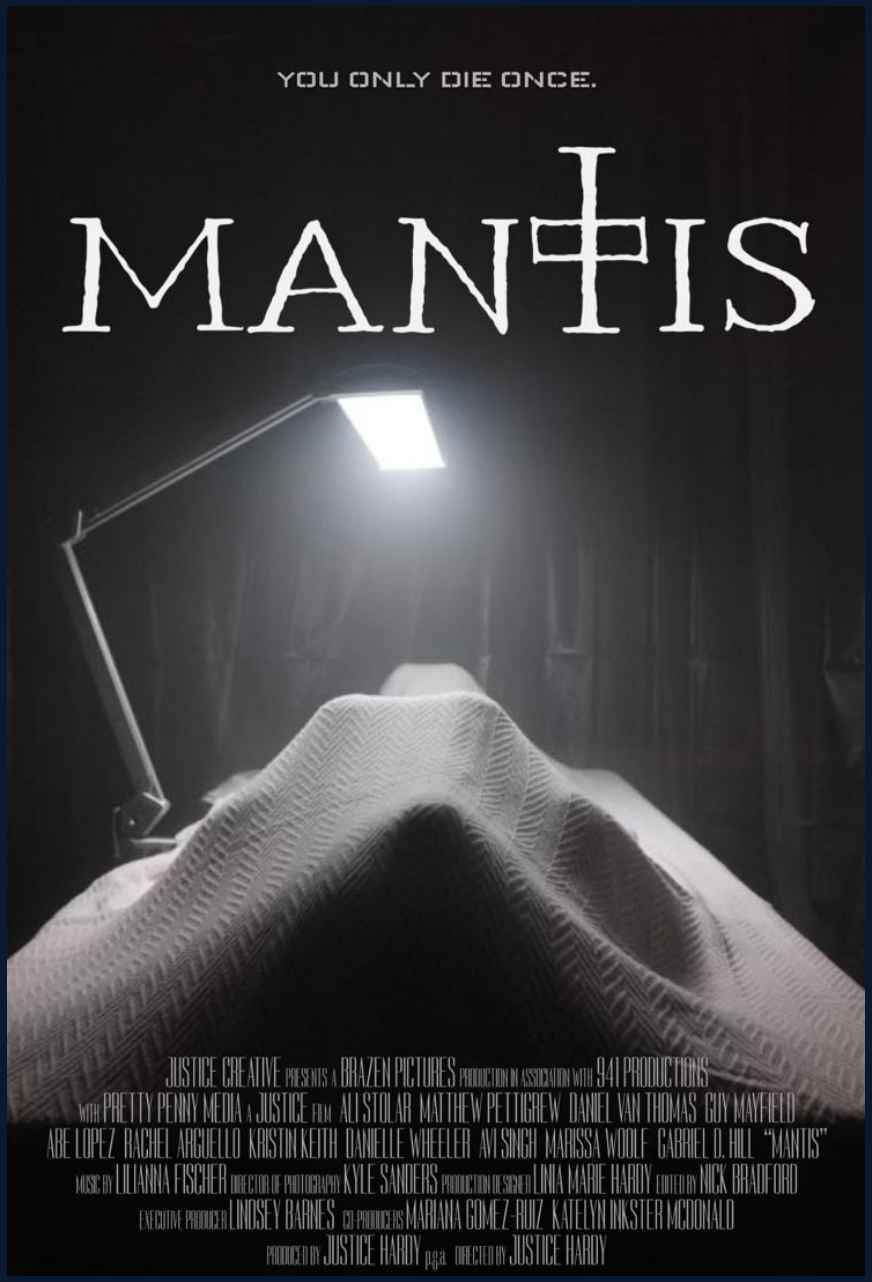


Growth

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4 Star Cinema

10 minutes



BLOCK 19 / **SCI-FI SATURDAY**

Mantis

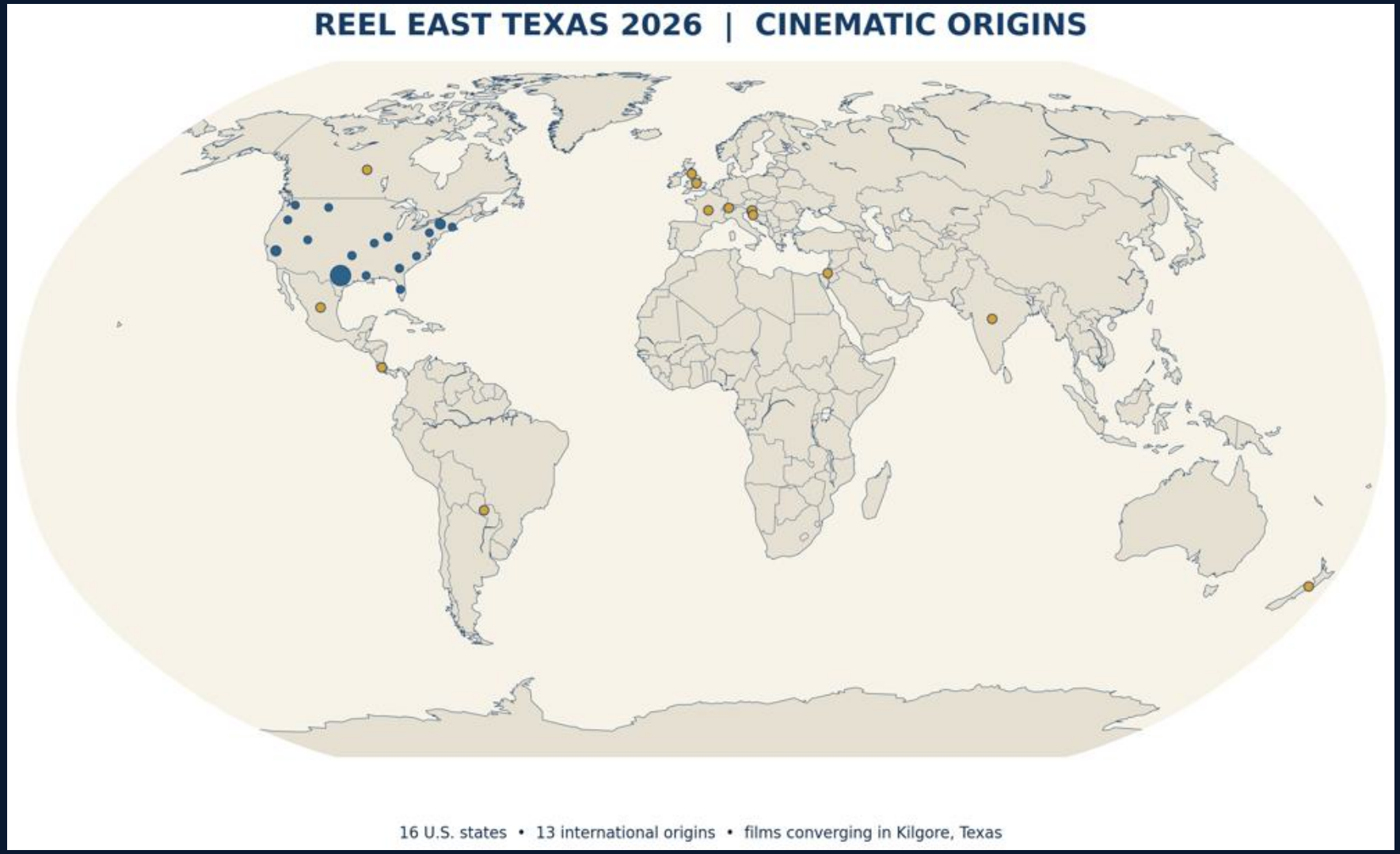
Sat · Nov 14 · 5:45 PM

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94 minutes

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