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FILM FESTIVAL

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The Old Jail
203 S Meeting St
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4 SCREENING

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110 N Center St
Statesville, NC

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7 PARTY

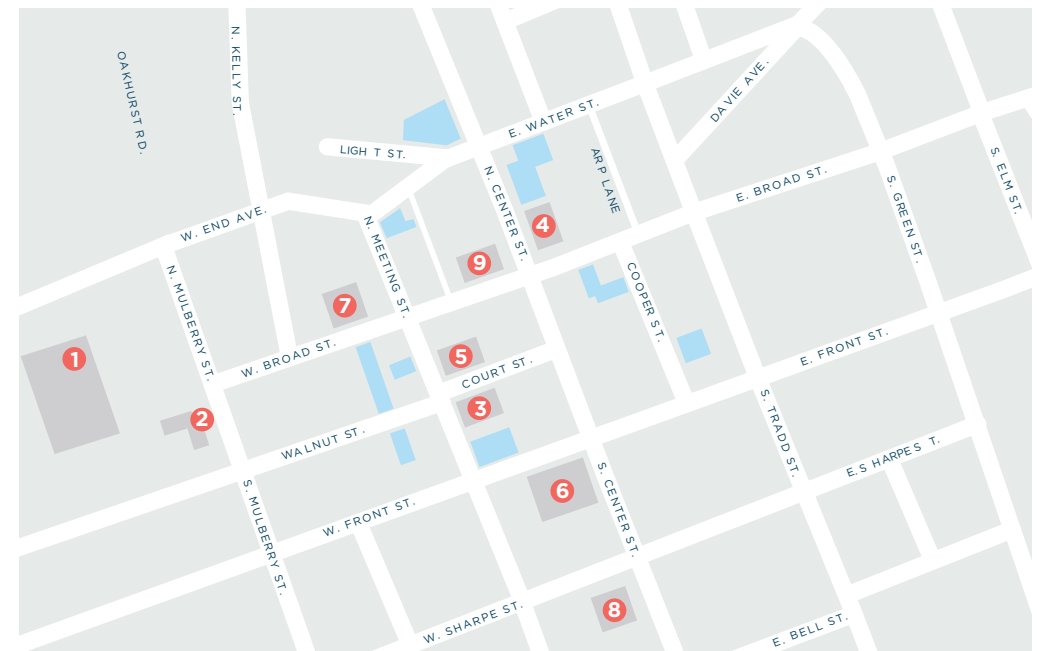
FOURTH CREEK BREWING CO.
226 W Broad St
Statesville, NC

8 PARTY

THE HISTORIC SHARPE HOUSE
402 S Center St
Statesville, NC

9 HOSPITALITY

BOX OFFICE
Sky Mountain Coffee
110 W Broad St
Statesville, NC



FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

MCC RA IAC RBB MUSEUM EVENTS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

6:00 PM	VIP OPENING NIGHT 6:15-7:15					
7:00 PM						
8:00 PM						
9:00 PM						VIP PARTY CIVIC CENTER 7:30-11:00
10:00 PM						

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:00 AM						ROUNDTABLE SKY MOUNTAIN 9:00-10:00
10:00 AM						
11:00 AM		LOVE FLOWER 10:45-12:15	RIGHT TO HARM 11:00-12:20	ARTHOUSE CINEMA 11:15-12:30		
12:00 PM						
1:00 PM		LAST CALL 12:45-2:05	THE MONEY STONE 12:45-2:20	MOTHERS/FATHERS SONS/DAUGHTERS 1:10-2:25		
2:00 PM						
3:00 PM		YOUNG HEARTS RUN FREE 2:30-3:50	SIMPLY EXCEPTIONAL 2:45-4:05	WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS 3:10-4:55		
4:00 PM						
5:00 PM		PANEL: MICRO BUDGET FILMMAKING 4:30-5:30				
6:00 PM	RED CARPET 5:45-6:15					
7:00 PM	WHAT WE DON'T SAY 6:15-7:45					
8:00 PM						
9:00 PM						
10:00 PM						PARTY FOURTH CREEK BREWING CO. 7:30-UNTIL

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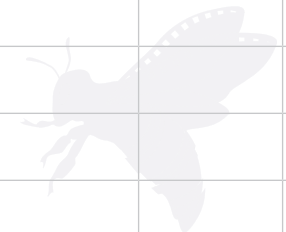
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:00 AM						MEET & GREET SKY MOUNTAIN 9:00-10:00
10:00 AM		WE WERE ISLANDS 10:00-11:25	GIFT 10:00-11:30	LGBTQ+ 10:00-11:20		
11:00 AM					KIDS SESSION 10:00-1:00	
12:00 PM		OUR DARKER SELVES 12:00-1:35	FADING PORTRAITS 11:50-1:00	TRIGGERS + SPARKS 12:00-12:55		
1:00 PM						
2:00 PM			CHAIRMAN JONES 1:35-3:10	#RELATIONSHIPS 1:30-2:55		
3:00 PM		BEYOND THE HORIZON 2:15-4:05				
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8:00 PM						
9:00 PM						VIP PARTY THE HISTORIC SHARPE HOUSE 7:30-10:30
10:00 PM						

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

10:00 AM						
11:00 AM						
12:00 PM						
1:00 PM						
2:00 PM						



AWARD
WINNERS
10:30-1:30

OPENING NIGHT

OPENING NIGHT

THURSDAY | 6:15-7:15 | MCC

VIP ONLY

A variety of short films from this year's Official Selections.

JOURNEY

0:03:23 | ANIMATION

WILL I SAY SO

0:06:53 | SHORT NARRATIVE

SHELTER

0:07:00 | SHORT NARRATIVE

BAILAORA

0:15:00 | SHORT NARRATIVE

SAMMY

0:14:00 | SHORT NARRATIVE

TWO BALLOONS

0:09:08 | ANIMATION

LOBSTERS

0:04:00 | SHORT NARRATIVE



NARRATIVE FEATURES

LAST CALL

FRIDAY | 12:45-2:05 | RA

Director: Gavin Michael Booth

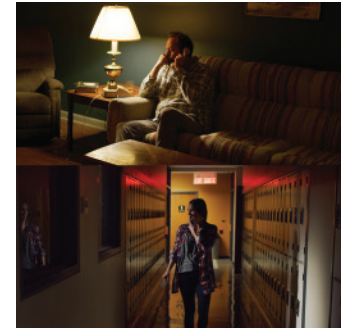
Duration: 1:16:00

Year: 2019

Country: Canada

Language: English

Last Call follows a suicidal alcoholic on the anniversary of his son's death. When he attempts to call a crisis hotline, a misdial connects him with a single mother working as the night janitor at a local community college. Shot in two true single takes, filmed simultaneously in two different parts of a city.



LOVE FLOWER

FRIDAY | 10:45-12:15 | RA

Director: Sahm McGlynn

Duration: 1:29:10

Year: 2019

Country: United States

Language: English

Joshua's life is unraveling. His girlfriend has a wandering eye, his boss makes him stay late every day, he's caught up in a holistic health scam and his old pal Bucky just showed up with bad news. But things aren't always as they seem.



WE WERE ÍSLANDS

SATURDAY | 10:00-11:25 | RA

Director: Amrita Pradhan

Duration: 1:20:17

Year: 2017

Country: United States

Language: English

Reeta, a young stand-up comedian, feels the heat as she edges closer to the ominous age of 30 to fall in love, get married, and settle down. When she meets lonely funeral home employee Juliun, her happy ending finally feels imminent. A dramatic-comedy about trying to fix something that may have been broken all along.



NARRATIVE FEATURES



WHAT WE DON'T SAY

FRIDAY | 6:15-7:45 | MCC

RED CARPET EVENT 5:45

Director: Matt Ralston

Duration: 1:32:00

Year: 2019

Country: Canada

Language: English, French

Ben, an aspiring cartoonist, is closed off from a recent breakup. While lost in self doubt he meets vivacious and free spirited Juliette. They have an instant connection but she also has plans to move away soon yet still they decide to spend time together. As their love for each other grows, their time together dwindles and they have to face that love may not be enough for her to stay.

NARRATIVE FEATURES



ABOVE THE CLOUDS

SATURDAY | 6:00-7:30 | MCC

RED CARPET EVENT 5:30

Director: Leon Chambers

Duration: 1:27:00

Year: 2018

Country: United Kingdom

Language: English

When headstrong Charlie discovers her parents have been keeping her biological father secret from her, she does what any 18-year old would do - recruits a rough sleeper to be her 'responsible adult' and sets off for Scotland on her provisional driving license to go and find him.

DOCUMENTARY FEATURES

CHAIRMAN JONES-AN IMPROBABLE LEADER

SATURDAY | 1:35-3:10 | IAC

Director: Anna R. Jones

Duration: 1:00:24 | Year: 2015

Country: United States

Language: English

A black farmer's fight for equal education in rural Northampton County, NC transforms him and his county in unimaginable ways. Disregarding racism and his lack of education, Jones emerges as a trailblazer during the tense 1969 school desegregation crisis and becomes NC's first black School Board Chairman.



VIEWING WITH: BEATING THE ODDS Directors: Jessica Young & Jason Young
Duration: 0:33:39 • Year: 2019 • Country: United States • Language: English

FADING PORTRAITS

SATURDAY | 11:50-1:00 | IAC

Director: Ali Shilandari

Duration: 0:55:09 | Year: 2019

Country: Islamic Republic of Iran

Language: English, Persian

A renowned documentarian and photographer, Maryam Zandi, is attempting to publish her photos of the 1979 Revolution and is faced with a dilemma: to omit several photos as demanded by the Government...or to maintain her persistence that historical events cannot be censored and having the voice of all artists in similar societies heard.



VIEWING WITH: THE RETURN Director: Amy Claire Nelson • Duration: 0:12:03
Year: 2018 • Country: United States • Language: Arabic, English

GIFT

SATURDAY | 10:00-11:30 | IAC

Director: Robin McKenna

Duration: 1:29:00 | Year: 2018

Country: Canada

Language: English, Italian

Inspired by Lewis Hyde's beloved classic *The Gift: Creativity and the Artist in the Modern World*, GIFT is a tribute to something that can't be measured or counted, bought or sold. An intimate exploration of real-life gift economies, it's a reflection on the creative process, the reasons we labor in service of our gifts, and a celebration of the imagination.



DOCUMENTARY FEATURES

RIGHT TO HARM

FRIDAY | 11:00-12:20 | IAC

Directors: Matt Wechsler

& Annie Speicher

Duration: 1:16:30 | Year: 2019

Country: United States

Language: English

An exposé on the public health impact of factory farming across the United States, told through the eyes of residents in five rural communities. When pushed to their limit, these disenfranchised citizens band together to demand justice from their legislators.



THE MONEY STONE

FRIDAY | 12:45-2:20 | IAC

Director: Stuart Harmon

Duration: 1:32:17 | Year: 2018

Country: United States

Language: English

The Money Stone is the coming-of-age story of two boys chasing their dreams among the gold mines of Ghana.



WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS

FRIDAY | 3:10-4:55 | RBB

Directors: Sean Bloomfield

& Cimela Kidonakis

Duration: 1:43:00 | Year: 2018

Country: United States

Language: English

Father Rene Robert was a "living saint" in the tight-knit community of St. Augustine, Florida. In April, 2016, Father Rene disappeared. It quickly became apparent, however, that he was not just missing, but someone had taken him against his will. A nationwide search ensued which resulted in a series of shocking revelations and Fr. Rene's own foretelling of his fate.



SHORT FILM SESSIONS



#RELATIONSHIPS

Romantic relationships portrayed across multiple narrative genres.

SATURDAY | 1:30-2:55 | RBB

CAMILLA, KEEP YOUR WORD

0:15:14 | SHORT NARRATIVE

WAYS TO LOOK AT THE MOON

0:17:09 | SHORT NARRATIVE

YOU'RE STILL HERE

0:20:00 | SHORT NARRATIVE

ONE MORE DAY

0:03:00 | SHORT NARRATIVE

LOBSTERS

0:04:00 | SHORT NARRATIVE

THE ESCAPE

0:09:03 | SHORT NARRATIVE

BREAK UP OUT LOUD

0:07:08 | SHORT NARRATIVE

THE SWEATSHIRT

0:08:05 | SHORT NARRATIVE

ARTHOUSE CINEMA

Visually stunning and thought-provoking short films.

FRIDAY | 11:15-12:30 | RBB

SLEEPLESS/REPEAT UNTIL DEATH

0:13:00 | SHORT DOCUMENTARY

POLAROID: THE WAREHOUSE OF MEMORY

0:14:00 | SHORT DOCUMENTARY

SO I DON'T FORGET

0:05:00 | ANIMATION

LISTEN TO ME SING

0:11:12 | ANIMATION

MONSTERS WALKING

0:01:05 | ANIMATION

OUROBOROS

0:08:01 | SHORT NARRATIVE

THE MUSIC BOX

0:11:29 | ANIMATION

BAILAORA

0:15:00 | SHORT NARRATIVE

BEYOND THE HORIZON

Three documentary short subjects that go above and beyond.

SATURDAY | 2:15-4:05 | RA

FLYING FUR

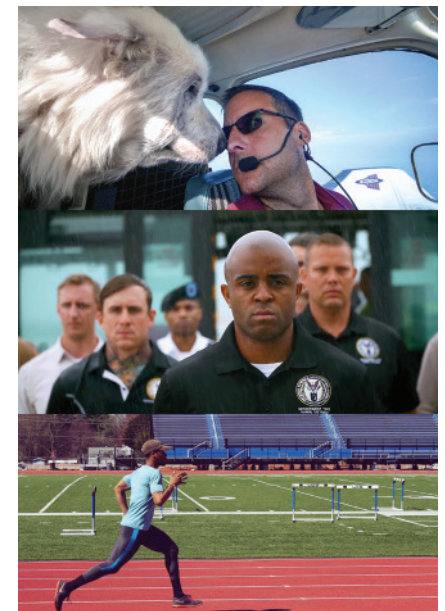
0:36:15 | SHORT DOCUMENTARY

REMAINS

0:39:38 | SHORT DOCUMENTARY

RUN OF THE PICTURE

0:31:34 | SHORT DOCUMENTARY



SHORT FILM SESSIONS



KIDS SESSION

Sweet stories and fun for the whole family!
(37 minutes)

SATURDAY | 10:00-1:00 | MUSEUM

GOTCHA!

0:03:05 | ANIMATION

FOLDING FUR

0:03:34 | ANIMATION

THE UNDERGROUNDERS

0:04:16 | ANIMATION

IAN, A MOVING STORY

0:09:00 | ANIMATION

LITTLE THINKS

0:05:00 | ANIMATION

THE BIG L *(best for kids 7+)*

0:11:08 | SHORT NARRATIVE

LGBTQ+

Individuals at various points in their journey
through sexual and gender identity.

SATURDAY | 10:00-11:20 | RBB

ISABELLA

0:13:02 | SHORT NARRATIVE

LUCKY

0:16:52 | SHORT NARRATIVE

WHISTLE DOWN WIND

0:14:36 | SHORT NARRATIVE

WILL I SAY SO

0:06:53 | SHORT NARRATIVE

THE BOY AND THE BALLOON

0:20:00 | SHORT NARRATIVE



SHORT FILM SESSIONS

MOTHERS/FATHERS SONS/DAUGHTERS

Tough moments that define a
parent-child relationship.

FRIDAY | 1:10-2:25 | RBB

MOMENT

0:01:40 | SHORT NARRATIVE

MARIPOSA

0:06:37 | SHORT NARRATIVE

BABY

0:08:24 | SHORT NARRATIVE

BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE

0:18:46 | SHORT NARRATIVE

FOR HOPE

0:19:56 | SHORT NARRATIVE

TAIPEI BIYORI

0:17:48 | SHORT NARRATIVE



OUR DARKER SELVES

An undercurrent of darkness invades everyday
life in these suspenseful short narratives.

SATURDAY | 12:00-1:35 | RA

THE TRIP

0:08:00 | SHORT NARRATIVE

BOYS NIGHT

0:16:28 | SHORT NARRATIVE

BROADSIDE

0:13:16 | SHORT NARRATIVE

THE HELPING HAND

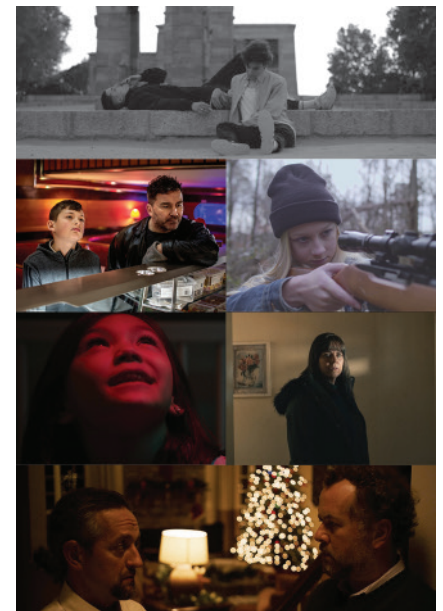
0:10:00 | SHORT NARRATIVE

SHE FOLLOWS CLOSE BEHIND

0:21:08 | SHORT NARRATIVE

THE TURNER EXHIBIT

0:24:48 | SHORT NARRATIVE



SHORT FILM SESSIONS



RECLAIM/DREAMS

Documentary shorts about expressions of cultural and national identity.

SATURDAY | 3:45-5:00 | IAC

ASTRID, THE HUMAN
0:06:00 | SHORT DOCUMENTARY

ATREVIDOS
0:11:34 | SHORT DOCUMENTARY

WALK WITH PRIDE
0:06:18 | SHORT DOCUMENTARY

RETURN: NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN RECLAIM FOODWAYS FOR HEALTH AND SPIRIT
0:28:00 | SHORT DOCUMENTARY

DREAMS (special screening)
0:17:56 | SHORT DOCUMENTARY



SATURDAY NIGHT CARTOONS

Animated films for a grown-up audience.

SATURDAY | 3:30-4:05 | RBB

FIERCE
0:02:20 | ANIMATION

PEST CONTROL
0:03:52 | ANIMATION

HIM!
0:07:46 | ANIMATION

SHOOT THE MOON
0:08:09 | ANIMATION

TODAY, TOMORROW, RIGHT NOW.
0:05:25 | ANIMATION

MADRID-ATOCHA
0:06:00 | ANIMATION

TWO BALLOONS
0:09:08 | ANIMATION

SHORT FILM SESSIONS

SIMPLY EXCEPTIONAL

Documentary short subjects who inspire hope and overcome adversity.

FRIDAY | 2:45-4:05 | IAC

JOURNEY
0:03:23 | ANIMATION

GLOBAL DANCE HEROES - GLOBAL INSPIRATION!
0:05:45 | SHORT DOCUMENTARY

FRASER SYNDROME & ME
0:19:43 | SHORT DOCUMENTARY

THE PROMISE
0:10:26 | SHORT DOCUMENTARY

HEBO
0:11:00 | SHORT DOCUMENTARY

LIFE IN MY SHOE
0:28:19 | SHORT DOCUMENTARY



TRIGGERS + SPARKS

Important subjects that need a trigger warning, but spark discussion.

SATURDAY | 12:00-12:55 | RBB

LIBERTY
0:02:15 | SHORT NARRATIVE

LEFT TURN 2
0:08:03 | SHORT NARRATIVE

2ND CLASS
0:13:00 | SHORT NARRATIVE

SHELTER
0:07:00 | SHORT NARRATIVE

12 SECONDS OF GUNFIRE: THE TRUE STORY OF A SCHOOL SHOOTING
0:07:53 | ANIMATION

SILENCER
0:15:55 | SHORT NARRATIVE



SHORT FILM SESSIONS



YOUNG HEARTS RUN FREE

Adventures, dreams, and the follies of youth.

FRIDAY | 2:30-3:50 | RA

PRAYER

0:02:02 | SHORT NARRATIVE

CLEATS

0:10:31 | SHORT NARRATIVE

MY DEAR BALL

0:16:16 | SHORT NARRATIVE

SHOWTIME

0:15:00 | SHORT NARRATIVE

SAMMY

0:14:00 | SHORT NARRATIVE

ALMA

0:19:09 | SHORT NARRATIVE



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ANIMATION

12 SECONDS OF GUNFIRE: THE TRUE STORY OF A SCHOOL SHOOTING

(0:07:53)

Directors: Suzette Moyer & Seth Blanchard
United States - 2019

A recounting of what happened to two first graders in South Carolina when a 14-year old boy opened fire on their school playground at recess.

FIERCE (0:02:20)

Director: Imo Rolfe
United Kingdom - 2019

An unlikely pair of feathered dinosaurs, one who wears his feathers with pride, and one who refuses to accept that he has them.

FOLDING FUR (0:03:34)

Director: Keaton Sapp
United States - 2019

A small paper fox who loved playing with all the animals must change his outlook when a new kid arrives.

GOTCHA! (0:03:05)

Director: Deborah Pinkney
United States - 2018

A toddler travels through numerous places looking for what was taken from her and comes face to face with the answers she seeks.

HIM! (0:07:46)

Director: Tien Nguyen
United States - 2019

A lonely, uninspiring young man in his mid-20s has little going for him, until one day, everything changes when his cartoon crush comes to life right in front of him.

IAN, A MOVING STORY (0:09:00)

Director: Abel Goldfarb
Argentina - 2019

Ian was born with cerebral palsy but faces discrimination and bullying from the other kids. Not giving up easily, he accomplishes something that will surprise everyone.

JOURNEY (0:03:23)

Director: Honor Kerley
United States - 2019

Journey, an adult with Down Syndrome, survives life-threatening health complications as a result of his syndrome.

LISTEN TO ME SING (0:11:12)

Director: Isabel Garrett
United Kingdom - 2019

A miserable hotel performer learns to express herself when she falls in love with a walrus.

LITTLE THINKS (0:05:00)

Director: Step C
China - 2019

We can see things differently when we see things from different angles.

MADRID-ATOCHA (0:06:00)

Director: Jorge Dayas
Spain - 2019

A commuter train departs at night from a lonely and dark station. Through the window several episodes take place over the landscape.

MONSTERS WALKING (0:01:05)

Director: Diego Porral Soldevilla
Spain - 2018

A short film about monsters that walk.

PEST CONTROL (0:03:52)

Director: Peter Muccioli
United States - 2019

A disgruntled pest control worker returns to his spaceship after a long day catching aliens. He tries to relax, but his plans are interrupted when an alien he captured escapes.

SHOOT THE MOON (0:08:09)

Director: William Rowe
United States - 2019

Brothers Sam and Max can't agree on anything, but when Max's ambitions to fly to the moon in a cardboard box put them both in grave danger, it's up to older brother Sam to get them home safe.

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SO I DON'T FORGET (0:05:00)

Director: Hannah Saidiner
United States - 2019
Reminiscing on and recreating memories from family photographs.

THE MUSIC BOX (0:11:29)

Director: Joe Chang
Canada - 2019
Set during the Chinese Cultural Revolution in 1967, Liang Liang and his family are taken by the Red Guards and he grabs the only thing he treasures which is a western style music box.

THE UNDERGROUNDERS (0:04:16)

Director: Casey White
United States - 2018
Two heroes must save an underground town, that they put in danger in the first place.

TODAY, TOMORROW, RIGHT NOW.

(0:05:25)
Director: Carl D'Arpa
United States - 2019
A man goes into the desert to dig his own grave.

TWO BALLOONS (0:09:08)

Director: Mark C. Smith
United States - 2017
Two adventurous lemurs navigate their dirigibles halfway around the world to a place where happenstance and fate threaten to disrupt their reunion.

DOCUMENTARY FEATURES**CHAIRMAN JONES—AN IMPROBABLE LEADER** (1:00:24)

Director: Anna R. Jones
United States - 2015
A black farmer's fight for equal education in rural Northampton County, NC as the First Black School Board Chairman introduces a new era in education and has a marked effect on racial progress in the State.

FADING PORTRAITS (0:55:09)

Director: Ali Shilandari
Islamic Republic of Iran - 2019

An insight into the life of renowned documentarian and photographer, Maryam Zandi, and her struggle, strength, and persistence in having her voice – and the voice of all artists in similar societies – heard.

GIFT (1:29:00)

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Canada - 2018
An intimate exploration of real-life gift economies: a reflection on the creative process, the reasons we labor in service of our gifts, and a celebration of the imagination.

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United States - 2019
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THE MONEY STONE (1:32:17)

Director: Stuart Harmon
United States - 2018
The coming-of-age story of two boys chasing their dreams among the gold mines of Ghana.

WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS (1:43:00)

Directors: Sean Bloomfield & Cimela Kidonakis
United States - 2018
A true crime documentary following the nationwide search for Father Rene Robert in St. Augustine, Florida, which resulted in a series of shocking revelations.

NARRATIVE FEATURES**ABOVE THE CLOUDS** (1:27:00)

Director: Leon Chambers
United Kingdom - 2018
When headstrong Charlie discovers her parents have been keeping her biological father secret from her, she sets off for Scotland on her provisional driving license to go and find him.

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LAST CALL (1:16:00)

Director: Gavin Michael Booth
Canada - 2019
A real-time feature presented in split screen showcasing both ends of a wrong number phone call that has the potential to save a life.

LOVE FLOWER (1:29:10)

Director: Sahm McGlynn
United States - 2019
Joshua's life is unraveling due to the people in his life, his job, a health scam...but things aren't always as they seem.

WE WERE ÍSLANDS (1:20:17)

Director: Amrita Pradhan
United States - 2017
With ever-mounting pressure to fall in love, get married and settle down by edging closer to age 30 and her conservative Indian family, Reeta finally meets someone and her happy ending finally feels imminent.

WHAT WE DON'T SAY (1:32:00)

Director: Matt Ralston
Canada - 2019
Ben and Juliette have an instant connection and as their love for each other grows, their time together dwindles, and they have to face that love may not be enough for Juliette to stay.

SHORT DOCUMENTARIES**ASTRID, THE HUMAN** (0:06:00)

Director: Brittany Todd
United States - 2018
A young Dreamer with hopes of changing the narrative surrounding undocumented immigrants post-2016 election.

ATREVIDOS (0:11:34)

Director: Jorge Gomez
United States - 2019
A man invited one of the most notorious and controversial leaders in the 20th century, Fidel Castro, to one of the most afflicted urban areas in the country, The Bronx.

BEATING THE ODDS (0:33:39)

Directors: Jessica Young & Jason Young
United States - 2019
With the aid of Communities in Schools of Atlanta, two students from different backgrounds faced non-academic barriers that presented challenges in reaching their fullest potential.

FLYING FUR (0:36:15)

Directors: Alicia Wszelaki & Matthew Nothelfer
United States - 2018
Saving dogs and cats one flight at a time is the mission but changing the fate of these lovable creatures is no easy task.

FRASER SYNDROME & ME (0:19:43)

Director: Kyle Anne Grendys
United States - 2018
Kyle Anne Grendys, only the 75th person to be born with the rare, recessive gene disorder called Fraser Syndrome, sets out on a journey to find her community and finally meets others just like her.

GLOBAL DANCE HEROES - GLOBAL INSPIRATION! (0:05:45)

Director: Teresa Taylor
United States - 2018
Two individuals, who lead separate dance programs to heal, connect and inspire those with Down Syndrome, finally meet in Madrid, Spain.

HEBO (0:11:00)

Director: Kevin Wells
United States - 2019
Sam Ezell, a folk artist in Hillsborough, North Carolina, has a surprising artistic journey after experiencing a stroke in 2015 and the fear he would have to stop his passion of painting.

LIFE IN MY SHOE (0:28:19)

Director: Wimana Beatrice
Uganda - 2019
An aspiring journalist and Congolese refugee recounts her educational journey in the Kyangwali Refugee Settlement and invites us into her world to understand the challenges facing young female East African refugees.

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POLAROIDS: THE WAREHOUSE OF MEMORY (0:14:00)

Director: Josu Venero
Spain - 2019

As Luis Buñuel said, 'Memory is constantly invaded by the imagination and dream world, and since there is a temptation to believe in the reality of the imaginary, we end up making truths of our lies.'

REMAINS (0:39:38)

Directors: Joe Day & Jose H. Rodriguez
United States - 2019

In the depths of a Vietnamese jungle, a team of archaeologists and U.S. service members search for the body of a U.S. soldier missing since the Vietnam War.

RETURN: NATIVE AMERICAN RECLAIM FOODWAYS FOR HEALTH AND SPIRIT (0:28:00)

Director: Karen Cantor
United States - 2018

When influential American Indian women seek well-being, members of their communities join them in reviving traditions and improving their health.

RUN OF THE PICTURE (0:31:34)

Director: Evan Kidd
United States - 2019

Hurdler Johnny Dutch prepares for the biggest race of his life and more than just his Olympic dream is at stake.

SLEEPLESS/REPEAT UNTIL DEATH (0:13:00)

Directors: Sil Van Der Woerd & Jorik Dozy
Mongolia - 2019

A Mongolian miner takes his sick daughter away from the heavily polluted city to see the shaman. Upon finding a new home with the reindeer herders in the forest, he learns that this world too, is changing.

THE PROMISE (0:10:26)

Director: Dina Rudick
United States - 2019

A cancer researcher happens to work on

the experimental therapy that saves her own father from imminent death.

THE RETURN (0:12:03)

Director: Amy Claire Nelson
United States - 2018

This first-person, experimental travelogue takes place in two parallel worlds: on land to the shrines of the Prophet Muhammad's family; and in the inner world of a pilgrim as she questions her spiritual progress and readiness for the visit.

WALK WITH PRIDE (0:06:18)

Director: Kaela Waldstein
United States - 2019

The Santa Fe Indian Market's Haute Couture Fashion Show offers a contemporary view of evolving Native American and First Nation's identities.

SHORT NARRATIVES

2ND CLASS (0:13:00)

Director: Jimmy Olsson
Sweden - 2018

Charlotte, a second-grade teacher, is attacked and severely injured one night by a Nazi and, when she comes back to her students, discovers that one of them is the son of that Nazi.

ALMA (0:19:09)

Director: Grant Conversano
United States - 2018

Melodia, a middle school girl from Venezuela, is new to the North Carolina public school system and puts her energy into writing a novel which is her only outlet to make sense of the world around her.

BABY (0:08:24)

Director: Vincent D'Alessandro
United States - 2019

Baby, a distracted, seven-year-old girl in a cheaply stitched princess dress, and her Ma, a food court worker, one day are visited by an unwanted guest who changes the course of their tranquility.

BAILAORA (0:15:00)

Director: Rubin Stein
Spain - 2018

"A war. A child. A dream."

BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE (0:18:46)

Director: Mads Koudal
Denmark - 2019

A woman's lifelong relationship with her disabled daughter is changed forever when she receives an unwanted letter.

BOYS NIGHT (0:16:28)

Director: James Price
United Kingdom - 2019

Late one night, long after bedtime, 12 year old Reece must brave the mean and marvelous streets of North Glasgow to bring his drunken father safely home.

BREAK UP OUT LOUD (0:07:08)

Director: Josue Ledesma
United States - 2019

Jenna is about to break up with her boyfriend, so says the narrator. Unfortunately for them, they can both hear the narrator.

BROADSIDE (0:13:16)

Director: Brittany Brock
United States - 2019

A family hunting trip is derailed after a fatal accident occurs. Two siblings must dispose of a dead body in the North Carolina wilderness before returning home to mother in this modern Southern Gothic.

CAMILLA, KEEP YOUR WORD (0:15:14)

Director: Holland Gallagher
United States - 2019

A Hurricane Katrina evacuation love story.

CLEATS (0:10:31)

Director: Abdullah Şahin
Turkey - 2018

Ilyas gives Emir his new cleats so they both can try out for the local football team. After Ilyas drops his own cleats into

the river below, Emir surprises Ilyas and Ilyas' friend Ahmet with what he's done.

FOR HOPE (0:19:56)

Director: James P. Rees
United States - 2018

In the underbelly of Kentucky, a young disabled girl's world of structured harmony is kept afloat by her older brother, but at what cost?

ISABELLA (0:13:02)

Director: Rohan Reddy
United Kingdom - 2018

Conservative Robyn is captivated by her outspoken, rebellious classmate Isabella at an all-girls school. When an unexpected bond forms between them, Robyn is forced to face her repressed sexuality.

LEFT TURN 2 (0:08:03)

Director: Chris Weatherly
United States - 2018

A film to generate constructive conversation around the issue of racial division and consider what actions people can take to build bridges.

LIBERTY (0:02:15)

Director: Mehran Mohammadi
Islamic Republic of Iran - 2018

A girl is walking in a traditional market between the heavy looks of people which resent her and she has no other option than fleeing away, until...

LOBSTERS (0:04:00)

Director: Matt Huntley
United Kingdom - 2018

Mark, a lonely man in a caravan park has found his soulmate, his neighbor Tanya. He drifts off into a fantasy about their future together. Everything would be perfect...if it wasn't for Dave.

LUCKY (0:16:52)

Director: Lydia Lane
United States - 2019

Lucky devises a plan to be able to afford taking her girlfriend to prom, while hiding the relationship from her longtime best friend.

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MARIPOSA (0:06:37)

Director: Kristian Mercado Figueroa
United States - 2019
A poetic exploration on single motherhood through the words of contemporary poet Rachel Inez Marshall, exploring the emotional gaps between generations of Latinx Woman.

MOMENT (0:01:40)

Director: Amir Roini
Islamic Republic of Iran - 2017
A father after an accident must make a tough choice for family life.

MY DEAR BALL (0:16:16)

Director: Gaizka Urresti
Spain - 2018
In 1975, the day that Franco dies there is no school and the children play a football match. The ball belongs to the son of the notary and he sets the rules as he wants until he scores a penalty goal.

ONE MORE DAY (0:03:00)

Director: Manuel Simón
Spain - 2018
What would you do if you were told this is the last day in your life?

OUROBOROS (0:08:01)

Director: Emma Keehan
United States - 2016
One masked dancer threatens the cycle of pursued acceptance met by authoritative rejection when part of her facade falls away and she can truly see.

PRAYER (0:02:02)

Director: Clay Bloodworth
United States - 2019
A day in the life of a religious college girl.

SAMMY (0:14:00)

Director: Dana-Lee Mierowsky Bennett
Australia - 2017

In a war torn Australia where survivors seek refuge underneath the ground, 10-year-old Sammy struggles to build a hot air balloon so she and her little brother Max can find their parents.

SHE FOLLOWS CLOSE BEHIND (0:21:08)

Director: Aidan Weaver
United States - 2019
A woman seeking closure questions an old man about an unsolved mystery from her past.

SHELTER (0:07:00)

Director: Jo Hatcher
United States - 2019
Cristina, a young undocumented woman, and her 7 year old daughter walk into Texas to seek asylum. However, unbeknownst to them, the Trump Administration's Zero Tolerance Policy has just taken effect.

SHOWTIME (0:15:00)

Director: Shawn Antoine II
United States - 2018
Darius and Hakeem dance on New York City trains to earn honest money and escape the crime-riddled streets of Harlem, but Darius is faced with the decision to pursue a life-changing opportunity or help keep Hakeem out of trouble.

SILENCER (0:15:55)

Director: Ahmed Lucan
United States - 2018
The story of two mothers trying to reclaim their voices after a school shooting and the repercussions on the families of the victims and on the family of the shooter, leaving only the silence of tragedy behind.

TAIPEI BIYORI (0:17:48)

Director: Elen Ji
China - 2019
Shanghai girl Li Xiao-li, who got married in Taipei years ago, finally received a visit from her mother during her pregnancy and wanted to grasp this opportunity to persuade her mother to attend her delivery.

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THE BIG L (0:11:08)

Director: Joey Moore
United States - 2019
Inspired by characters from her favorite comic books, a young girl becomes her own superhero in an effort to stand up to the bullies at her school.

THE BOY AND THE BALLOON (0:20:00)

Director: Kyle Glasow
United States - 2019
A socially awkward young man's insecurities torment him when an unwanted visitor arrives at his boyfriend's birthday party.

THE ESCAPE (0:09:03)

Director: Tash Ann
United States - 2019
Lori, a young woman, sleeps with her over-protective brother's roommate and must sneak out of their apartment before he discovers the secret affair.

THE HELPING HAND (0:10:00)

Director: Brenden Hubbard
United States - 2019
With a new baby at home, young parents adopt a hi-tech monitoring system. Will it be an answer to their woes, or have they invited a monster into their home?

THE SWEATSHIRT (0:08:05)

Director: Jonah Saesan
United States - 2019
Olivia and Sarah are hoping to make a routine stop to retrieve Sarah's favorite sweatshirt from her ex-boyfriend Jeff's house but are forced to go head-to-head with him when he takes the sweatshirt hostage.

THE TRIP (0:08:00)

Director: Tomás Conterio
Spain - 2019
Lucas does what is necessary to feel accepted, and submits to an adventure that his buddy was not prepared for.

THE TURNER EXHIBIT (0:24:48)

Director: Mathew Gregory Bainbridge

United States - 2018

Growing resentment between brothers leads to tragic consequences, as strained family bonds and social inequity boil over into jealousy, deception, and betrayal.

WAYS TO LOOK AT THE MOON

(0:17:09)
Director: Katherine Clark
United States - 2019
Sensing their relationship is drifting apart, an artist attempts to reconnect with an astronomer but gets lost in a universe of her own making.

WHISTLE DOWN WIND (0:14:36)

Directors: Andie Morgenlander & Julia Christgau
United States - 2018
Two young women have been best friends since childhood, but are now caught in a secret relationship which brings them to a crossroads.

WILL I SAY SO (0:06:53)

Director: Jamie DiNicola
United States - 2019
Simply, a story of vulnerability.

YOU'RE STILL HERE (0:20:00)

Directors: Katayoun Parmar & Mohammad Roohbakhsh
Islamic Republic of Iran - 2018
The life of a young couple in the verge of man's blindness is collapsing and the only thing that will save them is their own common past.

SPECIAL SCREENING

DREAMS (0:17:56)

Director: Sheldon Candis
United States - 2019
A short docuseries chronicling the untold stories of African American history through the narrative storyteller point of view of today's youth. Produced by Charles Barkley.

FESTIVAL EVENTS

FBFF KICKOFF SCREENING & PARTY

VIP ONLY

THURSDAY, 9/19

6:15PM-7:15PM

Mitchell Community

College - Shearer Hall

500 W Broad St, Statesville, NC

7:30PM-11:00PM

Statesville Civic Center

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Begin the 2019 Full Bloom

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selection of short films,

followed by a cocktail party

with filmmakers, VIP's, and

sponsors. (DJ, cocktails, and

catered hors d'oeuvres)

FILMMAKER ROUNDTABLE

FRIDAY, 9/20

9:00AM-10:00AM

Sky Mountain Coffee

110 W Broad St, Statesville, NC

A facilitated discussion for

FBFF filmmakers to go in

depth about their films and

creative process.

PANEL: MICRO BUDGET FILMMAKING

FRIDAY, 9/20

4:30PM-5:30PM

Guest Speaker:

Director Matt Ralston

Mitchell Community

College - Rotary Auditorium

500 W Broad St, Statesville, NC

A presentation and

exchange of ideas on how to

make an independent film

on a micro budget.

RED CARPET EVENT

FRIDAY, 9/20

5:45PM-6:15PM

Mitchell Community

College - Shearer Hall

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our feature film screening.

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SATURDAY, 9/21

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and pastries.

BREWS & TOONS

SATURDAY, 9/21

4:15PM-5:15PM

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while watching animation

for grown-ups.

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