

INDUSTRY INSIDE JOKES [4 mins]

I know you guys can relate to these. I hope you enjoy!

Boom Problems (1:30)

Written by Firehouse Film Collective

Directed by Jonathan Moeller

Starring: Kerry Taylor, Milan Reed, Julia Mercer, and Lucas Lemma

Room Tone Documentary Trailer (1:49)

This was an improvised film

Directed by Margin Van London

Starring: Dusty McCord, Margin Van London, Chad Smith, Kevin Hasenkopf

This Dad's Cultural Decline Is UNBELIEVABLE (0:48)

Written and directed by Jonny Cantrell

Starring: Jonny Cantrell, Reality TV Stars

COMEDY BLOCK [19 mins]

The Grizzled Seaman (2:41)

Directed by Bronte Grimm and Alex R. Rhoades

Starring: Alex R. Rhoades and Gary Goldman Seagull

Laurelhurst (16:11)

Written by Travis Abels

Directed by Travis Abels and Kelsey Peake

Filmed by Connor Limbocker

Starring: Jed Arkley, Monica Dailey, Travis Abels, Theora Moence, Turner Sato, Kerry Leek

[10 minute break]

ANIMATED BLOCK [11 mins]

The Magic Box (5:27)

Written by Will Hornyak

Directed by Orie Weeks III

Starring: Potatoes, The Magic Box, Grandmothers.

Masters of the Universe: Skeletor's Bad Day (5:46)

Written and directed by PM Roanhouse

Starring: Skeletor, He-Man, PM Roanhouse

PM passed away last year but I wanted to honor him by showing one of his shorts but you can also check out Skeletor's Christmas Special (23:06) on YouTube

[Forgotten Fantasies presents: a vintage commercial break similar to what'd you'd see at their shows!]

MUSICAL BLOCK [11 mins]

Gotta Get Out (4:12)

Written by Team TCMedia for 253 Short Film Competition

Directed by Robert Kam, Paula Schouviller, Andrew Ebright and Janice Liu

Starring: Tyrone Bradley, Charles McDonald, Amberle Duval, Hamlet Duval, Dottie LaRonge, Andrea Weston-Smart

Little Caesars Pizza Anthem (3:15)

Performed by D. Bird

Directed by Jon Meyer

Starring: D. Bird, Josh Edward, Lil Caesar (get it? like how rappers use Lil instead of little)

Jon is hosting a [monthly] local short film showcase called Portland Stumps at Alberta Abbey on June 29th

Hoofin' It (3:41)

Written and directed by Dave Sidley

Starring: Brown Cows, Ducks.

ROMANCE BLOCK [2 mins]

Just Friends [trailer] (1:25)

Written by Kristen Pizzo

Directed by Javier Rodriguez

Starring: Kristen Pizzo, Sam Neer, Lilli Soumokil

SCI FI BLOCK [7 mins]

HUM [trailer] (2:35)

Written and directed by Billy Caldwell

Starring: Nathan Franklin, Mike Schwab

Billy has a FREE! screening event called REEL

LAUGHS at Silver Birch in Beaverton THIS Monday at 7 PM featuring local comedy and films!

Dumb Geeks (4:00)

Written by Dumb Geeks

Directed by Dusty McCord

Starring: Chris Hackett, Dusty McCord, Tip McMahon

[10 minute break]

HORROR BLOCK [6 mins]

This block features strong language, violence, and gore.

Killer Cream (1:30)

Written by Ali AlKhafaji

Directed by Ali AlKhafaji and Sean Conley

Starring: Emily Oldfield, Reagan Sellers

Ali is bringing a new independent film festival, Portland Under The Stars, to The Mission Theater on August 16th!

It's Zombies! (4:05)

Written and directed by DJ Hupp

Starring: DJ Hupp, Benjamin Watts, Jaren George, Alissa Bagan, Rob Campbell, The Cranberries.

PEENIE BLOCK (alternatively C*CK BLOCK) (Mature Content) [13 mins]

This block features strong language, violence, gore, and fake penises. No real penises were harmed in the making of this block... I think?

Oh No! I Hurt My Penis! (1:25)

Written and Directed by Chad Opitz

Starring: Chad Opitz

Unlikely Event (11:02)

Written by Dennis Moore

Directed by Giovanna Cossalter Walters

Starring: Patricia Haines-Ainsworth, Dennis Moore

Michael let us borrow some vintage commercials from his upcoming show The Independence Day Comedy Explosion '25, which will be HERE at Curious Comedy Annex on Thursday, July 3rd!

Thank you for coming! If you enjoyed the screening, please consider donating! This was a dry run for Start Fresh Fest, a film, art, and comedy festival celebrating art in every iteration, coming to Portland the first and last weekends of the year. We hope to see you again in December and January [of 2026]. We appreciate your support! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram! @startfreshfest



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PREVIOUS WINNERS!

Audiences vote for their favorite shorts during our screenings. Winners get bragging rights and a beautiful engraved acrylic icicle-inspired trophy. Crafted locally by Just Right Awards in Portland.

Runner ups get a framed handmade certificate.

Goblin brain says gimme. Good luck to all of our submissions! We couldn't do this without your work!

2025

AUDIENCE FAVORITE

Save Yourself

Tied Up! (2nd place)

Joy The Unicorn (3rd place)

AUDIENCE FAVORITE (SPRING)

Gotta Get Out

Missing Hearts (2nd place)

It's Zombies! (3rd place)

2025

LONGEST SHORT

Phantom of the Evergreens

HONORABLE MENTIONS

We couldn't screen these but they're worth checking out on YouTube!

New Constellations - Hot Blooded (4:28)

A very cool music video!

Directed by Travis Abels and Connor Limbocker

Demons - The Quick & Easy Boys (4:36)

A loud, crazy, fun music video!

Directed by Jon Meyer

Missing Hearts (20:58)

Written and directed by Kit Wilson

Black Tea (7:34)

Written by Laura McQuay

Directed by Laura McQuay and Chad Jones

Do Not Disturb (3:03)

Directed by Nathan Montalvo, Javier Rodriguez