

UK SHORT FILM AND NEW TALENT 2020



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# INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the UK Short Film and New Talent Catalogue 2020, presented by British Council and BFI NETWORK. We're proud to champion upcoming UK short films and VR/immersive storytelling projects to programmers and audiences around the world. British Council's Film department is the link between UK films and international audiences. Our new talent programme (which includes a Travel Grant Fund for festivals and labs, offered in partnership with BFI NETWORK) exists to support UKbased filmmakers to show their work and develop their skills internationally. The scheme provides a platform to promote UK work to our extensive programming contacts from key international film festivals. Our Travel Grant Fund, run in partnership with BFI NETWORK, supports filmmakers' travel to key international film festivals and development labs. BFI NETWORK is a collaboration between the BFI, national film organisations and leading cultural venues around the UK with a mission to discover and support talented writers, directors and producers at the start of their filmmaking careers. It provides funding for short films, supports the development of first features, and offers a range of professional and creative development programmes.

This catalogue includes details of UK short productions that have been supported by the Travel Grant Fund in the last year, alongside some BFI NETWORK top picks and key names to watch.



# SUPPORTING NEW TALENT AND SHORT FILMMAKERS

# JOIN THE UK SHORTS PORTAL

Are you a short film programmer, buyer or distributor? Sign up to our new UK Shorts Portal, powered by Cinando, to view the very latest short films from the UK, programmed in partnership with BFI NETWORK, NFTS, London Film School, Film4 and more. The platform is exclusively for short film professionals.

To request access to the UK Shorts Portal, visit:

www.film.britishcouncil.org/resources/ short-support-scheme

# TRAVEL GRANTS FOR FESTIVALS AND LABS

We work to champion upcoming UK films and filmmakers to programmers and audiences around the world. If you are an early career filmmaker or VR/Immersive storytelling artist, we can support you with a Short Film Travel Grant to attend a key international film festival, or a Lab Grant to learn and develop new skills at an international training lab.

For more information about these grants visit

film.britishcouncil.org/opportunities/short-film-travel-grant

film.britishcouncil.org/opportunities/labs-travel-grant

To learn more about the opportunities available to new and emerging filmmakers, visit:

film.britishcouncil.org/opportunities

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# ABOUT BFI NETWORK

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Every year NETWORK invests £2.5 million of National Lottery funding. Since September 2013 this has meant:

- Funding for hundreds of shorts and feature developments
- Award nominations, including BAFTAs and an Oscar® for supported work
- Masterclasses with world-renowned filmmakers such as Steve McQueen, Luca Guadagnino, Julie Dash & Carol Morley

The best way to get in touch with NETWORK is via the website **network.bfi.org.uk** where filmmakers can:

- Use the Funding Finder to discover and apply for UK-Wide funding opportunities
- Connect with their local Talent Executive and find out what events are happening in their area
- Get the latest filmmaking news, interviews and podcasts
- Watch NETWORK funded short films

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# 2064



# SYNOPSIS

Looking at Africa in the future: In 2064 population growth and climate pressures have pushed the continent to the brink. Most animals are wiped out, and a federation of African states institutes of an annual cull of men to restore the balance.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 12 min

Director: Joseph A. Adesunloye Producer: Joseph Adesunloye Screenwriter: Joseph A.

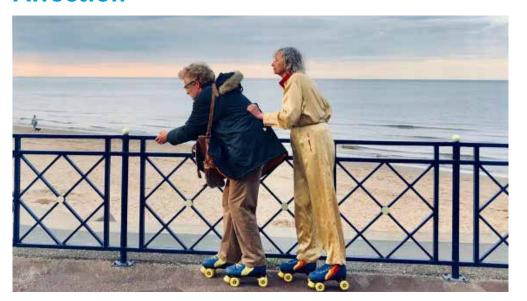
Adesunloye

Principal Cast: Donald Molosi,

Thabo Rametsi

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# **Affection**



#### **SYNOPSIS**

Clumsy romantic Sunny is infatuated with glitzy but deadbeat, Francophile bingo-caller Pauline Dupondt and forgets the important things in life – like his 80-year-old Grandmother Dot's birthday.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 19 min 38 sec Director: Simon Warwick Green Producer: Katie Crook Screenwriter: Adam Gillen, Simon Warwick Green Principal Cast: Adam Gillen, Katherine Kelly, Eileen Davies, Tony Pitts

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>



# **Anna**



# SYNOPSIS

Living in war-torn Eastern Ukraine Anna is an ageing single mother who is desperate for a change. Lured by a radio advertisement, she goes to a party with a group of American men who are touring the country, searching for love.

Official Selection Cannes Film Festival 2019 - Short Film Competition - World premiere

### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 15 min Director: Dekel Berenson Producer: Dekel Berenson, Olga Beskhmelnitsyna, Merlin Merton Screenwriter: Dekel Berenson Principal Cast: Svetlana Alekseevna Barandich, Anastasia Vyazovskaya, Alina Chornogub

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

# **An Arabian Night**



#### **SYNOPSIS**

Spending his last night as a civilian in his dream-like local tennis club, Michael, a young British soldier confronts a glimpse of the near future waiting for him on the other side of the night.

Official Selection Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival 2020 - International Competition

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 33 min Director: Pierre Mouzannar Producer: Marianne Hidari,

Amelia Wall

Screenwriter: Pierre Mouzannar Principal Cast: Haris Salihovic,

Murat Erkek

# As Told To G/D Thyself



# **SYNOPSIS**

The story of the sacred youth and the stakes of a cosmic journey. Where the embodiment and the pain, pleasure and sublimation there-in are non-negotiable.

Official Selection Sundance Film Festival 2019 - US Narrative Short Films - World premiere

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 22 mins Director: The Ummah Chroma:

Bradford Young, Terence Nance, Jenn Nkiru, Marc Thomas,

Kamasi Washington
Producer: Erin Wile, Banch

Abegaze

Screenwriter: Terence Nance, Kamasi Washington, Bradford

Young

Principal Cast: Joseph Johnson, Gail Scroggins, William Fontaine, Casius Kwansah

Graham

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

# **Attrition**



#### **SYNOPSIS**

Supernatural drama set in the British trenches of WW1. Along with the rest of his platoon, young Private Edwin Childs fears imminent German gas attacks. As the dreaded attack begins, how much will Edwin give of himself in the ultimate act of compassion towards his fellow men?

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2018

Running Time: 23 min Director: Kelly Holmes Producer: Anne Beresford,

Charles Paviot Screenwriter: Kelly Holmes

Principal Cast: Lewis Mackinnon, Jack Roth, Jack Parry-Jones, Edward Hogg

# **Azaar**



# SYNOPSIS

A tribe of women await their men's return from war. Azaar, one of the last young girls in the village is intertwined between her mother, grandmother and the rest of the tribe, as she comes to learn the true cost of womanhood.

BAFTA Film Awards 2020 - Nomination - Best British Short Film

#### **DETAILS**

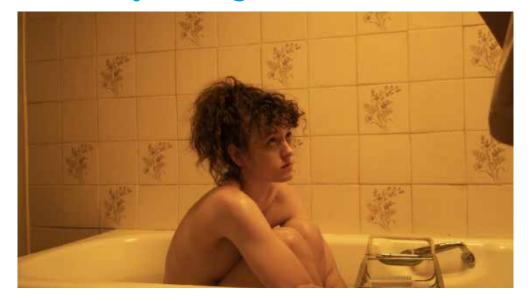
Year: 2019

Running Time: 21 min Director: Myriam Raja Producer: Nathanael Baring Screenwriter: Myriam Raja Principal Cast: Aashima Mehra, Kiran Sonia Sawar, Neelam

Bakshi

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

# **Be Still My Beating Heart**



#### **SYNOPSIS**

A nightmarish contemporary vision. Two adult sisters exist dysfunctionally, each limited by illnesses affecting both body and mind - one physically and the other psychologically.

Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2019 - Cult Strand - World premiere

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 25 min Director: Ruth Paxton Producer: Ciara Barry,

Rosie Crerar

Screenwriter: Ruth Paxton Principal Cast: Maxine Peake,

Elysia Welch

Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts



# The Bicycle Thief



SYNOPSIS

The simple yet charming story of a young girl's quest to get her stolen bike back.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2018

Running Time: 7 min 50 sec Director: Kerry Skinner, Stewart Alexander Producer: Jo Farrugia Screenwriter: Stewart

Alexander

Principal Cast: Maisie Thorn, Richard Costello, Oliver Lang

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

# **Binge Watching**



# **SYNOPSIS**

In a dystopian near-future London, a privileged white woman browses a futuristic VR streaming platform and comes across a VR film where she will experience a tense encounter with a pair of policemen... through the eyes of a black man.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 6 min 36 sec Director: Nosa Igbinedion Producer: Leon Mayne Screenwriter: Nosa Igbinedion Principal Cast: Sam Benjamin, Greg Snowden, Derek Oppong, Tamaryn Payne, Jacqueline Shepherd, Dick Daleki

# **Birthday Girl**



#### **SYNOPSIS**

Set in Manchester's notorious Moss Side, a single mother's 40th birthday party ends in disaster when her lover unexpectedly arrives and clashes with her overprotective son.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2020

Running Time: 16 min 38 sec Director: Portia A. Buckley Producer: Michael Lindley,

Jason Maza

Screenwriter: Michael Lindley,

Portia A. Bucklev

Principal Cast: Rebecca Callard, David Judge, Curtis Flowers

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# **Blank Shores**



#### SYNOPSIS

After searching for her missing partner, Emily discovers an underground warehouse. Finding Connor connected to a system of unregulated equipment, she enters his mind. But before she can reconnect with him and find the answers she's looking for, she must break the physical barrier between them.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2020 Running Time: 16 min Director: Alex Kyrou Producer: Clare Shields Screenwriter: Alex Kyrou Principal Cast: Georgina Campbell, Gary Beadle,

James Farrar

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>



# **Boys Night**



# SYNOPSIS

Twelve-year-old Reese must brave the mean and marvellous streets of North East Glasgow to bring his drunken father safely home.

Official Selection Edinburgh International Film Festival 2019 - World premiere

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 16 min Director: James Price Producer: Dave Gillies Screenwriter: James Price Principal Cast: Kyle Gordon, Cameron Jack, Kirsty Strain, Felicity Allen, Alan Mackenzie

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

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# **Bunny**



# **SYNOPSIS**

Buckley is a sensitive and troubled young man with long furry rabbit ears. He believes the ears to be a living part of him as a result of childhood trauma. He longs to escape the confines of the run-down caravan site where he assists his alcoholic grandfather.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2018

Running Time: 17 min 58 sec Director: Shaun Hughes Producer: Alysia Maciejowska,

David Brown

Screenwriter: Shaun Hughes Principal Cast: Connor Newall, Gilly Gilchrist, Conor McCarron,

Erin Armstrong

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>



# The Curse of the Phantom Tympanum



# **SYNOPSIS**

Time-travelling record producer Harley Byrne crash-lands in a virtual reality heritage theme park in 22nd-century France. Corrupt holograms, cyborg saints, and sentient statues haunt an absurdist Super-8 universe, digitally re-colourised for your pleasure!

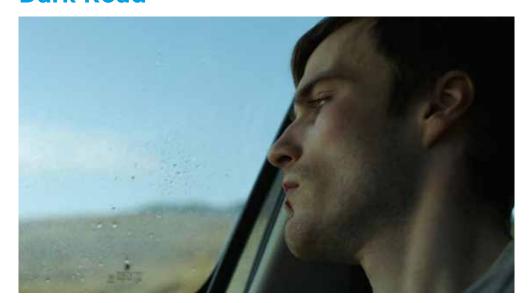
#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 28 min 19 sec Director: Graeme Cole Producer: Graeme Cole, Aleksandra Niemczyk Screenwriter: Graeme Cole Principal Cast: Stewart Lockwood, Tuesday Betts

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

# **Dark Road**



# SYNOPSIS Two young men are compelled toward one another through a shared grief.

Official Selection Edinburgh International Film Festival 2019 - World premiere

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 16 min Director: Rory Gibson Producer: Douglas Cox Screenwriter: Rory Gibson Principal Cast: Ronan Doyle, Adam Greene, Niall Greig Fulton, Andrew Still, Francesco Piacentini-Smith

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts



# **Dawn in the Dark**



# SYNOPSIS

On the eve of her father's birthday, Dawn and her fun uncle Nate struggle over her bedtime routine. A new dynamic to their relationship is explored as they navigate their way through a family crisis.

Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2019 - Debate Strand

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 16 min 20 sec Director: Runyararo Mapfumo Producer: Grace Bridger Screenwriter: Runyararo

Mapfumo

Principal Cast: Livia Nelson,

Percelle Ascott

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

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# The Destructors



# **SYNOPSIS**

Drawing on artist Imran Perretta's own experience as a young man of Bangladeshi heritage *The Destructors* explores personal and collective experiences of marginalisation and oppression. Shot in Tower Hamlets, East London, it reconsiders the figure of alienated male youth, exploring the complexities of 'coming of age' for young Muslim men living in the UK.

Official Selection International Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR) 2020 - Bright Future

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 23 min 35 sec Director: Imran Perretta Producer: Ali Roche Screenwriter: Imran Perretta Principal Cast: Ramzan Miah, Tharek Ali, Islah Abdur-Rahman, Zishan Asfar

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# The Devil's Harmony



# SYNOPSIS

Kiera is being bullied at school. She's the nerdish captain of the a cappella club and an easy target. Or so it seems. In fact, her a cappella club possess a secret, supernatural power: when they sing 'The Devil's Harmony', listeners are sent into a state of never-ending sleep.

Official Selection Sundance Film Festival 2020 - Shorts Programme

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 14 min

Director: Dylan Holmes Williams Producer: Nathan Craig Screenwriter: Jess O'Kane, Dylan Holmes Williams Principal Cast: Patsy Ferran, Leo Suter, Bobby Schofield,

Guy Henry

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

# **Doggerland**



#### **SYNOPSIS**

Musa, an illegal immigrant and refugee, living and working on a UK car wash, takes on an underground driving job, with an unknown cargo, in order to gain freedom from his criminal employers - Doggerland.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2020

Running Time: 15 min 30 sec Director: Jack Benjamin Gill Producer: Loran Dunn Screenwriter: Jack Benjamin Gill Principal Cast: Taheen Modak, Ash Tandon, Ahmad Sakhi, Phil

 ${\sf Gwilliam}$ 

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>



# **Duck Daze**



**SYNOPSIS** 

Johnina seeks revenge on her childhood abuser and the community that enabled him, with the help of a duck.

Official Selection Edinburgh International Film Festival 2019 - World premiere Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2019

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 15 mins Director: Alison Piper Producer: James Heath,

Tom Gentle

Screenwriter: Julia Taudevin Principal Cast: Daniela Nardini

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

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# **Educated**



#### **SYNOPSIS**

After a strange encounter with his seemingly benign teacher, an isolated school boy must decide how to negotiate this contentious and intriguing relationship.

Official Selection Edinburgh International Film Festival 2019

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 17 min Director: Tom Nicoll Producer: David Jack Screenwriter: Tom Nicoll Principal Cast: Silvie Furneaux, Stephen McMillan, Jamie Michie

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>



# **End-O**



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 15 min Director: Alice Seabright Producer: Alexandra Blue,

Kate Phibbs

Screenwriter: Elaine Gracie Principal Cast: Sophia di Martino, Lisa Jackson, Amit

Shah, Bart Edwards

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Jaq's in pain. But she also wants to have sex. Which should be relatively straightforward, but her body is out to sabotage coitus in the worst way it can think of: vaginal evacuation on an antique chair. Jaq has endometriosis.

Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2019 - World premiere Official Selection Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival 2020 - International Competition

# **Evergreen**



# **SYNOPSIS**

At his request, Nathan meets up with his childhood friend Edgar, still living in his childhood home. Since then they have become dichotomous, incapable of conversing honestly, but their shared past still lurks in the back of their minds.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019
Running Time: 16 min 20 sec
Director: Dominic Curran
Producer: Ryan Early
Screenwriter: Dominic Curran
Principal Cast: Patrick Rocks,
Shane McCaffrey, Adam
Genockey, Toby Ferguson,

Mark Murphy

# **An Everyday Act**



**SYNOPSIS** With one terrible act, 12-year-old Eric leaves his childhood behind in a bid to help his family survive.

# **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 20 min Director: Gavin Scott Whitfield

Producer: Jennifer Monks Screenwriter: Gavin Scott

Whitfield

Principal Cast: Liam Moogan,

Libbi-Jean Keeley

Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts

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# Fifteen (Quince)



A private video of Maria goes viral during a volleyball class in a school in Lima.

# **DETAILS**

Year: 2018

Running Time: 10 min Director: Peiman Zekavat Producer: Yani Roncal Villanueva Screenwriter: Peiman Zekavat

Principal Cast: Kelly Analy

# **Future Perfect**



**SYNOPSIS** 

Narrated by Julian Barratt, *Future Perfect* follows a child's drawing of their parents as it is placed in a time capsule until the earth dries to a husk. It's then found by aliens who use the drawing as the blueprint for a twisted new version of humanity

# **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

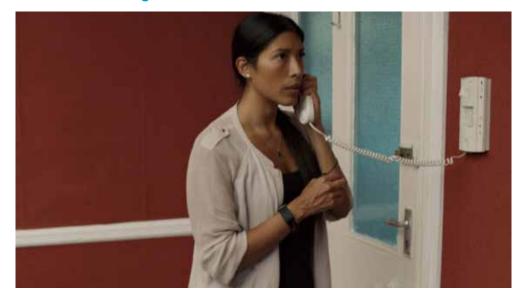
Running Time: 5 min 30 sec Director: Sean Mckenna Producer: Roxy Mckenna Screenwriter: Sean Mckenna Voice Cast: Julian Barratt

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

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# **The Gallery**



SYNOPSIS

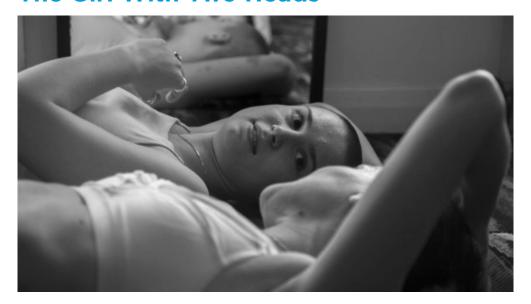
At the audition, Maya loses track of who she's performing for and why.

# DETAILS

Year: 2019

Running Time: 8 min 38 sec Director: Anthony Ing Producer: Catherine Bray, Anthony Ing, Charlie Lyne Screenwriter: Anthony Ing

# The Girl With Two Heads



### **DETAILS**

Year: 2018

Running Time: 12 min 35 sec Director: Betzabé Garcia Producer: Kate Phibbs Screenwriter: Betzabé Garcia Principal Cast: Emily Allen,

Michèle Belgrand

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

18-year-old Anne explores body image self-perception and her understanding being a woman today in two different worlds: that of her traditionally "feminine" mother, Céline, at home; and the gym where she trains amongst like-minded people.

Official Selection Cannes 2019 - Critics Week Official Selection International Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR) 2020 - Voices

# **Goldfish**



# DETAILS

Year: 2019

Running Time: 18 min 28 sec Director: Hector Dockrill Producer: Benedict Turnbull, Harri Kamalanathan Screenwriter: Hector Dockrill,

Laura Dockrill

Principal Cast: Rajai Mitchell, Sapphire Paine, Wunmi Mosaku

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### SYNOPSIS

In the aftermath of her older brother's death 11-year-old viola is struggling to process her grief. With only her mother and precious pet goldfish for company, her rosy view of the world is turned upside down until she finds a letter from a stranger that changes everything.

BAFTA Film Awards 2020 - Nomination - Best British Short Film



# **Grace on a Saturday Night**



### **SYNOPSIS**

In the wake of her parents' separation, 10-year-old Grace spends a Saturday evening with her father, Joe. In the neon-lit world of the bowling alley, the takeaway and the roadside service station, father and daughter are confronted by the gulf opening up between them in the aftermath of change.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2020

Running Time: 12 min Director: Jemima James Producer: Harry Macqueen Editor: Hoping Chen Screenwriter: Jemima James

Director of Photography:

Toby Lloyd

Production Designer: Philippa

Brocklehurst Sound: Helen Miles Principal Cast: Jon Foster, Wilhelmina Valdés Alford

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

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# **GUO4**



# SYNOPSIS

A confrontation between two swimmers in a locker room ends in tears. A collaboration with London-based musicians GUO.

Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2019 - Official Short Film Competition - Dare Strand

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 3 mins Director: Peter Strickland Producer: Dora Nedeczky Principal Cast: Gyula Muskovics, Csaba MolnárBobby Schofield,

Guy Henry

# Hard, Cracked the Wind



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 17 min 18 sec Director: Mark Jenkin Producer: Kate Byers, Linn Waite, Denzil Monk. Screenwriter: Adrian Bailey Principal Cast: Tamal Kari, Edward Franklin, Ben Norris

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Compelled to buy an old writing case, and finding faint traces of a poem within, a young Cornish poet unknowingly calls back the previous owner from beyond the grave. Haunted into completing the poem she becomes broken and succumbs to the endless cycle of creation and death...

Official Selection International Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR) 2020 - Voices

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# **Home by 8.30**



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 13 min Director: Perry White Producer: Dominic Bolton Screenwriter: Perry White Principal Cast: Montel Bowen, Angela Wynter, Sharlene Whyte, Kevin Mathurin, Liani Samuel, Nish Nathwani

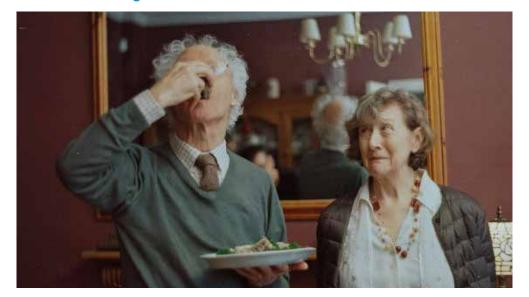
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#### **SYNOPSIS**

A teenager tries his best to hide his involvement in a violent encounter, attempting to sneak back home after an evening out. However, his family is waiting for his arrival so that they can all eat together. While the night plays out, we follow the conflicted son of a family who is challenged by both the trauma of a recent altercation and his intentions to conceal it by any means from those who would care most, but also expect better.



# **Horse Play**



SYNOPSIS

An elderly couple finds an unconventional solution to their dry spell in the bedroom.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 4 min Director: Hansel Rodrigues Producer: Dan Simpkins Screenwriter: Hansel Rodrigues Principal Cast: Simon Taylor,

Rosy Fordham

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

# **Hub Tones**



# Year: 2020

**DETAILS** 

Running Time: 20 min Director: Jenn Nkiru Producer: Lana Salfiti

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

# **SYNOPSIS**

A single shot companion-piece film set to Kamasi Washington's modern jazz classic 'Hub-Tones'. The visual reference point for the video comes from filmmaker Jenn Nkiru's parents' Ikwerre tribe. In their Oboni ceremony, they channel the spirit through repetition, instrumentation and movement, going deeper with each tone until it becomes transcendent. Nkiru gives the women in the video the choreography and codes to also go deeper into that spirit-space.

Official Selection International Film Festival Rotterdam 2020 - Perspectives

# Isha



**SYNOPSIS** 

Unable to tell his family the truth about his sexuality, Rahmi lives a double life.

Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2018 - World premiere

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2018

Running Time: 15 min

Director: Christopher Manning Producer: Christopher Manning Screenwriter: Christopher

Manning

Principal Cast: Horia Savescu, Dario Coates, Lino Facioli,

Maia Morgenstern

Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts

# It's Me



# **SYNOPSIS**

A dark tale of a game that cannot be sustained. Set over the course of an evening, a mother remembers moments from a game she played with her son throughout his childhood. Tragedy strikes when he unexpectedly returns.

# **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 14 min 35 sec Director: Helen Randag Producer: Lee Magiday Screenwriter: Anya Beyersdorf Principal Cast: Maxine Peake, Barney Harris, Russell Tovey

Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts



# It's Nothing



# SYNOPSIS

Recent graduate Robin, returns to her parents' house and obsessively starts to dig a hole, encouraged by an impossibly perfect girl; but as she digs, she heads further down a path of self-destruction.

Official Selection Toronto International Film Festival 2019 - Short Cuts - World premiere

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 16 min 22 sec Director: Anna Maguire Producer: Jessica Adams, Anna Maguire, Amanda Lo Screenwriter: Julia Lederer Principal Cast: Emily Piggford, Cara Gee, Niamh Wilson

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

# **Jealous Alan**



#### **SYNOPSIS**

Alan, Stuart and Angela are inseparable teenage misfits. When Alan discovers Stuart and Angela are secretly going out, he deviously foils their budding union.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 16 min Director: Martin Clark Producer: James Heath Screenwriter: Martin Clark Principal Cast: Ryan Hunter, Elysia Welch, Jack Stewart,

Kate Dickie

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>



# **Just Agree Then**



SYNOPSIS Contrasting artistic visions, misplaced confidence and blatant ignorance collide on the backdrop of an increasingly fragile and divided world.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2018

Running Time: 8 min 52 sec Director: Duncan Cowles,

Ross Hogg

Producer: Duncan Cowles,

Ross Hogg

Screenwriter: Duncan Cowles,

Ross Hogg

Principal Cast: Duncan Cowles,

Ross Hogg

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

# **Kingdom Come**



#### **SYNOPSIS**

A middle-class family spends the day together purchasing items in anticipation of the arrival of a new baby. We follow them into a consumerist dreamscape that soon dissolves into something nightmarish. Things take a violent turn when the patriarch of the family is confronted by a group of masked vigilantes.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 16 min 35 sec Director: Sean Robert Dunn Producer: Alex Polunin Screenwriter: Sean Robert Dunn Principal Cast: Emun Elliott, Megan Shandley, Tony Warner

# **Look Then Below**



### **DETAILS**

Year: 2020

Running Time: 22 min Director: Ben Rivers Producer: Josephine Lanyon Screenwriter: Mark von Schlegell Bobby Schofield,

Guy Henry

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Look Then Below was filmed in Somerset, a place transformed into a coloured, mistenveloped island in an oily ocean with a cave basking in a subterranean glow. Time seems to stand still there. After Slow Action and Urth, this is the final part of a trilogy developed with American SF author Mark von Schlegell.

Official Selection International Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR) 2020 - Bright Future - Ammodo Tiger Short Competition - World premiere

# The Lost Land Girl



# SYNOPSIS Sisters, Helena and Lillian join the Women's Land Army to help Britain in its fight during WW2 but find themselves fighting a battle a little closer to home.

#### DETAILS

Year: 2019

Running Time: 11 min 54 sec Director: Shakira Francis Producer: Adeyinka Akinrinade Screenwriter: Shakira Francis Principal Cast: Pepter Lunkuse, Ashleigh-Mae Schoburgh-Crooks, Daisy Moore, Lauren Clancey

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts



# **The Lousiest Spy Ever**



### **SYNOPSIS**

Augusto Alfredo Roggen better known as the lousiest spy ever meets a swimmer on the shore of a sea loch. The work pictures a friendly and musical encounter within an awkward setting where historical past meets fictional present.

### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 5 min Director: Rhona Mühlebach Producer: Holly McLean Screenwriter: Rhona Mühlebach Principal Cast: Bhasker Patel, Rhona Mühlebach, Maryanne Melvin, Davide-Christelle Sanvee, Stephen Smart, Hannah

Morton, Jim Frame

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

# **Lucky Star**



#### **SYNOPSIS**

1980s Glasgow: As his family disintegrates around him, the only thing on eight-year-old Jonjo's mind is getting his prized He Man figure for Christmas.

Official Selection Edinburgh International Film Festival 2019 - World premiere

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 17 min Director: Russell Davidson Producer: David Neilson Screenwriter: Russell Davidson Principal Cast: Amy Manson, Gerard Miller, Adam Mitchell, Sheila Grier, Cal Macaninch

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>



# **Majority**



# **SYNOPSIS**

Single mother and immigrant Sonia Diaconescu works at a sheltered accommodation scheme. A resident of the scheme has made an official complaint against her, rousing the elderly community into a mob of angry and fearful citizens whose intolerance is palpable.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 15 min Director: Tessa Hoffe Producer: Lauren Parker Screenwriter: Tessa Hoffe Principal Cast: Maria Popistasu, David Neilson, Enzo Hoffe

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

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# **Mega Sexy Robot Dinosaur**



SYNOPSIS It's all about the title.

Official Selection Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival 2020

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2018

Running Time: 4 min 9 sec Director: Paul Howard Allen Producer: Paul Howard Allen Screenwriter: Paul Howard Allen Principal Cast: Keith Meredith

# **Memoirs of a Geeza**



**SYNOPSIS** 

A top lad recalls fights, friends and painting his toenails with his old man.

Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2019 - Dare Strand - World premiere

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 3 min 36 sec Director: Theo James Krekis Producer: James Doherty Screenwriter: Theo James Krekis Principal Cast: Elliot Warren, Tony Richardson, Olivia Brady

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

# My Brother Is A Mermaid



#### SYNOPSIS

A social realist fairytale about a transfeminine teenager, as seen through the eyes of their 7-year-old brother. Set in a desolate and prejudiced coastal town, the film examines how a child's unconditional love can be an empowering and disruptive force for good.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019 Running Time: 20 min Director: Alfie Dale Producer: Alfie Dale Screenwriter: Alfie Dale Principal Cast: Cameron Maydale, Aidan Broderick

# **Naptha**



# SYNOPSIS

Faraz's quiet life working at an isolated petrol station is turned upside down when his ageing father Malik begins to speak in a long-forgotten language and insists on returning back home.

Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2018 Journey Strand - World premiere Official Selection Cannes Film Festival 2019 - Critics' Week - International premiere

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2018

Running Time: 17 min 47 secs Director: Moin Hussain Producer: Ali Mansuri, Tom Kimberley

Screenwriter: Moin Hussain Principal Cast: Divian Ladwa, Ernest Ignatius, Suleiman

Hussain Ali

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

#### Supported by:



# **Nimic**



#### **SYNOPSIS**

A professional cellist has an encounter with a stranger on the subway which has unexpected and far-reaching ramifications on his life.

Official Selection Locarno Film Festival 2019 - World premiere Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2019 Official Selection International Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR) 2020 - Deep Focus

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 12 min Director: Yorgos Lanthimos Producer: Adam Saward Screenwriter: Efthimis Filippou, Yorgos Lanthimos Principal Cast: Matt Dillon, Daphné Patakia, Susan Elle, Sara Lee, Eugena Lee, Rowan Kay, Anvo Kyle, Lizzy Ceniceros, Florencia Mariotti, Jeffrey Raines

# **A Noble Truth**



SYNOPSIS

When flat earth activist Fawn takes her alternative beliefs offline and onto the streets, frustration and rejection lead her to wrestle with her new-found ideology.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2020

Running Time: 15 min Director: Tia Salisbury Producer: Katherine Press Screenwriter: Tia Salisbury Principal Cast: Hannah Genesius, Bethan Nash

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

Supported by:



# **Obsession**



SYNOPSIS Sometimes, survival is about accepting the life you're given... and sometimes it's about fighting for the life you deserve.

# **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 9 min 44 sec Director: Daymon Britton Producer: Morgan J. Stephenson Screenwriter: Debbie Owen Principal Cast: Kim Tserkezie, Morgan J. Stephenson

Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts



# Olla



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 28 min Director: Ariane Labed Producer: Lucie Borleteau, Marine Arrighi de Casanova Screenwriter: Ariane Labed Principal Cast: Romanna Lobach, Grégoire Tachnakian, Jenny Bellay, Gall Gaspard

Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts

# **SYNOPSIS**

Olla has answered to an ad on a dating website for eastern women. She moves in with Pierre, who lives with his old mother. But nothing goes as expected.

Official Selection Cannes Film Festival 2019 - Directors Fortnight - World premiere Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2019 - Dare Strand Official Selection Sundance Film Festival 2020 - Shorts Programme - Nominated, Short Film Grand Jury Prize

# **The Pregnant Ground**



**DETAILS** 

Year: 2019

Running Time: 24 min Director: Haolu Wang Producer: Yanling Wang Screenwriter: Haolu Wang Principal Cast: Lu Huang, Sifan Shao

**SYNOPSIS** After a traumatic stillbirth, a woman starts to believe the ground below her apartment becomes pregnant.

# **Ralph Styles Ultra**



SYNOPSIS
A satire which pokes fun at advertising and stereotypes through the lens of a faithfully recreated 1970s cigarette advert.

### **DETAILS**

Year: 2018

Running Time: 15 min 6 sec Director: Nic fforde Producer: Nic fforde, Giulia Watson, Rob Osbourn Screenwriter: Nic fforde; Co-writer: Giulia Watson Principal Cast: Josh Burdett, Jamie Fischer, Lily Cooper,

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

Alexander Allin

# **Reprise**



SYNOPSIS When Patrick is called to care for his ex wife, whose Pick's disease has advanced beyond the care available to her, the last thing he expects is what he finds; and what they will share.

# **DETAILS**

Year: 2019 Running Time: 11 min 20 sec Director: Isla Ure Producer: Romy Waller Screenwriter: Isla Ure Principal Cast: Atta Yaqub, Rayna Campbell, Daisy May

Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts



# Rosalyn



**SYNOPSIS** Rosalyn is about the fears, emotions and anxieties that arise with pregnancy. Our central character, Rose, feels threatened by, and resentful of the volatility of her own body.

# **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 18 min Director: Olivia Middleton Producer: Jack Cowhig Screenwriter: Olivia Middleton Principal Cast: Rebecca Guinnane, Dan Fitzgibbon,

Rebecca Deegan

Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts

# **Sandpaper**



**SYNOPSIS** A troubled young man stumbles upon a creative community group and becomes acquainted with the leader.

# **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 15 min 45 sec Director: Michael Mante Producer: Jennie Scott, Jamie Gamache

Screenwriter: Michael Mante Principal Cast: Ola Orebiyi,

Michael Akinsulire

Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts



### A Screen Test for an Adaptation of Giselle



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 9 min Director: Cécile B. Evans Producer: Cécile B. Evans Screenwriter: Cécile B. Evans Principal Cast: Alexandrina Hemsley, Rebecca Root, Viktoria Modesta, Lily

McMenamy

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

A screen test for an adaptation of the ballet 'Giselle' as an ecofeminist thriller. Reimagined in a near-future, where Giselle and her friends have moved on from a failed metropolis to her mother's rural village to "reset society". An invasion of their successful community sets off a contamination of their new ecosystem with old power dynamics. Giselle's death emerges as an investigation into mutability and multiplicity as a strategy for escape. (FIAC Brochure)

Official Selection International Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR) 2020 - Bright Future - International premiere

### Scuzz



#### DETAILS

Year: 2020

Running Time: c. 14 min Director: Alia Ghafar Producer: Laura McBride Screenwriter: Alia Ghafar Principal Cast: Paula Nugent, Keon Crampsie, Jack Stewart

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

23-year-old Kim is a bassist in a Glasgow band. Playing a dingy venue surrounded by art-school snobs, her now ex-boyfriend and band frontman Lee included, Kim just wants an escape from the shallow scene. When Lee's guitar is stolen, Kim feels responsible and gives chase. Racing past bustling traffic, clubbers and neon-bathed nightlife, they eventually come to a head. To Kim's surprise, she discovers not a hard-faced criminal but a 14-year-old boy looking to learn how to play. Through a shared love of music, some fast food and teaching her ex a lesson, two strangers for one night find an unlikely connection.



### The Shift



**SYNOPSIS** 

New drama project from Laura Carreira, the Edinburgh International Film Festival New Visions Award-winning director of *Red Hill*.

#### DETAILS

Year: 2020

Running Time: c. 8 min Director: Laura Carreira Producer: Maeve McMahon,

Mhairi Valentine

Screenwriter: Laura Carreira Principal Cast: Anna Russell-

Martin

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

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### **Shiney**



#### **SYNOPSIS**

Two creative but impressionable kids hatch a plan to purchase their first packet of cigarettes, whilst clinging on to their prized possession; an impossible-to-get shiny gold football sticker.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2020

Running Time: 15 min Director: Paul Holbrook Producer: Camilla Stoppani Screenwriter: Paul Holbrook,

Graeme Willetts

Principal Cast: Katie Francis, Caleb Stephens, Bruce Jones,

Toby Wright

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>



# **Signs**



SYNOPSIS
A coming-of-age drama about a teenage carer coming to terms with the responsibility of looking after her family after a distressing incident.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 19 min 55 sec Director: Yero Timi-Biu Producer: Katie Sinclair Screenwriter: Yero Timi-Biu Principal Cast: Rhianne Barreto, Vivian Oparah, Bhasker Patel, Summah Chandi, Cherrelle

Skeete

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

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# **Starboy**



SYNOPSIS
A mystical young Hasidic man increasingly doubts his identity, his gender, and the nature of being as conflict between him and his pious young wife escalates with shocking consequences.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 17 min 24 sec Director: Joëlle Bentolila Producer: Tibo Travers Screenwriter: Joëlle Bentolila Principal Cast: Barney Harris, Talullah Haddon, James Larkin

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

# **Stray Dogs Come Out at Night**



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 11 min
Director: Hamza Bangash
Producer: Carol Noronha
Screenwriter: Hamza Bangash
Principal Cast: Mohammad Ali
Hashmi, Adnan Shah Tipu

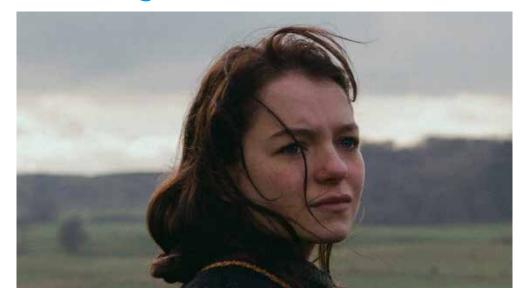
<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Karachi, Pakistan. Iqbal, a migrant sex worker, cannot come to terms with his illness. He convinces his uncle to take a day trip to the beach, desperate for respite. The Arabian sea beckons.

Official Selection Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival 2020 - International Competition

# **Sudden Light**



#### **SYNOPSIS**

As her dad lies dying in hospital, Mia (16) takes sister Squeeze (12) to walk the dog in the fields by their home. Out there, the landscape shifts around them, they become separated and Mia comes across a strange man, lurking at the edge of a dark wood.

#### **DETAILS**

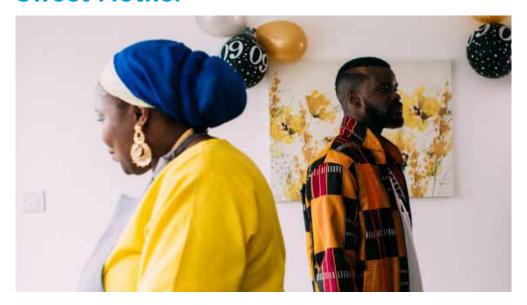
Year: 2019

Running Time: 14 min 54 sec Director: Sophie Littman Producer: Tom Wood Screenwriter: Sophie Littman Principal Cast: Esmé Creed-Miles, Millie Ashford, Sam Spruell

Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts



### **Sweet Mother**



SYNOPSIS

A British-Nigerian man is forced to confront cultural rejection when his mother discovers his sexuality.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 13 min 21 sec

Director: Zena Igbe

Producer: Rico Johnson-Sinclair Screenwriter: Zena Igbe Principal Cast: Tolu Ajayi, Kemi Lofinmakin, Yasmin Keita, Kyle Toussaint-Gyampo, Zorawar Waraich, Tracey Brown

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

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# The Thing That Ate the Birds



SYNOPSIS

Head Gamekeeper Abel discovers the thing that is eating his grouse. His blunt and violent response brings the menace back home shattering his already crumbling relationship with his wife.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2020

Running Time: 11 min 35 sec

Director: Dan Gitsham,

Sophie Mair

Producer: Rebecca Wolff,

Jude Goldrei

Screenwriter: Sophie Mair,

Dan Gitsham

Principal Cast: Eoin Slattery, Rebecca Palmer, Lewis Mackinnon, James Swanton

Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts



### This is the Winter



#### **SYNOPSIS**

2023 - a separatist movement has ignited civil war in the North of England. The UK government has built a wall dividing the country. Trapped in a refugee camp north of the border, a teenage girl must choose between loyalty to her father and her political ideology.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 20 min Director: Peter King

Producer: Theo Barrowclough,

Joseph Taussig

Screenwriter: Peter King Principal Cast: Liv Hill, Warren Brown, Neil Fitzmaurice,

Jordan Pearson

Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts

### **Thrive**



A hook-up between two young men - they make a connection, but it quickly becomes apparent they're looking for different things.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019 Running Time: 16 min 48 sec Director: Jamie Di Spirito Producer: Lewis Partovi, Jamie Di Spirito Screenwriter: Jamie Di Spirito

Principal Cast: Taofique Folarin,

Ben Aldridge

Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts

# **The Trap**



**SYNOPSIS** 

When a reclusive woman falls in love, it's easy to fall with her in this tender and sensual story of shocking self-discovery.

Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2019 - Journey Strand BAFTA Film Awards 2020 - Nomination - Best British Short Film

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 32 min Director: Lena Headey Producer: Anthony Fitzgerald Screenwriter: Lena Headey Principal Cast: Michelle Fairley, James Nelson-Joyce, Steven

Waddington

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

### **Trifle**



SYNOPSIS

Drama centring on a grieving pharmacist and a trifle-loving methadone patient.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2020

Running Time: c. 15 min Director: Mike Callaghan Producer: Joanne Williamson Screenwriter: Rachelle Atalla Principal Cast: Amy Manson,

Tam Dean Burn

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>



# Two Sisters Who Are Not Sisters (Deux sœurs qui ne sont pas sœurs)



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 21 min 55 sec Director: Beatrice Gibson Producer: Denna Cartamkhoob Screenwriter: Beatrice Gibson Principal Cast: Basma Alsharif, Alice Noltey, Adam Christensen,

Ana Vaz

Colourist: Jason R Moffat

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

#### **SYNOPSIS**

An abstract crime thriller featuring a poodle, a beauty queen, and two sisters who aren't sisters. The film eschews conventional narrative in favour of a more dream-like montage. Based on Gertrude Stein's eponymously named screenplay and featuring a close personal network of friends and influences as cast.

Official Selection Cannes Film Festival 2019 - Directors' Fortnight - World premiere

### **Unexpected Item**



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2020 Running Time: c. 10 min Director: Iain McCall Producer: Jana Robert Screenwriter: Iain McCall Principal Cast: Owen Whitelaw, Zoe Hunter, Jenny Douglas

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### SYNOPSIS

The story of a young, lonesome man whose only friend and company is his beloved hoover Ziggy. Stuck in a grim cubicle serving as his home and work place, our friend rarely ventures out; only leaving to buy lunch before returning to his desk to eat it. But what happens to him when there's an "unexpected Item in the bagging area" and his whole world is shaken?



### Verisimilitude



#### **SYNOPSIS**

Bella, a struggling disabled actor, takes on her most challenging role teaching an up and coming Hollywood A-lister how to "act disabled". Struggling with the line between reality and fantasy she begins to question the world around her.

Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2019 - World premiere Official Selection Clermont-Ferrand Short Film Festival 2020

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2020

Running Time: 13 min 15 sec Director: David Proud Producer: Justin Edgar Screenwriter: Justin Edgar Principal Cast: Ruth Madeley, Laurie Davison, Alice Lowe,

Esther Smith

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

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### **White Girl**



#### **SYNOPSIS**

Beth, a fifteen-year-old white girl, is seemingly lost. Over the course of an evening on the streets of East London, her interactions with the city's dwellers take darker turns. Terror appears to lie around every corner. But Beth is the real monster lurking within our city.

Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2019 - Official Short Film Competition - Cult Strand - World premiere

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 12 min 43 sec Director: Nadia Latif Producer: Brett Webb Screenwriter: Omar El-Khairy Principal Cast: Barbara Smith

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>



# **Young Mother**



SYNOPSIS A lone teenage girl roams the streets of Dublin urgently trying to buy alcohol in this intense, family drama.

#### DETAILS

Year: 2019

Running Time: 12 min 29 sec Director: John Robert Brown Producer: Danielle Harvey Screenwriter: John Robert Brown Principal Cast: Jordanna Jones,

Aoibhinn McGuinnity

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>



# **3 Logical Exits**



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2020

Running Time: 15 min Director: Mahdi Fleifel Producer: Mahdi Fleifel Screenwriter: Mahdi Fleifel

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

A sociological meditation on the different "exits" that young Palestinians choose, in order to cope with life in the refugee camps.

Official Selection International Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR) 2020 - Bright Future - Ammodo Tiger Short Competition - World premiere

### **Agya**



#### SYNOPSIS

Agya is a conversation with Yaw, a father of four. Initiated with 'intention', Yaw delves into how he did not intend to have children - describing fatherhood as 'an unplanned venture' he wasn't prepared for.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2018 Running Time: 4 min 40 sec Director: Curtis Essel Producer: Curtis Essel Executive Producer: Curtis Essel Editor: Curtis Essel Director of Photography: Curtis Essel

Sound: Curtis Essel

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

# **Becoming Cherrie**



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 11 min Director: Nicky Larkin Producer: Nicky Larkin

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Matthew Cavan, aka Belfast's most-loved drag artist, Cherrie Ontop was diagnosed HIV-positive aged 19. He struggled to find acceptance in conservative Northern Irish society, leaving him feeling so isolated he tried to commit suicide. In a desperate attempt to escape his everyday reality and get back on stage, Matthew created his drag alter-ego Cherrie Ontop. A decade later, Cherrie is Belfast's most-loved drag artist, and Matthew is a spokesperson for people living with HIV in Northern Ireland. *Becoming Cherrie* allows us inside the intimate process of transformation between Matthew and Cherrie. A portrait of resilience and reinvention.

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### **Black to Techno**



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2020

Running Time: 20 min Director: Jenn Nkiru Producer: Emory Ruegg Screenwriter: Jenn Nkiru

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Delving into the origins of the genre in Detroit – drawing parallels between the machine-like production lines of the city's manufacturing heritage and the roots of black music in drum patterns and percussive variation. The film features contributions from pioneering spoken-word and hip-hop group The Last Poets, and Detroit DJs Stacey Hotwaxx, DJ Minx and DJ Holographic. Exploring how the music found kindred spirit in the post-reunification Berlin of the early '90s, the film weaves together a multi-layered narrative, structured with a nod to public access television. (Vinyl Factory magazine)

Official Selection International Film Festival Rotterdam 2020 - Perspectives - World premiere

# **Bradford Young: Cinema is the Weapon**



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 8 min Director: Corine Dhondee Producer: Corine Dhondee

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Exploring Oscar and BAFTA-nominated cinematographer Bradford Young's early works – outlining Young's location within a lineage of visual artists who he always claims as inspirations as well as echo chambers, and who are actively formulating a new black aesthetics. (liquid blackness)

### **Breakfast in Kisumu**



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 38 min Director: Rebecca Achieng

Ajulu-Bushell

Producer: Rebecca Achieng

Ajulu-Bushell

Screenwriter: Rebecca Achieng

Ajulu-Bushell

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

#### **SYNOPSIS**

A homage to the 20-year journey of renowned professor and activist Rok Ajulu. Filmed across six countries, in multiple formats, it follows Rok's account of his struggles as an exiled freedom fighter of the post-colonial era. In conversation with his daughter, he tells of his numerous deportations, prison sentences, and academic career. As Rok recounts the collapse of the apartheid regime, Breakfast in Kisumu shows us a homecoming: his journey back to Africa for the transition of the African National Congress (ANC) from liberation movement to governing party, his marriage into the Sisulu Family, and the continental significance of 1994.

Official Selection IDFA 2019 - IDFA Competition for Short Documentary - International premiere

### The Circle



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 16 min Director: Lanre Malaolu Producer: Elizabeth Benjamin Principal Cast: David Smith,

Sanchez Smith

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

A bold and lyrical portrayal of two brothers, David and Sanchez, living on a Hackney council estate in East London. The film combines dance with documetary giving a compelling insight into their family and friendships, the stigmas they face daily and how they process their emotions.

Official Selection IDFA 2019 - IDFA Competition for Short Documentary - International premiere

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## **City of Children**



### DETAILS

Year: 2019

Running Time: 16 min Director: Arantxa Hernández

Barthe

Producer: Arantxa Hernández

Barthe

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

What is it like to grow up in a place that has been forgotten? Tyler, a 16-year-old boy who has never attended school, guides us through an estate in the north of England.

Official Selection Visions du Réel 2019 - World premiere Official Selection Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival - International Competition

### **Common Ground**



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 30 min Director: Darren Emerson Producer: Darren Emerson

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

An interactive VR documentary about the history and legacy of the Aylesbury Estate, the largest housing estate in Europe. Utilising 360 video, photogrammetry, 3D modelling, archive and interactive design, this VR documentary allows the audience to explore the estate and meet residents fighting regeneration.

Official Selection Tribeca Film Festival 2019 - Tribeca Immersive - World premiere

### **Double Ghosts**



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2018 Running Time: 31 min

Director: George Clark
Producer: George Clark
Principal Cast: Valeria
Sarmiento, Niles Atallah, Leonel
Bahamonde, Cristóbal León,
Ivan Ulloa, Rodrigo Saquel

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

#### **SYNOPSIS**

The project takes as its starting point an unfinished film made by Chilean director Raúl Ruiz in Taiwan in 1995. Based in Paris since the late 1970s Ruiz came to Taiwan to film The Comedy of Shadows/ La comedie des ombres with a script inspired by the Taoist philosophy of Chuang Tzu's' Wandering on the Way' and Luigi Pirandello's 'Six Characters in Search of an Author'. The project was filmed at Chin Pao San cemetery with a Taiwanese cast and crew but never finished. *Double Ghosts* considers the echoes of this unrealized project to explore cinematic and political phantoms. The film is staged as a series of actions seeking to reactivate this lost film. Filmed on 35mm film in Chile and Taiwan following traces across the Pacific from Ruiz's birthplace in Puerto Montt to the mountain cemetery in Taiwan.

Official Selection International Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR) 2019 Official Selection New York Film Festival 2019 - Projections

### **E-Ticket**



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 13 min Director: Simon Liu Producer: Rachael Lawe

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

A film sixteen thousand splices in the making. *E-Ticket* is a frantic (re)cataloguing of a personal archive and an opportunity for rebirth to forgotten images. 35mm photo negatives and moving pictures (taken during the artist's formative years) are obsessively cut apart, reshuffled then tape spliced together inch by inch in rigid increments. Fragmented views swipe between a school trip to India then culminate with a protest of a 2005 World Trade Organization summit in Hong Kong. My photographs may have all be cut up and mixed around, but at least they're all in one place now. A retelling of Dante's Inferno for the streaming age; a freedom of movement reserved for the modern cloud.

Official Selection International Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR) 2019 - Tiger Short Competition

Official Selection Sundance Film Festival 2020 - New Frontier Shorts Programme

# **Houses (for Margaret)**



#### DETAILS

Year: 2020

Running Time: 5 min Director: Luke Fowler Producer: Luke Fowler Editor: Luke Fowler Screenwriter: Luke Fowler Director of Photography:

Luke Fowler

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

A loving 16mm ode to Scottish poet and avant-garde filmmaker Margaret Tait. Artist filmmaker Luke Fowler circles her Orkney home surrounded by red tulips and buzzing insects, visits her films' locations, and zooms in on her notebooks of ideas. We also listen to Tait's poem 'Houses', about what it means to feel at home.

Official Selection International Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR) 2020 - Bright Futures - European premiere

# **Hydebank**



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 17 min Director: Ross McClean Producer: Chris Kelly Executive Producer: Noe Mendelle, Flore Cosquer Editor: Anders S. Jepsen Screenwriter: Ross McClean

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Governing the Northern Irish countryside, Hydebank Wood currently houses 104 young male offenders. Ryan, currently serving a 5-year sentence, has formed an unlikely bond with the prisons flock of sheep. Through their interactions, Ryan attempts to come to terms with the brutal act that led him here.

Official Selection Clermont-Ferrand Short Film Festival 2020

## I Have Sinned a Rapturous Sin



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2018

Running Time: 8 min Director: Maryam Tafakory Producer: Maryam Tafakory

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

#### **SYNOPSIS**

What cures women of sexual promiscuity? Eating lettuce, of course. Fragments of Forough Farokhzad's poem, Sin, are read out against Islamic clergies advising women on how to control their lust.

Official Selection International Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR) 2018

# I Signed the Petition



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2018

Running Time: 11 min Director: Mahdi Fleifel Producer: Patrick Campbell,

Mahdi Fleifel

Editor: Michael Aaglund Director of Photography:

Mahdi Fleifel

Sound Editor: Dario Swade

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Immediately after a Palestinian man signs an online petition, he is thrown into a panic-inducing spiral of self-doubt. Over the course of a conversation with an understanding friend, he analyzes, deconstructs and interprets the meaning of his choice to publicly support the cultural boycott of Israel.

Official Selection Visions du Réel 2018 - International Competition - World premiere

# I will make up a song and sing it in a theatre with the night air above my head.



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 20 min Director: Hannah Collins Producer: Hannah Collins

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Egyptian architect Hassan Fathy designed New Gourna in 1954, introducing ecological principles for mud architecture to Egypt. He dreamt that rural populations might have sustainable lives. Stills and an experimental soundtrack take a haunting look at efforts from the 1940s in sustainability in the Middle East.

Official Selection International Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR) 2020 - Perspectives

## **Junior Bangers**



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 13 min 15 sec Director: Danny Lee Producer: Noah Lee

Principal Cast: Harley McCarthy,

Finlay Damon

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

In England banger racing isn't just a sport, but a way of life. *Junior Bangers* follows 11-year-olds Finn and Harley through a cold winter race day in Birmingham.

Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2019 - Thrill Strand - European premiere Official Selection Sundance Film Festival 2020 - Documentary Shorts Programme - Nominated, Short Film Grand Jury Prize

### Kamali



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 24 min Director: Sasha Rainbow Producer: Sasha Rainbow

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Kamali is the only girl skateboarder in a fishing village. Her timorous mother, Suganthi takes a pilgrimage in a quest for self-discovery. Separated for the first time, they must find freedom in a man's world.

BAFTA Film Awards 2020 - Nomination - Best British Short Film

# Learning to Skateboard in a Warzone (If You're a Girl)



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 39 min Director: Carol Dysinger Producer: Elena Andreicheva

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

SYNOPSIS

The story of young Afghan girls learning to read, write - and skateboard - in Kabul.

Official Selection Tribeca Film Festival 2019 - World premiere BAFTA Film Awards 2020 - Nomination - Best British Short Film Academy Awards 2020 - Nomination - Best Documentary Short Subject

### **Lost in Translation?**



SYNOPSIS

An elderly couple search for Ausfahrt; a place they have only seen on signposts.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019
Running Time: 3 min 34 sec
Director: Carol Lyon,
Edward Lyon
Producer: Carol Lyon,
Edward Lyon
Screenwriter: Carol Lyon,
Edward Lyon
Principal Cast: Carol Lyon,

Edward Lyon

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/ Sales contacts

# Making a Diagonal with Music (Hacer una Diagonal con la Musica)



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 10 min 22 sec

Director: Aura Satz Producer: Aura Satz

Principal Cast: Beatriz Ferreyra

Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

A short film about the Argentine electroacoustic composer Beatriz Ferreyra, an original pioneer of early musique concrète alongside Pierre Schaeffer during the '50s and '60s. Here she discusses her 'sound hunting' recording techniques, and other thoughts on sound montage and spatialization. Featuring creaking doors, barking dogs and rainbow hands.

Official Selection International Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR) 2020 - Bright Future - World premiere

# Mariam Jafri vs. Maryam Jafri



#### DETAILS

Year: 2020

Running Time: 12 min Director: Maryam Jafri Producer: Maryam Jafri

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

#### **SYNOPSIS**

The starting point for this video piece is an image of artist Maryam Jafri's sculpture 'Anxiety', that has been turned into a stock photo for licensing on a major photographic agency's website without the artist's prior knowledge or permission. A voiceover traces the work's trajectory from a readymade sculpture for sale at an art fair to a stock photo for licensing online and finally, to a video commissioned by a Kunstahalle, a space meant to guarantee the autonomy of art. The work reflects upon the role of originality, artist labour and copyright in our culture of sampling and remixing.

Official Selection International Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR) 2020 -Bright Future

# **Missing Time**



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 14 min 49 sec Director: Morgan Quaintance Producer: Morgan Quaintance Screenwriter: Morgan

Quaintance

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

A film that considers the effects of amnesia. Through the lens of alien abduction, mesmerism, the radio frequency detritus of cold war history, and Britain's decolonial process in Kenya, the film weaves an expressionistic account of memory loss and the trauma often involved with its recovery.

Official Selection International Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR) 2020 - Bright Future

# the names have changed, including my own and truths have been altered



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 25 min 47 sec Director: Onyeka Igwe Producer: Onyeka Igwe Principal Cast: Titilayo Adebayo

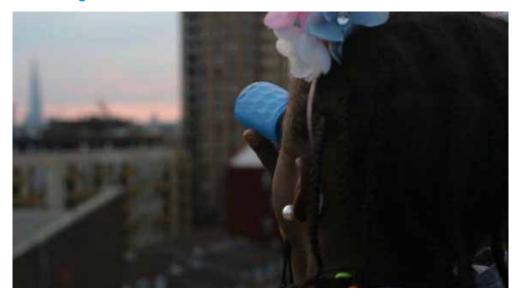
Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

A film of three interconnected narratives - a story of the artist's grandfather, one of 'the land', and another detailing an encounter with Nigeria - which the film attempts to tell in as many ways as possible.

Official Selection International Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR) 2020 - Bright Future - Ammodo Tiger Short Competition - International premiere

# **Nuraiyah**



SYNOPSIS An optimistic declaration of a young seven-year-old's truth.

#### DETAILS

Year: 2019

Running Time: 1 min 30 sec Director: Khevyn Ibrahim Producer: Khevyn Ibrahim Principal Cast: Nuraiyah Ibrahim

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

# **Playhouse**



#### **SYNOPSIS**

A couple visit a holiday home, where they re-enact scenes of powerplay and desire from classic films. Conversations and tensions explore their dynamic and how they relate to cinematic representations.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 26 min Director: Adda Elling Producer: Teodora Shaleva Editor: Stella Heath Keir Director of Photography: Alana Mejia Gonzalez Sound: Ines Adriana Music: Thomas Ross Fitzsimons

Music: Thomas Ross Fitzsimor Principal Cast: Rosie L.L. Eveleigh, Line-Gry Hørup

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

### The Qilin



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 19 min Director: David Lale,

Sam Hopkins Producer: Sam Hopkins

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

An animated documentary about the precarious lives of African immigrants seeking their fortunes in Guangzhou, China - the centre of a booming global trade in counterfeit goods.

## Signal 8



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 15 min Director: Simon Liu Producer: Rachel Lawe.

Michelle Miles

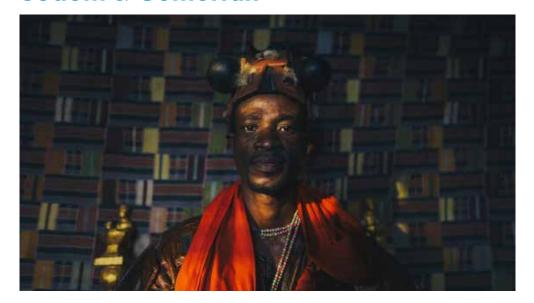
<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

#### **SYNOPSIS**

A note on over-development, Simon Liu's vision of Hong Kong carries both the marvels of modern life and its short circuits. A chaos broken only by the soft touches of natural light and flowing water captured on 16mm, one feels the tension of a city on the brink of combustion.

Official Selection International Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR) 2020 - Bright Future - International premiere

### **Sodom & Gomorrah**



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 9 min 44 sec Director: Curtis Essel Producer: Curtis Essel

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Documenting the everyday life of people from a town in Ghana called Jamestown - also known as 'Sodom & Gomorrah'. A place that seems to have fallen by the wayside: brief portraits of the inhabitants reveal a life marked by hopelessness and the struggle to move forward.

Official Selection Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival 2020 - International Competition

## **Spring Fever**



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 8 min 46 sec Director: Anna Snowball Producer: Anna Snowball

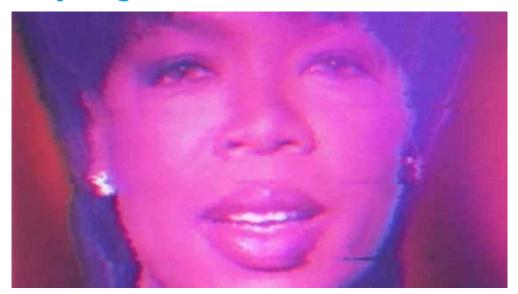
<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Sex education. Awkward memories, right? Boys and girls separated, a flustered teacher, the bare biological facts and a dose of shame. In the Netherlands, they do things differently. Children from the age of four learn to talk about their bodies and sexuality in an open and frank manner. This documentary observes a diverse group of pre-teens from Amsterdam, having a candid conversation about their changing bodies with an inspiring teacher. This isn't just a sex ed class, this is an anti-shame class

Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2019 - Love Strand

# **Tony Fraginals**



#### **SYNOPSIS**

Anthony Godby Johnson was an early 1990s New York City miracle: a boy who escaped years of horrific abuse only to discover that he was dying of AIDS. A boy who authored his own autobiography. A boy who earned friends and fans worldwide – and who did not exist.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 16 min 2 sec Director: Ben Young Producer: Ben Young Editor: Theo Watkins Screenwriter: Ben Young Director of Photography:

Junaid Iqbal Sound: Emily Wiles Music: Luke Seomore

Principal Cast: Oprah Winfrey, Vicki Fraginals, Ben Young

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

# **Vaarheim**



Since the high school and the fish farm closed, the men and teenagers have had to leave the small northern British island of Out Skerries for Shetland's mainland. Julie is one of the women left on the island with her youngest children. In her empty house prey to the sea winds, daily life follows a strange timescale, at the rhythm of the activities of those who left.

Official Selection Visions du Réel 2019 - International Competition - World premiere

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 30 min Director: Victor Ridley

Producer: Carol Van Hemelrijck,

Jeanne Scahaise

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

# **Zahida**



#### DETAILS

Year: 2018

Running Time: 28 min Director: Seemab Gul Producer: Seemab Gul

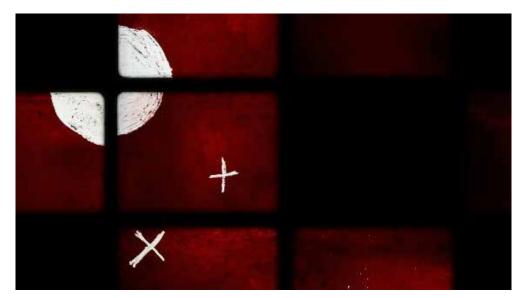
<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Zahida is the first female taxi driver in Pakistan and a local legend. A widower at 56, she is continually juggling her home life with behind the wheel. A fascinating insight into the trials faced by a determined woman carving her own path within a patriarchal society.



### 4:3



### SYNOPSIS

Separate projections combine, unifying, becoming whole. Twelve animated projections combine to develop a rhythmic dialogue exploring the intrinsic relationship between sound and image using 16mm film, paint and a projector.

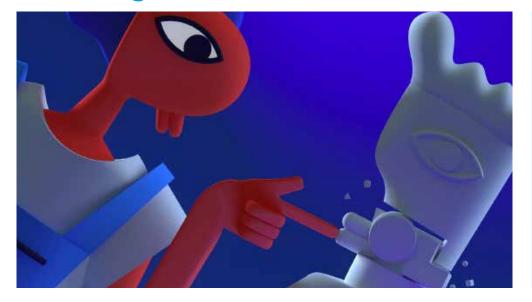
#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 4 min 48 sec Director: Ross Hogg Producer: Ross Hogg

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

# **Armstrong**



#### **SYNOPSIS**

A woman watches her crush from across the factory floor. The moon disappears, and the world start to crumble. With our heroine struggling to hold herself together and her world in danger, she knows what she must do; build a new moon.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2020

Running Time: 10 min Director: Russ Etheridge Producer: Ayndrilla Singharay Screenwriter: Ayndrilla Singharay, Russ Etheridge

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>



## The Art of Reducing Noise



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2018

Running Time: 4 min 14 sec Director: Heidi Stokes Producer: Heidi Stokes Screenwriter: Heidi Stokes

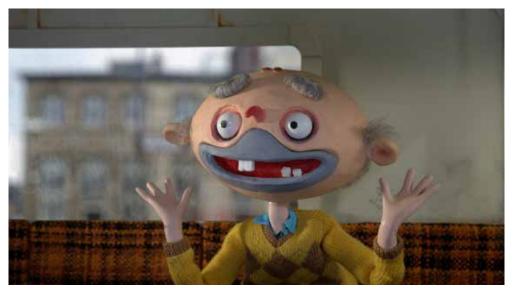
<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

#### **SYNOPSIS**

In our turbulent times, silence seems like a necessary escape. This animated film evaluates this concept, looking in particular at one important figure in history who used this in an astonishing way to evaluate the world we live in.

Official Selection VIS, Vienna Shorts Film Festival 2019

### **Bernard**



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 3 min 29 sec Director: Paul Flannery Producer: Haydn Secker

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

#### SYNOPSIS

Bernard is annoyed and flabbergasted at being called the black sheep of the family for nothing more than his lifestyle choices and drinking habits. Not happy with being labelled a boozer and a liability he is seizing this moment to unload his outrage on anyone who will listen, if it takes him all day.



# **Cleaning in Progress**



#### SYNOPSIS

Working in a car park, tensions arise between a naïve, young cleaner and his old-timer talking brush in their differences of approach and attitude where ultimately, one cannot do their job without the other.

Official Selection Animafest Zagreb World Festival of Animated Film 2019 - Student Film Competition

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2018

Running Time: 6 min 30 sec Director: Grant Holden Producer: Edinburgh College

of Art

Sound: Adam McCallum Music: Victoria Wijeratne Voice Cast: Alex Bird, Rod

Young

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

# **Creepy Pasta Salad**



#### **SYNOPSIS**

Elin works in a call centre and is anxious about her health. Trefor is dead worried about the gas bill. Cari is a lonely goth preparing for the apocalypse. It's Halloween, and as their lives traverse, things start to get better.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019 Running Time: 11 min 11 sec Director: Lauren Orme Producer: Amy Morris Principal Cast: Adam Buxton, Ruth Madoc, Eve Myles, Richard Harrington

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts



### The Doll's Breath



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 22 min Director: Quay Brothers (Stephen Quay, Timothy Quay) Producer: Keith Griffiths

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

#### SYNOPSIS

Horacio, a former window dresser, sets up complicated charades where women and life-sized dolls change places in a web of jealousy, betrayal and murder. Inspired by Felisberto Hernández's 'Las Hortensias'.

Official Selection L'Étrange Festival 2019 - World premiere Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2019 - Special Events Official Selection International Film Festival Rotterdam 2020 - Deep Focus

### The Fabric of You



### DETAILS

Year: 2019

Running Time: 11 min

Director: Josephine Lohoar Self

Producer: Calum Hart Screenwriter: Josephine

Lohoar Self

Voice Cast: Iain Glen, Damien Moloney

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

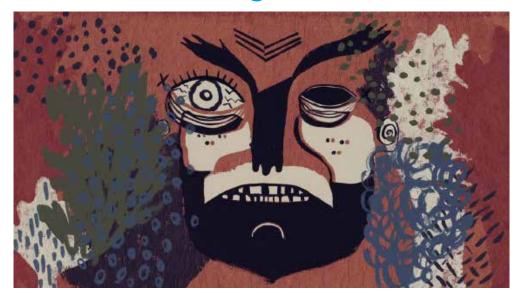
#### **SYNOPSIS**

Unable to show his true identity, Michael, a grieving tailor mouse, recounts and reckons with the memories of a past lover.

Official Selection Edinburgh International Film Festival 2019 - World premiere



# The Flood is Coming



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2018

Running Time: 8 min 56 sec Director: Gabriel Böhmer Producer: Samantha Monk Screenwriter: Gabriel Böhmer Music: Nacho Palacios

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

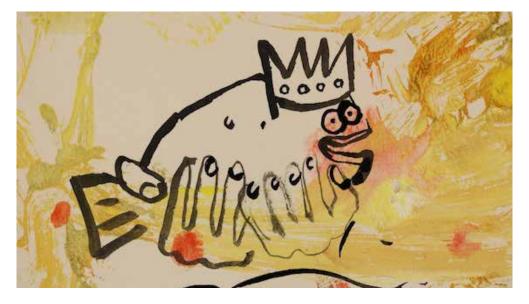
#### **SYNOPSIS**

A forest hermit tries to prepare for a flood, but he becomes distracted by his noisy neighbour - who happens to be the hermit's left eye. A film exploring the growing anxiety about the state of nature, and our place in it.

Official Selection Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival 2019 - Lab Competition

Official Selection Annecy International Animation Film Festival 2019 - Short Film Competition

### The Flounder



# DETAILS

Year: 2019

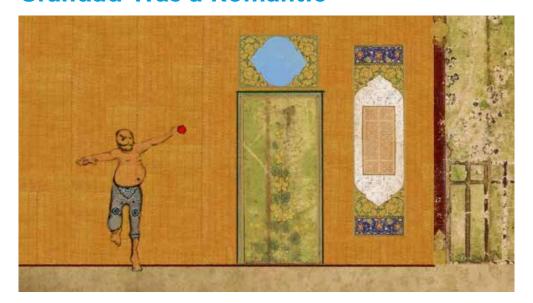
Running Time: 6 min 24 sec Director: Elizabeth Hobbs Producer: Abigail Addison

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

#### **SYNOPSIS**

One day a humble fisherman catches an enchanted fish. Can the fish help him, and his wife improve their lot? *The Flounder* is an adaptation of the Brothers Grimm tale 'The Fisherman and his Wife', with painted animation by Elizabeth Hobbs and an original score by composer Carola Bauckholt.

## **Grandad Was a Romantic**



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 4 min 39 sec Director: Maryam Mohajer Producer: Maryam Mohajer Screenwriter: Maryam Mohajer Voice Cast: Maya Naraghi

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

My grandad was a romantic. He once saw a picture of my granny and realised that she was the love of his life. One day he decided to go meet her.

Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2019 - Laugh Strand BAFTA Film Awards 2020 - Nomination - Best British Short Animation

### **Heatwave**



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 7 min 14 sec Director: Fokion Xenos Producer: Priya K. Dosanjh Screenwriter: Fokion Xenos

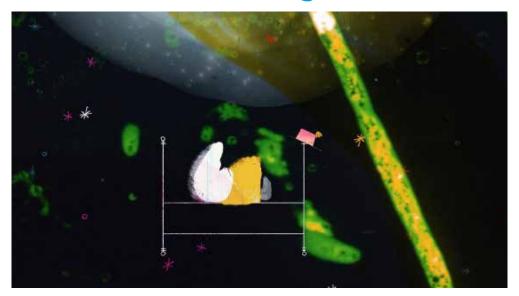
<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

#### **SYNOPSIS**

In the midst of a searing heatwave, two little children find a way to cool everyone down.

Official Selection Annecy International Animation Film Festival 2019 - Graduation Short Film Competition

# **Herman Brown is Feeling Down**



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2018

Running Time: 6 min 5 sec Director: Dan Castro Producer: RCA Animation Screenwriter: Dan Castro

Further Credits and Production/ Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Herman's quiet, colourful world is suddenly interrupted by something loud and stressful. Combining digital animation with traditional ink-on-film techniques, Herman Brown is a film about life, anxiety, and learning to accept both.

Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2018 - Thrill Strand - World premiere

### **In Her Boots**



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 6 min 2 sec Director: Kathrin Steinbacher Producer: Kathrin Steinbacher Screenwriter: Kathrin Steinbacher

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Heidi is experiencing strange things. While her granddaughter is visiting, she suddenly embarks on a hiking journey, to the deepest parts of the Alps, revealing the reason for her devoted attachment to her hiking shoes. A story about Heidi's attempt to retain her identity and autonomy. A story about Heidi's attempt to retain her identity and autonomy.

BAFTA Film Awards 2020 - Nomination - Best British Short Animation

## **Knot**



#### **SYNOPSIS**

Two creatures fall face to face balanced on a tightrope. They begin a sensual dance above the abyss confronting Blue to his deepest fear, Orange helping him go beyond and to embrace the euphoric energy of their dance.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2020

Running Time: 5 min Director: Marie Lechevallier Producer: Chris Hees, Millie Marsh

Editor: Vera Simmonds

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

Supported by:



## Live a Little



#### **SYNOPSIS**

Acting a fool convinced you're a queen. *Live a Little* taps into the pressures and the amounts of self-control that go into being a "good woman" in a patriarchal society by celebrating women who decide to not care.

Official Selection Annecy International Animation Film Festival 2019 - Short Film Competition

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2018

Running Time: 3 min 43 sec Director: Jenny Jokela Producer: Jenny Jokela,

Celia Hillo

Editor: Jenny Jokela Screenwriter: Celia Hillo Production Designer: Jenny Jokela

Sound: Jenny Jokela,

Adam Woodhams Principal Cast: Emilie Loiseleur

Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts

## **The Magic Boat**



#### **SYNOPSIS**

An intimate insight into the relationship between a mother and her son in the midst of the most dangerous journey of their lives.

BAFTA Film Awards 2020 - Nomination - Best British Short Animation

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 6 min Director: Naaman Azhari Producer: Lilia Laurel Editor: Naaman Azhari Screenwriter: Naaman Azhari Director of Photography:

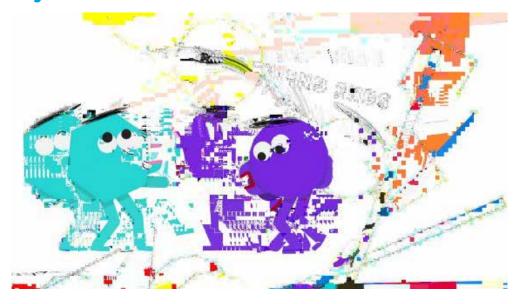
Naaman Azhari Sound: Marwan Rahi Music: Alexandra Streliski Principal Cast: Serene Dardari,

Ali Chaalan

Animator: Naaman Azhari

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

## **My Best Friend Ends**



#### **SYNOPSIS**

Two reflexive animated characters cling to sanity inside the changing parameters of their world. One of a series of three commissioned short animation films.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2018

Running Time: 1 min 10 sec Director: Will Anderson, Ainslie Henderson Producer: Will Anderson, Ainslie Henderson

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

## **My Best Friend Explodes**



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2018

Running Time: 1 min 24 sec Director: Will Anderson, Ainslie Henderson Producer: Will Anderson, Ainslie Henderson Sound: Keith Duncan

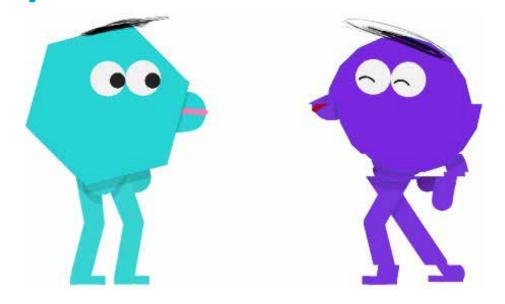
Commissioned by: Adult Swim

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Two reflexive animated characters cling to sanity inside the changing parameters of their world. One of a series of three commissioned short animation films.

## **My Best Friend Rewinds**



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2018 Running Time: 1 min 21 sec Director: Will Anderson, Ainslie Henderson Producer: Will Anderson, Ainslie Henderson

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Two reflexive animated characters cling to sanity inside the changing parameters of their world. One of a series of three commissioned short animation films.

Official Selection Annecy International Animation Film Festival 2019 - Commissioned Films Competition

## **New Year**



#### **SYNOPSIS**

In 1999 a boy becomes obsessed with the Y2K bug. In the future a girl is learning to be a priest in a religion based upon the artefacts left behind by the boy.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2020

Running Time: 9 min 3 sec Director: Diana Gradinaru, Rory Waudby-Tolley Producer: Becky Perryman Screenwriter: Diana Gradinaru,

Rory Waudby-Tolley

Animation: Ala Nunu Leszynska,

Chiara Sgatti

Voice Cast: Jason Forbes, Thea Gajic, Lorna Gayle, Javone Prince

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

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## No, I Don't Want To Dance!



#### **SYNOPSIS**

In these dark times, you may think that every hazard has been identified, but nobody has taken in consideration how dangerous dance can be...

Official Selection Sundance Film Festival 2020 - Shorts Programme

#### **DETAILS**

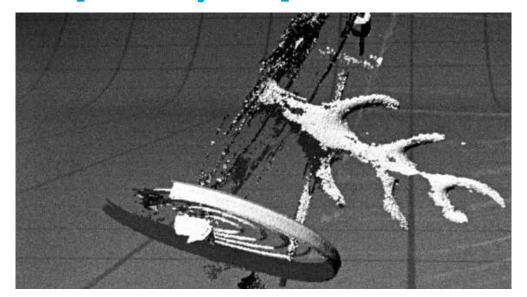
Year: 2019

Running Time: 2 min 39 sec Director: Andrea Vinciguerra Producer: Georgie Beattie, Andrea Vinciguerra Screenwriter: Andrea Vinciguerra

Animator: Tim Allen, Will Hodge

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

## PHX [X is for Xylonite]



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

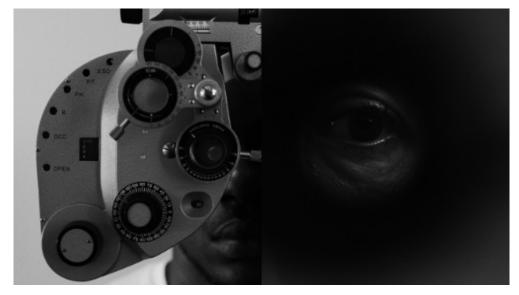
Running Time: 12 min 44 sec Director: Frances Scott Sound: Chu-Li Shewring Voice Cast: Dr. Miriam Wright

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Orbiting 3D images of plastics are collaged with hand-processed 16mm film, including scenes from the demolition of the Parkesine factory in Hackney Wick, London, where the first semi-synthetic plastic was invented. Both flickering, contingent materials allude to the history of cellulose nitrate in the development of photography and film.

## Pitch Black Panacea



## DETAILS

Year: 2019

Running Time: 7 min 20 sec Director: Thomas Hardiman Producer: Gloria Bowman Screenwriter: Thomas Hardiman Principal Cast: Martha Plimpton, Gbenga Akinnagbe, Daphne Rubin-Vega, Jade McCrea, Amy Fiona Marr

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### SYNOPSIS

Amy and Carl both have lazy eyes. Amy's left and Carl's right. They are strangers, volunteers for an unusual treatment that will change the course of both their lives.

Official Selection Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival 2020

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## Red



#### **SYNOPSIS**

Traditional Chinese art forms including ink wash painting and ceramics are used to represent and rethink Red China.

Official Selection Annecy International Animation Film Festival 2019 - Perspectives Short Film Competition

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 3 min Director: Ao Chen Producer: Ao Chen Screenwriter: Ao Chen Animation: Ao Chen, Fei Chen

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

## **Red Rover**



#### SYNOPSIS

When a robotic rover is sent from Earth to drill for signs of life on Mars, it threatens the lives of the planet's tiny native rock creatures.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2020

Running Time: 12 min 55 sec Director: Astrid Goldsmith Producer: Hank Starrs Screenwriter: Astrid Goldsmith

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

Supported by:



## The Redness of Red



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2018

Running Time: 3 min 19 sec Director: Emily Downe Producer: Emily Downe Voice Cast: Annabelle Broad.

Daniel Earl

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

A short, animated documentary about what it means to be conscious in a world that is becoming increasingly artificially intelligent; using hand drawn techniques to explore the human tendency to anthropomorphise simple drawings, and how we might do the same to machines.

Official Selection Annecy International Animation Film Festival 2019 - Graduation Short Film Competition

## Roadkill



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 7 min 48 sec Director: Leszek Mozga Producer: Leszek Mozga Screenwriter: Leszek Mozga Voice Cast: Leszek Mozga, Anna Mason, Alicja Mozga Animation: Leszek Mozga

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

#### **SYNOPSIS**

A stop-motion animated thriller set in a world where deer are the dominant species. An alpha male deer goes for an evening car ride and has an unfortunate accident, triggering a chain of events with dire consequences for the victim.

Official Selection Cannes Film Festival 2019 - Cinéfondation - World premiere Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2019 - Cult Strand

## **Slug Life**



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2018

Running Time: 6 min 30 sec Director: Sophie Koko Gate Producer: Sophie Koko Gate Animation: Sophie Koko Gate Screenwriter: Sophie Koko Gate Voice Cast: Jeanette Bonds, Tom Scotcher, Vincent Oliver,

Sophie Koko Gate

Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

We follow a day in the life of Tanya, a curious woman who has developed a taste for non-human lovers. This time her bedroom experiments result in the creation of a beautiful giant slug. Has she finally found the formula for total perfection? If so, can such a thing survive in this gnarly world full of freaks and beefs?

Official Selection SXSW 2019 - Animated Shorts Competition Official Selection Sundance Film Festival 2020 - Midnight Shorts - Nominated, Short Film Grand Jury Prize

Official Selection Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival 2020

## **Solar Plexus**



#### DETAILS

Year: 2019

Running Time: 8 min 53 sec Director: David McShane Producer: Paida Mutonono Screenwriter: Jessica Sinyard

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Noah battles to overcome his grief at the death of his mother, a journey that takes him from his flat to beyond the stars. An animation in stop-motion and oil paint.

Official Selection Cannes Film Festival 2019 - Cinéfondation - International premiere

## A State of Grace



SYNOPSIS
Air safety instructions can be ambiguous.

Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2019 - Experimenta Strand Official Selection International Film Festival Rotterdam 2020 - Perspective

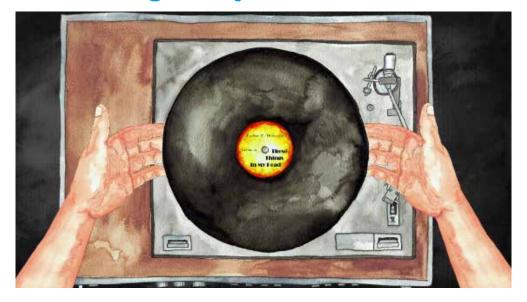
#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 3 min 10 sec Director: John Smith Producer: John Smith Editor: John Smith Screenwriter: John Smith Voice Cast: John Smith

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

## These Things in My Head - Side A



#### **SYNOPSIS**

A fully hand drawn and painted visualisation of the daily thoughts and worries on my mind as they interlink with the playful sounds of a record to conjure a new journey based somewhere underneath actual events.

Official Selection Annecy International Animation Film Festival 2019 - Graduation Short Film Competition

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2018

Running Time: 10 min 49 sec Director: Luke Bourne Producer: Birmingham City

University

Animation: Luke Bourne Screenwriter: Luke Bourne

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

## This is Pig Meat



SYNOPSIS I used to be a vegetarian. Pigs used to be my friends. Now I eat them quite a lot.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 3 min 49 sec Director: Peter Millard Producer: Peter Millard Animation: Peter Millard

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

## **Tomorrow I Will Be Dirt**



SYNOPSIS
Following his death, Lother Schramm finds himself in a disorientating and nightmarish afterlife. A short, animated sequel to Jörg Buttgereit's 1993 film

Official Selection Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival 2020

#### **DETAILS**

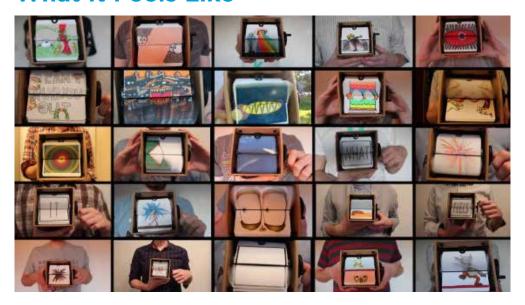
Year: 2019

Running Time: 8 min Director: Robert Morgan Producer: Robert Morgan Screenwriter: Jörg Buttgereit

(characters), Franz Rodenkirchen (characters) Voice Cast: August Ivanoff Animation: Robert Morgan

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

### What It Feels Like



#### **SYNOPSIS**

A short, animated documentary which investigates the commonly misunderstood mental health behaviour of voice hearing. Small boxes that contain flip book style animation are presented to show the emotion that people who hear voices feel. The documentary is experimental and expressive in its approach, where the positives and negatives combine to fully express the subversive nature of a misinterpreted and unacknowledged behaviour.

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2018

Running Time: 2 min 59 sec Director: Steven Fraser Producer: Steven Fraser With contributions from: Rich Keeble, Krystal LaPorteva, Shannon N K, Sharon Menefee, Peter Jiang, Connor Marshall, Samuel Meza, Nathan Wilson, Erin Frost, Sarah Kowlaski, Ian Pabito, Marielena Alcaraz, Tim Pedersen, Ernestine Powell, Timothy Dimal, Victoria Wong, Cat Kydd, Sheld

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

## When the Silence Comes



#### **SYNOPSIS**

There are always some moments you don't want to say a word. The world is silent, and you turn silent.

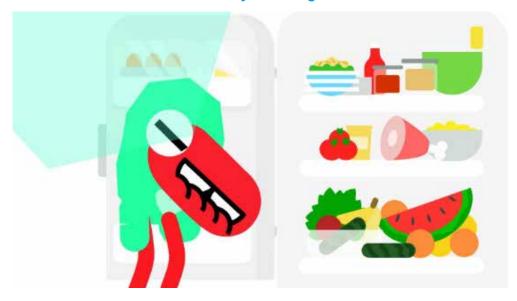
#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2018

Running Time: 3 min 28 sec Director: Liang-Hsin Huang Producer: Liang-Hsin Huang Music: Sarah Playford

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

## Where's the Butter, Betty?



SYNOPSIS

I'm being serious now, Betty. Where is the butter?

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2018

Running Time: 2 min 52 sec Director: Will Anderson Producer: Will Anderson Sound: Keith Duncan

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

## **Wood Child and Hidden Forest Mother**



SYNOPSIS

Deep in the forest, a hunter encounters a strange creature he cannot kill.

Official Selection Sundance Film Festival 2020 - Animation Spotlight - Nominated, Short Film Grand Jury Prize - World premiere
Official Selection International Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR) 2020 - Deep Focus - European premiere

#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 9 min 35 sec Director: Stephen Irwin Producer: Stephen Irwin Screenwriter: Stephen Irwin

Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts



## **All Kinds of Limbo**



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2020

Running Time: tbc

Lead Artists: Toby Coffey, Raffy Bushman, Nubiya Brandon

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

#### **SYNOPSIS**

The ceremony of live performance and the craft of theatrical staging magnificently converge with immersive technologies and the musical direction of composer Raffy Bushman to bring a communal audience into a new kind of theatrical space. *All Kinds of Limbo* is a fantastical engagement of a musical performance starring Nubiya Brandon, who sings a musical narration of her life in limbo that spans the genres of reggae, grime, classical, and calypso.

Official Selection Sundance Film Festival 2020 - New Frontier Exhibitions

## **Atomu**



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2020

Running Time: c. 12 min Lead Artists: Shariffa Ali,

Yetunde Dada

Producer: Antoine Cayrol, Rafael Pavon, Corentin Lambot, Richard Perrin, Sally Blake Screenwriter: Banna Desta Principal Cast: Ira Mandela Siobhan, Sonya Cullingford

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### SYNOPSIS

Go inside the cyclical centre of a Kikuyu tribal myth from Kenya, where man may become woman and woman may become man. Through virtual reality, dance, and music, a sacred space is created to explore many versions of yourself.

Official Selection Sundance Film Festival 2020 - New Frontier Exhibitions

## The Collider: Chapter One



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2018

Running Time: 35 min Director: Anagram (Amy Rose, May Abdalla) Producer: Anagram (Amy Rose, May Abdalla) Animation, Technical Artist: Barry Gene Murphy Interactive Set Assistant: Pete Bennett Interaction Designer: Mike Golembewski

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Enter The Collider, a machine built to decode the mysteries of human relationships. Its mission: to identify the corrosive, delightful and mysterious material that passes between people – that keeps us together and pulls us apart. Created for two people at time, the experience guides each person along a journey, directing the movements of both into a choreography that investigates their own relationship with power and control. Each participant enters separately but, soon, their journeys converge. One enters a virtual world revealing the inner vision of the machine, the other can manipulate the visions and actions of that virtual world. The experience culminates in an unmediated encounter where the pair work out, together, what has happened. The Collider moves from the political to the personal to ask: what do you do with power when you've got it?

Official Selection IDFA 2018 - World premiere

## A Machine for Viewing



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: c. 25 min Director: Oscar Raby, Richard Misek, Charlie Shackleton Producer: Oscar Raby, Richard Misek

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

A unique three-episode hybrid of real-time VR experience, live performance, and video essay in which three moving image makers explore how we now watch films by putting various 'machines for viewing' including cinema and virtual reality face to face.

Official Selection Sundance Film Festival 2020 - New Frontier

## **My Trip**



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019

Running Time: 13 min Producer: Acute Art Lead Artist: Bjarne Melgaard

<u>Further Credits and</u> Production/Sales contacts

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Simulating the experience of a DMT trip, this work draws on new psychedelia, black-metal music, and internet paranoia to question existential concerns such as procreation and overpopulation. In this virtual retrospective, travel with characters such as Octo and Lightbulb Man through the dark web to unknown realms.

Official Selection Sundance Film Festival 2020 - New Frontier Exhibitions

## The Seven Ages of Man



#### **DETAILS**

Year: 2019 Running Time: 7 min Director: John Monos, Andy Lanning for Magic Leap; Gregory Doran for RSC Producer: Pete Griffin for RSC; Rebecca Paris for Magic Leap

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

Principal Cast: Robert Gilbert

#### **SYNOPSIS**

The Royal Shakespeare Company explores the future of theatre with Magic Leap in this sublime production of the "Seven Ages of Man" speech from Shakespeare's As You Like It. Here they present a mixed reality experience using cutting-edge volumetric capture with Shakespearean actor Robert Gilbert and an original musical score by award-winning composer Jessica Curry. The line "all the world's a stage" turns literal as users experience the play in multiple and simultaneous places.

Official Selection Sundance Film Festival 2019 - New Frontiers Exhibitions - World premiere

## **The Waiting Room**



#### DETAILS

Year: 2019

Running Time: 16 min 54 sec Director: Victoria Mapplebeck Producer: Shehani Fernando Screenwriter: Victoria

Mapplebeck

<u>Further Credits and</u> <u>Production/Sales contacts</u>

#### **SYNOPSIS**

A VR Journey which tells the story of Victoria Mapplebeck's breast cancer (as patient and Director) from diagnosis to recovery. *The Waiting Room* explores illness from a patient's POV, putting under the microscope what we can and what we can't control when our bodies fail us.



## SUNDANCE LAB ATTENDEE'S PERSPECTIVE

#### **Dionne Edwards**

"There's something almost mythical about the Sundance labs. When you walk into the main hall at the resort and see the likes of Dee Rees, Darren Aronofsky and Paul Thomas Anderson on the walls, you feel excited, privileged and intimated all at once. In January 2019, I took part in the Sundance Screenwriters' Lab in the Utah mountains. During that week, each of the fellows have meetings with established and successful screenwriters. In these meetings we'd debate and discuss the projects at length. The Lab got me to think more thoroughly about what the stakes were in my story and what I was really trying to communicate. A few months after, I had taken what I'd learned and written a better draft of the script.

You can only get into Directors' Labs by invite and you have to have had your project go through the Screenwriters' Lab. They call the Directors' Lab the heart of the Sundance Institute and it really is. Only eight filmmakers are invited each year and you spend a month on the mountain, going deep into your project, working on difficult scenes from your script, shooting them and screening them to advisors and fellows. It really is a safe space to be vulnerable in, where you feel nurtured and supported and encouraged

to take risks. Time is spent learning about the craft of directing, working with experienced filmmakers and bonding with the other fellows. With the help of the British Council and BFI NETWORK lab grant scheme, I was able to fly two UK actors to the labs for the workshops. Getting to work on these scenes was truly invaluable - I was able to uncover what was working and what wasn't. Through the workshops, I found areas in my script that I needed to interrogate further, and characters that needed more development. My biggest takeaway was that I needed to trust myself more as a director and trust in the process. There really is no magical formula to directing, you just need to be in love with the story, and the keeper of the story. It's hard to sum up how important the labs have been for me -I'm so glad that everything I learned during the labs could be processed away from the film set. Everything I learned about my project, my craft and myself - and the friendships I have made - have been nothing short of life changing."

Dionne Edwards received a grant from the British Council & BFI NETWORK Lab Grant Fund to attend a Sundance Directors' Lab in 2019.

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