

UK SHORTS AND NEW TALENT CATALOGUE 2024



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INTRODUCTION

We're proud to champion the latest UK short films, artists' moving image and VR/immersive storytelling projects to programmers and audiences around the world.

The British Council's Film department links UK films and filmmakers to new international audiences, working with our global network in over 100 countries. We profile the innovation, diversity, creativity and excellence of British films around the world, particularly by staging selector screenings for the world's premier international film festivals, and look for opportunities for creative exchange between UK filmmakers and international counterparts.

Our New Talent Programme exists to support UK-based filmmakers to showcase their work and develop their skills internationally, providing a platform to promote UK work to our extensive programming contacts from key international film festivals and organisations.

Our **Travel Grant Fund**, run in partnership with BFI NETWORK, supports short and immersive filmmakers' travel to key international film festivals and development labs.

This catalogue includes details of UK short film and immersive productions that have been supported by the Travel Grant Fund in the last year, alongside some BFI NETWORK funded films, and shorts funded by partners including BBC Film, BFI Doc Society and Film4.

SUPPORTING NEW TALENT AND SHORT FILMMAKERS

JOIN THE UK SHORTS PORTAL

Are you a short film programmer, buyer or distributor? Sign up to our UK Shorts Portal, powered by Cinando, to view the very latest short films from the UK, programmed in partnership with BFI NETWORK, BBC Film, BFI Doc Society, Film4, NFTS, London Film School, and a number of UK-based curatorial collectives. 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 could support you with a 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

THE SHORT FILM TOOLKIT

British Council, BAFTA and BFI NETWORK have teamed up to create a vital resource for early career filmmakers. The Short Film Toolkit is brimming with interviews and top-tips from experienced filmmakers, short film funders and festival programmers. Whether you want to learn how to crew-up your short film, approach your film festival strategy or find funding pots to start creating, the Short Film Toolkit has you covered! All recordings include BSL interpretation and English captions.

This free and growing resource is available via our website:

film.britishcouncil.org/resources/short-film-toolkit

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

film.britishcouncil.org/opportunities

Contact films@britishcouncil.org

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BFI NETWORK

BFI NETWORK exists to discover, support and develop early career screenwriters, directors and producers.

Made possible through National Lottery funding, BFI NETWORK collaborates with film organisations and leading cultural venues across the UK to provide short film production and early feature development funding, industry-backed professional development and networking support to producers, writers, and directors over 18 in age and not in full time education.

Since September 2013 this has meant:

- Funding for short films in live action, animation, immersive and documentary
- Funding for early feature development
- Award nominations, including BAFTA and Oscar® wins for supported work
- A variety of professional development opportunities for writers, directors and producers including masterclasses with world-renowned filmmakers such as Steve McQueen, Luca Guadagnino, Julie Dash and Carol Morley

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

- Use the BFI NETWORK Funding Finder to discover and apply for UK-wide funding opportunities
- Connect with their local film hub and Talent Executives
- [Sign up](#) for the latest filmmaking news

Contact bfinetwork@bfi.org.uk

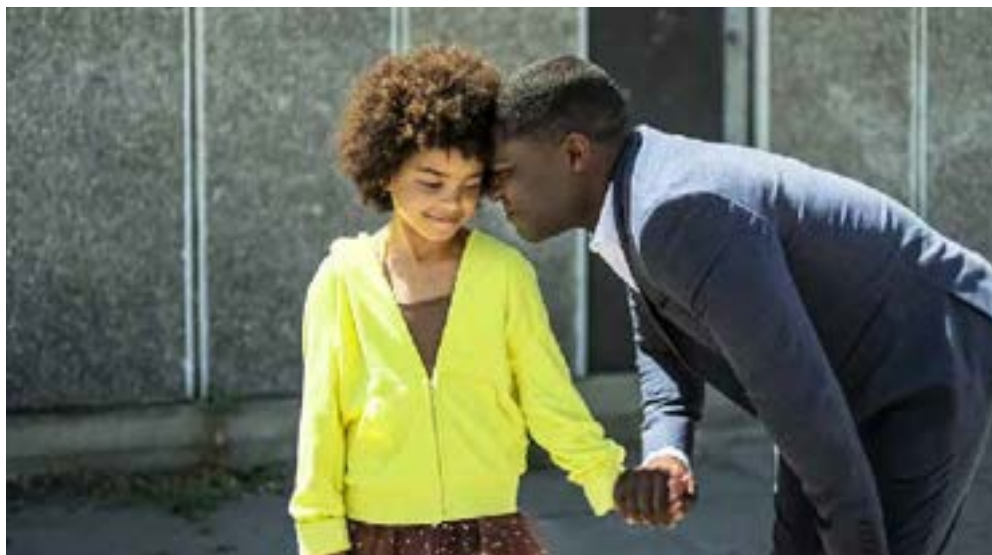


FICTION



Killing Boris Johnson, Dir. Musa Alderson-Clarke

The After



SYNOPSIS

A grieving rideshare driver picks up a passenger who helps him confront the past.

Official Selection HollyShorts Film Festival 2023 - World premiere - Winner Best Live Action

Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2023

Academy Awards 2024 - Oscar Nomination - Live Action Short Film.

DETAILS

Year: 2023

Running Time: 18 min

Director: Misan Harriman

Producer: Nicky Bentham,

David Oyelowo

Screenwriter: John Julius

Schwabach (written by),

Misan Harriman (story by)

Principal Cast: David Oyelowo,

Jessica Plummer, Sule Rimi,

Amelie Dokubo, Ellen Francis

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The Ancestors



SYNOPSIS

Three Zimbabwean spirits descended to earth on a mission to connect with their descendants. Worried they are being forgotten they embark on a mission to initiate their descendants into a Ndebele cultural ritual. Will the appearance of spiritual beings see Selina fleeing rather than coming closer to who she is?

Official Selection Pan African Film Festival 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023

Running Time: 13 min

Director: Zodwa Nyoni

Producer: Barrington Paul Robinson

Screenwriter: Zodwa Nyoni

Principal Cast: Pamela Nomvete,

Clint Dyer, Daniel Ogbeide-John,

Kaitlyn Akinpelumi, Akeim Toussaint

Buck, Nii Kwartey Owoo

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Area Boy



SYNOPSIS

A poignant tale of one boy's attempt to cut off a part of himself in the wake of his baptism.

Official Selection Venice Film Festival 2023 - World premiere

Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2023 - Short Film Competition

DETAILS

Year: 2023

Running Time: 19 min 2 sec

Director: Iggy London

Producer: Lorine Plagnol,
Georgia Rose

Screenwriter: Iggy London

Principal Cast: Joshua Cameron,
Malcom Kamulete, Jolade Obasola,
Mensah Bediako, Jamal Abduk,
Kola Banjo

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Battery



SYNOPSIS

In a city devastated by a climate disaster, we follow Elliot as he uses his last ever wheelchair battery to meet his boyfriend Aaron for their first and final dance... BATTERY is a climate change thriller – one night of love and loss against a background of eco-ableism.

DETAILS

Year: 2023

Running Time: 13 min

Director: Ewan Marshall

Producer: Justin Edgar

Screenwriter: Tom Wentworth

Principal Cast: Zac Ford Evans,
Nadeem Islam

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Production/Sales contacts](#)

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A Bird Called Memory (Pássaro Memória)



SYNOPSIS

A bird called Memory has forgotten how to come back home. Lua, a trans woman, tries to find Memory in the streets, but the city can be a hostile place.

Official Selection Locarno Film Festival 2023 - World premiere

Official Selection Toronto International Film Festival 2023

Official Selection Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival 2024 - International Competition

DETAILS

Year: 2023

Running Time: 14 min 42 sec

Director: Leonardo Martinelli

Producer: Rafael Texeira, Leonardo Martinelli, Naomi Pacificque, Rafael Manuel

Screenwriter: Leonardo Martinelli

Principal Cast: Alya Gabriela, Henrique Bulhões, Jard Costa, Kley Hudson

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A More Films For Freedom film

Blackwool



SYNOPSIS

On her first day at a high school in rural Scotland, a London teenager is targeted for her afro hair by a cocksure class bully and must harness her inner power.

Official Selection Tribeca Film Festival 2023 - World premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2023

Running Time: 15 min 0 sec

Director: Eubha Akilade

Producer: Jack Gemmell, Sophie Chater

Screenwriter: Eubha Akilade

Principal Cast: Miriam Nyarko, William Alexander, Lucianne McEvoy

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Bumped



SYNOPSIS

A heartfelt exploration of Michelle and Deja's enduring six-year relationship. Their love is profound, they're newly engaged, and they're aspiring parents. However, an unforeseen infidelity sends tremors through their foundation, leaving Deja grappling with a turbulent mix of anger and a desire to salvage what they hold dear.

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 14 min 46 sec
Director: Mahaneela
Producer: Tom Falck, Mehreen Sheldon-Ahmed
Screenwriter: Liv Little
Principal Cast: Shiloh Coke, Suhaiyla Hippolyte, Eric Underwood, Ro Frimpong, Nana Duncan, Cindy Brennan, Eden Marangoni

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Bury the Dogs



SYNOPSIS

A coming-of-age drama about the cracks that form in childhood friendships, the vulnerability of youth and the frailty of parental figures.

Official Selection Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival 2024 - International Competition

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 12 min 37 sec
Director: Beth Rowland
Producer: Hollie Bryan
Screenwriter: Beth Rowland
Principal Cast: Paddy Rowan, Frank Harper, Kirsty Johnson

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Caller Number Nine!



SYNOPSIS

A telemarketer with a severe anger problem accidentally calls into a radio show. He wins a radio contest and enters a standoff with the unhinged host.

Official Selection SXSW Film Festival 2024 - Narrative Short Competition - World premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2024
Running Time: 8 min
Director: Sandy Honig
Producer: Leah Draws
Screenwriter: Sandy Honig
Principal Cast: Patti Harrison,
Freddie Meredith

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Production/Sales contacts](#)

Caterpillar



SYNOPSIS

A young choreographer's life of motion is turned into one of stillness after a colossal diagnosis hits her family.

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 16 min
Director: Dorny Sunday
Producer: Sam Barnett, Jim Wraith
Screenwriter: Dorny Sunday
Principal Cast: Emily Gray, Martina
McClements, Sanjiv Hayre

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Production/Sales contacts](#)

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Chasing the Night



SYNOPSIS

It's Wednesday night in South London. Fatimah and Leon, two successful Black Brits, are coming to what should be the end of a good evening at a pop-up restaurant, except neither quite seems ready for the night to end. So they continue. A taxi ride into the heart of the city sees them hop around from place to place, crossing paths with friendly strangers as they meander through a night they wish could last forever. But an inevitable conversation awaits them.

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 15 min 25 sec
Director: Abraham Adeyemi
Producer: Abiola Rufai-Awojide
Screenwriter: Abraham Adeyemi
Principal Cast: Sọpẹ Dìrísù,
Deborah Ayorinde

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Dandelion



SYNOPSIS

Amateur boxer Liam tells his story of discovering true love at the height of the pandemic, of how he found colour in a previously colourless world.

Official Selection Kashish Mumbai International Queer Film Festival 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 7 min 39 sec
Director: Benjamin Colbourne
Producer: Benjamin Colbourne
Screenwriter: Benjamin Colbourne
Principal Cast: Benjamin Colbourne,
Jesse Lewes Reece

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Production/Sales contacts](#)

A Day In February



SYNOPSIS

In another country, far away from her family, one phone call is all Galyna has to ensure their safety.

Official Selection Palm Springs International ShortFest 2023 - World premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 6 min 30 sec
Director: Klaas Diersmann
Producer: Klaas Diersmann
Screenwriter: Alexandra Bahiyyih
Wain Principal Cast: Daria Panchenko, Ivantiy Novak

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Dirt in the Diamond



SYNOPSIS

After the loss of a friend, 12-year-old Jerome attends his first nine night. Set in 1970s London, the film explores the duality of grief and celebration within the mourning period of Jamaican culture. Whilst paying homage to the generations before us who have been intentional about preserving tradition.

Official Selection Tribeca Film Festival 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 20 min 34 sec
Director: Renee Maria Osubu
Co-Producer: Maëva Demurger, Amara Rossell
Screenwriter: Renee Maria Osubu
Principal Cast: Nasri Thompson, Shereener Browne, Jason Deer, Aisha Davis, Crispin Maccatrozzo

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Dismantle Me



SYNOPSIS

A comical proposition turns into an arousing powerplay when a smoldering-hot trans woman helps a heartbroken trans man tidy his messy bedroom. Associate produced by Lilly Wachowski, DISMANTLE ME is a dark comedy-romance by trans people of colour, made in collaboration with Trans+ On Screen.

Official Selection Outfest LA Film Festival 2023 - World premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 13 min 4 sec
Director: Max Disgrace
Producer: Sophia Shek, Rosanagh Griffiths
Screenwriter: Max Disgrace
Principal Cast: Mika Onyx Johnson, Enxi Erskine Chang

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Dope Fiend



SYNOPSIS

Fran is a clean-cut middle-aged woman sat in a medical reception, waiting for her wife Nina to join her for an appointment. Despite her neat appearance, Fran's mind seems chaotic, causing intense emotional shifts that make her perception of reality increasingly surreal.

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 15 min
Director: Rosanagh Griffiths
Producer: Lorine Plagnol
Screenwriter: Rosanagh Griffiths, Kiri Degon
Principal Cast: Chizzy Akudolu, Nathan Foad, Ray Young, Freya Parker, Shermin Hassan

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Essex Girls



SYNOPSIS

Flipping the 'Essex Girl' trope, this coming-of-age film explores Black British girlhood and magical female friendships in 2009 Essex.

Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2023 - Short Film Competition

Official Selection Sundance Film Festival 2024

DETAILS

Year: 2023

Running Time: 15 min 4 sec

Director: Yero Timi-Biu

Producer: Angela Moneke,
Simon Hatton

Screenwriter: Busayo Ige

Principal Cast: Busayo Ige, Corinna Brown, Maisie Smith, Adrianna Bertola, Krysstina Frempong, Rebecca Dike, Daniel Adeosun, Tomi Egbowon-Ogunjobi

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Production/Sales contacts](#)

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F.O.G



SYNOPSIS

A nuanced portrayal of a mother-daughter relationship. Drawing upon a mother's expectations of a dutiful daughter, the film explores family obligation and associated guilt that reflects the emotional strains of being a South Asian woman in modern British society.

DETAILS

Year: 2023

Running Time: 11 min 03 sec

Director: Malinda Kaur

Producer: Emma Kayee

Screenwriter: Malinda Kaur

Principal Cast: Kiran Sonia Sawar,
Promila Thomas, Adeel Akhtar

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F**ked



SYNOPSIS

What exactly are the rules in an open relationship? With no rulebook, it's down to the couple to draw their lines... So when Dani tells Jess she might be interested in sleeping with guys again, it looks like they might've hit their first hurdle.

Official Selection Flickerfest International Short Film Festival 2024

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 6 min 3 sec
Director: Sara Harrak
Producer: Emma Hammond,
Sara Harrak
Screenwriter: Meg Salter
Principal Cast: Rosalind Eleazar,
Meg Salter

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

Festival of Slaps



SYNOPSIS

An action-packed tale straight from the palms of a Nigerian mother, who on one fateful night serves her son a set of slaps so powerful that it will change his life forever. FESTIVAL OF SLAPS explores the misconceptions of Pan African parenting and the clash of modern life.

Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2023
BAFTA Film Awards 2024 - Nomination - Best British Short Film

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 12 min 21 sec
Director: Abdou Cissé
Producer: Cheri Darbon,
George Telfer
Screenwriter: Abdou Cissé
Principal Cast: Kemi Lofinmakin,
Tom Moutchi, Josh Tedeku,
Femi Ogunjobi

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Production/Sales contacts](#)

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For Fox Sake



SYNOPSIS

An injured boy in the woods. An eccentric groundsman. They're mortal enemies. They just don't know it yet. Set over one long night in the English countryside, injured animal rights activist Cameron is tended to by the kind, if bizarre, farmhand Paul – who, he is about to learn, is the local Terrier Man. The encroaching reveal about who each other are unwittingly sets them deep into a paranoid spiral with a grisly end.

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 21 min 11 sec
Director: Minha Kim
Producer: Victoria Bavister
Screenwriter: Minha Kim
Principal Cast: Harry Redding,
Gary Lilburn

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Production/Sales contacts](#)

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For people in trouble



SYNOPSIS

Jenny and Paul meet at a pub. Quickly, they fall in love. The beginnings of their relationship blossom against a world that's falling apart – Jenny becomes radicalised; Europe moves further to the Right; martial law is in place.

Official Selection Tribeca Film Festival 2023 - World premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 16 min
Director: Alex Lawther
Producer: Sam Brain
Screenwriter: Alex Lawther
Principal Cast: Emma D'Arcy,
Archie Madekwe

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

Giraffe



SYNOPSIS

Before their 17th Birthdays, two black boys attempt to bury contraband in order to save their cultural identity from being erased by the UK government, however, they unearth new truths that test their friendship.

Official Selection Sundance Film Festival London 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 17 min 35 sec
Director: Caleb Femi
Producer: Kareem Adeshina
Screenwriter: Caleb Femi
Principal Cast: Kwabena Ansah,
D'Angelo Graham

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Production/Sales contacts](#)

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The Golden West



SYNOPSIS

November 1849. Having fled the Great Famine, two warring Irish sisters seek their fortunes in the Gold Rush. But with winter fast approaching and nothing to show for their efforts, their age-old feud soon threatens to become deadly.

Official Selection Galway Film Fleadh 2023 - World premiere
Official Selection Telluride Film Festival 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 24 min 39 sec
Director: Tom Berkeley, Ross White
Producer: Tom Berkeley,
Ross White, Jamie Tarr
Screenwriter: Tom Berkeley,
Ross White
Principal Cast: Eileen Walsh,
Aoife Duffin, Sion Ifan

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

Good Boy



SYNOPSIS

Out of money and out of luck, Danny is determined to turn his life around, but the interventions of his anarchic mum and the reappearance of figures from his past threaten to derail him at every turn.

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 16 min
Director: Tom Stuart
Producer: Kay Loxley, Max Marlow, Elettra Pizzi, Tom Stuart
Screenwriter: Tom Stuart
Principal Cast: Ben Wishaw, Marion Bailey
Costume Designer: Gabriela Yiaxis

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Gorka



SYNOPSIS

A French exchange student visits England for the first time and finds himself at the centre of a very British family dynamic.

Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2023
BAFTA Film Awards 2024 - Nomination - Best British Short Film

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 18 min 28 sec
Director: Joe Weiland
Producer: Alex Jefferson
Screenwriter: Joe Weiland
Principal Cast: Geraldine Somerville, Yanis Charifi, David Baddiel

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Half Way



SYNOPSIS

After a decade of imprisonment, Aminah draws on the support of other women at a halfway hostel, whilst preparing for her release into the wider world.

Official Selection Leeds International Film Festival 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 14 min 57 sec
Director: Alfie Barker
Producer: Molly McGregor,
Damian Palli
Screenwriter: Alfie Barker
Principal Cast: Sameena Jabeen
Ahmed, Abby Vicky-Russell,
Dami Olukoya

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Production/Sales contacts](#)

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I Can See the Sun but I Can't Feel it Yet



SYNOPSIS

A nightmare in reverie: five young queer people are admitted into a clinic to undergo conversion therapy. Enduring several different and harrowing methods to change their sexual orientation and/or gender identity, the sterile space of abject trauma struggles to suppress the abundance and beauty of queer love.

Official Selection International Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR) 2023 - World premiere
Official Selection Frameline 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 18 min
Director: Joseph Wilson
Producer: Joseph Wilson
Screenwriter: Evan Francis Jones
Principal Cast: Tiffany Smikle,
Omar Philips, Teddy Jackson,
Caviar Jiang, Elliot Douglas

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

If You're Happy



SYNOPSIS

A woman struggles with the pressures of motherhood and uses a childish game at a local baby group to vent her fury, sparking an unexpected chain reaction.

Official Selection Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival 2024
- International Competition

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 18 min 48 sec
Director: Phoebe Arnstein
Producer: Sophia Gibber, Scarlett Barclay, Myles Payne
Screenwriter: Phoebe Arnstein
Principal Cast: Erin Doherty, Jo Hartley, Emmanuella Cole, Muireann Bird

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Jellyfish and Lobster



SYNOPSIS

Brought together serendipitously in a moment of mischief, two elderly care home residents form an unlikely relationship when they make an enchanted discovery.

Official Selection Encounters International Film Festival 2023
BAFTA Film Awards 2024 - Nomination - Best British Short Film

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 20 min
Director: Yasmin Afifi
Producer: Elizabeth Rufai
Screenwriter: Yasmin Afifi
Principal Cast: Flo Wilson, Sayed Badreya, Serguté Mariam, Shane Afolabi, Horaios Aidoo, Aslan Amjad

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Just Passing



SYNOPSIS

The path of a driven woman dramatically collides with an undocumented homeless man one night in London. As their secrets are revealed, which one of them is truly lost and who really needs saving?

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 13 min 28 sec
Director: Sophie Austin
Producer: RCL Graham
Screenwriter: Leann O’Kasi
Principal Cast: Cyril Nri, Leann O’Kasi, Daniel De Bourg, Jennifer Matter, Sarah Finigan

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Supported by:



Karavidhe



SYNOPSIS

After a day’s work doesn’t end as planned, Dee finds a creative way of feeding his inexperienced colleague, and entertains them in the process. An immigrant story with a piano and shellfish.

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 16 min
Director: Eoin Doran
Producer: Hashim Alsaraf
Screenwriter: Eoin Doran
Principal Cast: Shezai Fejzo, Durim Isufaj, Andrew Joshi

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Keep Looking



SYNOPSIS

A young filmmaker arrives in New York to find finance for an impossible feature.

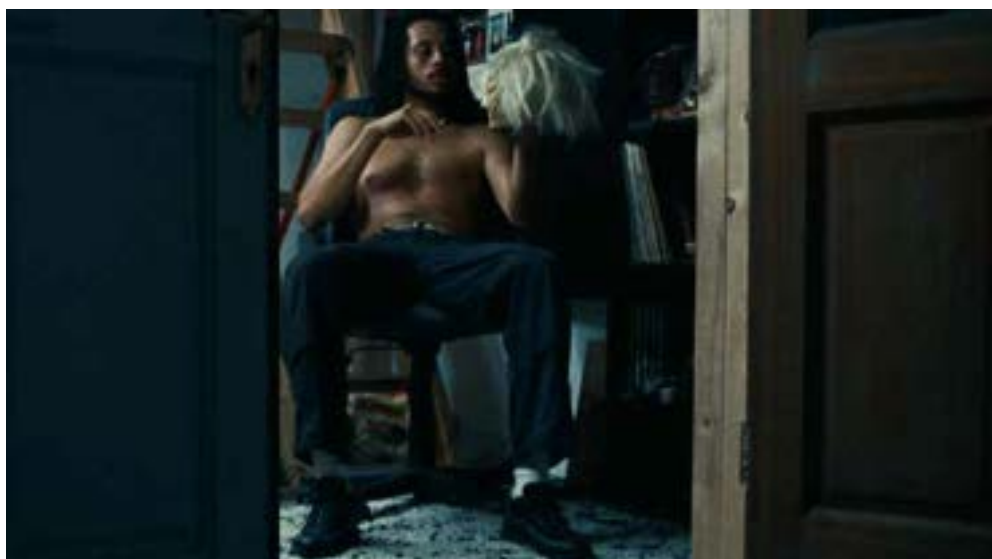
Official Selection Rotterdam International Film Festival 2024 - World premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2024
Running Time: 14 min
Director: Ayo Akingbade
Producer: Ayo Akingbade
Screenwriter: Ayo Akingbade
Principal Cast: Ayo Akingbade, Okwui Okpokwasili, Katherine Pickard, Callie Hernandez, Fred Moten

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Killing Boris Johnson



SYNOPSIS

Kaz's mum has recently committed suicide and he decides that Boris Johnson is responsible for his mother's death. Lacking sleep and grieving, Kaz decides to come up with a plan to kill him. What he really needs though, is to speak to someone.

Official Selection Cannes Film Festival 2023 - La Cinef Selection

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 24 min
Director: Musa Alderson-Clarke
Producer: Solomon Golding
Screenwriter: Musa Alderson-Clarke
Principal Cast: Shadrach Agozino

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

The Last Cowboy in Salford



SYNOPSIS

Jonny Richman is a seventeen-year-old Jew. He is also a cowboy, much to his parent's frustration. A darkly comic neo-Western set in Manchester, England.

Official Selection Clermont-Ferrand Short Film International Film Festival 2024
- International Competition

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 14 min 45 sec
Director: Jakob Lancaster
Producer: Pilar Cartro Benavides, Alastair Hope-Morley
Screenwriter: Jakob Lancaster
Principal Cast: Charlie Woolley, Barney White, Ray Nicholas, Craig Karpel, Anna Darvas

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Learning English



SYNOPSIS

Hannah's first week in the US isn't going as expected. Rejected by everyone she meets, even her own friend, it seems nobody has time to practice English with her. So when she's propositioned by a couple looking for a phone sex participant, Hannah uses the conversation as an opportunity to finally get some English practice in. However, as the phone call progresses, Hannah realises that this is a situation where online translators just won't cut it, and she's going to have to get resourceful with her vocab book if she wants to help this couple cum like a true fluent English speaker.

Official Selection SXSW Film Festival 2020 - Narrative Short Competition - World premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2024
Running Time: 11 min
Director: Jean Liu
Producer: William T Phoenix, Jean Liu
Screenwriter: Jean Liu
Principal Cast: Zine Tseng, Ran Wei, Mark Vail, Katie Rose Summerfield, Jeff Chen, Kelly Yu, Richard Ouyang, Marilyn Arbogast, Jackie Toyama

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Lullaby



SYNOPSIS

A refugee is forced to confront her guilt.

Official Selection SXSW Film Festival 2024 - World premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2024
Running Time: 14 min
Director: Chi Thai
Producer: Chi Thai
Screenwriter: Chi Thai
Principal Cast: Jan Le

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Meat Puppet



SYNOPSIS

Oz, an irresponsible man baby, nearly misses his girlfriend's Graduation because he's too busy playing with toys. Before he can make amends, a mysterious package arrives containing a mangy old hand puppet. Despite the pressing need to be there for his girlfriend, Oz can't resist trying on the puppet first and instantly has his soul imprisoned in its soft foam body. Oz is left to contemplate the sorry state of his life choices while his human body dies before his eyes. If he's to have any hope of saving his relationship, and surviving, he'll have to do the one thing he's always avoided: grow up.

Official Selection SXSW Film Festival 2024 - Midnight Short Competition - World premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2024
Running Time: 12 min
Director: Eros V
Producer: Leah Draws, Masha Thorpe
Screenwriter: Eros V
Principal Cast: David Jonsson, Máiréad Tyers

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Mo



SYNOPSIS

At Rodeston High School's leaving do, Mo has one last chance to tell the girl of her dreams how she feels. Will she be able to tell her how she feels before it's too late, with one eyebrow and an assortment of classmates who hinder more than help.

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 13 min
Director: Debbie Hannan
Producer: Justin Edgar
Screenwriter: Matilda Feyisayo Ibini
Principal Cast: Saida Ahmed,
Halema Hussain

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Production/Sales contacts](#)

Supported by:



A Moment Frozen



SYNOPSIS

Frozen within the memory of a single violent moment, a woman describes the events, thoughts and feelings that led her to this place.

Official Selection Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival (PÖFF) 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 12 min 18 sec
Director: Jack Wake-Walker
Producer: Jack Wake-Walker,
Alican Acar
Screenwriter: Jack Wake-Walker
Principal Cast: Derin Arduman

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Production/Sales contacts](#)

Moon Under Water



SYNOPSIS

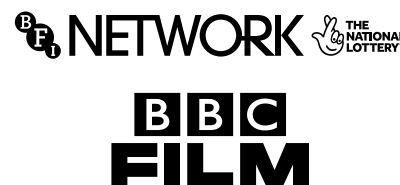
Burdened with looking after his uncle who has severe dementia, Jack longs for a normal life, one where he can build relationships and express himself – the only thing in his way is his responsibility to care for Glenn, his uncle, who raised him after his mother died.

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 15 min
Director: GRANDMAS
Producer: Ali Mansuri,
Tom Kimberley
Screenwriter: GRANDMAS
Principal Cast: Tom Heyes,
Labor Roddy, Chelsea O'Connor

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Mother of Mine



SYNOPSIS

In the midst of a tragedy, David is faced with a burden he can't quite grasp.

Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 13 min
Director: Jesse Lewis-Reece
Producer: Ike Newman
Screenwriter: Jesse Lewis-Reece
Principal Cast: Robert Webb,
Phoebe Naughton

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Production/Sales contacts](#)

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Muna



SYNOPSIS

A film about teenage dreams, dislocated grief and unexpected connection, following a British-Somali teen navigating a confusing mourning period for a family member she never met.

Official Selection Berlin International Film Festival 2024 - Generation 14plus - International premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 18 min 58 sec
Director: Warda Mohamed
Producer: Angela Moneke, Simon Hatton
Screenwriter: Warda Mohamed
Principal Cast: Kosar Ali, Raha Isse Farah, Elmi Rashid Elmi, Ahmed Nur, Meena Mohamed

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My Week With Maisy



SYNOPSIS

Mrs Foster, a retired lady whose cup is half empty, is starting chemotherapy and is understandably anxious. The last thing she needs, is to have to share the treatment room with a 'know it all child' who wants to grow up to be a lesbian. But through their unexpected friendship, Maisy Jones gives Mrs Foster much more than just a glimmer of hope.

Official Selection Flickerfest 2024 - World premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2024
Running Time: 18 min 15 sec
Director: Mika Simmons
Producer: Georgina French
Screenwriter: Mark Oxtoby
Principal Cast: Joanna Lumley, Myanna Buring, Ellie-Mae Siame, Poppy Gilbert, Mika Simmons

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Neo Nahda



SYNOPSIS

Mona, a young woman in London, finds archived photographs of Arab women cross-dressing in the 1920s. Somewhere between her fantasies and reality, she starts a feverish journey of uncovering lost histories and her own identity.

Official Selection BFI Flare LGBTQIA+ Film Festival 2023 - World premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 12 min 1 sec
Director: May Ziadé
Producer: Antonia Luxem
Screenwriter: May Ziadé
Principal Cast: Eman Alali

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A More Films For Freedom film

New Atlantis



SYNOPSIS

While exploring an abandoned building, two friends discover a recording of a woman who claims to be the last citizen of a lost Utopia.

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 14 min 57 sec
Director: Matt Smith
Producer: Rhian Smith
Screenwriter: Matt Smith
Principal Cast: Katie Smale, Benjamin Aluwihare, Alana Ramsey, Oliviero Papi

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The One Note Man



SYNOPSIS

A Christmas love story... A lonely bassoonist lives his life meticulously, mired in routine. Each day, he plays a single note in an orchestra and leaves the stage while the rest continue. One day, his exit is accidentally delayed, and he hears a breathtaking violin solo, which changes his life forever.

Official Selection Flickers' Rhode Island International Film Festival 2023 - Winner Best Live Action Short

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 21 min
Director: George C. Siougas
Producer: Luke Carroll,
Michael Stevenson
Screenwriter: George C. Siougas
Principal Cast: Jason Watkins,
Louisa Clein, Crystal Yu, Paul
Barber, Ian McKellen

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

Original Skin



SYNOPSIS

In an alternate world where having sex means swapping bodies with the other person, a young woman struggles to be herself, defying her small conservative community where swapping is taboo. A deeply intimate portrait of identity in transition.

Official Selection Tampere Film Festival 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 12 min 30 sec
Director: Mdamiri a Nkemi
Screenwriter: Eve Hedderwick
Turner
Principal Cast: Sorcha Groundsell,
Olive Gray

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Production/Sales contacts](#)

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Plaggy Bag



SYNOPSIS

When working class Zoe meets her best mate's more privileged friends, she tries to ignore the chip on her shoulder and make a good impression. But when a single-use plastic bag comes to life and hunts down the group one by one, Zoe must face her inner rage head-on.

Official Selection Uppsala Short Film Festival 2023 - International premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 12 min 53 sec
Director: Alex Withers
Producer: Fatosh Olgacher,
Mark Campbell-Garrity
Screenwriter: Alex Withers
Principal Cast: Madeleine
Hutchinson, Amy Keen, Emma
Humpston, Shaun Mendum,
Jacob Seelochan

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Production/Sales contacts](#)

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Pray



SYNOPSIS

Traversing grief, hope, first love and home, PRAY is a portrait of brotherhood that looks at what we will do for the people we love, how we find joy in the midst of overwhelming despair, and how community can lift us up.

Official Selection Locarno Film Festival 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 19 min 34 sec
Director: Caleb Azumah Nelson
Producer: Matimba Kabalika,
Amy Wells
Screenwriter: Caleb Azumah Nelson
Principal Cast: David Jonsson,
Lamar Waves, Tara Tijani

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PU EKAW TNOD



SYNOPSIS

A couple watching a horror film about a strangely familiar basement realise they're dreaming when they suddenly find themselves in the very same basement. And that's when it sees them... it knows they shouldn't be awake...

Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2023 - World premiere
Official Selection Slamdance Film Festival 2024 - International premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 6 min 48 sec
Director: Rebecca Culverhouse
Producer: Pamela Pifferi
Screenwriter: Rebecca Culverhouse
Principal Cast: Dorothea Jones,
Harold Addo

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

Pyramid of Disunion



SYNOPSIS

Wheelchair-user Angel joins an eco-commune in search of a more meaningful existence, though bumping into an old flame means she gets more than she bargained for on her quest for inner peace.

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 16 min
Director: Jessi Gutch,
Ella Glendining
Producer: Justin Edgar
Screenwriter: Ella Glendining
Principal Cast: Ella Glendining,
Jack Newhouse

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Production/Sales contacts](#)

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Rational Behaviour



SYNOPSIS

Stella drops in on a one-night stand Jacob to tell him that she's going to abort his baby. Jacob gallantly gives her a lift to the clinic.

Official Selection Flickerfest 2024 - International premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 14 min 40 sec
Director: Lola Frears
Producer: Ohna Falby
Screenwriter: Lola Frears
Principal Cast: Sinead Matthews,
Brandon Grace

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

Ratthum (Blood)



SYNOPSIS

Shanti bleeds during a Tamil coming-of-age ceremony. In a culture where fertility is celebrated, menstruation is shunned and infertility is silenced, Shanti hides a secret.

Official Selection Tribeca Film Festival 2023 - World premiere

Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 9 min 59 sec
Director: Vathana Suganya Suppiah
Producer: Daljinder Johal
Screenwriter: Vathana Suganya
Suppiah
Principal Cast: Bairavi Manoharan,
Shruthi Yasothan, Neelam Bakshi,
Taru Devani, Jeffin Kunjumon,
Mohana Rajagopal

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Saving Art



SYNOPSIS

Instead of telling his newly diagnosed five-year-old son that he has Leukaemia; Brian tells Arthur that the chemotherapy will give him superpowers. In a battle to keep them both positive, Brian is haunted by his lie as he struggles to find hope. Inspired by true events.

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 15 min
Director: Remi R.M. Moses
Producer: Victor Nauwynck, Jing Zhao, Dami Adeyeye
Screenwriter: Remi R.M. Moses
Principal Cast: Michael Salami, Pierre-Laurent Vawah, Alex Walton, Oxa Hazel, Niamh Lewis

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

See It Say It



SYNOPSIS

Mo is a hopeful Arab actor in his struggle-filled youth, residing in London with his wife Dounya. Dounya believes Mo should pursue stable work rather than taping for leading acting roles, unattainable for actors of colour. Unexpectedly, Mo's agent Steven rings, offering a sudden audition that carries life-altering potential. During his journey to the audition, a misunderstanding arises when a biased woman onboard misconstrues Mo's actions as prayer and suspects a forgotten bag. In a swift turn, Mo's world descends into a Kafkaesque nightmare of terror.

Official Selection SXSW Film Festival 2024 - Narrative Short Competition - International premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 17 min
Director: Nez Khammal
Producer: Elena Valeri
Screenwriter: Nez Khammal
Principal Cast: Amir El-Masry, July Namir, Madeleine Bowyer, Amélie Bardsley

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Shé (Snake)



SYNOPSIS

A live action-stopmotion hybrid horror. Fei is the top violinist in her elite youth orchestra. When another Chinese violinist arrives to challenge her place, Fei's anxieties and internalized racism grow to take monstrous physical form. They whisper to her, urging her to be the best, no matter the cost.

Official Selection Toronto International Film Festival 2023 - World premiere

Official Selection Sundance Film Festival 2024

Official Selection SXSW Film Festival 2024

DETAILS

Year: 2023

Running Time: 15 min 30 sec

Director: Renee Zhan

Producer: Jesse Romain

Screenwriter: Renee Zhan

Principal Cast: Xiaonan Wang,
Alina Lew, Simon Paisley Day

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Production/Sales contacts](#)

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The Shepherd



SYNOPSIS

On Christmas Eve, a fighter pilot on his way home gets lost mid-flight over water and needs a miracle to land safely.

Official Selection HollyShorts Film Festival 2023 - World premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2023

Running Time: 38 min

Director: Iain Softley

Producer: Alfonso Cuarón,
Richard Johns, Bill Kenwright,
Gabriela Rodriguez

Screenwriter: Iain Softley (written
by), Frederick Forsyth (based on
the book written by)

Principal Cast: Ben Radcliffe,
Claire Price, Olatunji Ayofe,
John Travolta, Steven Macki

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

Stomach Bug



SYNOPSIS

Charting the thrilling unravelling of a Chinese father in his 50s, who feels invisible in British society, as something unknown is manifesting inside of him.

DETAILS

Year: 2024
Running Time: 15 min
Director: Matty Crawford
Producer: Karima Sammout Kanellopoulou
Screenwriter: Matty Crawford
Principal Cast: Leslie Ching
Production Status: In Post-production

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

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Stop Dead



SYNOPSIS

When a workaholic city detective and her laid-back partner try to stop a disheveled girl staggering down the middle of a country road, they discover she's being stalked by some unseen entity with a horrifying ultimatum: you stop moving, you die.

Official Selection Sitges International Film Festival 2023 - World premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 7 min 56 sec
Director: Emily Greenwood
Producer: Jude Goldrei, Douglas Cox
Screenwriter: David Scullion
Principal Cast: Sarah Soetaert, David Ricardo-Pearce, Priya Blackburn, James Swanton

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Such A Lovely Day



SYNOPSIS

Seen through the eyes of Sam, we are taken on a journey through the loveliest of days. A glorious family gathering in a perfect English summer garden. There'll be lunch under the mulberry tree, wine, games and dancing. And then, of course, this being a party, there'll be a surprise.

BAFTA Film Awards 2024 - Nomination - Best British Short Film

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 17 min
Director: Simon Woods
Producer: Polly Stokes, Emma Norton, Kate Phibbs
Screenwriter: Simon Woods
Principal Cast: Tommy Finnegan, Jenny Rainsford, Edward Bluemel, Eve Best, Deborah Findlay

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The Talent



SYNOPSIS

On the set of a luxury car commercial, an overlooked assistant seizes his chance to get noticed by the star. Filmed on a Virtual Production Stage, THE TALENT is a tense exploration masculinity, desire and becoming.

Official Selection Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival 2024 - International Competition

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 15 min
Director: Thomas May Bailey
Producer: Ellen Spence, Emma D'Arcy
Screenwriter: Thomas May Bailey
Principal Cast: Emma D'Arcy, Leo Suter, Rhianne Barreto, David Mills, Karl Queensborough, Andrew Bone, Robert Rapoport

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

The Terminator



SYNOPSIS

A boy takes his 2-year-old sister on a tour of the solar system.

Official Selection Hamburg International KurzFilmFestival 2023 - World premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 3 min 5 sec
Director: Simon Ellis
Producer: Simon Ellis
Screenwriter: Simon Ellis
Principal Cast: Eben Harris-Wilby,
Mala Harris-Wilby

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

Ticker



SYNOPSIS

Howard drives his partner Joseph to hospital to undergo a high-risk operation. The intimacy of the car, alongside a long-forgotten mix tape, sees the masculinity of their forty-year relationship start to yield.

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 9 min 10 sec
Director: Thom Petty
Producer: Margaret Milner
Schmueck
Screenwriter: Thom Petty
Principal Cast: Paul Copley,
Ian Gelder, Liz Fletcher

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Production/Sales contacts](#)

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The Walk



SYNOPSIS

Pilgrimage or purgatory? Every Wednesday Amar endures a 24-mile round trip on foot to the JobCentre and back to sign on. Today the walk is particularly grueling as he grapples with the recent death of his father, avoiding a phone call he's too ashamed to face.

Official Selection Flickers' Rhode Island Film Festival 2023 - World premiere

Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2023 - Short Film Competition - European premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2023

Running Time: 11 min 44 sec

Director: Michael Jobling

Producer: Anna Griffin

Screenwriter: Sophie Ellerby

Principal Cast: Adeel Akhtar,

Harpal Hayer

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Production/Sales contacts](#)

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We Gather



SYNOPSIS

As grief and regret pass through Elliott he imagines moving back to simpler times.

Official Selection Cork International Film Festival 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023

Running Time: 17 min 8 sec

Director: Dominic Curran

Producer: Meghan McArdle,

Will Reade, Dominic Curran

Screenwriter: Will Reade,

Dominic Curran

Principal Cast: Peter Young,

Richard McFerran, Ryan Early,

Cathy Brennan Bradley, Julia Clarke

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Production/Sales contacts](#)

Whale Fall



SYNOPSIS

In an Irish peat bog, the inexplicable remains of a humpback whale are discovered by two rural women. Drawn into the mystery of how and why it has appeared, they soon realise the whale is exerting its own magnetic force.

Official Selection Cork International Film Festival 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 16 min 16 sec
Director: Patrick Hough
Producer: Tracy Bass
Screenwriter: Owen Corrigan
Principal Cast: Derbhle Crotty, Aoife Duffin

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Yellow



SYNOPSIS

In Taliban-controlled Afghanistan, a woman walks into a Hijab store to buy her first full body veil from a Talib shopkeeper.

Official Selection Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival 2024 - International Competition

BAFTA Film Awards 2024 - Nomination - Best British Short Film

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 12 min 49 sec
Director: Elham Ehsas
Producer: Dina Mousawi, Azeem Bhati, Yiannis Manolopoulos, Elham Ehsas
Screenwriter: Elham Ehsas
Principal Cast: Afsaneh Dehrouyeh, Elham Ehsas

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

You Land



SYNOPSIS

A downtrodden Scottish farmer caring for her mother living with dementia attempts to become an influencer after discovering the popularity of the 'cottagecore' lifestyle.

Official Selection Cairo International Film Festival 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 15 mins 49 sec
Director: Debora Maité
Producer: Carys Evans, Katie Mallinder, Mary-Helena Quigley
Screenwriter: Debora Maité
Principal Cast: Anna Russell-Martin, Selina Boyack

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Yummy Mummy



SYNOPSIS

Ignored throughout her pregnancy, Lilith senses her identity is being smothered by her burgeoning motherhood. Her anxieties begin to have physical manifestations – then she starts to fall apart – literally.

Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 14 min 30 sec
Director: Gabriela Staniszewska
Producer: Jadey Duffield
Screenwriter: Gabriela Staniszewska
Principal Cast: Yasemin Özdemir, Joe Layton, Catherine Shipton

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DOCUMENTARY



The Archive: Queer Nigerians



SYNOPSIS

Following five queer Nigerians living in the UK as they document their lives through audio diaries. From childhood to the present, participants share stories that explore how universal ideas of family, love, and finding oneself are obfuscated within the intersection of Blackness, African-ness, and Queerness.

Official Selection Encounters International Film Festival 2023 - World premiere
Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2023 - Winner Short Film Competition

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 25 min
Director: Simisolaoluwa Akande
Producer: Ermias Asfaw, Joseph Bushell, Maxine Gordon
Principal Cast: Chima, Alex, Timinepre, Morayo, Tomkola
Folklore Writer: Maureen Onwunali

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Baulera 12



SYNOPSIS

BAULERA 12 takes us on a trip to where we are all going; death. Knowing he is terminally ill, Amaru (36) builds a memory room in a storage unit and a spaceship to travel into the unknown. He prepares himself and us; when ready, Amaru travels to an otherworldly place.

Official Selection Rotterdam International Film Festival (IFFR) 2024 - World premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 29 min 41 sec
Director: Mila Araoz,
Amaru Villanueva Rance
Producer: Mila Araoz,
Amaru Villanueva Rance

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Being Seen



SYNOPSIS

Many queer people are alienated from the idea of undressing for a massage, entering a typical barbershop for a 'men's haircut' while being perceived as something else, or facing the repercussions of a 'controversial' tattoo. BEING SEEN follows three individuals as they each attend an appointment with queer practitioners.

Official Selection Encounters International Film Festival 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 14 min 34 sec
Director: Ren Faulkner
Producer: Toby Cameron

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Cabbage



SYNOPSIS

CABBAGE reframes language, illuminating relationships of care at its centre. Bureaucratic violence is contrasted with lived experience: the filmmaker centralises her brother's writing (who is non-verbal and non-mobile) using eye tracking technology, and her mother's reflections, to explore layers of power, and to reclaim it within an ableist paradigm.

Official Selection Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 25 min
Director: Holly Marie Parnell
Producer: Holly Marie Parnell
Principal Contributors: June Parnell, David Parnell

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Dragon Boys



SYNOPSIS

In Accra, Ghana - a group of young men have formed a brotherhood rooted in a unique combination of acrobatics, dance and fire breathing. In lack of access to any formal training, they have developed their skills through internet tutorials and relentless practice sessions starting at 5am every morning. This troupe of highly-skilled performers have come to represent strength and positivity to their community, especially the youngsters they train and support with their earnings. They call themselves The Dragon Boys.

Official Selection Tribeca Festival 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 12 min 30 sec
Director: Tom Ringsby
Producer: Tom Ringsby
Principal Contributors: Bright Anokye, Prince Aryee, Augustus Barnor, Emmanuel Laryea, Augustus Lutterodt, Solomon Kotey Neequaye, Noah Nettey, Jacob Terenye

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Echo



SYNOPSIS

An operation 10 years ago left Allister with damaged vocal cords and an obstacle to communication. His unusual solution reminds us that community thrives in surprising places.

Official Selection True/False Film Fest 2023
Official Selection Sheffield DocFest 2023
Official Selection IDFA 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 13 min
Director: Ross McClean
Producer: Ross McClean

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

The Entangled Forest



SYNOPSIS

Exploring the multifaceted interrelationships between trees and fungi within forest ecologies. Featuring the voice of ecologist Suzanne Simard, and her ground-breaking research into tree and fungal communities, the documentary reflects on the 'biological neural network' of forest ecosystems, and how the reciprocal, shared behaviour of mycelium and trees creates a resilient and healthy community of co-dependent species.

Official Selection CPH:DOX 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 17 min 10 sec
Director: Nick Jordan
Producer: Nick Jordan

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

Finding Alaa



SYNOPSIS

A Parisian grandfather searches for the granddaughter he has never seen, against a background of family trauma, and seeking to understand how his son became a notorious Islamic State terrorist.

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 25 min 5 sec
Director: Myriam Emilie Francois
Producer: Myriam Emilie Francois

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

Fratelli Carbonai



SYNOPSIS

As Italy lurches to the far right, a Malian finds a place amongst a family of charcoal burners in the remote Calabrian mountains.

Official Selection AFI Fest 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 17 min 26 sec
Director: Felix Bazalgette,
Joshua Hughes
Producer: Sorcha Bacon,
Daniel Lombroso

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

Frontier Town



SYNOPSIS

Fairbourne's residents were told that by 2054 their village will be decommissioned and left to the sea. As scientists test coastal defences in a lab, villagers on the frontline of the climate crisis confront an uncertain future. This is a story about the people labeled the UK's first climate refugees.

Official Selection Aesthetica Short Film Festival 2023 - World premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 30 min
Director: Tom and Theo Tennant
Producer: Alice Hughes

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I Don't Need Adult Conversation



SYNOPSIS

A new mother discovers dark feelings stirring up inside her at night. This docu-fictional essay film takes us on a surrealist journey into a mother's subconscious.

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 11 min
Director: Vika Evdokimenko
Producer: Frankie Fogg,
Vika Evdokimenko
Screenwriter: Vika Evdokimenko
Principal Cast: Vika Evdokimenko,
Isaak Shuster

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Production/Sales contacts](#)

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BFI NETWORK



Is My Living in Vain



SYNOPSIS

A meditation on the continuing history and emancipatory potential of the Black church as a space of diasporic belonging, affirmation and community organising. The film examines churches as spaces of 'infrapolitics' by exploring the sonic, political, spiritual and existential connections between specific communities.

Official Selection Black Star Film Festival 2023
Official Selection Hot Docs Festival 2023
Official Selection Rotterdam International Film Festival (IFFR) 2024

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 40 min
Director: Ufuoma Essi
Producer: Ufuoma Essi,
Leah McGurk, Artina Michelle

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

Last Song from Kabul



SYNOPSIS

The heroic story of young, orphaned girls whose music school was closed after the Taliban took over Afghanistan, as they escape to Portugal to try and rebuild their fractured lives and begin to play music again.

Official Selection Telluride Film Festival 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 34 min
Director: Kevin Macdonald,
Ruhi Hamid
Producer: Katie Buchanan,
Sophie Daniel

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

The Medallion



SYNOPSIS

Ruth was barely a teenager when her mother passed down her Medallion, etched with a golden portrait of Nefertiti. A symbol of beauty and strength. Not only was this medallion an artefact, it was an emblem of her mother's inconceivable plight; captured in middle school by the Derg communist military regime and raised in a prison camp for years, separated from her family. This story follows Ruth's mother's early memories of the Derg Genocide and how she first became in possession of the medallion upon her escape. The medallion symbolised her freedom and was passed down to Ruth for her to pass on to her children and to keep her family and country's story alive.

Official Selection DOC NYC 2023

Official Selection Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival 2024

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 18 min 55 sec
Director: Ruth Hunduma
Producer: Lily Usher, Tolu Stedford
Screenwriter: Ruth Hunduma
Principal Cast: Tsehay Ayele

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Production/Sales contacts](#)

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Mighty Penguins



SYNOPSIS

Meet Special K, Peanut, Charlie, and the rest of The Brentford Penguins, a soccer team with a difference: all the young players have Down's Syndrome. MIGHTY PENGUINS follows Coach Allan, the players, and families as they prepare to be the guard of honour for a Premier League match.

Official Selection Tribeca Film Festival 2023 - World premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 33 min 45 sec
Director: Louis Myles, Ahmed Twajj
Producer: Louis Myles, Ahmed Twajj
Principal Contributors: Allan Cockram, Special K, Peanut, Charlie

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

My Blonde GF



SYNOPSIS

Helen discovers that images of her have been digitally manipulated, deep-faked, into sexually explicit and violent scenarios on a porn site and goes on a journey to understand what has happened to her.

Official Selection Sheffield DocFest 2023
Official Selection Krakow Film Festival 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 18 min 40 sec
Director: Rosie Morris
Producer: Rebecca Mark-Lawson, Daria Nitsche, Clair Maleney

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Supported by:



Pamilya



SYNOPSIS

When a Filipino victim of modern slavery in the UK stops responding, her rescuers fear the worst. By exploring their own memories and experiences of slavery, her would-be rescuers find strength in their community and resolve to save her.

Official Selection SXSW Film Festival 2024 - International premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 14 min 35 sec
Director: Miles Blacket
Producer: Erin Sayder,
Emily Harrison
Screenwriter: Miles Blacket
Principal Cast: Ana Cauneran,
Phoebe Dimicali, Helen Bulusan,
Andrea Martinez-Eade, Eva Mayor,
Joy H.Jastio

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

Pemón



SYNOPSIS

A hybrid live action-animation documentary exploring the spiritual beliefs of the Pemón Indigenous People of Venezuela. This threatened culture inhabit the lands surrounding the Eastern Tepuis of the Guiana Shield, one of the oldest mountain ranges on earth.

Official Selection Global Lift Off Festival 2023 - World premiere

Official Selection Cine Las Americas International Film Festival 2023 - International premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 15 min
Director: Brandon Ra Pestano
Animation Co-Directors: Elmaz
Ekrem, Milda Kaurgaudaitė
Producer: Paul DuBois
Screenwriter: Brandon Ra Pestano
Principal Cast: Juvencio Gomez

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

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Puffling



SYNOPSIS

Over one night, on a remote island off the coast of Iceland, young adults Birta and Selma take it upon themselves to counteract the damaging human impact on nature; exchanging night-time parties for nocturnal puffin patrol, in a coming-of-age story of young adults and pufflings alike.

Official Selection SXSW Film Festival 2023 - Documentary Shorts Competition - World premiere
Official Selection Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival 2024 - International Competition

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 20 min 21 sec
Director: Jessica Bishopp
Producer: Alice Hughes,
Gannesh Rajah,
Co-producer: Ada Benjamínsdóttir

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

Salone Love



SYNOPSIS

A moving scrapbook of opinions and advice about love in Sierra Leone.

Official Selection Sundance Film Festival 2024 - International premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 5 min 20 sec
Director: Tajana Tokyo
Producer: Tabs Breese,
India Wadsworth

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

The Veiled City



SYNOPSIS

A sci-fi city symphony inspired by London's Great Smog of 1952. Created from archive footage, the film unfolds through fictional letters from a post-apocalyptic future. The film invites us to understand the smog in the context of the present-day climate emergency and our global destiny.

Official Selection Berlin International Film Festival 2023 - Short Film Competition - World premiere

Official Selection Uppsala Short Film Festival 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023

Running Time: 13 min

Director: Natalie Cubides-Brady

Producer: Jacob Swan Hyam

Screenwriter: Natalie Cubides-Brady

Principal Cast: Aerynne Eastwood

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The Wages of John Pernia



SYNOPSIS

At the dawn of the American West, two men - one a little-known Creole, the other a closeted historical icon - entered into a volatile relationship that spanned a continent.

Official Selection DOK Leipzig 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023

Running Time: 7 min 51 sec

Director: Ben Young

Producer: Ben Young

Screenwriter: Ben Young

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

ANIMATION



And Granny Would Dance, Dir. Maryam Mohajer

All Gucci My Broski



SYNOPSIS

48 hours in the life of Jonny, a young straight white man clumsily cruising through big city life. Between dates, neighbours and old friends, Jonny's idea of who he is and who he wants to be are tested.

Official Selection Manchester Animation Festival 2023 - Winner Best British Short
Official Selection Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival 2024 - Labo Competition

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 13 min 34 sec
Director: Harry Plowden
Producer: Harry Plowden
Screenwriter: Harry Plowden
Principal Cast: Harry Plowden, Erica Flint, Beatrice Beaumont, Joe Pass

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

All Is Not Lost



SYNOPSIS

When a cataclysmic volcanic eruption flings a jumble of debris deep into a dark underground cave, these shattered components of life, an assortment of shells, sticks, eyes, rocks and limbs driven by the eternal instinct for survival, quickly reassemble into new living creatures. The creatures stumble through the caves in a fight for survival.

Official Selection Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival 2024 - Young Audience Programme

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 10 min 44 sec
Director: Ruth Beni, Daniel Greaves
Producer: Ruth Beni
Screenwriter: Ruth Beni

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

And Granny Would Dance



SYNOPSIS

Marmar listens to the stories told by her grandmother's friends as they play an illicit game of cards. Based on childhood memories and shared stories, AND GRANNY WOULD DANCE is a tale of love, grief, and resilience. At its heart, it is a tribute to the solidarity of Iranian women.

DETAILS

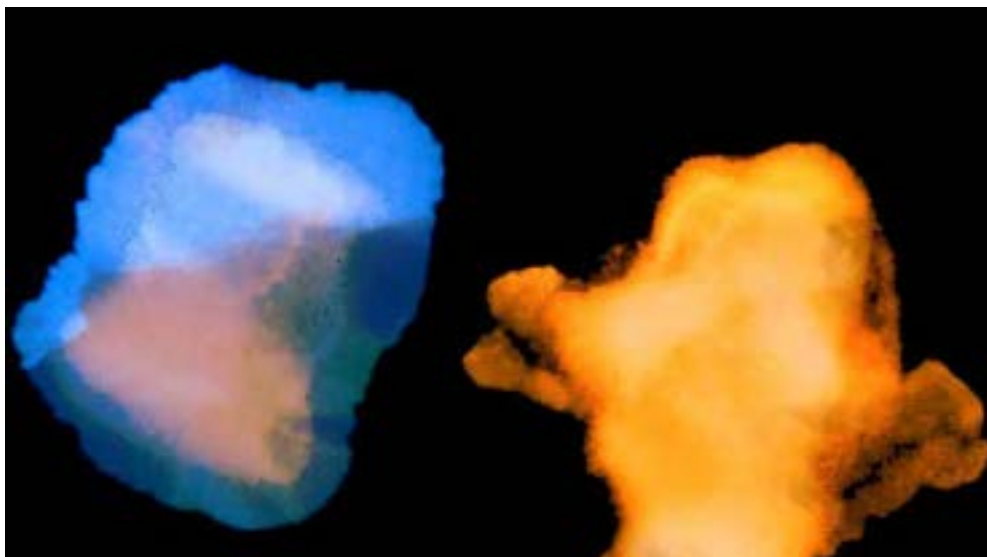
Year: 2024
Running Time: 10 min
Director: Maryam Mohajer
Producer: Abigail Addison
Screenwriter: Maryam Mohajer
Principal Cast: Soussan Farrokhnia, Maral Mohammadi, Maryam Davary, Farzaneh Yazdandoost, Saba Yazdani, Lila Shayeghi
Production Status: In Post-production

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

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Beneath



SYNOPSIS

A meditation on growth and symbiosis, inspired by the entangled lives of fungi. Journey into a hidden world where edges blur, connection is vital, and life thrives through togetherness.

Official Selection Annecy International Animated Film Festival 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 3 min 43 sec
Director: Beth Walker
Producer: Beth Walker

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Crab Day



SYNOPSIS

As part of a fishing community's annual ritual, a young boy must kill his first crab in order to become a man and gain his father's approval.

Official Selection Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival 2024
BAFTA Film Awards 2024 - Nomination - Best British Short Animation

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 11 min
Director: Ross Stringer
Producer: Bartosz Stanislawek
Screenwriter: Aleksandra Sykulak

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

Darwin Story



SYNOPSIS

Lee returns to Darwin from London when her mum is taken ill. After a chance encounter, there's an opportunity to reflect on the past, but is she ready to think differently about the beautiful place she calls home?

Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2023 - World premiere
Official Selection Flickerfest 2024

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 9 min
Director: Natasha Tonkin
Producer: Yeshen Venema,
Eero Heinonen
Screenwriter: Natasha Tonkin

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Production/Sales contacts](#)

Supported by:



From the Top



SYNOPSIS

Things haven't gone quite the way Robin expected them to, so she decides the time has come to get rid of her drum kit. But giving up her passion might not be as simple as she anticipates.

Official Selection Ottawa International Animation Festival 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 8 min 14 sec
Director: Rich Farris
Producer: Martina Buendia Silva
Screenwriter: Jack Maraghy,
Francesca Lin

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

Gardening



SYNOPSIS

In the aftermath of sexual assault, a woman retreats into the garden of her mind. Searching for answers and struggling to do 'the right thing', she realises that she must regain her voice and find new paths to healing, before she and her garden are destroyed completely.

DETAILS

Year: 2024
Running Time: 13 min 30 sec
Director: Sarah Beeby
Screenwriter: Louisa Wood
Principal Cast: Evanna Lynch,
Chetna Pandya, Freddie Fox,
Simon McBurney, Speech DeBelle,
Ellen Thomas
Production Status: In Production

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

Supported by:



Homemaker



SYNOPSIS

Renee loses herself in a controlling relationship and the abuse she suffers gets worse until she is utterly trapped.

Official Selection Animafest Zagreb 2023 - Student Films Competition

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 9 min
Director: Ciara Kerr
Producer: Cristina Isgrò
Screenwriter: Chase Olivarius-McAllister
Principal Cast: Rosalie Craig, Miss Baby Sol, Lewis Goody
Colourist and Online Editor: Karolina Matela

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Living With It



SYNOPSIS

Perfectionist Lee must adapt to the imperfect reality of living with an illness – brought to life as her chaotic supernatural flatmate Bug. A dark comedy animated short, narrated by Rachel Jackson, about accepting the long-term effects of disability.

Official Selection Animafest Zagreb 2023
Official Selection Edinburgh International Film Festival 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 6 min 55 sec
Director: Holly Summerson
Producer: Reece Cargan
Screenwriter: Niki Rooney, Holly Summerson
Principal Cast: Annabelle Davis, Lawrence Chaney, Rachel Jackson

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Made For Duty Overseas



SYNOPSIS

A noir-ish tale centred around a packet of menthol Vogue cigarettes, moving between Sri Lanka and the UK. Intrigued by the allure of a mysterious woman and political espionage, our narrator finds herself enticed into an addiction. Created with cut out animation using entirely painted fabric and embroidered parts.

Official Selection Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival PÖFF Shorts 2023 - World premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 4 min 38 sec
Director: Katie King
Screenwriter: Sorcha O'Sullivan,
Katie King
Principal Cast: Arabella Lindsay,
Valya Korabelnikova

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

Plunge



SYNOPSIS

A short, animated documentary, telling the story of Katie who found empowerment, friendship, and healing by plunging into frigid waters of the North Sea. Addressing themes of isolation and connection, mental health, wellbeing, and climate change, Katie's story relates the physical and mental benefits of cold-water swimming.

DETAILS

Year: 2024
Running Time: 8 min
Director: Ellie Land
Producer: Rebecca Mark-Lawson,
Daria Nitsche
Principal Cast: Kathleen Wotton
Production Status: In Post-
Production

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

Supported by:



She's My Best Friend (and I Hate Her)



SYNOPSIS

The complexity of an ancient friendship is dissected to hilarious and recognisable effect as old friends Milly and June wait impatiently for each other outside a coffee shop. The longer they wait, the more annoyed they get, causing old resentments to play on their minds.

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 4 min 11 sec
Director: Candy Guard
Producer: Tracy Shaw
Screenwriter: Candy Guard
Principal Cast: Elizabeth Rider,
Tonia Daley-Campbell

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Production/Sales contacts](#)

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The Smeds and the Smoos



SYNOPSIS

Bill and Janet fall in love while their families are at war. Faced with disapproval, they flee to a distant planet and Grandma Smoo and Grandpa Smed must put aside their differences and work together to bring them back home.

DETAILS

Year: 2022
Running Time: 26 min
Director: Samantha Cutler,
Daniel Snaddon
Producer: Barney Goodland,
Martin Pope
Screenwriter: Julia Donaldson
(based on the book by), Axel
Scheffler (based on the book by),
Julia Smuts Louw (adapted by)
Voice Cast: Sally Hawkins, Bill Bailey,
Ashna Rabheru, Daniel Ezra, Meera
Syal, Rob Brydon

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

Sweet Like Lemons



SYNOPSIS

A visual reflection on getting out of a harmful relationship and moving on. 'Sweet Like Lemons' is a play on the saying "when life gives you lemons make lemonade", only in this case there is no lemonade to be made but the lemons still taste sweeter than what you left behind.

Official Selection Annecy International Animation Film Festival 2023

Official Selection Edinburgh International Film Festival 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023

Running Time: 5 min 31 sec

Director: Jenny Jokela

Producer: Jenny Jokela

Screenwriter: Jenny Jokela

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Two Black Boys in Paradise



SYNOPSIS

Two Black boys go on a journey of self-acceptance. Their love for each other and their refusal to hide it lands them in a paradise free of shame and judgment.

DETAILS

Year: 2024

Running Time: 8 min

Director: Baz Sells

Producer: Ben Jackson

Screenwriter: Baz Sells, Ben

Jackson, Dean Atta. Based on the poem 'Two Black Boys in Paradise' written by Dean Atta

Principal Cast: Jordan Stephens

Production Status: In Post-production

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Supported by:



Two Gracious Uncles Smooched to the Beat



SYNOPSIS

The A.I. was about to make some art. The capitalist came sniffing. The human Artist must confront their inner most fears. A deep meditation on the battle between A.I. and the Artist. Who will win, who will lose, who cares? Be brave. Make art.

Official Selection Annecy International Animation Film Festival 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 3 min
Director: Jon Dunleavy
Producer: Jon Dun

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Visible Mending



SYNOPSIS

Emotional repair through wool. VISIBLE MENDING reclaims the role knitting plays in many people's lives; helping them face adversity, calm anxiety, and make crucial social connections. A group of stop motion knitted objects tell stories about how they have used knitting to mend themselves, even if the repair is temporary.

BAFTA Film Awards 2024 - Nomination - Best British Short Animation

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 8 min 30 sec
Director: Samantha Moore
Producer: Tilley Bancroft
Principal Contributors: Lesley Dench, Carmel Duggan, Professor Mike Donnelly, Lynn Antill, Lorna Hamilton-Brown RCA MBE, Lois Mileson, Betsan Corkhill, Kate Johnson

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Supported by:



Waldeinsamkeit



SYNOPSIS

An old lady feels alienated from modern city life, but when she embarks on a magical dreamlike journey, she finds wonder and a newfound appreciation for the place she lives in.

Official Selection Edinburgh International Film Festival 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 4 min 15 sec
Director: Silvana Roth
Producer: Edinburgh College of Art

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

Wild Summon



SYNOPSIS

A natural history fantasy film, following the dramatic lifecycle of the wild salmon in human form, with narration by Marianne Faithfull.

Official Selection Cannes Film Festival 2023 - Short Film Competition - World premiere
Official Selection Annecy International Animation Festival 2023 - Official Competition
Official Selection Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival 2024 - Labo Competition
BAFTA Film Awards 2024 - Nomination - Best British Short Animation

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 14 min 38 sec
Director: Karni Arieli, Saul Freed
Producer: Karni Arieli, Saul Freed, Jay Woolley
Screenwriter: Karni Arieli, Saul Freed
Narration: Marianne Faithfull

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

Supported by:



World to Roam



SYNOPSIS

Mother and Father lay the child in his cot at the same time every night. However, come morning, only a shallow crater remains – a baby-shaped depression. The boy was destined to be a wanderer.

Official Selection Tampere Film Festival 2023 - World premiere
Official Selection Annecy International Animation Film Festival 2023
Official Selection Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival 2024

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 12 min 21 sec
Director: Stephen Irwin
Producer: Stephen Irwin
Screenwriter: Stephen Irwin
Voice Cast: Marija Mitić

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

ARTISTS' MOVING IMAGE



Tender Loving Care, Dir. Kalina Pulit

Descent



SYNOPSIS

An artist's film aiming to abstract and reframe a relationship to newly built high-rise buildings across London.

Official Selection International Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR) 2024 - International premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 6 min
Director: Syd Farrington
Producer: Syd Farrington

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

In Praise of Slowness



SYNOPSIS

In the face of the global economic and technological forces reshaping the city of Tangier, the profession of the bleach vendors seems to be on the verge of disappearance, yet this filmic portrait of their supply chain - and notably their insistent chanting - conveys acoustic and visual images of endurance. The film speaks to the accelerated urbanisation and industrialisation of Tangier, but also attests to how locally situated choreographies of Slowness articulate modes of resistance to the speed of capitalism.

Official Selection Berlin International Film Festival 2024 - Forum Expanded - European premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 17 min
Director: Hicham Gardaf
Producer: Hicham Gardaf
Principal Cast: Khalid Mousmi, Abdellah Ben Messaoud, Fatima Benabbou

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Jill, Uncredited



SYNOPSIS

Prolific background actor Jill Goldston takes centre stage in this unique portrait. Constructed entirely from Jill's performances – captured fleetingly in everything from MR BEAN to THE ELEPHANT MAN – the film is a lyrical journey through popular culture, and a haunting study of life lived out of focus.

Official Selection Berlin International Film Festival 2023 - Short Film Competition

DETAILS

Year: 2022
Running Time: 18 min 20 sec
Director: Anthony Ing
Producer: Catherine Bray,
Anthony Ing, Charlie Shackleton

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

The Last Forever



SYNOPSIS

Part film, part an immersive performance, THE LAST FOREVER is a sprawling narrative – about a spouse that's gone missing – a story that is fanciful, poignant, and always entertaining. This film originates in 35mm slides from garage sales, lab castoffs, flea markets, eBay, as well as artists' own archives.

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 50 min
Director: Kamila Kuc, Scott Stark
Producer: Kamila Kuc, Scott Stark
Screenwriter: Kamila Kuc,
Scott Stark
Principal Cast: Kamila Kuc,
Scott Stark, and the audiences

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Production/Sales contacts](#)

Last Year in Wisborg



SYNOPSIS

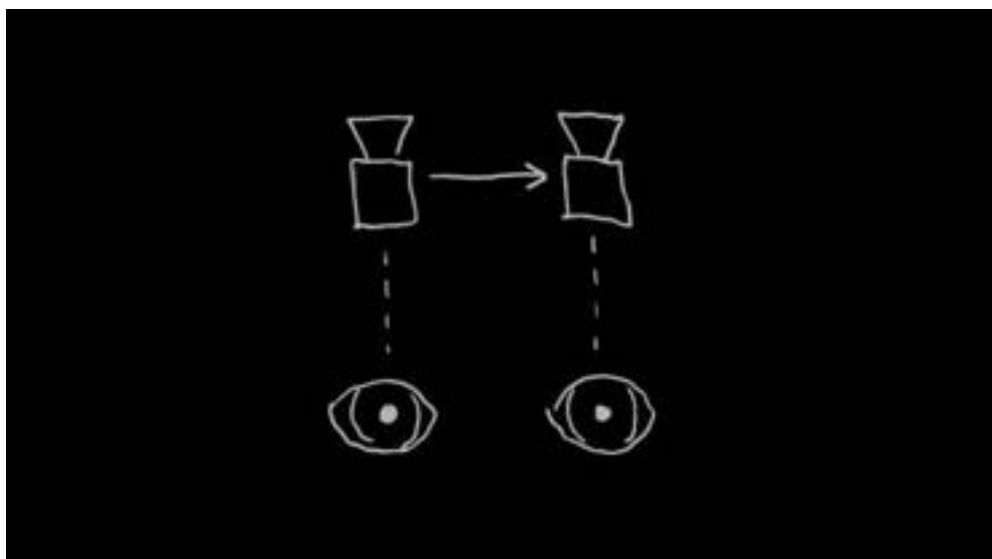
All our heads have a moving collage in them of impressions and appropriations. In LAST YEAR IN WISBORG, clips from F.W. Murnau's 1922 film NOSFERATU mix with colour film of a blue sky, a painting by the filmmaker and his own hand. The undead remember before and after their death. This double nostalgia of the Count's existence is felt in the meditative soundtrack.

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 4 mins 20 sec
Director: Stuart Pound
Producer: Stuart Pound

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Lateral



SYNOPSIS

Cinema history is scoured for hidden depths in this improvised experiment in perception, presented in stereoscopic 3D.

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 11 min 3 sec
Director: Charlie Shackleton
Producer: Charlie Shackleton

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

No Ball Games



SYNOPSIS

A woman stumbles upon a group of people who are transfixed, staring up at a ball on a ledge. They encourage her to fetch the ball for them; the young woman obliges, but in doing so accidentally knocks an old woman over. The crowd's reaction is not what she expected...

Official Selection Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival PÖFF Shorts 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 2 min 35 sec
Director: Sam Brewster
Producer: Sam Brewster,
Lily Bowerkail, Faye Butler
Screenwriter: Sam Brewster
Principal Cast: Beth Moroney

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

Notes for the Woodshed



SYNOPSIS

Woodshed, a term used by Jazz musicians, refers to private practice in a location where they cannot be heard by anyone else.

Official Selection IndieLisboa 2023
Official Selection Vienna Shorts 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 30 sec
Director: Daniel Owusu
Producer: Daniel Owusu

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

pillow bowl rose tree



SYNOPSIS

A quietly poignant domestic film made of images gathered around the house and its surroundings over a two-year period. The title might seem self-explanatory, we do see pillows, bowls, roses, trees – but also curtains, tablecloths, saucers, other trees and flowers (in the garden and arranged on vases). We sense the changing seasons and we sense a lived-in space – one that is shared as the pillow arrangements suggest. Working with a Bolex camera involves a tension between the technology and the world surrounding the filmmaker, the maximum shot length is limited to around 20 seconds because of the windup spring motor.

Official Selection Open City Documentary Festival 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 15 min 48 sec
Director: Peter Todd
Producer: Peter Todd

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

A Radical Duet



SYNOPSIS

This film explores what happened in the 1940s London when two women of different generations, but both fighting anti-colonialism, came together to put their fervour and imagination into writing a revolutionary play.

Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2023 - World premiere
Official Selection Rotterdam International Film Festival (IFFR) 2024

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 28 min 9 sec
Director: Onyeka Igwe
Producer: Tosin Lepe
Screenwriter: Onyeka Igwe
Principal Cast: Tomi Egbowon-Ogunjobi, Renee Bailey, Kenneth Omole, Emmanuel Kojo, Chris Rochester

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Tender Loving Care



SYNOPSIS

A woman in her 30s living in London struggles with the feelings of isolation, decides to call up various customer care lines in search of connection. She seeks dating advice from her bank, talks about films with her doctor and bonds with her Internet provider over the topic of reincarnation.

Official Selection Molodist Kyiv International Film Festival 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 20 min 33 sec
Director: Kalina Pulit
Producer: Amelida Celepija, Kalina Pulit
Screenwriter: Kalina Pulit
Principal Cast: Andrés Azzolina, Charlotte Davey, Derrick Wang, Dijian Eccles, Dion Paragas, Emile Holmewood, Estelle Marois, Georgia Twigg, Kalina Pulit, Napoleon Stratogiannakis, Rebecka Reinhard, Stuart Bowman, Tom Jacob

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Traction



SYNOPSIS

Featuring the artist in a tug-of-war with an off-screen adversary, who is only seen through their looming shadow. The rope's tension ebbs and flows throughout the unrehearsed contest, as the artist's physical endurance is challenged.

Official Selection PRISME – Argentique du futur 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 2 min 46 sec
Director: Jenny Baines
Action for Camera Performed by: Jenny Baines, Suzanne Maslen

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

The Wool Aliens



SYNOPSIS

A journey into the historical and tactile entanglements between sheep's wool, migrant plant seeds and the River Tweed.

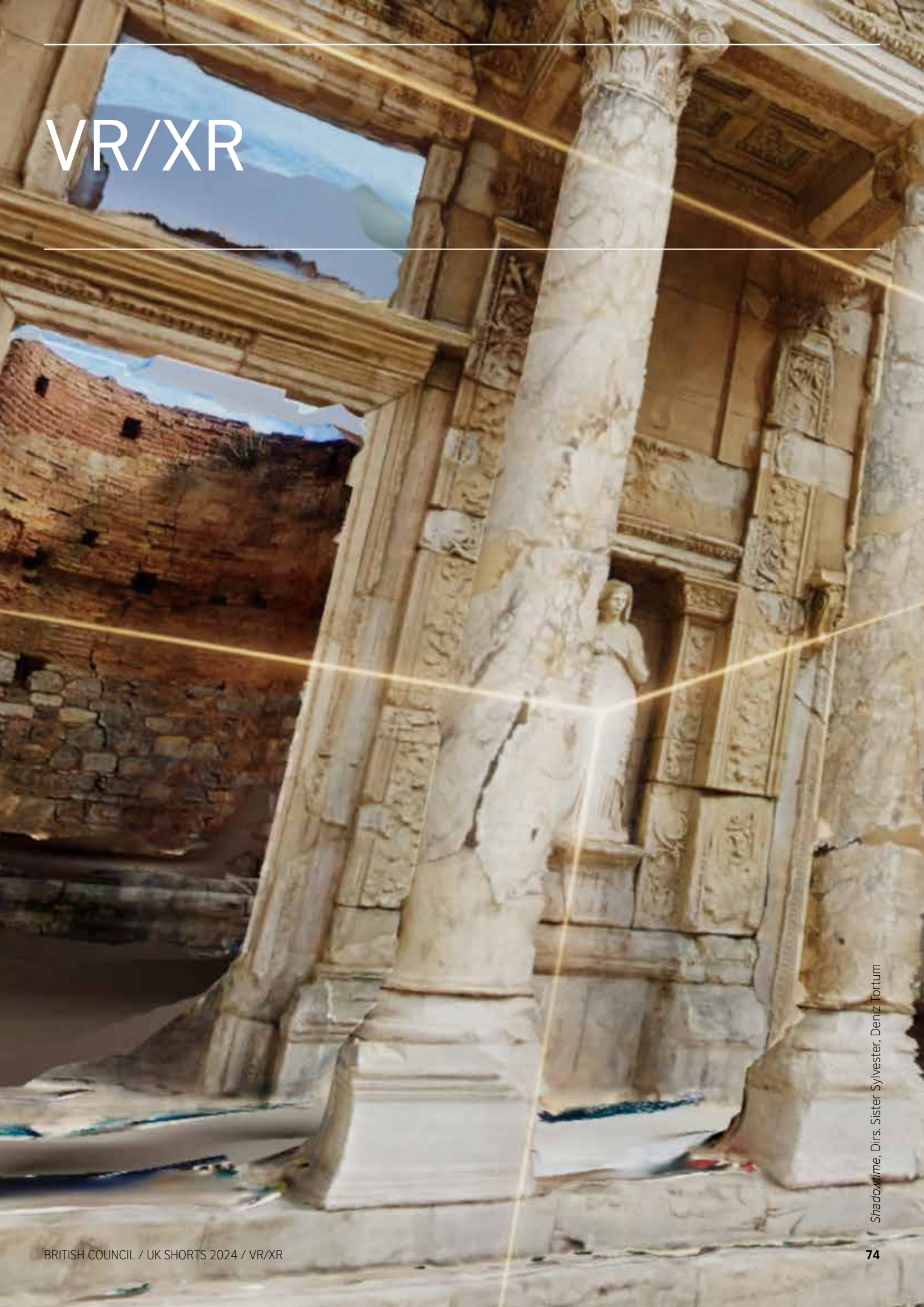
Official Selection Rotterdam International Film Festival (IFFR) 2024 - World premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 28 min
Director: Julia Parks
Producer: Jane Somers

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

VR/XR



Buried in the Rock



SYNOPSIS

This XR piece brings us into the world of Tim and Pam Fogg, rope access specialists and speleologists who see exploring caves akin to an archaeological dig that reveals geological and climate history. Set in Northern Ireland, this is a portrait of what drives two passionate individuals to discover new caves despite the dangers, darkness and the unknown that lays ahead. While following their descent, the entire cave system is revealed in stunning miniature detail capturing otherworldly formations and sounds. Plunged into darkness, experience the bottom of the cave in true scale and hear from Tim and Pam how vital it is to preserve these environments in the age of the Anthropocene.

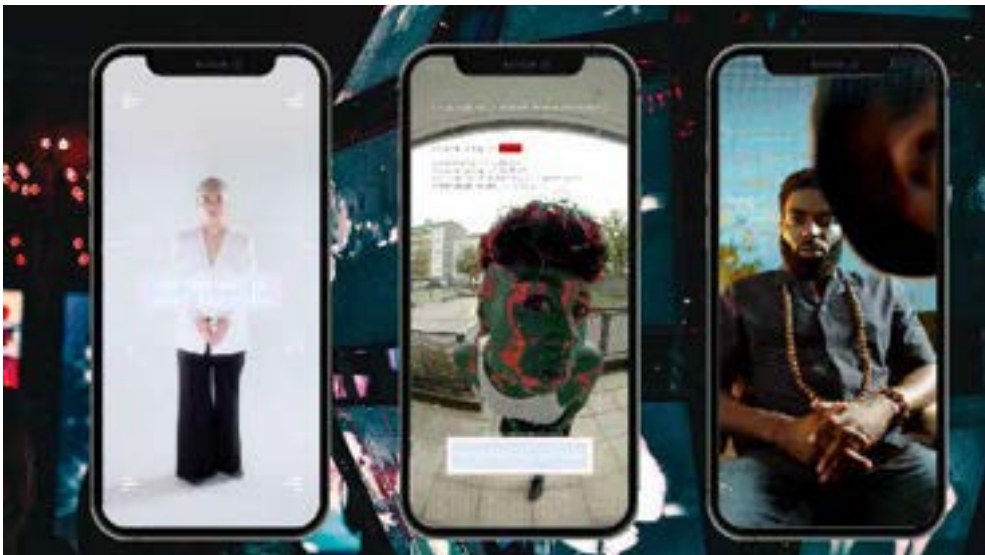
Official Selection SXSW Film Festival 2020 - XR Experience Spotlight - North American premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2024
Running Time: 12 min
Director: Shehani Fernando, Matthew Shaw, William Trossell
Producer: Manuela Mesrie
Principal Contributors: Tim Fogg, Pam Fogg

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Consensus Gentium



SYNOPSIS

A powerful exploration into the implications of today's AI technology. An immersive film experience set in a future world where people are resisting weaponised technology and bias algorithms in favour of AI Democratisation which has now become a human rights issue.

Official Selection SXSW Film Festival 2023 - Winner XR Experience Competition

Official Selection Venice Film Festival 2023

Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 25 min
Director: Karen Palmer
Producer: Tom Millen, Thalia Mavros, Jackson Lapsley Scott, Tuyet Vân Huynh
Screenwriter: Karen Palmer

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Detachment



SYNOPSIS

A cinematic and interactive journey through our shifting sense of reality, challenging our sense of the here and now, and blending the boundary between a music video and video game with a unique movement mechanic that rewards the curious, and AI driven randomisation... told from the future, looking back at how technology has impacted our experience of reality and the journey of humankind, this piece explores the way our sense of reality is in constant flux. This is the standalone version of a live music VR experience created for the Glasgow Disability Alliance.

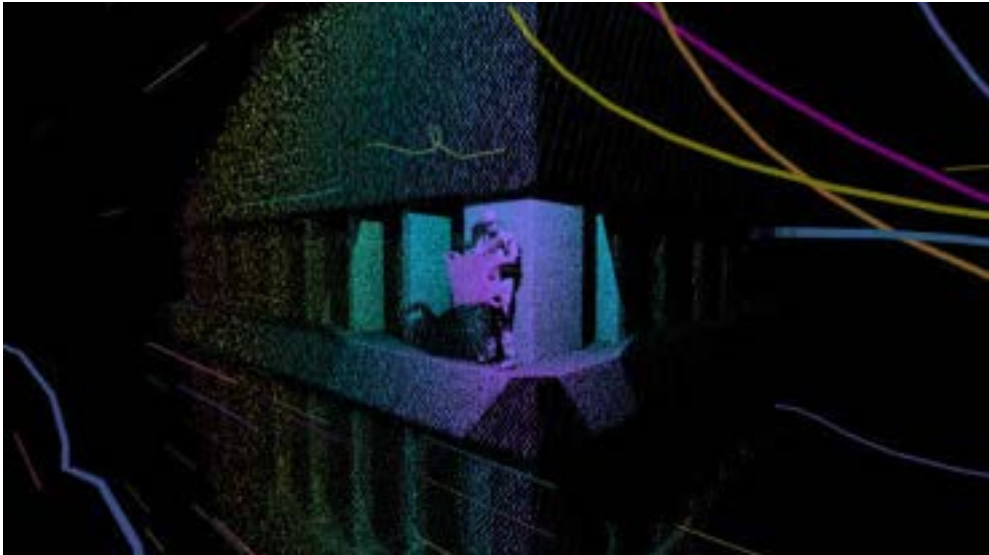
Official Selection SXSW Film Festival 2020 - XR Experience Competition- World premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2024
Running Time: 9 min
Director: Roman Rappak,
Luke Higgs
Producer: Anne McKinnon
Screenwriter: Roman Rappak
Principal Cast: Erik Todd Dellums

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

Impulse



SYNOPSIS

Impulse is a groundbreaking Mixed Reality (MR) experience that playfully explores what it means to live with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).

Official Selection SXSW Film Festival 2024 - XR Experience Spotlight

DETAILS

Year: 2024
Running Time: 45 min
Director: May Abdalla,
Barry Gene Murphy
Producer: John Hunter
Screenwriter: May Abdalla,
Barry Gene Murphy
Principal Cast: Tilda Swinton
Production Status: In Production

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

Kiss/Crash



SYNOPSIS

The installation triptych employs AI-imagery to explore themes of desire and the expanding gap between real experience and artificial representations in the digital age. The interactive experience consists of three related works that use AI to augment, subvert, and negate the iconic image of the Hollywood kiss. Using a queer lens to appropriate a classic Hollywood aesthetic, the work places AI within the history of image-production technologies meant to incite and homogenize our desires. In the process, it reveals the nature of AI imagery and hints at how our most intimate desires will continue to be stretched and shaped by artificial representations at an accelerating pace.

Official Selection SXSW Film Festival 2020 - XR Experience Special Event - International premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 5 min
Director: Adam Cole
Producer: Adam Cole

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Letters from Drancy



SYNOPSIS

A story of loss, love and daring escapes across the borders of Europe in WW2. Join Marion Deichmann as she recounts her story of survival during the Holocaust.

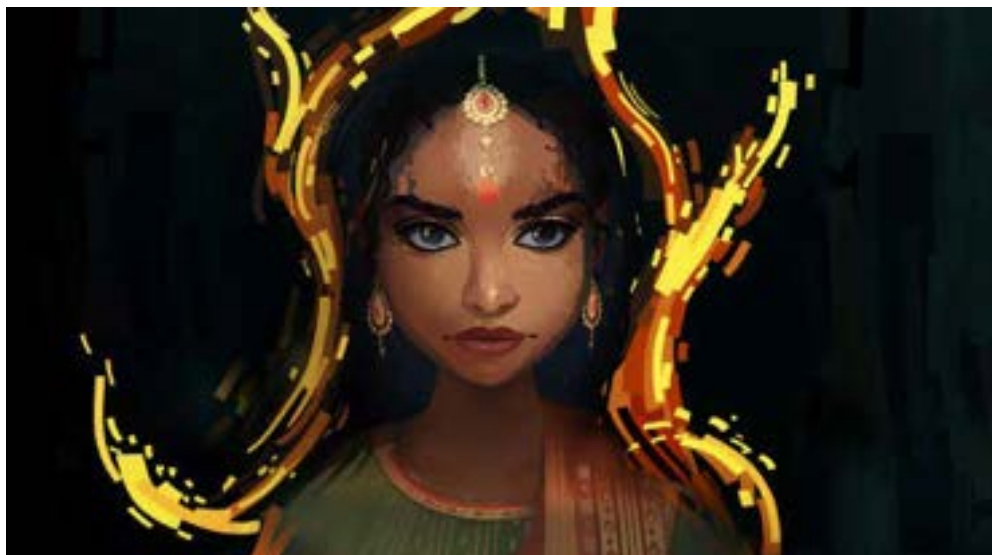
Official Selection Venice Biennale 2023
Official Selection BFI London Film Festival 2023

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: 22 min
Director: Darren Emerson
Producer: Micaela Blitz

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Maya: The Birth of a Superhero



SYNOPSIS

An immersive VR story following Maya, an ordinary British Asian girl, as she transforms into a uniquely female superhero whose powers derive from menstruation. With the arrival of her period, Maya's world is transformed as she is confronted by her family's restrictive traditions, and a world of hidden stigma and taboo.

Official Selection Tribeca Film Festival 2023

Official Selection SXSW Film Festival 2024

DETAILS

Year: 2023

Running Time: 14 min

Director: Poulomi Basu, CJ Clarke

Producer: CJ Clarke

Screenwriter: CJ Clarke, Poulomi Basu, Manjeet Mann

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

The Pathogen of War



SYNOPSIS

Iraqi medical anthropologist Dr. Omar Dewachi unearths how *Acinetobacter baumannii* went from a benign bacteria, to a "perfect killer", also known by its US moniker 'Iraqibacter' or the 'invisible enemy', and how the consequences of war can drive pathogens, which threaten the viability of antibiotics, and our health, globally.

DETAILS

Year: 2024

Running Time: 30 min

Director: Yasmin Fedda

Producer: Daniel Davies

Screenwriter: Yasmin Fedda, Daniel Davies

[Further Credits and Production/Sales contacts](#)

Shadowtime



SYNOPSIS

SHADOWTIME is an immersive VR work. "You are in two worlds at the same time. Your body is in the other world, but your heart is in this one." To exist in the virtual world is to have two bodies, four hands, two hearts. Alma, a mysterious guide to this double world, leads you through questions around the climate crisis, irreconcilable realities, and the virtual as a place to take shelter.

Official Selection Venice Film Festival 2023 - World premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2023
Running Time: c. 20 min
Director: Sister Sylvester,
Deniz Tortum
Producer: Firat Sezgin,
Ecegül Bayram
Screenwriter: Deniz Tortum,
Sister Sylvester
Principal Cast: Rawya Elchab

[Further Credits and
Production/Sales contacts](#)

Soulpaint



SYNOPSIS

SOULPAINT brings together mind and body in an immersive experience exploring the spectrum of human sensory experience. Illustrate emotions and feelings in the body using a range of visual drawing tools, before stepping into your artwork. Finally, discover the creations of others in a growing archive of human stories.

Official Selection SXSW Film Festival 2024 - XR Experience Competition- World premiere

DETAILS

Year: 2024
Running Time: 20 min
Director: Sarah Ticho, Niki Smit
Producer: Anna Firbank
Screenwriter: Sarah Ticho

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