#FEMALE PLEASURE

2018, Documentary, Switzerland

English, German, Japanese (with English subtitles), 97 minutes

Saturday 11 January, 20:04 - Cinema Paradiso

#FEMALE PLEASURE is a plea for female sexuality in the 21st century. The film questions millennial patriarchal structures, as well as today's omnipresent porn culture. #FEMALE PLEASURE accompanies five extraordinary women around the globe from Japan to India and the Somali Muslim diaspora, to the Hasidic community in Brooklyn and the Catholic clergy in Europe. It reveals universal contexts and shows the successful fight of courageous women for a self-determined female sexuality and an equal, sensual relationship between the sexes. It has been screened at seven film festivals around the world and has won awards in six of them. Some of the awards the film has received are for best female director, best documentary and audience award.

Producer: Philip Delaquis
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Le lapin de Maddy, 6 ans, n’est plus dans sa cage. Il se serait échappé. Mais Maddy sait qu’on ne lui dit pas tout.

Maddy’s rabbit is no longer in its cage. It could have escaped. But Maddy knows that they’re not telling her the whole story.

This film has been screened at various film festivals around the world and has been screened in France multiple times.
A MOMENT OF WEAKNESS - UN MOMENT DE FAIBLESSE
2018, Short Fiction, France, French (with English subtitles), 15 minutes

Saturday 11 January, 16:30 - S.A.I.E.R. Conference Hall (Intro by actress)

Le soir de Noël, un homme bienveillant invite une vieille femme SDF à prendre un repas chaud et à passer la nuit chez lui.

A benevolent man invites an old homeless woman on Christmas Eve to have a hot meal and to spend the night at home.

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A TRAMWAY IN JERUSALEM
2019, Feature, Israel, Various languages (with English subtitles), 94 minutes

Tuesday 7 January, 20:00 - Outdoor Screen

In Jerusalem, the tramway connects several neighbourhoods, from East to West, recording their variety and their differences. This comedy looks with humour at moments of the daily life of a few passengers, a series of brief situations that occur on the way to Jerusalem’s ‘red’ tram line, unfolding a whole mosaic of human beings.
To date ABU has won ten international awards. Soon after emigrating from Pakistan to Canada with his family, Arshad realized he was gay. Merging clips from Bollywood films, animation, and home movies that capture awkward teen phases as well as significant life revelations, Arshad narrates his own cathartic journey, alongside his entire family’s. With charming lyricism and a dash of good humour, director Arshad Khan shares a deeply personal story of self-discovery and familial reconciliation, as he explores the challenges that can threaten the bonds between children and their parents. ABU is an intimately open and dazzling visual memoir about the complex dynamic the filmmaker has with his father, who was at once extremely modern and also rigidly traditional and unaccepting of his son’s true self. It has been screened at film festivals in Canada and US.
ASHES IN THE SNOW
2018, Drama / Romantic, Lithuania, 101 minutes

Friday 10 January, 20:00 - Outdoor Screen

In 1941 an aspiring Lithuanian artist and her family are deported to Siberia amidst Stalin’s brutal dismantling of the Baltic region. In a seemingly hopeless place, love is the only means of survival. It is a long and harrowing journey, and it is only their incredible strength, love and hope that pull Lina and her family through each day – but will love be enough to keep them alive?

ASHES IN THE SNOW is a riveting story that takes your breath away, captures your heart, and reveals the miraculous nature of the human spirit.

PRODUCER: PRITHVI CHAVAN, CHRIS COEN, MARIUS A. MARKEVICIUS, ZILVINAS NAUJOKAS
DIRECTORS: MARIUS A. MARKEVICIUS
WRITERS: BEN YORK JONES (BASED ON THE NOVEL BY RUTA SEPETYS)
ASSOCIATE PRODUCER: JULIANA MILIUT, ELSA RAMO, TIFFANY BOYLE
LINE PRODUCER: ARTURAS DVINELIS
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER: JONATHAN SCHWARTZ, RUTA SEPETYS

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Two sisters, Sudha and Radha, 86 and 93, have a near-magical existence in their village home in North India, along with their entourage of domestic help. It was nominated for best foreign film and best director of foreign language at the Madrid International Film Festival and has been screened at film festivals around the world.
BESIDE ME, Romania’s first inspirational feature film, explores the idea of human connectivity. Tedy Necula’s directorial debut sees several passengers stuck together in a subway train. They do not know each other and everyone has a different route and their own problems. But as passengers interact, things change and at the end of the journey, each one comes out changed in his or her own way. BESIDE ME is a telling reminder that we are all strangers until something brings us together. It is a story about empathy, self-awareness and tolerance. BESIDE ME received the award for Best Feature Drama 2018 at the I Will Tell Film Festival London and the Best Editing Award at the Militello Film Festival.
Souleymane and Leila just got married, for better or for worse. The better is that they love each other very much. The worse is that they are forced to live by societal standards.
CAPACIDADES
2019, Documentary, Argentina, Spanish (with English subtitles), 67 minutes

Wednesday 8 January, 21:50 - Outdoor Screen

Documentary about the NGO ATIADIM that (since 1981) has been providing disabled people with work, housing and containment.

Producer: Eliana Ponzano, Instituto Nacional de Cine y Artes Audiovisuales
Director, Writer: Gerardo Panero
Sound: Julián Caparrós, Gino Gelsi
Cinematography: Fabio J. Gauna
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Jim Enote, a traditional Zuni farmer and director of the A:shiwi A:wan Museum and Heritage Center, is working with Zuni artists to create maps that bring an indigenous voice and perspective back to the land, countering Western notions of place and geography and challenging the arbitrary borders imposed on the Zuni world.
In India, Dalits are those who are in the lowest rung of Caste hierarchy that discriminates people according to their status inherited by birth. They form 16% of the Indian population. Statutes have been enacted to give them equality but social practices do not allow them to draw water from the common well, to walk on the common path and in fact to share anything common with the forward castes including burial sites. The film MANUSANGADA is a true story about denial of use of a common path to carry the dead body of a Dalit, that took place as recently as 2016 in the southern part of India. Kolappan, a low caste Dalit, is forced by upper caste people to carry his father’s corpse through a thorny and unformed route to an uncertain graveyard. When he finds the official powers aligning with casteist forces, Kolappan begins a protest to enforce social liberty equal to all. Will he succeed in bringing a change in the situation? The film depicts the signalling of the rise of Dalit struggles in contemporary India against long-standing human rights violations. It has been screened in five film festivals around India and one in Egypt, along with winning the ICFT Unesco Gandhi award in Jio MAMI Mumbai Film Festival.
Living in a garbage world, a 5-year-old ragpicker dreams of owning a pair of shoes, but when conflicted by romance, he chooses romance and sets out in search of a 3-year-old city girl in the madness of Mumbai. This movie has been screened at various film festivals around the world.

**DOOBIE**

*2019, Short Fiction, India, English, Marathi (English subtitles), 17 minutes*


PRODUCER: ASHISH PATWARDHAN  
DIRECTOR, WRITER: KEITH GOMES  
CO-PRODUCERS: MARC BASCHET, GOLDA SELLAM, SANDEEP KAMAL, BOBBY TALWAR  
EDITOR: HUZEFA LOKHANDWALA  
SOUND DESIGN: RESUL POOKUTTY  
DOP: ARCHANA GHANGREKAR  
CAST: RUPESH BIRADE  
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Tucked away in the foothills of Dharamsala lives a very special woman, by the name of Didi Contractor. She has lived life on her own terms, mostly against the tide. Born in Germany and raised in the USA, she adopted India as her home over 60 years ago. For the past 25 years she has been tirelessly working and experimenting with sustainability in building homes, driven by a strong Gandhian ideology. A student at heart, she draws from traditional aesthetics and vernacular traditions and designs buildings using mud and other natural materials. This self-styled architect’s crusade is no ordinary sermon, but a practical demonstration of what one person can do to create change in society. With an urgent demeanour, without mincing words, Didi articulates her message to students across disciplines. She believes that the future rests in the hands of the youth and they are the ones who need to take her crusade forward.

**DIRECTOR, WRITER: SHABNAM SUKHEDEV**

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EARTHRISE tells the story of the first image captured of the Earth from space in 1968. Told solely by the Apollo 8 astronauts, the film recounts their experiences and memories and explores the beauty, awe, and grandeur of the Earth against the blackness of space. This iconic image had a powerful impact on the astronauts and the world, offering a perspective that transcended national, political, and religious boundaries. Told 50 years later, EARTHRISE compels us to remember this shift and to reflect on the Earth as a shared home. It premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York.
EMBRACES & THE TOUCH OF SKIN is an animated poem about the vital need for embraces and contact with other beings.
A l’hôpital, dans un collège ou une maternité, Philippe Bazin a photographié pendant quinze ans des visages. Dans une forme simple et radicale, il interroge l’humanité dans toutes ses marges.

In a hospital, a secondary school and a maternity ward, Philippe Bazin has photographed faces for 15 years. In a simple yet radical format, he shows us people we don’t look at, questioning the margins of humanity.
Pakistani folk artists talk about their struggle to keep a fading art form alive while reminding the world what they are about to lose.

**INDUS BLUES**

2018, Documentary, Pakistan, Urdu (with English subtitles), 76 minutes

Saturday 11 January, 21:41 - Outdoor Screen

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Located in a refugee camp in southern Lebanon, a group of kids are confronted with a camera man - a western eye on their story of war and crisis. They flip the script and take over the situation. What follows is a game, a chase and an interview where the children decide to ask the questions. The film was made possible by SWISS4SYRIA in a cooperation with director Anastasija H. Bräuniger. Working with theatre pedagogic tools and the medium film, and creating a script, ideas and means of expression together with the children, INTERVIEW is the result of an inspiring, challenging, fun and moving one-week-process.
Liam, 24 ans, vient de se faire arrêter pour vol sur une personne âgée. Il est condamné à 3 mois de TIG dans une maison de retraite et va devoir s’occuper principalement d’un vieux retraité, nommé Joseph. Les deux hommes vont s’entendre sur un seul point, tenter de s’évader de la résidence…

24-year-old Liam has been arrested for stealing from an elderly person. He is sentenced to three months community service in a retirement home and will chiefly take care of Joseph, an old pensioner there. The two men will agree on one point, try to escape from the retirement home…
1918, Finland after the Civil War. The famous actor of the Workers’ Theatre, Parikka, is caught and sent to a prison camp where his remaining comrades languish on the verge of death. All the red rebels at the camp are going to be executed. Parikka’s situation among his comrades is not comforting either: the others consider him a traitor. Nyborg, a young warrant officer who admires Parikka as an actor, leads the execution squad, but he is unable to give the order to fire. Parikka defies death by cracking jokes in front of the squad, getting a laugh out of the guards. Captain Kalm, the camp commandant, unexpectedly decides to stop the execution. He makes a suggestion to Parikka, if the actor and his comrades will put on an entertaining play for his German guests, they will not be shot.
In this beautifully photographed tour de force of original thinking, Academy Award winner, Jeff Bridges shares the screen with scientists, profound thinkers and a dazzling array of Earth’s living creatures to reveal eye-opening concepts about ourselves and our past, providing fresh insights into our subconscious motivations and their unintended consequences.

LIVING IN THE FUTURE’S PAST shows how no one can predict how major changes might emerge from the spontaneous actions of the many. How energy takes many forms as it moves through and animates everything. How, as we come to understand our true connection to all there is, we will need to re-define our expectations, not as what we will lose, but what we might gain by preparing for something different. The film has won many awards including one for Best Documentary on Climate Change, a Special Jury Award for Outstanding Cinematography and both Best Feature Documentary and Best Narrator at the Cannes AFI World Peace Initiative.

**PRODUCER, NARRATOR: JEFF BRIDGES**
**DIRECTOR: SUSAN KUCERA**
**CINEMATOGRAPHER, EDITOR, CO-PRODUCER: SUSAN KUCERA**
**EXECUTIVE PRODUCER: JIM SWIFT**
**MUSIC COMPOSER: KEEFUS CIANCIA**
**SOUND ENGINEER: KEN S. POLK**
**ADDITIONAL MUSIC COMPOSER: BOB HOLROYD**
**NARRATIVE CONSULTANT: ANNA KIRSCH**
**KEY CAST: DANIEL GOLEMAN, DR. NATHAN HAGENS, DR. BRUCE HOOD, BOB INGIS, DR. AMY JACOBSON, DR. RENEE LERTZMAN, DR. STEPHAN LEWANDOWSKY, OREN LYONS, DR. LEONARD MLODINOW, DR. TIMOTHY MORTON, DR. RICH PANCOST, DR. MARK PLOTKIN, PAUL ROBERTS, DR. IAN ROBERTSON, DR. PIERS SELLERS, DR. JOSEPH TAINTER**

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Los Salesianos de Don Bosco Fambul, en Freetown (Sierra Leona) comenzaron en septiembre de 2016 un programa para rescatar a niñas y adolescentes de la situación de prostitución, acogerlas y cuidarlas en un ambiente familiar. El objetivo es ofrecerles un futuro gracias a la educación y a la reintegración familiar. Aminata es una de las más de 110 chicas que ya han empezado una nueva vida siendo las protagonistas de su futuro y persiguiendo sus sueños.

In September 2016, the Salesians of Don Bosco Fambul in Freetown (Sierra Leone) started a program to rescue girls and adolescents from the prostitution situation, welcome them and take care of them in a family environment. The objective is to offer them a future thanks to education and family reintegration. Aminata is one of more than 110 girls who have already started a new life being the protagonists of their future and pursuing their dreams.
Raheel, an Afghan national, has illegally travelled to Iran to look for her husband, but there come up some problems that leave her no hope to move ahead.
**STOPGAP IN STOP MOTION**

2017, Short Animation, United Kingdom, English, 5 minutes

**Friday 10 January, 18:23 - S.A.I.I.E.R. Conference Hall**
**Sunday 12 January, 16:53 - S.A.I.I.E.R. Conference Hall**

Photographs of performers in a disabled and non-disabled dance company come to life. The individual artists dance out of the photos and across table tops until the whole company meets and performs in unison. Completed in 2016, this is a promotional film for Stopgap Dance Company. This film has been screened at more than 40 dance film festivals and other film festivals around the world and has won a number of prestigious awards. It was also an official selection for the Global Short Film Awards in Cannes.

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**Cast:** Stopgap Dance Company

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The transformation of a strong woman torn from her contented world during a sailing trip. Rike - 40, a doctor from Europe - embodies a typical Western model of happiness and success. She is educated, confident, determined and committed. Leaving behind her everyday life as an emergency doctor, she fulfils a long-held dream and sails out to sea alone in her sailing boat. Her goal: Ascension Island in the Atlantic Ocean. But her dream holiday is quickly broken off on the high seas, when, after a storm, she finds herself near a stricken fishing boat. Around a hundred people are about to drown. Rike follows maritime law and radio’s for help. As her request is going nowhere, she is forced to make a momentous decision. This film got a special mention in the ExtraVALUE Film Award, Viennale.
The film traces an unusual relationship between a frequent flyer and an immigration officer in a society still struggling with caste, age and sexual orientation.
THE LAST PIG is an achingly beautiful meditation on what it means to be a sentient creature with the power to kill. Deeply immersive and experiential, the film follows a pig farmer through his final year of slaughtering pigs. The bucolic life of the pigs on the farm is ruptured by weekly trips to the slaughterhouse. Through sparse, intimate musings, the farmer reveals his growing conflict of a life spent “peddling in death”. It has been screened at film festivals in the US.
Confronting her father with his teenage experience of being locked up in a penitentiary for three years, the director questions resilience and transmission in this short documentary. It has been screened at Premiers Plans Film Festival, Angers and Doc En Courts, Lyon.
Mister Otmar’s way of living is not aligned with the society he lives in. He’s been brought before court as being deemed as dangerous for the collective thinking and sentenced to a psychiatric treatment with the aim of returning him to socially acceptable frameworks. However, the prescribed therapy confronts with unexpected resistance. This film has won awards for best animation and best director and has been screened at various film festivals around the world.
The year is 1922 and Tokei Maru, a Japanese cargo boat arrives at Smyrna on the coast of Asia Minor. It is only days since the Greek army has left and the Turkish army has entered the city. But the city and its inhabitants are doomed, as fate has left them on the edge of nothing. As the Japanese captain monitors the Allied ships anchored on the Smyrna Bay his thoughts travel back to his youth. The year is 1873, just ten years after the Anglo-Satsuma war. A young boy participates in the festival of the dead, remembering the last days of his father. As the British battleships have bombed the city of Kagoshima, fire and devastation spreads into the city. The once beautiful city and its inhabitants face sudden death from the British retaliation. The young boy’s father dies in battle, with an honoured death. The sound of gunshots awakens the Japanese Captain from his daydreaming. The executions, the cries of the innocent people and the sounds of the frenzied Turkish guerrillas who shoot and set fire to every Christian house fills the air. The flames reach up to the sky. The Allied ships (American, British, French and Italian) order the Japanese vessel to dock on the open sea. A great fire starts that sweeps across the Greek and Armenian sectors burning everything to the ground. People gather on the docks trying to flee, trying to save their lives from the fire and the Turkish army. The Japanese captain will not hesitate. He throws all of his cargo into the sea to rescue more than 825 men, women and children. Almost 100 years later his name is still unknown but his act of humanity remains. This film has won awards for best animation, best documentary, best artwork and more at various film festivals in Greece.
Chess is a popular pastime in this neighbourhood in Bhopal, bringing together men to challenge each other in friendly and sometimes unfriendly matches. Against this backdrop, a domestic worker, a former journalist and a young woman in love, find themselves pushing boundaries and challenging the rules of the game.
‘If not for you, I have no other true love. When we work together the sun sets early. If not for you, I have no love.’ Close to the India - Myanmar border is the village of Phek in Nagaland. Around 5,000 people live here, almost all of whom cultivate rice for their own consumption. As they work in cooperative groups - preparing the terraced fields, planting saplings, or harvesting the grain and carrying it up impossibly steep slopes - the rice cultivators of Phek sing. The seasons change, and so does the music, transforming the mundane into the hypnotic. The love that they sing of is also a metaphor for the need for the other - the friend, the family, the community, to build a polyphony of voices. Stories of love, stories of the field, stories of song, stories in song. UP DOWN & SIDEWAYS is a musical portrait of a community of rice cultivators and their memories of love and loss, created from working together on the fields. UP DOWN & SIDEWAYS is the first feature film from the u-ra-mi-li project, a larger body of work that looks at the connections between music and labour through film, writing and archives. It has been screened at several film festivals around the world and has won multiple awards, including a Documentary Award for innovative use of media.

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WHEELED WINGS

2018, Short Documentary (Student), India, English and Hindi (with English subtitles), 12 minutes


WHEELED WINGS is a documentary directed and shot by Aayush Dudhiya and Divy Bhagia. The story is based in Janwaar, a village in the heart of India witnessing and experiencing cultural change. The film explores the problems that rural India continues to face today, and Ulrike Reinhard, a lady from Germany, is trying to bring children of different castes together through highly unusual and unique techniques. It has been three years since India’s largest skateboard park in this small village has proved to be a means to educate children, slowly eradicating the stigmas that have victimized the country for generations. The film journeys through the problems, solutions, downfalls, acceptance and the current situation of Janwaar. It has been screened at Watersheds Cinema (UK) and has won an award in the Calcutta International Cult Film Festival (India).