

# FILM DESCRIPTIONS – FILMS ARE LISTED IN ORDER OF SHOWINGS:

## FRIDAY SEP 30:

9-11 am

**An Unfinished Film, For My Daughter Somayeh**  
Morteza Payeshenas

"An Unfinished Film, for My Daughter Somayeh" covers the on going struggles of the Mohammadi family with respect to the repatriation of their daughter back to Canada where they reside. The story is told through the eyes of the father, who was himself a faithful supporter of 'Mojahedi n-e-Khalq' (an Iranian political opposition group) for more than 30 years and as such he encouraged his daughter to join the cause and attend a training camp located in Iraq. Somayeh, his daughter, left for the camp at the tender age of 17, never to return home.

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11:20-1:20

**Glad You Got a Cat**  
Tom Burkhardt

A door to door salesman has a chance encounter with someone from his past.

**Back to the Future?**  
Kyle Chen

Marty convinces Doc to go back to October 21, 2015

**Shattered Families: the Collapse of America's Mental Health System**  
Stephen Seager

"Shattered Families" is my family's attempt to change America's national mental health disaster. Congress seems unable to fix it. Neither do the states. So my wife, son and I, decided to do something ourselves. We decided to make this movie.

**Solitary**  
Daniel Ruczko

Zoe Coleman, a successful novelist living in LA, struggles with isolation while being surrounded by millions.

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1:40-3:40

**30, Debtree, and Far From Happy**  
An original series about life after being young.

**Gunther**  
Paris Dylan

An apathetic man who is terrible at his job longs for something better. By the way, he's a hitman.

**The Wave**  
**Ron Podell**

On a glorious day for sailing, Arthur Ruins attempts to explain the significance of "the wave" shared between recreational sailors to his bubble-headed girlfriend, Bebe. She's a quick and enthusiastic study, and shares her wave and a whole lot more with an unusual passing vessel.

**A Rain Remembered**  
**Ron Podell**

Art Weldon is content to stay inside and watch the news on television. His seven-year-old granddaughter wants to go outside and play — despite a torrential downpour. A power outage scares the granddaughter and forces both to communicate with each other.

**The Urge 2 - It Lies Within**  
**Christopher Angus**

During a bizarre series of events a vampire discovers that harmless forest creatures, and even his own body, have turned against him.

**The Telegram Man**  
**James Francis Khehtie**

The Telegram Man explores the impact of World War II on a close-knit Australian farming community.

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4:00-6:00 pm

**Sienna's Choice**  
**Janel Tanna**

An ambitious and successful young woman by any means, Sienna's life comes to an urgent halt when faced with a life-threatening diagnosis. She must now face what appears to be the most difficult decision of her life, while finding small triumph amidst tragedy.

**Hello Stranger**  
**Alejandro Guimoye**

An aging ventriloquist tries to reignite the fire within him to win back his estranged wife.

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6:20-8:20

**Occupants**  
**Russ Emanuel**

A documentary filmmaker discovers that a recording her life on a new diet is having unintended consequences for her and husband.

**JPAC: A Hero's Mission**

JPAC's (Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command) mission is to achieve the fullest possible accounting of all Americans missing as a result of the nation's past conflicts.

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8:40-10:40

**The Sum Total of Our Memory: Facing Alzheimer's Together**  
Barbara Klutinis

An ode to memory: Couples diagnosed with Early Alzheimer's come to terms with their changing roles. Medical experts in Alzheimer's Disease offer their perspectives from the front lines.

**Reinventing the Reel**  
Michael Gorlick

This documentary short explores contemporary independent film-makers' attempts to change the portrayal of LGBT characters in film. The film begins with a historical perspective of the big-studio Hollywood treatment of LGBT characters, and then shows how that portrayal has changed, and why is important that it continues to change.

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11:00 pm – 1:00 am

**Game of Checkers**  
Maria Oliva

Following Marta's wake, her five best friends decide to spend the night at a rural tourist getaway that Marta never got around to opening. That long night becomes a maze-like journey through their interconnecting friendships, where each reveals herself as it was the last day. On the eve of the burial, the talk is about life and a friendship that survived it all. But will this friendship be able to survive death?

# SATURDAY 10/1

9:00-11:00

**Attached at the Soul**  
William Leon

Donald Kline struggles with having to leave his wife Margie's death bed in order to attend a ceremony where he and his wife will be honored for their life time achievements, which include promoting diversity, equal rights, and acceptance.

**W**  
Francesca Draghetti

W, a mysterious creature, lives hidden in the Globe Theater. He speaks in verse and is in love with the theater, Shakespeare, and a young actress who has to face an audition. What will he do for love?

**Agonies and Remedies**  
Fernando Usón-Forniés

Reme and Tita, Angustias (Agonies) and Remedios (Remedies), live in Tita's apartment. Theirs living together is a continuous fight: for the sofa, for the bathroom, for chocolates...

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11:20-1:20

## **Search Engines**

**Russell Brown**

Sanity and relationships are put to the test when mysterious circumstances force a family to survive the annual American Thanksgiving holiday without their cell phones.

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1:40-3:40

## **Poignant**

**Jaspreet Kaur**

Poignant is about a young medical researcher Amy, who believes, communication in between physical and spirit world is an illusion, Is a sign of One is losing his or her sanity. One day when she visits a property to see the potential of opening her own health care centre but not aware of what she brought back from that building.

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4:00-6:00

## **Murrieta**

**Juan Avelar**

The origin story of the famous bandit Joaquin Murrieta. A Mexican gold miner who migrates to California in hopes of striking it rich but instead discovers a thirst for vengeance.

## **As We Say Goodbye**

**Jhosimar Vasquez**

After being unwillingly separated from her mother, and brother Nicole will her last days dedicated to save her brother's life where he will meet her for the first in the operating room.

## **Mind Closure**

Jake Bennett discovers explicit drawings his partner. Soon after, the disturbing appearance of a mysterious housekeeper unsettles Jake. When Miss Grimm, the housekeeper, reveals to him some sinister insinuations about the man on the drawings, she sets Jake off into a downward spiral of paranoia.

## **End and Eternity**

**Yoomi Kim**

If we live without any purpose, reward or meaning, time flows mechanically. Meaningless life is not worth continuing. Purposeless life leads human existence to a point of being a mechanical clock. It is needless to say one must live a worthwhile and meaningful life. Unlike a machine, a man should leave behind fruitful jobs and worthwhile accomplishments. A clock symbolizes a machine-like human. Life is precious. It should be spent to make a man who can and is willing to contribute to the world. A man's name is left behind after his death. In other words, he should lead a life of worth.

## **Run For The Truth**

**Damien Steck**

A love story about 2 women who have to face an unbearable truth. Should love conquer all?

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6:20-8:20

**Noirotica - The Web Series**

**Ishwar L. Maisuria**

John Fischer photographs affairs for a private investigator. A new client wants more than just photos of her husband's infidelity. Her grand plan is to have an affair herself, get John to photograph it, all to spite her husband. The lies, deception, and the cold truth about this Femme Fatale will leave John devastated to the core...

**Gryla**

**Tomas Heidar Johannesson**

A man, who in a case of mistaken identity, is driven up into the mountains by a troll sized debt collector, finds things going from bad to considerably worse when a real Troll shows up.

**Sprint to the Past**

**Fedor Selkin**

The film tells the story of one of the most beautiful sports-rowing, about the fate of its athletes and their memories in our days.

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**8:40 – 10:40**

**My Panda –** Lacy has found a new friend, Panda. Panda is a stuffed panda bear. Lacy's father bought the toy from an old man, while in a remote location in China. It is said that if a child that if a child owns the stuffed animal, and is truly afraid of something, and say Panda's name 4 times, Panda will come to life and protect the child. The problem is if it comes to life is it all good?

**Retribution**

**Roberto Sanchez**

For 14 years he has thought of nothing but vengeance!

**22 Years**

**Dawn Noel**

After twenty-two years, Avi receives a call she never expected. Independent, well-loved by her friends, and making her way through a man's world, Avi must now face the choice - rekindle the relationship with her father or close the door and move on forever.

**Christine at the Crossroads**

In this multi-nominated and award winning film, a young married woman must come to grips with her repressed sexuality when she falls in love with a female co-worker.

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**11:00 pm-1:00 am**

**Boatman**

Miguel is the perfect coyote: dedicated, single-minded, his record unblemished. His home is the winding path of the migrant: the back alley gravel, the crumbled pavement, and last.....the river. Despite a perfect record, he's no stranger to death.

**SUNDAY 10/2**

**9:00-11:00**

**Uplifting Down: Nigeria**

**Steve Gatlin**

**"Uplifting Down: Nigeria" is a documentary about filmmakers and professionals in the special needs field who traveled to Lagos, Nigeria to explore the current state of care and well-being of people with Down syndrome there.**

**Another Empty Space**

**Davi de Oliveira Pinheiro**

**In the Berlin winter, two ex-lovers meet again for the first time since their break up.**

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**11:20-1:20**

**SHEN**

**Abigail Flowers**

**As an escape from her domineering fiancé, a bride-to-be searches for an artist that appears to be drawing her ominous fate.**

**To The Grave**

**Jane Stanton**

**A daughter's world is turned upside down when she discovers her distant mother's dark past of family secrets and lies**

**The Call**

**Quavondo Nguyen**

**How far are we willing to go to help a stranger in need? Brynn's comfortable night at home is interrupted when a mysterious man in need shows up at her door. Human nature is tested as she navigates her struggle between Good Samaritan and cautious citizen.**

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**1:40-3:40**

**Agnus Dei**

**Agim Sopi**

**A tale of war, love and betrayal during the Serbian-Albanian war.**

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**4:00-6:00**

**Winter's Journey**

**Susanne Boeing**

**Walter is waiting at the last station of his journey through life. His family and friends all know what is best for him. But in the end they have to understand that his ending belongs only to him.**

**Within the Without**

**Drew Crosby**

**Within the Without is a psychological drama about a middle-aged novelist faced with a decision to either finish his manuscript, or keep what he knows he must write to himself.**

**Atlan**

**Leila Hosseini**

**Ali is a Turkman horse trainer. Horses are his life. Ilhan is the name of the horse that has won him so many prizes. Ali is planning to use Ilhan's and his other horses' awards money to pay for his wedding. But not everything goes favourably in a course. Ilhan gets in an unexpected condition and Ali needs to fight for Ilhan's championship.**