



LOS ANGELES
DIVERSITY
FILM FESTIVAL

Celebrating Multi Culture

JULY 27 - 29

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BLOCK 1: OPENING NIGHT SHORTS

THURSDAY, JULY 27TH 7:00PM - 8:25PM



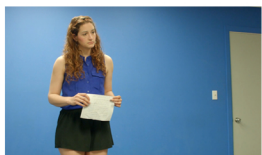
SHAZAM

Directed by: Royston Innes
A father teaches his son about the harsh realities of being a black man in a new and inventive way.



INA

Directed by: Muffy Levy
A daughter retells the story of her mother's deteriorating health.



HOLLYWOOD AND SUNSET

Directed by: Clinton Cornwell
Zombie sharks. Sleazy directors. Spaghetti. Just another day for struggling actor, Audrey, as she figures out what to do with her life.



AMERICAN HEARD: REFUGE OF HOPE

Directed by: Yasmin Mistry
Syracuse, New York is an unlikely home to over 10,000 former refugees. Two women at the forefront of this community reflect on what their presidential vote means to those whose only true home is the American town that took them in.



FISHING IN THE MOONLIGHT

Directed by: Christian Monnier
An encounter between a French Parisian woman and a solitary American Indian in northern Canada lead them both to unexpected destiny.

BLOCK 2: I AM STILL HERE

THURSDAY, JULY 27TH 8:45PM - 10:45PM



I AM STILL HERE

Directed by: Mischa Marcus
I Am Still Here is the story of 10-year old Layla, stolen from her family and thrown into America's child sex industry. Stories of courage drawn from interviews with survivors form the fictionalized account of Layla's journey as she confronts the monsters of her past and embraces the hope of her future.



BLOCK 3: TAG AND PUBLIC INTIMACY

FRIDAY, JULY 28TH 7:00PM - 8:35PM



TAG

Directed by: Patrick Green and Steve Tirona
A colorful day in the secret life of a graffiti artist looking to make a mark.



PUBLIC INTIMACY

Directed by: Luciana Canton
You cannot live someone else's life. Public Intimacy is a movie about how we deal with sexuality and love on public and private levels.

BLOCK 4: FRIDAY NIGHT THRILLER FRIDAY, JULY 28TH 9:00PM - 10:30PM



APPELLATION

Directed by: Tracy Mathewson
When a neighbour reports James' suspicious behavior to the authorities, the ex-government scientist's only option to save himself and his life-changing research is to pass an interrogation with the ruthless inspector tasked with finding and eliminating "extremists" like himself.



THE FOLLOWERS OF GILGAMESH

Directed by: Abdul Jabbar Maki
After the death of his father, 12 year old Bader devises a risky plan to find out why he was never allowed into his father's room.



VEXED

Directed by: Marc Cartwright
A romantic date night goes horribly wrong when a couple questions the validity of horror film plots.



THE SHADOW FOREST

Directed by: Andrzej Cichocki
While hunting a wolf in a sinister forest, a man is startled by the sound of guns firing. Suddenly, there are people running...even the wolves are overwhelmed by a sense of the impending danger.



BREAKFAST

Directed by: Tyler Byrnes
When a young man with anorexia is pressured to stay for breakfast by his boyfriend, the couple's anxieties are made horrifyingly real.





BLOCK 5: YOUTH/STUDENT

SATURDAY, JULY 29TH 1:30PM - 2:45PM



AMMA

Directed by: Yilin (Reinhard) Yin
If your religion, your faith, what you have worshiped, came into collision with your love, what would you do?



WITHIN

Directed by: Kai Armstrong
A disturbing glimpse into the battlefield of a teenage mind as a young girl confronts a dark force inside her head.



LUKE

Directed By: Dylan Reiss
Luke is a short documentary about an extraordinary young boy who was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy as a baby.



ALPHABET MISSION TO MARS

Directed by: Nathaniel R. Snell
The letters of Charley's alphabet take a vacation to the moon, only to find themselves involved in a rescue mission to Mars. Created by Nat Snell, an autistic teen.



LIFE ROLLS ON

Directed by: Reagan Yorke
When an unexpected accident causes Danny's life to change forever, he proves to others that he can beat anything.



SLIDE

Directed by: Jayden Gillespie
A short film about racial prejudice and how family dynamics have changed in modern society.



CHAD, I LOVE YOU

Directed by: Eleanor Evans-Wickberg
Dan, a young poet, struggles with the knowledge that his recently deceased girlfriend cheated on him.



BLOCK 6: WELL DONE AND GO PENGUINS!



SATURDAY, JULY 29TH 3:15PM - 5:00PM



WELL DONE

Directed by: Riccardo Di Gerlando

A young man goes to visit an art museum and is fascinated by a symbolic picture.



GO PENGUINS!

Directed by: Randy Caspersen

Go Penguins! follows a theatre troupe's journey to produce a Broadway-style musical featuring children and young adults with developmental disabilities in lead and ensemble roles

BLOCK 7: TEAM GLEASON

SATURDAY, JULY 29TH 5:30PM - 6:45PM

Your ticket purchase will be donated to Team Gleason to help them achieve their mission:

1. Help provide individuals with neuromuscular diseases or injuries with leading edge technology, equipment and services.
2. Create a global conversation about ALS to ultimately find solutions and an end to the disease.
3. Raise public awareness toward ALS by providing and documenting extraordinary life adventures for individuals with muscular diseases or injuries.



THE SKY IS BLUE EVERYWHERE

Directed by: Gina Wenzel

Marc has recently been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. Devastated, he doesn't know how and when to approach telling his girlfriend Sophie about it.



BEING SEEN

Directed by: Paul Zehrer

Being Seen will change the way you see people with developmental disabilities. A combination of funny, acerbic, and heart-wrenching, these people's candid and articulate self-awareness quickly shatter preconceptions of the disabled.



INNER ME

Directed by: Antonio Spanò

A film about women, deafness and courage. *Inner Me* is our inner voice. That voice that is so clear within us, but that we might have difficulties expressing to the world.





BLOCK 8: COMEDY



SATURDAY, JULY 29TH 7:05PM - 8:20PM



2 SELF HELP BOOKS AWAY FROM BEING PERFECT

Directed by: Lopez Williams

2 Self Help Books Away From Being Perfect is a screwball romantic comedy about a bright-eyed Brooklynite who naively uses self help principles to find love.



COMING OUT

Directed by: Nicholas Paul Ybarra

Football is Family... or is it? Vince has a secret to confess to his parents that may destroy their relationship forever.



WHEELS OF FORTUNE

Directed by: Louise Lenihan and Simone Tunbridge

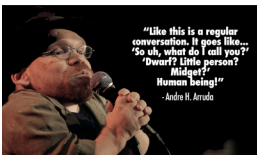
A young man goes about his daily life, but faces absurd and inappropriate reactions from passersby who don't know how to deal with the fact that he uses a wheelchair.



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ANDRE THE ANTI-GIANT

Directed by: Kim Saltarski

3-foot-something actor/comedian/disability advocate strives to retake the stage following a life-endangering diagnosis.

"Like this is a regular conversation. It goes like...
'So uh, what do I call you?'
'Dwarf? Little person?'
'Midget?'
'Human being!'"
-Andre H. Arredo



BLOCK 9: LGBTQ



SATURDAY, JULY 29TH 8:45PM - 10:20PM



YOU DESERVE EVERYTHING

Directed by: Goran Stolevski

A doctor's tentative romance with the hospital's Arabic interpreter is evolving into something deeper. But everything is not as it seems.



HEADS OR TAILS

Directed by: Eva von Schweinitz

Lilly convinces her best friend René to join her on a nocturnal trespassing adventure. The two young women break into a zoo and discover an idiosyncratic animal kingdom.



HE WHO HAS TWO SOULS

Directed by: Fabrice Luang-Vija

They called him "He who has two souls". He was beautiful like a woman, and he was handsome like a man. He hesitated...



BAGGAGE

Directed by: Sarah Ball

A jilted window dresser creates a Valentine's day window display to publicly get back at her ex.



BREAKFAST

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THE GAY AND WONDROUS LIFE OF CALEB GALLO

Directed by: Brian Jordan Alvarez

A Gotham Independent Film Awards nominated series about the love lives of five actor friends living in Los Angeles.



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