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Active Ingredients - Charlie Redd

10:30 min

Harold and his Basset Hound get a fresh start when an anti-aging cream works wonders.



Adam's Ail - Amelia Harvey

8:44 min

When facing extinction while lost at sea, a man enters into an unspoken relationship with something bigger than he knows.



Almost 8:00 - Megan Talmadge

19:00 min

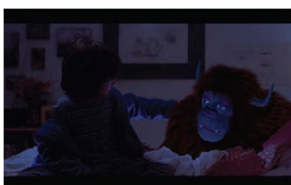
Porn addiction, blind love, erectile over-function, and Chlamydia effect various members of one suburban family on a weekday morning.



An Crann - Emma Carlson

15:15 min

An elderly Irish couple confront their new neighbour after she fells a tree in their garden.



An Evening with Oliver - Carlos Arata

15:34 min

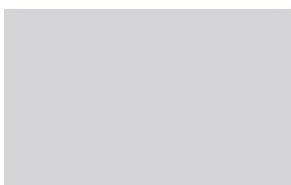
After the death of his beloved and eccentric grandmother, eight-year-old Arturo discovers a mysterious portal under her bed, leading to Oliver, a mythical creature recounted in the tales of his late grandmother's travels.



Ariel - Sara Blechmans

10:00 min

On the day of her much-anticipated clarinet recital, fourteen-year-old Ariel meets someone she didn't expect - her mother's boyfriend. Over the course of one day, she starts to tackle the big questions that come attached to this new relationship.



A Band of Thieves - Fidel Ruiz-Healy

14:00 min

The story of a young, western-obsessed girl hell-bent on turning her quiet Texas suburb into the lawless playground of her imagination.



Bandito - Evan Ari Kelman

15:00 min

Bandito is an epic coming-of-age drama following the adventure of Jamie, a young boy who stows away to join his older brother on a highway truck heist.



Behind The Music: Prince Fox - David Rishty

13:30 min

Behind The Music: Prince Fox aims the spotlight on Sam Lassner, an NYU student who hopes to make a living as a music producer after graduation. By embracing friendship over competition and learning to stay humble during the process, Sam steps closer to living out his dream.



Big World - Stephen Cervantes

16:27 min

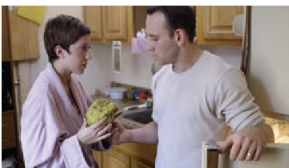
In search of his long-lost half-brother, Tommy travels to the Midwest in the hopes that his estranged grandfather can help him figure things out.



Breaking From Bentgrass - Cody Ball

14:53 min

When a golf semi-pro comes to town, the rivalry between two golf course employees, Ross and Tucker, comes to a peak as they battle it out for a promotion.



Broccoli - George Itzhak

24:18 min

Broccoli is a Russian-language short film that tells the story of Nina, a recent immigrant from Russia, who copes with her relocation to Brooklyn and her ensuing divorce through a strange affinity for vegetables. Based on the short story by Lara Vapnyar.



Dahdi - Kirsten Keng Ing Tan

17:00 min

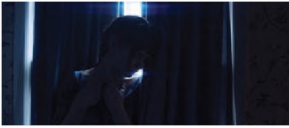
An elderly widow finds an unexpected visitor, a young asylum-seeking girl, in her home during dinner. Inspired by a 2012 event, whereby 40 Burmese Rohingya asylum seekers arrived in the port of Singapore.



Dogwood - Andrew Hebert

15:00 min

During the American Civil War, two Union soldiers are captured by a satanic cult that convinces them they have until midnight to make a Faustian deal with the Devil.



Drawn From Her Etude - Alexandra Dine

19:27 min

A woman lives deep inside her controlling house until someone tries to draw her out into the real world.



The Evictor - Bumsue Chun

14:52 min

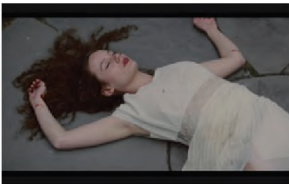
A middle-aged low life gangster, who evicts slum residents for a living, faces a challenge when he encounters a quiet and unresponsive little boy in an empty house. After failed attempts to get the job done, he inadvertently develops friendship with the little boy.



F to 7th: Deny, Deny, Deny - Ingrid Jungermann

07:00 min

A web series about a internally homophobic lesbian and her descent into pre-middle age. Judgmental as ever, she struggles to find herself in a world where sexuality and gender have left her old-fashioned gayness behind.



The Fairies' Child - Victoria Vaughn

19:30 min

Years after the death of her father, Emilia Evans returns to her childhood home where she discovers the fairies she thought were only a dream, realizing that her own life may be in danger as well.



Fever - Shu Zhu

15:00 min

A man is forced to navigate through a series of feverish nightmares to find his identity in relation to his parents, his wife, and his lover.



Girl in the Chair - M. Louis Gordon

15:00 min

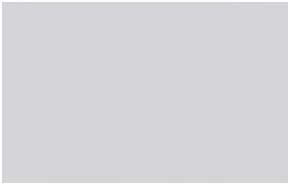
A kidnapped teenaged girl escapes her captor and returns to the house of her long-lost family. But her homecoming is far from welcome.



Glass House - Nicholas Giuricich

17:20 min

A lonely, divorced mother tries to keep her driven daughter from going to her dream school on the other side of the country.



The Goblin Song - Nora Unkel

20:00 min

A dark, fairy tale, musical set in the Victorian era where two sisters have to fight the temptations and cruelties of Goblin men.



The Greatest Generation - Tien Chi Fu

15:00 min

After a wide spread fallout, a selected group of 3000 people moved to an isolated area to foster a new and healthy generation. Betty Goforth made it to the town with her family, but is facing the dilemma of reporting the unusual mark on her son's face. Meanwhile, another mother finds out about her little secret.



Home Range - Natalia Kaniasty

12:00 min

Bobby, an emotionally withdrawn veteran, returns to his rural Pennsylvania hometown where he struggles to reconnect with his hunting buddies and former sweetheart.



In Waking - Carlos Zozaya

18:07 min

Derek Black has woken up in an eerily quiet and misty forest with no recollection of who he is or how he got there, and there seems to be no way out...



The Job - Nicholas Blatt

20:00 min

Jeff, an ex-cyclist, gets a bizarre job that requires him to bike in a concrete room, alone, for four hours at a time. No decorations, not even a clock to keep the time. This stationary bicycle has wires going from the rear wheel into the back wall. Whenever Jeff asks Bruce, his coworker, "why am I doing this? Where do the wires go?" ...he gets one response: "Don't ask questions."



Journeyman - Leo Gilbert

19:00 min

A soon to be ex-NBA player must decide between continuing his career overseas or staying home with his son and giving up on his dream.



Karkass Karts - Ben Nelson

20:00 min

When the Birch brothers inherit a failing funeral home from their decaying father, they must resort to sinister means in order to save the family business.



Last Wash - Soon Ho Song

14:34 min

Two strangers, an old man with a strange imagination and a mysterious woman with a bloodstained sweater, meet at a self-service laundromat. While she washes her sweater, the man reads a crime novel about a girl who has gone missing.



Lerato - Thati Peele

11:34 min

Happy is a South African farm labourer who contends his fate to get his daughter, Lerato, to a prestigious piano audition on time.



Luna Vieja - Raisa Bonnet

12:00 min

Raisa Bonnet's naturalistic short sketches an almost wordless tale of the relationship between a young girl and her grandmother. Beautifully shot, it never tries to do too much within its limited running time.



Lydia Wronsky Ruins Christmas - Scarlet Meyer

15:00 min

An action comedy about life, love, and horrible Christmas sweaters.



Mara - Yi Zhong

19:26 min

Mara, haunted by her past and her own mind, has secluded herself in a forest cabin. Until one day, she runs into a teenage runaway.



Molly - Nara DeMuro

21:30 min

Molly Robinson is your typical teenage zombie trying to survive the nightmare that is high school. When a string of murders where the victims' brains are eaten occur in her small town, rumors fly that the local zombie is to blame. With the help of her overachieving best friend Maddie, Molly embarks on an adventure to prove her innocence.



Mr. Madison - Joe Rodriguez

19:55 min

Eddy Madison has to convince his grandmother, Elena to spread her husband's ashes. Only problem is, Elena believes her husband is still alive.



A New Civilization - Williams Naranjo

17:06 min

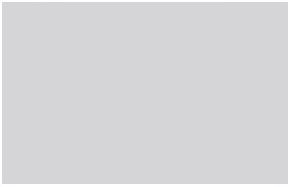
"A New Civilization" is a riveting political drama inspired on Venezuela's 2013 presidential election. The short film revolves around a young group of volunteers about to deliver presidential ballots after voting has closed. Ana, Alfredo, Antonio, and Camila are wrapping up Election Day when a group of suspicious warrant-wielding officials appear claiming that they will take the ballots to the CNE themselves. The volunteers believe the Officers are there to steal the votes even though they provide a warrant. The volunteers reject the officers' claim and everything begins to get out of hand. Ana, one of the volunteers, takes a picture of one of the officers with the ballot boxes and threatens them that she will create a scandal of two Officers for stealing the presidential ballots. The Chief responds with physical threat by pointing his gun at the volunteers. He then eventually grabs Ana and takes the phone away from her. Alfredo, Ana's boyfriend, feels responsible for this and attacks the Chief and gets shot in the leg. The Chief has had enough and he will no longer play games. He first wants to arrest them and eventually is driven to kill them but commands Officer Gonzalez to do it. He forces the gun to Officer Gonzalez as the volunteers are on the floor in despair. Officer Gonzalez rejects the Chief's command and ends up shooting the Chief for not only taking advantage of the volunteers but of him.



Our Technological Identity Crises - Colin Marchon

16:00 min

"Our Technological Identity Crises" is a three part web series about how new technology is challenging our preconceptions about what it means to be human.



Out of Order - Nathaniel Shrage

3:00 min

There once was a boy with a broken heart. However, this boy did not have a normal heart. His heart was like a vending machine that takes quarters and gives love. Unfortunately, the doctor diagnosed the boy's heart as "out of order." Now the boy must find his heart's missing piece or find a replacement.



Padre de los Peces (Father of The Fish) - Evan Harms

7:30 min

Cuban entrepreneur José Angel Sánchez left the stifling world of a state-run enterprise to grow his family's private tropical fish business - that is, as far as the Revolution will allow.



Partiu - Felipe Prado

12:00 min

Set up in Rio de Janeiro's high society, Partiu brings the moment of transition in Daniel's life as he finds out who he really is. The short-film portrays the lifestyle of a reckless group of kids, who after a night partying with a lot of alcohol, drugs and electronic music, decide to take a ride in Daniel's new car.



Points of Origin - Anya Leta

19:00 min

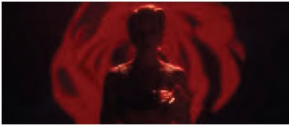
In POINTS OF ORIGIN, an American radio host and his wife struggle to maintain their relationship through the tribulations of an outsourced pregnancy in India. The story follows New Yorkers RJ and Rosemary, who have been trying to have a baby for the past eight years. Surrogacy is their last chance to have the family they want. But once they arrive in Mumbai and begin the embryo transplant, things go awry. The pressure in the last 24 hours leading up to the transplant brings up surprising revelations about each other, leaving them vulnerable as they face one of the most important experiences of their lives.



Primordia - Casey Drogin

9:35 min

An ancient monster lurks at the bottom of the ocean. On shore, a young woman walks the rocky beach. "Primordia" unites them in an exploration of the predator / prey dynamic and the horrors of the food cycle continuum



A Quiet Life - Zach Terry

3:50 min

A short experimental piece shot in a single unbroken take, using creative lighting design and choreography to explore the never-ending cycle of the life of a 1950's housewife. Set to Radiohead's "No Surprises."



The Red Card - Dana Brawer

19:56 min

Sam, an outsider in her high school, is finally invited to the most secretive party of the year, but when the party spirals out of control, Sam is confronted by a side of her date and her peers that she never expected.



Remains - Brett Calo

15:00 min

"Remains" is a short film about a son's relationship with his father and how dynamics in their home change after his mother passes away. It is a narrative that experiments with archival footage and original music to illustrate how grief affects an entire family.



Renaissance City - Jordan Lazieh

13:37 min

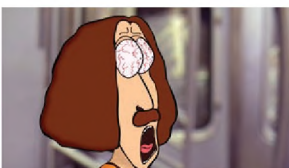
In an area where talk is cheap and help is scarce, a poor teen is caught off guard when a mysterious old man arbitrarily offers to help him get his life on track. But what is the old man's true intention? In Providence, Rhode Island, no secret stays buried forever.



Returning Home (Pauwi) - Thomas Wood

12:31 min

Moises, 45, picks up his terminally ill brother, whom he hasn't seen in years, from the hospital. He brings him home to the countryside of Northern Philippines, and seizes this last opportunity to try to connect with him.



Ronald Gottlieb - Engin Karabagli

8:48 min

An animated documentary following Ronald Gottlieb's search for companionship in a society where everybody has very hairy legs.



San Cristóbal - Omar Zúñiga Hidalgo

29:00 min

Lucas is visiting his sister on a remote island in southern Chile before moving abroad. An unlikely romance grows when he meets Antonio, a struggling young fisherman. The intimacy they share makes them navigate towards a new horizon and to a different stage of their adulthood.



Scratch - Angel Rivera

11:00 min

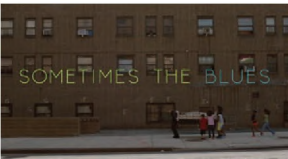
A scratch ticket dramatically changes the lives of four people seeking balance in the city they live in.



Sisyphus' Supper - Gabriel Miller

14:04 min

Hell is a pretentious French restaurant. The devil is the head chef. God damn it. Cy is a struggling cook, forced to choose his fate off the menu. Hoping to escape, Cy must challenge the devil or surrender his soul.



Sometimes the Blues - Neha Hirve

22:40 min

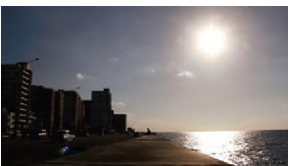
A short film about Harlem, a VHS tape, and a mouldy couch.



Sonoran - Aarica North

6:44 min

A wandering alien lands in the desert, only to find that she is not the strangest thing there.



The Stations - Ryan Connors

4:40 min

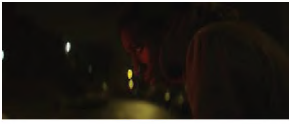
The Catholic Stations of the Cross



Stevie - Chloe Jury-Fogel

17:49 min

'Stevie' is a coming-of-age story about a tomboy who experiences romance for the first time when a young man and his sister move into town. She is pursued by him and with pressure from her younger, girly-girl sister, agrees to go out with him, but is surprised by the feelings she has for his sister after they all spend a night out together.



Stop - Reinaldo Marcus Green

9:00 min

A young man's livelihood is put to the test when he is stopped by the police on his way home.



Stupid & Demented - Louis DeCaprio

15:00 min

14-year old Dominic, an eccentric opera fan, experiences the ecstasy and heartbreak of first love.



Suriname Gold - Paulo Henrique Testolini

23:00 min

While searching for her husband in the gold mines of Suriname, Magali Silva uncovers a forsaken world of politics and prostitution--offering a piece of her body and soul to survive.



Sweet Hollow - Sean Lee

10:00 min

Emily is driving down a deserted, windy road in the middle of the night to visit her sister. But when her car breaks down and a handsome stranger offers to give her a ride, she realizes there is more to her new friend and Sweet Hollow road than she ever imagined.



A Sweet Song - Asantewaa Prempeh

8:11 min

8-year-old Akosua discovers a different world from what she is used to at her father's home



The Taker - Maximillian Stenström

15:00 min

Faced with condemning a household to which he feels inexplicably attached, a fresh faced government worker questions his responsibilities-- endangering both himself and the world at large.



That Friend You Hate - Eli Shapiro

12:39 min

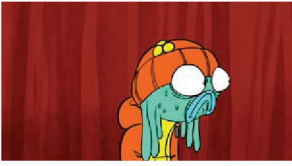
The night of his birthday, a loser tries to distance himself from his annoying childhood friend as they crash parties and debate who has lower self-esteem.



THIS IS HOW YOU HAUNT YOUR HOUSE - Will Mayo

13:00 min

It's never a bad time to learn.



Tough Guy - Javier Valdez

3:08 min

An alien must travel to Earth to prove to his buddies that he's tough enough to hang out at his favorite space bar.



Trees on Trees on Trees - Scott Schuler

23:30 min

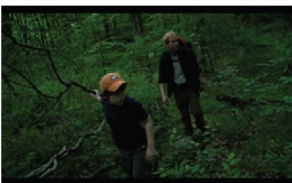
A stoner dramedy about two recent college graduates who go to hike the Appalachian trail after graduating because they have no idea what else to do.



VOLTA - Stella Kyriakopoulos

12:00 min

A mother and daughter start out from downtown Athens and head to the northern suburbs of the city. Nina thinks she's going on a walk.



Weed - Stephen Kaiser-Pendergrast

19:00 min

A man who can sense the thoughts and feelings of plants encounters a mysterious weed in his front yard.



Writing Lessons - Carlos Valdivia

9:35 min

Feeling neglected by his paramour (and college professor), a young man decides to show up uninvited to the most important salon of his career, jeopardizing both of their futures in the course of one night.



You Can't Put Your Arms Around A Memory - Jack Kyser

19:59 min

Charlie, a socially inept young man, compulsively confesses every detail of his anti-social behavior to his mother, Hazel, with whom he still lives in Harlem. When Hazel asks him to finally move out of her apartment, Charlie is forced to confront his greatest fears - losing his only life witness and living in a world without his only friend and confidante.