

ONLINE FILM FESTIVAL



STILL VOICES SHORT FILM FESTIVAL
AUGUST 13 - 16, 2020

in association with



Clár Éire Ildánach
Creative Ireland
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WELCOME



Ronan O' Toole
Festival Director

Hello and welcome to the online edition of the Still Voice Short Film Festival 2020! With the current state of the world due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation, our festival this year is a virtual one.

While this may not be an ideal situation, we are thrilled to be able to share our fantastic short film programme with you through our new virtual platform.

We received some truly fantastic films this year and were so impressed with the high quality of films received, it allowed us to create a diverse programme with something for everyone.

We are showcasing over 150 short films across the weekend, the largest number of films we have shown to date, and our virtual platform allows you to watch all of these for free throughout the weekend!

Our 2020 festival also sees the first year of our student short film category and we have been so impressed with the calibre of films received from the next group of up-and-coming film talent that we will look to expand this category going forward.

As always, we have our family-friendly shorts which will be available to watch on Sunday morning from 10 am. We are also thrilled to be able to share short films from the first graduates of Athlone Institute of Technology's Animation and Illustration course.

While we are of course disappointed that we cannot host the festival in our home town of Ballymahon this year, we hope that 2021 sees the safe return of a full live event, for not only Still Voices but everyone across the arts sector here in Ireland.

We hope you enjoy this year's selection and I look forward to welcoming you back to Ballymahon in person in 2021.

Warmest Regards
Ronan O' Toole
Festival Director

ONLINE PLATFORM

The online platform will be available to browse through our website from August 10th with the first collection of films going live on August 13th.

SHORT FILM LEGEND



Irish Live-Action



International Live-Action



Animation



Non-Fiction

2020 JUDGING PANEL



Norman White

Filmmaker

Norman is a graduate of Visual Media in D.I.T. Norman has worked on numerous award-winning short films in various capacities. His films have screened at several national and international festivals.



Tessa Inkelaar

Producer

Tessa is the Vice President of International Development at the Cinestaan Film Company, overseeing the commissioning and development of the international slate. Tessa also works as an independent producer, having delivered work for BFI, Film 4, Vertigo Films, Channel 4 and Creative England.



Willie Stewart

Filmmaker

Willie Stewart is a Dublin born, Leitrim based filmmaker. Working primarily with the gaps, spaces and parts that aren't there. His latest film "Ludo is Fantastic" has just finished its festival tour.



Natalia Beylis

Artist / Curator

Born in Ukraine, bred in Baltimore, Maryland and now settled in Leitrim, Natalia Beylis' work revolves somewhere between sonic story-teller, composer and multi-instrumental musician. As a curator, Beylis runs the label Sofia Records which puts out small run recordings in individually handmade covers and she also organises outer-realms music, film & art events as Hunters Moon.



David Colohan

Filmmaker / Artist

David is a musician & filmmaker who has scored several short films & contributed music to feature films, including 'No Party For Billy Burns'. Recent projects as director include the documentary 'Dressed Up In Bare Feet' and work in progress 'Outside Broadcast'.

STILL VOICES FILM COMMITTEE

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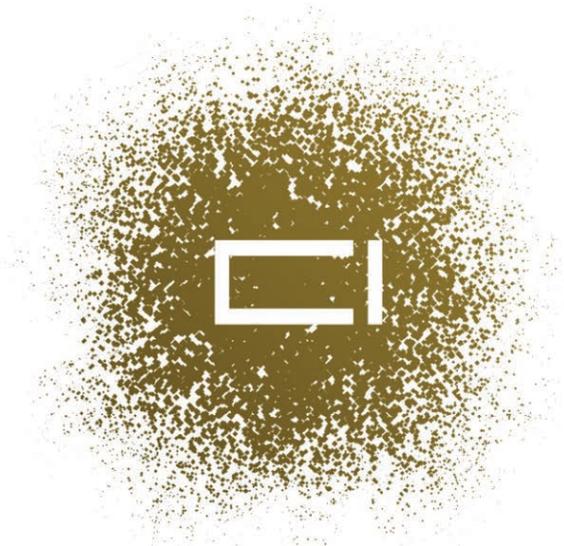
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A county known for its roots in Irish mythology, it's where the legend The Wooing of Étain took place, where beautiful heritage sites like Abbeyshrule's Cistercian abbey can be found, and where rich literary heritage via writers Oliver Goldsmith and Maria Edgeworth hail from. Longford's Creative Ireland Culture and CreativityStrategy is putting culture and creativity front and centre in the lives of its vibrant community members.

For more info check out www.creative.ireland.ie/en/local-plans/longford



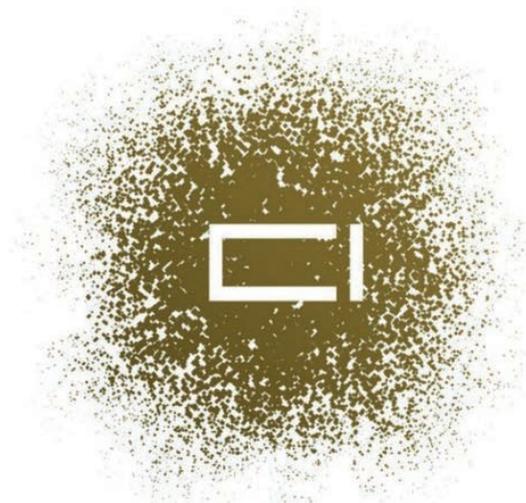
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Creative Ireland is a culture-based programme designed to promote individual, community and national wellbeing. The core proposition is that participation in cultural activity drives personal and collective creativity, with significant implications for individual and societal wellbeing and achievement.

You can find out more about the scheme online at www.creativeireland.gov.ie

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A county boasting rich artistic heritage from renowned Mullingar-based author JP Donleavy to 18th-century writer Oliver Goldsmith, not to mention Athlone's celebrated tenor Count John McCormack, Westmeath's cultural, creative and local roots are all being drawn upon for its Creative Ireland Culture and Creativity Plan. From the growing of Westmeath's profile as a location for film production, to promoting the county's arts and tourism facilities like Athlone Castle and Luan Gallery, as well as strengthening the cultural infrastructure of venues and arts spaces, the county is putting its creativity and cultural heritage centre-stage.

For more info check out www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/creative-communities/westmeath

SHORT FILM AWARDS





Connect & Discover

The Animation and Illustration course is unique to Athlone IT as no other educational provider offers a programme combining animation and illustration at undergraduate or postgraduate level in Ireland. Graduates of this Level 8 degree programme in animation & illustration will have the capacity to apply their knowledge of the core principles of illustration and animation to a broad range of topics which include drawing, storyboarding, character development etc. They will develop the capacity for independent learning, solid analytical and IT-related skills, high levels of critical reasoning etc. through the twin emphasis of both animation and illustration, with an emphasis on problem-solving and team-working capabilities.

Still Voices are delighted to present four short animations from the 2020 graduates which will be available online Aug 13 from 10 am - 10 pm.



Hollie Murphy



Louise Ryan



Ceara Pearson



Shaun Kerins

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Echoes - Diana Acién Manzorro
Spain / 5mins / Animation

Echoes tells the story of a depressed factory worker who has an episode of dissociation.



I Bet - Rasko Miljkovic
Ireland / 20mins / Irish Live-Action

Fintan, a young gambling addict, fights his inner demons in, for him, very bizarre surroundings of St. Marie's Hope House, a general addiction rehab centre.



Mike Drop - Abby Byington, Camryn Duncan, Monica Logroño, Anna Rodefled & Erin Schuessler
United States / 12mins / Non-Fiction

Mike Drop explores the struggles and triumphs of women in the media. We talk to seasoned professionals as well as students working in news, entertainment, and comedy. They paint a clear picture of the past and present, as well as the future, for women in the media.



XY - Anna Karín Lárusdóttir
Iceland / 15mins / International Live-Action

Lisa is fifteen years old and lives with her mother in the suburbs in Iceland. She is different from girls her age, but she hasn't reached puberty. She is isolated and has a big secret about herself.



I Can't Stay Here Anymore - Daniele Ricci & Alessio Morello
Italy / 17mins / Non-Fiction

Jörg is one of the many homeless living near the Vatican. But there is something unusual about him: he appears and talks like a sort of holy man, prophesying, among other things, his next reincarnation as Jesus Christ.

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Clara's Room - Pippa Molony
Ireland / 3mins / Irish Live-Action

Clara's bedroom is the starting point for a mosaic of moments, to provide a glimpse of the life contained therein. The awkward romances, ritualistic tasks, familial tension - the concept of 'Clara's Room' came from a desire to explore the things which play a crucial part in forming who we are.



Under Darkness - Caroline Friend
United States / 20mins / International Live-Action / Irish Premiere

Based on a true story in World War II Poland, a young Jewish woman struggles to survive after her family is murdered. Refusing to give up, she joins the Soviet resistance, and realizes that through photography she can remember the past while documenting for the future.



They - Louisa Rechenbach
United Kingdom / 12mins / Non-Fiction / Irish Premiere

They is an intimate portrait of Hobbit and Jake, who have decided to raise their one-year-old child Anoush gender open. The family lives on a houseboat in the UK and in order to prevent people from making gender-related assumptions, they are keeping the biological sex of their baby a secret.



Reonghee (Alien) - Jegwang Yeon
South Korea / 15mins / International Live-Action

Reonghee and I are illegal aliens. Yesterday, Reonghee died while running away from the Immigrant Office Agents. The company we worked for is only concerned about covering up the mess. I'm going to find Reonghee, who's body the company has hidden somewhere and give her funeral that she deserves.

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Method - Polly Holland
Ireland / 6mins / Animation

Facing angry disembodied heads and headless cows, Square Boi is willing to do anything to get his daily cuppa.



Madrid - Stockholm - Antonio Ledesma Vila & Carmen Kaltchev Soto
Spain / 20mins / International Live-Action

Night falls in Madrid, Eva and María's eyes cross paths.



The West Kerry Cowboy - Cian O Connor
Ireland / 18mins / Irish Live-Action

Big Mac and his dad Frank live a lonely life in the heart of West Kerry. After his mother's death, Big Mac falls into the secretive world of cross dressing. On the day of her anniversary, Big Mac has a confession to make.



The Passing - Nichola Wong
United Kingdom / 15mins / International Live-Action

Yasmine is a talented mortician, she is renowned for her work and making the deceased look their best for their departure into the afterlife.

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Don't Sing - Conor Johnston
Ireland / 12mins / Irish Live-Action

Don't Sing is a short musical film about Ruairi, a bartender in a music club who dreams of performing on stage. When he sees an ad for auditions in the club he finally attempts to act on these dreams. In order to do this, Ruairi must first overcome his own fears and inhibitions.



Out of Place - Peier "Tracy" Shen
United States / 20mins / International Live-Action / Irish Premiere

"Out of Place" is a dual narrative film that explores both the disconnection and the connection between two immigrant lives in the United States.



More Than Just Water - Winnifred Murphy & Chris Davy
Canada / 6mins / Non-Fiction

Patrick Murphy has earned his living from the bounty of Lake Erie his whole working life, but now his livelihood is no longer assured with the decline of the fishing industry and the loss of identity his community faces with the shrinkage of its primary industry.



Reprise - Stanley Xu Ruiyang
Taiwan / 14mins / International Live-Action

A man and a woman who run into each other on the filming set were actually lovers in the past. As they play the roles of a couple in the movie, they think about the relationship they had.

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The Shop That Was - Michael Hughes
Ireland / 10mins / Non-Fiction

"The Shop That Was" reflects upon the impact the closure of the shop has on the local rural community and in particular five of its longstanding customers.



I Am Mackenzie - Artemis Anastasiadou
United States / 20mins / International Live-Action

Caught among toxic masculinity, a sequin dress and a teenage crush, a teen skater, growing up in rural Texas, will have sex for the first time in the back of their dad's truck.



Starry Night - Emma Smith
Ireland / 14mins / Irish Live-Action

With her future hanging in the balance, Cara has a choice to make – abandon her sisters, and pursue her dream in London? Or sacrifice herself, so that one day they too might stand a chance?



The Catch - Thais Drassinower
Peru / 16mins / International Live-Action

The trust between a couple of trapeze artists is threatened before the most important performance of their career.

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Terror - Yonatan Shehoah
Israel / 16mins / International Live-Action

Dan, 45, is a Jerusalem supermarket employee who suffers from PTSD after being caught up in a terrorist attack. On a day in which multiple attacks hit Jerusalem once again, Dan is asked to serve at the meat counter alongside an Arab co-worker.



Ballast - Jesse Gilbert
United Kingdom / 16mins / Irish Live-Action

Beset by grief a man builds himself the means to escape the pains of his existence.



The Midnight Court and Other Aislings - Alexandros Mattei
United Kingdom / 15mins / International Live-Action

Naas, County Kildare, Occupied Ireland. Years before the outbreak of the 1798 rebellion. Niamh, a teenage girl, is overwhelmed by the atrocities that the people of her town are exposed to by the British military.



Still Walking - Rachael Scully
Ireland / 16mins / Non-Fiction

Displaced by Russian forces in 1940, Stanisław Ingłot never lost his connection with Poland. Living in Britain, he survives as his generation slips away.



Cargo - Christina Tournatzés
Germany / 15mins / International Live-Action

On August 26th, 2015 a convoy of human smugglers lets 71 refugees packed in a truck suffocate to death. At dawn smugglers load 71 people from Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq and Iran onto a truck to drive them from Hungary to Germany.

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After The Beep - Florian Bison

United States / 3mins / International Live-Action

'After The Beep' chronicles the day to day life of a mother and her young son living in New York City. Bridging between her motorcycle gang and her duties as a parent, she is urged to redefine the image of a single mother when she receives a message from her estranged ex after 2 years of silence.



A Demonstration - Sasha Litvintseva & Beny Wagner

Germany / 25mins / Non-Fiction

"A Demonstration" is a monster film with no monsters. Inspired by the existence of taxonomies of monsters at the heart of Early Modern European science, the film explores and reinterprets a way of seeing the natural world that is almost impossible to imagine from today's vantage point.



Paper Planes - Megan Robinson & Oisín McFarland Smith

Ireland / 9mins / Irish Live-Action

Paper Planes explores the relationship between two brothers Sean and Sam. Sean journeys across Wicklow reflecting on loss and avoiding responsibility.



The Gaze From Above - Lisa Enes

Norway / 17mins / International Live-Action

Selma travels back to the island where she grew up - a place she never really felt at home. Being there, Selma gets confronted with herself through old friends and past memories. The gaze she feels on her back, is it theirs, or her own?



Lhomme's Dreams - Florent Morin

France / 15mins / Animation

In his cabinet of curiosity, Dr. Lhomme is dreaming himself as an explorer. He goes on to discover an unknown world.



The Presence of Absence - Laura Conlon
Ireland / 3mins / Irish Live-Action

Bridget longs to know her father who died before she was born. A chance encounter with her estranged aunt at a family wake leads her on a surreal journey into the afterlife to search for her father.



Sape - Clémence Marcadier
France / 24mins / International Live-Action

The Great War. Ernest, an 18 years old French sapper, digs a tunnel deep underground in order to place dynamite at a strategic position. But so does the enemy. He is so close that one can hear his voice.



Chicken of the Dead - Julien David
France / 10mins / Animation

Bernard Lepique is the CEO of "Quasi", a company specializing in the production of half-bio, half-antibiotics chickens. Today Bernard is launching its new kind of chicken, but everything does not go as planned...



The Grass Ceiling - Iseult Howlett
Ireland / 15mins / Non-Fiction

This emotive and layered short documentary film vividly captures the raw physicality of team sport, you can feel the grass stains on the players' knees, the flowchart of bruises on their bodies.



In Orbit - Katie McNeice
Ireland / 17mins / Irish Live-Action

There was once an invisible optician, trapped in a strange and lonely world. Her story starts with a broken lens and the woman who taught her to see things differently.



At the Other End of the Table - Lise Remon
France / 3mins / Animation

He tries to talk to her again. As usual, she seems very distant. But how can that be? She's only at the other end of the table.



Personal Growth - Vicky Langan & Maximilian Le Cain
Ireland / 24mins / Irish Live-Action

Personal Growth is an enigmatic, fragmented piece that could have been filmed at any point in the past sixty years. It conveys the haunting charge of a privately made home movie of great significance to its creators but unsettlingly mysterious to viewers.



Murmurs - Nichola Wong
United Kingdom / 17mins / International Live-Action

A father reconnects with his daughter in a most unusual way.



Higher Ground - Nuala Dalton
Ireland / 10mins / Non-Fiction

'Higher Ground' is a short film featuring two hill-farmers, their connection with the land and the connections among the local community. Rural communities worked hard and depended on each other to survive, it was a way of life that fostered strong bonds and rich traditions.



Egg - Martina Scarpelli
France / 12mins / Animation

A woman is locked in her home with an egg, which she is both attracted to and scared of. She eats the egg, she repents. She kills it. She lets the egg die of hunger.

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The Gnomes - Finn Richards
Ireland / 4mins / Non-Fiction

This is the story of The Gnomes: three Irish guys who built a small, biologically intensive farm on a disused part of the Dublin City University (DCU) campus in Glasnevin, Dublin.



So What If The Goats Die - Sofia Alaoui
France / 22mins / International Live-Action Irish Premiere

High in the Atlas Mountains, the young shepherd Abdellah and his father are hemmed in by snow at their goat pen. Their animals are wasting away. Abdellah must go to find supplies at a market village more than a day's walk away.



Halo - Michael-David McKernan
Ireland / 16mins / Irish Live-Action

A lonely taxi driver takes drastic action to protect a passenger from heartbreak.



Look At Me - Nika Fehmiu
United States / 15mins / International Live-Action

On a New York City winter night, the fate of a young intoxicated boy is determined by his brief encounters with strangers, exposing a deeper underlying American truth.

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Esperança - Cécile Rousset, Jeanne Paturle & Benjamin Serero
France / 5mins / Animation

Esperança, 15, has just arrived in France from Angola with her mother. At Amiens station, they don't know where to sleep and look for someone who can help them.



Life After Life - Damien Varley
Ireland / 25mins / Irish Live-Action

It's easy to forget that not everything that weighs you down is yours to carry. Emotional pain rarely discriminates. Whatever creed. Whatever status. Whatever person. It takes no prisoners. Jonny Lumb is discovering this the hard way.



Boys Don't Cry - Bobbie Faren Müller
Denmark / 10mins / Non-Fiction

A girl helps four boys examine and understand why it's difficult for them to show their vulnerabilities and be open about their emotions in today's society.



In This Land We're Briefly Ghosts - Chen-Wen Lo
Myanmar / 16mins / International Live-Action

Myanmar, 2013. Based on actual events, this human tragedy follows a 12-year-old child soldier, Su Su Myat, and her mute brother, Tin Min, who are imprisoned after deserting their first combat mission.



Chestnuts - Tom Lenihan
Ireland / 12mins / Irish Live-Action

Coming of age comedy-drama about two young band members who begin to drift apart. Chloe is lead singer and her best friend, Chestnut, is the drummer. Chestnut's parents are wary of Chloe and protective of their only child as Chestnut was born with a large chestnut shell for a head.



Parenting - Aoife Nic Ardghail
Ireland / 5mins / Irish Live-Action

Fred has daughter Helen at her wits' end with his moaning, until she finds an excuse to get him out of the house.



La Flaca (The Bony Lady) - Adriana Barbosa & Thiago Zanato
Mexico / 20mins / International Live-Action

La Flaca is a film about Arely Vazquez, a transgender woman and leader of the Santa Muerte (Saint Death) Cult in Queens, New York. During her yearly celebration to the Bony Lady ("La Flaca" as she likes to call her), Arely faces a lot of challenges to fulfill a promise she made ten years ago.



Dreams Into Drawing - Koji Yamamura
Japan / 10mins / Animation

The painter KUWAGATA KEISAI lived over 200 years ago. He illustrated Ways to Sketch a series of picture books depicting humans and animals, all richly expressed. One day he was sketching a carp when suddenly he fell asleep and, in his dream, transfigured into a carp.



At Night, I Dream - Frédérique Buck
Luxembourg / 17mins / Non-Fiction

Entirely shot in the elevator of a retirement home, "At Night, I dream", is a documentary about tender encounters with fellow human beings. A tale about age, aging, loss, love, longing, mourning and the power of human connection.



Everything Looks Better In The Sunshine - Jonathan Farrelly & Mark Smyth
Ireland / 13mins / Irish Live-Action

Patsy is an anomaly, a friendly and well-liked traffic warden! He meets his friend Wanda and they chat about dating and his lack of it! He goes on with his work and while crossing the road (and simultaneously on Tinder!) he's hit by a lady on a bike, with a basket full of flowers.

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Hudson Geese - Bernardo Britto
United States / 5mins / Animation

A goose remembers his last migration.



Tomatic - Christophe Saber
France / 20mins / International Live-Action

Three best friends, Jimmy, Samy and Sofi, have the trailblazing idea: to turn a chocolate dispenser into a pot-vending machine. Also, there's a dog in the film.



Discontent - Tony O'Donnell
Ireland / 10mins / Irish Live-Action / Irish Premiere

A woman's conversation with a therapist after her husband has been found innocent of child abuse. How has this effected her relationship with her husband and their young daughter?



Reminiscences of the Green Revolution - Dean Colin Marcial
Philippines / 16mins / International Live-Action

A ghost story about love and eco-terrorism in the Philippines.



RIP Rebirth and Throbbing - Rafa G. Sánchez
Spain / 12mins / Non-Fiction

A funeral music wakes the neighborhood of Carolinas in Alicante. Neighbors dressed in mourning walk carrying a coffin and flowers through its streets. But no death is commemorated, not yet. The neighbors of Carolinas will fight and cause it to be reborn and to throb.

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Swipe - Niels Bourgonje
Netherlands / 6mins / International Live-Action

A girl finds out that she has a match on a dating app with a stranger, despite swiping him to the left moments ago. She starts to fear that the man is dangerously close to her.



The Butterfly Love Song - Luke Morgan
Ireland / 14mins / Irish Live-Action

A film by Project Spatula, produced by Morgan Creative, John Herbert and Seamus Scanlon. Based on the award-winning short story by Seamus Scanlon.



20 Yards From a Crow - Al Butler
Ireland / 10mins / Non-Fiction

Ricky Whelan looks at the world of Crows that exists around us.



Deadman's Reach - Quentin Vien
United Kingdom / 11mins / Animation

After falling asleep on the London underground, a man finds himself mysteriously spirited into the desert where he follows an illusive trail of a failed love affair. Through the exploration of song writing, the man eventually reaches catharsis and the acceptance that allows him to move on, and to find his way out of the desert.



Amalgama - Alejandra Wills
Colombia / 13mins / International Live-Action

Alcira is a peasant woman, whose features bear her pain and sorrow. She lives alone in a peasant house. Henry, shy and demure, comes over to help with trying tasks. Their relationship is strained. Alcira becomes annoyed whenever Henry is near.



Why Slugs Have No Legs - Aline Höchli
Switzerland / 11mins / Animation

Slugs have a hard time keeping up with the pace of life in the city of insects. When a financial crisis hits, the industrious bees only see one solution.

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Bill O'Dea: Fungophilic - Al Butler
Ireland / 5mins / Non-Fiction

Irish Mushroom expert Bill O'Dea brings us into the seemingly infinite world of Mushrooms and explains their profound impact on the world we live in.



Committed - Lee Gilat
Israel / 20mins / International Live-Action

Committed takes place on the day when Leah forces her younger sister Batya to confront their father's mental illness for the first time in a very long time and demands of Batya to hospitalize him.



Deady Freddy - Alicia Eisen
Canada / 10mins / Animation

After a life well lived, Freddy is afforded a chilling encore - he must live his life backwards through the eyes of every bug he has ever killed.



A Better You - Eamonn Murphy
Ireland / 16mins / Irish Live-Action

Set in a dystopian Neo-Steam-punk World, Douglas a shy introvert enlists the help of "A Better You" a customisable carbon clone to help him win the girl of his dreams.



The Cunning Man - Zoë Dobson
United Kingdom / 13mins / International Live-Action

The Cunning Man is inspired by a real Cunning Man, John Harries (c.1785 - 1839). It's an enchanted tale of compassion in the face of callous greed.



Maraña - Brisa Sanchez
Mexico / 6mins / Animation / Irish Premiere

Tochtli, a broken rabbit that is caught in the darkness of a huge forest, is persecuted for a being from which he has run away all his life. Tochtli will have to face his fears to reach the light that represents his bigger longing.



The Trap - Nada Riyadh
Egypt / 20mins / International Live-Action / Irish Premiere

Away from prying eyes, a young unmarried couple retreat to the depth of a desolate run-down Egyptian seaside resort, to make love. The power dynamic between them is tested, when the girl reveals she wants their relationship to end.



Miss and Missus - Katie Bridget Murphy
United Kingdom / 10mins / Irish Live-Action

Childhood best friends try to bridge the distance between them on a girl's night.



Hello Ahma - Siyou Tan
Singapore / 15mins / International Live-Action / Irish Premiere

Unable to return home to attend Grandma's funeral because of immigration bureaucracy, a young Singaporean girl new to America searches for Grandma's reincarnation in a pet store turtle.



Superheroes Without Superpower - Beatrice Baldacci
Italy / 13mins / Non-Fiction

Someone puts a VHS in a videorecorder. As soon as the videotape is played, television images of all kind appear on the screen. The images are blurred: these are Beatrice's childhood memories



I Love My Wife... - Ian Tierney
United Kingdom / 6mins / Irish Live-Action

Richard Feynman is one of the most widely celebrated physicists of all time. Following his death in 1988, a sealed envelope was discovered among his personal effects. Inside was a letter written by Feynman to his high-school sweetheart and first wife Arline, unearthing a private tragedy that he had suffered when he was just 28.



Black Forest - Jean-Marc E.Roy & Philippe David Gagné
France / 20mins / International Live-Action

Jura, in France. A judge asks for a reconstruction of a crime scene to shed light on all the unresolved questions of a murder. The accused, a family of three Quebecois, have to strictly recreate the crime's day in front of Justice.



The Blocks - Gareth Gowran
Ireland / 10mins / Non-Fiction

The Blocks is an animated short film made by the Rialto Community Drug Team family support group, Step by Step with artist Gareth Gowran and his small production company Splitting Borders.



Exam - Sonia K. Hadad
Iran / 15mins / International Live-Action

A teenage girl gets involved in the process of delivering a pack of cocaine to its client, and ends up stuck in a weird cycle of occurrences.



Daughter - Daria Kashcheeva
Czech Republic / 15mins / Animation

Should you hide your pain? Close yourself inside your inner world, full of longing for your father's love and its displays? Or should you understand and forgive before it is too late?



Twin - Ciarán Dooley
Ireland / 6mins / Irish Live-Action

Over the course of her 21st Birthday, Ava explores the grief felt by the loss of her twin sister and attempts to overcome it. A musing on emotions still present and those lost, and a remembrance of a constant reminder.



Adam - Shoki Lin
Singapore / 20mins / International Live-Action

Tired of his turbulent family life, Adam seeks out an alternative arrangement in hopes of finding his place.



Up & Away - Jamie Goldrick
Ireland / 15mins / Non-Fiction

Up & Away is a short documentary on the 1973 IRA Mountjoy Helicopter Escape. Told through the eyes for four men who were in the prison that day, two Wardens and two Republican prisoners.



Interstate 8 - Anne Thieme
Germany / 15mins / International Live-Action / Irish Premiere

In the southern United States, two young women meet by chance in the back of a police car and, without saying a word, experience the injustice hovering above them.



The Girl At The End Of The Garden - Bonnie Dempsey
Ireland / 14mins / Irish Live-Action

A slapstick comedy about an unhappy young girl whose life is turned upside-down when she finds a mysterious runaway with psychic powers in her back garden.

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They Found Her in a Field - Ellie Rogers

United Kingdom / 6mins / International Live-Action / Irish Premiere

Haunted by the death of her classmate and first love, Martha returns, ten years on, to their old meeting place. But as the memories of their relationship come flooding back, she must confront the tragic mystery that put an end to it.



Wild Berries - Marianna Vas & Hedda Bednarszky

Romania / 19mins / Non-Fiction

The sensorial journey of a solitary boy immersed in his own world. Wandering through fields and forests in a desolate landscape, he heads further towards the unknown at every step.



Maya - Sophia Tamburrini

Ireland / 11mins / Irish Live-Action

A man living in an idyllic simulated world is forced to return to a life he sought desperately to escape.



Song Sparrow - Farzaneh Omidvarnia

Denmark / 12mins / Animation

Song Sparrow is about immigration. People of different color and race and culture, old and young, embark on journeys, eager to find some place they can call home, or just some place they can live in.



Run - Caroline Grace-Cassidy & Roisin Kearney

Ireland / 9mins / Irish Live-Action

A woman's eyes are opened to her coercive, controlling partner when an old friend is allowed to come to dinner.



Walk a Mile - Judith Cowley

New Zealand / 15mins / International Live-Action

Grumpy old Russ lives next door to a noisy family, whom he hates. All he wants is peace and quiet and not have to care about anyone. But when something happens to his neighbours, he realises he does care.

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A Sense Of Joy - Roisin Jones
Ireland / 6mins / Irish Live-Action

A cantankerous musician endeavors to break a magical curse by passing on a sense of joy to others; something which doesn't come naturally to him.



She Runs - Qiu Yang
China / 20mins / International Live-Action

In an ordinary Chinese winter, a small city junior high student, YU, tries to quit her school aerobic dancing team.



Welcome To A Bright White Limbo - Cara Holmes
Ireland / 11 mins / Non-Fiction

Oona Doherty is a Belfast based dancer and choreographer. She is bold, complex, arresting, and ambitious. This innovative, poetic and visually arresting documentary is a portrait of Oona and the creative process of her award winning show 'Hope Hunt'.



Nature's Crime - Valentina Bertuzzi
Italy / 15mins / International Live-Action

When Aida's best friend, Lola, goes missing from class, Aida sets out to find her and discovers parts of their school that are better left undisturbed...



Sledge - Mickaël Dupre
France / 13mins / Animation

Marion would like to go sledding on the hill of her childhood, she brings her brother in the mountain in order to find it once more.

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Pulsion - Pedro Casavecchia
Argentina / 7mins / Animation

Dark feelings harvested during the childhood of a kid erupt in violence after his mother dies. Pulsión (Drive) explores themes of abuse and dysfunctional family environments.



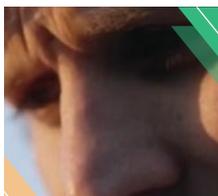
Mood Atlas - Mia Mullarkey
Ireland / 25mins / Non-Fiction

Mood Atlas is a short documentary exploring Bipolar Disorder through one man's experiences, and his search for hope in neuroscience. Shane is participating in a research study in which a team of scientists are mapping the brain, in order to better predict, diagnose and treat Bipolar Disorder.



En Route - Marit Weerheijm
Netherlands / 10mins / International Live-Action

When Inay (9) and her little brother have to join their father on a special trip through the city, she tries everything to cause a delay. She knows that if they arrive late at their destination, she will be rewarded with loads of sweet desserts.



The Bridge - Mark Smyth
Ireland / 15mins / Irish Live-Action

After the sudden death of his parents a young man must choose between returning to his home village in the west of Ireland to care for his estranged brother, and a bright future in Canada.

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The Germans - Melanie Carolin Wigger
Switzerland / 7mins / Animation / Irish Premiere

Living through the air raids of the German Luftwaffe 1940, the little boy Paul tries to explain to himself what's happening to the city during the nights he's taking shelter down in the London Underground.



Daniel - Claire van Beek
New Zealand / 19mins / International Live-Action

A young novice at an isolated convent is confronted with the sudden desire to explore her sexual self in the wake of meeting a blue-tongued lizard. Daniel is a religious erotic drama set in rural New Zealand which explores female sexual repression.



The Last Press - Thomas Broadhead
United Kingdom / 8mins / Non-Fiction

Roger Wilkins is a well-known character throughout Somerset (and the world). Having frequented cookery shows across major TV channels, he has found small-scale fame for the provenance of his cider and warmth of his well-oiled hospitality.



Saving Grace - Siobhán Kavanagh
Ireland / 13mins / Irish Live-Action

After Grace's husband dies, their once thriving music venue becomes silent and now only frequented by her best friend Jess and her loyal customer Jim. They are forced out of this rut when they face losing one of the trio.



Sh_t Happens - Michaela Mihalyi & David Štumpf
Czech Republic / 13mins / Animation

The caretaker exhausted by everything, his frustrated wife and one totally depressed deer. Their mutual despair leads them to absurd events, because... shit happens all the time.



Finding Red - Caroline Rumley
United States / 7mins / Non-Fiction / Irish Premiere

An intimate portrait of the artist's search for inspiration.



Where Still Waters Lie - Adam O'Keeffe
Ireland / 19mins / Irish Live-Action / Irish Premiere

As a couple finds themselves drifting apart they leave gaps for more than just silence, turning a healing weekend away into horror of mis-trust and fear.



Blocks - Bridget Moloney
United States / 11mins / International Live-Action

An existential comedy about the mother of two young children who begins to spontaneously vomit toy blocks.



Sororal - Louise Mercadier & Frédéric Even
France / 15mins / Animation

Three sisters are facing an impending disaster: the imminent flooding by the Sea of the lands where they live. In the midst of such chaos, the sisterly union is shaken up and each of the sisters experiences the imminence of death, in their inner selves, in a different way.



Jill and Giles - Alison Byrne
Ireland / 13mins / Non-Fiction

'Jill and Giles' is a short human interest portrait documentary based on an English couple who have spent 20 years living and working on a boat with half of that time being spent on the River Shannon in Ireland.

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A Cat Called Jam - Lorraine Lordan
Ireland / 8mins / Animation

A Cat Called Jam tells the story of Jam, a Maine Coon cat who sees himself differently to how the rest of the world sees him.



Float - Saila Huusko
Finland / 21mins / Non-Fiction

Women in Sri Lanka confront community expectations by learning to swim and, along the way, swimming becomes a way to float in life.



INTERSTICE - Oskar Willers
Sweden / 11 mins / International Live-Action

When Anders makes an indecent proposal to his younger boyfriend Micke, things take a very sudden dark turn.



Day in the Sun - Ciaran Crudden
Ireland / 15mins / Irish Live-Action

Fermanagh along with Wicklow, are one of only two counties in Ireland to have never won a Senior provincial GAA title. Despite over 130 years of waiting, fans like Brian Connolly have never stopped dreaming.



The Kite - Martin Smatana
Czech Republic / 13mins / Animation

The Kite deals with the issue of death, but it does so in a simple metaphorical and symbolic way on the relationship between the little boy and his grandpa. It explains that none of us are here forever and that all living creatures must die, but also to show that death doesn't mean the end of our journey.

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Belief and Belonging - Darren Doyle
Ireland / 11 mins / Non-Fiction

Pat Divilly is a renowned Irish speaker on topics such as health, wellness and leadership with a highly engaged audience. His journey has been far from easy with many twists and turns along the way.



Per Aspera Ad Astra - Franck Dion
France / 11 mins / Animation

The daily life of a little hen housekeeper, torn between her work, her children and her old mother.



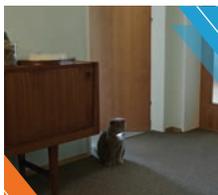
Funfair - Kaveh Mazaheri
Iran / 15mins / International Live-Action

Majid a young financially struggling man comes up with a ploy in order to better the life of his wife Sarah.



Bronagh - Jessica Courtney Leen & Megan Haly
Ireland / 13mins / Irish Live-Action

Bronagh isolates herself in a foreign place to be alone with grief, but caught between imagination and reality she soon invents some contrary coping mechanisms.



All Cats Are Grey in the Dark - Lasse Linder
Switzerland / 18mins / Non-Fiction

Christian lives with his two cats Marmelade and Katjuscha. As he is yearning to become a father, he decides to fertilize his beloved cat Marmelade by an exquisite tomcat from abroad.

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Coaster - Amos Sussigan
United States / 8mins / Animation

Coaster is a coming-of-age animated short that follows a recent graduate experiencing the literal ups and downs of adulthood after moving into his first house, which happens to be built atop a roller coaster in sync with his emotions.



To Sonny - Federico Spiazzi & Maggie Briggs
United States / 19mins / International Live-Action / Irish Premiere

Set in the American South just before the 2016 presidential elections, 'To Sonny' follows a vending machine loader on his daily, lonely route.



Betrayal - Scott Calonico
United States / 11mins / Non-Fiction

Andy, deserted as a child in East Germany by his father, discovers a forgotten 40 year old goodbye letter.



Stray - Sinead O'Loughlin
Ireland / 15mins / Irish Live-Action

An elderly woman returns to her home after a violent break in that has robbed her of her husband and her peace of mind. Now alone, only she can discover if she is ready, or able, to begin life again.



Daughterhood - Karine Dalsin
Brazil / 13mins / Non-Fiction

Daughterhood is an audiovisual diary of Karine's return from Dublin to her parents' farm in Brazil to help her elder father recover from a femur fracture.



Little Chief - Erica Tremblay
United States / 12mins / International Live-Action

Against the landscape of a rural reservation in Oklahoma, the lives of a Native woman and nine-year-old boy intersect over the course of a school day.

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Solar Plexus - David McShane
United Kingdom / 9mins / Animation / Irish Premiere

Noah battles to overcome his grief at the death of his mother, a journey that takes him from his flat to beyond the stars.



The Devil's Harmony - Dylan Holmes Williams
United Kingdom / 14mins / International Live-Action

A bullied teenage girl leads an a cappella club on a trail of destruction against her high school enemies.



Rip to the Rescue! - Paudie Baggott
Ireland / 14mins / Irish Live-Action

In the post-apocalyptic Irish midlands an overconfident American jet pilot tries to rescue a beautiful young woman from her domineering Mammy - but 'round here - getting involved with family can be deadly



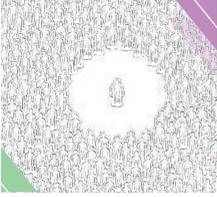
The Family Farm - Karine Dalsin
Sweden / 13mins / Non-Fiction / Irish Premiere

A daughter moves from the family farm as a nineteen year old. Twenty years later her aging parents still live and work on the farm.



Animal - Russell Leigh Sharman
United States / 14mins / International Live-Action / European Premiere

A short film about the existential terror of coming of age.



Kids - Michael Frei
Switzerland / 9mins / Animation

An animated short exploring group dynamics. How do we define ourselves when we are all equal?



Moth - Alexey Frenkel
Russia / 18mins / International Live-Action

Three generations of the family lived all together. But then everything changed. The grandma remained alone, her granddaughter visits her less and less and her daughter doesn't see her at all.



Spread The Wings - Alice McDowell
Ireland / 12mins / Non-Fiction

Sisters Maggie and Nora are from the Irish Traveller community - an indigenous nomadic ethnic minority group. Although forced off the road in the 1980s with the introduction of anti-trespass legislation, Maggie and Nora still travel back to Connemara.



Topanga - Aycil Yeltan
United States / 15mins / International Live-Action

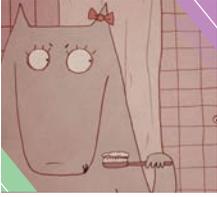
Hearing impaired, homeless Gala escapes from a man who continually abuses her. While her life becomes a routine in an abandoned old truck on a mountain road, she is unaware the abusive man finds out where her hiding place is.



Day Out - Virginia Gilbert
Ireland / 13mins / Irish Live-Action

A father takes his daughters on an impromptu day out to the seaside with unsettling consequences.

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Toomas Beneath the Valley of the Wild Wolves - Chintis Lundgren
Estonia / 18mins / Animation

After losing a well paid engineering job, Toomas, a young hot wolf, gets cornered into working as a gigolo to support his family. He is keeping it as a secret from his pregnant wife Viivi.



Blood and Glory - Satinder Kaur
United States / 12mins / International Live-Action / Irish Premiere

Two homeless, female veterans' friendship is tested when they confront adversity, discrimination, and even mother nature itself in their attempt to find work and get through the day.



Mr. Somebody - Brian Wertheim
United States / 11 mins / Non-Fiction

A former Crip gang member searches for redemption after 14 years behind bars.



Innocent Boy - John Connors
Ireland / 13mins / Irish Live-Action

The story of Jack a young Irish Traveller boy. Who also has hearing difficulties, his only escape from an overbearing world of emotional deafness is bareback on his beloved painted Mare.



Stay Awake, be Ready - Pham Thien An
Viet Nam / 14mins / International Live-Action / Irish Premiere

A motorbike crash happening before the street stalls on a street corner was embedded in the mysterious story of three young men.

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The Lonely Orbit - Frederic Siegel & Benjamin Morard
Switzerland / 9mins / Animation / Irish Premiere

A satellite technician's inability to cope with his solitude causes a chain reaction in space and in his own mind.



Offseason - Ioachim Stroe
Romania / 18mins / International Live-Action

Two people wake up on a deserted beach in the aftermath of a curious incident - they don't remember how they got there nor who the other is.



Match - Laura O' Shea & Tony Doyle
Ireland / 12mins / Irish Live-Action

Two strangers 'match' online and meet for a casual ride - of a Monday, no less. What they both expected is quickly turned on its head, as they both face their separate issues together over the course of one night.



Dafa Metti (Difficult) - Tal Amiran
United Kingdom / 15mins / Non-Fiction / Irish Premiere

Under Paris' glittering Eiffel Tower, illegal Senegalese migrants sell miniature souvenirs of the monument, to support their families back home. Far from their loved ones and hounded by the police, each day is a struggle through darkness in the City of Lights.



Three Deaths - Jay Dockendorf
United States / 13mins / International Live-Action

The deaths of three strangers are contrasted in a modern update of a short story by Leo Tolstoy.



The Secret Box - The Rise of Paperboy - G.S. Leitgeb
Ireland / 10mins / Irish Live-Action

As part of The Secret Box Trilogy, The Rise of Paperboy comes to us as a stand-alone motion picture short, introducing us to a 7-year-old Paperboy and letting us witness his first encounter with ancient paranormal forces in 1885.



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