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## **Together Again**

The Fargo Film Festival is about movies. It showcases some of the finest and most original content being produced today. If you join us this week, your eyeballs will delight in some positively outstanding films.

But the Fargo Film Festival is not only about movies.

I learned that standing in the back of a darkened cinema, watching as 800 people held their breath or discovered a new truth or laughed until they cried or just regular cried or shrieked as the monster closed in. I've felt energy ripple through an audience in waves as they collectively realize that they are witnessing something remarkable.



Emily Beck FARGO THEATRE Executive Director

The Fargo Film Festival is about those moments – the connections between storytellers and their audiences and the bonds we forge as movie goers as we share these adventures with each other.

The FFF team is grateful that technology allowed us to host virtual festivals in 2020 and 2021 while we were unable to gather. Those years apart made it clear that there is no true substitution for the silver screen and the sublime togetherness of the cinematic experience. We are so glad to be back. We are so glad you are here.

Thank you for coming to the 2022 Fargo Film Festival. ENJOY THE SHOW!

-mily



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#### THE 2022 FARGO FILM FESTIVAL IS DEDICATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF

## Tom Brandau Bob Harris Peggy O'Neill



Each of these incredible people left an indelible mark on the festival and the FM arts community. We hold these dear friends in our hearts as we gather to celebrate something they loved — the magic of the movies.



#### THE 2022 FARGO FILM FESTIVAL MARGIE BAILLY VOLUNTEER SPIRIT AWARD

## Lisa Faiman

LISA FAIMAN is a Dickinson, ND native who has lived in Fargo since she came to NDSU in the fall of 1989. She currently works in the IT Division at Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND. Before 2002, Lisa couldn't name a film festival other than Sundance and Cannes. In March of 2002, a well-timed article in the High Plains Reader promoted the second Fargo Film Festival opening night feature Do It for Uncle Manny, and together with her sister Kendra, Lisa attended that night, the following afternoon, a midnight showing, and every year since.

At the Plains Art Museum pre-party in 2010, Lisa overheard Jeff Walkowski (current volunteer) ask Margie Bailly how he could become a volunteer. That conversation inspired Lisa to volunteer, and while she wondered what an English major who works in IT could contribute, she decided to give it a chance for one year. She had an informal interview with Margie Bailly and Emily Beck at the theatre and served on the Documentary Feature jury for the 2011



festival. That one year has become more than a decade of volunteer leadership, as Lisa has served as a Jury Chair on the Documentary Feature, Documentary Short, Narrative Short, and Student categories, as well as serving as Volunteer Coordinator and a 3-year term as Festival Co-Chair.

Lisa is thankful for her fellow volunteers, the festival leadership, and for the filmmakers and friends she's met through the Fargo Film Festival. She is happy to support Downtown Fargo and the arts, and encourages you to do the same.

The Margie Bailly Volunteer Spirit Award is given to an outstanding individual whose contributions to the Fargo Film Festival go above and beyond expectations for service, commitment, and ambassadorship. Named for former Fargo Theatre executive director and Fargo Film Festival co-founder Margie Bailly, the honor was established in 2011.

## THE FARGO FILM FESTIVAL HONORS THE LIFE AND WORK OF Tom Brandau

As a filmmaker, actor, writer, festival volunteer, and educator, Tom Brandau's contributions to the cinematic arts shaped a legacy that will be treasured for generations. Tom was a graduate of the American Film Institute and winner of a Regional Student Academy Award for his documentary Whales, Ltd.

He held an MFA in Theatre from Towson University where he also began his career in film education. In 2003 Tom moved from Baltimore to Moorhead to join Rusty Casselton as faculty for the MSUM film department.

Over the next 15 years, he would instruct and inspire hundreds of young filmmakers while continuing to earn accolades for his own work. Tom served on the Fargo Theatre Board of Directors and in several leadership roles for the Fargo Film Festival. In 2020 he received the FFF's highest honor, the Ted M. Larson Award, recognizing his lifelong dedication to film production and education.



Tom passed away in 2021 after a valiant battle with cancer. His memory will be cherished by his fellow volunteers at the Fargo Film Festival, his students, his friends and family, his wife and creative partner lanet, and his stepchildren Kate and Daniel.

> In honor of Tom's legacy and artistic achievements, the Fargo Film Festival will present the

Tom Brandau Award FOR BEST NARRATIVE SHORT to the category's most exceptional selection every year.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO The Letter Room

Winner of the 2022 Best in Show Best Picture and Tom Brandau Award for Best Narrative Short Film DIRECTED BY ELVIRA LIND



# 2 - Minute Friday 9:30 p.m. Movie Contest Produced by greg carlson

Tiny run times, ginormous personalities. This dynamic program of pint-sized pictures spans all genres and includes work from filmmakers close to home and around the globe. From kids capturing images on cell phones to the shortest movie ever nominated for an Oscar, the 2-Minute Movie Contest has delighted curious Fargo Film Festival audiences for years. See what a group of ingenious artists can do when given but a single rule: Tell us a story in 120 seconds or less.



**WED 16** 7:00 p.m. SCREEN



Fly

**SAT 19** 3:50 p.m.



Annah la Javanaise

**SAT 19** 3:15 p.m. SCREEN 2



Homebird

**FRI 18** 10:00 a.m. SCREEN



Aurora

**FRI 18** 1:30 p.m. SCREEN 2



A Different Kind of Different

**THU 17** 10:40 a.m. SCREEN 2



**FRI 18** 10:05 a.m. CREEN 1



Forever

WFD 16 10:00 a.m. SCREEN



FreeBird

**WFD 16** 4:20 p.m.



Hold Me Tight

## **ANIMATION WINNERS**

#### Fly

#### Winner: Best Animated Film

Directed by Carlos Gómez-Mira Sagrado | Spain | 16 mins A lonely bird, unable to migrate with the rest of its flock, finds purpose and joy when it begins to care for a new hatchling.

#### Annah la Javanaise **Honorable Mention**

Directed by Fatimah Tobing Rony | Indonesia | 6 mins In 1893, a 13-year-old girl came to work for French painter Paul Gauguin as his maid and model. They called her Annah la Javanaise. This is a re-imagining of her story.

## Homebird

#### **Honorable Mention**

Directed by Ewa Smyk | United Kingdom | 10 mins Struggling to find her place in the big city, a young artist finds herself retreating into the rose-colored memories of the village she left behind.

## **ANIMATION OFFICIAL SELECTIONS**

#### Aurora

Directed by Jo Meuris | USA | 6 mins A little girl forms a life-changing bond with a beautiful horse named Aurora.

## A Different Kind of Different

Directed by Jordan Baseman | United Kingdom | 14 mins With candor and humor, Alicia reflects on life after breast cancer, mastectomy tattoos, and what it means to be a work in progress.

## Drawing on Autism

Directed by Alex Widdowson | United Kingdom | 10 mins A filmmaker investigates the ethics of creating animated documentaries and how autism is represented on screen.

#### Forever

Directed by Mitch McGlocklin | USA | 8 mins A life insurance company uses an AI algorithm to determine the risk of a new applicant. The subsequent denial sparks a period of introspection for the individual in question.

#### FreeBird

Directed by Joe Bluhm and

Michael Joseph McDonald | Canada | 6 mins A young man with Down syndrome learns to navigate the world with the support of his loving mother, his friends, and his life long crush.

## Hold Me Tight

Directed by Mélanie Robert-Tourneur | Belgium | 7 mins In the heart of a dark forest, two figures have an intense and bittersweet encounter.

### In the Shadow of the Pines

Directed by Anne Koizumi | Canada | 8 mins A filmmaker reflects on her complicated relationship with her father, a Japanese immigrant who worked as a janitor at her elementary school.

#### Little Forest

Directed by Paulina Muratore | Argentina | 9 mins Mizu cares for a small sapling in the forest. Over the years, she and the tree grow together and form a deep connection.

#### **Oldboy's Apples**

Directed by Brad Hock | USA | 7 mins Beyond the hedge, beneath the well, ancient spirits sing their song to reawaken the mystery of the hidden apple.

### Our Bed Is Green

Directed by Maggie Brennan | USA | 7 mins Seeking refuge from everyday life, a young woman visits an immersive virtual reality experience.

#### Polka-Dot Boy

Directed by Sarina Nihei | France | 8 mins A boy with a polka-dot disease discovers that his condition may be connected to a mysterious group.

#### Souvenir Souvenir

Directed by Bastien Dubois | France | 16 mins Eager to learn more about his grandfather's past, a filmmaker attempts to make a short animated movie a bout a collection of Algerian war souvenirs.

#### Stereotype

Directed by Dahyun Beak and Nahyun Beak | USA | 11 mins The border between two neighboring lands becomes the site of an escalating confrontation.

#### The Train Station

Directed by Lyana Patrick | Canada | 2 mins A filmmaker shares her family's powerful story of love and survival at Lejac Indian Residential School.

#### Wayback

Directed by Carlos Salgado | Spain | 8 mins After discovering a flower on a distant planet, an explorer begins the arduous journey home.

> FILMS IN THE FARGO FILM FESTIVAL HAVE NOT BEEN RATED FOR ADULT CONTENT AND MAY INCLUDE VIOLENCE, NUDITY, LANGUAGE AND ADULT SITUATIONS. VIEWER DISCRETION IS ADVISED.







In the Shadow of the Pines



FRI 18 10:15 a.m. SCREEN 2

Little Forest





Oldboy's Apples



TUES 15 2:10p.m. screen 1 SAT 19 10:50 a.m. screen 1

Our Bed Is Green



FRI 18 10:05 a.m. SCREEN 2

Polka-Dot Boy



WED 16 10:45 a.m. SCREEN 2

Souvenir Souvenir



FRI 18 10:25 a.m. SCREEN 2

Stereotype



FRI 18 10:00 a.m. SCREEN 1

The Train Station



FRI 18 10:35 a.m. SCREEN 2

Wayback





Krimes

WED 16 11:00 a.m. SCREEN 2



High Maintenance





A Decent Home

FRI 18 10:45 a.m. SCREEN 2



Eatnameamet: Our Silent Struggle





Muscle Memory

FRI 18 10:30 a.m. SCREEN 1



North by Current

#### **DOCUMENTARY FEATURE WINNERS**

#### Krimes

#### Winner: The Bill Synder Award for Best Documentary Feature Directed by Alysa Nahmias | USA | 85 mins

While incarcerated in federal prison, artist Jesse Krimes secretly creates an astonishing 40-foot mural made with bedsheets, hair gel, and newspaper. With the help of fellow artists, he smuggles out each panel piece by piece. As Jesse's work captures the attention of the art world, he struggles to adjust to life outside.

#### High Maintenance Honorable Mention

Directed by Barak Heymann | Israel | 66 mins Legendary artist Dani Karavan has created nearly 100 environmental installations around the world and has won the most prestigious art awards. As he approaches 90, Karavan embarks on an emotional, political journey with his latest commission.

## **DOCUMENTARY FEATURE OFFICIAL SELECTIONS**

#### A Decent Home

Directed by Sara Terry | USA | 86 mins

There are 46,500 mobile home parks throughout the United States. These communities have provided affordable housing for residents, but that reality is changing. As private equity firms and wealthy investors buy entire parks, homeowners are left in an impossible position.

#### Eatnameamet: Our Silent Struggle

Directed by Suvi West | Finland | 74 mins The Sámi are Europe's only remaining indigenous people. Their existence is tied to their language, traditional knowledge and relationship to the land, which they nurture so that it may sustain future generations. In the midst of this serene landscape howls a series of injustices, broken rights, and laws.

#### **Muscle Memory**

Directed by Mary Trunk | USA | 83 mins

Nine former dance majors at the University of California, Santa Cruz are reunited after decades of adulthood to find out how their youthful dreams of a life in dance unfolded. Though much has changed in their lives, the group finds pure joy as they once again have the opportunity to dance.

#### North by Current

Directed by Angelo Madsen Minax | USA | 86 mins After the inconclusive death of his infant niece, filmmaker Angelo Madsen Minax returns to his rural Michigan hometown and reflects on generational addiction, Christian fervor, and trans embodiment. Much like the relentless Michigan seasons, the meaning of family shifts, as Madsen, his sister, and his parents strive to accept each other.

### Trusted Messenger

Directed by Chris Newberry | USA | 57 mins In 2021, the world still grapples with COVID-19 and widespread vaccine hesitancy poses a huge obstacle for global health. In Minnesota, a diverse ensemble of health care professionals set out to convince at-risk communities across the state to trust a health system that has historically failed them.

#### Vinyl Nation

Directed by Christopher Boone and Kevin Smokler | USA | 93 mins The vinyl record renaissance over the past decade has brought new fans to a classic format. This same revival has made buying music more expensive and has benefited established bands over independent artists. How will the second life of vinyl impact the music industry and the growing base of record collectors?

## **DOCUMENTARY SHORT WINNERS**

#### When We Were Bullies Winner: Best Documentary Short

Directed by Jay Rosenblatt | USA | 35 mins A mind-boggling coincidence inspires documentary filmmaker lay Rosenblatt to track down his fifth grade classmates. He asks them to share memories of a bullying incident that occurred 50 years ago while reflecting on his complicity and the bully in all of us.

#### Snowy

#### **Honorable Mention**

Directed by Alexander Lewis and Kaitlyn Schwalje | USA | 12 mins Snowy, a four-inch-long pet turtle, has lived an isolated life in the family basement. With help from a team of experts and his caretaker Uncle Larry, we ask: Can Snowy be happy, and what would it take?

## **DOCUMENTARY SHORT OFFICIAL SELECTIONS**

#### 6,000 Waiting

Directed by Michael Joseph McDonald | USA | 29 mins Three Georgians with cerebral palsy fight to live life on their own terms. As their families bind together, state policy threatens to tear them apart.

#### All I Can Do

Directed by Maxwell Moser | USA | 21 mins Avid mountain biker and athlete Anthony and his wife Julie are forced to reflect on their priorities and reimagine their lives when Anthony is diagnosed with colon cancer at age 36.

## **Documenting Death**

Directed by Sara Joe Wolansky | USA | 11 mins When Kathy is diagnosed with late-stage ovarian cancer, she and her wife Kim decide to share the day-to-day realities of her journey toward death.





Trusted Messenger





Vinyl Nation













Snowy





6,000 Waiting



**FRI 18** 3:55 p.m.

**FRI 18** 10:20 a.m. SCREEN 1

All I Can Do



Documenting Death

THU 17 4:05 p.m. SCREEN 1



WED 16





Hello Sunshine

THU 17 10:00 a.m. SCREEN 2



Junior

WED 16 10:15 a.m. SCREEN 2



New Horizons – by Andries

THU 17 7:15 p.m. SCREEN 1



New Horizons – by Scholtz

SAT 19 4:05 p.m. SCREEN 2



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THU 17 7:45 p.m. SCREEN 1



¿Que Haces Aqui?

FRI 18 2:00 p.m. SCREEN 2



Seahorse

FRI 18 3:05 p.m. SCREEN 2



The Secret History of Donnelly

## Final Chapter

Directed by Conor Holt | USA | 7 mins A family-run bookstore in Los Angeles faces closure after serving the community for 60 years.

## Hello Sunshine

Directed by Joe Quint | USA | 13 mins Roz Pichardo is more than a domestic violence and gun violence survivor -- she is a warrior who finds her own path to healing by serving her community.

### Junior

Directed by AJ Wilhelm | USA | 11 mins

When Haitian roots drummer Jerome "Junior" Simeon's touring career ends suddenly, he faces an uncertain future for himself and his legacy.

### New Horizons

Directed by Kelsey Andries | Canada | 20 mins Leaving his Calgary home behind, bobsled coach Heath Spence joins the New Horizons program in Korea to lead a new generation toward Olympic dreams.

## New Horizons

Directed by Mike Scholtz | USA | 16 mins

University professor Arshia Khan loves robots. And someday soon, she hopes hospitals and assisted living facilities will use them as caretakers for dementia patients. But first she must face discrimination for being Muslim, for being a woman, and for daring to believe that robots can help change the world.

#### Nsenene

#### Winner: Best in Show Best Cinematography

Directed by Michelle Coomber | United Kingdom | 8 mins Masaka's grasshopper catchers light up the sky in this poetic portrayal of a Ugandan tradition.

## ¿Que Haces Aqui? A Documentary About Karen

Directed by Rob Rook | USA | 25 mins Karen was a prosecutor living in Chicago when she fell in love with telenovelas. She is now about to move to Mexico City to write the telenovela she has always wanted to watch.

## Seahorse

Directed by Nele Dehnenkamp | Germany | 16 mins When Hanan came to Europe in a rubber dinghy, she could not swim. Now, she brings her little brother to swim lessons in the public pool.

## The Secret History of Donnelly

Directed by Mike Scholtz | USA | 15 mins As filmmaker Mike Scholtz investigates the true origins of Donnelly, Minnesota, the journey takes us from a tragic death on a frozen lake to the lost city of Atlantis.

### Smelly Little Town

Directed by Zach Neumeyer | USA | 26 mins Bay City, Michigan residents struggle with indecision and shifting attitudes on whether or not to capitalize on the celebrity of the city's most famous native: Madonna.

#### Supper Club

Directed by Matthew Koshmrl | USA | 14 mins Valentini's Supper Club owners Paul David Marturano and Rob Russo reflect on their contrasting immigrant heritage and the roles their mothers played in their culinary careers.

## **EXPERIMENTAL FILM WINNERS**

#### The Length of the Day Winner: Best Experimental Film

Directed by Laura Conway | USA | 15 mins Using archival documents, this collaged essay film shares the emotional history of socialism in the United States as an account of dreams, struggles, and the loss of revolutionaries.

#### Feast

#### **Honorable Mention**

Directed by Li Yongzheng | Hong Kong | 13 mins After a 3,000 kilometer trek through deserts, canyons, and grasslands, a filmmaking team comes to Xinjiang, China and shares a dinner with Uyghur people.

#### Discovering of Fire Honorable Mention

Directed by Seunghwan Kim | Korea | 31 mins By 2021, the COVID-19 pandemic had caused severe destruction of the cultural ecosystem. Instead of returning to the world as it was prior to 2020, humankind could discover a new fire for the generations to come.

## **EXPERIMENTAL OFFICIAL SELECTIONS**

#### Flux

Directed by Cléa van der Grijn | Ireland | 17 mins *Flux* is about creating a space between now and then. It explores the dynamism of emptiness in a realm where time and space are altered.

#### Revolykus

Directed by Victor Orozco Ramirez | Germany | 12 mins After immigrating to Germany, Victor settled into a small, old house which badly needs renovation. The modernizations theoretically need to protect him from the wind, rain, and cold.

#### Shadows in a Landscape

Directed by Edwin Miles | United Kingdom | 7 mins A filmmaker attempts to reconnect with his hometown during a walk to Clent Hills, where he is confronted by more than just picturesque views.





Smelly Little Town



TUES 15 3:10 p.m. SCREEN 2

Supper Club



SAT 19 4:15 p.m. SCREEN 2



WED 16 3:00 p.m. SCREEN 2

**WFD 16** 

4:30 p.m.

Feast

WINNER WINNER





WED 16 3:15 p.m. SCREEN 2

WED 16

3:45 p.m.

Flux



WED 16





Shadows in a Landscape

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WED 16 4:10 p.m. SCREEN 2



Studies at Huningue

WED 16 4:00 p.m. SCREEN 2



Summer Light for Tula

FRI 18 **1:55 p.m.** 



To the Girl That Looks Like Me

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What's Mine Is Yours

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We Burn Like This

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Glob Lessons

### EXPERIMENTAL OFFICIAL SELECTIONS [CONTINUED]

#### Studies at Huningue/Basel or the Tree to Sleep

Directed by Lutz P. Kayser | Germany | 11 mins This essay film is the artistic documentation of aesthetic swarm intelligence as seen through the movements of starlings.

#### Summer Light for Tula

Directed by Silvia Alison Turchin | USA | 9 mins This garden symphony pays tribute to light and beauty with an effort to reconcile with death.

#### To the Girl That Looks Like Me

Directed by Ewurakua Dawson-Amoah | USA | 5 mins This visual poem celebrates Black women who continue to thrive in a system that was not built for them.

#### What's Mine Is Yours

Directed by Nick Ribolla | Cuba | 10 mins Combining fiction with documentary footage, this film is a darkly humorous, frenetic look at the way urban life confuses our desire for intimacy.

## NARRATIVE FEATURE WINNERS

#### We Burn Like This

#### Winner: Best Narrative Feature and the Ruth Landfield Award

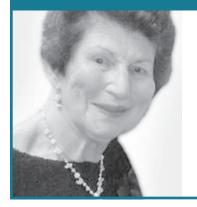
Directed by Alana Waksman | USA | 81 mins When 22-year-old Rae, a descendant of Holocaust survivors, is targeted by neo-Nazis in Billings, Montana, her ancestors' trauma becomes real. As antisemitism continues to rise in the community, we follow Rae on her journey to forgive herself, her mother, and the broken world.

#### Glob Lessons

#### **Prairie Spirit Award and Honorable Mention**

Directed by Nicole Rodenburg | USA | 101 mins While performing two-person, low-budget children's theatre out of a minivan across the frozen Midwest, two aimless thirty-something strangers struggle to overcome their fears of inadequacy and intimacy in order to survive that lonely tundra called life.

## The Ruth Landfield Award HONORING FILMS CELEBRATING WOMEN OF COURAGE, CONVICTION, AND COMPASSION



The Fargo Film Festival presents this award honoring community arts patron Ruth Landfield and her long-standing commitment to the health and well-being of the historic Fargo Theatre. Films of artistic merit by or about women of courage, conviction, and compassion are selected as recipients of the Ruth Landfield Award.

#### NARRATIVE FEATURE OFFICIAL SELECTIONS

#### Anchorage

Directed by Scott Monahan | USA | 82 mins Two brothers attempt to drive a trunkful of opioids from Florida to Alaska to cash-in big in the Land of Gold.

#### The Bobcat Boys

Directed by Mac Alsfeld | USA | 104 mins With only seven days to live, Bobby's best friend Max drives him across the country so that he can die in his childhood home. For one last shot at cinematic glory, these two failed actors decide to film a documentary along the way. This dark comedy is fully improvised.

#### Dreamover

Directed by Roman Olkhovka | Russia | 100 mins When life becomes unbearably miserable, a lonely old man takes part in a medical experiment that revives a long-forgotten story of his love.

#### Everything in the End

Directed by Mylissa Fitzsimmons | USA | 74 mins A lonely traveler finds human connections during the final days of Earth's existence.

#### The Grand Bolero

Directed by Gabriele Fabbro | Italy | 90 mins During the COVID-19 lock-down in Italy, Roxanne, a gruff, middle-aged pipe organ restorer struggles to control her obsessive attraction to her 20-year-old, mute assistant.

#### Kendra and Beth

Directed by Dean Peterson | USA | 82 mins In this dark comedy, a sausage company warehouse worker forms an unlikely bond with a stranger that throws their lives into disarray and leaves them forever changed.





Anchorage





The Bobcat Boys



WED 16 10:20 a.m.

Dreamover



**FRI 18** 3:15 p.m.



Everything in the End



THU 17 10:30 a.m. SCREEN 1







Kendra and Beth

## 2022 Prairie Spirit Award

The Prairie Spirit Award honors films that reflect the unique strength of character that is the legacy of the Northern Plains.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Nicole Rodenburg and Colin Froeber Glob Lessons

WED 16 8:40 p.m.

THU 17 2:40 p.m. SCREEN 2



The Letter Room

SAT 19 **7:05 p.m**. SCREEN 1



Like the Ones I Used to Know

**SAT 19** 3:55 p.m. SCREEN 2



Frankie

**FRI 18** 

1:45 p.m. SCREEN 2 **SAT 19** 4:30 p.m. SCREEN 2



Ace of Clubs

**TUES 15** 4:00 p.m. SCREEN 1



Break Any Spell

WED 16 7:50 p.m. CREEN



The Call

**THU 17** 1:45 p.m. SCREEN 2



Cherry Cola

TUES 15 2:30 p.m. **SAT 19** 11:35 a.m.

SCREEN



The Criminals

TUES 15 1:30 p.m. SCREEN 1

**SAT 19** 10:00 a.m. SCREEN 1



Dolápò Is Fine

## **NARRATIVE SHORT WINNERS**

#### The Letter Room

#### Winner: Best in Show Best Picture and the Tom Brandau Award for Best Narrative Short Film

Directed by Elvira Lind | USA | 30 mins – When a kind hearted prison officer (Oscar Isaac) is transferred to the letter room, he soon gets involved in an inmate's personal affairs.

#### Like the Ones I Used to Know Winner: Best in Show Best Director. **Best Actor and Honorable Mention**

Directed by Annie St-Pierre | Canada | 18 mins – December 24, 1983. Julie and her cousins ate too much sugar, Santa Claus is late, and Denis, alone in his car, is anxious at the idea of setting foot in his ex-in-laws' house to pick up his children.

## Frankie

#### **Honorable Mention**

Directed by James Kautz | USA | 11 mins Frankie, a non-binary trans person, crashes their ex-partner's 12 step meeting, determined to be heard no matter the cost.

## **NARRATIVE SHORT OFFICIAL SELECTIONS**

#### Ace of Clubs

Directed by Henri Kebabdjian | France | 10 mins Nathan hopes that by betting at the racetracks, he will be able to send his daughter to the school of her dreams.

#### Break Any Spell

Directed by Anton Jøsef | USA | 13 mins A teenage girl uses Live Action Role-Playing to cope and escape from her mother's early-onset Alzheimer's disease.

#### The Call

Directed by Aisha Schliessler | USA | 14 mins A woman discovers a secret that changes everything.

#### Cherry Cola

Directed by Amadine Thomas | USA | 12 mins When Sherri gets arrested for shoplifting, she needs to find money for legal fees. Opportunity knocks, and his name is Tom.

#### The Criminals

Directed by Serhat Karaaslan | Turkey | 24 mins Late at night in a small Turkish town, a young couple tries to find a hotel room, but are rejected repeatedly for not having a marriage certificate.

#### Dolápò Is Fine

Directed by Ethosheia Hylton | United Kingdom | 15 mins Ready to leave her boarding school and enter the work world, a young Black woman faces pressure to change her name and her natural hairstyle.

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#### Gabriela

Directed by Natalia Kaniasty | USA | 10 mins A young cleaning woman at a strip club carouses with the dancers and entertains the fantasy of a different life.

## Georgia

Directed by Jayil Pak | Korea | 30 mins When the police refuse to investigate their daughter's alleged suicide, two computer-illiterate parent decide to design a protest banner.

## Girl With a Thermal Gun

Directed by Rongfei Guo | China | 12 mins During the pandemic, a grocery delivery man is growing weary and begins to feel defeated until he suddenly finds a thermal gun pressed to his forehead.

## GraceLand

Directed by Bonnie Discepolo | USA | 14 mins A southern mom's life is all-shook-up when her fourth-grader claims to be the reincarnation of the king of rock-n-roll.

#### Hazel

Directed by Jordan Doig | USA | 18 mins When Libby's husband is unable to support her as she faces intense postpartum depression, her mental states threatens to harm the entire family.

#### Human Trash

Directed by Aitor Almuedo Esteban | Spain | 17 mins A boy is thrown into a trash container from the future. In his frantic search for an exit, he encounters a mysterious man who will make him doubt the origin of his own existence.

#### Inheritance

Directed by Annalise Lockhart | USA | 13 mins A Black family in rural Vermont attempts to live a life of solitude and cope with the ghosts living on their property.

#### The Intervention

Directed by Ryan Becken | USA | 8 mins When Bryan accepts a strange invitation, he finds more than he bargained for.

## The Kicksled Choir

Directed by Torfinn Iversen | Norway | 18 mins Ten-year-old Gabriel dreams of joining the Kicksled Choir, a local caroling group known for raising donations for the refugees in his community. But Gabriel faces an unexpected hurdle after he witnesses his father's alarming aggression toward the very people he wants to help.





Gabriela



FRI 18 2:25 p.m. SCREEN 2

Georgia





Girl With a Thermal Gun





GraceLand



THU 17 3:40 p.m. SCREEN 2

Hazel



THU 17 4:10 p.m. SCREEN 2

Human Trash



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Inheritance





The Intervention





The Kicksled Choir

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Leylak

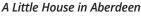
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Little Bird

FRI 18 2:15 p.m. SCREEN 2





THU 17 4:25 p.m. SCREEN 2



Marked

TUES 15 3:20 p.m. SCREEN 1

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Marlon Brando

SAT 19 10:00 a.m. SCREEN 2



The Mohel

SAT 19 10:25 a.m. SCREEN 1



Myrtle

SAT 19 1:30 p.m. SCREEN 1



North Star

WED 16 3:30 p.m. SCREEN 1



Numb

#### NARRATIVE SHORT OFFICIAL SELECTIONS [CONTINUED]

#### Leylak

Directed by Scott Aharoni and Dennis Latos | USA | 17 mins As New York City deals with the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, a Turkish gravedigger grieves the loss of his wife as he struggles to make ends meet.

#### Little Bird

Directed by Tim Myles | Canada | 15 mins A young man flees his late mother's wake as he attempts to come to terms with his new reality.

### A Little House in Aberdeen

Directed by Emily Goss | USA | 7 mins A woman reflects on her past and wonders about her future while she happens to be having an abortion.

#### Marked

Directed by Matthew Avery Berg | USA | 13 mins A tattoo artist is forced to confront his past when a client knows what his tattoos really mean.

#### Marlon Brando

Directed by Vincent Tilanus | Netherlands | 20 mins Best friends Cas and Naomi face the uncertainty of the future during their last weeks of high school.

#### The Mohel

Directed by Charles Wahl | Canada | 14 mins Following the birth of their son, James and Lola face family expectations and financial strain as they fly in a mohel to perform the brit milah, the circumcision ceremony.

#### Myrtle

Directed by Patricia McCormack | United Kingdom | 16 mins Myrtle prepares dinner for her son, but something's not quite right as she works toward an ominous deadline.

#### North Star

Directed by P.J. Palmer | USA | 30 mins A rural rancher and his ailing husband make a heartbreaking decision in order to preserve the dignity of their marriage.

#### Numb

Directed by Natasha Jatania | United Kingdom | 11 mins While scattering his mother's ashes, a young man tries to reconnect with his father.

#### An Occurrence at Arverne

Directed by Robert Broadhurst | USA | 8 mins A man arrives at an unknown home with an unknown agenda.

#### The Painting

Directed by Seth Colón | USA | 4 mins An artist finds a mysterious figure in her painting.

#### Paper Geese

Directed by Elizabeth Chatelain | USA | 14 mins After an unsuccessful goose hunt, a girl grapples with seeing her father in a new light.

#### Please Hold

### Winner: Pat Hansen Award for Best Screenplay

Directed by KD Dávila | USA | 19 mins In the near future, a young working-class Latino is wrongfully arrested and finds himself at the mercy of automated "justice."

#### Pops

Directed by Lewis Rose | United Kingdom | 20 mins Siblings Roz and Elli disagree about whether to carry out their father's unconventional last wish.

#### The Right Words

Directed by Adrian Moyse Dullin | France | 15 mins On their daily bus ride, Kenza convinces her little brother Madhi to ask out his crush.

#### Sales per Hour

Directed by Daniel Jaffe and Michelle Uranowitz | USA | 7 mins A young woman faces a moral dilemma when she witnesses a sexual encounter in a dressing room at the clothing store where she works.

#### The Sands of Time

Directed by James Hughes | United Kingdom | 14 mins A portal in the sand allows a couple to find each other across time.

#### Sea Dragon

Directed by James Morgan | United Kingdom | 17 mins A young fossil hunter makes a groundbreaking discovery, challenging the worldview of 19th century England.





An Occurrence at Arverne





The Painting





Paper Geese



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Please Hold



**THU 17** 2:00 p.m. SCREEN 2

Pops



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The Right Words





Sales per Hour



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TUES 15 1:45 p.m.

Sea Dragon

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SAT 19 10:15 a.m. SCREEN 1



Silent Night

TUES 15 3:05 p.m. SCREEN 1



The Syed Family Xmas Eve

SAT 19 **10:15 a.m.** SCREEN 2



Synthetic Love

THU 17 4:00 p.m. SCREEN 2



There's Something in the Silence

TUES 15 1:45 p.m. SCREEN 1



The Beauty President

THU 17 1:30 p.m. SCREEN 1



Hair-Trigger

FRI 18 4:40 p.m. SCREEN 2



Put the Brights On

THU 17 3:40 p.m. screen 1



Sadie Breaks the Silents

## NARRATIVE SHORT OFFICIAL SELECTIONS [CONTINUED]

#### Shark

Directed by Nash Edgerton | Australia | 14 mins Determined to outdo each other, a prank-obsessed couple's latest efforts lead to an outrageous calamity.

#### Silent Night

Directed by Haz Al-Shaater and Yaz Al-Shaater | United Kingdom | 9 mins An intruder dressed as Santa Claus breaks into Eve's home on Christmas Eve.

#### The Syed Family Xmas Eve Game Night

Directed by Fawzia Mirza | USA | 12 mins All cards are on the table when a queer Pakistani Muslim woman brings her Puerto Rican partner home for the first time on the family's annual game night.

#### Synthetic Love

Directed by Sarah Heitz de Chabaneix | France | 24 mins When Diane wins a luxurious trip for two, she decides to invite her coworker Pierre. She soon discovers, however, that Pierre already has someone special in his life.

## There's Something in the Silence

Directed by Mike Castro | USA | 8 mins Erin's new hearing aids have been picking up mysterious noises and she begins to fear that something sinister is lurking in the silence.

## **INVITED FILMS**

#### The Beauty President

Directed by Whitney Skauge | USA | 10 mins At the height of the AIDS pandemic, activist Terence Alan Smith made a historic bid for the presidency of the United States as his drag queen persona Joan Jett Blakk.

#### Hair-Trigger

Directed by S.G. Warkel | USA | 82 mins A group of small-time criminals attempt to lay low after a simple heist.

#### Put the Brights On

Directed by Raymond Rea | USA | 17 mins

Pairing interviews with rural transgender residents with original and found footage, this experimental film explores the lives of trans people who prefer not to live in the city.

#### Sadie Breaks the Silents

Directed by Tom Brandau | USA | 13 mins When the director is drunk and a producer demands results, a gutsy scenario writer on a 1920s movie shoot is determined to start and finish the film, even when she is faced with pushback from her cast and crew.

#### **STUDENT FILM WINNERS**

#### Winter of '79 Winner: Best Student Film

Directed by Julia Elihu | USA | 21 mins During the Iranian Revolution, a Persian-Jewish woman struggles to keep her family safe as she attempts to get her wrongfully convicted husband out of jail.

#### The Dress

#### Winner: Best in Show Best Actress and Honorable Mention

Directed by Tadeusz Łysiak | Poland | 30 mins Julia meets a handsome truck driver while working at a motel and fantasizes about the possibility of a relationship as she prepares for their first date.

#### **Final Masterpiece Honorable Mention**

Directed by Patrick Hanser | Brazil | 15 mins Two retired detectives are interrogated by a special commission about their investigation into the suicide of an artist and his infamous last masterpiece.

## **STUDENT FILM OFFICIAL SELECTIONS**

#### **Black Gold**

Directed by Sydney Bowie Linden | USA | 17 mins Facing economic ruin, the residents of a small California oil town pin their hopes for a better future on the results of the 2020 presidential election.

#### Charlotte

Directed by Zach Dorn | USA | 13 mins A pop song transforms the lives of an enigmatic folk singer and her family.

#### Forgive Me, Father

Directed by Jona Schlosser | Germany | 22 mins Desperate to be reunited with his father in West Germany, a young boy attempts to cross a heavily guarded border.





Winter of '79



SAT 19 2:15 p.m. SCREEN 1





**THU 17** 4:40 p.m. SCREEN 2





FRI 18 4:20 p.m. SCREEN 2

Black Gold

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Forgive Me, Father

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Fourth of July

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Kinesthesia

TUES 15 2:35 p.m. SCREEN 2



Making Beethoven Proud

SAT 19 3:25 p.m. SCREEN 2



These Voyages Unknown

TUES 15 2:45 p.m. SCREEN 2

Underdogs

#### STUDENT FILM OFFICIAL SELECTIONS [CONTINUED]

#### *Fourth of July* Winner: Rusty Casselton Award

Directed by Major Dorfman | USA | 12 mins A young mother struggles to parent her two rambunctious boys over the course of one hot, summer day.

#### Kinesthesia: A Walk Through the Fargo-Moorhead Music Scene

Directed by Trinah Szafranski | USA | 15 mins Dancers perform on stage as three young artists living in Fargo-Moorhead describe their experiences making music in the area.

#### Making Beethoven Proud

Directed by Brian Naughton | USA | 9 mins A high school music prodigy who loses his hearing after a violent assault is forced to face the world without his most trusted sense.

#### These Voyages Unknown

Directed by Kyle Odefey | USA | 14 mins Two siblings disagree about whether to fulfill their mother's final wishes for her funeral.

#### Underdogs

Directed by Alex Astrella | USA | 15 mins Inmates at the California Men's Colony form special connections with the dogs they train to become service animals.

## THE FARGO FILM FESTIVAL HONORS THE LIFE AND WORK OF RUSTY Casselton

HAROLD "RUSTY" CASSELTON was known around the world for his contributions to film restoration and preservation. Rusty collaborated with mentor Ted Larson for many years, and their efforts resulted in a variety of wonderful opportunities for movie fans, who regularly attended popular events like Silent Movie Night at the Fargo Theatre and the Summer Cinema series on the campus of MSUM. At the time of his passing, Rusty was chair of the Film Studies Department at Minnesota State University Moorhead.



He participated in the Fargo Film Festival from the time of its inception, providing a small army of students to help staff and run the various second venue locations as volunteers. A dedicated educator, Rusty taught film studies courses at Concordia College for 22 years before accepting a position at MSUM in 2001. He is greatly missed by the Fargo Film Festival, his students, his extended family, his friends, his colleagues, his wife Cindy, and daughters Hannah and Amanda.









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