

Sasquan Film Festival Schedule – Version 4
Convention Center Room 205

Wednesday, August 19th

2:00pm

Another World – Horror Feature – Israel – PG-13

Director: Eitan Reuven

In a post-apocalyptic future, a biological warfare program gone wrong leaves only four survivors defending themselves from "the infected" - mindless killers. As they struggle to survive and make sense of what is happening, they find another survivor, intent on revealing the truth..

3:45pm

Enjoy Your Intermission – Documentary – USA PG

Director: Tansy Michaud & Adam Carboni

Enjoy Your Intermission is a touching portrait documentary of Hi-Way Drive-in theater, a drive-in theater 2 hours outside of New York City whose owners carry a distinct and inspiring passion and dedication to their trade. This film dives much deeper than simply being a portrait of a drive-in theater, but also addresses the changing economic, technological, and experiential climate of cinema itself and its impact on the movie going experience.

SF&F Shorts 1

4:00pm

Yo Soy Pedro – SF&F – France – PG-13

Director: Jordan Inconstant

1977 Mackenzie and Banks, two American cops encounter an alien that has just crash. The police take him for a film actor and decided to bring it back to Hollywood studios .

4:11pm

Ouroboros – SF&F – USA – PG-13

Director: Alexander Broderick

Quantum physicist Dr. Faye O'Neill creates an artificial wormhole and achieves a breakthrough in teleportation. But the wormhole brings an unexpected visitor - Faye's future self - with a warning that the teleportation device threatens the fabric of space-time and the very existence of the universe.

4:27pm

The Washing Machine – SF&F – USA – PG-13

Director: Lorenzo Pomari

Billy is a broke young man who is struggling to pay his bills at the end of the month. One day he finds out that there is a magical washing machine in his basement that generates money every time he uses it. His life changes completely, but he will have to pay the price for his inexplicable and sudden fortune.

4:38pm

The Zahir – SF&F – USA – PG-13

Director: Olga Holta

A young academic embarks on a quest to unravel the mystery of a famous traveler's disappearance in 19th century India. His search results in encounters with a crazy physicist and an exotic female, which leads him to some other dimension.

4:56pm

Iron Cloud – SF&F – Poland – PG-13

Director: Nikodem Wojciechowski

Two brothers pay high price for fleeing from the authoritarian homeland to free, technologically advanced neighborhood country. Will it become their new home or a deadly trap?

5:38pm

Comic Book Heaven – Documentary – USA PG-13

Director: E.J. McLeavey-Fisher

This short documentary follows 81 year old Joe Leisner, owner of Comic Book Heaven in Sunnyside, Queens, NY as he cantankerously assesses the status of his business, the comic book industry, and his future.

SF&F Shorts 2

6:00pm

Developer – SF&F – Hungary – PG-13

Director: Odegnal Robert

The scene is an alternative Budapest, with a special kind of dictatorship controlled by a company group called GOLDEN DIMENSION. Lens is dark, cynical character of this world. With his special ability of unknown origin, under the influence of a drug, he can burn the pictures of the past and the future into photosensitive paper. Lens hates the present because he understands the past and sees the future. He sells his ability as an outlaw private detective. One day the position of the oppressing power seems to get unstable as some strictly confidential documents are stolen from the home of the president of the Golden Dimension. Ironically, it is the specially skilled Lens who gets the task to find the person who could ruin the oppressing system by using the stolen incriminating evidence. When he gets to the robbery scene it's all set up for the experiment. He administers his drug, sticks the photosensitive paper on his nape ...

6:19pm

Cough – SF&F – Australia – PG-13

Director: Jason Kempnich

Civil liberties are yesterday... Food shortages during a year-long pandemic force recently widowed George (Robert Coleby) to stray far from home to survive. A simple purchase of rations derails when George stumbles upon a Shopkeeper's (Christopher Sommers) secret, placing all of them in mortal jeopardy.

6:29pm

300000 Kilometers Per Second – SF&F – France – PG-13

Director: Stéphane Réthoré

Paris, 1956....Lucien Lacroix, inventor, has resumed the researches of his late father and created a watch that permits the wearer to travel in time. Deciding to go to Geneva to patent his invention, he's followed by two mysterious individuals...

6:48pm

Distance – SF&F – USA – PG-13

Director: Aimee Long

In the year 2038, a man is about to embark on a journey of reconciliation with his estranged daughter, when a natural disaster hurls his plans off course.

Horror Shorts 1

7:13pm

H.P. Lovecraft's The Hound – Horror – USA – PG-13

Director: Anthony Penta

An adaptation of H.P. Lovecraft's supernatural horror story. Two grave robbers steal a mysterious amulet from an island graveyard and revive a centuries-old curse.

7:32pm

Nona – Horror – Belgium – PG-13

Director: Georges Terryn

On Saint Valentine's Day the Boy meets Nona at a truck stop near Castle Rock... together they hitch-hike and kill everyone that stands in the way of their love. Based on the story by Stephen King (with permission)

8:00pm

Vomica – Horror – UK- PG-13

Director: Andy Green

A short horror film about a British Commando raid into that finds an ancient evil in the crypts and tunnels of Occupied France. Mixing action with a sense of creeping horror, 'Vomica' is a homage to the great American writer H P Lovecraft.

8:15pm

The Stomach – Horror – USA – PG-13

Director: Ben Steiner

Frank's had enough. A spirit medium whose unique and grotesque method of channeling the dead is putting his own life at risk, he wants out. But others, in this world and the next, have plans of their own. Part body-horror, part ghost-story, The Stomach is a unique tale of Supernatural Noir.

8:30pm

Dead Guy in the Trunk – Horror – Australia – PG-13

Director: Lucas Scheffel

April fears her relationship with Marvin has come to an end after He fails to come home for their anniversary dinner. When Marvin gets home in the early hours of the morning covered in blood, April questions if He is in fact who she thought he was or... a cold blooded murder. Based on a True Story.

8:41pm

Dark Forest – Horror Feature – Canada – PG-17

Director: Roger Boyer

A weekend getaway turns in a fight for their life.

9:51pm

Self Portrait – Horror – UK – PG-13

Director: Lewis Rose

An artist's world begins to unravel as he discovers the darker side to painting a self-portrait. Racked by paranoia, he enters a downward spiral from which he and his art will never recover...

Self Portrait is a surreal Gothic drama that has been described as "The Picture of Dorian Gray in reverse. Writer/director Lewis Rose also stars in the lead role, thereby creating a bizarre self-referential piece of cinema that examines the line between filmmaker and protagonist.

9:56pm

The Minions – Horror – USA – PG-13

Director: Jeremiah Kipp

William's walk home becomes dangerous when he chooses to go down 'the witches' path' - a place of emotional and perhaps supernatural relevance to him. Just as he believes he has escaped, he happens upon two drunk girls who need his help. As he recalls the evening, he begins to question who (or what) the girls really are and their power over him.

Thursday, August 20th

Fan Film Shorts - 1

9:30am

Doctor Who – Fan Film – USA – PG-13

Director: Ryan Wasson

The Newly Regenerated 17th Doctor meets Hannah, a teacher from Chicago. She decides to stick with the Doctor and help him find out what A Time Crystal is. When going to a spaceship, they both meet Mr V who sent them out for someone the Doctor knows. Then Hannah and the Doctor go to Nubos, which was a brilliant planet, until metal men came along. After that, they head to a train in space where murders from an unknown source are happening. Hannah gets tired of the Doctor putting herself in danger, so they take a break. The Doctor begins to have, Nightmares Of War.

10:00am

Losers– Fan Film – USA – PG-13

Director: Carlos de Rosario

Pop culture addicts Zack (Zack Abramowitz (30 Rock)) and Manny (Matt Steiner) attend an engagement party where groom-to-be Roy (Devin Klos), a former 'mega-geek' has turned 'normal' in an effort to pursue a happy future with beautiful vegan baker, Emily (Maya Murphy). When learning that at a vegan party there is no meat, a delirious Manny falls into a stupor where he meets his guardian angel, Serra (Shannon Kendall). After given sage advice, Zack decides that he must save Roy from himself which leads to an epic laser sword battle! A sci-fi/fantasy comedy with loving references from Star Wars to Battlestar Galactica, LOSERS is an explosive story not to be missed! Co-Starring Jordan Gosnell (Nashville, Gossip Girl), Chaka DeSilva, Diana Cherkas, and Joe Cummings.

10:23am

Last of Us: Trust – Fan Film – USA – PG-13

Director: Brandon Lee Hunt

Set in the world of Naughty Dog's "The Last of Us", "Trust" follows the unlikely pairing of Rhys & Kate as they traverse an apocalyptic world ravaged by hostile humans and zombie-like creatures infected by a mutated strain of the Cordyceps fungus.

10:37am

Star Trek New Voyages: Mind-Sifter - Fan Film – USA – PG-13

Director: Mark Edward Lewis

A tortured and amnesiac Captain Kirk is dumped into Eath's past by the Klingons, where he ends up in a 1950's mental institution. Meanwhile, a shattered Enterprise crew tries to survive with its new captain: Mister Spock.

11:40am

Logan Must Make Star Wars– Fan Film – USA – PG-13

Director: Nathan Blackwell

Logan is thrown back to the year 1974 where he accidentally kills George Lucas. Now, to ensure that the greatest sci-fi trilogy is made, he must impersonate Lucas and make Star Wars himself.

11:47am

The Forgotten Rabbit – Documentary - USA PG-13

Director: Clara Maria Diez

Before Mickey there was Oswald the Lucky Rabbit. During Walt Disney's early career in animation, he created and animated a cartoon rabbit for Universal Studios. But when Walt lost the rights to Oswald, he replaced him with Mickey Mouse, and the most beloved cartoon character of the 20's was lost and forgotten in time.

Noon

The Green Girl – Documentary - USA PG-13

Director: George A. Pappy Jr.

A feature-length documentary about Star Trek's iconic original Green Girl, Susan Oliver: Prolific actress of the '50s - '80s, original member of the American Film Institute's Directing Workshop for Women, record-setting female aviator; Tragically taken by cancer in 1990. With over 120 major acting credits in film and television, Susan Oliver was literally a household name in the 1960's. She set a number of world records as a pilot and was one of the only women directing major TV shows in the 1980's. And yet many people don't even remember her name today. It's time to remember Susan Oliver...

SF&F Shorts 3

1:35pm

Flesh Computer – SF&F – USA – PG-13

Director: Ethan Shaftel

A weary handyman does his best to maintain a decaying building in a ruined city, but when Scavengers attack his cybernetic pet project, the line between human and machine becomes blurred.

2:00pm

Frontier – SF&F – USA – PG-13

Director: Stephen Parkhurst

A journalist travels deep into the north woods to investigate a mysterious government facility that's being built there. She interviews a local conspiracy theorist who's convinced the facility is a front for a sinister secret project. The man appears crazy, until some compelling evidence begins to surface.

2:16pm

M-Theory – SF&F – USA – PG-13

Director: TL Westgate

In the near future, two scientists use m-theory (the physics theory that unifies all current superstring theories) to create a scientific breakthrough. But their first test starts a catastrophic chain of events and only a lone messenger can help them avoid destroying the world.

2:41pm

The Fischer Case – SF&F – Canada – PG-13

Director: Etienne Gravrand

As Carl Fischer finds himself the object of pointed fingers, a mysterious star witness diffuses an eerie feeling suggesting Carl's guilt. Interrogator, psychiatrist and lawyer are all immersed and push Carl for a confession. The more he defends himself - fruitlessly - the quicker he realizes that he and his interviewees are not in the same state of mind.

3:02pm

Mosaic 33 – SF&F – USA – PG-13

Director: Robert W. Filion & S. Brent Bowers

Dr. Sarah Alexander has lived in anonymity, waging a losing battle with the demons of her past. In an attempt to keep her sanity, she decides to reveal the horrifying secrets of Mosaic 33.

3:27pm

The Storm – SF&F – USA – PG-13

Director: Andre LeBlanc

A remote arctic station is overrun by its own monstrous experiment, leaving the survivors no choice but to face what they've created.

3:40pm

Starlight – SF&F – USA – PG-13

Director: Andrew Salerno

During a mission to colonize an alien planet, Officer Emma Fremont discovers that her crew have had their memories of Earth and their families erased. Determined to keep her own memories of her son and husband intact, Emma must fight back against her brainwashed crew.

4:00pm

Alongside Night – SF&F Feature - USA

Director: J. Neil Schulman

Alongside Night is the story of the final economic collapse of the United States as seen through the eyes of 16-year-old Elliot Vreeland, searching for his missing Nobel-laureate-economist father, and the mysterious teenage "Lorimer" whom Elliot meets in a black-market underground, whose own father might be the reason Elliot's father is missing.

5:30pm

Similo – SF&F – Spain/USA PG-17 (Nudity)

Director: MacGregor , Bruno Zacarias

2065. The entire planet is hit by the effects of climate change. One of the few places that remain habitable is Antarctica. Hebe and Ciro get back together again. She is looking for love. He is searching for his own identity.

Horror Shorts 2

6:00pm

Alone – Horror – USA – PG-13

Director: Jeremiah Kipp

Based on the poem by Edgar Allan Poe

6:04pm

Darkness Comes – SF&F - Australia

Director: John March

A desperate man, a derelict farmhouse, an ever-present menace: What happens when darkness comes?

6:12pm

Special – Horror - USA

Director: Mikeal Burgin

When their daughter is kidnapped by human traffickers, a mother and father desperately struggle against revealing an important family secret to investigators that could ultimately lead to her safe return.

6:23pm

Sea Devil – Horror – USA – PG-13

Director: Dean C. Marcial & Brett Potter

An American fisherman attempts to smuggle two Cuban immigrants into Miami, passing them off as day laborers. While the group trawls for shrimp, a fourth person boards the boat, carrying a secret at the bottom of the Ocean.

6:39pm

The Peripheral – Horror – USA – PG-13

Director: JT Seaton

When a patient, Kenny, shows up at her home unexpectedly, Dr. Joanna Redding attempts to help him overcome his "irrational" phobia of the creatures that he sees in his peripheral vision. Dr. Redding uses Exposure Therapy, forcing Kenny to face his fear. Of course, the creatures that terrify Kenny are very real - and very deadly. It is a horrifying discovery that Dr. Redding uncovers all too late.

THE PERIPHERAL stars cult actress Lynn Lowry ("Shivers", "The Crazies", "Cat People") and features old school Stop Motion Creature Effects (in the vein of Ray Harryhausen) by artist Ron Cole.

6:50pm

Period Piece – Horror – Canada – PG-13

Director: James McLellan

On a ranch somewhere in the midwest, Renee takes a stand against fear, uncertainty, doubt and evil itself. But does she have the strength to bring back the power of love to a brutal and uncaring world?

7:02pm

Selfie – Horror – UK – PG-13

Director: Geoff Harmer

A woman is haunted by a strange figure in her Selfie photos.

7:17pm

DÉDALO – Horror – Portugal – PG-13

Director: Jeronimo Rocha

Trapped inside the Space Freighter/Refinery DÉDALO, SIENA tries to survive an infestation of diabolic creatures.

7:28pm

Heebie-Jeebies – Horror – USA – PG-13

Director: Todd Slawsby

After hearing a scary bedtime story, a young boy and girl become convinced they have monsters under their beds. They may be right...

7:38pm

The Banishing – Horror – Iceland – PG-13

Director: Erlingur Thoroddsen

16-year-old Kara must go to supernatural lengths to save her sister from the violent spirit that haunts her.

8:00pm

Silk – Horror – USA – PG-17 (Nudity)

Director: Rob Himebaugh

After acquiring a jar of rare silk from the vast desert expanse of Afghanistan, a CIA field operative becomes impregnated by the desert spider hidden inside, and later gives birth to a brood of hungry spiderlings that eat her alive.

8:15pm

Peacekeepers – SF&F web-series - USA

Director: Charlie Reeves

A group of assistants in New York City get texts about grisly accidents to be prevented before they occur - Car crashes; lion pit mishaps, jumpers on the Queensboro bridge, etc etc. It's a tough job, but what would YOU do if you got texts from God?

8:30pm

Australiens – Horror Feature - Australia

Director: Joe Bauer

At the age of 10, Australian-born Andi Gibson had what she describes as a close encounter with a flying saucer. Naturally, everyone assumed she was bonkers. That is until one notable evening, 17 years later, when an airborne extra-terrestrial armada launches a nation-wide assault on Andi's home country and at the same time, for unspecified reasons, kidnaps her mother. To add to the debacle, it seems the other nations of the world are far too insulted by their exclusion from the attack to come to Australia's aid. Now it's up to Andi, her hypochondriac brother Elliot, retired boxer cousin Keith and documentary filmmaker friend Cam to stop the attack and rescue Andi's mum. Enlisting the help of Andi's equal-parts mysterious and cringe-worthy father, the gang must battle car-chasing spaceships, martial-arts aliens, giant killer robots and, perhaps most frighteningly, a deluge of family secrets in their fight to save Australia. Bloody hell, this is gonna be a long night.

Friday, August 21

10:00am

ARROZ Y FÓSFOROS – Animation - Argentina

Director: Javier Beltramino

Grief dwells within an old man in overwhelming solitude. His wife's death and the pragmatic indifference of his son and daughter behold the elderly figure clinging onto a long used suitcase, custodian of his egotist ambitions. But something startling will shake his bitter lethargy, bringing about a magical redemption.

10:10am

Musicidio – Animation - Spain

Director: Ferriol Tugues

René is happy playing the bagpipes. He tries to making a living playing in the street. He doesn't mind how many coins are tossed into his hat as long as he can carry on playing. But one day he realizes that he is held in contempt by the local residents. His life and the lives of the townsfolk are about to be changed forever.

10:16am

Shiner – SF&F – UK – PG-13

Director: David Lilley

You're never too old to save the world. 'Shiner' a.k.a Neville Dunston is delusional old aged pensioner who believes he is a crime-fighting superhero. Can he capture the criminals, defeat his nemesis and overcome a weak bladder? At night, Shiner patrols the quiet sleepy village of Moorhaven, but to him it's Gotham city. Things take turn for the worst when our plucky hero encounters his two mortal enemies, the fearful 'Limpet' and the evil matron at his nursing home.

10:24am

Re-Symmetry – SF&F - Australia

Director: Erron Frankin

The story of a near future government agency who travels back in time to fix the changes in history made illegally. The story gathers momentum as they battle over a change in World War 2 that could mean the end of their agency.

11:00am

The Firesign Theatre - Everything You Know Is Wrong! – SF&F Comedy - USA PG-13

Director: Philip Austin, Peter Bergman, David Ossman & Phil Proctor

As often is the case, this performance from the Firesign Theatre defies a liner synopsis. The recording takes the form of another record produced by conspiracy theorist and "seeker" Dr. Harry Cox as he tries to tie together evidence of extraterrestrial visits to earth from old recordings, films, newspaper articles and interviews, all while besieged by interruptions from his various acquaintances and hangers-on. It presents an alternate history where the American Revolution was fomented by a bunch of hemp-smoking dope-heads, and where the South won the Civil War; because, of course, Everything You Know is Wrong. Besides being a general aural feast, the record contains a great deal of sharp but subtle social satire, much of which is only gleaned after several listening's. So if you were never a special person, you are a special person now. But be careful, because they're in everybody's eggs.

Noon

Lakeside: A Year with Jay Lake – Documentary - USA PG-13

Director: Donnie Reynolds

Acclaimed author Jay Lake is a prolific writer of fantasy and science fiction. He has won a Writers of the Future contest and won the coveted John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer. He has been nominated for multiple Hugo and World Fantasy Awards.

2:00pm

Cosplay Nation – Documentary – USA PG-13

Director: Joshua Adams & Uke Li

A documentary on cosplay all over America.

Horror Shorts 3

4:00pm

Dead Hearts – Horror – Canada – PG-13

Director: Stephen Martin

A young mortician will give his heart away to find true love. A whimsical, gothic bedtime story filled with love, loss, taxidermy, Kung fu, and biker werewolves.

4:17pm

Howl of a Good Time – Horror - USA

Director: Patrick Rea

Howl of a Good Time follows, "a horror-loving little girl who attempts to sneak into a private screening of fictional horror film 'Foaming at the Mouth II.' However, it becomes clear that this isn't a typical film screening."

4:27pm

Hellyfish – Horror - USA

Director: Patrick Longstreth

America's only missing nuclear weapon is leaking radioactive material into the ocean just off the coast of Tybee Island, GA. The trifling existence of a hapless cast is disrupted by a vicious force of nature that shows no mercy.

4:40pm

Spitzendeckchen (Vienna Waits for You) – Horror – Austria – PG-13

Director: Dominik Hartel

After breaking up with her boyfriend Daniel, Anna just wants to hole up somewhere and recover. But she should have had a closer look at the fine-print of her rental contract - for the old Viennese apartment is a creature with never ending appetite, living off the youth of its residents. There is no escaping it anymore when Anna faces herself in the mirror as an old lady. Unless she delivers a new victim...

5:07pm

Thresher – Horror – USA – PG-13

Director: Michael Dahlquist

A man locked in a room faces inter-dimensional terror.

5:16pm

Willa – Horror – Germany – PG-13

Director: Helena Hufnagel

A railway station in the middle of nowhere. David is looking for his girlfriend: Willa. They were on their way to their own wedding, when an accident made them stuck at a small railway station. Now Willa is missing and none of the other fellow passengers know where she is. Although the next train is so supposed to come any minute, David leaves the railway station to search for Willa...

5:31pm

Hush – Horror – USA – PG-13

Director: Michael G. Kehoe

A young woman Regan, babysits Irene, an 8 years old girl, during a severe storm. Regan falls asleep curled up on the couch downstairs, unaware of the sinister happenings upstairs. A powerful lightning strike kills the power to the house awakening Regan in total darkness. She fumbles to retrieve a flashlight, and cautiously makes her way upstairs to calm a crying Irene. Awake and sitting up in bed, Irene tells Regan that she's in fear of the sounds in her room. Regan tries assuring her that the thunder is just the angels bowling up in heaven". Regan tries to get Irene back to sleep but Irene wants her to search the room. When odd occurrences happen and a malevolent force enters the room, it now becomes a terrifying race to escape the cursed house.

5:38pm

The Tour – Horror – UK – PG-13

Director: Damon Rickard & Alex Mathieson

This is the story of Darkmoor Manor, a house with a history so steeped in death it has gained the reputation of the most haunted house in England.

Closed to the public and now part of a local tour, the tour guide offers to give two American backpackers a personal viewing, a side of England not available in a guide book. Desperate to get closer to the dark secrets buried with its victims, they accept, but do not expect the full horrors that await them inside Darkmoor Manor. Sometimes secrets are best left buried.

SF&F Shorts 4

6:00pm

Captcha – SF&F – UK - PG-13

Director: Edward Tracy

The British Film Institute and Film4 present this film noir thriller with a touch of romance, set in a 'steam punked' 1940s London. A spy chooses to betray her mission and save her lover, but once he knows the truth about their deception, can he ever forgive her, let alone love her?

6:15pm

Curio Shop: A Post-Apocalyptic Acid Western – SF&F – USA – PG-13

Director: Eric S. Anderson

Everything and everyone in this world is broken...Even time. What starts as a rather whimsical and Mad Hatter-esque story about a watch maker who has no concept of time, slowly grows darker and more disturbing with each scene, descending through the looking glass to a place where characters transform and harden.

Oliver and John are two lonely survivors in a decayed frontier, drawn inexorably together by a web of shattering family secrets. When the watchmaker fashions a bizarre weapon for John, it opens a surrealistic Pandora's Box, engulfing everyone in a fever dream with no clear exit.

6:33pm

Death of a Shadow – SF&F – UK – PG-13

Director: Tom Van Avermaet

Stuck in a limbo between life and death, Nathan Rijckx, a deceased World War I soldier has to collect shadows to regain a second chance at life and love. With two shadows left to collect, he discovers something that shakes his world completely.

6:53pm

Fragment – SF&F – USA – PG-13

Director: Noah Griffith

"A fighter jet breaks up over the desert. A mysterious radio beacon draws the pilot from the crash site. A discovery is waiting. And it is not of this Earth." Made for \$6,000, FRAGMENT is Noah Griffith & Daniel Stewart's love letter to classic scifi, focusing on atmosphere over VFX.

7:03pm

I Remember the Future – SF&F – Australia – PG-13

Director: Klayton Stainer

During a visit from his estranged daughter, an elderly writer struggles with his fading mind and the future.

7:30pm

The Trial – SF&F – USA – PG-13

Director: Philip Arnold & Mark Player

Science-fiction thriller where medically augmented, mind-reading ‘Detectives’ ascertain the guilt or innocence of criminal suspects through their memories.

7:42pm

On/Off – SF&F - France

Director: Thierry Lorenzi

Obsessed by a mysterious voice message, astronaut Meredith will face its paradoxical condition in order to stay connected to his humanity.

8:00pm

The Fantastic Death of Barry Schmidt – SF&F – USA – PG-17

Director: Zach Hardy

Tammy’s on the rag... and fifty feet tall! Now everyone is pulling out, except for love-struck Jesse, who’s not afraid of a little blood.

8:13pm

Meet Your Maker – SF&F – USA – PG-13

Director: Justin Francart

A sci-fi short concerning a physicist whose experiments with a particle collider make him the unwitting arbiter of cosmic creation and destruction. Modeled after golden-age anthology television, *Meet Your Maker* is a retro vision of contemporary science, its myth-drunk detractors, and the collision of the rational mind with the ambiguous nature of the universe.

8:37pm

Of Dice and Men – SF&F Feature - USA PG-17

Director: Kelley Slagle

Few dungeon masters can make the game come to life better than John Francis. Dwarves, Mages and Barbarians jump right off of their character sheets whenever he sits down at the gaming table of frisky suburbanite parents, Linda and Brandon. John Francis’ best friends, sailor-mouthed John Alex and thoughtful jock Jason, bring roguish swagger and knightly nobility to the game. And the object of John Francis’ affection, the feisty Tara, provides all the Half Elven Double Princess backstory they could ever need.

But when Jason enlists to go to Iraq and with the relationship with Tara going nowhere, it may be time for John Francis to hang up his twenty sided dice and take a job on the other side of the country.

However, John Francis is about to discover that leaving will prove tougher than the Tomb of Horrors.

Saturday, August 22

Fan Film Shorts - 2

10:00am

On the Edge of Oblivion – Fan Film - France – PG-13

Director: Jordan Inconstant

Jack Sparrow, Captain of the Black Pearl goes to a fabulous treasure on the island of Muerta . Its objective will soon be upset when Barbossa triggers a mutiny against Jack and takes by storm the Pearl . Sparrow finds himself landed on a deserted island to die.

10:10am

T.R.A.N.C.E. - Fan Film – USA – PG-13

Director: Johnny K. Wu

The Doctor must try to stop a dimension takeover.

10:16am

Prelude to Axanar – Fan Film – USA – PG-13

Director: Christian Gossett

Prelude to Axanar is an independent Star Trek project that tells the story of Captain Kirk's hero, Garth of Izar, during the war between the Federation and the Klingon Empire. It is shot as a documentary and is the back story for the forthcoming feature "Axanar".

10:37am

Predator: Dark Ages – Fan Film – UK – PG-13

Director: James Bushe

Follows a group of war-torn Templar knights who are put to the test against a strange beast that stalks the lands of England. This battle is what Myths and Legends are made of.

11:05am

Rocket Man and the Aerial Fortress – SF&F – USA – PG-13

Director: Wade Chitwood

Rocket Man and the Aerial Fortress' - Bumbling hero, Rocket Man, saves the United States from a menacing Prussian Airship.

Noon

Predestination – SF&F – USA - R

Director: Michael & Peter Spierig

PREDESTINATION chronicles the life of a Temporal Agent sent on an intricate series of time-travel journeys designed to ensure the continuation of his law enforcement career for all eternity. Now, on his final assignment, the Agent must pursue the one criminal that has eluded him throughout time.

SF&F Shorts 5

1:40pm

The Life and Death of Tommy Chaos and Stacey Danger – SF&F – USA – PG-13

Director: Michael Lukk Litwak

Dinosaurs have invaded Earth but neither Tommy nor Stacey care anymore, now that they've met each other. They escape the war, but whether they dive to the bottom of the ocean or fly to Outer Space, conflict always seems to find a way into their lives.

2:00pm

Citizen in the Temple – SF&F – USA – PG-13

Director: Jason Huls

Citizen in the Temple is a sci-fi film set on a desert wasteland planet where only a few cities remain and life hangs on by a thread. A man named Jennon Ril is among the scientists that work on ways to preserve life on the planet. Secretly, however, he is part of The Shepherd's Way, an underground revolutionary movement dedicated to ending the tyranny of The Consortium. The Consortium is the mastermind behind everything that happens in the city. It is an oppressive regime with eyes and ears everywhere.

2:35pm

Exit Log – SF&F – UK – PG-13

Director: Chris Cornwell

Two space engineer's journey through deep space takes a dramatic turn when they discover an emergency message from the past.

2:43pm

New – SF&F – USA – PG-13

Director: John Harden

NEW tells the story of an elderly couple who choose to be cryonically preserved (chilled to sub-zero temperature) at the time of their deaths. They are revived, centuries later, their health and youth totally restored. Together they face the joys and challenges of a second life in a strange, distant future.

3:00pm

The Nostalgist – SF&F – UK – PG-13

Director: Giacomo Cimini

In the futuristic city of Vanille, with properly tuned ImmerSyst Eyes & Ears the world can look and sound like a paradise. But the life of a father and his young son threatens to disintegrate when the father's device begins to fail. Desperate to avoid facing his own traumatic reality, the man must venture outside to find a replacement, into a city where violence and danger lurk beneath a skim of beautiful illusion.

3:17pm

Mouse-X – SF&F – UK – PG-13

Director: Justin Tagg

Mouse-X is a mystery/sci-fi story about Anderson, a man who wakes in a building with no idea where he is or how he got there, before slowly discovering that in each of the rooms around him are a thousand clones of himself, all of whom woke into the same mysterious scenario. To escape, he needs to outwit his 'selves' whilst overcoming the realization that he is not the only Anderson...

3:32pm

P.L.U.G. – SF&F – USA – PG-13

Director: David Levy

On a post-apocalyptic Earth, Leila Dawn (Natalie Floyd), is the only human survivor. Raised by Robots after humanity abandoned the planet they destroyed with nuclear warfare, Leila cannot forget her parents nor ignore her yearning to find other organic life. A hunt she sets out on with a Military Unit, Marker (Lex Cassar), leads Leila to discover the reality she's been denied—a reality that sparks her ultimate quest.

Animation Shorts

4:00pm

Broken – Animation – Canada – PG-13

Director: Adam Ciolfi

A damaged robot attempts to keep his companion alive after a catastrophic accident.

4:11pm

Bear Story – Animation – Chile – PG-13

Director: Gabriel Osorio

An old bear goes out every day to a busy street corner. Through a tin marionette theater of his own making, the bear will tell us his life story.

4:22pm

OceanMaker – Animation – USA – PG-13

Director: Lucas Martell

After the seas have disappeared, a courageous young female pilot fights against vicious sky pirates for control of the last remaining source of water: the clouds.

4:33pm

Companion – Animation – USA – PG-13

Director: Sean O'Neill

A stray puppy suddenly appears to brighten up a lonely boy's world. The two enjoy a long-lasting companionship as they grow together.

4:37pm

Sumer – Animation – Spain - PG-13

Director: Alvaro Garcia

For unknown reasons, the Earth's ionosphere has weakened dramatically during the course of the last century, resulting in the collapse of the entire ecosystem. Earth has become an increasingly hostile and uninhabitable place and with no shield to protect it, it is at the full mercy of meteors. All animal and plant species perished decades ago. All that remains is one small group of humans who attempt to resist the hostility and hardness of the external environment from SUMER, the last hive city in the world, which has been specifically designed to keep the population alive through oxygen supply systems. Unfortunately, the systems that allow this last safe haven to operate are becoming increasingly Impaired and deficient.

4:47pm

Space Cat Hob – Animation – France – PG-13

Director: Loic Bramouille

Space Cat Hob tells the tale of a space cat sent on a mission to reconquer a planet.

4:53pm

Switch Man – Animation – USA – PG-13

Director: Hsun-Chun Chuang & Shao-Kuei Tong

In a normal quiet Sunday, Dr. Evil Mantis attacked K-City unexpectedly with his gigantic claw, the entire city in panic and in danger. At the very critical moment, one young man stood out and fight the Dr. Evil Mantis. This is the moment for the hidden superhero, and his secret power is about to turn this chaos upside down. The Legend is about to begin...

4:55pm

Zeit – Animation – Canada – PG-13

Director: Annie Doyon

A strange creature named Zeit, who lives on a floating island with his friend, try to bring back the sun.

4:57pm

Peck Pocketed – Animation – USA – PG-13

Director: Kevin Herron

A bird desiring a luxury home seizes the opportunity one day when an old lady falls asleep in the park.

5:00pm

Death and the Robot – Animation – USA – PG-13

Director: Austin Taylor

Two lonely souls, bored of their safe havens, venture into new worlds and share an encounter that will nurture a friendship and an everlasting legacy.

5:11pm

CODA – Animation – Ireland – PG-13

Director: Alan Holly

Tells the story of a lost soul who stumbles drunkenly through the city. In a park, death finds him and shows him many things.

5:20pm

Serial Taxi – Animation – USA – PG-13

Director: Paolo Cogliati

A young business woman takes a chilling ride when she realizes her cab driver could be the notorious Taxi Killer.

5:23pm

The Missing Scarf – Animation – Ireland – PG-13

Director: Eoin Duffy

Albert the Squirrel makes a startling discovery ... an empty space where once his favorite scarf lay. He heads off into the forest only to find everyone else is preoccupied with worries of their own. He helps who he can before moving on but never seems to get any closer to his goal.

5:30pm

Mean Teddies – Animation – USA – PG-13

Director: Tyler Novo

A story about a stuffed teddy bear who springs to life every night to protect its owner as they sleep. The owner is oblivious to the dangers at night, but the bear sets out to fight on their behalf as the nightmares come rolling in.

5:33pm

The Urge 2 Allow – Animation – Canada – PG-13

Director: Christopher Augus

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

5:41pm

Umbrella Factory – Animation – USA – PG-13

Director: Lexie Findarle & Nick Trivundza

One evening, a traveler knocked upon the door of three brothers. Asking for a place to stay, as he has nowhere else to go, he offers them his magic talisman for payment in exchange for room and board. What the brothers learn is that the talisman is capable of granting three wishes. But be careful what you wish for.

5:45pm

Alex – Horror – USA – PG-13

Director: Jeremiah Kipp

We see a young woman checking into a hotel, entering a hotel room, getting drunk and taking a trip down memory lane.

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6:00pm

The Mill at Calder's End – Animation – USA – PG-13

Director: Kevin McTurk

In the remote village of Calder's End stands an old windmill, a repository of dark secrets. Nicholas Grimshaw has returned to this haunted place, his childhood home, intent on breaking a generations old family curse. Grimshaw's journey takes him deep below the decaying mill, into mysterious, forgotten catacombs, where upon he confronts the very source of the evil that has corrupted his family.

6:14pm

Grave Shivers – Horror – USA – PG-13

Director: Brent Sims

A dark legend tells of a mysterious book with no identifiable author, the only thing known of its contents, its subject matter, is that it has magical - endless pages that contain stories of horror, wonder, and dread. Many have searched for it throughout the sands of time. Many have lost themselves in this quest, never to be heard from again. By other worldly assistance, or pure malevolence, one man has located this "book," and has dared to open its pages, to release it back on the world...

6:28pm

Itsy Bitsy Spiders – Horror – USA – PG-13

Director: Bertrand Paré

Edwin has a dark obsession with drawing spiders. His mother does her best to curb his increasingly odd behavior, but unbeknownst to her, a terrifying mystery will soon be solved with the help of these sinister drawings.

6:40pm

Hag – Horror – USA – PG-13

Director: Erik Gardner

Inspired by true events. Scott Somers mysteriously experiences sleep paralysis when his wife Marie sleepwalks at night. Unbeknownst to him, she lives with a horrible secret that slowly begins to eat away at their relationship.

6:55pm

Insane – Horror - Canada

Director: Adam O'Brien

A young talented director on a location scout in the abandoned psychiatric hospital of a rural community inadvertently awakens the ghost of a tormented soul seeking retribution.

7:15pm

Behold the Noose – Horror – USA PG-13

Director: Jamie Brooks

A sheriff's deputy searches for a girl in the mysterious backwoods of Kaufman County, Texas.

7:25pm

Mr. Dentonn – Horror – Spain – PG-13

Director: Ivan Villamel

On a cold winter night, Laura reads his brother David the story of a strange creature that attacks children. Suddenly, a shiver runs Laura's body, feeling a strange presence in the house. It's him.

7:35pm

The Horror of AutoCorrect – Horror – USA – PG-13

Director: Alex DiVincenzo

Jenny's quiet evening at home watching a scary movie is interrupted by a stalker who can't quite master the art of text messaging.

7:41pm

Tickle– Horror – USA – PG-13

Director: Cory Norman

We all know how 80's horror movies start; with a babysitter and a little boy alone in a house. Are things that go bump in the night the imagination of a scared little boy, or is someone or *something* in the house with them?

8:00pm

The Outer Darkness – Horror – UK – PG-13

Director: Ben Franklin & Anthony Melton

"On Friday evenings in Lynnsmouth Community Centre, meets a group led by Father Jonathan Crowe. Together they share their stories – tales of strange occurrences, horrific events and bizarre encounters that have scarred their lives."

8:25pm

Playing with the Devil – Horror – USA – PG-13

Director: Nick Stentzel

While home alone, three sisters conduct a Japanese ritual of Hitori Kakurenbo or "One Man Tag" with their beloved doll. Terror ensues as the girls realize that one should never play a game with the Devil.

8:32pm

Anger of the Dead – Horror – Italy – PG-13

Director: Francesco Picone

Alice and Nicholas survived an epidemic that ravaged the world, now only inhabited by the undead. But the nightmare is not over; the rumbling of a motorcycle approaches, breaking the silence. Maybe it's

another survivor that will bring them to safety, or perhaps it is the most dangerous predator from which they have no chance of escaping?

8:47pm

Dystopia St. – SF&F – UK – PG-13

Director: David Cave

Lost in a world where logic is forgotten and nightmare is the central force around which everything revolves a man must confront his darkest fears if he is to unravel the mystery of his plight and find the key to his escape. In order to do this the man must tread a path of madness and uncertainty, always finding himself one step behind the strange fellow who haunts his dreams. Can the man outwit his tormentor and solve the puzzle of his dystopian dilemma or will he be forever lost in this hellish nightmare world?

9:00pm

Drink – SF&F - USA

Director: Emily Moss Wilson

DRINK is a sci-fi cautionary tale that follows Alice and her two sons, Clint and Billy, as they flee their home in the middle of the night. They arrive at an old desert motel, and it doesn't take long before Alice realizes she has a strange connection to this place. A tragedy of the past begins to reveal secret desires that could send Alice down a path of freedom or insanity.

9:21pm

Serpent's Lullaby – SF&F – Canada (Brief Nudity) – PG-17

Director: Patricia Chica

A reclusive woman holds the secret to a series of mysterious child disappearances in a small northern community.

9:34pm

Invaders – Horror - USA

Director: Jason Kupfer

A pair of home invaders considers their potential character choices just prior to their planned invasion.

9:41pm

Timothy – Horror – Spain – PG-13

Director: Marc Martinez Jordan

Simon is a little boy that has to deal with his babysitter, Sonia, a total nuisance. But that same night Simon will receive an unexpected visitor, Timothy, the main character of Simon's favourite show, a visit he will never forget.

9:51pm

Waterbourne – Horror - Australia

Director: Ryan Coonan

Years of drought, flood, and fluctuating environmental conditions have taken their toll on a small country town. When a local ranger finds an unidentified algae multiplying in the water supply, he knows that something's not right - but it's not till the sun goes down that he realizes the true extent of the danger.

10:01pm

Savant: Kali 47 – Horror – USA – PG-13

Director: Mike Diva

Undead dark riders invade a wild west saloon, blasting away everyone in sight - now only a bad-ass Native American warrior can save the town. A steampunk, supernatural, wild west, epic action-thriller with killer special effects. A thrill ride from music mastermind Savant and director/vfx artist Mike Diva.

10:05pm

The Offering – Horror – USA – PG-13

Director: Ryan Patch

A father and son travel deep into the woods to make an offering to a mysterious force. When they realize a key element is missing, they must improvise before time runs out.

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10:00am

The Looking Planet – Animation – USA - PG

Director: Eric Law Anderson

In the beginning, not everything went quite entirely according to plan. During the construction of the universe, a young member of the Cosmos Corp of Engineers dreams of doing something more than his menial job of planetary ring construction, so he sets out...

10:17am

Peel – Animation – Taiwan - PG

Director: Jenny Liu

The character incidentally peels his skin off while he is in the class, should he do something about it? Or just leave it this way?

10:21am

The Pilot Fish's Tale – SF&F – USA - PG

Director: Rose Fadem-Johnston

The Pilot Fish's Tale follows the journey of a tenacious young goldfish named Lock on her quest to become a dragon.

Though she sets out to become a flying, fire-breathing creature, Lock finds herself trapped below the sky and above the water; with everyone she encounters foolishly mistaking her for a maiden. As is often the rule with maidens in fairy tales, she is promptly swept off to a castle. Despite being doubted and ridiculed at every step, she is at last rewarded for her perseverance and becomes powerful, wise and content...fish.

The fairy-tale is a licensed adaption of a single chapter from the novel The Orphan's Tales: In the Night Garden, written by Catherynne M. Valente. It is a mixture of live action, puppetry and stop-motion animation.

10:38am

Omega – Animation – USA - PG

Director: Eva Franz & Andy Goralczyk

The end of evolution awaits in a wasteland dominated by bizarre trash formations, dust and rock. From the scattered remains of a long forgotten culture an electric ecosystem rapidly evolves into the ultimate form of existence...

10:49am

The Amazing Mr. Ash – Documentary - USA PG-13

Director: Brian Gersten

The Amazing Mr. Ash is a documentary short that follows the life and times of Ashod Baboorian, a beloved and eccentric Chicago-area magician. Mr. Ash, along with his wife Bonnie, have owned and operated Ash's Magic Shop on Western Avenue since 1985. The business is a veritable landmark in the Lincoln Square neighborhood, and is one of the last remaining magic shops in the city. At 74 years old, Mr. Ash has a storied history as an Iraqi-Armenian emigrant, a US army draftee, a country-western singer, and of course as a world famous magician.

11:01am

Entity – SF&F – France – PG-13

Director: Andrew Desmond

Minutes after the technical failure of her spacecraft, an astronaut finds herself ejected from her cockpit and into space. She tries in vain to contact to the base to obtain help. Her oxygen level diminishes slowly but surely. Little by little, fear grabs hold of her. She faints... After floating adrift for several hours through the immensity of space, she awakens to find herself facing a strange and mysterious entity, taking the shape of an immense colored cloud.

11:16am

Exit – SF&F – Spain - PG-13

Director: Michel Goossens

In the short film EXIT, A woman awakes in an unfamiliar space with a man sitting beside her bed. He explains her that she has passed away and will now have to let go of her earthly identity to move on. EXIT is a surrealistic drama exploring our attachments to life, tendencies to externalize emotions during times of stress and our understanding of reality.

11:32am

Fortress – SF&F – Russia – PG-13

Director: Dima Fedotof

Despite the fact that mankind is killed, the war still continues. War continued with automated system left by people. One of the last surviving bomber and its pilot still performs its task. The city is dead for a long time. Dead people who built it. Dead people who gave the order to destroy the city. And war will continue until subside echo of humanity. But life will always find a way to survive. Cassette bomb sub munitions became a fortress for the grass.

11:35am

Immersion – SF&F – USA – PG-13

Director: Raphael Rogers

Immersion, Atma's virtual reality rehabilitation program is sweeping the nation. Now criminals are being treated inside VR. Depression, violence, anxiety, soon they'll all be in the past. But Axa is being hunted by Atma. Why? He's just a nobody... or is he?

11:45am

Return – SF&F – USA – PG-13

Director: Patrick Rea

A woman is struggling to find her way out of the maze of redundancy. But because of her betrayal, she may be doomed to repeat her mistake for eternity.

11:51am

Recoil – SF&F – USA – PG-13

Director: Evan Matthews

When discovering a deep space distress call from his estranged brother, Marshall must choose to save himself or venture into the unknown for a chance at redemption.

12:10pm

Shadows – SF&F – UK – PG-13

Director: Luke Armstrong

Based on recent news events and set in the year 2037, 'Shadows' is a contemporary Orwellian style vision of the future. The short sci-fi film depicts how the UK government will use virtually all digital technology for surveillance and control over the general population, ultimately becoming a totalitarian state. We join our lead characters - Lee and Jess, on the brink of a revolution.

12:25pm

Hello World – SF&F – France – PG-13

Director: Rafael Mathé and Etienne Larragueta

In a close future, a private company developed a technology aimed at boosting our brain capacity. But it requires from its clients to store their memory data on one single server. In this highly controlled world, a young woman has the power to change things.

12:46pm

Flight from Shadow – Fan Film - USA – PG-13

Director: David A. Skousen

The WHEEL OF TIME fan movie "Flight From Shadow" chronicles the events in the "Four Kings in Shadow" chapter from The Eye of the World, the first book of Robert Jordan's bestselling series.

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