



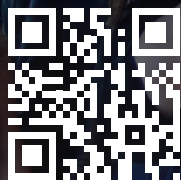
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FOUNDER'S MESSAGE



From screening my own shorts in my childhood living room on Ashburn Crescent to showcasing some of the world's best short films, I understand the profound vulnerability that accompanies sharing your work. Your art, in whatever medium, is an extension of you. Sharing it with the world means exposing a piece of you without any real way of protecting it. It opens you up to critique, judgment, reviews, determining whether you are certified fresh or a rotten tomato.

This fear of judgment often deters many from pursuing their creative ambitions. The naysayers frequently caution us with phrases like "it's too much of a risk" or "it's just not worth it." Consequently, we hide our creativity in the corners of our hearts and minds, in a place shrouded by darkness—a personal "upside-down."

But what if we decided to flip the switch? What if we found that last match in the box, that flicker of light in our hearts, the creative intuition that's been begging to be let out? What if we created simply to create, to express ourselves, to give our light a voice? What if we ILLUMINATED OUR CREATIVE

SPIRIT? A light that can resemble hope and optimism, a light that can provide a clearer path for future generations to see. Well, I challenge you to find out.

From what I've experienced, I can tell you this: it feels incredibly beautiful, like discovering your true essence. So, to all emerging creatives out there: Whether you realize it or not, you have a story to tell, and it's up to you to share it with us. We eagerly await what you will bring to light, and remember, VFF will be here to support you through the POWER OF SHORT FILM.

Illuminate your spirit. Share your light. Create, create, create!

Sincerely,

Antonio Ienco

Co-Founder

Director of Sponsorship & Events

Vaughan International Film Festival

Lights, camera... welcome! On behalf of the City of Vaughan and Members of Council, I am pleased to extend greetings to everyone attending the Vaughan International Film Festival's (VFF) 2024 festival week.

For more than a decade, VFF has celebrated independent film and filmmakers and brought the world's best to Vaughan. This year's festival was incredible, featuring inspiring and thought-provoking films that pushed the boundaries of cinema.

The arts move us and thrill us; they boost our spirit and bring us closer, not just to each other but to ourselves as well. And in Vaughan, we are ready to set the stage for our next act, which will focus on sparking creativity in our community.

I am thrilled to share that Vaughan will be home to a state-of-the-art performing and cultural arts centre. This initiative represents a significant

investment in our city's cultural vitality and economy.

This new venue will be a cornerstone of the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre and reflects our commitment to embracing the arts as a catalyst for economic growth. The facility will be a beacon for local and international talent, and I look forward to raising the curtain there with all of you in the coming years.

As we celebrate the vibrancy of the arts in our community, I want to extend congratulations to all of this year's nominees and winners — and now, on with the show!

Sincerely,



Steven Del Duca
Mayor of Vaughan



FESTIVAL ITINERARY

MON JUNE 17

STUDENT SCREENING 7:00pm
the studios at assembly park
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TUES JUNE 18

INTERNATIONAL BLOCK 1 7:00pm
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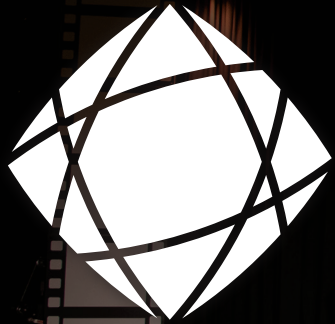


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AWARDS SHOW 6:00pm
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AFTERPARTY 10:00pm
the terrace event venue
red carpet

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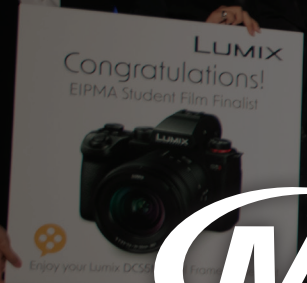
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STUDENT FILMS

AD INFINITUM



st. elizabeth c.h.s.

DRAMA, FILM NOIR

6:35

A young woman goes about her day and finds herself trapped in a time loop.

GROWING UP



richmond hill h.s.

ANIMATION

3:14

Struggling in the present, a girl rediscovers her dream through a reflection of her past.

THE RIGHT FIT



alexander mackenzie h.s.

STOP-MOTION

2:40

A girl gets ready to go to a party but runs into trouble when finding the right shoe to wear.



WILDEST OF ACADEMIA'S

alexander mackenzie h.s.

DRAMA

4:42

A mockumentary of Planet Earth that unveils the daily struggles of an art major student in their creative habitat.



**BLACK CAT:
THE WITCHING HOUR**

alexander mackenzie h.s.

ANIMATION

1:58

After a long day of work, a witch cat apprentice unluckily stumbles across mischievous forces of magic.



**THE PERFECT SCRIPT
(IN THEORY)**

tommy douglas s.s.

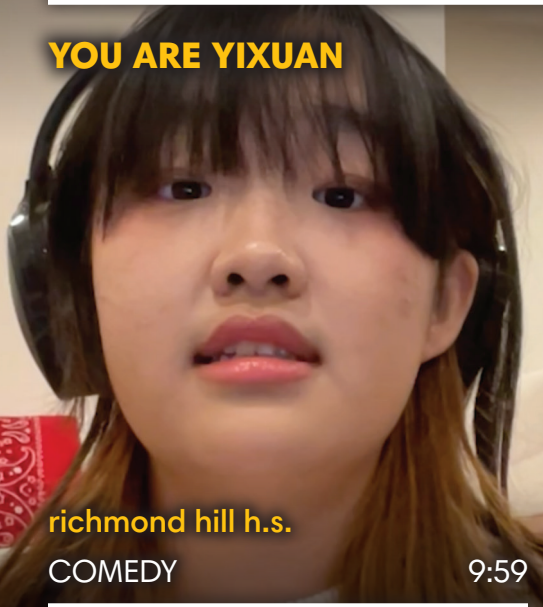
DRAMA

7:33

In a quest to win at the Vaughan Film Festival, a determined director of a group of film students turns to A.I. to craft a short film.

STUDENT FILMS

YOU ARE YIXUAN



richmond hill h.s.

COMEDY

9:59

A student in 2024 takes a time machine to make a short film over an online meeting with themselves.

THE DRAGON WHO LIVED



john cabot c.s.s.

ANIMATION

1:59

A dragon-human named Meilin narrates her journey of finding her purpose in order to fulfill a prophecy.

CYCLES



barrie north collegiate institute

DRAMA

9:58

Following the tragic loss of his sister, a troubled young man seeks help but is ultimately too distraught to open up.

MON JUNE 17



GOLD STAR

richmond hill h.s.

ANIMATION

1:37

A young girl struggles to find confidence after losing an art competition. However, encouragement always seems to come when you least expect it.



THE INTERROGATION

father bressani c.h.s.

DRAMA

5:20

When officer Ken confronts the prime suspect, the suspect exposes a shocking truth that changes the entire course of the investigation.



CONFINED

st. elizabeth c.h.s.

DRAMA

9:21

Internal struggles of an everyday man who finds himself confined within a bomb-shelter in an ongoing war as he survives, awaiting the uncertain arrival of the rescue.

STUDENT FILMS

ISOLATION



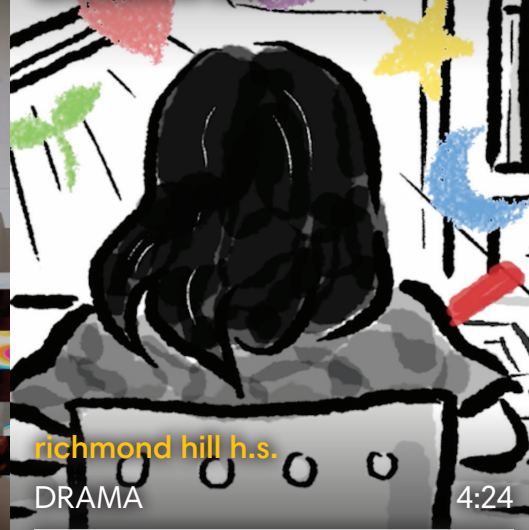
toronto district christian h.s.

DRAMA

2:44

A boy feels disconnected from society thinking about what others say about him.

SPEAK TO ME



richmond hill h.s.

DRAMA

4:24

A young artist who discovers her own unique way of communicating through the language of art.

UNDER THE LAKE



john cabot c.s.s.

ANIMATION

3:58

Ember lives her whole life being able to see a small creature that accompanies her everywhere. When Ember is older and faces some trouble, the creature leads her to a pond that takes her to another world.

MON JUNE 17

OBSERVATIONS OF THE PUBLIC

st. michael c.s.s.

PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER 9:40

Maya, a teenage girl, finds herself lost in the habit of observing others. To the dismay of her best friend, Alice, her obsession causes her to relentlessly spend her days documenting the people she sees. But things get colourful when a few out-of-the ordinary people show up.

I'LL SHOW YOU

holy cross catholic academy

DRAMA 7:28

A girl spirals into obsession with making it as a filmmaker.


THE ABSCONDERS OF BLUEBURY

thornlea s.s.

ACTION, COMEDY 5:36

Tragedy strikes the day two teens decide to improve their lives by stealing an authority vehicle and abandoning their home lives.

HOSTS



SERGIO DI ZIO
vaughan's summer lineup host




ANDREA TRENTADUE
spring launch host



MICHAELANGELO MASANGKAY
student screening host




JULIA SUPPA
int'l blocks 1 & 2 host



RAQUEL ZANARDO
red carpet host



NICOLE SERVINIS
awards show host

A promotional photograph for the band Rocopranatra. Three men are standing in front of a rustic wooden door set in a wall of peeling white plaster. The man on the left is older with grey hair, wearing a dark suit jacket over a light blue t-shirt. The man in the middle is middle-aged with dark hair, wearing a light blue suit jacket over a light blue t-shirt. The man on the right is younger, bald with a beard, wearing a light blue button-down shirt. They are all looking upwards and to the right. The lighting is dramatic, with strong shadows.

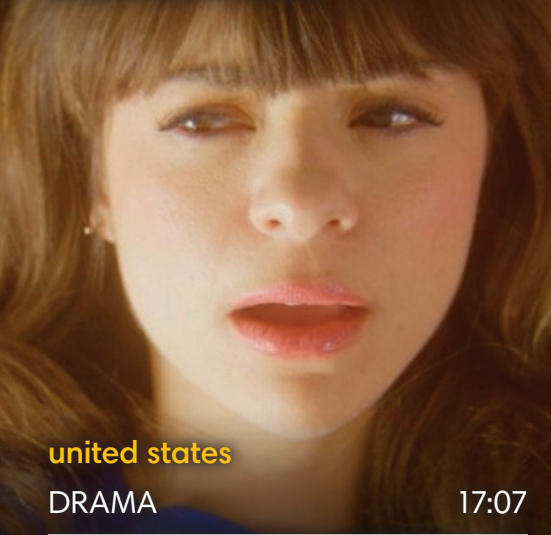
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INTERNATIONAL BLOCK 1

PATHOLOGICAL



united states

DRAMA

17:07

A pathological liar wakes up one day to discover her lies have become true.

CUT



france

DRAMA

12:27

A high school basketball player seeks revenge during the worst day of his coach's life.

HIGHWAY OF A BROKEN HEART



greece

DRAMA

11:00

Mary will do everything she can to win back the man who just broke her heart. But the night holds a big surprise.

TUES JUNE 18

MOTHERS AND MONSTERS



canada

SURREALIST-SATIRE

15:45

For a very special celebration, a host-mother has gathered mothers and their perfect children for a great banquet that is suddenly disrupted by strange disturbances.

THE STEAK



iran

DRAMA, WAR

8:13

A birthday ceremony preparation gets upside down as something horrible takes place.

THE PLEASURE IS ALL MINE



brazil

DRAMA, COMEDY

18:43

When 76-year-old Amélia realizes she has never had an orgasm in her life, she becomes determined to have one at any cost.

INTERNATIONAL BLOCK 1

THE REAL TRUTH ABOUT THE FIGHT



croatia

DRAMA, COMEDY

14:00

Between school trouble, mean girl drama, catchy lyrics, and a mysterious blue car, teenage Lena, sometimes distracted or interrupted, tells us the real story behind The Big Fight. But what isn't she telling us?

PARIS 70



spain

DRAMA

15:00

Jan takes care of his mother, who suffers from Alzheimer's. Jan faces a moral dilemma to prevent his mother's suffering.

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INTERNATIONAL BLOCK 2

IN WONDERLAND

united states

DRAMA, FANTASY

13:48

Nina, a tenacious 8-year-old Mexican girl is granted asylum in the U.S. and forced to stay in the custody of her estranged aunt, Carmen.

VISIBLE MENDING

united kingdom

ANIMATION

8:30

An animated documentary about the ways we repair ourselves through knitting, even when we can't be fully mended.

IT TURNS BLUE

iran

DRAMA

15:00

Morteza asks his older sister, Pari, to help him handle a situation during one of his weekly visits with his daughter.

WED JUNE 19

MARSHMALLOWS

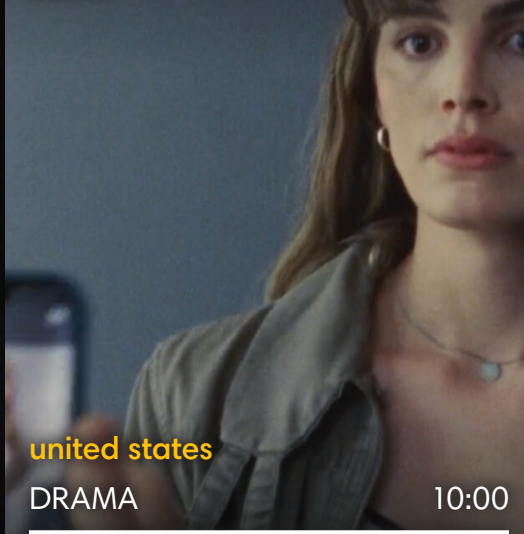


spain

DRAMA, SUSPENSE 18:00

After Noe's father dies she goes to his house to pick up the suit he will be buried in but she discovers something that will confront her with the greatest dilemma a daughter can imagine.

BUST



united states

DRAMA 10:00

The steadfast loyalty of a transgender woman to the NYPD is called into question when she's tasked with busting a drug dealer.

5 STAGES OF GRIEF



united states

DRAMA, COMEDY 9:36

Caroline has just been forced to terminate her cat, and her boyfriend Todd is emotionally unavailable.

INTERNATIONAL BLOCK 2

ESTASI



italy

DRAMA

15:00

Esther, an introverted teenager who lives with her bad-tempered father is adored and idolized by the local community of believers.

SHOOTING WATERMELONS



italy

DRAMA

20:00

Federico is on holiday with his father and brother in a summer residence in Sardinia. When a wealthy German family invites them to dinner, Federico discovers he is not so different from his father.

HEAT SPELL



canada

DRAMA

13:49

As the afternoon heat sets in, Maxime feels the weight of each passing moment.

NOMINATIONS

BEST FILM

PARIS 70
Spain

BEST ACTRESS

ALISON RICH
Pathological

BEST ACTOR

NOÉ DEZA DJA
Cut

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BEST DIRECTOR

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It Turns Blue

HEAT SPELL
Canada

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Shooting Watermelons

GEORGE SU
5 Stages of Grief

MARIE-PIER DUPUIS
Heat Spell

SHOOTING WATERMELONS
Italy

MILA DAMATO
Estasi

ALAIN HERNÁNDEZ
Paris 70

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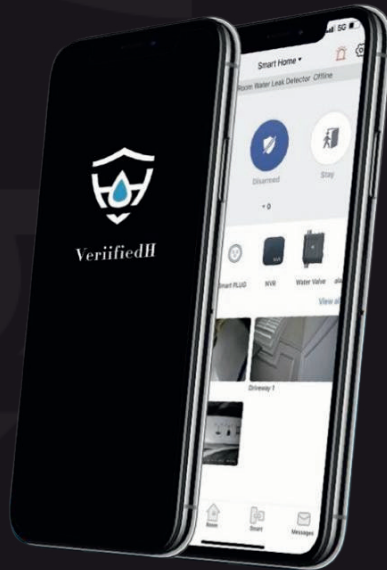
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