# FILLIA FESTIVAL 2022 Film Festival Guide





# A Lone Star Love

24:25 minutes | United States | 2021 **Director:** Ben Myers

Ronan Colfer, Deedee Woche, Annette Berning, Ben Myers

Short films, Sci-fi, Romance

David, an Irish National, makes his new home in Austin, Texas with the

help of a social media android named Viva. When he meets Texas Native, Layla, he must choose between his synthetic companion and a lone star love.



# **Absolute Power: Nasdaq Exposed**

1:31:17 minutes | United States | 2021 **Director:** Bryan O'Connell

Documentaries

After costing investors billions of dollars by listing fraudulentcompanies from China on their exchange, Nasdaq turns on longtime ally and Chinese born consultant, Benjamin Wey, in an attempted scapegoating turned decade long, racially charged vendetta.



# **Apache Leap**

1:24:10 minutes | United States | 2021 **Director:** Christian Rozier

Ignacio Kenton,Carrie Sage Curley,Douglas Miles Sr., Mariah Kitcheyan, Rachel Curtis, Chesley Goseyun Wilson

Feature Films, Multicultural

Apache artist Keane is forced into a desperate mission to get a job before the deadline passes and his dreams evaporate, all while navigating family stresses, enemies from his past, and an unpredictable old car.



# Birthday Boy

9:42 minutes | United States | 2021 **Director:** Dan Sellers

Vince Eisenson, Kelsi Chandler

Short Films

**Summary:** An abusive dad gets his just desserts on his birthday.





#### **Bloom**

8:40 minutes | Australia | 2021

**Director:** Paul De Cinque

Margaret Gorton, Fiona Stewart

Short films, Comedy

Bloom tells the lighthearted comedic tale of Betty, an elderly woman whose rich inner life belies her seemingly conventional appearance.

The impromptu discovery of her 60's hit single and beloved, colourful

scarf catapults Betty into a dancing reverie.



#### **CASSETTE TAPE**

23:25 minutes | Japan | 2021

**Director:** Yurugu Matsumoto

Rei Sugai, Takashi Irie, Ippei Osako,Kikuyo

Short Films

The young office worker Saki is looking forward to the birthday date

with her boyfriend, with whom she has been for three years together. However, because of his work, she is all the more surprised, as he

suddenly the next day with a marriage proposal arrives.



# **Breathing Black**

46:20 minutes | United States | 2021

**Director:** Bryan O'Connell

Ace Breaux, Zach Grovogui, Bre'onna Lake, Te'onna Lake, Gavin Lake, Megan Livingston, Alisha Patterson, Portia Smith, R. Eric Thomas

Documentaries, Maryland Films

Breathing Black follows nine Black Baltimoreans as they find joy amidst the global COVID-19 Pandemic and a summer of reckoning with the continued genocide of the Black body.





# **Charcoal Skies**

01:41:00 minutes | United States | 2021

**Director:** Bill Cooper

Braxton Thalberg, Emily Portner, Mark Anthony, Jack Spiegs, Ella "Sassy" Henderson, Shawn McAninch

Feature Films

When a reclusive, artistic eleven year-old boy ventures from the solace of his bedroom, he experiences more than he bargained for. His difficult, single mother finds a meaningful connection in an

unexpected place.





# Cipher

6:05 minutes | United States | 2022 **Director:** Willam Cole Snipes

Sky Todd Snipes, Willam Cole Snipes

Short films

Cipher, who lives in post apocalyptic time, relies on the VR to escape

the reality of the real world.



# **Dreamer**

58:41 minutes | United States | 2021 **Director:** Nick Nanton

Dean Kamen, Anousheh Ansari, Peter Diamandis, Lisa Nicols,

Jessica Cox

This documentary tells the story of entrepreneurs who never gave up on their dreams despite obstacles and setbacks and the world telling them 'it can't be done.' These men and women never stopped dreaming and they are now changing the world.



# Faces of the Future

17:03 minutes | United States | 2021

Mortiz Johnson

Micah Sanders Silva, Graham Northrup, Lucas Milota

Student Short Films

A teenage bully sees his future self when his actions are confronted head on with the face of the future.



# **Flamboyant**

5:31 minutes | Israel | 2021

**Director:** Aviv Kegen

Natalie Alon

Short Films, Music Video

A music video shot entirely from a drone in Iceland, following the cave lady on her quest to God's beach, while she goes through vast alien worlds, all by herself.





# From Mexico to Vietnam, a Chicano story

50:01 minutes | United States | 2021 **Director:** Andrés Gallegos

Documentaries, Historical, Vietnam War, Latino

After losing her father at an early age, Tina Duran explores the rich history of her father, the story of her ancestors who migrated from Mexico to the United States, and the implications the Vietnam War had on the Chicano & Latino community.

# **GARRETT'S KITCHEN**

A COOKING SHOW



#### **Garrett's Kitchen**

8:11 minutes | United States | 2021

**Director:** Julia Christgau

Joe Carroll Short Films

Summary: A Youtube healthy cooking show gets real during quarantine.



# **Going Home**

5:10 minutes | Australia | 2022

Panayiota

A lady finds herself in an empty space, wondering how she got there. She meets her Higher Self and realises where she really is.



#### **Green Food**

16:25 minutes | United States | 2022

**Director:** Xiaoli Liu

Beau Bowker, Dennis Getmanski, Kai Kuna, Sam Ingraffia

Short Films, Sci-Fi, Comedy

Three astronauts stranded in a spaceship with an alien corpse, have

to find a way to survive without food.





# Hiding in the Walls

57:30 minutes | United States | 2021

**Director:** David Sebastiao Angel King Wilson

Documentaries, Maryland Films

Hiding in the Walls, a new documentary from Baltimore natives Angel King Wilson and David Sebastiao, takes a deep dive into Baltimore's history of environmental racism, specifically shining a light on lead poisoning in the city. The film discusses the origins of lead poisoning, the failures of local leadership to stop the problem, and ultimately how it came to be an uncontrolled epidemic in the city. We also hear stories from people who were diagnosed with lead poisoning as children and how they have lived with the disease, its effects, and the social stigma associated with it.



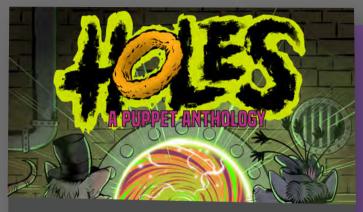
#### HONK

46:29 minutes | United States | 2022 **Director:** Cheryl Allison

Honk the Goose, Kathy Rogers, Mary Beth Purdy, Cheryl Allison

Documentaries

Dumped and alone at a city park, Honk spends his days dodging cars, begging for food and looking for friends. When Cheryl and Honk's path cross unexpectedly, what follows is a story in which fairy tales are made. During an unprecedented time of lock downs and social distancing, this unlikely pair turn to each other for companionship. After Cheryl shares videos of their unusual friendship on social media, Honk becomes an overnight sensation.



# **HOLES: A Puppet Anthology**

1:47:11 minutes | United States | 2021

Naomi Davidoff, Aran Keating, Zeb Blair, Travis Madden, Justin Sabe,

Mike Smith, Lincoln Goode, Eric Poch, Greg Bowen

Johnny Marra, Meghan Taylor

Animation, Maryland Films, Puppetry, Comedy, Rock Opera, Sci-Fi,

A wild ride through the sewers of Baltimore - and six new puppet worlds - with the characters of the Baltimore Rock Opera Society. Produced during COVID isolation by over 100 volunteers, HOLES combines puppetry, stop-motion, and live action storytelling with a powerful rock opera soundtrack.



# How to Avoid a Sappy Goodbye

**Director:** Doug Rogers 16:30 minutes | United States | 2022

Alyssa Limperis, Doug Rogers

Short Films, Romatic Comedy

A pair of friends-with-benefits negotiate the terms of their mutually agreed upon casual fling after one offers the other a ride to the airport on their last day together. How to Avoid a Sappy Goodbye is a romantic comedy with a little less romance and a little more comedy.





#### I DARE YOU

6:28 minutes | United States | 2022

**Director:** Maya Jai Pinson Trenillo TREE Walters

Student Short Films

**Summary:** A single memory prevents the ultimate mistake.



#### Left of the Dial

49:45 minutes | United States | 2021

**Director:** Andrew Lawton

Miranda Poett, Nick Markovich, Natasha Roland, Jayandra Chiluwal

Teresa Langford, Todd Toure, Kyle Minshew

Feature Films

When a "War of the Worlds"-style on-air stunt goes wrong, a disgraced radio hotshot is forced to leave Los Angeles and move back home to try and resurrect her career at the station that developed her in the small

town that resents her.



#### **Jess at Christmastime**

15:00 minutes | United States | 2022

**Director:** Will Freda, James Freda

Annie McCarthy, Jake Laurence

Short Films



# Look At Us Now: A Comic Book Movie

14:16 minutes | United States | 2022

Director: Vee Rodriguez

Vee Rodriguez, Tony Bartele, Manny Luna, Christina Kaplan, Leo Lungaro, Nadya Martinez, Phillip Rogers

Documentaries, Experimental

Based on the poem by Vee The Vision, LOOK AT US NOW: A COMIC BOOK MOVIE follows a diverse group of urban comic book lovers, and tells the story of how geek culture went from being

a punchline to a global phenomenon.





# Maggie in Fall

15:00 minutes | United States | 2021 **Director:** Graham Holford

Courtney Abbot, Shelly Delaney, Michael Dias, Heather Caldwell Phillip C Matthews

Student Short Films

Maggie's family is turning against her as they can no longer trust her actions. All this takes place as the world transitions into life in a pandemic and a raging election as a backdrop. Maggie tries desperately to grip on to her life. However, it is moving on with, or without her.



# Mango House

57:00 minutes | United States | 2021 **Director:** Ross Taylor

Annie McCarthy, Jake Laurence

Documentaries, Refugee, Medical, Health, Immigrant

Mango House is a film about the largest shared space for refugees in the greater West and the risk-toker behind it all. The film lends insight into the refugee experience through a heightened level of intimacy and access, and exposes levels of racism, and injustice, in areas ranging from access to medical care to how we police underserved areas.



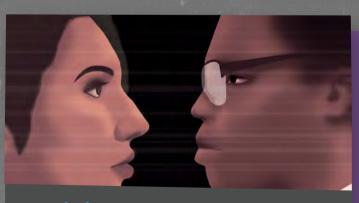
# Married to the Bag

49:45 minutes | United States | 2021 **Director:** Zane Hoshour Bhansali

Molly Elizabeth Brown, Miranda Volpe, Nadja Hoyer-Booth

Student Short Films

A young woman reluctantly returns home to support her alcoholic mother in the wake of her seemingly perfect father's unexpected  ${\sf A}$ 



#### **Matched**

**Director:** Russell Sorbello 15:50 minutes | United States | 2022

Marcus Ellison, Renee Gerrard, Drew Larsen

Short Films, Maryland Films, Sci-fi, Romance, Comedy

Two entities named Mac and Pam become mysteriously drawn to

one another.





# MeTube: August sings 'Una furtiva lagrima'

8:00 minutes | Austria | 2020

**Director:** Daniel Moshel

August Schram, Elfie Wunsch, Sira Topic, Thomas Weinhappel, Michael Schertenleib, Alessandro Bressanello, Selina Ströbele Emem Augendopler

Short Films, Music, LGBTQ, Jewish, Mature/Adult, Romance,

Comedy, Drama, Science Fiction

The third part of the internationally award-winning MeTube short film series. This time the intergalactic music nerds August and Elfi conquer the opera stage and orchestrate their final adventure in an opulent manner.



#### Neurosynergy

2:51 minutes | United States | 2021

Director: Oscar Li

Joel Schechter

Student Short Films, Animation, Documentaries

Dr. Joel Schechter is a retired medical instructor who has been drawing and teaching medical students for several years. He recounts his experiences grappling between both sides of his brain when oscillating



#### **NAHRANI**

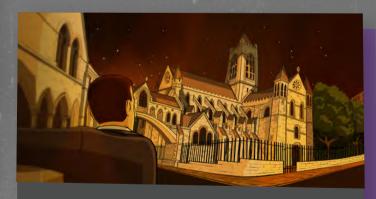
24:30 minutes | United States | 2021

**Director:** Simon Pfister

Janna Striebeck, Bless Amada, David Rott, Lukas Brandl

Short Films, War, Drama

Development aid worker Carina Nowak walks into a trap set by the Taliban, together with a squadron of German army soldiers. Only she and young soldier Luca survive and they both have to fight to reach their own goals.



# **Nightlink**

10:16 minutes | Ireland | 2021

Director: Aidan O'Sullivan

Moe Dunford, Peter Coonan Short Films, Animation

Set in Dublin after the pubs close. While telling God what he really

thinks of him Ronan aggravates a bunch of Púca who were having a few drinks in a nearby dimension. From that point on, they do what they can to lure him onto the Nightlink to the afterlife.





#### Oracle

12:08 minutes | United States | 2020 **Director:** Edmund Savage

Latisha Harrison, Bayou Elom, Eric Lamont

Short Films, Maryland Films, Drama, LGBT

Michael DeBow is a single father to a young queer teen, but when his son disappears, he seeks the help of a psychic to locate his missing son.



# **Prom Night**

4:59 minutes | United States | 2021 **Director:** Carolin Harvey

Nicole Lado, Kyra Radomsky, Gina Jun, Adriana Sturdevant Student Short Films, Horror, Thriller, Drama, Psychological

A high school girl gets ready for prom, but discovers something is off about her friend and mother.



# Paper People

Jack Levenberg, Elise Reaves, Rory Spillane, Jared Ross

Short Films, Comedy, Mockumentary

17-year-olds Logan Kramer and Kelsey Bier share one goal: to be the best newspaper delivery person on Long Island. But when their quest for victory in the final paper-slinging competition of their high school careers becomes personal, Logan and Kelsey must decide how far they are willing to go to win.



# **Ring Ring**

14:35 minutes | United States | 2021 **Director:** Kenge B

Josephine Armar, Aaron Sullivan

Short Films

When an elderly woman gets an unexpected call from a man pretending to be her grandson, she knows he is a scam artist. She decides to scam him into believing she is a senile old woman with various antics.





# **Science Friction**

1:26:00 minutes | United States | 2021 Director: Emery Emery

Documentaries, Science, Television

Those TV documentaries you see, and the science experts they feature?

Did you know that producers often deceptively edit them and twist their words, to make them say the opposite of what they actually said? Science Friction sets the record straight.



#### **SHASHTHI**

**Director:** Jude Peter Damian

Short Films

The short film in Tamil is a fiction about the struggles (and events thereafter) of an economically weaker woman to save her son from a medical emergency, who was actually adopted by her about ten years ago on finding him as an abandoned baby from near a dust bin



# Singing in the Wilderness

**Director:** Dongnan Chen

Emelie Mahdavian, Chad Cannon, Keith Fulton, Nanfu Wang, Jisong Li,

Yutian Feng

After hiding in the mountains for a century, a Miao ethnic Christian choir is discovered by a propaganda official and becomes a national sensation. Two young Miaos and all the villagers must reconcile their faith, identity and love with the real world of China.



# **Special Delivery**

3:30 minutes | United States | 2021

**Director:** Olivia Baylor

Student Short Films, Horror, Comedy

A warning of what could happen to your collection of empty boxes from all of your online shopping. Please handle your boxes with





# **Spider Rockets - Rip Your Heart Out**

3:25 minutes | United States | 2020 **Director:** Roman Fernandez

Short Films, Animation, Music Video

Crazy bitch meets dumb-ass guy. Dumb-ass guy does not know crazy bitch has a secret. Dumb-ass guy pisses off crazy bitch. Crazy bitch



# Stage Fright

6:47 minutes | United States | 2022 **Director:** Camden Tucker

Ava Stevens, Kaylee Simpson, Timothy Murray, Brody Stream, Evan Smedley

Student Short Films

A student must cope with stage fright when auditioning for a school

production.



#### Survival Job

**Director:** Monica McCarthy 12:48 minutes | United States | 2021

Monica McCarthy, Sergey Nagorny, Lindy Rogers

Short Films

TESSA WREN struggles with intimacy in her Method acting class and reveals she has a lot on her mind with her day jobs. Her teacher, MIMI BOND, points out that all of Tessa's classmates have complicated lives, and leads the class through a "sense memory" exercise. Tessa stops short of a memory about her mother when her phone pings with a text from her AGENT with an appointment in ten minutes.



#### **SWEET DISASTER**

1:30:00 minutes | Germany | 2021

**Director:** Laura Lehmus

Friederike Kempter, Florian Lukas, Lena Urzendowsky, Lasse Myhr, Katharina Behrens

Feature Films, Tragicomedy

Frida unexpectedly falls pregnant and Felix, the father of her child, breaks up

with her to re-unite with his ex. Although some serious health problems caused by the late pregnancy force Frida to rest, she still tries to get Felix back, using methods which are absurd, exaggerated and sometimes hilarious.





# Sweet Home Alabama: A Chief and his Protégé

17:55 minutes | United States | 2021 **Director:** Frederick Murphy

This film explores the parallels between survival, perseverance, and unapologetic preservation. Joycelyn Davis, a descendant of Chief Charles Lewis (Clotilda), details her battle with cancer and how her enslaved ancestors legacy of defying the odds validated her ability to conquest obstacles in the way. Joycelyn, alongside Pastor Derek Tucker, express their commitment to keep the rich history of Africatown, USA relevant and accessible for generations to come.



# **The Collection**

11:00 minutes | United States | 2022 Director: Rich West

Sheri Ratick Stroud, Denise Sanchez, Jean Rosolino, Dennis Knight,

Matt Neufeld

Short Films

Summary: A new neighbor moves in with the most unusual collection.



#### The Creative High

1:15:00 minutes | United States | 2021 **Director:** Adriana Marchione

**Documentaries** 

Nine Artists in recovery from addiction are transformed by creativity in their turbulent search for identity and freedom.



# The Four Walls of Charlotte Moreland

**Director:** Joe Benedetto 22:44 minutes | United States | 2021

Alison Stover, Jane Dashow, Bettina Bilger

Short Films

Based on a true story, The Four Walls of Charlotte Moreland takes you on a journey into the gaslighting and confusion of life post abusive relationship. Panic and depression overwhelm her as she can't remember the girl she once was and is now redefined by lies and by the messages of her abuser. There is hope, and Charlotte emerges as a stronger version of herself through small but significant moments, and the kindness of people who have not given up on her.





# The Giant with a House 2

11:26 minutes | Hong Kong | 2022 **Director:** Sin-hong Chan

Short Films, Animation, Fantasy

This is a post-apocalyptic fantasy story. Talking about the journey of a big giant carrying a house with a small girl. This time they found a Ferris

wheel, a roller coaster, and a glowing modern metropolitan city in the wasteland.



# The Houses of Light

**Director:** Jakov Sedlar

Franco Nero, Magdalena Modric, Ursula Najev, James Earl Jones

Documentaries

**Summary:** A story of all forty-eight Croatian lighthouses.



# The Impact

10:37 minutes | United States | 2021 **Director:** Camille Dianand

Sophie Sandberg

Student Short Films

24 year old Sophie Sandberg has started a worldwide movement that

speaks out against street harassment. However, even with her activism, she still falls victim to it. The worst part? She isn't even surprised.



# The Kaleidoscope Guy at the Market

**Director:** Russell Brown 21:00 minutes | United States | 2021

Artist Michael Shaw - also known as "The Kaleidoscope Guy at the Market" - has been selling his unique stained-glass creations at Pike's Place Market in Seattle for 25 years. This 20-minute documentary uses his personal narrative to delve into a deeper dialogue about these fascinating objects and their universal appeal to the human

imagination.





#### The Radio

10:50 minutes | United States | 2022 **Director:** Alisanna Vincent

Peyton Kern, Ellie Hintz, Ryan Fitzgerald

Student Short Films, Sci-Fi, Thriller

**Summary:** The film follows a young starlet coming face to face with a notorious serial killer after being warned by a time-bending radio that breaks the

rules of the silent era film they reside in.



#### The Tower Road Bus

1:07:26 minutes | United States | 2021 **Director:** Michael Streissguth

**Documentaries** 

Fifty years after the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed the constitutionality of busing children to achieve racial integration in schools, The Tower Road Bus revisits the unresolved stories of African-American students and

educators thrust into all-white schools during the 1970s.



#### The Resilient Larsons

33:29 minutes | United States | 2022 Director: Kalyan Mantri

Eddie Buck, Dani Duran, Patrick Warden, Justin Snowball, Austin Tyler,

Kayla Esmond, Hugo Mejia, Arasha Lalalni

Short Films

David and Laura who are both deaf by birth met at a community party. They are happily married and soon to become parents. Laura is pregnant with their first child. Life is not just predictable. Laura has a medical condition and she is gradually losing her vision. If not treated it can become a permanent blindness. Despite hardships life is throwing at them, both David Larson and Laura Larson face them with courage and confidence.



#### THE UGLY TRUTH

1:36:27 minutes | Germany | 2021 **Director:** Krishna Ashu Bhati

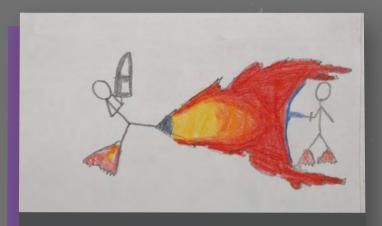
Marcus Grüsser, Eva Habermann, Caroline Hartig, Lilly Liefers,

Emma Schweiger

Feature Films

Mona, her husband Theo and daughter Hanna live in an idyllic villa on the outskirts of Berlin. When the attractive 18 years old daughter of a friend comes to visit, the profound problems and fragility of the small family reveal, as a tragic downward spiral takes its inevitable course.





# There is exactly enough time

2:00 minutes | Austria | 2021 **Director:** Oskar Salomonowitz

Short Films, Animation, Experimenta

Summary: Oskar Salomonowitz, the 12-year-old son of filmmakers Anja Salomonowitz and Virgil Widrich, had drawn 206 frames of a flip book when he died in an accident. Using the remaining blank sheets,

his father continued drawing the film.

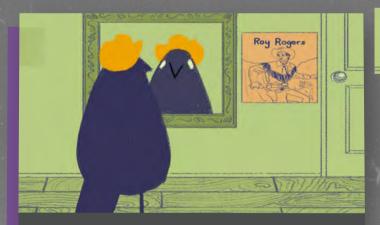


# **Tyndall Typewriters**

Theo Adams IV, Courtney Jamison

Summary: Antique typewriter repairman, Thomas Tyndall, uses vintage typewriters to remind people of the good old days when communications, social

interactions, and relationships were tactile experiences. He helps a fallen chef overcome her inability to make emotional connections and regain her creativity while servicing her machine. Together they find a connection through storytelling.



# Yee-Caw (I Wanna Be A Cowboy)

3:40 minutes | United States | 2021 Director: Hannah Jackson

Short Films, Animation, Slice of Life, Drama

Summary: A little, struggling bird goes to find his destiny.