

9TH ANNUAL



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**SATURDAY SEPT 13TH**

AFS CINEMA

**TOP 100 BEST-REVIEWED ON FILMFREEWAY**

# AUSTIN UNDER THE STARS 2025

At Austin Under the Stars, we celebrate the storytellers who dare to dream. From the first spark on the page to the final cut on the big screen, our filmmakers and screenwriters bring passion, craft, and courage to every frame. Tonight, their work takes center stage as we gather in the glow of the screen to share stories, connect, and celebrate the magic of cinema ★

## FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	DOORS OPEN, RED CARPET MIXER
2:30 PM - 3:40 PM	BLOCK 1: ANIMATION + STUDENT + DOCUMENTARY SHORTS
3:40 PM - 4:00 PM	Q&A – BLOCK 1 FILMMAKERS
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	BLOCK 2: DOCUMENTARY SHORTS (CON'T) + FEATURE FILM
5:30 PM - 5:45 PM	Q&A – BLOCK 2 FILMMAKERS
5:45 PM - 7:45 PM	BLOCK 3: MUSIC VIDEO + HORROR + COMEDY
7:45 PM - 8:00 PM	Q&A – BLOCK 3 FILMMAKERS
8:00 PM - 9:50 PM	BLOCK 4: MICRO + NARRATIVE SHORTS
10:00 PM - 10:15 PM	Q&A – BLOCK 4 FILMMAKERS
10:15 PM - 10:30 PM	Q&A – ATTENDING SCREENWRITERS
10:30 PM - 11:00 PM	AWARD CEREMONY





## SCREENING BLOCK 1

### 2:30 PM - 3:40 PM

#### ANIMATION

KEFFA THE CURIOUS GOAT	00:02:28	BEREKET TAFESSE LAKEW, HIRUY AMANUEL
OAKLYN'S FRIENDS	00:02:59	KELCIE RUSSELL
ALMOST TEN	00:01:58	DAN QUINN

#### STUDENT

KITTY BRAVO IN FREEFALL FAILURE	00:00:55	SPENCER BRYANT
SHELL YOU BE MINE?	00:03:00	ADITHYA NAARAYAN SATHYANARAYANAN, ALYSSA CURRAN
SMOKING KILLS	00:05:11	LIV MARTINEZ
LAST CALL	00:07:49	JANELLE LEE AUSTIN, KASEY VILLALTA
BANANA BO	00:10:04	G WILD

#### DOCUMENTARY

KEEPER OF THE CASCADES	00:14:03	MADDIE PELLMAN, GRACE GALLIGAN
"LEJOS" A SELF PORTRAIT	00:09:01	LESTER PLATT
FILM OF XAVIER ALVARADO		
THE FALCONS	00:14:00	TANIEL KILAJIAN

#### FILMMAKER Q&A + AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARD

JOIN US IMMEDIATELY AFTER THIS BLOCK FOR A LIVE Q&A WITH ALL ATTENDING FILMMAKERS FROM THESE SCREENINGS. THE AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARD FOR THIS BLOCK WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE END OF THE Q&A.



## **SCREENING BLOCK 2**

### **4:00 PM - 5:30 PM**

## **DOCUMENTARY (CON'T)**

**FOLLOWING TUPAC**      00:26:41      *JACOB HUBERMAN*

## **FEATURE DOCUMENTARY**

**GOOD NIGHT COLLEGE**      01:08:30      *SHYAM MADHAV*

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## SCREENING BLOCK 3

### 5:45 PM - 7:45 PM

## MUSIC VIDEO

GOOD KINDA TIRED	00:03:48	MICHELLE BOSSY
HATMAN	00:04:22	ANDREW DUCKY DUTKIEWICZ
TAKE ME	00:03:47	JAKE HULL
NOT YET	00:05:19	ASHTEN FALTER
BLOOD GROOVE	00:04:24	MICHAEL SCOTT PAYTON
LAST DRAW (LIVE)	00:02:50	ANDRES COOKE
PERFECT SHOW	00:03:50	SOPHIE DRAGO, LUCAS MILLER
NEW HORIZONS	00:04:44	LYRA REIGN
CHEETO PUFF	00:02:57	ZAC WITTE

## COMEDY

CLIMATE BROS	00:11:20	RYAN REZNICK
FRAMED	00:08:00	SAM SCHLENKER
SAY YES	00:13:58	ORI MATISSE EVANS

## HORROR

TRUST ME, BRO	00:11:00	BURNS BURNS
SIREN	00:11:28	COSTANTINO CIMINIELLO
UNSEEN	00:10:50	GRACE GOEN
AFTER HOURS	00:04:09	NATALIE GRACE DAUBERT
GLOW	00:10:53	JUSTIN BETANCOURT

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## SCREENING BLOCK 4

### 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

## MICRO SHORTS

THE ATTIC ABOVE	00:02:11	PRAKASH GANDHI NATARAJAN
THE APPLE STORE	00:02:23	MADISON LIN
LOVE, DAISY	00:01:30	ALEXANDRA VARKAROTAS
WISTFUL SENTIMENTS	00:01:59	JESSE FOY
SHIFT	00:03:00	MARTIN BANNON BEAUDET
3 MINUTOS	00:05:00	DOUGLAS RYAN

## NARRATIVE

POP FLY	00:06:50	AARON ROMAN
TOBY	00:13:23	OLIVIA NASH
NEVER FREE	00:16:29	LINDEN DODSON
THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO TELL YOU	00:15:58	JAMIE SAVARESE
MORIBUND	00:06:45	ANA DRAGOMIR
SOMEWHERE YOU FEEL FREE	00:13:58	SARAH JOY BYINGOTN
THREE CHARLIES	00:21:00	MADDOX FINKEL
WESTERN SAINTS	00:05:36	WILL HAMMOND

## FILMMAKER Q&A

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## **AWARD CEREMONY**

### **10:00 PM - 11:00 PM**

## **SCREENWRITER Q&A (10:15 - 10:30 PM)**

A SPOTLIGHT MOMENT FOR OUR ATTENDING SCREENWRITERS TO SHARE THEIR CREATIVE PROCESS, INSPIRATIONS, AND JOURNEYS TO THE PAGE.

## **AWARD CEREMONY (10:30 PM - 11 PM)**

CELEBRATE THE BEST OF THE FEST AS WE HONOR OUTSTANDING FILMS AND SCREENPLAYS, INCLUDING THE AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARD FOR THE FINAL BLOCK.

## **AFTER PARTY**

LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED DURING THE FESTIVAL! JOIN US AS WE CLOSE THE NIGHT WITH MUSIC, MINGLING, AND MORE CELEBRATION.





# SCREENPLAYS IN COMPETITION

## NARRATIVE FEATURE

**\_PLUME**

**A FOLLY OF FOOLS**

**AMERICAN VIGOR**

**AMIGAS**

**AUTUMN SOCIETY**

**BEAT OF YOUR OWN DRUM**

**BITTER COFFEE**

**BOTTOM OF THE BARREL**

**CAN I CALL YOU ROSE?**

**CARNAGE IN D MINOR**

**CORAZON MATTERS**

**DISCO DEMOLITION NIGHT**

**DROPS OF SUNLIGHT**

**FAST PITCH**

**GIN AND SIN**

**HOSTILE VIEW**

**JUSTICE FOR MY FATHER**

**LESSONS FROM THE GYPSY CAMP**

**MALICIOUS DECEPTION**

**MAYBE I LIKE IT THAT WAY**

**MISSING BEATS**

**NOTAS DEL CIELO**

**PAINTING OVER RUST**

**PAPER TIGER**

**RECOVERY**

**RELENTLESS**

**SHATTERING...**

**SON OF A PREACHER MAN**

*TEAGUE CADEN KENNEDY*

*MONTY WOLFE*

*ROSS DUMOND MACARTNEY*

*LINDSAY S WAITE*

*LAURA KATHERINE WINTER, NATHANIEL*

*DAVIS, MICAH RADLEY, BOB DOD*

*NICHOLAS P RUNFOLO*

*SERGIO PAZOS CONDE*

*SHANNA RIKER*

*TASHA SKY*

*STACEY ALAN SPIVEY*

*MICHAEL ELLIS*

*MATTHEW TAUB*

*KRISTY LEE*

*JIM NORMAN*

*SCOTT WHEELER*

*LINDSAY S WAITE*

*PEDRO MATEU-GELABERT, ANKUR POSERIA*

*ELIZABETH APPELL*

*MANUEL CANTU*

*MICHAEL MCLAUGHLIN*

*GUANGXI CHEN*

*MANUEL CANTU*

*KEVIN JAMES OBRIEN*

*DON AHMAD*

*MICHAEL SCOTT PAYTON*

*JUDE QUINTIERE*

*ELIZABETH V. NEWMAN*

*GEORGIA A PEDDIE*



# SCREENPLAYS IN COMPETITION

## NARRATIVE FEATURE (CON'T)

SOULSTICE

SUMMER TIME

SUPREMACY

THE BAKER'S BOY

THE BENEDICT BOYS

THE BULLIIBALL SHOWDOWN - RISE TO GLORY

THE CONNECTING BETRAYAL

THE DIRECTOR AND THE SPY

THE GROOVER: FROM TEXAS ROOTS TO ROCK 'N'

ROLL ROYALTY - THE JOURNEY OF DOUG SAHM

THE LAST HEIR

THE PLANTATION

THE PORTRAIT

THE REFUGE

THE SIBLING RULE

THE TREE WITH NO HEART

WHAT MOMMA WANTS

WILD WOMAN OF THE WOODS

LYNN MCCRACKEN

NICK SOLAN

ROSALYN ROSEN

DANIEL CAROLINE

DAVID HATFIELD

MANUEL ANTONIO CANTUJ

VIVIANNE ROSENBERG

KATHERINE DUDLEY BLAIR

D. R. PEDRAZINE

KURT WEICHERT

WILLIAM JULIUS HOWARD III

SUSAN EILEEN JIZBA

JAMES RUEL

MARI SANGIOVANNI

AARON HUCKLEBERRY

MARK CLARK

TOBI IVERSON



# SCREENPLAYS IN COMPETITION

## GENRE FEATURE (COMEDY, HORROR, SCI-FI)

BENEATH  
CALIGO INN  
CASEY JONES SAVES THE WORLD  
COLBY AND THE SHADOW WOLVES  
CURBSIDE SERVICE  
DANGER! LOVE  
DARKSINK  
GIRLS VS. HELL  
GOODNIGHT, MRS. CALABASH  
GUT FEELINGS  
NEVER LET HER IN  
PERFECTLY NORMAL IN FLAGSTAFF  
SKIN DEEP

THE AUDITION  
THE CHOSEN  
THE CLEARING ELIZA  
THE DEVIL'S CHALICE  
THE PIT  
THE POPPET  
TURNS OUT

ANDY WALRAVEN  
SHAUN DELLISKAVE  
MINA MENGES HEGAARD  
SARAH MELISSA PHILLIPS  
CHRISTAN VAN SLYKE  
JONATHAN IRWIN  
D. HUNTER FEIN  
JULIETTE ROBERTS  
JAN RITCHIE RIDDLE  
REBECCA EDWARDS  
SAURIN D LAKHIA  
SHERLANN D. MOORE  
CAT TREECE, ONDRA BERRY II, ARIEL  
ALEXANDER FIORE  
JONATHON DAVIS  
SEAN O'NEIL  
MICHAEL LOSONCZY  
SHERLANN DEARRI MOORE  
DUNCAN B. PUTNEY, GREG CHOPOORIAN  
SUSAN EILEEN JIZBA  
NATALIE LYNCH, TARA JAYN





# SCREENPLAYS IN COMPETITION

## NARRATIVE SHORT

AMBIENT LIGHT

BEST OF TIMES

EPILOGUE

GONG FU TEA

LETTER FROM ME SCREENPLAY

MORNING STAR

MY BROKEN ARM

NOTHING CHANGES

PHILLIP\_SCRIPT

PINBALL HEAVEN

SHATTERED

STAYCATION

THE BEST AND WORST DAY OF MY LIFE

THE SIBLING RULE

THE SILENT GAMBIT

THE THIRD MAN

*H.CHERDON BEDFORD*

*JIM NORMAN*

*LAURA KATHERINE WINTER, NATHANIEL  
DAVIS, BOB DODD*

*JARRETT NEW*

*NATHAN THOMAS BRADLEY*

*LANA SCHREIER*

*MATT STONE*

*TYLER BEVERIDGE*

*JAIMY ROSE*

*JIM NORMAN*

*GENNESSA PAGLUICA*

*NANNETTE SANDY*

*BROCK B YOUNG*

*MARI SANGIOVANNI*

*MOHAMED N MOHSEN*

*LORENZ DEMMEL*



# SCREENPLAYS IN COMPETITION

## GENRE SHORT (COMEDY, HORROR, SCI-FI)

AN ARTIFICIAL LOVE STORY  
BEST DAY EVER  
CLEOPATRA'S REVENGE  
COFFEE?!  
DAY DATE  
FOUR FOR GIN RUMMY  
JUST FOR FUN: A HORROR LOVER'S FANZINE  
MABEL (MICTLAN)  
MOONSHOT  
OLIVIA COLMAN SAYS MY FARTS DON'T STINK  
SIPHON EP II (OLD MONEY)  
SIPHON EP III (SEARCHER)  
TEMPTING FATE  
THE DIVE  
THE ELF GIRL, THE OGRE, AND THE DARK  
SUNGLASSES  
THE LAST MEDIATION OF CHRIST  
THE LAST SUPPER  
TOO SOON  
YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE

GUANGXI CHEN  
MASHO PARAMIÇA  
ROBERT MARSHALL TARTELL  
GABRIEL SILVERIO  
STEVEN PEREZ  
MICHAEL NORMANDY  
SUSAN EILEEN JIZBA  
IRLANDA MARTINEZ  
MICHAEL HENRY MOORE  
LISA MARIE TEDESCO  
V. TAYLOR SMALL SMALL  
VERONICA TAYLOR SMALL  
TERRY LUKE PODNAR  
BARRETT EDMONDS, SHANE RYAN  
SARAH PHILLIPS  
  
DAVID SCHLEICHER, MIKE BELL  
RORY DONNELLAN, VANESSA MARZAROLI  
AVRIL DAVID  
JAMES MCNULTY

## TV PILOT

ALWAYS FALLING  
LILAC OF THE VALLEY: CARNAL BLOOM  
LOVE'S HISTORY  
PAIRED  
SALEM TOUR COMPANY  
SAVE THE PLANTS  
SOLARA  
THE FRAME "DÉJÀ VU"  
THE ROCIN TALENT SHOW  
THE TALES OF DREAD PIRATE ROBERTS  
TIGHTROPE  
TV DYKE

SARAH ANHALT  
HANNAH ROSE VERNOT  
DALE BRANDENBURG  
LIZ ANDERSON  
GIOVANNI ALABISO  
ALEX TERRAZAS  
JEFF KIMBALL  
WILLIAM CORMIER  
MAC MCSTRAVICK  
MIKE EDE  
JAYME MCMILLAN, AVRAHAM ISSEROFF  
XANNA DON'T