

9TH ANNUAL



2025



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 - 10:50 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