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FILM FESTIVAL

NEW YORK

APRIL 27–MAY 3, 2023



All films and conversations in person + streaming.

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FEATURE FILMS



OPENING NIGHT UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS

DIR. JUAN FELIPE ZULETA | US | 2022 | 100 MIN

Peter's isolated daily routine is interrupted when his free-spirited neighbor shows up at his door, forcing him out of his shell and on an impromptu road trip.

MMJCCM: Thu, Apr 27, 6:30 pm | Followed by Reception
MOMI: Sat, Apr 29, 4 pm



CLOSING NIGHT OKAY! (THE ASD BAND FILM)

DIR. MARK BONE | CANADA | 2022 | 86 MIN

East Coast Premiere | Four musicians on the autism spectrum come together to write, record, and perform their first album of original songs.

MMJCCM: Wed, May 3
6 pm Reception | 7 pm Screening
DCTV: Fri, Apr 28, 7 pm



BEING MICHELLE

DIR. ATIN MEHRA | US | 2022 | 80 MIN

New York Premiere | When an incarcerated deaf woman with autism meets a prison life coach who is blind, art becomes a path for healing.

MMJCCM: Mon, May 1, 8:15 pm
MOMI: Sat, Apr 29, 1:30 pm
MC: Tue, May 2, 3:30 pm



THE QUIET EPIDEMIC

DIR. LINDSAY KEYS + WINSLOW CRANE-MURDOCH
US | 2022 | 102 MIN

After years of living with mysterious symptoms, a young girl from Brooklyn and a Duke University scientist are diagnosed with a disease said to not exist: Chronic Lyme Disease.

MMJCCM: Tue, May 2, 8 pm
Maysles: Fri, Apr 28, 7 pm
CAC: Mon, May 1, 7 pm

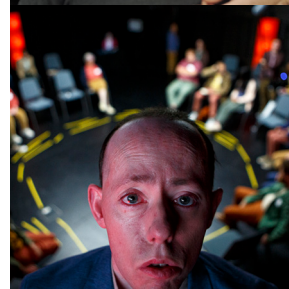


JASMINE IS A STAR

DIR. JO ROCHELLE | US | 2022 | 60 MIN

In pursuit of her dream to become a professional model, a 16-year-old with albinism confronts societal norms and explores what independence and self-acceptance look like.

MMJCCM: Sun, Apr 30, 2 pm
BAM: Mon, May 1, 7 pm



SHADOW

DIR. BRUCE GLADWIN | AUSTRALIA | 2021 | 57 MIN

New York Premiere | Desperate to save the world from the threat of AI, a group of disabled activists holds a public meeting. As the assembly unravels, they discover the greatest threat to their future is already in the room.

MMJCCM: Mon, May 1, 6:30 pm
JBFC: Wed, May 3, 7 pm



NO ORDINARY CAMPAIGN

DIR. CHRIS BURKE | US | 2022 | 82 MIN

East Coast Premiere | Following Brian's diagnosis of ALS, he and his wife Sandra embark on a journey to reclaim their future and create a patient-led revolution, empowering millions to find their voice in a broken system and become active participants in finding a cure.

MMJCCM: Fri, Apr 28, 6 pm



STRAIGHTEN UP AND FLY RIGHT

DIR. KRISTEN ABATE + STEVEN TANENBAUM
US | 2022 | 88 MIN

New York City Premiere | Kristen, a New Yorker with a severe form of arthritis, walks dogs for a living but dreams of being a writer. When her life starts to unravel, she must make a choice to fall apart or straighten up.

MMJCCM: Sat, Apr 29, 8:30 pm



PUSHING BOUNDARIES

DIR. LESIA KORDONETS | SWITZERLAND | 2021 | 102 MIN

With the Russian annexation of Crimea, the Ukrainian Paralympic team loses their training base overnight. Will they succeed in qualifying for the upcoming Paralympics under difficult conditions and amid political turmoil?

MMJCCM: Sat, Apr 29, 6:30 pm
CAC: Tue, May 2, 7 pm



UPSIDE DOWN

DIR. LUCA TORNATORE | ITALY | 2021 | 93 MIN

International Premiere | Paolo, a 19-year-old with Down syndrome, meets Armando, a kindhearted boxing trainer at the local gym. When Paolo steps into the ring, he discovers a sense of belonging.

MMJCCM: Sun, Apr 30, 4:30 pm
JCC SI: Mon, May 1, 7 pm

VENUE KEY MMJCCM: MARLENE MEYERSON JCC MANHATTAN | BAM: BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC | CAC: CINEMA ARTS CENTRE | DCTV: FIREHOUSE CINEMA | JBFC: JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER
JCC SI: JCC STATEN ISLAND | LC: LINCOLN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS | MAYSLES: MAYSLES DOCUMENTARY CENTER | MC: MANHATTAN COLLEGE

REELSHORTS: SHORT FILM PROGRAMS



OUT OF THE BOX

FILMS THAT PUSH THE LIMITS OF CREATIVITY AND IMAGINATION.

MMJCCM: SAT, APR 29, 2 PM

BENDIX: SITE UNSEEN

DIR. ANTHONY SCALIA

CULICIDAE

DIR. GREG MORAN

I AM IRANI

DIR. FARHAD IRANI

LIMBO

DIR. BARAK DRORI

MAC & CHEESE

DIR. AMANDA PINTO

MIKE'S WORDS

DIR. JARED JACOBSEN



MENTAL HEALTH

POIGNANT AND INSIGHTFUL REFLECTIONS ON THE COMPLEXITIES OF MENTAL HEALTH.

MMJCCM: SAT, APR 29, 4 PM

MC: WED, MAY 3, NOON

BREATHE

DIR. ZAC NORRINGTON

JUST IN CASE

DIR. KIRSTY ROBINSON-WARD

MIETTE

DIR. MAUDE BOUCHARD + CAMILLE TRUDEL

NEURODIVERGENT

DIR. AFTON QUAST SALER

REMEDIAL

DIR. LAURIE JEANETTE GARDINER



FAMILY FRIENDLY

DELIGHTFUL FILMS THAT THE WHOLE FAMILY CAN ENJOY.

MMJCCM: SUN, APR 30, 12:30 PM

ANDY & KALIOPE

DIR. CRYSTAL ARNETTE + CATRIONA RUBENIS-STEVENS

CHARLIE AND THE HUNT

DIR. JENN SHAW

THE HERO

DIR. ANDREW ARGUELLO + COURTNEY ROPP

RITE OF IDENTITY

DIR. YOUMEE LEE

SUPER POWERS

DIR. CHASE FRITZ



THE ART OF LIVING

CELEBRATE THE POWER OF CREATIVITY AND HUMAN EXPRESSION.

MMJCCM: MON, MAY 1, 5

IMAGINED TOUCH

DIR. JODEE MUNDY OAM + SOFYA GOLLAN

IMAGININGS

DIR. ANJA HIDDINGA

SOUL (SIGNS): OPERA

DIR. KEVIN NEWBURY, BRANDON KAZEN-MADDOX + JAMES MATTHEW DANIEL



WITH AN EDGE

FILMS THAT CHALLENGE CONVENTIONS.

MMJCCM: TUE, MAY 2, 6 P

ACT OF GOD

DIR. SPENCER COOK + PARKER SMITH

BIG BANG

DIR. CARLOS SEGUNDO

COMING OUT AUTISTIC

DIR. STEVEN FRASER

FLIRTING (WITH POSSIBILITIES)

DIR. GARRETT ZUERCHER

IT'S PERSONAL

DIR. KYLA HARRIS + LOU MACNAMARA

MORE SHORT FILM PROGRAMS | IMAGINED TOUCH | LC: MAY 2, 7:30 PM | REEL DOCS | DCTV: MAY 2, 7 PM

CONVERSATIONS, COMEDY NIGHT, ARTS, PANELS, AND MORE
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REELABILITIES INDUSTRY SUMMIT: DISABILITY INCLUSION AND EQUITY IN FILM + PERFORMING ARTS

Join industry professionals as we discuss topics of inclusion, representation, and accessibility in the film industry and performing arts.

For full schedule + info visit reelabilities.org/summit. MMJCCM: May 1 + 2



ACCESSIBILITY ALL FILMS ARE PRESENTED WITH OPEN CAPTIONS AND ALL VENUES ARE ACCESSIBLE TO MOBILITY DEVICES.

AT MMJCCM VENUE THE FOLLOWING ARE AVAILABLE: ASL INTERPRETATION | CART | AUDIO DESCRIPTIONS | HEARING ASSIST | INFORMATION IN BRAILLE

FOR SPECIFIC ACCOMMODATIONS AT ALL OTHER VENUES, PLEASE CHECK ONLINE OR CONTACT THE SCREENING VENUE DIRECTLY BY APRIL 13.

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