

SUMMER 2023

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Biosphere directed by Mel Eslyn "Hilarious and earnest... held together by ONE incredible chemistry." - Indiewire WEEK ONLY In this post-apocalyptic buddy comedy, Mark Duplass and Sterling K. Brown are lifelong best friends who find themselves the last two men on earth. Their custom biosphere is outfitted with basic necessities and creature comforts that let them retain a sense of what life used to be like; a hydroponic garden provides fresh vegetables and a carefully managed fishpond supplies essential protein. However, when their fish start dying at an alarming rate, the friends' future survival is thrown into doubt. But life may yet find a way. USA, 106 min, ifcfilms.com Official selection: Toronto International Film Festival FRI JUL 7 - THU JUL 13 A refreshingly unconventional and acidic deadpa ONE manda comic portrait of an offbeat female friendship. WEEK DIRECTED BY CAROLINA CAVALLI Screen Internationa ONLY Cavalli's playful, provocative debut centers on the eponymous Amanda (newcomer Benedetta Porcaroli), a combative 24-year-old whose doting, wealthy mother foots the bill for her indolent lifestyle. On a neverending quest for a boyfriend, Amanda only finds misfits who are repelled by her intensity. She longs for connection but has never had a friend of her own... until she discovers a long lost childhood bond spurring a mission to convince another recluse that they are still best friends. Official selection: Venice Toronto International Film Festival Italy, 95 min. In Italian with English subtitles. oscilloscope.net FRI JUL 7 - THU JUL 13 Wicker Man directed by ROBIN HARDY **50TH ANNIVERSARY • 4K RESTORATION** ONE WEEK ONLY -and a major influence on Midsommar—Hardy's twisted British genre classic is set in motion when a devout police sergeant travels to a remote Scottish isle in search of a missing 12-year old girl. But he soon discovers that instead of helping, the islanders and their leader (Christopher Lee) are determined to hold onto their ancient, pagan ways and deadly rituals. With Britt Ekland. "Remains as bizarre and bewitching as when it first appeared... 1973, UK, 102 min. rialtopictures.com Once seen, never forgotten." - Hollywood Reporter 'The best British horror film ever made." - Empire FRI JUL 7 - THU JUL 13 Te directed by christian petzold "In Petzold's masterly hands, gravity and comedy work in easy and thrilling harmony." - Sight & Sound In Petzold's (Transit, Phoenix) latest, Leon (Thomas Schubert), a self-absorbed young writer on vacation by the Baltic Sea, is surprised by the presence of Nadja (Undine's Paula Beer), a mysterious young woman also staying at the same holiday home. Nadja distracts Leon from finishing his new novel and, with brutal honesty, forces him to confront his caustic temperament. But as Nadja and Leon grow closer, an encroaching forest fire threatens the group, and tensions escalate when a handsome lifeguard and Leon's tight-lipped book editor also arrive. "Superb, smoldering... wincingly well-observed and acidly funny." - Variety Silver Bear Grand . Germany, 102 min. In German with English subtitles janusfilms.com **Berlin International OPENS FRI JUL 14** 'Riveting." - The Playlist Lakota Nation vs. United States WEEK ONLY DIRECTED BY JESSE SHORT BULL AND LAURA TOMASELLI Official selection: Tribeca Film Festival For the Lakota, the Black Hills are the most sacred spot on earth, a birthplace that has shaped thought, identity and philosophy since time immemorial. Yet ever since the arrival of the first Europeans, the sacred land has been the site of a centuries-long conflict between the people it has nurtured and the settler state seeking to exploit and redefine it in its own image. This eye-opening new documentary offers a lyrical and provocative testament to a land and a people who have survived removal, exploitation and genocide—and whose best days are yet to come. USA, 120 min. ifcfilms.com "A potent counter narrative." - Hollywood Reporter FRI JUL 14 - THU JUL 20 Official selection: Sundance Film Festival The Deepest Breath DIRECTED BY LAURA MCGANN A champion freediver and expert safety diver seemed destined for one another despite the different paths they took to meet at the pinnacle of the freediving world. A look at the thrilling rewards—and risks—of chasing dreams through the depths of the ocean. ONE WFFK ONLY "A nerve-shredding experience... captures the Ireland/UK/USA, 108 min. netflix.com liquid danger of the dark depths." - Screen International FRI JUL 14 - THU JUL 20 While We Watched DIRECTED BY VINAY SHUKLA Official selection: DOC NYC ONE WEEK ONLY This gripping, timely documentary profiles Ravish Kumar, an award-winning journalist hosting one of India's leading prime-time news shows. His courage and objectivity have remained unswayed by political changes and pressure from ever more powerful nationalist forces. As we witness the financial, organizational and emotional risks journalists navigate, the challenges Kumar faces resonate far beyond India. "A poetic love letter to Indian journalism and a throbbing elegy for press freedom." - Vulture UK, 95 min. In Hindi with English subtitles. whilewewatched.com FRI JUL 21 - THU JUL 27 When the Lights Go Down: The Sex Scene WeEks IFC Center celebrates the release of Ira Sachs's sexy, steamy new drama PASSAGES (opening August 4) with an international, pansexual selection of movies that pushed the boundaries of what could be shown on screen—or just got us hot under the collar. From foreign art film classics like Bergman's PERSONA and Oshima's IN THE REALM OF THE SENSES, to the decidedly less cerebral 9 1/2 WEEKS, CHOWCORD is and boundaries of what is in the real bound of the sense of the decided of the sense of the sense of the decided of the sense of the decided of the sense of the sense of the decided of the sense of the s SHOWGIRLS and beyond, come with us as we put the sin back in cinema. Schedule at **ifccenter.com** FRI JULY 21 - THU AUG 3

Bobi Wine: The People's President

DIRECTED BY MOSES BWAYO AND CHRISTOPHER SHARP "A profile of unfathomable courage."



This powerful documentary charts the inspiring activism of pop star-turned-politician Bobi Wine as he fights to end Uganda's brutal, decades-long dictatorship. Rising from the slums of Kampala to be one of the country's most beloved superstars, Bobi begins to use his music to call out corruption, then decides to seek office, risking his career, his family and his life to bring true democracy to the country. The state, however, is determined to silence not only Bobi, but anyone who supports his cause. "A gripping, alarming doc." - Variety

UK/Uganda/USA, 121 min. films.nationalgeographic.com

Official selection: Venice, True/False Film Festivals

FRI JULY 28 - THU AUG 3





NEXT Audience Award, Sundance Film Festival DIRECTED BY D. SMITH

In this wildly entertaining and refreshingly unfiltered portrait, two-time Grammy nominee D. Smith passes the mic to four Black transgender sex workers who unapologetically break down the walls of their profession. Holding nothing back, their stories vibrate with energy, sex, defiance, and hard-earned wisdom, crafting a vital, raw and unabashed portrait, shot in bold black and whit

USA, 73 min. magnoliapictures.com

"A raucous compilation of charismatic storytellers." - RogerEbert.com

FRI JULY 28 - THU AUG 3

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es directed by ira sachs Sa

"An eye-openingly explicit film." - The Guardian

Sachs's (Love Is Strange, Keep the Lights On) fresh, honest and brutally funny take on messy, modern relationships is set in Paris, where gay couple Tomas (Franz Rogowski) and Martin's (Ben Whishaw) marriage is thrown into crisis when Tomas begins a passionate affair with a younger woman (Adèle Exarchopoulos) he meets after completing his latest film. Perceptive, intimate and unashamedly sexy, PASSAGES weds the filmmaker's signature tenderness with a uniquely European sensibility to explore the complexities, contradictions and cruelties of love and desire.

France, 93 min. In English and French with English subtitles. mubi.com

"Sexy, sad and so very French." - Time Out

OPENS FRI AUG 4



Official selection: Venice Film Festival



OVE LIFE DIRECTED BY KOJI FUKADA

Taeko and her husband Jiro are living a peaceful existence with her young son Keita, when a tragic accident brings the boy's ONLY long-lost father, Park, back into her life. To cope with her pain and guilt, Taeko throws herself into helping Park, who is deaf and currently homeless. With nuanced performances and impeccable craftsmanship, acclaimed filmmaker Fukada's (Harmonium) new drama is a "An enormously poignant melodrama told moving meditation on grief and acceptance.

Japan, 123 min. In Japanese with English subtitles. oscilloscope.net

at the volume of a broken whisper... a major breakthrough." - *Indiewire*

FRI AUG 11 - THU AUG 17

WAVERLY MIDNIGHTS Genre favorites and cult classics, every Friday & Saturday. Info at **ifccenter.com** This July: buckle up and take flight with **THE RED EYE**, a new series.



Adèle Exarchopoulos and Franz Rogowski in Ira Sachs's PASSAGES, opening August 4.

Biosphere • Amanda • The Wicker Man • Afire • Lakota Nation vs. United States • The Deepest Breath • While We Watched • When the Lights Go Down: The Sex Scene · Bobi Wine: The People's President • Kokomo City • Passages • Love Life • Oldboy • Birth/Rebirth • Madeleine Collins • The Elephant 6 Recording Co. • Scrapper • I Went to the Dance (J'ai été au bal) • Typhoon Club • Radical Wolfe • 26.2 to Life • National Theatre Live • DOC NYC Selects: Summer 2023 • Waverly Midnights • The Red Eve



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NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS AT 11:00AM, MONDAYS AT 6:30 JUL 8-10: David Tennant in GODU

JUL 22-24: **JACK ABSOLUTE FLIES AGAIN** AUG 12-14: Emilia Clarke in Chekhov's **THE SEAGULL** AUG 26-28: Phoebe Waller-Bridge in **FLEABAG**



ECOME A MEMBER AND SAVE

DOC NYC SELECTS: SUMMER 2023

Sneak previews of notable new documentaries, with filmmakers in person. Screenings at 7:00PM.

TUE JUL 11: **PLAN C** (Tracy Droz Tragos) WED JUL 19: **STEPHEN CURRY: UNDERRATED** (Peter Nicks) - *NYC Premiere* THU JUL 20: WHILE WE WATCHED (Vinay Shukla)

TUE JUL 25: STARRING JERRY AS HIMSELF (Law Chen) - NYC Premiere

TUE AUG 1: **PERIODICAL** (Lina Lyte Plioplyte) - NYC Premiere TUE AUG 8: THE ETERNAL MEMORY (Maite Alberdi) - NYC Premier

dboy directed by park chan-wook

"A wild, intensely cinematic ride." - Variety "Shakespearean in its violence." - Wall Street Journal

ONLY Restored and remastered in stunning 4K, Park Chan-Wook's (Decision to Leave, The Handmaiden) influential masterpiece returns to theaters for the first time in decades, still as shocking as ever. After being mysteriously kidnapped and imprisoned with no human contact for fifteen years, Oh Dae-Su (Choi Min-sik) is suddenly released without any explanation. In a twisted game of cat and mouse, he has only five days to retrace his past, track down his captors, and get his revenge. "A beautifully blood-splattered

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South Korea, 2003, 119 min. In Korean with English subtitles. neonrated.com

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> modern classic." - The Guardian WED AUG 16 - THU AUG 24

NINE DAYS



'A fiendish and atmospheric riff on classic Rebirth directed by Laura moss monster legends." - Harper's Bazaar Rose (Marin Ireland) is a pathologist who'd rather deal with corpses than the living. Celie (Judy Reyes) is a maternity nurse whose

life centers around her young daughter. One tragic night, the two women's worlds collide, and they embark on a dark path of no return Inspired by *Frankenstein*, Moss's standout directorial debut reimagines a legendary horror myth in a terrifying and singularly new way

USA, 98 min. ifcfilms.com

Official Selection: Sundance Film Festival

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ONLY In this tense psychological drama, Judith (Virginie Efira) leads a secret double life split between two households in two countries. In Switzerland, she lives with Abdel, with whom she is raising a little girl. In France, she lives with Melvil, with whom she has two older boys Gradually this fragile balance, based on lies and back-and-forth trips, begins to veer dangerously off the rails.

France/Belgium/Switzerland, 102 min. French with English subtitles. greenwichentertainment.com



The Elephant 6 Recording Co. DIRECTED BY C.B. STOCKFLETH In the 1990s, cheap rent and big houses in Athens, GA helped incubate bands Olivia Tremor Control, Neutral Milk Hotel, Elf Power, ONE WEEK ONLY

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and many more. This psychedelic rock music, often created by non-musicians and recorded on creaky 4-tracks, developed a loyal following who shared cassettes and 45s and packed into raucous live shows. Featuring pioneers Robert Schneider and Jeff Mangum, performances, and video clips, this brisk-paced rock doc charts the genesis of that uber-creative, DIY music scene and captures its electricity and joy

USA, 93 min. greenwichentertainment.com

"The definitive document about a scene that is exceedingly difficult to define." - Film Threat

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FRI AUG 25 - THU AUG 31

Grand Jury Prize, Sundance Film F In this inventive and moving British comedy, resourceful 12-year-old Georgie (Lola Campbell) is secretly living on her own

ONLY following the death of her mother, keeping the social workers off her back by making up a live-in uncle. Out of nowhere, her estranged father Jason (Harris Dickinson, Triangle of Sadness) arrives. But uninterested in this sudden new parental figure, Georgie is stubbornly resistant to his efforts to renew their bonds.



Official selection: Venice Film Festival

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Went to the Dance (J'ai été au bal) DIRECTED BY LES BLANK AND CHRIS STRACHWITZ

Grand Jury Prize. Sundance Film Festival

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Blank (Burden of Dreams) and Strachwitz's joyful documentary is the definitive film of the history of the foot-stomping, toe-tapping music of French Southwest Louisiana, featuring interviews with and performances from an amazing roster of Cajun and Zydeco greats: Michael Doucet, BeauSoleil, Clifton Chenier, Queen Ida, Marc and Ann Savoy, D.L. Menard and many more. Newly restored and remastered this essential chronicle of a unique American subculture looks and sounds better than ever.

USA, 1989, 84 min. argotpictures.com

"An exuberant tribute... begins as anthropology and becomes a celebration - New York Times

FRI SEP 1 - THU SEP 7

"This is cinema." - Hou Hsiao-Hsien Hugely influential among international filmmakers but virtually unknown in the US, Somai crafted perhaps his seminal film with this

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portrait of a group of adolescents who take shelter in their rural junior high when a typhoon hits. Set adrift in a world suddenly unmoored, the students let loose their pent-up angst and burgeoning passions in a series of propulsive, phantasmic scenes – part apocalypse,

part utopia—as the deluge rages on into the night.

"One of the most beautiful and touching teenage films I've ever seen... absolutely devastating." - Bernardo Bertolucci

FRI SEP 8 - THU SEP 14



Japan, 1985, 115 min. In Japanese with English subtitles. cinemaguild.com

"This is cinema." - Hou Hsiao-Hsien



Radical Wolfe directed by Richard Dewey

m Wolfe seemed to come out of nowhere in the 60s, becoming the leader of the New Journalism movement that reshaped ONLY how American stories were told. He would go on to write some of the most memorable and culturally impactful stories of the 20th century: The Right Stuff, The Bonfire of the Vanities, A Man in Full and others. This deeply personal and illuminating look at his life and work features conversations and interviews with those who knew him best, including Michael Lewis, Jann Wenner, Gay Talese and doz

USA, 76 min. kinolorber.com

ife to DIRECTED BY CHRISTINE YOO

Official selection: DOC NYC

ONLY Filmed inside California's oldest state prison, 26.2 TO LIFE explores the transformative power of San Quentin's 1000 Mile Club, in which incarcerated men train for and run an annual marathon on the dirt and concrete path circling the prison yard. Through intimate access behind the walls of the infamous correctional facility and beyond, the film confronts the meaning of personal transformation within the greater crisis of the American carceral state.

"A must-see... hopeful but sobering." - Daily Beast

USA, 90 min. sanquentinmarathon.com

FRI SEP 22 - THU SEP 28





FRI SEP 15 - THU SEP 21

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