

QUEEN PALM INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

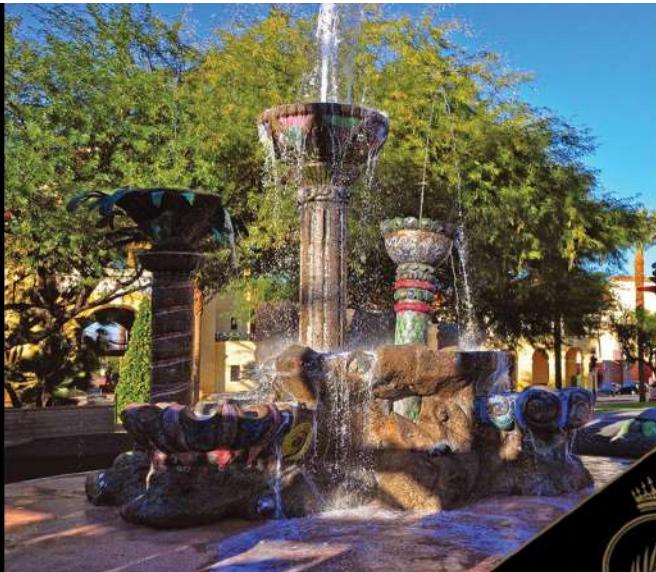
DEC 7TH
SATURDAY



Queen Palm

Screening Event

QPIFF 2020



DECEMBER 7, 2019
11:30AM - 10:30PM

Mary Pickford Theater
36850 Pickfair St.
Cathedral City, CA 92234

WINTER EVENT INFO

One day only! Special Winter Screening & Premiere Event at Mary Pickford Theater in Palm Springs, California. All 1st Quarter films invited to screen at this event are either Special Jury Selections or World, US, West Coast, California, or Palm Springs Premieres.

Queen Palm International Film Festival

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FRESH PERSPECTIVES

An innovative & brilliant collection
of world class short films
directed by women.



Shorts BLOCK ONE

Program Lineup: 11:00AM

REA | SISTER | MILKSHAKE | COVER UP | PAPPY HOUR
MODERATELY PUT TOGETHER | HOT CAKE | CLUB RAT\$

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REA

US PREMIERE

Oliver Helfrich and his wife Rea lead a family life dominated by violence and psycho terror – in the middle is their baby son Jonas.

Genre: Drama

Director: Joanna Bielinski | Germany

Runtime: 0:22:50 mins



MILKSHAKE

JURY SELECTION

All Natalie wants is to please her mother and drink a milkshake. Her mother has other plans for their future.

Genre: Drama

Director: Brittany Snow | USA

Runtime: 0:15:33 mins



SISTER

JURY SELECTION

A man thinks back to his childhood memories of growing up with a little sister in China in the 1990s. What would his life have been like if things had gone differently?

Genre: Animation | BAFTA Student Film Award: Shortlisted - Best Animation

Director: Siqi Song | USA

Runtime: 0:08:02 mins



COVER UP

PALM SPRINGS PREMIERE

The life of Ibrahim, a short tempered conservative Arabic censor, is turned upside down when his colleague Waleed discovers a compromising photo that could ruin his reputation

Genre: Comedy

Director: Marie-Amelie Steul | Germany

Runtime: 0:13:32 mins



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PAPPY HOUR

PALM SPRINGS PREMIERE

A woman must bring together her dysfunctional family to fulfill her father's last wish.

Genre: Comedy

Director: Nell Teare | USA

Runtime: 0:10:40 mins



MODERATELY PUT TOGETHER

PALM SPRINGS PREMIERE

One morning, a charmingly messy thirty-something gets a phone call that could change everything.

Genre: Comedy

Director: Leigh Ann Biety | USA

Runtime: 0:18:56 mins



HOT CAKE

PALM SPRINGS PREMIERE

15-year-old Shelly must decide whether to follow the example of her party-girl BFF or remain the good girl in order to please her father.

Genre: Comedy / Drama

Director: Debi Bradshaw | USA

Runtime: 0:19:13 mins



CLUB RAT\$

PALM SPRINGS PREMIERE

After a wild night of hunting for sexual predators at a Los Angeles nightclub, a vigilante girl gang arrives at a secluded desert location to begin initiating a potential new member.

Genre: Comedy / Social Awareness

Director: Jeni Jones | USA

Runtime: 0:11:06 mins

LIFE INTERRUPTED

A riveting selection of powerful shorts that raise awareness, push boundaries and provoke change.



Shorts BLOCK TWO

Program Lineup: 2:00PM

MOTHER | THE ORPHAN | I AM MACKENZIE | BALLOON | SCRAP
GAME OF CHICKEN | THE QUIET | SOMNIA | CHAIR AMOUR
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MOTHERS

WEST COAST PREMIERE

A short film dealing with the tragedy of separation between children and mothers beyond cultural differences.

Genre: Drama / Family

Director: Lorenz Christian Köhler | Germany

Runtime: 0:08:57 mins



THE ORPHAN

JURY SELECTION

Jonathas has been adopted and returned due to his 'different' way. Inspired by true events.

*CANNES FILM FESTIVAL - QUEER PALM AWARD WINNER

Genre: Love is Love / Drama

Director: Carolina Markowicz | Brazil

Runtime: 0:15:00 mins



I AM MACKENZIE

PALM SPRINGS PREMIERE

Caught among toxic masculinity, a sequin dress and a teenage crush, a teen skater, growing up in rural Texas, will have sex for the first time in the back of their dad's truck.

Genre: Drama

Director: Artemis Anastasiadou | USA

Runtime: 0:19:43 mins



BALLOON

JURY SELECTION

Exploring gender through the lens of the superhero myth, BALLOON questions how we raise boys when our concept of masculinity has become narrow.

*2019 STUDENT ACADEMY AWARDS - FINALIST

Director: Jeremy Merrifield | USA

Runtime: 0:16:46 mins



Shorts

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GAME OF CHICKEN

CALIFORNIA PREMIERE

Desperate to gain his classmates' acceptance, fourteen-year-old Tony tries to beat Frank at his own game.

Genre: Drama

Director: Karina Hajdamowicz | Germany

Runtime: 0:15:00 mins



SCRAP

PALM SPRINGS PREMIERE

After getting fired, young single-mom Beth finds herself living in her car and struggles to hide her homelessness from her estranged brother Ben.

Genre: Drama

Director: Leena Pendharkar | USA

Runtime: 0:20:46 mins



THE QUIET

CALIFORNIA PREMIERE

When an astronaut ponders on the quietude of space, he comes upon a startling self-realization.

Genre: Animation / Experimental

Director: Radheya Jegatheva | Australia

Runtime: 0:10:00 mins



SOMNIA

PALM SPRINGS PREMIERE

Two young female friends, Maja and Charly, use a new method to experience lucid dreaming by combining an exotic pill with musical sounds.

Genre: Drama / Love is Love

Director: Marvin Bogatsch, Peter Neugebauer | Germany

Runtime: 0:21:13 mins

2:00PM

Shorts BLOCK TWO



CHAIR AMOUR

CALIFORNIA PREMIERE

A child who is building his own identity is confronted to the religious fantism of his father.

Genre: Experimental / Love is Love

Director: Patrick Serre | Belgium

Runtime: 0:08:38 mins



A LAND WHERE CHILDREN PLAY

PALM SPRINGS PREMIERE

A jewish and conservative father must learn to live with his daughter's adopted muslim child from Syria.

Genre: Drama / Student

Director: Alexia Garcia del Rio | USA

Runtime: 0:16:30 mins



DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE

A collection of dramatic & chilling shorts
including the 2019 Academy Award Winner.
(Guest must be 18+ to attend)



Shorts BLOCK THREE

Program Lineup: 5:10PM

SKIN | THE HAPPIEST COUPLE ALIVE | ANNA | SALAM | BEASTS
THE MAN WITH THE HAMMER | ALTITUDE | BAGHEERA | END POINT
CEMETARY TALES | I AM THE DOORWAY | HERE THERE BE TYGERS

5:10PM



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SKIN

SPECIAL SCREENING

At a small supermarket in a blue collar town, a black man smiles at a 10 year old white boy across the checkout aisle. This innocuous moment sends two gangs into a ruthless war that ends with a shocking backlash.

* 2019 ACADEMY AWARD WINNER - Best Live Action - Short

Director: Guy Nattiv | USA

Runtime: 0:20:00 mins



THE HAPPIEST COUPLE ALIVE

WEST COAST PREMIERE

A day in the life of a couple trapped in a self-destructive cycle because it's the only love they know.

Genre: Drama

Director: Daniél Nogueira | USA

Runtime: 0:13:12 mins



ANNA

PALM SPRINGS PREMIERE

Living in war-torn Eastern Ukraine, Anna is an aging single mother who is desperate for a change. Lured by a radio advertisement, she goes to party with a group of American men who are touring the country, searching for love.

Genre: Drama / Foreign

Director: Dekel Berenson | Ukraine

Runtime: 0:15:00 mins



SALAM

PALM SPRINGS PREMIERE

A female Lyft driver navigates the night shift in New York City while waiting to hear life-or-death news from her family in Syria.

Genre: Drama

Director: Claire Fowler | USA

Runtime: 0:13:36 mins



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BEASTS

PALM SPRINGS PREMIERE

An ageing farmer and his family struggle to come to terms with their ever-deteriorating situation.

Genre: Drama / Social Awareness

Director: Sye Allen | United Kingdom

Runtime: 0:16:00 mins



THE MAN WITH THE HAMMER

PALM SPRINGS PREMIERE

On his run through rough terrain a long-distance runner suddenly encounters the merciless 'Hammerman'. It's the start of a dramatic battle which takes place within the athlete

Genre: Thriller / Sports

Director: Mario Zozin | Germany

Runtime: 0:08:57 mins



ALTITUDE

PALM SPRINGS PREMIERE

For two alpinists the hike up to a mountain cabin turns into a life-threatening battle between reality and illusion.

Genre: Mystery / Thriller

Director: Nicole Scherer | Austria

Runtime: 0:11:00 mins



BAGHEERA

PALM SPRINGS PREMIERE

Bagheera, the bright young leader of a Girl Scout troop in India, is abducted by a brutal assailant.

Genre: Mystery / Thriller

Director: Christopher R. Watson | India

Runtime: 0:18:33 mins

5:10PM



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END POINT

PALM SPRINGS PREMIERE

A man travels back in time to prevent the assassination of his wife but becomes trapped in a causal loop.

Genre: Sci-Fi

Director: Rafael Cortes | United Kingdom

Runtime: 0:05:00 mins



CEMETERY TALES A TALE OF TWO SISTERS

PALM SPRINGS PREMIERE

Set in 1949, a Hollywood star mourns the loss of her beloved sister on the one year anniversary of her death.

Genre: Mystery / Thriller

Director: Chris Roe | USA

Runtime: 0:20:00 mins



I AM THE DOORWAY

PALM SPRINGS PREMIERE

A former astronaut believes himself to be the doorway to a terrifying alien invasion. Based on the short story by Stephen King.

Genre: Sci-Fi / Thriller

Director: Simon Pearce | United Kingdom

Runtime: 0:19:48 mins



HERE THERE BE TYGERS

PALM SPRINGS PREMIERE

Charlie faces a terrifying predator after being bullied by her cruel teacher and manipulative classmate. A feminine twist adaptation of the Stephen King short story by the same name.

Genre: Mystery / Thriller

Director: Polly Schattel | USA | Runtime: 0:10:27 mins



Relish

FEATURE
SCREENING

Screening Time: 8:20PM
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Q&A following Screening



Set as a modern day breakfast club, RELISH follows the story of five teenage outcasts, who escape a private treatment facility in hopes of attending the infamous Dreamland Music Festival. Led by a rebellious transgender male, Kai (Tyler DiChiara), and with help from Aspen (Hana Hayes), a social media influencer, Levi (Mateus Ward), a football player addicted to opioids, Theo (Rio Mangini), who suffers from bipolar disorder, and Sawyer (Chelsea Zhang) an alien-obsessed nerd, the five embark on the journey of a lifetime.

Love is Love, Action, Adventure, Drama | Director: Justin Ward, USA

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8:20PM

Relish

FEATURE SCREENING

Director: Justin Ward
Writer: Justin Ward
Producer: Terry Nardozzi
Producer: Justin Ward
Co-Producer: Mateus Ward

CAST

Tyler DiChiara Kai
Hana Hayes Aspen
Mateus Ward Levi
Rio Mangini Theo
James Morrison Rich
Angel Parker Kristin
Chelsea Zhang Sawyer
Matt Nardozzi Robbie
Diana Delano Officer Roz

Cinematographer: Bryan Koss
Music by: Rio Mangini
Editor: Erik Swanson
Costume Design: Ariana Tate
Line Producer: Bernie Gewissler
Consulting Producer: Brad Wilson
Casting by: Laura Ward





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UPCOMING EVENTS



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**2020 ANNUAL FESTIVAL &
AWARD SHOW EVENT**
SEPT 18-20, 2020

2020 Annual Festival & Award Show at Mary Pickford Theater in Palm Springs, California. All Quarterly Gold winners are automatically entered into our Annual Competition, Screening & Awards Show Event where they will compete for a chance to win a prestigious Queen Supreme trophy and other amazing prizes.



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