

# THE 15TH ANNUAL BIFF OFFICIAL **PROGRAM CATALOG** APRIL 13-17, 2017



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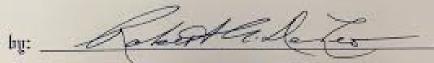
# The Boston International Film Festival in recognition of

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> > Given this 13th day of April, 2017

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April 2017

Dear Friends and Visitors,

On behalf of the people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, welcome to Boston, and to the Fifteenth Annual Boston International Film Festival.

There's no better setting to celebrate than here in Massachusetts, home to centuries of rich and diverse artistic culture. The Boston International Film Festival celebrates those artists who, through the power of cinema, capture our imagination to make us laugh and cry, think and change.

As you enjoy and visit with us this week, we encourage you to take in all that the Commonwealth has to offer and to everyone who makes The Boston International Film Festival possible, congratulations.

CHARLES D. BAKER GOVERNOR

Sincerely,

KARYN E. POLITO LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



Office of the Mayor City of Boston, MA



April 13, 2017

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the City of Boston, I am honored to welcome back the Annual Boston Interntional Film Festival. This exciting yearly gathering adds distinct cultural value to our community. This is a particularly special year because it marks the 15th anniversary of the festival.

Our city has a keen appreciation for the arts, especially film-making, as demonstrated by numerous cinematic outlets and strong university programs. Bonstonians take pride in their city's world-famous architecture, historic neighborhoods and rich diversity, which all have been featured in films ranging from independent screenings to Hollywood blockbusters.

Congratulations to all of the individuals and organizations that have made this event possible and best wishes for a rewarding and memorable festival.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Walsh Mayor of Boston

# 2017 Boston International Film Festival INTERNATIONAL MOVIES AT THE FINEST LEVEL OF EXPRESSION

Welcome to the 15th Annual Boston International Film Festival. We are proud that for fifteen years we have been able to serve the city of Boston, by sharing films from over 60 countries. We have enabled filmmakers from every continent to come together to share their art. The Boston International Film Festival has become a lasting institution in Boston, and we are happy to continue bringing International films to our city.

The Boston International Film Festival presents a multi-cultural event to the diverse audience in Boston, who may relate to films of their own origin, as well as discover the experiences of others from around the world. The Boston International Film Festival celebrates the art of filmmaking, and it offers an opportunity for filmmakers to share their unique visions.

The Boston International FIIm Festival strives to exhibit the world's most artistic, creative and independent films in a festive environment, and we welcome all people to join us in celebrating this exciting event. The filmmakers will be sharing their diverse and powerful visions of humanity. Our greatest hope is that through the films, the audience will be inspired and encouraged to embace all the world's cultural diversity and work towards a more understanding, peaceful world.

#### Sincerely,



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# EVENTS

### **RED CARPET**

THURSDAY 4/13 6:00PM Red Carpet Ceremony AMC Loews Theatre, 175 Trement Street

## PARTIES

THURSDAY 4/13

9PM Opening Night Gala Party 26 West Street Boston, MA 02111

#### SATURDAY 4/15

7:30PM Party BPE Studio, 9A Hamilton Place

#### **MONDAY 4/17**

7:30PM Closing Night Party 26 West Street Boston, MA 02111

## PANEL DISCUSSION

#### SATURDAY 4/15

10AM-12PM Film Finance & Indie Film Distribution BPE Studio, 9A Hamilton Place

#### SATURDAY 4/15

6 PM

**Casting Workshop by Boston Casting** State Transporation Building with Angela Peri and Lisa Lobel

10 park Plaza Boston, MA 02116

# INTRODUCING FILMMAKERS LOUNGE

Want to give yourself a little relaxing time between the big events? Here at BIFF, we take good care of our quests. Introducing Filmmakers Lounge, a feel-at-home area at BPE studio where you could network with other industry insiders, enjoy some snacks, and use our free WI-FI to catch up with friends. Talk to our staff for more information.



#### AMC LOEWS THEATRE Located at the center of Boston, AMC/Loews is the perfect place to get your BIFF experience started Address: 175 Tremont st. Boston, MA Sessions: Red Carpet, Opening Night and

**VENUES & DIRECTIONS** 

THE PARAMOUNT THEATRE As one of the first movie houses in the city, the elegantly-decorated and newly-renovated theatre will indulge you in the American cinema's Golden Age. Sessions: 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20,22



#### **BPE STUDIO** Home to the Broadway Picture Entertainment, the studio will bring you an intimate experience with the movies you love. Address: 9A Hamilton Place, Boston Sessions: 2, 4, 7, 10, 11, 15, 6, 18, 21, 23, 25

Sessions 1, 26, 27

# SPECIAL THANKS...

to the whole BIFF Team who have helped make the 2017 Boston International Film Festival a great success!





# OPENING NIGHT MOVIES

# SESSION 1 - Thursday, April 13 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | AMC/LOEWS

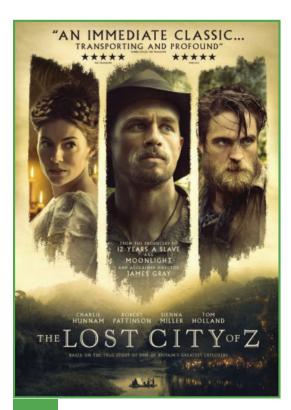
# THE HEIST



Two slick conmen are pitching their heist team to their savvy, silk pajama wearing benefactor. Before they get the OK, they need to tell him about the heist team they've assembled. As we meet the team, we begin to slowly realize that they may have gone too far.

Director: Luke Harris Writer: Chris Abernathy, Chelsea Larner Starring: Shaw Jones, Shawn Parsons Country: USA

# THE LOST CITY OF Z



A true-life drama, centering on British explorer Col. Percival Fawcett, who disappeared while searching for a mysterious city in the Amazon in the 1920s.

Director: James Gray Writer: James Gray Executive Producers: Brad Pitt, Marc Butan, Marc Huffam and Felipe Alijure Starring: Charlie Hunnam, Sienna Miller, Tom Holland, Robert Pattinson, Harry Melling, Franco Nero, Angus Macfadyen, Daniel Huttlestone, Aleksandar Jovanovic and Edward Asley Country: United Kingdom

#### SESSION 2 - Friday, April 14 - 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. |BPE

#### LIFE AS IT IS



Jun and his extended family gather for a special occasion, the funeral of his grandmother.

Director: Victor Gan Writer: Victor Gan Country: Singapore

#### **SUMMER WITH MICA**



Jeong Min is a writer. He comes to a coffee shop because his writing comes to a stand. Inspired by a Japanese woman who drops by the coffee shop for job, Jeong Min decides to write 3 short stories of a Japanese woman / omnibus fantasy melodrama.

Director: Kim Jung Wook Writer: Kim Jung Wook Country: South Korea

#### SESSION 3 - Friday, April 14 - 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | PARAMOUNT

#### **OUT OF INNOCENCE**



The story is based on real events. A young mother suffers a stillborn birth, and secretly buries the fetus. She is wrongly accused of the murder of another baby, and a national furor ensues.

Director: Danny Hiller Producer: Danny Hill, Paul Cummins Starring: Alun Armstrong, Fiona Shaw, Fionnuala Flaherty, Gary Whelan, Ruth McCabe Country: United Kingdom

#### SESSION 4 - Friday, April 14 - 6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. | BPE

#### AMERICAN SOCIALIST: The Life and Times of Eugene

Victor Debs

# AMERICAN SOCIALIST:

This film traces the American populist movement through the life and times of Eugene Debs and the politicians he later inspired, including FDR and Bernie Sanders.

Director: Yale Strom Writer: Yale Strom, Elizabeth Schwartz Country: United States

#### PALOMA



In this documentary people in central Havana reminisce and dream about life in Cuba.

Director: Giovanni Paolo Autran Producer: Giovanni Paolo Autran Country: Cuba

#### SEED AND SPROUT

SESSION 5 - Friday, April 14, 2017 - 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | PARAMOUNT



In 2015, about 18% of Americans went hungry while over 40% of the food produced went uneaten. The Seed & Sprout organization travels nationwide to encourage prisons, university dining halls, vendors and others to rescue and redistribute food to the needy.

Director: Maryanne Galvin Writer: Maryanne Galvin Starring: Caleb Phillips, Doug Rauch, Hana Dansky, Kayla Birdsong, Kyle Huelsman, Laurie "Duck" Caldwell, Marian Kelly, Mike Hickcox, Sasha Purpura, Theresa Snow, Turner Wyatt Country: United States

#### LEFT ON PEARL



This documentary explores the 1971 takeover and occupation of Harvard University by hundreds of Boston area women. The women demanded a Women's Center, and Iow income community housing. The occupation led to the longest continuously operating Women's Center in the USA.

Director: Susie Rivo Writer: Country: United States

#### Session 6 - Friday, April 14 - 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. | PARAMOUNT

#### **NO LATER**



A young man struggles with decision paralysis during a defining moment in his life. **Director:** Keri Wacheter

Writer: Country: United States

#### **SNOWFLAKE**



An introverted young girl, struggling with acceptance, finds her voice with hip hop music.

#### Director: Alana Smithee

Writer: Rufus Chaffee, Angelle Haney, Gullet Starring: Ava Fratus, Michael Carr, Theresa Dern, Nick Yiakoumatos & Emma Senerchia Country: United States

#### THE SPACE BETWEEN



Mitch discovers that his new baby isn't his, which drives him to leave his small town to search for the babys father. Meanwhile his real baby's mother searches for Mitch. The Space Between is about acceptance, love, family, and a few dirty diapers.

Director: Amy Jo Johnson

Writer: Amy Jo Johnson

Amy Jo Johnson, Michael Ironside, Julian Richings, Julia Sarah Stone, David Paetkau, Kristian Bruun, Jayne Eastwood, Sonya Salomaa, Michael Cram, Kerri Smith, Maria Ricossa, Stephen Farrell, Evan Marsh and Drew Finnie **Country:** Canada

#### Session 7 - Friday, April 14 - 9:15 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. | BPE

#### ANDREW



An android office assistant struggles to retain his exuberant personality despite his coworkers expectations and ominous threats from his boss to tone it down.

Director: Charles W. Miller Writer: Charles W. Miller Country: United States

#### **EMBARRASSMENT**



A Pregnant woman lives a nightmare for seven months, trying to induce an abortion with dire consequences. Director: Fernando Rick Writer: Country: Brazil

#### **CHOICE IN QUANTUM**



Ran Lin, a police officer in Time Administration, time travels back from 2035 to 2015. In the process of saving his father, Ran realized that his father was to save the son to lose his life. Father gave adult Ran Lin a key before he passed away.

Director: Yutang Wang Writer: Country: China

Session 9 - Saturday, April 15 - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | PARAMOUNT

#### Session 8 - Saturday, April 15 - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | PARAMOUNT

#### **THORNS**



A young boy discovers a mysterious woman while conducting nature photography. Back at home, there is an ever-growing environment of familial malaise mounting. The mother is concerned with the boy's health, while the father is concerned with key entrepreneurial opportunities. As the boy descends into his obsession and pursuit of the mysterious woman, a conflict between all parties involved proves imminent. **Director:** Christopher Dolan

#### Writer:

Starring: Bradley Dussen, Maria Natapov and Victor Alvarado Country: United States

#### **BORN GUILTY**



Convinced that his over bearing, lonely mother in New York is the source of all the stress in his life, young LA advertising exec Marty bribes his broke, nomad college friend Rawl, to go to New York and befriend her. Trouble ensues when Rawl ends up falling in love with her.

#### Writer: Max Heller

Starring: Rosanna Arquette, Jay Devore, David Coussins, Jay Klaitz, Anna Lore, Xander Berkeley and Keesha Sharp Country: United States

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**SPOKEN WORD** 



Race, perception and consequence become the center point of three lives, as Judge Douglas Matthews can no longer overlook his actions from the bench.

Director: Ilan Srulovicz Writer: Michelle Romano Stars:Troy Evans, Jason London, Lance Reddick, Patrika Darbo and Michelle Romano Country: United States

#### **BOYFRIEND KILLER**



When Preston dies in a car crash, his mother Sandra goes through his social media contacts hoping to salvage any photos of him, and to inform people of his death. She discovers communication between Preston and his vindictive girlfriend Krystal, which reveals her trying to maneuver Preston into killing her ex. When Krystal's ex is found a few days later, Sandra is certain that Krystal killed him & orchestrated Preston's 'accident' as well. She must prove it before Krystal murders her too...

Director: Alyn Darnay Writer: Christine Conradt Starring: Kate Mansi, Barbie Castro, Patrick Muldoon, Eric Aragon, Frank Licari, Kiki Harris, Miguel Martinez and Yancy Butler Country: United States

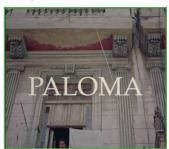
#### Saturday, April 15 - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. | BPE

#### **Panel Discussion**

#### Session 10 - Saturday, April 15 - 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. | BPE

**AREA** 

PALOMA



In this documentary people in central Havana reminisce and dream about life in Cuba.

Director: Giovanni Paolo Autran

Producer: Giovanni Paolo Autran

Country: Cuba



Hilary, a brothel worker in Angeles City, Philippines is struggling to get to the USA to find a son she says she lost during the panic caused by the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo. Her skeptical coworkers give her all the worst clients, including a man who pays with stolen appliances. It all happens during Holy Week, when people perform rituals of penance to get ready for another year of business as usual.

Director: Louie Ignacio Writer: Robby Tantingco Starring: Ai Ai Delas Alas, Allen Dizon, Sue Prado, Sancho Delas Alas, Sarah Brakensiek, Ireen Cervantes, Tabs Sumulong Country: Phillippines

#### Session 11 - Saturday, April 15 - 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. | BPE

#### **ITS YOUR LIFE LIVE IT**



A girl sees what her life could have been in the instant of making a bad decision.

**Director:** Ben Reingold **Writer:** Ben Reingold **Country:** United States

#### THE GLASNOT SHUFFLE



This experimental film is a satire about Russia and Vladimir Putin.

Director: Mick Cusimano Writer: Mick Cusimano Country: United States

#### HONK



Originating in Somerville 10 years ago, Honk! Is a festival of activist street bands who reclaim public spaces with their brash sound, political messages and outrageous community oriented performances.

Director: Patrick Johnson Writer: Country: United States

#### **OUTSIDE THE WIRE**



A female Australian soldier cut off from her team, lies trapped in a collapsed building behind enemy lines. With a broken leg and minimal supplies, she is on her own until the unlikely arrival of a frightened 10 year old boy wielding a rifle. He helps her maintain survival through their developing friendship.

Director: Shaun Clifford Story: Jeff Tseng, Scott Hamilton Writer: Shaun Clifford Country: Australia

#### **A BIG LOVE**



A long story of love between a man and a woman. The man has to renew the ID, but he find out he's dead. So he has to re-born to have another ID

Director: Max Chicco Writer: Max Chicco nd Simona Rapello Stars: Paolo Graziosi, Alessia Olivetti and Andrea Murchio Country: Italy

#### BOUTIK



Gaetan has lost his toy soldier. As he tries to work out how to get a new one, he soon realizes that the adults around him will be of no great help, so he decides to jump into the tangled game of their lives.

Director: Damien Dittberner Writer: Damien Dittberner Country: Mauritius

#### **LIVE IN MARS**



Former lovers reminisce about dreams and aspirations. What do you think is the desire of every human being?

Director: Jose Manuel Carrasco Writer: Jose Manuel Carrasco Starring: Ana Rayo, Luis Callejo, Marina Salas, David Castillo Country: Spain

#### SUSPENDED



After waking up in an unknown room, a man with no recollection of his previous day is offered a pill to either live or die.

Director: Fran Vidal Writer: Fran Vidal Stars: Alan Alarcon, Cecilia Areas, Diego Cooper Country: Mexico

#### Session 12 - Saturday, April 15, 2017 - 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | PARAMOUNT

HAPPY PLACE

#### HUMANITY DRESSED IN SATIRE



Humanity Dressed in Satire follows an average man's bicycle ride to an unknown destination.

Director: Delalne Leahy

#### Writer:

Stars: Austin Kirby, Caitlin Arcand, Claire Maxwell, Delane Leahy, Eric Parham, George Walter Hooker IV, Jack Leahy, Keenan Mcarthy, Mark Davies, Mikey Fazio, Molly Perlman, Nicky Sarmiento Country: United States

Ben, a failing comedian, struggles to maintain his reality while performing on stage.

Director: Jordan Tofalo Writer: Country: United States

#### VILE



A divorced man attempts to end an abuser's wave of destruction by any means necessary. **Director:** Nick Cammilleri **Writer:** 

**Country:** United States

#### FIREFLIES



When a withdrawn Middle Eastern man begins frequenting a Boston café, the headwaiter grows increasingly suspicious about the true nature of his visits. Through flashbacks and the increasing suspicion of the patrons, we find that Marwan is a man whose glass has just been emptied.

Director: Raouf Zaki Writer: Country: United States



tern man Immigrant Polina loves her husband Richard, hifé, the but her former life from the Czech Republic suspicious catches up with her, and she must make a difficult decision. Will Richard give her the suspicion of support she needs?

Director: Patrick Jerome Writer: Patrick Jerome Starring: David Pridemore, Katarina Morhacova, Therese Lloyd, Henry Grabowski, Jamie Engledow and Cyrus Jones Country: United States

Session 13 - Saturday, April 15 - 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | PARAMOUNT

#### GLOWWORM



After inheriting a large farm in rural New England a woman travels north to say goodbye to her grandfather and sell the land but, someone hopes to change her mind.

Director: Laina Barakat Writer: Laina Barakat Starring: Emma Barakat, Pedro Aijon, Peter Eisenstadter Country: United States

# FATHER & SON



Living by a river, a father and son make their living by fishing every day. The little boy, Ca, contracts a serious illness. The treatment is very expensive. Will the father be able to catch enough fish to pay for it? **Director:** Luong Dinh Dung **Writer: Country:** Vietnam

#### Saturday, April 15 - 7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. | BPE

**Party!** 

#### Session 14 - Saturday, April 15, 2017 - 9:30 p.m. - 11:35 p.m. | PARAMOUNT

#### SYMPOSIUM



Academy Award nominee Margaret Avery stars as a woman engaged in deep philosophical thought which confounds a service man she summons to help solve the mystery of her migrating kitchen appliance, leading to the revelation of a shared secret.

**Director:** Tom Grady, Keith Oncale **Writer:** Margaret Avery, Ezra Knight **Country:** United States





Inhabitants of a remote fishing island off the coast of Maine find themselves cut off from the outside world after the ferry suddenly stops coming. Lead by two 'outsiders', a doctor and a biologist, the unlikely survivors must find out who, or what, is killing them.

Director: Josh Gerritsen Writer: Tess Gerritsen Starring: Teri Reeves, Laila Robins, Adam McLaughlin, Matthew Wilkas, Terry Bregy, Stephanie Atkinson, Richard Sewell, Nancy Nickerson, Joanna Clarke, Elaine Landry and Anna Gravel Country: United States

#### Session 15 - Sunday, April 16 - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | PARAMOUNT

#### **IBCHEN HALLAS**



Ibchen Hallas is a Jewish Austrian soldier fighting in WWI. When he is isolated from is platoon during a battle, he is confronted by an enemy Russian soldiers.

Director: Jack Breene Writer: Uri Shatil Stars: Caleb Wells, Fred Fleury, Jeff Thomson, Ross Bergen, Sam Cutler (lead), Uri Shatil Country: USA

#### THE BUS STOP



Two young boys come to blows due to religious stereotypes learned from their parents.

Director: Justin Malone Writer: Justin Malone, Tom Klar Starring: Arvin Combs, Bryce Gheisar, Max Cumberland, Mollie Milligan, Troy Grant, Wilbur Penn Country: United States

#### **A NEW SPIRIT**



Two brothers, Jacob and Samuel, grow up in a poor but traditional Jewish family. As they mature, Samuel becomes more Orthodox, whereas Jacob becomes a leader in Messianic Judaism, spreading the word of Jesus. **Director:** Doron Eran **Writer: Country:** Israel

#### Session 16 - Sunday, April 16 - 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. | BPE

#### **SEED AND SPROUT**



In 2015, about 18% of Americans went hungry while over 40% of the food produced went uneaten. The Seed & Sprout organization travels nationwide to encourage prisons, university dining halls, vendors and others to rescue and redistribute food to the needy.

Director: Maryanne Galvin Writer: Maryanne Galvin Starring: Caleb Phillips, Doug Rauch, Hana Dansky, Kayla Birdsong, Kyle Huelsman, Laurie "Duck" Caldwell, Marian Kelly, Mike Hickcox, Sasha Purpura, Theresa Snow, Turner Wyatt Country: United States

#### Session 17 - Sunday, April 16, 2017 - 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. | PARAMOUNT

#### **HER MAGIC**



A daughter describes her special connection to her mother through the shared act of sewing. Sewing fabric is an analogy for bringing up a daughter, and the daughter's sewing expresses her gratitude for the Creator.

Director: Karm Syndia Writer: Country: United States

#### DORA'S PEACE



Dora, a prostitute of the Hillbrow district, shields a gifted young boy from the violent clutches of organized crime. In the process she may discover aspects of her own lost humanity.

Director: Konstandino Kalarytis Writer: Andrew Herold, Konstandino Kalarytis Starring: Denel Honerball, Danny Keogh, Paballo Koza, Israel Makoe, Yule Masiteng, Hlubi Mboya, Tinah Mnumzana, Molefi Monaisa, Ronnie Nyakale, Khabonina Qubeka and Meren Reddy Country: South Africa

#### Session 18 - Sunday, April 16 - 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | BPE

#### THE BEAUTIFUL YA'ANN



Ya'an is the gateway to Tibet through the mountains of western China. The world's largest panda reserve in in Ya'an, known as the Panda Home. Filming took place at altitudes of over 4,000 meters.

Director: Tian Wen Writer: Tian Wen Country: China

#### **COMMUNITY DOCTORS**



A never before seen inside look into Cuba's medical scholarship program.

Director: Kunle Ekunkonye Writer: Kunle Ekunkonye Starring: Desaw Floyd Country: Cuba

#### Session 19 - Sunday, April 16, 2017 - 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. | PARAMOUNT

#### MIGHT



Maryam, a rebel leader in an archaic world governed by a ruthless religion, is determined to prove the huge metallic object hovering in the sky is not the god the priesthood claims. During a mission she runs into a holy warrior who turns out to be her long lost father who abandoned her when she was a child.

Director: Emil Sallinen Writer: Emil Sallinen Starring: Sara Soulie, Jonathan Hutchings, Agneta Lindroos, Jarkko Lehtopelto, Jussi Lankoski, Henry Hanikka Country: Finland

#### BADSVILLE



A violent greaser gang is ripped apart when their leader finds love and becomes determined to leave Badsville - a town where love doesn't exist.

Director: April Mullen Writer: Country: Canada

#### Session 20 - Sunday, April 16 - 7:00 p.m. - 8:35 p.m. | PARAMOUNT

#### SHY GUYS



Two strangers bring the laughs as they confront and resolve one of the most insidious scourges afflicting mankind - while standing at public urinals with their willies out. The first film by ubiquitous character actor Fredric Lehne.

Director: Fredric Lehne Writer: Country: United States





A Cape Cod fashion writer falls in love with a down and out fisherman. Upon getting pregnant, she leaves for two years, only to return with their child. She demands that he tell his wife about his secret child. The writer is found murdered, and the fisherman is the prime suspect.

Director: Arthur Egeli

Writer: Arthur Egeli, Heather Hayes, Ian Bowater Starring: Heather Hayes, Ian Bowater Country: United States

#### Session 21 - Sunday, April 16 - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | BPE

#### ANASTASIA



A hot headed teen is adopted by an abusive foster home. Director: Sean Han Writer

Country: United States

#### **INNER COURT**



A judge finds himself trapped in the Brazilian criminal justice system. In this Kafakaesque environment, the splendor and magnificence of the architecture conceals the corruption and violence of the system.

Director: Ricardo Mehedff Writer: Ricardo Mehedff, Guilherme Lessa Starring: Ricardo Medhedff, Guiherme Lessa, Jefferson da Fonseca Continho Country: Brazil

#### Session 22 - Sunday, April 16 - 9:30 p.m. - 11:35 p.m. | PARAMOUNT

#### THE RED MAPLE LEAF



Jenni Adams, daughter of US Ambassador Patrick Adams, is kidnapped right under the noses of her Secret Service detail. Two nations fight over jurisdiction, but as the case grows cold, veteran Royal Canadian Mounted Policeman Alfonso Palermo is determined to find her.

Director: Frank D'Angelo Writer: Frank D'Angelo

Starring: Frank D'Angelo, James Caan, Robert Loggia, Martin Landau, Paul Sorvino, Kris Kristofferson, Mira Sorvino, Marina Anderson, Armand Assante, Daniel Baldwin, Marc Blucas and Laurie Fortier Country: Canada

## Session 24 - Monday, April 17, 2017 - 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | BPE

#### AMERICAN SOCIALIST: The Life and Times of Eugene Victor



This film traces the American populist movement through the life and times of Eugene Debs and the politicians he later inspired, including FDR and Bernie Sanders.

Director: Yale Strom Writer: Yale Strom, Elizabeth Schwartz Country: United States

#### **K SERA SERA**

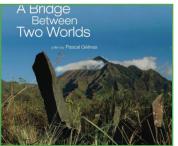


Do we live life, or does life live us? This story follows the fortunes of two working people. Sarah is a go getter who thinks she can obtain anything she wants, whereas Bhai Gaonkar feels trapped by his circumstances. Both are faced with hard choices.

Director: Rajeev Shinde Writer: Rajeev Shinde Starring: Palomi Ghosh, Rajesh R. Pednekar

# **A BRIDGE BETWEEN TWO WORLDS**

Session 23 - Sunday, April 16 - 9:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. | BPE



Muslim and Catholic families living on the island of Flores, Indonesia, overcome their poverty and better their environment with the support of North American and European families. This engaging adventure builds a living bridge between our two hemispheres, at a time when foreign aid is too often questioned.

**Director:** Pascal Gelinas Writer: Pascal Gelinas Country: Canada

#### Session 27 - Monday, April 17, 2017 - 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. | AMC/LOEWS

#### LEFT ON PEARL



This documentary explores the 1971 takeover and occupation of Harvard University by hundreds of Boston area women. The women demanded a Women's Center, and low income community housing. The occupation led to the longest continuously operating Women's Center in the USA.

Director: Susie Rivo Writer: Country: United States

### Session 26 - Monday, April 17, 2017 - 3:15 p.m. - 4:50 p.m. | AMC/LOEWS

#### **EVERYTHING BUT A MAN**



A self-made career woman falls for a struggling, French speaking immigrant whose lifestyle shakes up her assumptions and challenges her perspectives. Molding him raises questions about what it means to be strong.

Director: Nnegest Likke Writer: Nnegest Likke Starring: Jimmy Jean-Louis, Monica Calhoun and Camille Winsbush Country: United States

Country: India Session 25 - Monday, April 17 - 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | BPE

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Session 1: Thursday, April 13 7:00pm - 9:00pm (AMC/LOEWS) The Heist 4min The Lost City of Z 141 min

Session 2: Friday, April 14 3:00pm - 5:00pm (BPE) Life as it is 29 min Summer With Mica 90 min

Session 3: Friday, April 14 2:30pm - 4:30pm (Paramount) Out of Innocence 108 min

Session 4: Friday, April 14 6:00pm - 8:15pm (BPE) **American Socialist 98 min** 

Session 5: Friday, April 14 5:30pm - 7:30pm (Paramount) Paloma 10 min Seed and Sprout 47 min Left On Pearl 54 min

Session 6: Friday April, 14 8:30pm - 10:30pm (Paramount) No Later 6 min Snowflake 15 min The Space Between 90 min

Session 7: Friday, April 14 9:15pm - 11:30pm (BPE) Andrew 15 min Embarrassment 21 min Choice In Quantum 17 min

Session 8: Saturday, April 15 10:00am - 12:00pm (Paramount) Thorns 20 min Born Guilty 100 min

Session 9: Saturday, April 15 1:00pm - 3:00pm (Paramount) Spokenword 27 min **Bovfriend Killer** 90 min

Saturday, April 15 10:00am - 12:00pm (BPE) **Panel Discusion** 

Session 10: Saturday, April 15 1:30pm - 3:30pm (BPE) Paloma 10 min 101 min Area

Session 11: Saturday, April 15 4:30pm - 6:30pm (BPE) Short Program - 1 It's your Life Live it 2 min The Glasnot Shuffle 2 min Honk 6 min Outside The Wire 9 min Boutik 14 min Live In Mars 16 min Suspended 16 min A Big Love 30 min

Saturday, April 15 7:30pm - 11:30pm (BPE) Partv!!!!!!

Session 12: Saturday, April 15 Short Program - 2 4:00pm - 5:30pm (Paramount) Humanity Dressed in Satire 6 min Happy Place 9 min Vile 14 min **Fireflies** 17 min A Time To Tell 25 min

Session 13: Saturday, April 15 6:30pm - 8:30pm (Paramount) Glowworm 24 min **Father and Son** 90 min

Session 14: Saturday, April 15 9:30pm - 11:35pm (Paramount) Symposium 18 min **Island Zero** 99 min

Session 15: Sunday, April 16 11:00am - 1:00pm (Paramount) **Ibchen Hallas** 7 min 13 min 99 min

Session 16: Sunday, April 16 47 min

Session 17: Sunday, April 16 2:00pm - 3:30pm (Paramount) Her Magic 3 min **Dora's Peace** 85 min

Session 18: Sunday, April 16 3:00pm - 5:00pm (BPE) The Beautiful Ya'ann 17 min **Community Doctors 98 min** 

Session 19: Sunday, April 16 4:30pm - 6:00pm (Paramount) Miaht 5 min Badsville 85 min

Session 20: Sunday, April 16 7:00pm - 8:35pm (Paramount) Shy Guys 8 min Murder on Cape Cod 85 min



Session 21: Sunday, April 16 6:00pm - 8:00pm (BPE) Anastasia 15 min Inner Court 74 min

Session 22: Sunday, April 16 9:30pm - 11:35pm (Paramount) The Red Maple Leaf 122 min

Session 23: Sunday, April 16 9:00pm - 11:30pm (BPE) K Sera Sera 124 min

Session 24: Monday, April 17 (Boston Marathon Day) 11:30am - 1:00pm (BPE) American Socialist 98 min

Session 25: Monday, April 17 2:00pm - 3:00pm (BPE) A Bridge Between Two Worlds 51 min

Session 26: Monday, April 17 3:15pm - 4:50pm (AMC/LOEWS) Everything But a Man 110 min

Session 27: Monday, April 17 5:00pm - 6:30pm (AMC/LOEWS) Left on Pearl 54 min

**Closing Party** 7:00 pm **26 WEST STREET** 

**OPENING NIGHT RED CARPET 6:00 PM OPENING NIGHT PARTY 9:00 PM** 

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