

The FUNNY LIFE FILM Festival

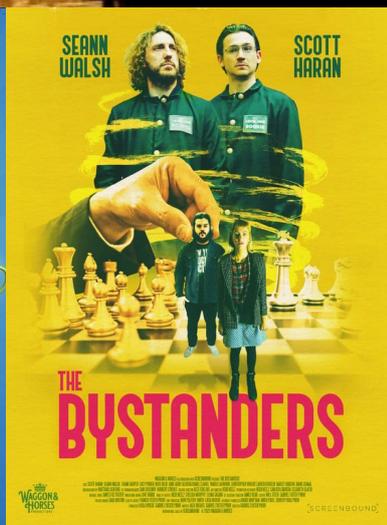
Friday 20 & Saturday 21

March 2026

programme



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Friday 20 March 2026

3:30pm—11:00pm

4:00 pm —5:30 pm — Shorts 1: Girls on the Edge + Q&A

5:30 pm —7:00 pm — Shorts 2: Who Am I Anyway? + Q&A

7:15 pm —8:25 pm — LIVE Stand-Up Comedy

8:30 pm — 11:00 pm — Feature Film— Tiny Little Voices + Q&A

Join us in the bar for opening night drinks!



Saturday 21 March 2026

10:00 am—11:00 pm

10:00 am — 11:40am — Feature Film— StartUp

12:00 pm —2:00 pm — Shorts 3: Chalk & Cheese + Q&A

2:00 pm —4:00 pm — Feature Film— Live and Let Go+ Q&A

***2:30 pm —3:30 pm — Workshop—
Funding, Financing & Distribution***

4:00 pm —6:00 pm — Shorts 4: All in a Day's Work + Q&A

6:00 pm —8:00 pm — Feature Film— The Bystanders + Q&A

8:00 pm —10:00 pm — Shorts 5: Domestic Disharmony + Q&A

10:00 pm —10:45 pm — Awards Ceremony

10:45 pm — Closing Party



Shorts 1: Girl's On The Edge + Q&A

Friday

4:00 pm — 5:30 pm

Body Clock

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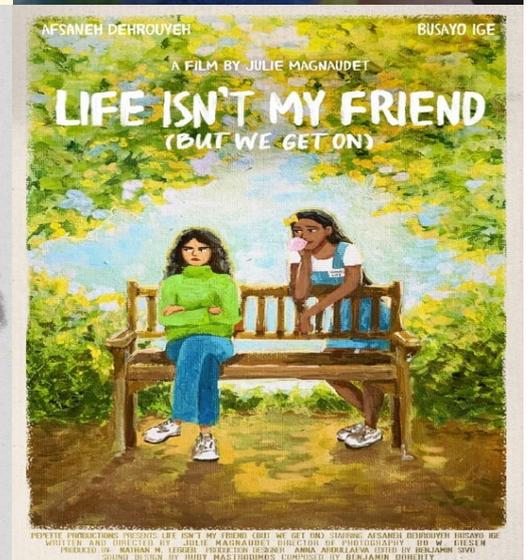
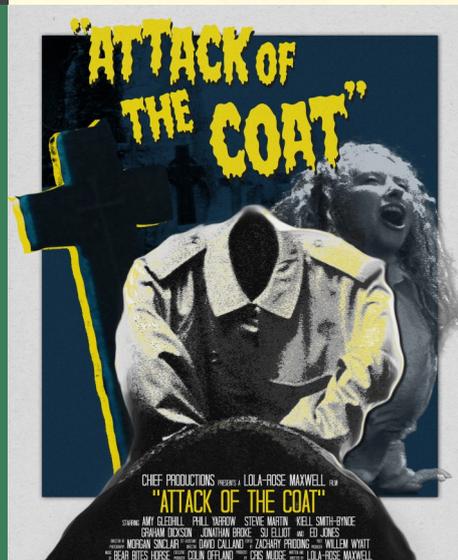
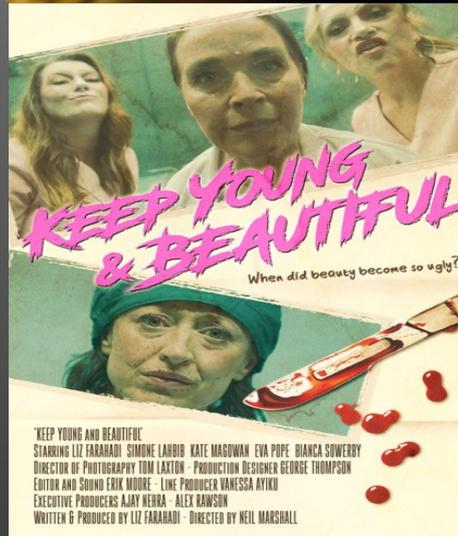
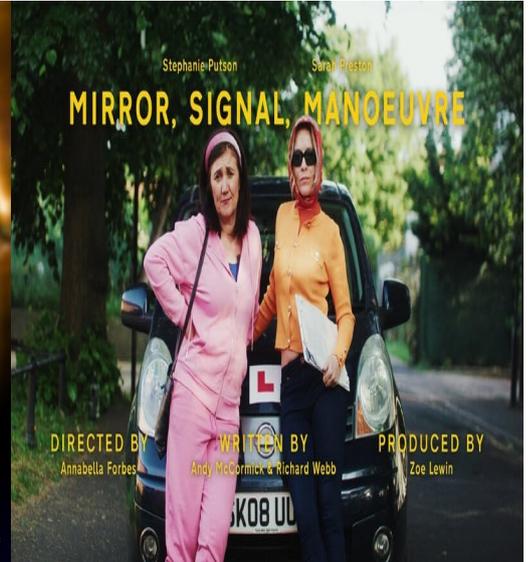
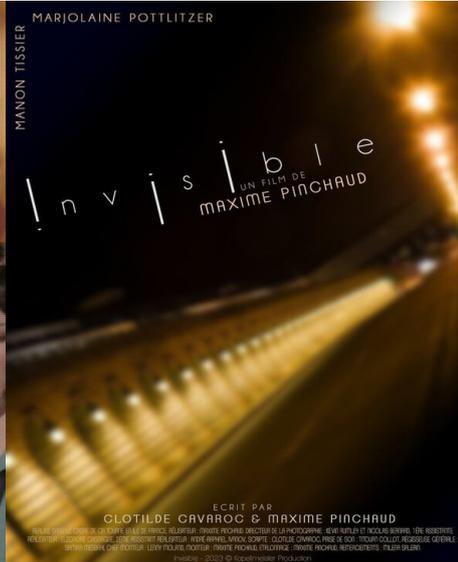
Keep Young and Beautiful

Life Isn't My Friend, But We Get On

Mirror, Signal, Manoeuvre

Run Daisy, Run

Attack of the Coat



Shorts 2: Who Am I Anyway? + Q&A

Friday

5:30 pm — 7:00 pm

Learners

Dog Person

Ex-Killer Collective

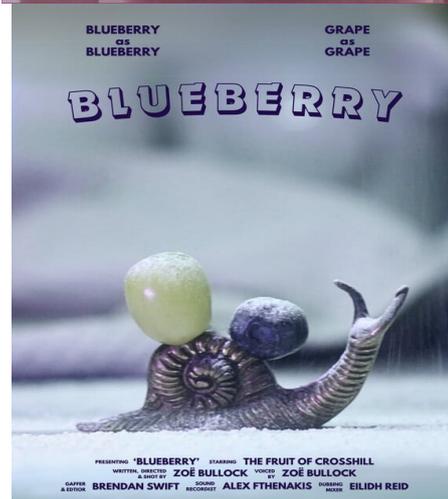
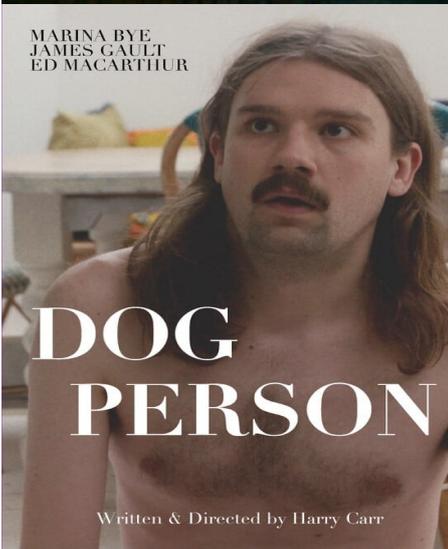
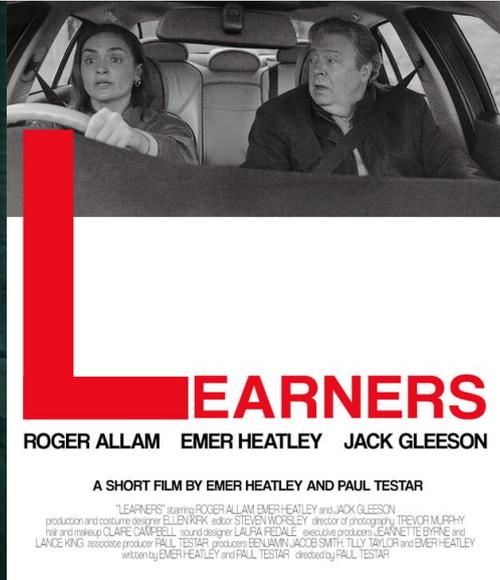
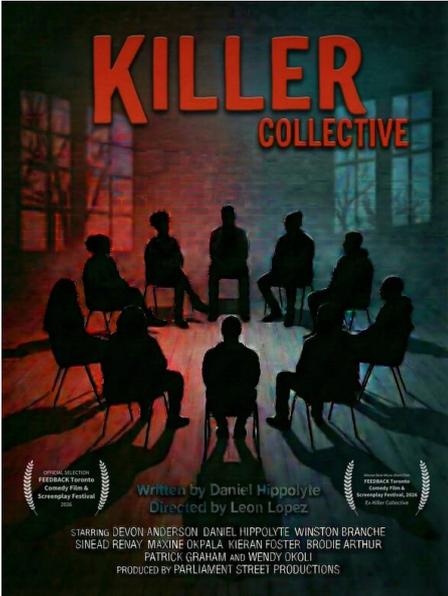
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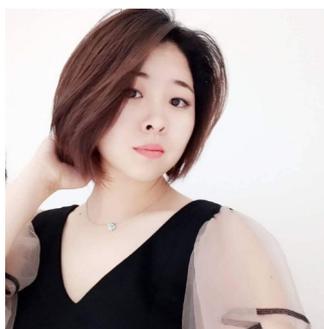


Daniel Hippolyte

Daniel Hippolyte is an actor, writer and comedian based in the North West of England. His comedy is a blend of quick wit and storytelling focusing on his experiences of life, from care free teenager to family man with a cancer card. His dark humour is the comic relief we all need.

“He’s got naturally funny bones, over six and half foot, that’s a lot of funny!”

Patrick Monahan



Maple Zuo

Maple Zuo is a Chinese-Mongolian comedian. As featured on BBC Cultural Frontline, She has Won the Comedy Store’s King Gong, Up the Creek’s Blackout, and was a Finalist for Leicester Square Theatre’s New Act of the Year 2023. Additionally, she earned Second Place in both the LGBT New Comedian of the Year 2024 and the Funny Women Award 2025.



Hazel Donovan

Chucklmania Gong Championship 2023 and in the So You Think You’re Funny semi finalist 2024.

Hazel is a cocktail mixture of funny observation, smart one liners and storytelling with a dark twist. Using her experience of childhood growing up on a council estate in Birkenhead to recall the many colourful characters met along the way including the local 'perv' who with the assistance of friends Hazel managed to groom sweets from.

A light hearted approach to the gritty realities of life.

MCs— Dave Vaughn & Liam McGough



Dave Vaughan is a south London comedian and filmmaker with the charm of a Dave you’d trust with your life but not your boiler. His comedy is high energy, low stakes about the everyday things that would piss off your uncle..

Usually MCing at his own comedy night Manners & Mash at the White Hart pub in Stoke Newington, which serves up some of the best semi pro and open mic comedy in Hackney!

But why have just one MC when you can have two? So at The Funny Life Festival he will be joined by fellow comedian Liam McGough: An award winning comedian and Geordie export to London who blends northern charm with southern sarcasm, who will talk to you on the tube.

Dave & Liam's show '2 Guys, One GCSE' hits the Edinburgh Fringe this Summer...!

And more...



Friday

8:30 pm

"Post pandemic, two unusual strangers with anxiety help each other find their place in the new normal."

Followed by a Q +A at 10:30 pm with the director and writer, Chris Rogers & team behind the film.

Tiny Little Voices

Director's Statement

Tiny Little Voices is a fun and exciting piece about overcoming anxiety, aimed at a late teenage or young adult audience. We made the film in the last Covid wave, with a hugely diverse cast of actors and voice over artists (over a hundred performers) from the UK, America, France and India. Made on a shoestring budget, it celebrates the LGBTQ community and has notable contributions from Mr Gay UK 2023 and the original sweet transvestite Richard O'Brien, as well as Bollywood sweetheart Kalki Kamalkami and Mr Whickham's, Adrian Lukis. I do hope you enjoy the madness of it.

Main Crew List

Directed by Chris Rogers
Written by Chris Rogers
Produced by Jenny Goodwin, Mathius Mund, Phil Morris
Cinematography: Rosalind Alcazar & Neal Parsons
Music Composed by Sam Storey
Sound Recordist: Tomo Davies
Casting Assistant: Maddie Kenner

Main Cast List

Samantha Thornton-Rice
Jay Rincon
Matt Vickery
Lana Eade
George Weightman
Kalki Koechlin
Glitzy von Jagger / Darren James

Further Information

Country of Production UK
Runtime: 2 hours

Social Media Accounts

Instagram - @tinylittlevoices
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www.tinylittlevoices.com

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A FILM BY SHANE KONICKI "START UP" MATTHEW SVOBODA DANIEL FLEP MEREDITH KONICKI SHANE KONICKO DELNO EBBE
STORY BY TREY SHIRLEY SCREENPLAY BY JAMES LUCE, SHANE KONICKI, AND MEREDITH KONICKI
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY EFRON RAWSON ORIGINAL SCORE BY SHANE KONICKI

Saturday

10:00 am — 11:40 am

“Brothers, Pete and Norm Stuckey, will do anything to make sure their brand-new make-up startup is successful.

Pass out flyers, hit-up social media influencers...and even borrow money from their town's local loan shark.

With the clock ticking to pay him back, and their product missing days before their company launch, they'll have to turn to a late-night, infomercial 'fixer' to save their business...and their lives.”

StartUp

Director's Statement

'Our whole team spent so many early mornings and late nights working on this passion project, and we can't wait for all that hard work to pay off in front of an audience. It's been a long time coming-- and we can't wait for you to see StartUp, our first feature film, up on the big screen!'

Main Crew List

Directed by Shane Michael Konicki
Written by Shane Konicki, Meredith Konicki, James Luce
Produced by Shane Konicki, Meredith Konicki, James Luce
Cinematography: Felix Jansen

Main Cast List

Matthew Svoboda
Daniel Reep
Meredith Konicki
Shane Konicki
Delno Ebie
Steve Hitchcock
Thomas Hanks

Further Information

Country of Production: USA
Runtime: 1 hour, 37 minutes

Shorts 3: Chalk & Cheese + Q&A

Saturday

12:00 pm — 2:00 pm

Where are you really from?

It's a Wrap!

Wheel Gone Kid 4—Crash Course

Butty

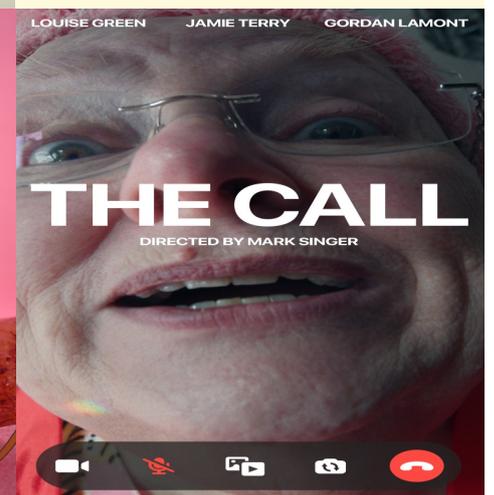
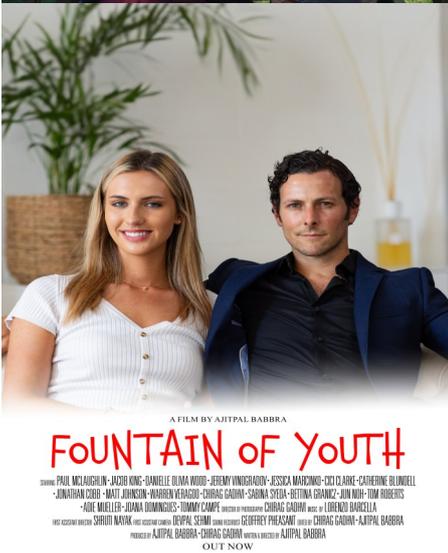
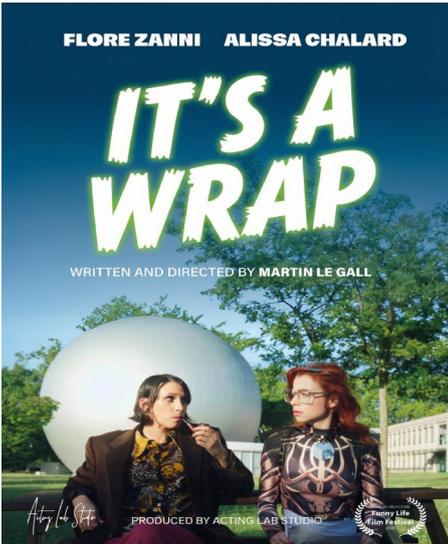
Fountain of Youth

Whistle

Train Appreciation Society

Make a Wish

The Call





Live and Let Go

2:00 pm — 4:00 pm

“A clumsy lonely orphan, Lucas is a moving target for all kinds of misfortunes. Spending a weekend in a mansion he will cause damage, discover secrets from his past and find love.

A dangerous-romantic action comedy, with a license to laugh.”

Vive e Deixa Andar

(Live and Let Go)

Synopsis

The world is not enough to encompass all the misfortunes that afflict Lucas. Orphan, lonely, clumsy, Lucas is a moving target for all kinds of misfortunes. But things are never so bad that they can't get worse: Lucas loses his job and is about to be evicted from his home. When everything seems lost, he receives a call from a childhood friend who asks him for help: to entertain two influencers during a weekend in a luxurious mansion. It is in this true technological trap, guarded by a mysterious Englishman, that Lucas will discover unexpected secrets about his past and, most importantly, it is there that he will discover love. Danger, suspense and cocktail recipes! Romance, eroticism (not that much...; don't get excited!) and impossible snooker shots! Secret weapons, fast cars and scooter races! LIVE AND LET GO is a romantic action comedy, with a license to laugh!

Main Crew List

Directed by Miguel Cadilhe
Written by Felipe Homem Fonesca
Produced by: Miguel Cadilhe
Cinematography by Pedro Cardeira
Music Composed by Ricardo Barriga, Homem Fonesca, Homem Fonesca
Editing by Gonalo dos Santos
Sound Mixer: Pedro Adamastor
Art Director: Ana Teresa Castelo
Casting: Nuno Diogo

Main Cast List

Eduardo Madeira
Joana Pais de Brito
Dinarte de Freitas
D bora Monteiro
Oceana Bas lio
Alexandra Lencastre
Ricardo Carrio
Pedro Alv s
Jo o Paulo Rodrigues
Lili Caneas
Jos  Pedro Gomes
Manuel Marques

Further Information

Country of Production: Portugal
Runtime: 1 hour, 47 minutes

Workshop

Film Funding, Financing & Distribution

Saturday

2:30 pm

Join us and our panel of experts for a workshop that will help you with the funding and financing of your films so you can get them out there and seen by the world!

From launching a fundraising campaign; applying to funding bodies; getting your work commissioned and/or

We will be joined by...



Paul Smith

Paul Smith is a freelance film publicist specialising in independent film, world cinema, LGBTIQ+ films and the horror genre. He has worked across many festivals including FrightFest, the UK's premier international horror and fantasy event. He works closely with festivals, liaising with press and filmmakers. In January 2026 Paul was awarded the prestigious Iris Prize Fellowship for his contributions to film promotion.



Eleanor Lawrence

Eleanor is a comedy writer, producer and performer. She was head of scripted at Lucky 17 Productions. She currently runs writers rooms with the UTC Group and teaches comedy writing at the BRIT school. She has written on The Brit Awards 2021/22, That's My Jam (BBC), Flack (Amazon), The Johnny & Inel Show (CBBC), PhoneShop (Ch4) and led the writers room on Berlin Berlin (Emmy award-winning show with Studio Hamburg). Eleanor's original script The Barrenesses was developed with ABC Studios and she has developed original scripts with Channel 4, Objective, ITV Studios and Baby Cow Productions. Her short film Sunshine Simon, co-written with Tom Davis, aired on Sky as part of their Common Ground series.



Richard Coulton

Richard has worked in the British film and television industry for over 30 years, beginning his career as an editor in mainstream television series and feature films before moving into directing in 2016. Since then, he has written and directed five feature films: Dangerous Game, Dead Ringer, The Seven, Override, and most recently, Dream Hacker. In 2018, Dead Ringer won Best Independent Film at the National Film Awards.

All of Richard's films are available on Amazon Prime, with Dream Hacker releasing in the UK from 24 February 2026 on Sky, Apple TV, Google Play and Amazon.



Anthony Vander

Anthony Vander is a British filmmaker, actor and producer known for his contributions to independent cinema. An award-winning filmmaker, Vander became a full member of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) in 2023 in recognition of his impact on the film industry. Vander's films (under his production company Distortion Entertainment) have screened at Oscar- and BAFTA-qualifying film festivals. His credits include Hooligan (Cannes Film Festival); Sweetboy (London Live TV); Spar (screened at S.O.U.L Connect and The Miami Independent Film Festival); and Finale (shown at the BAFTA-qualifying Aesthetica Film Festival), among others. He also teaches filmmaking and production at film schools, including Met Film School, BFI and is Head of Film at Collective Acting Studio. Vander was appointed Festival Director of the Collective Film Festival London, an event dedicated to supporting underrepresented filmmakers seeking entry into the industry.



Mark Brennan

Mark has seen the short film festival circuit from every angle. Firstly as a filmmaker whose films have been selected at festivals worldwide, and then as the Festival Director at the BIFA-Qualifying Exit 6 Film Festival. He has since also joined Festival Formula as a Festival Strategist and, more recently, writes for BIFA-qualifying online short film platform Directors Notes.



Shorts 4: All in a Day's Work + Q&A

Saturday

4:00 pm — 6:00 pm

Full Tank

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Man with News

The Choice

Bi-Nocular Panic

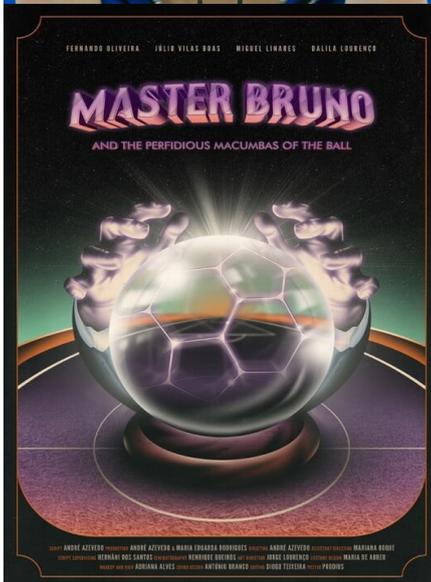
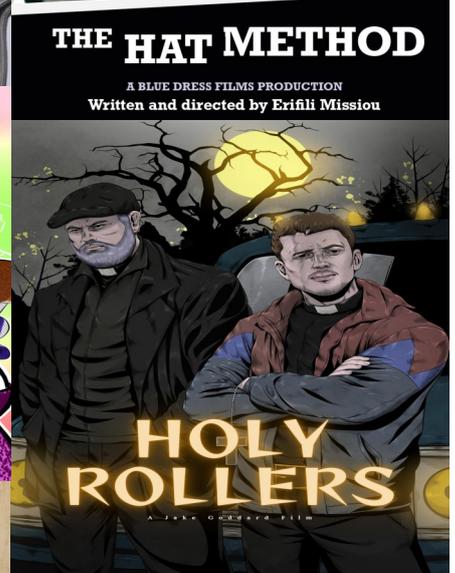
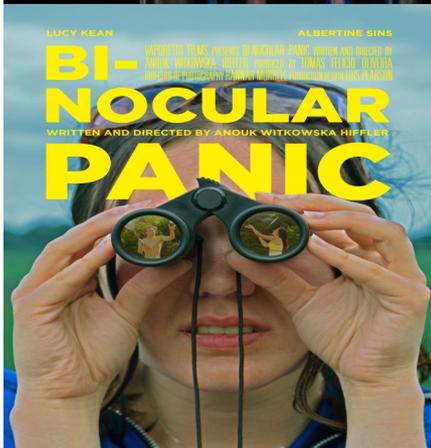
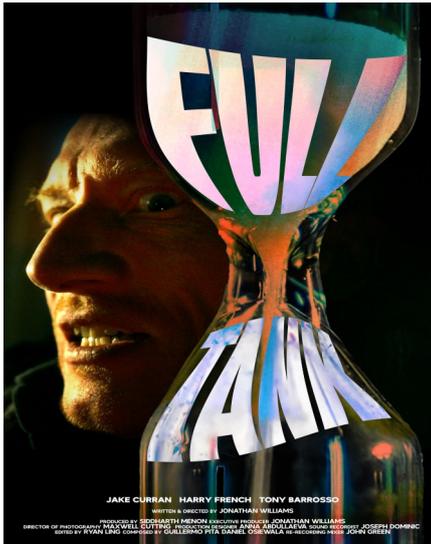
Master Bruno and the Perfidious

Holy Rollers

Rec

The Hat Method

From Mother, with Love





6:00 pm — 8:00 pm

“An off-the-wall comedy set in the world of the Bystanders - invisible immortals who watch over their human subjects and intervene in (or interfere with) their lives.”

Followed by a Q + A with director Gabriel Foster Prior

The Bystanders

Synopsis

Pete Weir (Scott Haran) – an inconspicuous office drone – is recruited precisely for his anonymity to become a Bystander, a kind of empowered guardian angel tasked with watching over, and invisibly helping, a 'Subject'. Pete is trained by jaded Bystander Frank (Seann Walsh), who out of boredom proposes that they swap Subjects. Frank now has Sarah (Georgia Mabel Clarke), and Pete has feckless loser Luke (Andi Jashy), whom he hopes to transform in order to win Bystander of the Year and make up for losing a chess contest decades earlier. Hilarious rivalry ensues, as misanthropic Frank, who can only see the world through 'Frank-tinted glasses', sets about undermining Pete's newfound success. We close with the women having enjoyed one last blast and learn that they can do anything they want, at any age.

Main Crew List

Directed by Gabriel Foster Prior
Written by Gabriel Foster Prior & Jack Hughes
Produced by Gabriel Foster Prior & Luisa Riviere
Cinematography by Matthias Ashford
Music Composed by Foz Foster
Editing by Will Steer
Production Sound Mixer: Love Hobbs
Art Director: Heidi Heelz

Main Cast List

Seann Walsh
Scott Haran
Georgia Mabel Clarke
Andi Jashy
Lauren Douglin
Nick Helm
David Schaal
Mo Omar

Further Information

Country of Production UK
Runtime: 1 hour, 34 minutes

Shorts 5: Domestic Disharmony + Q&A

Saturday

8:00 pm — 10:00 pm

Talking Rubbish

Gan Canny

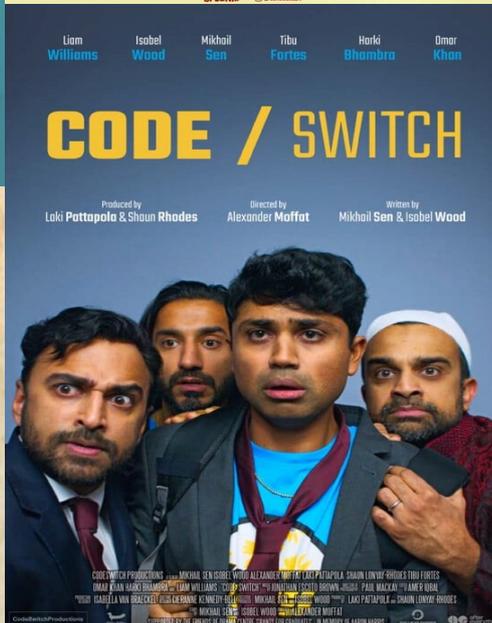
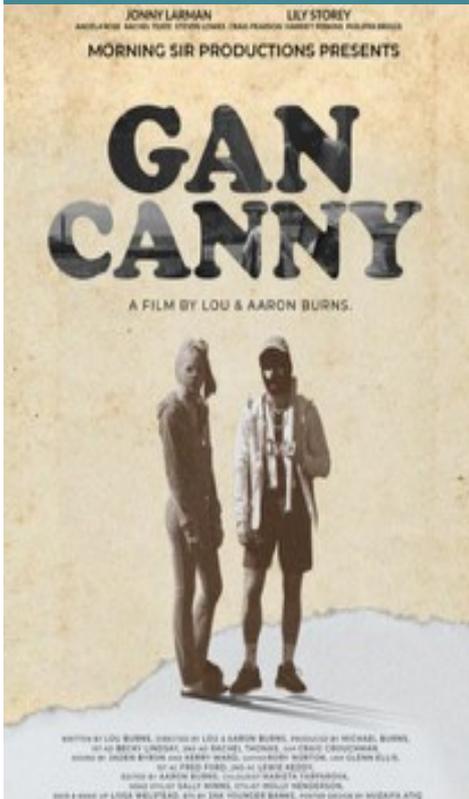
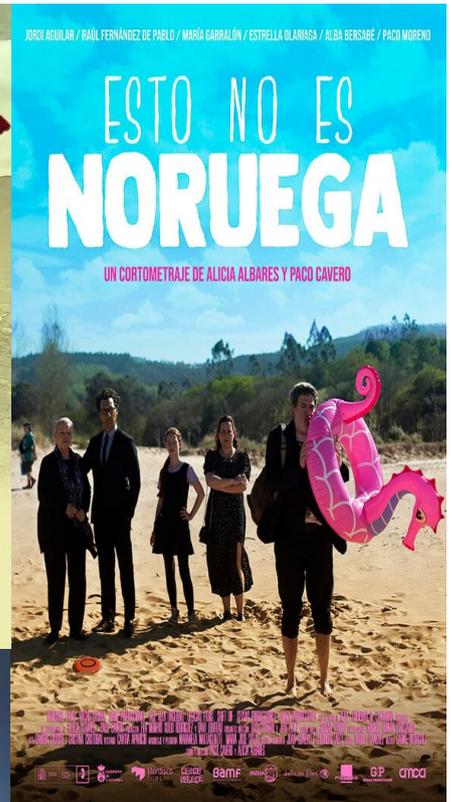
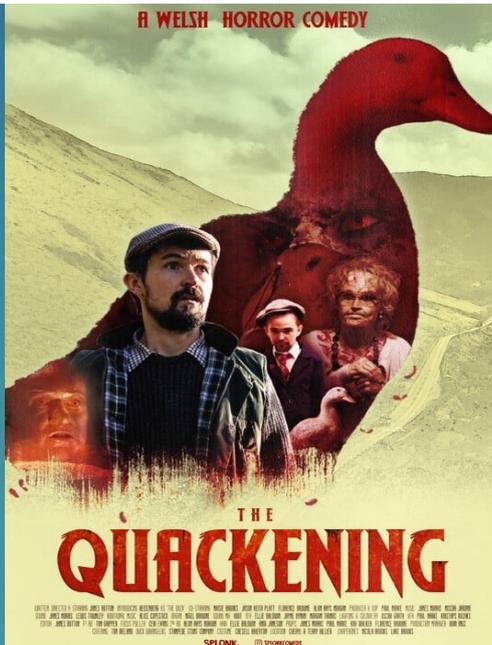
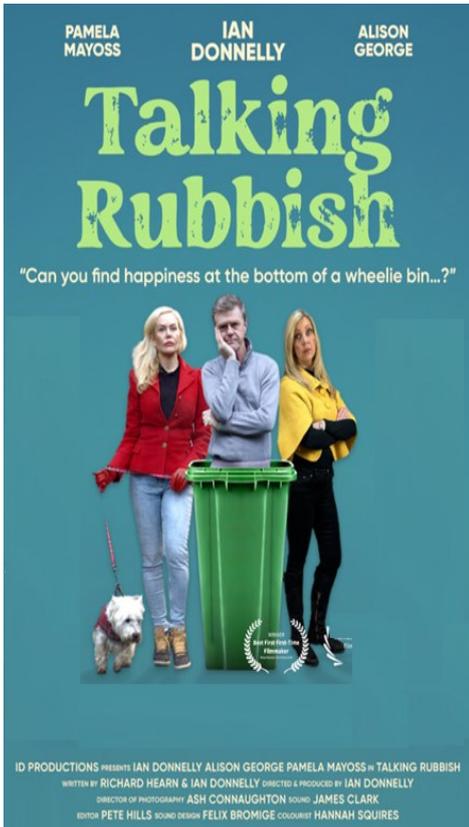
Code/Switch

How Hamsters Die

This is Not Norway

A Wonderful Neighbour

The Quackening





Awards Ceremony

10:00 pm — 10:45 pm



Cinema

Best UK Comedy Feature

Best International Comedy Feature

Best Animation

Best UK Comedy Short

Best International Comedy Short

Best Micro Short

Best Mockumentary

Best Rom-Com

Best Screenplay

Best Director

Best Actor

Best Actress

Best Cinematography

**Audience Award - For The Funniest Film
(Chosen on the night)**