

# FILM FESTIVAL

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Screening Schedule Saturday, June 25, 2022 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

#### Shorts, 11:00 am

**The Last Minute Till Midnight** - Directed by: Adam Orton – RT: 0:19:43 (USA) As the Doomsday Clock ticks closer to midnight, a tenacious journalist's obsession to expose a corrupt politician will put her at odds with forces she never imagined.

**Pre-Existing** – Directed by: Kevin Isaacson\* – RT: 0:09:07 (USA)

A concerned husband seeks to buy a life insurance policy for his wife, but her current condition is making it very difficult.

**Wolf + Lamb** – Directed by: Giuseppe Schettino – RT: 0:14:59 (Italy)

Wolf + Lamb (Lupo + Agnello) is above all a "coming-of-age novel", based on the immortal and homonymous fable of Aesop. It is the story of the relationship Luca (Ladislao Liverani), Thomas (James Ferrara) and Elisa (Virginia Diop) entertain one another and behaviors such as bullying and the search for identity. Unbeknownst to them, are guided by a mysterious professor (Lino Guanciale) of anthropology, and his blonde assistant, in this "Bildungsjourney" between ancient masks, religious festivals, and archaic rituals that will inevitably lead our protagonists to confront each other and understand that wearing a mask is not enough to be what you want to be, but above all, every choice has consequences and responsibilities. With an unexpected ending and absolutely open to any further development.

**Flyover** – Directed by: Brian White\* – RT0: 0:10:58 (USA)

A day in the life of a modern Midwestern community as a farmhand hunts for the cow he scared away.

#### Feature, 11:55 am

**Boblo Boats: A Detroit Ferry Tale** – Directed by: Aaron Schillinger – RT: 1:18:44 (USA) When Ste. Claire and SS Columbia sounded their whistles, every Detroit kid knew it heralded the coming of summer and they would once again feel the magic of ferrying over to nearby Boblo Island Amusement Park where dreams come true. 85 years later, these two sister steamships – the oldest in America – awaken from a deep slumber to find a devoted team of enthusiasts have set out to rescue them from their deteriorating state. Martha Reeves, the Motown legend with a lilting voice, narrates this revelatory fable-doc that's full of heart and hard truths about a challenging restoration, the iconic amusement park's exciting yet whitewashed history, and the intoxicating ways that nostalgia can inspire and blur memories.

<sup>\*</sup> Filmmaker will be in attendance

Screening Schedule Continued Saturday, June 25, 2022 11:00 am - 6:00 pm



## Panel 1, 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm

Iowa Filmmakers Panel, hosted by Produce Iowa

Panelists: Hannah Wright, Lucius Pham, Rebecca Harolds, Scott Siepker, & moderated by EJ Philby

#### Panel 2, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

DMACC Student Showcase and Panel, moderated by Miguel Tarango

#### Student Films, 3:00 pm

**Devil's in the Details** – Directed by: Anna Owenson – RT: 0:04:14 (USA) A witch gets less than she bargains for when she tries to summon Satan on her ex-boyfriend. An occult comedy.

**Custard** – Directed by: Arsen Chobanyan – RT: 0:11:30 (Russian Federation) An ordinary kitchen conversation develops into an existential drama that will forever change the lives of its participants.

**Bed Bugs** – Directed by: Kaitlyn Busbee\* – RT: 0:09:11 (USA)

A young woman confronts her trauma by dealing with the only thing she has power over: her mattress.

**Chaos** – Directed by: Hana Mekacher & Julien Porras - RT: 0:13:16 (France) Zineb is ready to do anything to impose herself in the world of the night and to obtain the recognition of her crew, but it is without counting on the unexpected events and the self-destructive tendencies of her best friend and DJ Clara.

## Found Footage: 3:40 pm

**Lullaby to my Father** – Directed by: Michael LaRocco – RT: 0:05:19 (USA) A filmmaker pieces together fragments of his father's military service during the Vietnam War in order to explain his absence.

# **Documentary Short, 3:45 pm**

A Place to Grow – Directed by: Maribeth Romslo – RT: 0:05:19 (USA) In the summer of 2019, innovation artist Amanda Phingbodhipakkiya collaborated with youth from the Boys & Girls Club of Central Iowa to create a vibrant community mural. Drawing on creative exercises with the students, Amanda designed a mural that conveys the students' desire to grow and thrive. The students took part in painting the mural that overlooks a basketball court and playground at a new Boys & Girls Club in Des Moines, Iowa.

## Feature, 3:55 pm

**Hideout** – Directed by: Yen Kuang Chen – RT: 1:58:00 (Taiwan)

Drug dealer Guo-hao hopes to make big money by an unknown cocaine deal so that he and his girlfriend can leave their life of crime behind. But he soon realized that the whole thing is not that simple.