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ZIPPORAH FILMS / USA / 272' / 2020 / DOCUMENTARY



CITY HALL



BY FREDERICK WISEMAN

SYNOPSIS

City government touches almost every aspect of our lives. Most of us are unaware of or take for granted these necessary services such as police, fire, sanitation, veterans affairs, elder support, parks, licensing of various professional activities, record keeping of birth, marriage and death as well as hundreds of other activities that support Boston residents and visitors. *City Hall*, by Frederick Wiseman, shows the efforts by Boston city government to provide these services. The film also illustrates the variety of ways the city administration enters into civil discourse with the citizens of Boston. Mayor Walsh and his administration are presented addressing a number of their policy priorities which include racial justice, affordable housing, climate action, and homelessness. *City Hall* shows a city government successfully offering a wide variety of services to a diverse population.



MILLE ET UNE PRODUCTIONS / FRANCE / 90 ' / 2020 / FEATURE FILM



SLALOM



BY CHARLÈNE FAVIER

"Well made, perceptively performed and deeply enraging." Variety

CAST

NOÉE ABITA, JÉRÉMIE RENIER

SYNOPSIS

15-year-old Lyz, a high school student in the French Alps, has been accepted to a highly selective ski club whose aim is to train future professional athletes. Taking a chance on his new recruit, Fred, ex-champion turned coach, decides to make Lyz his shining star regardless of her lack of experience. Under his influence, Lyz will have to endure more than the physical and emotional pressure of the training. Will Lyz's determination help her escape his grip?



LES FILMS D'ICI MÉDITERRANÉE - IMAGIC TELECOM / FRANCE - SPAIN / 72 ' / 2020 / ANIMATION



JOSEP

BY AUREL

"Emphasising the saving power of art" Cineuropa

SYNOPSIS

February 1939. Spanish republicans are fleeing Franco's dictatorship to France. The French government built concentration camps, confining the refugees, where they barely have access to hygiene, water and food. In one of these camps, separated by barbed wire, two men will become friends. One is a guard, the other is Josep Bartoli (Barcelona 1910 - NYC 1995), an illustrator who fights against Franco's regime.



STEMAL ENTERTAINMENT - LES FILMS D'ICI - PAPRIKA FILMS / ITALY - FRANCE / 120 / / 2020 / FEATURE FILM



LAST WORDS



BY JONATHAN NOSSITER

CAST

KALIPHA TOURAY, NICK NOLTE, CHARLOTTE RAMPLING, ALBA ROHRWACHER, STELLAN SKARSGÅRD

SYNOPSIS

What if the last five people on earth in 2085 found joy and delight? *Last Words* is a story of astonishing human tenderness and creativity in the face of ecological catastrophe.



SYNECDOCHE - ARTEMIS PRODUCTION / FRANCE - BENELUX / 100 ' / 2020 / FEATURE FILM



HOME FRONT

BY LUCAS BELVAUX

INTERNATIONAL SALES IN CO-REPRESENTATION WITH WILD BUNCH

CAST

GÉRARD DEPARDIEU, CATHERINE FROT, JEAN-PIERRE DARROUSSIN, YOANN ZIMMER, FÉLIX KYSYL

SYNOPSIS

France, Burgundy, 2003. Solange's 60th birthday party is interrupted by her estranged brother, Feu-de-Bois. His outburst will bring back painful memories: the untold stories of a generation marked by the Colonial war.



UPCOMING - ACID 2020 - OPENING FILM

FILMS DE FORCE MAJEURE / FRANCE / 80 ' / DELIVERY 2020 / DOCUMENTARY



THE LAST HILLBILLY

BY DIANE SARA BOUZGARROU, THOMAS JENKOE

SYNOPSIS

Kentucky. For decades, Brian Ritchie's family has been living in the heart of the Appalachians. But the mines have been shut down, with nothing to replace them. Caught between a mythical past and an indiscernible future, Brian is one of the last witnesses of a vanishing world that inspires his poetry.

WATCH TRAILER



UPCOMING

WINDMILL FILM - BILDERSTURM FILMPRODUKTION / THE NETHERLANDS - GERMANY / 4K / DOLBY ATMOS SOUND / 90 ' / DELIVERY 2020 / DOCUMENTARY

SILENCE OF THE TIDES

BY PIETER-RIM DE KROON

SYNOPSIS

Silence of the Tides is a poetic film about the largest tidal wetland in the world, The Wadden Sea. The driving force of the film is the breathing of the Wadden: the inhaling and exhaling of the tides. It's a film of cycles involving the rolling life of flora and fauna, and it's a film of contrast throughout the four seasons, life and death, storm and silence, the masses and the individual. All set against a backdrop of sky, water, wind, mist and constantly changing light. The film plays witness to the ongoing relationship between man and nature.



CAUDILLO CINE - ESTÚDIO GIZ - ORO FILMS / ARGENTINA - BRAZIL - CHILE / 80' / DELIVERY 2021 / FEATURE FILM

TO KILL THE BEAST

BY AGUSTINA SAN MARTÍN

CAST

TAMARA ROCCA, ANA BRUN, JOAO MIGUEL, SABRINA GRINCHSPUN, KAIQUE DE JESÚS

SYNOPSIS

Emilia, 17, arrives at her Aunt Ines' hostel at the border between Argentina and Brazil, looking for her long lost brother. In this luxuriant jungle, where local myths and legends abound, a dangerous beast believed to be the spirit of an evil man taking the form of different animals seems to be roaming around. On a journey to sexual awakening, Emilia will have to confront her past in order to kill the beast.



AGAT FILMS & CIE - HS PRODUCTIONS / FRANCE - KURDISTAN / 90 ' / DELIVERY 2020 / FEATURE FILM

GOODNIGHT, SOLDIER

BY HINER SALEEM

CAST

GALYAR NERWAY, DILÎN DÖGER

SYNOPSIS

Ziné and Avdal are madly in love in spite of their families' ancestral feud. When both parties finally set aside their differences and agree to their children getting married, Avdal is injured at the front and his inability to perform sexually casts a shadow over the wedding night. As this revives the family tensions, the newlyweds start exploring new forms of pleasure. Will their love overcome decades of conflict and tradition?



DAISY DAY FILMS / FRANCE / 80' / DELIVERY 2021 / DOCUMENTARY

LADIES OF THE WOOD

BY CLAUS DREXEL

SYNOPSIS

Bois de Boulogne, Paris.

In this green lung bordering the city, between dusk and dawn wandering among joggers and dog walkers, you may come across queer mystical souls. They all share their life story paced by the clients who come and go. Those are the *Ladies of the Wood*.



PETITE MAISON PRODUCTION - LOUVERTURE FILMS - STUDIO BABELSBERG / FRANCE - USA - GERMANY / DELIVERY 2021 / DOCUMENTARY

THE WILD ONE

BY TESSA LOUISE-SALOMÉ

NARRATED BY WILLEM DAFOE

SYNOPSIS

An innovative cinematic exploration of acting as a form of survival, through the life and work of Jack Garfein: Holocaust survivor, Actors Studio co-founder, controversial stage and screen director. The fantastical journey of a man who, at the crossroads between playing nice and staying true, turned down the gilded cage and chose to live free.



GOGOGO FILMS - SRAB FILMS / FRANCE / 75 ' / DELIVERY 2020 / DOCUMENTARY

SOUL KIDS

BY HUGO SOBELMAN

SYNOPSIS

In Memphis, one of the USA's most distressed city, the Stax Music Academy is an oasis. Founded in 2000, the Academy continues the legacy of Stax Records, the legendary 60s soul label which was a refuge and an active space for dialog during the Civil Rights movement. By learning and understanding soul music in after school programs, teenagers embark into Black Americans legacy and open themselves to new future prospects. Soul Kids is a musical odyssey through history and the concerns of a new generation.



CINÉ SUD PROMOTION - LA PROD - NOVAK PROD / FRANCE / 99' / DELIVERY 2021 / DOCUMENTARY

ZIYARA

BY SIMONE BITTON

SYNOPSIS

In Morocco, Ziyara - the visit of the Saints - is a popular tradition shared by both Jews and Muslims. As part of a cinematic pilgrimage to her Jewish roots, director Simone Bitton embarks on a road trip across Morocco to meet with the muslim guardians of the country's jewish memory.



LES CONTES MODERNES - OXYMORON FILMS - NML - LINKED PRODUCTIONS / FRANCE - UK - GERMANY - KOWEIT / DELIVERY 2021 / FEATURE FILM

ONE MORE DAY IN BAGHDAD

BY MAYSOON PACHACHI

CAST

DARINA AL JOUNDI, ZAINAB AL-GHANIMI, AMED HASHIMI, BASIM HAJAR, LABWA AL-IESSA, ZAYDUN KHALAF

SYNOPSIS

In a residential neighbourhood in Baghdad, ordinary people try to live their lives amidst the threat of unpredictable violence.



STARHAUS PRODUKTIONEN / GERMANY / 73 ' & 52 ' / 2020 / DOCUMENTARY







BY JIM RAKETE

FEATURING

MARCELLA HANSCH, ZION LIGHTS, NIKE MAHLHAUS, MUHAMMAD YUNUS, PATTI SMITH, HEIKO MAAS, DR. PARAG KHANNA, WIM WENDERS, ANTONIS SCHWARZ, FRANZISKA HEINISCH, DR. JASON HICKEL, MARC BUCKLEY

SYNOPSIS

Now shows how young activists from around the globe such as Felix Finkbeiner (Plant for the Planet), Luisa Neubauer, Greta Thunberg (Fridays for Future) and Vic Barrett (Youth v. Gov) are currently challenging the status quo and pushing for social and political change. Now is focusing on these young protagonists and the question what it feels like to be an activist and what is at stake for them. Experienced activists as well as experts for different and relevant topics will provide background information and forecasts for future developments.



JAPONICA FILMS - LOS HERMANOS POLO / SPAIN / 82 ' / 2020 / DOCUMENTARY



THE MYSTERY OF THE PINK FLAMINGO

BY JAVIER POLO

FEATURING

RIGO PEX, JOHN WATERS, EDUARDO CASANOVA, PINK LADY, ALLEE WILLIS, KERO KERO BONITO

SYNOPSIS

A square sound engineer employs unusual research efforts to reveal the secrets behind the quintessential icon of kitsch, the Pink Flamingo. His bizarre adventure will unexpectedly turn into a creative journey to self-discovery.



EX NIHILO / FRANCE / 109 ' / 2020 / DOCUMENTARY



THE NEST

BY MICHEL LECLERC

SYNOPSIS

From 1941 to 1970, about 500 WWII orphans and foster kids were raised by Yvonne & Roger Hagnauer a.k.a. Goéland and Pingouin, two code names for this strong-willed and caring couple of Resistants. They dedicated their lives to develop innovative educational methods in their school, aiming at letting space for those kids to heal, grow and blossom. Michel Leclerc's mother and her friends were among those children.



GEKO FILMS - ARTE FRANCE / FRANCE / 95 ' / 2020 / FEATURE FILM



À L'ABORDAGE!

BY GUILLAUME BRAC

"Refreshing as a river dip on a hot day " Variety

CAST

ERIC NANTCHOUANG, SALIF CISSÉ, EDOUARD SULPICE, ASMA MESSAOUDENE, ANA BLAGOJEVIC, LUCIE GALLO, MARTIN MESNIER, NICOLAS PIETRI

SYNOPSIS

On a hot summer night in Paris, Félix meets a young woman, Alma, and falls in love. The next morning, Alma hops on a train to join her family in southern France. Félix, determined to follow his soulmate, embarks on a carpool ride with his best friend Chérif and their reluctant driver Edouard. When the car breaks down upon arrival, things turn sour: Alma doesn't seem too pleased by this unexpected visit.



ENCYCLOPEDIA OF IMAGINARY PLACES - PULPA FILM - SABOTEUR MEDIA - ANTEVITA FILM / BRAZIL - USA - LUXEMBOURG / 85 ' / 2020 / DOCUMENTARY



NO KINGS

BY EMILIA MELLO

"Unique in its poetic lyricism, and a reminder of just another loss of an ancient culture to the greed of the profit-orientated white race" Filmuforia

SYNOPSIS

In a place where conventional structures of authority fall away, a tomboy, a sea captain, a fiercely independent pregnant mother, and two wayward fishermen must find their place in the space between the urban and a traditional life threatened by impending forces. An ode to nature and human relations, *No Kings* explores the freedom of one of the last Caiçara communities. What begins as a simple ethnography becomes a deeply personal journey, contemplating the current direction of modern Brazil.



LES FILMS D'ICI / FRANCE / 172 ' / 2020 / DOCUMENTARY



MON AMOUR

BY DAVID TEBOUL

"A quietly profound meditation "Screen Daily

SYNOPSIS

A man sets out to the very far end of Siberia seeking answers by asking villagers to share their own experience of love. He encountered love once in Paris years ago but has lost his loved one since then. By confronting himself to those men and women living in the frozen lands filled with sorrow, extreme coldness and alcohol, he finally accepts the mourning of his own story.



WITFILM - DOCLAB / THE NETHERLANDS - ITALY / 52 ' & 90 ' / 2020 / DOCUMENTARY

SONS OF HONOUR

BY SOPHIA LUVARÀ

SYNOPSIS

In the most violent region of Italy - Calabria - the 'Ndrangheta mafia rules. One of the few who dares to stand up against the mafia is the President of the juvenile court, Roberto Di Bella. He took a drastic step by starting a reeducation programme titled "Free to Choose". The programme separates teenage boys from their mafia families to break a generational cycle of criminality. The goal is straightforward: to show the teenager, who has been groomed for a life of violence and criminality, that there is another way of life. Sons of Honour is an epic coming-of-age drama that follows the crusade of Roberto Di Bella, a man living under protection 24/7. Through him and his team of the Juvenile Court, we will meet the sons of some of the most dangerous men in Italy.

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