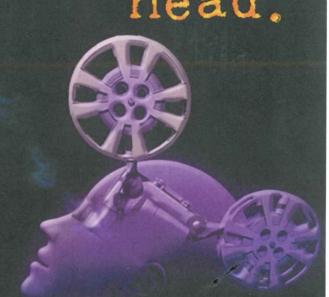
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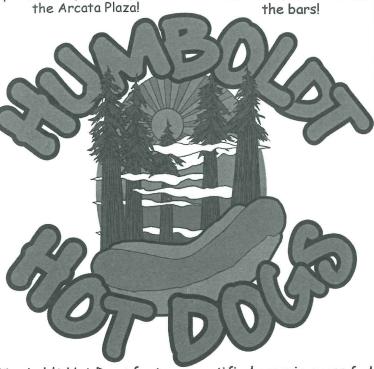
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Humboldt Film Festival!

The Humboldt Film Festival is the oldest surviving student-run film festival in the world. Each spring, our festival showcases short films from every corner of the globe - the creativity and calibre of which cannot be seen anywhere else. For 43 years the Humboldt Film Festival has fostered the independent spirit, striving to represent a broad spectrum of film styles from whimsicle animation to documentaries providing social commentary.

This year, we invite you to feed your head and treat yourself to a unique array of narrative, documentary, experimental and animated shorts!

Our goal is to make this festival affordable for the community, but we can't do it without the generous support of our sponsors and attendees. Please consider making a donation so that we can continue to celebrate independent filmmaking in Humboldt County and beyond!

Please note, our films are family-friendly (that is, PG-13 rated) before the intermission. Films screened after intermission may contain content indended for mature audiences.

FESTIVAL EVENTS GUIDE

Refreshments and libations provided before/after screenings and during intermissions!

TIME	4-5:00	5-6:00	6-7:00	7-8:00	8-9:00	9-10:00	
Monday 4/19				Local Filmmaker's Night 7:30 - 10:00 with 15 minute intermission			
Tuesday 4/20					Fear and	20 Screening Loathing in Las Vegas 3:30 - 10:30	
Wednesday 4/21		Workshop with Brian O'Halloran of CLERKS 5 - 6:30			Animation/Experimental Night 7:30 - 10:00 with 15 minute intermission		
Thursday 4/22		Workshop with author Betsy McLane 5 - 6:30			Documentary Night 7:30 - 10:00 with 15 minute intermission		
Friday 4/23		Workshop with Hollywood agent Rima Greer 5 - 6:30		Section .	Narrative Night 7:30 - 10:00 with 15 minute intermission		
Saturday 4/24				with	Best of the Fest Night 7:30 - 10:00 with 15 min intermission & raffle after screening		

WHERE / WHAT

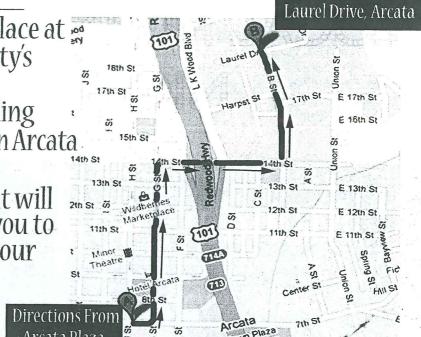
All festival events will take place at Humboldt State University's

Van Duzer Theatre

in the Theatre Arts Building
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Our screenings Wed-Sat night will include an intermission for you to stretch your legs and enjoy our refreshments!

See you there!

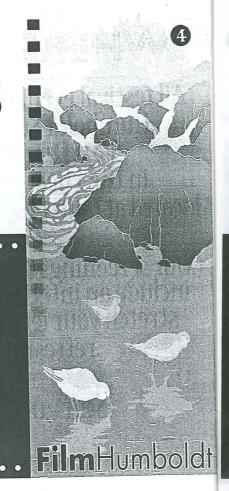


Van Duzer Theatre

LOCAL FILMMAKERS NIGHT

Monday, April 19th

In HSU's Van Duzer Theatre 7:30 - 10:00 pm

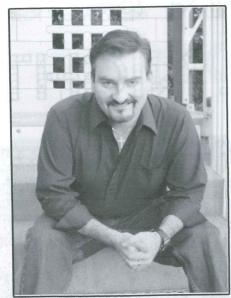


ANIMATION & EXPERIMENTAL NIGHT

Wednesday, April 21st

In HSU's Van Duzer Theatre 7:30 - 10:00 pm

ANIMATION/EXPERIMENTAL JUDGE



Brian O'Halloran

Best known as "Dante," the goateed protagonist in Kevin Smith's no-budget classic CLERKS, Brian O'Halloran has uttered some unforgettable lines which many of us have memorized and repeated ad nauseam. O'Halloran has also appeared in Smith's follow-ups Mallrats, Chasing Amy, Dogma, Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back, and Vulgar. His last film, Brutal Massacre: A Comedy, was described by Fangoria as "A Spinal Tap for horror filmmakers." Current projects include Hooking Up, Calendar Girl, and Keeper of the Pinstripes.

Workshop: Wednesday, April 21st, 5 - 6:30 pm at H.S.U.'s Van Duzer Theatre

Sebastian's Voodoo

United States Directed by Joaquin Baldwin



United States

Directed by Kate Lain

In the black and white world of this humorous experimental memoir, being female has everything to do with getting manicures, loving smelly candles, and not being able to drive. Even science says so. Drawn instead to demolition derbies and physics, the film's protagonist struggles to make her way in a world in which she just

doesn't seem to fit.

Git Along, Shocking, Bloody Little Dogies **Robot News**

United States Directed by Mike Fisher





Somewhere between a 1950s sock hop and the wild west, a Technicolor and black and white pair of lovers meet to belt out a tune from 'West Side Story.'

Somewhere

Empress Canada Directed by Lyle Pisio

The O



Loneliness, Desire, Love, Hesitation, Miscommunica tion, Fear, and Loss with a touch of alcoholism for comic relief. Trevor and Martha see each other across a dingy bar and fall in love. The couples shyness is only overcome in a mutual dream where their shadows dance together. Inspired by the song 'The Empress by the Montreal band BRIGA, the film is about the first hesitant motions of meeting and the

fragility of falling in love.



A voodoo doll must find the courage to save his friends from being pinned to death. A 3D animated film created at the **UCLA** Animation Workshop by awardwinning filmmaker Joaquin Baldwin.



stories about robots. this short takes a fun look at the fact that robots will soon kill us

The Chambered Nautilus

United States
Directed by Vanessa Woods



The Chambered Nautilus explores the idea of the Nautilus as a metaphor for the creation, transformation and the evolution of life. In nature, the nautilus shell grows in a spiral shape and consists of a series of ever-larger chambers in which that animal lives for a season until it outgrows that particular space.

The Passenger

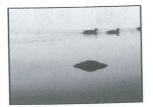
United States Directed by Julie Zammarchi



A woman travels in a car toward her own death.
Along the way memories, visions, and a couple of talking animals crowd her consciousness. The film is a ride through the disparate images of her mind's eye and a quest to piece together her life's meaning.

When Herons Dream

United States
Directed by Serge Gregory



Imagine the perspective of a great blue heron as it moves through the seasons of a Northwest landscape shaped by water.

LoopLoop

Canada Directed by Patrick Bergeron



Using animation, sounds warping and time shifts this video runs forwards and backwards looking for forgotten details, mimicking the way memo ries are replayed in the mind. LoopLoop is made from a sequence captured in a train going to Hanoi in Vietnam. I filmed the houses boarding the railroad. The 1000 images of this sequence have been stitched into one long panoramic image. Into this long still image. I integrated other moving elements and builted smooth transitions over it LoopLoop is a video loop

Milbe

Germany Directed by Karl Tebbe



Filmmaker's Statement:
MILBE (MITE) is a short
animation film about
my grandmother, Oma
Grete, and gigantic
house dust mites that
threaten to destroy
world.

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Dancer and the Red Ball

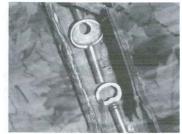
United States
Directed by Tony Cammarata



A prima ballerina's debut is interrupted by a red ball.

Inside Out/Side One

United States Directed by Matt Meindl



A short film exploring the texture and tangled-up nature of memory. The past comes alive collage-style through a shifting landscape of trees, shadows and tattered strips of wallpaper.

Night After Night

United States Directed by Jennifer Schwed



Inspired by the filmmaker's poem:

night after night/you give in subtly submissive hesitant, as though this love might break/angels sing your name lush & languid/believing faith overrides trust/'don't trust me,' you whisper/my black star in this white night./gently gravity loses, its hold we fall, logether wholly entwined, an ancient rendering of desire brought to life night after night

Hydromorphone 8mg

Canada Directed by Francois Miron



A film about the sadness of a love lost and taking morphine to quell the pain.

Father and Sister

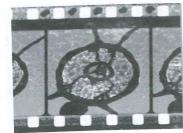
South Korea Directed by Soyeon Kim



A series of coincidental happenings at the church results in an unspeakable act of sin... Or not!

JumpaJumpa

United States Directed by Shannon Silva



A musical love letter to the filmmakers first-born child after years of dealing with infertility.

Star, Dust

Canada Directed by Karen Hanson



Filmmaker's Statement:
We are stardust. Almost
all the atoms that make
up our bodies were once
forged in stars that exploded in supernovae.
Using still images from the
1970s (on which much
dust had settled), this
short video explores a
constellation within.

Indurance

United States
Directed by Iin P. Cox



Endurance is a short experimental PSA about the abuse Indonesian migrant workers are subjected to.

Lightheaded

United States Directed by Mike Dacko



An explosive comet crashes to the surface of a candle planet igniting a rhythmic flame. The ground gives birth to emerging wax creatures that instinctively begin a tribal dance.

They circle the flame until a second comet draws them from there home, leading them on a sacrificial journey.

O Pintor De Ceos (The Painter of Skies)

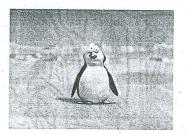
Spain
Directed by Jorge Morais Valle



From the darkness of the lost cliffs, a crazy painter, marked by his past, and his faithul assistant try to find a solution against perpetual storms. The sea is destroying their home. A magic boiler and some tormented ghosts help them to find the light.

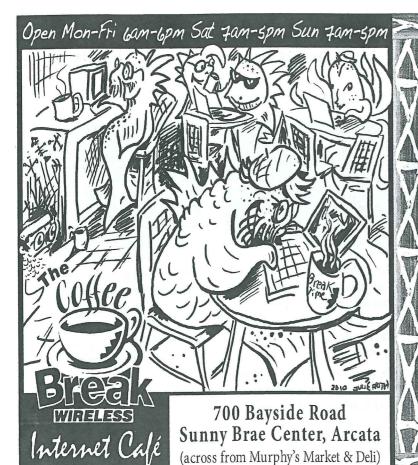
Skylight

Canada Directed by David Baas



An animated mock documentary about the ecological plight of penguins in the Antarctic, possibly foretelling cataclysmic results for the rest of the world.





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DOCUMENTARY

Thursday, April 22nd

In HSU's Van Duzer Theatre 7:30 - 10:00 pm

DOCUMENTARY JUDGE Dr. Betsy A. McLane



Dr. Betsy McLane is the former Executive Director of the International Documentary Association, and retains the title of Director Emeritus. She has been a juror at the Sundance Film Festival and a speaker at the International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam, as well as Hot Docs, among many others. She has taught courses on film and documentary history at Loyola Marymount University, the University of Vermont, Emerson College and the University of Southern California. She is a past President of the University of Film & Video Association. Currently, she is the Project Director of the American Documentary Showcase.

Workshop: Thursday, April 22nd, 5 - 6:30 pm at H.S.U.'s Van Duzer Theatre

Home Is Where You Find It

Mozambique Directed By Alcides Soares



Alcides Soares is a sixteen-year-old AIDS orphan, one of half a million living in Mozambique today. An American television writer (Neal Baer) and movie director (Chris Zalla) gave Alcides a movie camera and taught him how to shoot. The result is a moving chronicle directed by Alcides himself. His journey to find a family and make a new life in a country that has been ravaged by AIDS, is a story repeated millions of times everyday throughout Africa. This film is a reminder that these children's voices must be heard. In telling his story, Alcides finds an elderly woman to live with and, inexpectedly, is reunited with his younger prother whom he hasn't seen in ten years. AIDS tears families apart, but the silience of children like Alcides can make new families out of tragedy.

Whirlygig Farm

United States Directed By John Marshall



The story of a rural legend set in the back woods of Lucama, North Carolina, U.S.A. This folk tale is verbally told from person to person in the tradition of most myths. Known both as 'Whirlygig Farm' and 'Acid Park', this unique locale is situated at a dangerous intersection on Wiggins Mill Road in Wilson County. These stories are passed down from word of mouth and exist in differing ve similar versions. The film strives to uncover these decades old, mysterious folk tales and explores this very dark, very strange, yet very beautiful segment of Americana. As currents forcefully blow these giant metal constructions, the legend of Whirlygis Farm is told partly in breath and mostly kept secret by the winds.

No Pity

United States Directed By Drew Goldsmith



For centuries, individuals with disabilities were viewed through the denigrating lens of pity. It is even believed that the term "handicapped" derives from the idiom, "hand-in-cap," connoting begging for money in a way that manifests shame. Unfortunately, fundraising for the disability of autism in the United States has persisted in using disrespectful pity-based tactics. In response, autistic self-advocates and their allies have begun speaking out. just as their predecessors with other disabilities spoke out over 20 years ago. This short documentary vividly portrays these movements. Teenage filmmaker, Drew Morton Goldsmith -- whose 2008 film, TREASURE DIVERSITY garnered top honors at national and international film festivals -- is an autistic selfadvocate.

And What Remains

United States Directed By Marc Havener



A story of regret, of reconciliation, and of hope, And What Remains explores the complexities of a father's relationship with his son while unfolding the essential desire of wanting to leave behind something great. Utilizing a visual style that pushes the edge of traditional movie making, it captures the beauty and simplicity of Eastern Kansas through a panoramic and picture-in-picture editing technique not common in non-fiction storytelling. The story infolds as Rick Cree takes his son to the small town where his father grew up to share the sights and sounds of his father's past and search for the legacy he himself will someday leave.

Don't forget to pick up a ballot and vote for your favorite film from tonight's selections!

AThousand Suns

Ehiopia Directed By Stephen Marshall



'A Thousand Suns' tells the story of the Gamo Highlands of the African Rift Valley and the unique worldview held by the people of the region. This isolated area has remained remarkably intact both biologically and culturally. It is one of the most densely populated rural regions of Africa yet its people have been farming sustainably for 10,000 years. Through these external forces we gain insight into the modern world's untenable sense of separation from and superiority over nature. And we see how the interconnected worldview of the Gamo people is fundamental in achieving long-term sustainability, both in the region and beyond.

Tortured Law

United States Directed By Glen Pearcy



President Barack Obama ended six years of American torture of suspected terrorists arising from the aftermath of the 9-11 attacks. The torture was originally outlined and sanctioned in 2002 by a series of memos drafted by lawyers in the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Counsel. 'Tortured Law,' a new 10-minute

'Tortured Law,' a new 10-minute documentary by Alliance for Justice, examines the role U.S. lawyers played in authorizing torture and asks: Were these lawyers simply giving the President their best legal advice? Or was their work part of a larger conspiracy to distort the law and authorize torture?

Finding D-QU: The Lonely Struggle of California's

The Lonely Struggle of California Only Tribal College United States

Directed By Christopher Newma



Filmmaker's Statement

Finding D-QU is not only a contemp story about American Indian self-deter nation but it's also about a communi struggling for the right to education. the economic downturn this past year have heard stories about other educati institutions that have been forced to s down. People involved with these schools have told me they see similar ties in the story of D-QU and what is stake if our basic right to education taken away. As I allude to in Findin D-OU, the greatest defeat is that tod children really lose out in the struggle is my hope that this film speaks not o to American Indian audiences but to eryone hoping to keep their dream alive for the next generation.

NARRATIVE NIGHT

Friday, April 23rd

In HSU's Van Duzer Theatre

7:30 - 10:00 pm

NARRATIVE JUDGE



Rima Greer

Rima Greer began agenting in 1984 and built her client list, selling such products as Memphis Belle, Highlander, Backdraft, and Milk Money. She was President of Literary from 1989 to 1994, when she started her own company, Above the Line Agency. At Above the Line, Rima has beer Last night Rhett Somers, involved in studio projects such as Charlie's Angels, Timeline, and the upcoming Nowhereland. In addition, she has shepherded such independent projects as The Prophecy, Slow Burn, and The Poker House. Her workshop is entitled Guerilla Filmmaking: How to Make Great Movies Outside of Hollywood with No Money

True Beauty This Night

United States Directed by Peter Besson



good luck or just plain old ignorance, met the love of his life. He's sure of it. She doesn't know, Now he only thing left to do is convince her that she's he one. Not an easy feat considering how they

En La Otra Camilla

Directed by Luis Melgar



The quiet day-to-day existence of two colorful kidnappers. Alfonso and Marta. comes to an abrupt end when the elderly businessman they are holding in captivity tries to commit suicide.

Squared

United States Directed by Jeremy Braverman Directed by Shahaub Roudbari



good-natured residents.

Forced to relocate to Pittsburgh from New York City, Andrew Feldman wants one thing from his new neighborhood: for everyone to leave him alone. However, when he injures himself on a run in a park, he soon learns that there is no running from its

The Iranian Dream

United States



A Mock-Documentary about a traditional Iranian man who makes a living for his family as an exotic dancer.

Marvin and Stevie and God United States

Directed by Cecil Moller



When Marvin, a Catholic priest and near perfect person, finds himself in Purgatory, he is indignant and confused. When God who turns out to be more than a little bit different from the blooming, shadowy figure Marvin envisioned, explains that they will watch a DVD of Marvin's life, triumphs and dins, he panics. Will he be able to keep God from noticing the one black stain on his shining white record?

Workshop: Friday, April 22nd, 5 - 6:30 pm at H.S.U.'s Van Duzer Theatre

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Horst

Germany

Jennatschek asks his

neighbor Horst to date

his virtual contact,

Maria. Horst, who's

not especially

practiced in handling

women, rises to the

challenge.

Isn't it finally just a

matter of acting

smart?

Pier 41

United States

As a young boy, Jeremy

witnesses his friend

Brandon's mother being

abused at the hands of

Brandon's violent and

prejudiced father. Ten years

later, the two friends have

grown apart, and Jeremy is

frustrated by Brandon's

chauvinistic behavior.

Jeremy's grandfather helps

him realize the importance

of making his voice heard to

spark a change and break

the cycle of violence.

Bridge

Boond

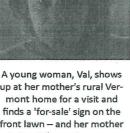
Directed by Wolf-Tassilo Sack Directed by Joshua D. Nelson

United States Directed by Nick Garrison

India Directed by Abhishek Path







A young woman, Val, shows up at her mother's rural Verfinds a 'for-sale' sign on the front lawn - and her mother missing. When a stranger repeatedly calls the house looking for her mother, Val's concern grows. Searching for clues to her mother's disappearance. Val discovers that her mother is drowning in credit card debt and that the house is in foreclosure. These disquieting revelations lead to another -- this one, immeasurably more devastating for Val.

Filmmaker's Statemen Centering on the timeless and controversial concept power, this story is a gripping and graphic representation of authority and its ability corrupt. Set in a remote. parched village in India sometime in the future. 'Boond' serves as a fitting metaphor for our modern world. Power rests with those who control the resources and that power becomes the basis of how every person and every nation on the planet interacts with one another

Saturday, April 24th Winners in the following categories will be re-screened:

Best Narrative, Best Animation, Best Experimental, Best Documentary, Audience Choice. and Best of the Fest, as well as our four sponsored awards! PHIS

Beer, wine, refreshments, and a raffle of local goodies after the screening!

DISTINGUISHED AWARDS

The Ledo Matteoli Award For Best Immigrant Story

This award recognizes the film that depicts the otherwise untold story of an immigrant individual or group in America.

The Joshua D. Nelson Eagle Eye Award

An award specifically designated to honor the film with the best visuals/cinematography in the Humboldt Film Festival.

The Jim Demulling Speak Out Award

An award in honor of Jim Demulling, celebrating those who are not afraid to speak out for what they believe in. His daughter, Mary Cruse, instituted the award in his memory in 2003, 10 years after his passing.

Humboldt Pride Distinguished Award

For the film with the best representation of queer life/culture that brings awareness to mainstream audiences and/or supports queer identified filmmakers who bring their voices to the screen.

FILM FEST STAFF



David Scheerer, Faculty Advisor David Scheerer is an independent filmmaker and Professor who has scripted, produced and directed a wide spectrum of films, including narrative features and documentaries. In August of 2006 he moved to the Redwoods from Montana, where he was the Director of the Discovery Channel MFA in Science and Natural History Filmmaking at Montana State University. Professional Film Credits include a dramatic feature, dramatic shorts, and documentary films. His current major work-in-progress is entitled REALITY'S EDGE. It is the first documentary on Robert J. Flaherty, who in 1920 started the worldwide documentary film movement with his film Nanook of the North.



Meriah Miracle, Co-Director Meriah Miracle has always been a nerd for movies. Originally from Oklahoma, she first attended the Humboldt Film Festival as a high school student. Now as a co-director she is honored to have an opportunity to celebrate independent filmmaking and encourage another generation of filmmakers. Meriah has worked with film or video for over ten years and recently launched a production company focused on providing video services to business professionals. She is also writing and producing an animated series for kids.



Liberty Divina, Co-Director Liberty Divina is a fourth year film student at Humboldt State University. She has worked on many film ops, both professional and student run. Her greatest accomplishment to date is being credited as the 2nd 2nd Assistant Camera for the independent film, The Music Inside, directed by David Scheerer. Apart from holding the position as one of the Co-Directors for the 43rd Humboldt Film Festival, she is also the Unit Production Manager for the web series, Deathless at HSU. When she is not working on films or class work, Liberty enjoys jamming out on her drums with her close friends.



Michelle Dobosh, Co-Director Michelle is a senior at HSU who plans to graduate this spring with a major in film. She has always had a passion for filmmaking; her first big cinematic undertaking was a short she wrote and directed in highschool entitled Teenage Bearsuit. Since then, she has worked on both student and professional films, and looks forward to putting her film degree towards fetching coffee for famous people. Michelle's hobbies include snowboarding, painting, travelling, and talking about herself in the third person. She especially enjoys awkward situations as well as those who instigate them.

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