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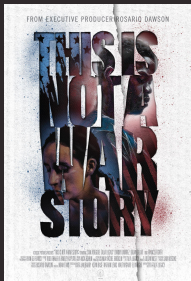
**Christian Meoli**  
**Director**

*Cinelounge Presents*



# Official Feature- Length Selections

# THIS IS NOT A WAR STORY



Writer/Director: Talia Lugacy

Cast: Frances Fisher, Sam Adegoke, Talia Lugacy, P.J. Boudousqué, and Danny Ramirez

Producers: Rosario Dawson, Noah Lang

[TRAILER](#)

In this intensely authentic drama, a ragtag group of combat veterans are bound together by the anti-war art, poetry and papermaking they use to heal from the trauma of battle. Haunted by the spectre of his friend's suicide, one young veteran must tread carefully as he forges a relationship with the group's newest member.

Duration Time: 112 mins

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# REVOLUTION GENERATION



Writers/Directors/Producers: Josh Tickell, Rebecca Tickell

Cast: Michelle Rodriguez, Christine Hassler, Shailene Woodley, Ziuhtezcatl Martinez, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, and others

[TRAILER](#)

Narrated by and starring Michelle Rodriguez, this exploration of Millennials is a manifesto for today's youth on the societal forces that have shaped and held back their generation, and how they can deploy their unique strengths to revolutionize the political system.

Duration: 80 mins



# VOYAGE TO PROCIDA



Writer/Director: Federico Siniscalco

Co-Directors: Tom Mooney, Fabrizio Varesco

Cast: Melanie Neu, Giovanni Scotto di Carlo, Domenico Scotto d'Abusco, and Rossella DeSanctis

[TRAILER](#)

Atmospheric debut narrative film from Italian documentarian Federico Siniscalco is set amongst the tranquil, old-world beauty of the island of Procida in southern Italy. The semi-improvised story follows a young woman from New York and the Italian sailor who changes the course of her life with his love.

Duration: 64 mins

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# WHEN ALL THAT'S LEFT IS LOVE



Director/Producer: Eric Gordon

[TRAILER](#)

A wife is determined to care for her Alzheimer's-stricken husband at home in this emotionally gripping true story. With unprecedented, behind-the-scenes access, the film reveals the toll that the disease takes on families coping with Alzheimer's, while also showcasing the power of love that sustains both patients and caregivers.

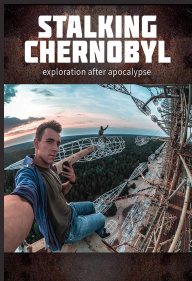
Duration Time: 77 mins

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# STALKING CHERNOBYL



Director/Producer: Iara Lee

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This insightful documentary examines the underground culture of the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone. Three decades after the world's most infamous nuclear disaster, illegal hiking adventurers (known as "stalkers"), extreme sports aficionados, artists, and tour companies explore anew the mysterious, ghostly landscape. The Chernobyl site has turned into a bizarre tourist attraction, drawing seekers with a taste for the post-apocalyptic.

Duration Time: 58 mins

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# THE SECOND SUMMIT



Director: Hugo Saunders

Cast: Mick Fowler, Victor Saunders

[TRAILER](#)

Having overcome cancer, aging bodies, and a thirty-year falling out, veteran British mountaineers Mick Fowler and Victor Saunders reunite to tackle an unclimbed Himalayan summit. The mountain vistas are stunning in this shot-on-location documentary, which makes its US premiere here.

Duration Time: 120 mins

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# A-HA THE MOVIE



Directors: Thomas Robsahm & Aslaug Holm

Writer: Thomas Robsahm


Cast: Morten Harket, Pål Waaktaar, Magne Furuholmen

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Thomas Robsahm accompanies the band A-ha for almost five years and tells the story of how three boys followed an impossible dream.

Duration Time: 99 mins





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BLOCK ONE**



## SIDE EFFECT

Duration: 10 mins

Directed & Produced By: Andrea Schreeman & Renny Graves

Writer: Marty Lang

Dr. Carrie Holmes has a thriving psychiatry practice, with a waiting list of top paying clients and a corner office in a much sought after medical high-rise. You can tell she's doing well from her Prada's

and her Porsche. But something's got Dr. Carrie off of her game. It all comes to a head one busy afternoon when, in the middle of her sessions, she experiences confusion, headaches, and hallucinations. After years of unchecked drug pushing, Dr. Carrie comes face to face with her own guilty conscience amid a swirl of mysteriously induced painful side effects from the wonder drug she's been prescribing, Panacetlyne.



## THE CALL

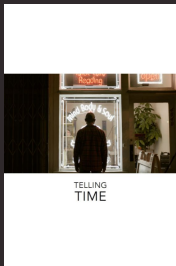
Duration: 14 mins

Directed/Written/Produced By: Aisha Schliesser

Produced By: Luke Arreguin

Cast: Juno Temple

A woman discovers a secret that changes everything.



## TELLING TIME

Duration: 6 mins

Directed By: Daniel Talbott

Produced By: Daniel Talbott, Kip Kroeger, Will Pullen, Samantha Soule, Addie Johnson Talbott

Ten months into the pandemic, day is for sleeping and night is for wandering alone and aimless on the Eastside of Los Angeles. A young man reminisces about the loss of a great love, his tidal thoughts spilling out like water. A spare, meditative study on the unending isolation of Covid-19.



## APRIL KILLS THE VIBE

Duration: 14 mins

Directed, Written & Produced By: Bonnie McKee

Produced By: Alex Schindler

Cast: Bonnie McKee, Andy Harry & Daniel Nguyen

When party girl April wakes up after a rowdy New Year's eve with a lot more than just a hangover, she calls her partner in crime, Lola, to try to fill in the blanks. But the truth is uglier than April bargained for, and she is forced to confront her demons.

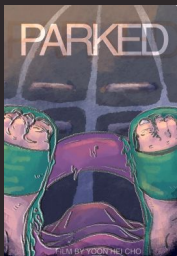


## SNOW CHILD

Duration: 12 mins

A Diana Cignoni film

An enigmatic Russian girl emerges in a mysterious plot, a series of encounters, a travel trajectory into time, place and the human psyche.



## PARKED

Duration: 4 mins

Directed By: Yoon Hei Cho

An incident of an inconvenient attack at a parking lot. Panic attacks sometimes strike at an unsuspected moment. The film includes representations of having your internal consciousness struggle to get out of an inescapable internal torture chamber while your physical self, in reality, be paralyzed, and parked still.



## FREEZE

Duration: 15 mins

Directed/Written By: Maya Albanese

Produced By: Valerie Steinberg & Brock Williams

Cast: Nora Zehetner, Adrian Grenier, Chris Holmes & Mindy Sterling


When Joy's fairytale romance crashes and burns on her 35th birthday, the incessant TICK-TOCK of her biological

clock pushes her to try new things.

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BLOCK TWO**





## ONCE UPON A TIME IN THE BAMBOO

Duration: 5 mins

Directed/Written By: Peilin Kuo

A martial arts short film inspired by the 1971 film *A Touch of Zen*, *Once Upon a Time in the Bamboo* weaves together Chinese history and mysticism told from a modern boy's imaginative perspective.



## IN THE BLOOD

Duration: 5 mins

Directed/Written By: Regina Banali

In the old west, Sartana (Frankie Banali) rides into town to score some cash,

a gang and settle a score. His ex

has been hiding out with an unwitting suitor. She has secrets and they are catching up with her. She means to skip town but her beau confronts her looking for answers and she doesn't make it out

in time before having a shootout with Sartana and his gang.



## WHAT I SEE WHEN I LOOK

Duration: 13 mins

Directed/Written By: Lindsay Calleran

The filmmaker recreates memories from their childhood in this impressionistic and sensorial portrait of one family, as observed by a child.



## JUNIOR

Duration: 12 mins

Directed/Written By: A.J. Wilhelm

As a gifted teenager Jérôme "Junior" Simeon was recruited by top Haitian roots music group "Racine Mapou de Azor" and spent 20 years touring the world. When the lead singer of his band dies unexpectedly Junior's high-profile career comes to a shocking halt and he suddenly faces an uncertain future for himself and his legacy.

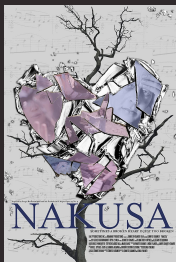


## GHOSTED

Duration: 15 mins

Directed/Written By: Tracie Laymon

A woman with a lot of baggage falls in love with a man haunted by his past. Literally.

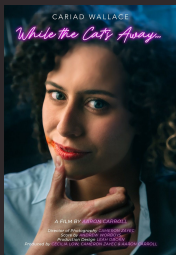


## NAKUSA

Duration: 10 mins

Directed By: Jennifer Kramer

A traumatized girl cannot find love so ceases to exist.



## WHILE THE CAT'S AWAY

Duration: 11 mins

Directed By: Aaron Carroll

Sarah receives a message that her beloved will be late home tonight. What will she do to pass the time? Whatever she wants...

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# STOP!



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Duration: 92 mins

Directed/Written By: Bill Gunn

Cast: Linda Marsh, Edward Bell,  
Anna Aries, Marlene Clark

In Bill Gunn's groundbreaking and never released *STOP* (1970), author Michael Berger (Edward Bell) and wife Lee (Linda Marsh) can barely stand each other and relocate from wintery New England to

Puerto Rico in hopes of both rekindling their troubled relationship and wrapping up the affairs of his brother, who murdered his own wife before committing suicide in a house Michael has now inherited. When they meet an interracial couple and experiment with spouse-swapping, a painful, psychedelic and potentially fatal journey toward self knowledge and mutual appreciation takes place in this increasingly daring and unclassifiable work, one which, along with *THE LEARNING TREE* in 1969 and *COTTON COMES TO HARLEM* in 1970, was one of the first three major studio productions to be directed by an African-American filmmaker and perhaps the first studio movie to explicitly depict masculine homosexual intimacy. After receiving an X rating by the MPAA it was shelved by its studio, Warner Brothers.

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# ABAR: THE FIRST BLACK SUPERMAN



Director: Frank Packard

Writer: J. Walter Smith

Cast: Tobar Mayo, J. Walter Smith,  
and Roxie Young

[TRAILER](#)

Before the recent buzz about Warner Bros.' new Black Superman project, there was this 1977 cult classic shot in Baldwin Hills and Watts without a permit, on the fly. When an African American doctor experiences racist threats in his neighborhood, he employs a man who leads a militant civil rights group as his family's bodyguard, while he develops a serum that gives ordinary people extraordinary powers.

Duration Time: 102 mins

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