

JOYCE FORUM

A DAY OF SHORT FILMS



PROGRAM 1

Buzz At Breakfast - 10:00 A.M.

The Picture On the Fridge

Longing to reconnect with his deceased mother, Ilan mysteriously jumps into a photograph that soon forces him to choose between his past and his reality.

Director: Dekel Aizen

Narrative | 14 mins | Israel | 2016 | Subtitled | San Diego Premiere

A Wolf's Mind

A chilling account of the night filmmaker Fritz Lang met with Nazi propagandist Joseph Goebbels, who tried to persuade Lang to work for the Nazi government. Lang's response caused him to sacrifice his work *The Testament of Dr. Mabuse*.

Director: Katia Scarton-Kym

Narrative | 18 mins | France | 2016 | Subtitled | San Diego Premiere

Little Thing

A creative animation about a tiny and lonely creature in a big city. But wonderful things begin to happen as he creates music.

Director: Or Kantor

Animation | 5 mins | Israel | 2016 | West Coast Premiere

Kisufim

Flooded with memories of his childhood home in Gush Qatif, a man returns as a soldier and finds himself conflicted by how politics and war have changed his once-beloved town into one of the most contentious cities along the Gaza border.

Director: Ohad Domb

Narrative | 8 mins | Israel | 2016 | Subtitled | West Coast Premiere

The Radical Jew

Unapologetic in his beliefs, Baruch Marzel is one of Israel's most notorious extremists living in Hebron, the most violent city on the West Bank. Marzel explains why he lives by the ideology taught to him by Rabbi Meier Kahane.

Director: Noam Osband

Documentary | 25 mins | USA | 2016 | West Coast Premiere

The Lost Tribe

One woman in Kaifeng, China, tries to preserve her Jewish heritage despite the challenges that surround her.

Directors: Ariel Sobel and Tao Mengdi

Documentary | 16 mins | China | 2016 | Subtitled | San Diego Premiere

PROGRAM 2

Lenses After Lunch - 2:00 P.M.

Near Normal Man

Only determination and courage kept Holocaust survivor Ben Stern alive through two ghettos, nine concentration camps and two death marches. Years later, when he is threatened by neo-Nazi hate speech in Skokie, Illinois, Ben fights back and wins.

Director: Charlene Y. Stern

Documentary | 28 mins | USA | 2016 | San Diego Premiere

Shimalla

Parted by a continent, a mother longs for a reunion with her daughter. Finally reunited in Israel, their time together is cut short.

Director: Nadav Nachmany

Animation | 10 mins | Israel | Subtitled | SoCal Premiere

Muktzeh

An immigrant Russian actor believes he will find meaning in his life playing Shylock from *The Merchant of Venice*. However a surprise reconnection with a childhood friend sets him on a journey of discovery that even his wife questions.

Director: Alon Rabinovich

Narrative | 28 mins | Israel | 2015 | Subtitled | USA Premiere

Journey Birds

Immigrants share what it means to leave a homeland, adjust to new countries and cultures, and acknowledge the feelings that accompany relocation, even years afterward.

Director: Daphna Awadish

Animation | Documentary | 10 mins | Israel | 2015 | Subtitled | San Diego Premiere

Mr. Bernstein

A father's connection with Leonard Bernstein while at a post-war Displaced Persons camp is repeated decades later when his daughter gets a chance to meet the famous musician and enjoy a performance of "Rhapsody in Blue."

Director: Francine Zuckerman

Narrative | 13 mins | Canada | 2015 | San Diego Premiere

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PROGRAM 3

Happy Hour & A Half ▪ 5:00 P.M.

The Little Dictator

While shaving his beard for the birthday party of his wife's grandmother, history professor Yossi Kleinmann entertains himself in the mirror as he re-enacts various historical dictators. However, as Shabbat begins Yossi finds himself stuck with a shocking moustache. What happens next surprises everyone.

Director: Nurith Cohn

Narrative | 29 mins | Israel | 2015 | Subtitled

In Other Words

When a moment to spend time with his daughter slips away, a father feels remorse over the lost opportunity to communicate.

Director: Tal Kantor

Animation | 6 mins | Israel | 2015 | Subtitled | West Coast Premiere

Framed - The Adventures Of Zion Man

In 1933 Germany, a Jewish identity was dangerous. Walter, a young Jewish boy, has created a comic book superhero, Zion Man who endures the pain of speaking up for what he believes, no matter the consequences.

Director: Brenda Lee Lau

Narrative | 16 mins | USA | 2015 | San Diego Premiere

Moment

An animated tale of one man's desire to give his wife the perfect birthday party, until he lets his neurotic behavior get in the way.

Director: Chagai Neuman

Animation | 2 mins | Israel | 2016 | Subtitled | World Premiere

The Postman In Underwear

Two young brothers create a story about Yoel, an eccentric postman, whom they guide through the perils of first love.

Directors: Daniel Binsted and Ben Ziv

Narrative | 15 mins | Israel | 2016 | Subtitled | USA Premiere

Joe's Violin

The power of music unites Joe, a 91-year-old Holocaust survivor, and a 12-year-old schoolgirl in the nation's poorest congressional district. When Joe donates his beloved violin to a local instrument drive, he meets a girl who, like Joe, finds hope in playing the violin.

Director: Kahane Cooperman

Documentary | 24 mins | USA | 2016 | San Diego Premiere

PROGRAM 4

Discovery After Dinner ▪ 8:00 P.M.

11 Minutes

A young medic on her first tour of duty is tasked to save the life of a seriously wounded soldier. She finds herself emotionally unprepared for the consequences a wrong move will mean. A look at how paramedics work together and how they don't.

Director: Hagai Adorian

Narrative | 19 mins | Israel | 2015 | Subtitled | West Coast Premiere

Bacon & God's Wrath

At 90, a woman questions her kosher upbringing and faith as she tries bacon for the first time.

Director: Sol Friedman

Animation | Documentary | 9 mins | Canada | 2015 | San Diego Premiere

Shade of Music

Neighbors bickering over music realize friendship and kindness can reconcile any feud, as music helps heal their lives.

Director: D. Mityr

Narrative | 27 mins | USA | 2015 | San Diego Premiere

War Scarred Berlin

This powerful documentary highlights the scars of World War II that surround Berlin today. During a modern summer day, the bullet holes that now riddle the city's landscape are reimagined as pedestrians and tourists walk about the streets.

Director: Roland Fuhrmann

Documentary | 5 mins | Germany | 2015 | San Diego Premiere

Spring Chicken

With Purim coming, Holocaust survivor Anny Juneck prepares her newest costume. At 95, with four costume awards under her belt, Anny takes pleasure in creating a new ensemble to debut for her retirement home friends and competitors.

Director: Tamir Elterman

Documentary | 10 mins | USA | 2016 | Subtitled | SoCal Premiere

A Children's Song

Fleeing Germany to Shanghai in 1937, a young Jewish boy and his father seek shelter with a Chinese doctor who nurses the father back to health while the boy befriends the doctor's daughter. The two find friendship in music and a song.

Director: Shayna Cohen

Narrative | 27 mins | USA | 2015

FILMMAKER PANEL ▪ 12:30 P.M.

Joyce Forum filmmakers will convene on stage for a conversation facilitated by KPBS film critic, Beth Accomando. Join us at 12:30 P.M. You are welcome to bring your own lunch or a snack.

(A SDJFF ticket or pass is required for admission)

JOYCE FORUM JURY AWARDS

Short film awards will be announced at the end of Program 4.

Jurors



Lawrence Baron

Professor Emeritus of
Modern Jewish History, SDSU



Irina Isaeva

Film Producer,
Costa Fam Film



Dana Ivgy

Actress and Visiting Artist,
SDSU Jewish Studies Program

SHORT FILMS HOSPITALITY LOUNGE

Underwriters and guest filmmakers are welcome to use the outdoor patio at the ArcLight from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Enjoy light refreshments and BYO (bring your own) food.

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