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# **CINEQUEST**™

## **ENERGIZED**

The world renowned Cinequest Film & Creativity Festival returns for a sizzling summertime experience. Riveting film screenings, premiere events, exciting Q&As with stars, and fun parties will pop off August 15th–30th. In addition to spectacular San Jose venues, festival-goers can also experience exhilarating screenings at the state-of-the-art ShowPlace ICON Theatre in Mountain View.

The theme for 2023 is Energized, as Cinequest is invigorated to showcase the latest and greatest films and artists and to engage our wonderful community with them. It's much more than a movie at the Cinequest. All are Welcome!

**FILM & CREATIVITY FESTIVAL**

**AUGUST 15-30, 2023**

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Who doesn't like to laugh? Ok, if you don't, skip to the next section. But if you do, then enjoy a feast of hilarious and smart comedy features from the U.S. and the Globe. These films make a great night on the town or good therapeutic matinee fun.

## COMEDY FILMS

**Daddy** A wonderful and heartfelt comedy that takes place in a dystopian society where the state has the power to determine who can and cannot father children. **(World Premiere)**

**Egghead & Twinkie** Twinkie takes off on a road trip to meet her online crush with the help of her nerdy best friend, Egghead. Egghead wrestles with his unrequited feelings for Twinkie, while Twinkie learns to embrace her identity. **(World Premiere)**

**How To Ruin The Holidays** Starring Colin Mochrie (*"Whose Line Is It Anyway?"*), Luke Davis (*"That Was Awesome!"*), and Amber Nash (*"Archer"*), a hilarious comedy following the craziness that ensues when families gather for the holidays. **(World Premiere)**

**Tomorrow** A brilliant mixture of emotions and comedy, a bright young girl struggles to find her way home when she inexplicably wakes up in a different body every day. **(World Premiere)**

**Scent of Linden** Stefan moves into the Bulgarian enclave in suburban Tennessee, where comical rivalries, suspicions, and hijinks conspire to come between him and his American Dream. **(United States Premiere)**

**Welcome to the Family** Leonid is a criminal mastermind. He loves only two things in this world: being the *"Godfather"* and his daughter Mira. **(United States Premiere)**

**East Bay** Starring Constance Wu (*"Crazy Rich Asians"*, *"Fresh Off the Boat"*), EAST BAY is an extremely funny and deceptively intricate comedy about the enormous pressure people are under to be happy and successful in this life—which for all we know, might be a massive simulation. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**Bolan's Shoes** Light-hearted comedy and supernatural chills abound in this inspirational story that explores the enduring legacy of childhood trauma and the life-affirming power of music. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**Good Egg** Jessica is a lot of things – a New York City high school drama teacher, a loving wife to her nerdy husband Gordon, and two weeks shy of turning forty. But, she's not a mother...yet. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**The Effects of Lying** Dutiful Husband and loving father, Naveen's life falls apart when decades of festering secrets are exposed and he's forced to face up to who he really is. A comedy with real heart, that offers a new, urgent representation of contemporary South Asian families. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**THE ADULTS** Starring Michael Cera (*"Superbad"*), Hannah Gross (*"Joker"*), and Sophia Lillis (*"It"*), a dynamic comedy-drama wherein the plan to make a trip back home as short as possible begins to unravel as Eric finds himself balancing the challenging relationship with his two sisters and his addiction to a local poker game. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**Everybody Wants To Be Loved** Psychotherapist Ina notices something is wrong with her. But she doesn't have time to worry about it: Patients are waiting at the practice, her daughter is threatening to move in with her father, her boyfriend wants to emigrate to Finland, and her self-centered mother is celebrating her 70th birthday. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**Gringa** Starring Steve Zahn (*"The White Lotus"*), Jess Gabor (*"Shameless"*), Judy Greer (*"Jurassic World"*), and Rosalyn Sanchez (*"Fantasy Island"*), the beautiful story of a young girl, Large Marge Bickford, "Butt too big, boobs too small—generation XL", who after a great loss, flees to Mexico in search of the father she barely knows. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**Hundreds of Beavers** Ever wondered what it would be like if a Looney Tunes cartoon came to life? **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**Under The Influencer** A successful Youtuber is aging out of the platform in her mid-20s, and struggling to redefine herself in the world outside her social media bubble. A story about keeping our humanity in the age of social media. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**Under Water** Along with her soon-to-be ex-husband, a woman returns to her childhood home to confront her mother, an avid doomsday prepper. *"Under Water"* is an offbeat comedy-drama about survival of the fittest, rabbit holes of conspiracy theories, and childhood. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**Unpacking** Six women, sold on the promise of radical transformation, travel to Bali into the hands of an influencer guru and get slapped with reality: change is messy AF. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**



From the spellbinding, to the psychological, to the outright scary, these magnificent feature films represent the best Thrillers, Scarys, and Sci-Fi movies in the land.

**Oliver & the Pool** In the heart of Mexico City, Oliverio, a 13-year-old only child, sets the urn that contains his father's ashes on the table next to the poolside chaise lounge. He installs himself on the chaise lounge and decides that he will stay right there – mourning, observing, learning to forgive, and falling in love. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

## THRILLER & SCI-FI FILMS

**11.11.18** A superb thriller set on November 11, 1918. A German pilot barely survives a crash. He will have to hide his identity and find a way to leave the trench and join his camp. **(World Premiere)**

**Bibi** A taut and haunting story in which a mother and daughter live in a secluded mansion that is hiding a terrible secret. Can they escape their past? **(World Premiere)**

**Breakwater** Starring Dermot Mulroney, Mena Suvari, Alyssa Goss, Sonja Soh, and Darren Mann, a thriller in which a young ex-con risks his freedom to track down the estranged daughter of a fellow inmate, and unknowingly brings a devil from her past straight to her doorstep. **(World Premiere)**

**Fallen Drive** In a small town, a group of former classmates gathers at an Airbnb on the night of their tenth high school reunion. The night takes a dark turn when things violently fall apart. **(World Premiere)**

**Going Places** After covering up a hit and run on the way to their valedictory desert trip, three high school graduates face the true test of their friendship when they become entangled in a deadly crime ring imbroglio. **(World Premiere)**

**Share?** A gripping sci-fi feast about a man (Melvin Gregg; *"The United States vs. Billie Holiday"*) who struggles to survive after awakening alone, trapped in a society connected only by a primitive computer network, where the ability to entertain is the only currency. Also starring Bradley Whitford (*"Get Out"*, *"The West Wing"*) and Alice Braga (*"Suicide Squad"*). **(World Premiere)**

**Carnifex** A threesome travel deep into the Australian outback to track and record animals in the aftermath of fires. As night falls, the well-equipped trio discover a new terrifying species, which is now intent on tracking and hunting them. **(United States Premiere)**

**Wintertide** Beth, a volunteer watch person of an isolated northern city battles a plague that transforms the few remaining residents into empty, zombie-like automatons. **(World Premiere)**

**New Normal** Six people's lives intersect in unexpected and ominous ways over the course of four days in Korea, as they each face danger, chaos, possible love, and...something else. **(United States Premiere)**

**On The Line** Agnes uses her powers of deduction and local knowledge to help the police track an abduction. But things take a turn for the worse when she realizes everything is not as it seems. **(United States Premiere)**

**Privacy** A social thriller set in and out of Mumbai slums, follows the story of Roopali, who works at the Mumbai surveillance command and control center as an operator. Things get complicated when Roopali begins to investigate a robbery/murder that takes place on her watch. **(United States Premiere)**

**Abruptio** Starring James Marsters (*"Buffy the Vampire Slayer"*), Jordan Peele (*"Get Out"*), Christopher McDonald (*"Thelma & Louise"*), Robert Englund (*"A Nightmare on Elm Street"*), and Sid Haig (*"House of 1000 Corpses"*), the story of Les Hackel, a guy down on his luck who wakes to find an explosive device has been implanted in his neck. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**Miranda's Victim** The riveting story behind one of the most famous civil rights cases of the past century shines powerfully with an all-star cast that includes Abigail Breslin, Ryan Phillippe, Luke Wilson, Emily VanCamp, Mireille Enos, Enrique Murciano, Josh Bowman, Sebastian Quinn, Brent Sexton, Taryn Manning, Nolan Gould, Andy Garcia, and Donald Sutherland. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**Shadow of the Night** Nandhu, a wealthy, film financier is absconding from the media and the police, wanted in connection with a death for which he may be responsible. Trying to get away from everything and everyone, he journeys through the struggles of his internal guilt, while searching for the man responsible for it all. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**Silence 6-9** A man and a woman, Aris and Anna, meet in a dream-like coastal town. The town is full of antennas, which emit the voices of the Vanished Ones, inhabitants of the town that have suddenly and inexplicably disappeared. As we watch the daily life and the bizarre rituals of the inhabitants, rituals devoted to the lost ones, Anna and Aris fall in love. A few days later, Anna suddenly disappears. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**



A Cinequest legacy is to inspire through great special guest artists, luminaries, and majestic movies. This lineup brings the inspiration big-time!

## INSPIRATION FILMS

All Inspiration Films are presented in Honor of James Boyce Trust & Kris Otis.

**B-Side: For Taylor** Taylor, a 14-year-old adoptee has secretly grown obsessed with finding her birth family in Korea. Befriending a neighbor, who helps her locate her Korean roots, Taylor embarks on a journey of discovery and unforeseen truths. **(World Premiere)**

**Garden City, Kansas** On the High Plains of Kansas, a thriving community sustained for decades by waves of immigrants becomes the target of white nationalists intent on killing the latest arrivals: Muslims. **(World Premiere)**

**O Pioneer** As a blacksmith forges connections, a seamstress hems raw edges, and a hospital chaplain ministers the spirit, three Appalachians endure without repeating the follies of the past. **(World Premiere)**

**Paul & Trisha: The Art of Fluidity** “Paul & Trisha: The Art of Fluidity” dives into British artists Paul Whitehead and his alter ego Trisha van Cleef as they navigate their gender and artistic fluidity as two artists in one body. **(World Premiere)**

**Tabula Rasa** Our lives are often more interconnected than we think they are. Three lost souls in India find a home away from home. Divya, a juvenile home warden, and Vivek, an actor struggling to create art, meet Sandhya, a 14-year old girl with a dark past. Together, they rise above their circumstances. **(United States Premiere)**

**Billion Dollar Babies...** This is the story you never knew about the dolls that stole America’s heart... and turned us all into total maniacs. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**7000 Miles** A passionate pilot is challenged by her grandmother to live her life on her own terms but finds herself at a crossroads when that could mean revealing her grandmother’s long-buried secrets. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**Amerikatsi** Freedom is a state of mind. The enthralling story of Charlie, a man who has lived in America most of his life. But, when he tries to repatriate back to Armenia, he’s greeted with the harsh reality of 1947 Soviet Communism and will find his own inner courage. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**RADIOACTIVE: The Women of Three Mile Island** An award-winning documentary about the 1979 Three Mile Island meltdown—the worst commercial nuclear accident in U.S. history. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**Beyond** “Beyond” follows Tamara Mark, a once rising Broadway/Hollywood star, to a full-time single mother of two nonverbal autistic adults, fighting for her dream to build a community for those alike to live a better and safer life. An inspirational film about mental health and individuals rising above. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**Bobcat Moretti** Starring Tim Realbuto and Vivica A. Fox, a “Rocky” meets “My Left Foot” psychological drama about an obese Multiple Sclerosis patient who takes up his late father’s sport of boxing to overcome immense personal tragedy and find inner peace. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**I’m Okay, We’re Okay** On a road trip with her unfaithful boyfriend, Ellie discovers she has DID (once called multiple personality disorder) and that her fractured identities are offering them clues about her mysterious past. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**The Island In Me** Three women travel to the remote atoll of Pukapuka in the Cook Islands. Can they reconnect with their identity? A deeply moving, poetic, and reflective story on memory, loss, and the universal search for wholeness. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**Land of Gold** When truck driver Kiran hears pounding on a shipping container and finds a young Mexican-American girl inside, his already tumultuous life takes a drastic turn as he seeks to reunite her with her family. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**Minnesota Mean** A human drama about the pounding heart of the Roller Derby. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**The Secret Song** The film shows the dynamism and adaptability that all teachers find and bring forth in the classroom, and how a sense of belonging helps us surmount hardships and adversity. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**Sloane: A Jazz Singer** Legendary singer Carol Sloane prepares for one final live recording in New York City while reflecting on her storied but largely unknown career involving some of the greatest names in music, from Ella Fitzgerald to The Rolling Stones. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**



Cinequest's array of dramatic features captures the extraordinary stories of people from many walks of life and cultures.

**Call Me Mule** The powerful and inspirational story of a man traveling with three mules fights to maintain his nomadic lifestyle in the American West. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**Destiny on the Main Stage** An intimate portrait of four women trying to make ends meet whilst searching for themselves. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**Star Wars Kid: The Rise of the Digital Shadows** Ghyslain Raza (the "Star Wars Kid") breaks his silence and reflects on his story for the first time. In doing so, he also explores our collective experience living in an online world in which we have to make peace with our digital shadows. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**When We Were Shuttle** An inspirational exploration of the Space Shuttle Program through the eyes of some of the exceptional men and women who worked behind-the-scenes to make it fly. Through their recollections and personal archive, we get to the core of the humanity behind the Program, gaining a unique, grassroots look at Shuttle's legacy. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**A Zebra-Riding Boy** Poor bowlegged teenager Zuo Lin has a little dream to ride a horse in the most prosperous place of the city: the sad wooden horse cavalry, the happy zebra cavalry, the bleak and sad iron cavalry, the brilliant paper cavalry all melt into one. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

## DRAMA FILMS

**Every Man For Himself** A reformed ex-convict with a debt to repay picks up his former cellmate from prison and drives him wherever he wants to go. As they travel the desolate landscape, both men seek redemption and a second chance. **(World Premiere)**

**Last Weekend** The stunning and thrilling tale of an electric one-night-stand between Sylvia and Ethan. Their evening is quickly derailed by a possessive ex-lover who provokes the young couple to pursue a regrettable act of vengeance. **(World Premiere)**

**No Right Way** A young woman's attempts to spare her 13-year-old half-sister from toxic parenting propels her into an absurd custody battle, forcing her to confront her own past traumas. **(World Premiere)**

**Swarm** High drama and thrills galore in the spellbinding story of family, conflict, and hoping for freedom on a remote island. **(World Premiere)**

**Brothers Broken** The story of two baby-boomer musical brothers raised in San Jose, California, who had a hit record and joined Scientology. **(United States Premiere)**

**There's No Rain in Hell** Only eight people have survived, and each of them protects something that represents a strand of their life. Will they find the peace they seek? **(World Premiere)**

**Valley of Exile** Two sisters arrive in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley at the onset of the Syrian war, embarking on a journey into exile that tests their loyalty to their country, their family, and each other. **(World Premiere)**

**Catching The Pirate King** A deep dive into the most incredible yet true story of modern days pirates. In 2009, the Indian Ocean was the setting for a wave of daring hijackings. **(United States Premiere)**

**A Cautionary Tale** A man fights a lone, harrowing battle against a Kafkaesque system that refuses to recognise he's alive. But, the story behind the story is much more than anyone could have imagined. **(United States Premiere)**

**Deadlock** A fateful encounter of two married couples from two opposite social classes, who seem to have nothing in common. They are brought together by momentous events that will bind them together for the rest of their lives. **(United States Premiere)**

**The Gigantes** Drowning in debt, JJ, a young woman from the US, escapes from Los Angeles to Baja, looking for an old lover. She never planned to have 14-year-old Mexican teenager, Esmerelda, change the direction her trip would take, as well as her path in life. **(United States Premiere)**

**Hope, Soledad** Two women at a crossroads meet on a pilgrimage in Oaxaca, Mexico. Together, they walk in communion with local pilgrims as they try to find inner peace **(United States Premiere)**

**Kaymak** An irreverent, unconventional, and poignant love story. A young, rich couple are on top of the world, when a distant relative comes to live with them. **(United States Premiere)**



**Midnight At The Paradise** A magical romantic drama, *Midnight At The Paradise* is a thought-provoking look at what makes long-term relationships work, and how movies can shape our views on romantic love. **(United States Premiere)**

**Mother** Facing a choice between conceiving in vitro with her husband Leon, and adapting her life-transforming theatre program for orphans in Africa, Elena will have to reinvent the word "mother". **(United States Premiere)**

**Red Shoes** An old peasant lives in a lost town in the Mexican mountains, his life passes slowly and without jumps until he receives news from the capital, from there he must face a brutal and unknown world in search of redemption. **(United States Premiere)**

**Scrap** Starring Vivian Kerr (*"Grey's Anatomy, Criminal Minds"*), Anthony Rapp (*"Rent, Star Trek: Discovery"*), and Lana Parrilla (*"Once Upon a Time"*), the engrossing story of a young single-mom who, after getting laid off, finds herself living in her car and struggling to hide her homelessness from her estranged brother Ben and his wife. **(United States Premiere)**

**Till Love Do Us Part** Thirty-year-old college lecturer Shu falls madly in love with a theater director Fan in Prague, during a work trip to Europe. However, she has a fiancé Hu to marry, and a decent middle-class life in China to pursue. **(World Premiere)**

**Danny Goes Aum** A spiritual and emotional journey of a burned out British video editor Danny, as he travels to the same beach town in Goa (India) where his hippie parents had met back in the 70's during the heydays of hippiedom. There, he find inspiration...and, could that be love, too? **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**Double Down South** In the dangerous high-stakes world of illegal pool gambling, Diana (Lili Simmons) a smart, tough newcomer, charms veteran Nick (Kim Coates) into taking her under his wing. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**The Grotto** Starring the wonderful Betsy Brandt (*"Breaking Bad"*) and written and directed by Joanna Gleason (*"Into the Woods"*), the tale of Alice, who just inherited half ownership of a desert nightclub and must take a leap of faith while forces both seen and unseen beckon her toward her future. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**Greener Pastures** An urgent and intimate look at America, told through "the stories of farmers living at the intersection of climate change, globalization, and a mental health crisis. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**Know Your Place** A beautiful slice-of-life drama about Robel Haile (15, Eritrean-American) and his best friend Fahmi Tadesse (15, Ethiopian-American), who embark on a journey to drop off a suitcase with medicine and cash to a friend traveling back to Eritrea because of a family member's sudden illness. However, an unexpected turn transmutes Robel's simple errand into an odyssey across a rapidly gentrifying city. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**Passenger C** A quasi documentary/docudrama reconstruction of actual events as recollected by the film's director, of a mid-flight incident, the aftermath, and a surprising redemption. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**Scrapper** Georgie, a dreamy 12-year-old girl, lives happily alone in her London flat, filling it with magic. Suddenly, her estranged father turns up and forces her to confront reality. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**Story Ave.** Starring Luis Guzmán (*"Traffic," "Boogie Nights"*), Asante Blackk (*"This Is Us"*), Melvin Gregg (*"Snowfall," "Share?"*), South Bronx native Kadir Grayson is a teen artistic talent on the brink of finding and losing himself at once. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**This is a Film About My Mother** Powerful and captivating, the story of two siblings in upstate New York who reconnect a year after their mother's passing. While there, they find their differences are what makes them stronger together. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**Two Lives in Pittsburgh** Confronted by his mother's illness and his child's exploration of gender, a traditional blue-collar guy is torn between who he has always been and who his child needs him to be. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**

**The Young Arsonists** A multi-award-winning film—set in the 80's amongst the sparse landscape of an isolated farming community—follows four restless adolescent girls band together to escape their troubled lives by reclaiming an abandoned farmhouse as their own. **(Silicon Valley Premiere)**



They may be shorter in length but not in impact. Enjoy these wondrous series of thematic shorts.

## THEMATIC PROGRAMS



Many of the best films are Shorts. Cinequest has always celebrated Short Films by showcasing them in thematic series. These programs are guaranteed to wow and entertain you. If you've been to a Cinequest Shorts Program before, you know what we're talking about, and if this is your first experience, then you're in for a real treat.

### PROGRAM 1: SEND-OFFS

A superb mix of delightful, powerful, and entertaining short film master works from around the world that look at the various ways we must sometimes...simply let go.

### PROGRAM 2: EXPECTATIONS

Even when we receive something of little to no value, it is our hearts and minds that give us the incentive to find incredible worth in the gifts we are given.

### PROGRAM 3: GENREQUEST

Thrills, adventures, new realities, and even a bit of fright. We've gathered this awesome series of shorts that will have you on the edge of your seat.

### PROGRAM 4: ANIMATED WORLDS

We've really upped the game with this collection of brilliant visions in many varied animation techniques. You'll find new worlds to explore, vibrant visions, and all created with pure heart and passion.

### PROGRAM 5: MINDBENDERS

Wild, energetic, mystifying, bizarre! Step right up and enter the world of Mindbenders—our annual collection of stories that always entertains, and sometimes leaves you scratching your head. A must-see!

### PROGRAM 6: DOCUNATION

Seeking inspiration? Look no further than Docunation—an emotional and often uplifting journey through many facets of the world in which we live... a world full of beauty, power, and spirit.

### PROGRAM 7: SOMETHING FUNNY

Two words: hilarity ensues. That's right! We're back with an incredible line-up of comedic visions from around the world, and we promise you'll practically be falling over with laughter. But, please don't forget to catch your breath once in a while between those guffaws.



### PROGRAM 8: WE ARE...

Who are you? Who are we? Who's that guy sitting over there? Do we know? Do we really know? You just might find some answers in this series of shorts that examine identity—even if we sometimes wear masks to hide.

### PROGRAM 9: TO CREATE

Artistic creation is essential to our humanity—whether it be a painting, a song, a sculpture, a book, a movie, a dance, or [insert your favorite art form here]. We all need the enrichment that art brings to our lives, and this incredible series examines our nature to create.

### PROGRAM 10: UNEXPECTED, UNPREDICTABLE, AND UNEXPLAINED

Surprise!!! We can't control every outcome, but we sure can embrace everything new that comes our way...even if it takes us in a new direction from where we expected to end up. These stories show just how unexpected life can be.

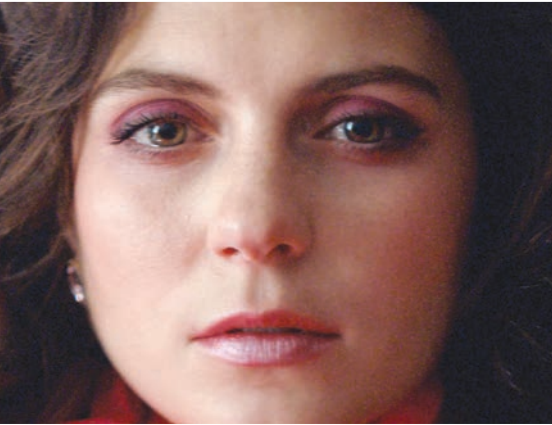
### PROGRAM 11: STUDENT SHORTS

Tradition...love...loss...emotions. That's right. We're talkin' 'bout the Human Experience. Often, it is through the eyes of youth when we learn so much about ourselves, and this series will open your eyes to new visions, new adventures, but most of all, it connects generations together.

### PROGRAM 12: THRILLS, LAUGHS, AND THE FUTURE

Amazing stories of fantasy, apparitions, hidden bodies, soon to be hidden bodies, and secrets. And, it's all wrapped up in a nice little bow, in a series that will enthrall you, wow you, and leave you wanting more, more, more!

# SPECIAL EVENTS AT CINEQUEST



## OPENING NIGHT, AUGUST 15 FILM, SPECIAL GUEST ARTISTS and PARTY

### SPECTACULAR SCREENING of FRESH KILLS

Starring Emily Bader ("Paranormal Activity: Next of Kin"), Odessa A'zion ("Hellraiser"), Jennifer Esposito ("Crash" "Blue Bloods"), Domenick Lombardozi ("The Irishman"), Annabella Sciorra ("The Sopranos," "Truth Be Told"), and Nicholas Cirillo ("She-Hulk"), Esposito's directing debut boldly shines a light on the never-before-seen women of the beloved crime movie genre. Like every mob movie you've NEVER seen before, this is the story of the women of this life. The fear and intensity that dictates who they are and who they become. It's a search for freedom within a world they may never leave.

### OPENING PARTY TO FOLLOW CAST CONVERSATION

Join star cast for the West Coast Premiere screening followed by a celebration with artists, audience, drinks, food, and music. (w/ valid ticket or pass)



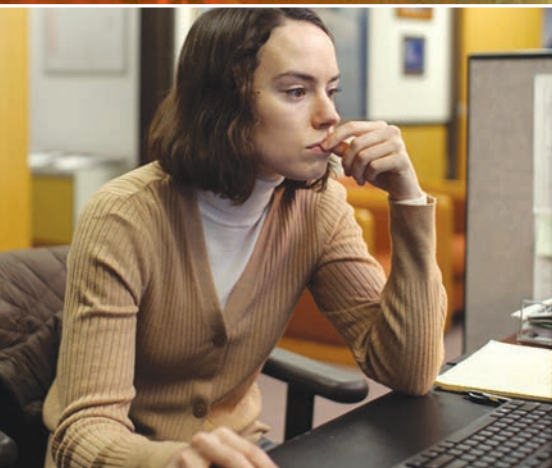
## BREAKWATER-CINEQUEST ENERGIZED EVENT, AUGUST 19 WORLD PREMIERE FILM, SPECIAL GUEST ARTISTS and PARTY

### WORLD PREMIERE SCREENING of BREAKWATER

Starring Dermot Mulroney, Mena Suvari, Alyssa Goss, Sonja Soh, and Darren Mann, a thriller in which a young ex-con risks his freedom to track down the estranged daughter of a fellow inmate, and unknowingly brings a devil from her past straight to her doorstep.

### CINEQUEST ENERGIZED PARTY TO FOLLOW

Join esteemed cast and crew for the World Premiere screening followed by a spectacular celebration with artists, audience, drinks, food, and music. (w/ valid ticket or pass)



## ShowPlace ICON THEATRE OPENER, AUGUST 24 FILM, SPECIAL GUEST ARTIST and MEETUP

### EXHILIRATING SCREENING of SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE DYING

Sometimes I Think About Dying Starring Daisy Ridley ("Star Wars: The Force Awakens"), Dave Meheje ("Ramy"), Parvesh Cheena ("Shining Vale"), Marcia Debonis ("Orange Is The New Black"), Meg Stalter ("Hacks"), and Brittany O'Grady ("The White Lotus"), a funny and romantic story about drawing one's own road map to life. Lost on the dreary Oregon coast, Fran finds solace in her cubicle, listening to the constant hum of officemates and occasionally daydreaming to pass the time. She is ghosting through life, unable to pop her bubble of isolation, when a friendly new coworker, Robert, persistently tries to connect with her. Though it goes against every fiber of her being, she may have to give this guy a chance.

### ICON OPENING STAR & MEETUP

Join star actor Dave Meheje and audiences for the first-ever Opening Night Film at the illustrious Mountain View Showplace ICON Theatre & Kitchen + Bar! A champagne toast follows the screening during a meetup full of connecting, sharing, and good times at the beautiful ICON Bar & Lounge.

## INDIVIDUAL TICKETS & PASSES

Cinequest remains as affordable as it is spectacular and has not only refrained from inflationary price increases but added new ticketing options. You can buy an Individual Ticket(s) for any Film Screening or Special Event OR you can buy Screening 10-Packs, or Special Access Passes.



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# CINEQUEST SCHEDULE

**AUGUST 15 THRU 23, 2023**  
 Downtown San Jose  
 California Theatre & Hammer Theatre Center

**AUGUST 24 THRU 30, 2023**  
 Mountain View  
 ShowPlace ICON Theatre & Kitchen

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

	10 AM	11 AM	NOON	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM
<b>CALIFORNIA THEATRE</b>											<b>FRESH KILLS</b> 7:15 PM-9:15 PM				

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

	10 AM	11 AM	NOON	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM
<b>CALIFORNIA THEATRE</b>						<b>THE GIGANTES</b> 2:30 PM-4:04 pm		<b>THE YOUNG ARSONISTS</b> 4:50 PM-6:27 PM			<b>THE ADULTS</b> 7:15 PM-8:43 PM		<b>THE GROTTO</b> 9:25 PM-10:57 PM		
<b>HAMMER THEATRE</b>					<b>WELCOME TO THE FAMILY</b> 1:50 PM-3:42 PM		<b>DEADLOCK</b> 4:30 PM-6:11 PM		<b>CATCHING THE PIRATE KING</b> 7:00 PM-8:41 PM				<b>BOLAN'S SHOES</b> 9:30 PM-11:06 PM		

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

	10 AM	11 AM	NOON	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM
<b>CALIFORNIA THEATRE</b>						<b>OLIVER AND THE POOL</b> 2:15 PM-3:55 PM		<b>RED SHOES</b> 4:40 PM-6:18 PM		<b>EGGHEAD &amp; TWINKIE</b> 7:00 PM-8:38 PM			<b>NEW NORMAL</b> 9:20 PM-11:13 PM		
<b>HAMMER THEATRE</b>					<b>MOTHER</b> 2:15 PM-4:12 PM		<b>DESTINY ON THE MAIN STAGE</b> 5:00 PM-6:35 PM		<b>BIBI</b> 7:15 PM-8:50 PM				<b>HOW TO RUIN THE HOLIDAYS</b> 9:30 PM-11:01 PM		

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

	10 AM	11 AM	NOON	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM
<b>CALIFORNIA THEATRE</b>						<b>KNOW YOUR PLACE</b> 2:15 PM-4:15 PM		<b>TOMORROW</b> 5:00 PM-6:27 PM		<b>FALLEN DRIVE</b> 7:15 PM-8:46 PM			<b>GOING PLACES</b> 9:30 PM-11:12 PM		
<b>HAMMER THEATRE</b>			<b>BOLAN'S SHOES</b> 11:25 AM-1:01 pm		<b>CATCHING THE PIRATE KING</b> 1:45 PM-3:26 PM		<b>WHEN WE WERE SHUTTLE</b> 4:10 PM-6:04 PM		<b>DOUBLE DOWN SOUTH</b> 6:45 PM-8:45 PM				<b>WINTERTIDE</b> 9:30 PM-11:07 PM		

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

	10 AM	11 AM	NOON	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM
<b>CALIFORNIA THEATRE</b>			<b>I'M OKAY, WE'RE OKAY</b> 11:15 AM-1:03 PM		<b>TWO LIVES IN PITTSBURGH</b> 1:45 PM-3:27 PM		<b>MIRANDA'S VICTIM</b> 4:15 PM-6:15 PM		<b>BREAKWATER</b> 7:00 PM-8:37 PM				<b>SHARE?</b> 9:30 PM-10:56 PM		
<b>HAMMER THEATRE</b>	<b>HOPE, SOLEDAD</b> 9:45 AM-11:16 AM		<b>SHORTS PROGRAM 5: MINDBENDERS</b> 12:00 PM-1:46 PM		<b>PASSENGER C</b> 2:30 PM-4:01 PM		<b>BILLION DOLLAR BABIES</b> 4:45 PM-6:16 PM		<b>VALLEY OF EXILE</b> 7:00 PM-8:47 PM				<b>DADDY</b> 9:30 PM-11:08 PM		

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## SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

	10 AM	11 AM	NOON	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM
<b>CALIFORNIA THEATRE</b>			<b>EAST BAY</b> 11:10 AM-12:44 PM		<b>7000 MILES</b> 1:30 PM-3:04 PM		<b>TABULA RASA</b> 3:45 PM-5:37 PM			<b>PRIVACY</b> 6:25 PM-7:50 PM		<b>NO RIGHT WAY</b> 8:30 PM-10:12 PM			
<b>HAMMER THEATRE</b>		<b>SHORTS PROGRAM 4: ANIMATED WORLDS</b> 9:15 AM-10:59 AM	<b>SHORTS PROGRAM 7: SOMETHING FUNNY</b> 11:45 AM-1:34 PM			<b>A CAUTIONARY TALE</b> 2:15 PM-3:44 PM		<b>BROTHERS BROKEN</b> 4:35 PM-6:13 PM		<b>MIDNIGHT AT THE PARADISE</b> 7:00 PM-8:35 PM			<b>HUNDREDS OF BEAVERS</b> 9:15 PM-11:03 PM		

## MONDAY, AUGUST 21

	10 AM	11 AM	NOON	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM
<b>CALIFORNIA THEATRE</b>						<b>THE GROTTTO</b> 2:15 PM-3:47 PM		<b>RED SHOES</b> 4:35 PM-6:13 PM			<b>SCRAP</b> 7:00 PM-8:45 PM		<b>TOMORROW</b> 9:30 PM-10:57 PM		
<b>HAMMER THEATRE</b>			<b>DADDY</b> 11:50 AM-1:28 PM			<b>WINTERTIDE</b> 2:15 PM-3:52 PM		<b>SHARE?</b> 4:45 PM-6:11 PM		<b>DANNY GOES AUM</b> 7:00 PM-8:43 PM			<b>UNDER THE INFLUENCER</b> 9:30 PM-11:01 PM		

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

	10 AM	11 AM	NOON	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM
<b>CALIFORNIA THEATRE</b>						<b>7000 MILES</b> 2:30 PM-4:04 PM		<b>FALLEN DRIVE</b> 4:45 PM-6:16 PM			<b>SCRAPPER</b> 7:15 PM-8:39 PM		<b>ON THE LINE</b> 9:30 PM-11:00 PM		
<b>HAMMER THEATRE</b>			<b>MIDNIGHT AT THE PARADISE</b> 12:00 PM-1:35 PM			<b>BIBI</b> 2:15 PM-3:50 PM		<b>A CAUTIONARY TALE</b> 4:30 PM-5:59 PM		<b>AMERIKATSI</b> 6:45 PM-8:45 PM			<b>UNDER WATER</b> 9:30 PM-11:01 PM		

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

	10 AM	11 AM	NOON	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM
<b>CALIFORNIA THEATRE</b>						<b>I'M OKAY, WE'RE OKAY</b> 2:30 PM-4:18 PM		<b>SLOANE: A JAZZ SINGER</b> 5:00 PM-6:36 PM		<b>THE EFFECTS OF LYING</b> 7:15 PM-8:41 PM		<b>THE GIGANTES</b> 9:20 PM-10:54 PM			
<b>HAMMER THEATRE</b>		<b>GOING PLACES</b> 11:30 AM-1:12 PM			<b>TWO LIVES IN PITTSBURGH</b> 1:55 PM-3:37 PM		<b>HOPE, SOLEDAD</b> 4:25 PM-5:56 PM		<b>KAYMAK</b> 6:45 PM-8:31 PM			<b>GOODEGG</b> 9:15 PM-10:56 PM			

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## THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

	10 AM	11 AM	NOON	1 PM	2 PM	3 PM	4 PM	5 PM	6 PM	7 PM	8 PM	9 PM	10 PM	11 PM	12 AM
<b>ICON - SCREEN #1</b>			<b>GOODEGG</b> 11:50 AM-1:31 PM			<b>UNDER WATER</b> 2:15 PM-3:46 PM		<b>NEW NORMAL</b> 4:30 PM-6:23 PM			<b>SOMETIMES I THINK OF DYING</b> 7:15 PM-8:46 PM		<b>BOBCAT MORETTI</b> 9:30 PM-11:06 PM		
<b>ICON - SCREEN #2</b>			<b>VALLEY OF EXILE</b> 11:15 AM-1:02 PM		<b>SHORTS PROGRAM 1: SEND-OFFS</b> 1:45 PM-3:35 PM		<b>DANNY GOES AUM</b> 4:15 PM-5:58 PM			<b>SHORTS PROGRAM 4: ANIMATED WORLDS</b> 6:45 PM-8:29 PM			<b>SHORTS PROGRAM 5: MINDBENDERS</b> 9:15 PM-11:01 PM		
<b>ICON - SCREEN #3</b>			<b>UNDER THE INFLUENCER</b> 11:00 AM-12:31 PM		<b>AMERIKATSI</b> 1:15 PM-3:15 PM		<b>PASSENGER C</b> 4:00 PM-5:31 PM			<b>EGGHEAD &amp; TWINKIE</b> 6:30 PM-8:08 PM			<b>HOW TO RUIN THE HOLIDAYS</b> 9:00 PM-10:31 PM		

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

	10 AM	11 AM	NOON	1 PM	2 PM	3 PM	4 PM	5 PM	6 PM	7 PM	8 PM	9 PM	10 PM	11 PM	12 AM
<b>ICON - SCREEN #1</b>			<b>NO RIGHT WAY</b> 11:45 AM-1:27 PM			<b>THIS IS A FILM ABOUT MY MOTHER</b> 2:15 PM-3:56 PM		<b>MOTHER</b> 4:15 PM-6:12 PM			<b>TILL LOVE DO US PART</b> 7:00 PM-8:51 PM		<b>HUNDREDS OF BEAVERS</b> 10:00 PM-11:48 PM		
<b>ICON - SCREEN #2</b>			<b>ON THE LINE</b> 12:15 PM-1:45 PM		<b>SHORTS PROGRAM 6: DOCUNATION</b> 2:05 PM-3:56 PM		<b>SCRAP</b> 4:45 PM-6:30 PM			<b>SHORTS PROGRAM 7: SOMETHING FUNNY</b> 7:15 PM-9:04 PM			<b>SHORTS PROGRAM 3: GENREQUEST</b> 9:45 PM-11:35 PM		
<b>ICON - SCREEN #3</b>			<b>PRIVACY</b> 11:30 AM-12:55 PM		<b>KAYMAK</b> 1:40 PM-3:26 PM		<b>DEADLOCK</b> 4:05 PM-5:46 PM			<b>B-SIDE FOR TAYLOR</b> 6:30 PM-8:10 PM			<b>UNPACKING</b> 9:00 PM-10:29 PM		

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

	10 AM	11 AM	NOON	1 PM	2 PM	3 PM	4 PM	5 PM	6 PM	7 PM	8 PM	9 PM	10 PM	11 PM	12 AM
<b>ICON - SCREEN #1</b>			<b>BROTHERS BROKEN</b> 11:45 AM-1:23 PM			<b>11.11.18</b> 2:30 PM-4:01 PM		<b>EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF</b> 5:05 PM-6:45 PM			<b>MINNESOTA MEAN</b> 7:30 PM-9:01 PM		<b>ABRUPTIO</b> 10:00 PM-11:34 PM		
<b>ICON - SCREEN #2</b>			<b>SHORTS PROGRAM 11: VOICES OF TOMORROW (STUDENT SHORT FILMS)</b> 11:00 AM-1:03 PM		<b>SHORTS PROGRAM 1: SEND-OFFS</b> 2:00 PM-3:50 PM		<b>SCENT OF LINDEN</b> 4:30 PM-6:22 PM			<b>SHORTS PROGRAM 12: THRILLS, LAUGHS, AND THE FUTURE</b> 7:00 PM-8:45 PM			<b>SHORTS PROGRAM 10: UNEXPECTED, UNPREDICTABLE, AND THE UNEXPLAINED</b> 9:30 PM-11:08 PM		
<b>ICON - SCREEN #3</b>			<b>THERE'S NO RAIN IN HELL</b> 11:15 AM-1:00 PM		<b>THE ISLAND IN ME</b> 1:45 PM-3:25 PM		<b>RADIOACTIVE: THE WOMEN OF THREE-MILE ISLAND</b> 4:10 PM-5:44 PM			<b>TABULA RASA</b> 6:25 PM-8:17 PM			<b>LAST WEEKEND</b> 9:00 PM-10:34 PM		

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## SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

	10 AM	11 AM	NOON	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM
<b>ICON - SCREEN #1</b>			<b>SILENCE 6-9</b> 11:15 AM-12:49 PM		<b>A ZEBRA-RIDING BOY</b> 1:50 PM-3:27 PM		<b>BEYOND</b> 4:00 PM-5:36 PM			<b>LAND OF GOLD</b> 6:30 PM-8:15 PM		<b>CARNIFEX</b> 9:00 PM-10:31 PM			
<b>ICON - SCREEN #2</b>			<b>SHORTS PROGRAM 8: WE ARE...</b> 12:00 PM-1:32 PM		<b>CALL ME MULE</b> 2:20 PM-3:55 PM		<b>SHORTS PROGRAM 2: EXPECTATIONS</b> 4:40 PM-6:28 PM			<b>SWARM</b> 7:10 PM-8:50 PM		<b>SHORTS PROGRAM 9: TO CREATE</b> 9:35 PM-11:07 PM			
<b>ICON - SCREEN #3</b>			<b>RADIOACTIVE: THE WOMEN OF THREE-MILE ISLAND</b> 11:45 AM-1:19 PM		<b>GREENER PASTURES</b> 2:05 PM-3:27 PM		<b>GARDEN CITY, KANSAS</b> 4:15 PM-5:37 PM			<b>O PIONEER</b> 6:45 PM-8:05 PM		<b>STAR WARS KID: THE RISE OF THE DIGITAL SHADOWS</b> 8:45 PM-10:09 PM			

## MONDAY, AUGUST 28

	10 AM	11 AM	NOON	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM
<b>ICON - SCREEN #1</b>			<b>WELCOME TO THE FAMILY</b> 11:20 AM-1:12 PM		<b>SCENT OF LINDEN</b> 2:00 PM-3:52 PM			<b>LAST WEEKEND</b> 4:40 PM-6:14 PM		<b>THE SECRET SONG</b> 7:00 PM-8:39 PM			<b>CARNIFEX</b> 9:30 PM-11:01 PM		
<b>ICON - SCREEN #2</b>			<b>OLIVER AND THE POOL</b> 12:20 PM-2:00 PM		<b>GARDEN CITY, KANSAS</b> 2:45 PM-4:07 PM			<b>SHORTS PROGRAM 10: UNEXPECTED, UNPREDICTABLE, AND THE UNEXPLAINED</b> 4:50 PM-6:28 PM		<b>EAST BAY</b> 7:15 PM-8:49 PM		<b>SHORTS PROGRAM 3: GENREQUEST</b> 9:30 PM-11:20 PM			
<b>ICON - SCREEN #3</b>			<b>WHEN WE WERE SHUTTLE</b> 11:05 AM-12:59 PM		<b>THERE'S NO RAIN IN HELL</b> 1:45 PM-3:30 PM			<b>11.11.18</b> 4:15 PM-5:46 PM		<b>PAUL &amp; TRISHA: THE ART OF FLUIDITY</b> 6:30 PM-8:01 PM		<b>SLOANE: A JAZZ SINGER</b> 8:45 PM-10:21 PM			

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

	10 AM	11 AM	NOON	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM
<b>ICON - SCREEN #1</b>			<b>THE YOUNG ARSONISTS</b> 12:15 PM-1:52 PM		<b>THIS IS A FILM ABOUT MY MOTHER</b> 2:35 PM-3:55 PM			<b>A ZEBRA-RIDING BOY</b> 4:45 PM-6:22 PM		<b>TILL LOVE DO US PART</b> 7:00 PM-8:51 PM			<b>ABRUPTIO</b> 9:40 PM-11:14 PM		
<b>ICON - SCREEN #2</b>			<b>CALL ME MULE</b> 11:55 AM-1:30 PM		<b>EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF</b> 2:10 PM-3:50 PM			<b>SHORTS PROGRAM 8: WE ARE...</b> 4:30 PM-6:02 PM		<b>SHORTS PROGRAM 6: DOCUNATION</b> 6:45 PM-8:36 PM		<b>SHORTS PROGRAM 9: TO CREATE</b> 9:15 PM-11:05 PM			
<b>ICON - SCREEN #3</b>			<b>SILENCE 6-9</b> 12:30 PM-2:04 PM		<b>GREENER PASTURES</b> 2:45 PM-4:07 PM			<b>MINNESOTA MEAN</b> 4:55 PM-6:26 PM		<b>GRINGA</b> 7:10 PM-8:53 PM		<b>EVERYBODY WANTS TO BE LOVED</b> 9:30 PM-11:01 PM			

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

	10 AM	11 AM	NOON	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM
<b>ICON - SCREEN #1</b>					<b>EVERYBODY WANTS TO BE LOVED</b> 1:30 PM-3:01 PM		<b>O PIONEER</b> 3:40 PM-5:00 PM		<b>SWARM</b> 5:45 PM-7:25 PM		<b>STORY AVE.</b> 8:00 PM-9:34 PM				
<b>ICON - SCREEN #2</b>			<b>B-SIDE FOR TAYLOR</b> 12:05 PM-1:45 PM		<b>UNPACKING</b> 2:30 PM-3:59 PM			<b>SHORTS PROGRAM 2: EXPECTATIONS</b> 4:45 PM-6:33 PM		<b>THE EFFECTS OF LYING</b> 7:30 PM-9:29 PM					
<b>ICON - SCREEN #3</b>			<b>THE ISLAND IN ME</b> 11:50 AM-1:30 PM		<b>KNOW YOUR PLACE</b> 2:15 PM-4:15 PM			<b>PAUL &amp; TRISHA: THE ART OF FLUIDITY</b> 5:00 PM-6:31 PM		<b>DOUBLE DOWN SOUTH</b> 7:15 PM-9:15 PM					

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