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# Chandler International Film Festival



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# WELCOME TO 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHANDLER INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL



We are thrilled to bring another incredible year of captivating films, thought-provoking documentaries, and inspiring screenplays to Chandler, Arizona. This year's festival spans ten unforgettable days, showcasing the creativity and passion of talented filmmakers from across the globe.

Once again, we are proud to host our screenings at the LOOK Dine-In Cinema, offering an exceptional viewing experience. Each day, you'll enjoy a unique lineup of films, workshops, and engaging events. Don't miss the opportunity to connect with filmmakers and celebrities during our Q&A sessions and join us for lively after-parties at Downtown Chandler's most vibrant venues. At CIFF, we are dedicated to fostering art, culture, and community through the magic of storytelling. Whether you're a cinephile, a filmmaker, or simply curious, there's something here for everyone.

Join us as we celebrate the power of cinema to entertain, inspire, and bring us together. We can't wait to see you on the red carpet!

**Mitesh Patel**  
Founder & Festival Director

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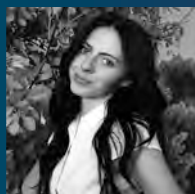
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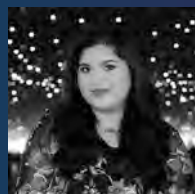
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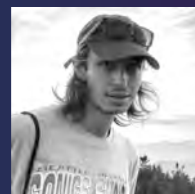
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# Friday, January 24th, 2025

6:00  
PM

## HOLLYWOOD *Style* Red Carpet

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: 1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225

**Come one, Come all! Join us as we kick off the 9th annual Chandler International Film Festival**

To open the festival we welcome you to walk the red carpet, get flashed by the paparazzi and become a "Hollywood Star" for an evening! This is your opportunity to meet and greet with filmmakers, actors, and all who support the film industry. Thank you to all!

*Please wear your best formal wear.*

8:00  
PM

## Operation Taco Gary's (Feature Film)

Starring: Simon Rex, Dustin Milligan, Brenda Song, Jason Biggs, Tony Cavalero, Doug Jones, Arturo Castro

Directed by Michael Kvamme | Run Time: 1:30, United States

*Two brothers embark on a cross country road trip that quickly devolves when they become involved in a global conspiracy.*



10:00  
PM

## After Party @ La Ristra New Mexican Kitchen

140 North Arizona Avenue Chandler, AZ 85225

**Once the opening night feature film is complete the night is not over!**

Please join us at La Ristra New Mexican Kitchen for food, beverages and to meet some of the cast and crew.

# Saturday, January 25th, 2025

8:00  
AM

## Coffee Connections

Downtown Chandler Cafe and Bakery  
40 S San Marcos Pl Chandler,  
AZ 85225 United States



## Downtown Chandler Cafe and Bakery

Join us for a delightful morning filled with coffee and meaningful connections! This event is specially curated for filmmakers like you to come together, share experiences, and build lasting connections within the vibrant filmmaking community. Exchange contact information, discuss potential collaborations, and leave with a network of like-minded filmmakers.

10:00  
AM

## Workshop - International Sales

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theatre 1  
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## Secrets of International Sales & Distribution - By Mitesh Patel

Unlock the keys to successfully navigating the complex world of international film sales and distribution. This exclusive workshop, led by Mitesh Patel, a seasoned filmmaker and CEO of Applied Art Productions LLC, is designed to empower indie filmmakers with the knowledge and strategies needed to maximize their film's reach and profitability across global markets.

12:00  
PM

## Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theatre 2  
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## Aaichya Gavati Marathi Bol

An American-born Marathi, Samar, travels to India seeking a cultured bride. Excited but clueless, he navigates Indian culture and discovers love plus lessons on identity, acceptance, and roots.



Omi Vaidya

**Premiere Status :** Special Screening

**Director :** Omi Vaidya

**Film Type :** Feature Film

**Run Time :** 116 minutes

**Location :** United States/India

12:15  
PM

## Best Drama Short Films

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theatre 1  
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## Real Mother

Having been told throughout his life he needs to meet his biological mother, adoptee Xavier finally does so, only to discover the only thing they have in common is blood.

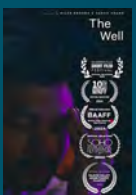
**Premiere Status :** Phoenix Premiere

**Director :** Tobin Carter

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 19 min

**Location :** United States



## The Well

The Award-winning short The Well tells the story of an Asian-American man confronting a bar owner he suspects is responsible for a traumatic childhood experience. What ensues is a tension-filled night where two men must find the courage to be honest and vulnerable with each other.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Philip Miles Orduna  
and Sarah Young

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 14 minutes 58 seconds

**Location :** United States



## Direct Action

A teenage environmentalist leads a protest against a coal mine, setting her on a collision course with her father, the police and courts.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere

**Director :** Tor Kristoffersen

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 13 minutes

**Location :** United States



## Jalopy

To rekindle their relationship, Mark and Loretta drive to Yosemite for an anniversary trip in Mark's vintage jeep, which starts to show signs of mechanical problems.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Sal Ardongé

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 11 minutes 20 seconds

**Location :** United States



## Displaced

Inspired by true events, DISPLACED follows Tina, a privileged woman, volunteering to help undocumented immigrants with their court appearances. She attempts to humanize them in the eyes of the Judge. But each asylum case is more horrifying than the last. A detainee must prove the torture inflicted upon him in his country will continue if he is forced to return; a soft-spoken single mother gets shutdown on an administrative technicality; and a hard-working student is accused of gang affiliation because he chose to wear a Chicago Bulls baseball cap. At the end of the day, one of the refugees suffers a crippling loss and Tina is left forever changed.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere

**Director :** Amy Leland

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 12 minutes 58 seconds

**Location :** United States



## Transient

Trapped in a bad marriage Tye Murphy struggles with accepting that the only way to heal is to leave behind the woman he's been deeply in love with for over 10 years. Taken in by his brother (Ricky) and sister-in-law, they soon discover that the damage Tye has endured has taken a deeper toll on his life and that his rock bottom is just beginning. Separated by an unfortunate event, the two brothers struggle to find their way back into each other's lives and to repair the trauma that haunts them both.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Luis Tovar

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 28 minutes 6 seconds

**Location :** United States



## Hold Me Tightly

Vera visits her husband Marik who suffers from advanced dementia at the assisted living facilities on their wedding anniversary – 50 years together. She grossly and audibly complains to those who are ready to listen about her ruined life with Marik. What if behind the irritation of a grossly swearing life-beaten old woman is hiding the tender and invincible feeling of love?

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere

**Director :** Erez Maharal

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 8 minutes 50 seconds

**Location :** United States



## Charles Gray

A man goes to a place to do a thing.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere

**Director :** Aaron Foster

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 13 minutes 40 seconds

**Location :** United States

12:30  
PM

## Documentary Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theatre 3  
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## Robert Shields : My Life As A Robot

"Robert Shields: My Life as a Robot" truly proves that anything is possible. This documentary tells the story of how Robert went from a teenager performing as a robot in front of the Hollywood Wax Museum to having a top-rated CBS variety show with his beautiful wife Lorene Yarnell, and, unbeknownst to him, becoming the inspiration for famous Hip-Hop and Pop & Lock dancers all over the world.



Robert Shields

**Premiere Status:** Phoenix Premiere

**Director :** Mark Bonn

**Film Type :** Documentary Feature Film

**Run Time :** 87 minutes

**Location :** United States

This story includes incredible never-before-seen footage of Robert showing off his astonishing talents. OVER 40 years old, these films were discovered in a Southern California garage and to our delight, these unbelievable movies had not turned to dust! This film may not save the environment, it won't take on a corrupt corporation nor will it make you write your congress person. What it will do is make you laugh, bring you wonder and joy and a man who shows you he can do just about anything.

3:00  
PM

## Best Comedy Short Films

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### Miracle Wood

A lonely, depressed old man finds hope in a holy piece of wood.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Johnny Rey Diaz

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 6 minutes 10 seconds

**Location :** United States



### Afloat

A new hire at Chicago Seas Boat Tours attempts to stay afloat as she encounters a harrowing call to action on the Chicago River.

**Premiere Status :** U.S. Premiere

**Director :** Reilly Johnson

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 11 minutes 20 seconds

**Location :** United States



### Breakfast Salad

When Andrew finally joins his friends for their cherished weekly breakfast outing, he discovers they have a bizarre new obsession: breakfast salads. Chaos ensues as Andrew struggles to accept this culinary rebellion, believing it to be a violation of breakfast law!

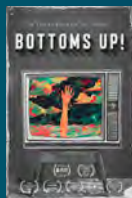
**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Roe Moore

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 4 minutes 50 seconds

**Location :** United States



### Bottoms UP

Bottoms UP! follows Amelia, a world-weary proctologist, and her loyal dog as they inadvertently discover a portal to another dimension. Lost in a surreal A.I.-assisted rotoscope realm of classic-television-themed vignettes and eccentric characters, Amelia embarks on a whimsical quest to reunite with her beloved pet and escape the bizarre world of 'Bottoms UP!'.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Brandon Schwindt

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 20 minutes

**Location :** United States



### Leverage

Jade Betts and her sidekick Richie must infiltrate the Russian mob's Christmas party and fight their way through the ranks, using festive weapons and witty one-liners. Leverage combines action and comedy, as Betts settles old scores with her former employer to preserve what's most important to her.

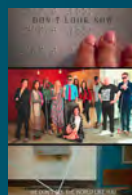
**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Michael Charron

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 14 minutes 19 seconds

**Location :** United States



### Don't Look Now

A diverse group of teachers and staff at a training center for the visually impaired must navigate the daily challenges of working for an underfunded non-profit.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Geno Marx

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 26 minutes

**Location :** United States

3:00  
PM

## Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theatre 2  
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### Sugarhouse

Maisie, a sweet-natured teenager, and Cricket, her headstrong little sister, are abandoned at their Midwestern farmhouse by Gage, their outlaw father. Facing the possibility of foster care and separation, as well as the heightened menace of Gage's volatile conspirators, the girls reach out for help from Finn, their wayward brother. Finn fears his return will lure him back to a life of crime, but Maisie's faith holds the family together. But as a mysterious medical condition threatens Cricket, and Finn drifts further into darkness, Maisie is pushed to the brink of despair. When Gage finally returns, Maisie uncovers the secrets that lie within the sugarhouse.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Frederick C. Jones &

Shirlee A. Wilson

**Film Type :** Feature Film

**Run Time :** 124 min

**Location :** United States

5:15  
PM

## Best Short Films Block A

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### La Vida

Jorge, a son of Salvadoran immigrants strives to make his high school soccer team but finds himself weighed down by the need to take care of his younger sister during his father's unexpected absence.

**Premiere Status :** North America Premiere

**Director :** Mauricio Alarcon

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 13 minutes

**Location :** United States



### Chorus Notes

After a chance encounter at a record store, two women form a connection through the power of music.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Casey de Fremery

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 10 minutes

**Location :** United States



### Again?

After a messy breakup, Sandra tries to find a new guy through dating apps, little does she know her dream guy ends up being oh too familiar

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Rodney Simmons Jr

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 10 minutes 53 seconds

**Location :** United States



### Fenwick

When an ambitious journalist investigates rumors of unethical practices at the now defunct Fenwick School, he unwittingly becomes part of the school's sinister history.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Rachel S. Thomas-Medwid

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 13 minutes 41 seconds

**Location :** United States



### The Red Stone

In Guadalajara, 1909, Carmen, an archaeologist, returns to investigate pre-Hispanic findings sent for the Independence Day anniversary. Amid political turmoil, she is tasked with restoring certain idols and objects, rumored to be cursed. Accompanied by Leonor, the housekeeper, Carmen explores the monumental house in search of answers. A grotesque specter, composed of human limbs, lurks in the shadows as Carmen discovers a special pre-Hispanic idol. The house becomes a terrifying stage where Carmen must decipher the mystery and survive this nightmare.

**Premiere Status :** Phoenix Premiere

**Director :** Jaime Jasso

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 23 minutes

**Location :** United States



### Sanguine Deposit

Mac is a violent, train hopping, drifter who has found himself wandering from small town to small town during the Great Depression. He is a sadist with no compunction about using robbery, or even murder, to survive. Although he seems happy-go-lucky, he can become annoyed or angered easily. To Mac, the world, and everything in it, are up for grabs to someone who is not afraid to use violence as a tool. Mac finds himself in the small town of Lago, which has had experience with murderers, and the citizenry are in fear of newcomers. As he drifts into a local bar, he picks up information about the town's wealthy doctor, who makes weekly bank deposits. After confirming this as true, he decides to stay a week in Lago with the aim of robbing the doctor during his next deposit. He spends a week committing petty robberies and drinking to excess until the day he can rob the doctor in an alleyway next to the bank. In a simple twist of fate, murderous Mac is killed by the more experienced murderer, old Doc Holmes; reminding all that no matter how big and bad a person may be, there's always someone bigger and badder...and more horrific...out there.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Robert Del Campo

**Film Type :** Short Film

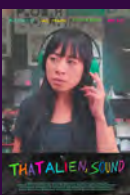
**Run Time :** 15 minutes

**Location :** United States

5:45  
PM

## Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theatre 2  
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



### That Alien, Sound

An alien sound wave appears to take over a woman's body through a radio broadcast. Her disbelieving boyfriend struggles to accept her identity and save their relationship.

**Premiere Status :** US Premeire

**Director :** Brando Topp

**Film Type :** Feature Film

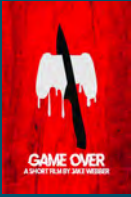
**Run Time :** 97 minutes

**Location :** United States

7:30  
PM

## Best Horror Short Films

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theatre 1  
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### Game Over

A line cook attempts to enjoy his evening after getting off an intense night of work by playing a simple video game, but his roommate keeps nagging at him to keep it down. Will the chef finally stick up for himself or will he succumb to his own horrific thoughts?

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere  
**Director :** Jake Webber  
**Film Type :** Short Film  
**Run Time :** 4 minutes 4 seconds  
**Location :** United States



### DUENDES

A Botany hobbyist traveling through a Mexican Forest crosses paths with and brings home, a Latin American Folklore, that's more than just a story.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona  
**Director :** Michael Brandon Wright  
**Film Type :** Short Film  
**Run Time :** 8 minutes 30 seconds  
**Location :** United States



### Curio

Two thieves break into an empty house only to find out the house hides a mysterious and deadly secret.

**Premiere Status :** Phoenix Premiere  
**Director :** Angel Ruiz  
**Film Type :** Short Film  
**Run Time :** 6 minutes  
**Location :** United States



### You Should Smile More

A young man's cliché advice leads to an unforgettable impromptu date under a stag moon.

**Premiere Status :** Phoenix Premiere  
**Director :** KL Martin  
**Film Type :** Short Film  
**Run Time :** 8 minutes 54 seconds  
**Location :** United States



### The Mare

A young woman's chilling battles with the blurred lines between reality and her nightmares.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona  
**Director :** Madison Hoover and Jaime Lucero Jr.  
**Film Type :** Short Film  
**Run Time :** 29 minutes  
**Location :** United States



### Catharsis

A young man with a haunting past starts to tap into a dark power when he begins to be bullied at school.

**Premiere Status :** Phoenix Premiere  
**Director :** Freddy Piñon  
**Film Type :** Short Film  
**Run Time :** 22 minutes  
**Location :** United States



### Hag

This story follows Reesa Crawford, a queer black woman from South Carolina who is having her first child with her wife, Khari. During this pregnancy, remnants of her past begin to torment her via the old urban legend of the boo hag. As this creature takes a toll on her mental and physical health and night terrors keep her from sleeping, we begin to wonder whether this monster is truly real or all in her head.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere  
**Director :** Jay Najeeah  
**Film Type :** Short Film  
**Run Time :** 21 minutes 43 seconds  
**Location :** United States

8:30  
PM

## Feature Film

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### Britney Lost Her Phone

In the early 1800's the first white settlers set out for the Pacific coast. They're seeking freedom, peace and a new life in the Promised Land. Most will never make it. Instead, they will die of starvation in the cruel and foreign deserts. We follow one of those families as they try and overcome the long odds of survival in this strange new environment. As grief, hunger and desperation begin to tear the Youngman family apart, they find salvation in the most unlikely place.... a smart phone.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere  
**Director :** Vito Trabucco  
**Film Type :** Feature Film  
**Run Time :** 108 minutes  
**Location :** United States



9:00  
PM

After Party @ BlackSheep Wine Bar  
& Merchant

98 South San Marcos Place  
Chandler, AZ 85225



## BlackSheep Wine Bar & Merchant

Join us after a full day of fantastic screenings! The fun doesn't stop as filmmaker and filmgoers can all meet and eat at BlackSheep Wine Bar & Merchant.

11:59  
PM

## Midnight Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theatre 2  
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



### Astral Plane Drifter

The enigmatic, endearing, and outrageously mellow Drifter crosses the vast expanse of the open desert; a man on a mission. As he moves towards the first of his many zany skirmishes, we hear through flashback and narration, some of his backstory and what has led him here; his Ex-Girlfriend has been captured by Space Vampires. As he continues on his journey, he discovers that there are other forces at work. The malevolent GalaxiKhan turns out to be not only Drifter's primary foe, but the force behind the Space Vampires, and also the Snake People who spring up several times in the most ridiculous of ways to attempt to thwart and capture Drifter. Meanwhile, GalaxiKhan holds Sidekick, Drifter's loyal companion, prisoner in his lair, gleefully torturing him and anticipating Drifter's arrival. Along the way, Drifter also encounters Uncle Wizard, and The Wise One, and is reminded of his role as a Mystic Of the First Order. This MOFO must come face to face with GalaxiKhan and all his minions, in order to rescue Sidekick, his Ex-Girlfriend and perhaps even save The Universe!

Premiere Status : Arizona Premiere

Director : Scott Slone

Film Type : Feature Film

Run Time : 90 minutes

Location : United States

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# Sunday, January 26th, 2025

8:00  
AM

## Coffee Connections

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315 S Arizona Ave Chandler,  
AZ 85225 United States



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10:30  
AM

## Workshop - International Sales

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## "Film Festival Mastery" - Jon Fitzgerald

It's common knowledge that the success of an indie film can be heavily influenced by whether or not a film has a successful festival run. If your film makes even the tiniest of splashes, it can lead to distribution, sales, financing, representation, connections, and advancing your career. Slamdance co-founder Jon Fitzgerald will share the keys to playing the right events and maximizing your film festival experience, as well as distribution strategies, and insights into advancing your career. All attendees will be given complimentary copies of Jon's new book, Film Festival Playbook

12:00  
PM

## Documentary Feature Film

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## Anxiety Club

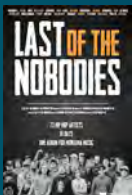
ANXIETY CLUB provides an intimate and humorous look at anxiety through the eyes and minds of some of the most brilliant comedians working today. Tiffany Jenkins, Joe List, Marc Maron, Aparna Nancherla, Mark Normand, Baron Vaughn and Eva Victor offer candid reflections on their relationship with anxiety through exclusive interviews, standup performances, sketch videos, therapy and everyday life.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere  
**Director :** Wendy Lobel  
**Film Type :** Documentary Feature Film  
**Run Time :** 86 minutes  
**Location :** United States

12:15  
PM

## Documentary Short Films

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theatre 1  
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## Last Of The Nobodies

A group of Montana hip hop artists come together to create a collaboration album to uplift the Montana sound.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere  
**Director :** Colter Olmstead  
**Film Type :** Documentary Short Film  
**Run Time :** 21 minutes 33 seconds  
**Location :** United States



## From Pen To Paper

Twenty-four prisoners--mostly lifers--sat across from a dozen college students on a maximum security prison yard in southern California as part of an innovative and inspiring creative writing program. For 14 weeks, prisoners learned to express themselves openly and honestly, many for the first time in their lives, to a group of strangers, in a setting where survival often demands alienation, disaffection, even violence. And the students--at first apprehensive, even hateful--discovered that the men across from them were far from the callous and unfeeling monsters they had expected to meet. Though their often intimate collaboration, both groups found hope and humanity in a place where they had expected neither.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere  
**Director :** Paul Sutton and Lori Sutton  
**Film Type :** Documentary Short Film  
**Run Time :** 28 minutes 18 seconds  
**Location :** United States



## Beyond the Herd

Interweaving the rhythms of daily life on the ranch and wild horses on the range, "Beyond the Herd" tells the story of Mexican-American equestrians Amber and Isidro. Their kinship with mustangs echoes their own experiences with discrimination and 'otherness.' As resources dwindle for wild horses, their bond becomes a symbol of resilience, transforming once-wild mustangs into lifelong companions.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Michelle Fenn

**Film Type :** Documentary Short Film

**Run Time :** 19 minutes 59 seconds

**Location :** United States



## We Are Arizona

We are roughed individuals who actually agree more than we don't, we are Arizona.

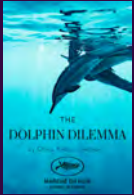
**Premiere Status :** Phoenix Premiere

**Director :** Randy Murray

**Film Type :** Documentary Short Film

**Run Time :** 29 minutes 33 seconds

**Location :** United States



## The Dolphin Dilemma

Imagine, waking up being covered in third-degree burns, that's what it's like for the Burrunan dolphins in Australia. But why is this happening? That's what Dr. Duignan, Director of Pathology at The Marine Mammal Center, Dr. Stephen's from Murdoch University, and Dr. Robb from the Marine Mammal Foundation had to find out. This film explores this international collaboration that proves for the first time that these lesions being found on cetaceans around the world are only caused by climate change.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere

**Director :** Olivia Andrus-Drennan

**Film Type :** Documentary Short Film

**Run Time :** 18 minutes 3 seconds

**Location :** United States



## Bridge Of Curiosity

Bridge of Curiosity is a heartfelt journey of wisdom and wonder, with conversations with young and old worldwide, illuminating the profound significance of curiosity, wisdom, and inclusion across generations ... Highlighting the invaluable benefits of knowledge transfer from the elderly, forging connections that enrich both young and old alike. As we witness the significance of these connections, it challenges us all to take steps toward a more inclusive, connected, and enriched future for all.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Frank J Fazzio

**Film Type :** Documentary Short Film

**Run Time :** 11 minutes 30 seconds

**Location :** United States



## Ancient Lands and Lives Above the Grand Canyon Rims

Ancient Lands & Lives- Above The Grand Canyon Rims is a high impact and fast-paced short Docu-music video that embraces Arizona's Grand Canyon wildlife experience through versatile animal habitats and its resilient pinyon-juniper evergreen trees on the Canyon's Rims. Its vast colorful canyon rock formations reveal layers in geological time, dramatic thunderstorms with rising cloud formations, dark night skies (Milky Way Galaxy visible) and sacred tribal lands.

**Premiere Status :** North America Premiere

**Director :** Carol J. Amore

**Film Type :** Documentary Short Film

**Run Time :** 9 minutes

**Location :** United States

2:15  
PM

## Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theatre 2  
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



## Somewhere Confidential

"Somewhere Confidential" is a darkly comedic film noir that plunges viewers into the twisted world of detective Guthrie Hayward. As he spirals through a labyrinth of vice and deceit, his unconventional allies include a loyal dingo accountant, his drug-addled siblings, and an enigmatic Mennonite with possibly mystical abilities. With danger lurking at every corner and a cryptic conspiracy pushing society to its limits, Guthrie must navigate treacherous waters to crack the case and make a clean getaway.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Casey Siegel

**Film Type :** Feature Film

**Run Time :** 01:45

**Location :** United States

3:00  
PM

## Best International Short Films

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theatre 1  
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



## The Ones Who Didn't Fly Away

A crossover narrative exploring themes of immigration and romance unfolds as Glaucus and Era's paths intersect unexpectedly through a fortuitous traffic collision.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere

**Director :** Enriko Hamzaj

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 30 minutes

**Location :** Albania



## The Special Train

On a summer afternoon, Saverio and Cataldo, a student and a teacher, find themselves in the countryside that they usually see everyday through the train window. The meeting becomes an opportunity to get to know each other better, allowing Saverio to read a poem he has just written. The story is about the train crash happened between Andria and Corato, in 2016 in Puglia Italy, and it's dedicated to the victims of this tragedy.

**Premiere Status :** USA Premiere

**Director :** Luigi Cianciaruso

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 9 minutes 29 seconds

**Location :** Italy



## The Calling

Two brothers, living in isolation after an apocalypse, clash over their beliefs when intruders approach their hideout.

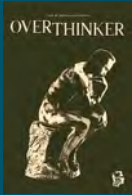
**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Piotr Matyja

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 13 minutes 55 seconds

**Location :** Poland



## Overthinker

The deadline is approaching, and Alexander, the film director, is in big trouble. He is unable to write a script for a short film. He is afraid that the story will not be good; he does not trust himself; he is afraid of failure. All hell breaks loose in his head.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Nemanja Mladenovic

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 13 minutes

**Location :** Serbia



## L'Hypermnésique (The Hypermnesic)

Gaby (Agathe Natanson Marielle) and Jo (Bernard Farcy) are an elderly couple without children, living alone in their flat. Throughout their lifetime, they each had life plans and yet never managed to live out their dreams and Gaby felt a deep sense of guilt and trauma due to her inability to conceive children. As Jo approaches the end of his life, his memory slowly fades away. Gaby sees a chance to give her husband a taste of the life he had never lived. Every night while he sleeps, she places false memories all over their apartment: fake trinkets and family photos filled with grandchildren. Since she can no longer rely on the future to change things, she will try to change the past to give Jo the feeling of a fulfilled life with no regrets.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Julien Mouquet

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 20 minutes

**Location :** United Kingdom



## A Pinch Of Salt

Abhra, a stay-at-home poet indulges in elaborate culinary displays of affection for his newly married wife, Saivi who is fighting memories of her abusive past. The 'gastronomic delights' cooked by Abhra are found to be unpalatable by Saivi and she conjures up intricate ruses to escape from eating the food without hurting his feelings. However, one day Abhra finds out and takes a tough decision to keep their relationship and love brewing at all costs.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Tathagata Bhowmik

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 15 minutes

**Location :** India

5:00  
PM

## Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theater 2  
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



## Step Back, Doors Closing

This is a charming love story between Ryan and Julisa, two young adults who long for authentic and emotionally intelligent relationships. After a chance encounter on the DC metro, they spend the next twenty-four hours discussing their hopes, dreams, and fears. Slowly but surely, they reveal more and more about themselves, and fall in love.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Carter Ward

**Film Type :** Feature Film

**Run Time :** 1 hour 38 minutes

**Location :** United States

5:30  
PM

## Best Woman Short Film Block A

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theater 1  
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



## Birds of Paradise

A toxic relationship falls apart during an ill-fated trip to Hawaii.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere

**Director :** Veronica Rutledge

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 25 minutes

**Location :** United States



## Avocado Heart Girl

When David turns 11, he imagines having the best birthday but like every year of Davids life his sister, Leanne takes all the attention due to her disability, this year seems even more suffocating as Leanne has an upcoming operation. Leanne's condition has not only affected Davids's home life but also his school life. The kids at school are scared of Leanne and make fun of her and tease David so he cannot escape the world that revolves around Leanne. However, this year David wanted a birthday that Leanne could not ruin and for his dad to pick him up and take him out.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere  
**Director :** Keeley Gainey  
**Film Type :** Short Film  
**Run Time :** 19 minutes 17 seconds  
**Location :** United Kingdom



## Lequando

A seemingly perfect first date is interrupted by a couple's dating app that has doubts about anything but less than 100% compatibility.

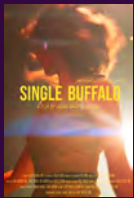
**Premiere Status :** World Premiere  
**Director :** Roxanne Rapp and Eric James Gravolin  
**Film Type :** Short Film  
**Run Time :** 13 minutes  
**Location :** United Kingdom



## PEOPLE

A grandmother, mother, and granddaughter take a trip to their cabin in hopes of a peaceful vacation, but concerns arise when Margaret's Alzheimer's overtakes her, as she starts to see people other than her family.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere  
**Director :** Laura Anastasia Jones  
**Film Type :** Short Film  
**Run Time :** 8 minutes 10 seconds  
**Location :** United States



## Single Buffalo

As Catherine tries to keep her composure in hopes of finding a connection, her date ticks her off to where she has no other option, but bursting into a musical dance number.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere  
**Director :** Laura Anastasia Jones  
**Film Type :** Short Film  
**Run Time :** 10 minutes 12 seconds  
**Location :** United States



## Dark Side

A troubled dancer who is struggling with her mental health unexpectedly comes face to face with her inner critic.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere  
**Director :** Katie Austin  
**Film Type :** Short Film  
**Run Time :** 10 minutes  
**Location :** United States



## Darlins

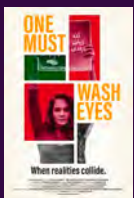
When a writer cuts a creepy creature from her novel and turns down a would-be suitor, she finds her editing choices have dire consequences.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere  
**Director :** Zach Uthman  
**Film Type :** Short Film  
**Run Time :** 9 minutes 29 seconds  
**Location :** United States

7:30  
PM

## Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theatre 2  
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



## One Must Wash Eyes

One Must Wash Eyes is a poignant drama that follows Sahar, an aspiring international student from Iran, whose academic ambitions take her far from home, her culture, and most importantly, her beloved maman. After three and a half years studying in Vancouver, Sahar struggles to connect with her peers, dividing her time between academics and working long hours at her uncle's grocery store. Despite her isolation, she finds solace in her bond with TNT, an imaginative eight-year-old whose passion for spray-painting crude smiley faces across the neighbourhood brings unexpected joy to her life.

**Premiere Status :** U.S Premiere  
**Director :** Sepideh Yadegar  
**Film Type :** Feature Film  
**Run Time :** 88 minutes  
**Location :** United States

8:00  
PM

## Best Suspense/Thriller Shorts Block A

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theatre 1  
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## Honor's Half-Life

When a teenage daughter's ex military father brings her to help an old friend from his unit, she discovers the gruesome secret he's had to keep. Now she finds herself in a life or death situation that none of her father's training could have ever prepared her for.

**Premiere Status :** Phoenix Premiere  
**Director :** Robert Flowers  
**Film Type :** Short Film  
**Run Time :** 10 minutes  
**Location :** United States



## Not Today, Not Tomorrow

After a daring prison escape, childhood besties Bo (Amanda Holquin) and Olivia (Katrina Steele) find themselves stranded in the desert with no water. With the odds stacked against them, Bo and Olivia need to find a way to settle their differences, survive the desert and elude possible capture, all in order to reach Uncle Roger's safehouse. One thing is certain, if they're going to die it's Not Today, Not Tomorrow.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Neil Miguel Watson

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 16 minutes 48 seconds

**Location :** United States



## CYCLES

Amidst the ruins of a shattered world, a desperate man searches for medicine to save his ailing girlfriend, navigating a brutal landscape, he discovers the harrowing lengths people go to and the violent cycles that trap them all.

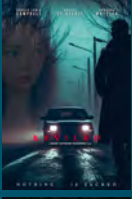
**Premiere Status :** World Premiere

**Director :** Canyon DiMare

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 7 minutes 11 seconds

**Location :** United States



## Reviled

Hannah meets a mysterious man with a key to her past. In her struggle for the truth, an invisible enemy threatens to take her life.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona

**Director :** Marc Anthony Massimei

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 19 minutes

**Location :** United States



## World's Shortest War

Desperate for money and out of time; Joaquin, Jesse, and Frank panic in an empty parking lot from a failed house robbery. With nothing left but a dimebag of cocaine, the three turn to what they know best. Joaquin, struggling to find his voice, is pressured to rob a local pizza shop in a final desperate attempt to gain money. Battling the urge to leave, Joaquin reluctantly stays, out of loyalty. As the three forcefully rush the cashier and manager, they take off with the money. Joaquin, questioning his decisions and friends, finally comes to the realization that he's all alone. With nowhere left to go, Joaquin calls his father for help. Wishing to leave his life behind and return home.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere

**Director :** Joseph Horta

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 11 minutes

**Location :** United States

## Confessional

A priest whose job is to listen to confessions ends up with an encounter that will forever change his way of looking at people.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere

**Director :** Doc Skinner

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 14 minutes

**Location :** United States



## Nocturnus

On a remote vacation, a group of friends dismisses Devin's claims of being watched, blaming her night terrors, until the sinister presence she fears begins to manifest.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere

**Director :** Huy Nguyen

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 19 minutes

**Location :** United States

9:30  
PM

After Party @ **LOOK Dine-In Cinema**

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## LOOK Dine-In Cinema

Join us after a full day of fantastic screenings! The fun doesn't stop as filmmaker and filmgoers can all meet and eat at LOOK Dine-In Cinema.

### Selected Screenplays

- **Lala, my redhead** by Nellie K & Deniz Nala
- **Fire Flies** by Larry Gene Fortin
- **By the Dark of the Black Blood Moon** by Salvito Prano
- **RIVERWALK** by Robin Scovill & Lea Endres
- **Eye For An Eye** by Ashley Bowers
- **Screams of the Silent** by SherLann D. Moore
- **Blue Butterfly** by Geno Marx
- **Dissension** by Stacey Alan Spivey

# Monday, January 27th, 2025: PAN-AFRICAN DAY

6:00  
PM

## Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theatre 1  
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



### Nawi : Dear Future Me

Sold for livestock by her own father, a young girl escapes her impending marriage and embarks on a journey to reclaim her dream of joining high school.

As the lines between reality and madness blur, She must uncover the truth before it's too late—before she becomes another victim of the malevolent force that lurks within the walls of the estate.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Toby Schmutzler, Kevin Schmutzler, Apuu Mourine, Valentine Chelluget

**Film Type :** Feature Film

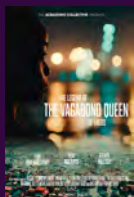
**Run Time :** 100 minutes

**Location :** Kenya

8:30  
PM

## Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theatre 1  
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### The Legend of the Vagabond Queen of Lagos

Jawu, a young mother from a waterfront slum in Lagos, stumbles upon a horde of corrupt blood money marked for a real estate development that threatens her home.

Overcoming isolation and temptation, she must stand as a unifying force in a community that stands to lose everything.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** James Tayler, Mathew Cerf, Temitope Ogungbamila, Samuel Okechukwu, Tina Edukpo, Elijah Segun Atinkpo, Bisola Akinmuyiwa

**Film Type :** Feature Film

**Run Time :** 100 minutes

**Location :** Nigeria

9:30  
PM

## After Party @ West Alley BBQ & Smokehouse

111 East Boston Street Chandler, AZ 85225



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# Tuesday, January 28, 2025: ASIA DAY

6:00  
PM

Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theatre 1  
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



## Paper Flowers

At 22, SHALIN SHAH had it all — a loving and supportive family, the love of his life by his side, and a promising future ahead, filled with high minded ideals of changing the world. A recent USC graduate, Shalin heads off to Peru to serve in the Peace Corps for two years.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Mahesh Pailoor

**Film Type :** Feature Film

**Run Time :** 101 minutes

**Location :** United States

8:30  
PM

Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theatre 1  
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



## Fanatic

One day, 'Oppa' became a criminal. I, who used to be a Seongdeok[successful fan], went through conflicting emotions. Fury, sorrow, and a little bit of embarrassment. I remembered my friends, his fans. Some say they are furious because they trusted and supported him the most, while some say the true fans will be there for him until the end. Can we keep being a fan? No, can we quit being a fan? Nowadays, which is a hard time to love someone to our hearts' content, I shall listen to the fans who are suffering because of the love they've given.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Seyeon Oh

**Film Type :** Feature Film

**Run Time :** 87 minutes

**Location :** South Korea

10:00  
PM

After Party @ Bourbon Jacks  
American Tavern

11 West Boston Street #Suite 1  
Chandler, AZ 85225



## Bourbon Jacks American Tavern

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### Special Guests 2025



Sean McNamara

Tara Reid

Omi Vaidya

Àngels Ratés

Robert Shields

Richard Adams

Jon Fitzgerald



Johny Lever

Erika Glasser

Dallas Roberts

Olivia d'Abo

Tony Cavalero

Gena Vazquez

Bourke Floyd



# Wednesday, January 29, 2025: WESTERN DAY

6:00  
PM

## Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theater 1  
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



### Vengeance: A Tombstone Remembrance

Some very bad men kill our hero's wife. He hunts them down but a stranger meets up with him and advises not to murder then out of revenge.

**Premiere Status** : Phoenix Premiere

**Director** : Mark Headley

**Film Type** : Feature Film

**Run Time** : 72 minutes

**Location** : United States

8:30  
PM

## Feature Film (Special Screening)

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theatre 1  
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



### 3:10 To Yuma

Outlaw Ben Wade (Russell Crowe) terrorizes 1800s Arizona, especially the Southern Railroad, until he is finally captured. Wade must be brought to trial, so Dan Evans (Christian Bale), the owner of a drought-stricken ranch, volunteers to escort him to the train. Along the trail, a grudging respect forms between the men, but danger looms at every turn, and the criminal's men are in pursuit.

**Premiere Status** : Special Screening

**Director** : James Mangold

**Film Type** : Feature Film

**Run Time** : 122 minutes

**Location** : United States

8:30  
PM

## Best Western Short Films

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theatre 2  
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



### Come Out Wherever You Are

Vernon Parrish, a retired mayor of a large suburb just outside of Chicago, had moved to the small town of Livingston, Montana, for peace and solitude and to get out of the public eye. After six years, Verne's past returns to haunt him, driving him into a self-imposed exile at his cabin in the woods, hoping to ride out the media storm. While he is away, a storm of a different form rolls in, drastically changing the world as he knew it, culminating in a tale of a man who is both a victim and a beneficiary of circumstance.

**Premiere Status** : Arizona Premiere

**Director** : Caitlin Presberg

**Film Type** : Short Film

**Run Time** : 29 minutes

**Location** : United States



### Woman With No Name

In a strange, dreamlike Western setting, the Woman With No Name is on a mission to uncover the identity of the mysterious Faceless Man. Along the way, she faces shifting identities and broken realities. She takes on outlaws, explores different landscapes, and travels through time—from saloons to gritty industrial wastelands. Each scene mixes different genres and time periods. As her chase becomes more urgent, she starts to realize the Faceless Man is connected to her own fractured identity. In the end, they face off in a tense confrontation where identities blur and hidden truths come to light, exploring the struggle for purpose and the search for meaning in a constantly changing world.

**Premiere Status** : Arizona Premiere

**Director** : Rowdy Olson

**Film Type** : Short Film

**Run Time** : 13 minutes

**Location** : United States



### Keep Your Mouth Shut

Miners can't keep from bragging about their gold find and get themselves in trouble during the Wild West.

**Premiere Status** : Phoenix Premiere

**Director** : Michael Dohrmann

**Film Type** : Short Film

**Run Time** : 8 minutes

**Location** : United States



### BORDERS

An Indigenous tribe divided by the United States and Mexico fights to preserve their traditions while dealing with Border conflicts.

**Premiere Status** : Arizona Premiere

**Director** : Kenneth Shirley & Adam Conte

**Film Type** : Short Film

**Run Time** : 35 minutes

**Location** : United States

6:15  
PM

## Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theatre 2  
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



### Sod & Stubble

Sod and Stubble is the story of a German immigrant Henry Ise and his devoted wife, Rosie Haag Ise who with tenacity and devotion fight to craft a home for their family on the plains of Kansas.

Based on the book by the same name, written by John Ise with additional material by Von Rothenberger, Sod and Stubble has been remembered by some as a "non-fiction novel" that provides the readers with a realism rarely delivered.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere

**Director :** Ken Spurgeon

**Film Type :** Feature Film

**Run Time :** 102 minutes

**Location :** United States

10:00  
PM

## After Party @ DTC Sports Grille

DTC Sports Grille  
55 West Chicago Street Chandler,  
AZ 85225 United States



### The D.T.C. Sports Grille

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# Thursday, January 30, 2025: INDIAN DAY

6:00  
PM

## Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theatre 1  
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



### Jama

A young Koothu artist, fighting to continue his fathers legacy of traditional folk art amidst rivals suppressions , torn between his love, mothers wishes, and his own creative path.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Pari Elavazhagan

**Film Type :** Feature Film

**Run Time :** 133 minutes

**Location :** United States

8:30  
PM

## Spotlight Session

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theatre 1  
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225

## In Conversation with Johnny Lever: The Art of Comedy in Cinema

Join us for an unforgettable evening at Look Dine-In Cinemas for an exclusive opportunity to meet the legendary Johnny Lever. As one of the most beloved and versatile actors in Hindi cinema, Johnny will share firsthand stories and insights from his remarkable career. With his experience spanning over three decades, this is your chance to hear about the evolution of **Bollywood**, his journey as a comedic powerhouse, and his personal experiences working alongside some of the biggest names in the industry.

Known for his impeccable comic timing and unforgettable roles in films like Baazigar, Dulhe Raja, Golmaal, and Kick, Johnny Lever has become a household name in India and worldwide. His career includes over **350 films**, with roles that have shaped the landscape of Indian comedy. From his early days as a stand-up comedian to becoming a Bollywood icon, Johnny has seen it all.



10:00  
PM

## After Party @ Bourbon Jacks American Tavern

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# Friday, January 31, 2025: **LATINO DAY**

**6:00  
PM**

## Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theatre 1  
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



### Voces Del Destino

Pop star Javier "Bruno Bravo" Cruz and street busker Valentina Sol clash when they're forced to share a Los Angeles villa, each believing they own it. Amid fiery rivalry, music unites them, revealing a childhood bond and sparking love. Voces del Destino proves destiny always finds its way.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Yoying Eng

**Film Type :** Feature Film

**Run Time :** 116 minutes

**Location :** United States

**6:15  
PM**

## Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theatre 2  
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



### Day Eight (Dia Ocho)

Three stories that occur in different times intertwine to reach a shocking outcome. YIRA SANDOVAL, a popular influencer who is immersed in the search for a miracle for her younger sister, who suffers from an incurable disease.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere

**Director :** Jose Gomez, Angela Medina

**Film Type :** Feature Film

**Run Time :** 90 minutes

**Location :** United States

**8:30  
PM**

## Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theatre 2  
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### In The Deep ( En Lo Profundo)

Lizeth returns home 15 years after fleeing because of her father's abuse, and now she has decided to forgive him so that she can be close to her mother. But the strange apparition of a girl's ghost makes her believe that her father is the murderer.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Jairo Alberto Estrada Montoya

**Film Type :** Feature Film

**Run Time :** 90 minutes

**Location :** United States

**8:45  
PM**

## Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theatre 1  
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### Merlin

Laura, A compassionate but struggling nurse is hired by a reclusive widower, to look after his bedridden daughter as a care giver. Merlin a young woman in her early twenties, is severely disabled, unable to move or communicate normally after a traumatic event years earlier, Vulnerable soul who needs constant care, and the isolated, grand estate where they live seems like the perfect place for her to heal.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere

**Director :** Webster Batista

**Film Type :** Feature Film

**Run Time :** 100 minutes

**Location :** United States

**10:00  
PM**

## After Party @ Ghett Yo Taco

241 South Oregon Street Chandler,  
AZ 85225 United States



### Ghett Yo Taco's + Wing's

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10:30  
PM

## Spotlight Session

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### In Conversation with Tara Reid: Her Life in Film

Join us for an unforgettable evening at Look Dine-In Cinemas as we welcome actress Tara Reid for an exclusive opportunity to connect and engage. Known for her iconic roles and dynamic presence in Hollywood, Tara will share her firsthand experiences in the entertainment industry, offering exclusive insights into filmmaking, navigating the highs and lows of Hollywood, and her journey as a versatile actress and producer.

Tara's illustrious career spans over two decades, including her breakout role as Vicky in the beloved comedy American Pie and her memorable performances in The Big Lebowski, Van Wilder, and the cult-favorite Sharknado franchise. Beyond her on-screen work, Tara has also ventured into producing, showcasing her multifaceted talents and deep understanding of the industry.



11:59  
PM

## Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theatre 1  
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



### Staycation

How is the world affected by a catastrophic event? Everyday people live through a government mandated quarantine during a global pandemic while desperate scientists race to find a cure before it's too late.

Lead virologist Edward Bellows races to find a cure to the Nix virus as the world collapses under the weight of this worldwide horror. Meanwhile, roommates Britt and Marnie, are forced to live together, while a couple, Matt and Cathy, separated between continents, must all deal with their newfound realities.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere

**Director :** Russ Emanuel

**Film Type :** Feature Film

**Run Time :** 93 minutes

**Location :** United States

# Saturday, February 1, 2025

8:00  
AM

## Coffee Connections with MAYOR KEVIN HARTKE

Maple House  
198 W Boston St Chandler,  
AZ 85225 United States



### Maple House with Mayor Kevin Hartke

Join us for a delightful morning filled with coffee and meaningful connections! This event is specially curated for filmmakers like you to come together, share experiences, and build lasting connections within the vibrant filmmaking community. Exchange contact information, discuss potential collaborations, and leave with a network of like-minded filmmakers.

10:00  
AM

## Workshop: A Film Finance Master Class

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theatre 1  
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



### RAISING CAPITAL FOR YOUR FEATURE FILM - A Film Finance Master Class Presented by Gena Vazquez SVP of The Catalina Film Institute

Looking to fund your film and make your vision a reality? This isn't your typical "boring finance talk", we're bringing you real-world insights, hands-on tips, and everything you need to confidently close the capital for your next big project!

Join private equity investors who will demystify the secrets of film financing and raising capital. This workshop is not just an opportunity to learn about funding strategies; it's a study into polishing your financial acumen in order to successfully close capital. Discover how successful film producers prepare investment materials, build lasting relationships with investors, handle investor relations, develop investment strategies, and utilize distribution deals to bring their visions to life. With real-world insights and interactive discussions, this master class will equip you with the tools to transform your passion for film into a viable and investment worthy project. Don't miss this chance to understand the funding secrets that can make or break a film.



# OFFICIAL ATTEMPT

## LARGEST DISPLAY OF POSTERS

The Chandler International Film Festival (CIFF) is proud to announce its upcoming Guinness World Record Official Attempt event, the "Largest display of posters" taking place on **February 2nd, 2025, NOON** at LOOK Dine-In Cinema. This historic display will feature all movie posters from all official selections from 2017 to 2025, celebrating the incredible work of our talented filmmakers.

12:00 PM

### Feature Film

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## Gloria

Based on a real couple in El Paso, Texas who met in the late 1930's, and fell in love in high school. Alex Vasquez, now in his 80's, looks back on the heavy hearted and joyful times with his one true love, Gloria. Does Alex's regret of the way he behaved prove too much for him to handle? A film about people who are working to rebuild damaged relationships.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Hope Martinez

**Film Type :** Feature Film

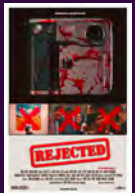
**Run Time :** 107 minutes

**Location :** United States

12:15 PM

### Best Arizona Short Films

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## Rejected

In "Rejected," a short horror parody, three twisted tales of macabre horror unfold, all linked by an antiquated digital camera from 1997. The tales intertwine, creating a narrative that is both terrifying and hilariously absurd.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Rene R Rivas

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 14 minutes 52 seconds

**Location :** United States



## Keep Your Mouth Shut

Miners can't keep from bragging about their gold find and get themselves in trouble during the Wild West.

**Premiere Status :** Phoenix Premiere

**Director :** Michael Dohrmann

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 8 minutes

**Location :** United States



## In Monster's Hands

A true-crime thriller about a police detective suffering from PTSD, who begins a daunting, cross-country search for a homicidal sexual predator targeting elderly couples.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere

**Director :** Christopher Sheffield

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 20 minutes 50 seconds

**Location :** United States



## Rescued

A Faith-Based film about a young Christian man whose desire to help others leads him to become a paramedic. Now faced with daily tragedy and human atrocities, TIM questions his faith. Can he find his way back?

**Premiere Status :** Phoenix Premiere

**Director :** Rod Randolph and Dylan Garcia

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 26 minutes 34 seconds

**Location :** United States



## BORDERS

An Indigenous tribe divided by the United States and Mexico fights to preserve their traditions while dealing with Border conflicts.

**Premiere Status :** Phoenix Premiere

**Director :** Kenneth Shirley & Adam Conte

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 35 Minutes

**Location :** United States



## SILHOUETTE

During a rehearsal for a concert, a pianist recalls a chapter of his life when he and his partner go through her breast cancer journey

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere

**Director :** Neal Mei

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 6 Minutes

**Location :** United States

2:30  
PM

## Best Action/Adventure Short Films

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### Indent Pursuit

In a post-apocalyptic future, Respite stands as one of few successful towns in the wasteland. Indentured laborers work to earn their citizenship. Lichmar, a green bounty hunter, is sent after a fleeing "Indent" to return him to the fold.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere  
**Director :** Nick LaRovere  
**Film Type :** Short Film  
**Run Time :** 5 minutes 22 seconds  
**Location :** United States



### Struthio

Chandler's City Council tours an exciting new game house prior to its grand opening. The Mayor, Kevin Hartke, finds one game in particular that unleashes a world of adventure and mischief that he must beat before the clock runs out or face the catastrophic consequences forever.

**Premiere Status :** Phoenix Premiere  
**Director :** Courtney Randolph  
**Film Type :** Short Film  
**Run Time :** 15 minutes 33 seconds  
**Location :** United States



### Abduction

In a parking lot, Omar's life takes a terrifying twist when he becomes the target of an unstable abductor. With time running out, Omar must muster all his courage to outwit his captor and make a desperate bid for freedom.

**Premiere Status :** Phoenix Premiere  
**Director :** Omar Hashem  
**Film Type :** Short Film  
**Run Time :** 12 minutes 32 seconds  
**Location :** United States



### Punjabi Protector

Resourceful and determined British Indian secret agent embarks on a mission of revenge after her partner is killed by a ruthless crime lord. Balancing her sense of justice with personal vendetta, she navigates a web of danger and intrigue

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere  
**Director :** Daniel Locicero  
**Film Type :** Short Film  
**Run Time :** 9 minutes 44 seconds  
**Location :** United States



### A Woman With No Name

In a strange, dreamlike Western setting, the Woman With No Name is on a mission to uncover the identity of the mysterious Faceless Man. Along the way, she faces shifting identities and broken realities. She takes on outlaws, explores different landscapes, and travels through time—from saloons to gritty industrial wastelands. Each scene mixes different genres and time periods. As her chase becomes more urgent, she starts to realize the Faceless Man is connected to her own fractured identity. In the end, they face off in a tense confrontation where identities blur and hidden truths come to light, exploring the struggle for purpose and the search for meaning in a constantly changing world.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere  
**Director :** Rowdy Olson  
**Film Type :** Short Film  
**Run Time :** 13 minutes  
**Location :** United States



### Bastard Toadflex

When warehouse employee Jack gets questioned by police about a missing person, he demands they focus their attention on finding his younger brother. With no clues and no one talking, the key to finding both missing persons might be found inside of a box truck.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere  
**Director :** Koka Singh Arora  
**Film Type :** Short Film  
**Run Time :** 12 minutes  
**Location :** United States

2:30  
PM

## Feature Film

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### The Prospect

When high school senior Jerry Vanetti gets rejected from every college he applied to, he hatches a scheme to pose as an elite baseball prospect in order to trick a school into giving him an athletic scholarship...despite the fact that he's never played a sport in his life. From bribing the AV Club to create fake highlight videos with special effects to getting the theatre department to perform a fake exhibition game for college scouts, this small-town kid will do whatever it takes to scam his way to the big leagues.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere  
**Director :** Robert Schultz, Dana Donnelly  
**Film Type :** Feature Film  
**Run Time :** 94 minutes  
**Location :** United States

3:00  
PM

## Feature Film

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### Amazon Queen

A dream vacation of a lifetime quickly turns into a hijacking, endangering passengers and crew, on a boat journey down the Amazon River and into the Brazilian rainforest. Desperate criminals storm aboard, pursuing a lost fortune in the jungle. Now under threat, and with food and fuel running low, the once idealistic tourists - now hostages - must use all their ingenuity as their Amazon cruise becomes a descent into a desperate struggle for survival.

**Premiere Status :** Special Screening  
**Director :** Marlin Darrah  
**Film Type :** Feature Film  
**Run Time :** 86 minutes  
**Location :** United States

4:30  
PM

## Best Short Films Block B

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### Come Out, Wherever You Are

Vernon Parrish, a retired mayor of a large suburb just outside of Chicago, had moved to the small town of Livingston, Montana, for peace and solitude and to get out of the public eye. After six years, Verne's past returns to haunt him, driving him into a self-imposed exile at his cabin in the woods, hoping to ride out the media storm. While he is away, a storm of a different form rolls in, drastically changing the world as he knew it, culminating in a tale of a man who is both a victim and a beneficiary of circumstance.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere  
**Director :** Caitlin Presberg  
**Film Type :** Short Film  
**Run Time :** 29 minutes 22 seconds  
**Location :** United States



### Damaged

A slice-of-life anecdote about the irrational process of addiction and relapse. Trigger warning: this film deals with topics of addiction, mental health, adoption, and sexual trauma in a tasteful and educational manner to raise awareness.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere  
**Director :** Dana Kippel  
**Film Type :** Short Film  
**Run Time :** 24 minutes  
**Location :** United States



### The Twilight Café

An unexpected, mysterious encounter between two strangers atop a bridge one stormy eve averts a tragedy, serving as a poignant reminder that in a harsh and chaotic world, we all need a soul friend to help us survive. The Twilight Café is a film that explores the dark night of the soul we all encounter at one time or another in our lives. When lost, alone, and at the end of our rope, what helps us rejoin the dance of life?

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere  
**Director :** Michael Brant DeMaria  
**Film Type :** Short Film  
**Run Time :** 12 minutes 16 seconds  
**Location :** United States



### Darcine's Day

We spend the day with Darcine Thomas (Kyla Diane Kennedy), divorced and jobless, as she struggles to get back on her feet. She tries to start a new business to help those living on the street, and struggles to find her own new job, hitting obstacles at every turn. When propositioned by a good friend, she thanks him, but returns to her lonely solace, going unseen for the help she really needs.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere  
**Director :** Aaron Goffman  
**Film Type :** Short Film  
**Run Time :** 16 minutes 30 seconds  
**Location :** United States



### The Shifting

A man searches for his lost son in a world where a phenomenon called the Shifting transports people between space and time.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere  
**Director :** Tony Silva  
**Film Type :** Short Film  
**Run Time :** 16 minutes  
**Location :** United States

5:00  
PM

## Best Student Filmmaker Short Films

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### Silenced

Dr. Nova Fields battles desperately to save the life of her best friend, Amila Bell, who teeters on the edge of death during a high-risk pregnancy. As Amila slips in and out of consciousness, her thoughts unravel in a frantic attempt to piece together her final moments and protect her unborn child.

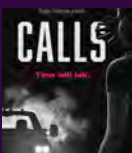
**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere  
**Director :** Hissonni Mustafa Mustafa  
**Film Type :** Feature Film  
**Run Time :** 7 minutes 18 seconds  
**Location :** United States



### Before Anyone Else

As Annie navigates the highs and lows of dating, a chance encounter with her childhood friend turned trivia host throws her love life into disarray, leading to an evening filled with laughter, awkwardness, and unexpected revelations in the heart of an Irish pub.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere  
**Director :** Samantha Barrett  
**Film Type :** Feature Film  
**Run Time :** 14 minutes 19 seconds  
**Location :** United States



### Calls

A 911 call leads a new Police Chief to a cold case with a paranormal twist.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere  
**Director :** Brandon Keeton  
**Film Type :** Feature Film  
**Run Time :** 20 minutes 1 second  
**Location :** United States



## Weave Of Culture

A determined Indian graduate seeking a software job in the city to free his mother from bonded labor, revives his father's handloom weaving for a promise she made.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Santhosh Ram Mavuri

**Film Type :** Feature Film

**Run Time :** 19 minutes 41 seconds

**Location :** United States



## QUIRK

Elieson-- a lonely dreamer, recently heartbroken and emotionally frazzled, downloads "Quirk", an anonymous dating app to move on from her ex. There's no real names, no faces, and (supposedly) no real stakes, but when Elieson hits it off with Prospero, a chatty academic, the relationship begins to tread into the realm of reality.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere

**Director :** Emilie Grimes

**Film Type :** Feature Film

**Run Time :** 11 minutes 58 seconds

**Location :** United States



## Ruby's Dad

"Ruby's Dad" tells the story of Stanley and his daughter Ruby who try to sneak their way into an upscale hotel in a desperate attempt to get the autograph of a baseball player Stanley's own dad used to idealize. A first endeavor to get inside the hotel fails and Stanley and Ruby get kicked out of the establishment. While the two are able to make their way back inside the hotel through the kitchen, their efforts eventually come to an abrupt halt when Stanley puts Ruby inside a small dumbwaiter where she gets trapped. In the severity of the situation, Stanley comes to terms with himself and realizes what really matters.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** David Tschan

**Film Type :** Feature Film

**Run Time :** 16 minutes 11 seconds

**Location :** United States

5:00  
PM

## Feature Film

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## Dr. Quarantine

A psychiatrist struggles to aid her stranded family and patients remotely during a viral outbreak while grappling with her own mental state.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere

**Director :** White Cross

**Film Type :** Feature Film

**Run Time :** 97 minutes

**Location :** United States

7:00  
PM

## Best Suspense/Thriller Short Block B

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## Immortal

In the year 2047, Immortality has been achieved. The Prometheus Corporation empowers dying clients by having their brains digitally mapped; their consciousness, memories and neural network uploaded to cloud servers. This profile is available for download to donor bodies sourced from 3rd strike convicted criminals. Death has met its match...

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Carlton Salter

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 27 minutes 40 seconds

**Location :** United States



## The Gift

Jennifer has a well-manicured, perfect life that every person dreams of having. A day in that perfect life, begins on a happy note with her promotion at work. But then something unexpected happens which turns her day upside down. This day her darkest fear rises from her deepest. This day she is consumed in a vicious psychological spiral where evil takes over to kill. This day Jennifer faces something that she never thought even existed.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Kaustuv Mukherjee

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 13 minutes

**Location :** United States



## Because I Love You

Marco and Joanna enjoy an electric marriage, until Marco is witness to a series of events that lead him to suspect Joanna is having an affair with a co-worker. Starring Bob Celli (Gotham), Jennifer Plotzke (Blacklist), Dave Roberts (Blue Bloods), and Melissa Joyner (The Morning Show)

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Bob Celli

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 13 minutes 28 seconds

**Location :** United States



## No Vacancy

Investigative journalist Leigh Larson, coerced to visit a remote motel by a unrelenting extortionist, faces the specter of her past sins.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Jay Sherer and Lukas Colombo

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 21 minutes 21 seconds

**Location :** United States





## Sahasra

Sahasra, a PhD student, builds a time machine but is trapped in a deadly loop by her mentor, Professor Rao. Battling betrayal and uncovering past secrets, she must unravel time's mysteries and find unexpected allies to break free and reclaim her destiny.

**Premiere Status :** US Premiere

**Director :** Sai Srujan Pelluri

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 34 minutes 16 seconds

**Location :** United States

7:30  
PM

## Best New Filmmaker Short Films

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## Epoch Blues

Eva is a 17-year-old barely afloat and navigating the tumultuous waters of broken homes and a pre-written, desolate future. Stuck between aimless escapism and succumbing to her environment, her path intersects with others battling their own demons.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona

**Director :** Brittany Rose Haas and Jose Love Reyes

**Film Type :** Film maker

**Run Time :** 15 minutes

**Location :** United States



## Lady Doctor

Set in the year 1912, 'Lady Doctor' tells the poignant story of Flora Yount, a devoted wife and mother, who finds herself trapped in a world that restricts a woman's aspirations and dreams. Encouraged by the social and political changes within Arizona (suffrage movement and statehood status), Flora is determined to pursue a long-buried passion of becoming a doctor.

**Premiere Status :** Phoenix Premiere

**Director :** Jeff Lane

**Film Type :** Film maker

**Run Time :** 23 minutes 20 seconds

**Location :** United States



## These Friends Of Ours

Two mafia hitmen meet for coffee to discuss their futures

**Premiere Status :** Phoenix Premiere

**Director :** Louise Lohmann Christensen

**Film Type :** Film maker

**Run Time :** 5 minutes 40 seconds

**Location :** United States



## Adolescent Plush

In the morning after a heartbreaking prom, a nostalgic 17-year-old must clear out of her foreclosed childhood home.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere

**Director :** Tyler James White

**Film Type :** Film maker

**Run Time :** 18 minutes

**Location :** United States



## Storming

Three criminals, hiding out in a remote cabin, grapple with their inner demons and the suffocating pressures of society. Among them, a disillusioned woman, fleeing with stolen money, is determined to break free from the grip of misogyny. Can societal oppression push individuals to crime, or is there a way out?

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere

**Director :** Nobuko Kato

**Film Type :** Film maker

**Run Time :** 15 minutes 33 seconds

**Location :** United States

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PM

## Feature Film

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## Paper Flowers

At 22, SHALIN SHAH had it all — a loving and supportive family, the love of his life by his side, and a promising future ahead, filled with high minded ideals of changing the world. A recent USC graduate, Shalin heads off to Peru to serve in the Peace Corps for two years.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Mahesh Pailoor

**Film Type :** Feature Film

**Run Time :** 101 minutes

**Location :** United States

10:00  
PM

## After Party @ Lola's Liquors

64 South San Marcos Place Chandler,  
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## Lola's Liquors

Join us after a full day of fantastic screenings! The fun doesn't stop as filmmaker and filmgoers can all meet and eat at Lola's Liquors (Chandler).

# Sunday, February 2, 2025

10:00  
AM

## Coffee Connections with Ramsay Wharton

▶ Peixoto Coffee  
11 West Boston Street #Suite 6 Chandler,  
AZ 85225 United States



### Ramsay Wharton

Join us for a delightful morning filled with coffee and meaningful connections! This event is specially curated for filmmakers like you to connect with Ramsay Wharton with Arizona Commerce Authority, share experiences, know the benefits of filming in Arizona, and build lasting connections within the vibrant filmmaking community. Exchange contact information, discuss potential collaborations, and leave with a network of like-minded filmmakers.

10:00  
AM

## Workshop: Just Shoot It

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### “Just Shoot It” by Sean McNamara

Join acclaimed director Sean McNamara for an exclusive workshop, Just Shoot It, designed to empower filmmakers to embrace their creativity and overcome barriers to making films. With decades of experience in directing and producing, Sean will share invaluable insights on how to turn ideas into reality, navigate the challenges of filmmaking, and create compelling stories that resonate with audiences.

12:00  
PM

## Feature Film

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### Burst The Silence

Burst The Silence is a musical fable about a father and son and a gift that gives voice to a haunted past. Robbie is a precocious kid growing up with his father, Konnie. A charismatic and irrepressible storyteller, Konnie is also shadowed by a memory that has remained hidden in the woods of his childhood: how he, as a young boy, survived the Holocaust. A turn in both their lives comes when Konnie gives seven-year-old Robbie a guitar, neither of them yet realizing that it will allow Robbie to tell the only story his father never could. Burst The Silence is an elegiac memoir about forgetting and remembering and being lost. And being found.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Eric D. Schaeffer

**Film Type :** Feature Film

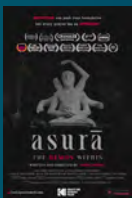
**Run Time :** 102 minutes

**Location :** United States

12:15  
PM

## Best Woman Short Films Block B

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### Asura - The Demon Within

Two sisters perform an inauspicious prayer to the anti-god Lord "Mautya". They ask of him a simple boon - that their mother's soul be returned to her body so she may come back into their lives. Although the prayer seems to work, but every prayer has an offering.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Viren Shinde

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 5 minutes

**Location :** United States



### Love Sweet Sound

Keya is a young woman who is in denial of her blindness. She is forced to venture out into the outside world where she bumps into Anthony, a reclusive, struggling man. They embark on a journey to resolve their scars, handicaps and shortcomings.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere

**Director :** Neha Manoj Shah

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 10 minutes 48 seconds

**Location :** Kenya



## Thirty

Myat Hsu, an obedient daughter who has always stayed with her mother for thirty years, decided to move out one day in order to find herself.

**Premiere Status :** North America Premiere

**Director :** Ei Mon Kyaw

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 19 minutes 40 seconds

**Location :** Myanmar



## Music To Die For

In a post-Troubles Northern Ireland, a pianist – who lived through the conflict – and a singer perform in a bar to an unenthusiastic audience. The music, and their reflections on it, reveal contrasting generational feelings of disillusionment and hope. Both seek fulfillment, and the pianist seeks redemption. A man emerges from the audience to confront the pianist about their shared past, recalling a fatal attack on their former band during the Troubles caused by music existing in a society where the arts and political identity struggle to be separated. What follows is a performance that uses the power of music to offer both men a chance at achieving the redemption they need to move on from their past.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Rebecca Doherty

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 14 minutes 46 seconds

**Location :** United Kingdom



## Funny Thing About Grief

As if dealing with a nasty breakup isn't tough enough, Phoebe Barrett finds out that her ex is dead. Overwhelmed with emotions and mixed feelings, not only over the news but of their history, she has to do the only thing she can do. Deal with the grief. Inspired by true events, Phoebe navigates her way through a journey that we all handle differently.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Anne Arreguin

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 11 minutes 51 seconds

**Location :** United States

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PM

## Documentary Feature Film

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## Bastards Of Soul

LOGLINE: "BASTARDS OF SOUL": In the limelight of imminent global fame, a Texas band's journey is marked by the unforeseen loss of their charismatic frontman, Chadwick Murray. This documentary captures the raw essence of their final album sessions and the electrifying stage presence that defined them, celebrating the enduring legacy of a man who achieved his dreams against all odds.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona

**Director :** Paul Levatino

**Film Type :** Documentary Film

**Run Time :** 01:21 minutes

**Location :** United States

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PM

## Best Short Films Block C

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## Slumber Party

In "Slumber Party," two novice criminals, Ilya and Alexei, are sent by their mentor, Nikolai, to steal from a gangster's mansion. To their shock, they stumble upon a tweenage slumber party hosted by the gangster's daughter, Oxana. As they attempt the heist, Oxana and her friends foil their plans with deadly force. Disappointed but unfazed, Nikolai abandons his protegés, leaving them to their grim fate in a house filled with danger and secrets.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Sebastian Kim

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 8 minutes 20 seconds

**Location :** United States



## Vision

Louis, a 17-year-old visual artist from North St. Louis, meets Elijah, an elusive blind older mentor. Elijah gifts his rose-colored glasses to Louis to help him see the potential all around him. How will he capitalize on this newfound Vision?

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Dan Parris

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 19 minutes 2 seconds

**Location :** United States



## I Appreciate Your Concern

When a daughter finds her father passed out inside a chicken coop, she makes a desperate attempt to get him to stop drinking.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Jim Morrison

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 14 minutes 53 seconds

**Location :** United States



## The Doer

A down on his luck middle-aged man reinvents himself as a personal success strategist. When a woman and her son visit, he has an opportunity to present his "ultimate system" to them.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere

**Director :** Richard Williams

**Film Type :** Short Film

**Run Time :** 16 minutes 24 seconds

**Location :** United States



## The Story Of Jacob

A 27 year old man prepares for his adult bar mitzvah with the help of his unhinged rabbi.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere  
**Director :** David Foley  
**Film Type :** Short Film  
**Run Time :** 6 minutes 41 seconds  
**Location :** United States



## Mekaku

An 8-year-old magician accidentally disappears his beloved family. His very powerful magic words hurtle him into a rabbit hole of different time lines as he desperately tries to find them.

**Premiere Status :** World Premiere  
**Director :** Vigil C Chime  
**Film Type :** Short Film  
**Run Time :** 11 minutes 10 seconds  
**Location :** United States



## The Grief Counselor

An army veteran turned counselor must reconcile her grief or succumb to an addiction fueled existence meant to numb the guilt of lying to her husband.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere  
**Director :** Bishen Sen  
**Film Type :** Short Film  
**Run Time :** 19 minutes 50 seconds  
**Location :** United States



## Yellow

A disabled man in a hospice is trying to communicate with his carers in relation to his hidden secret of coming from another world. In Earths atmosphere he is rendered incapacitated with his only ability to function powerfully when submersed in water, this in turn creates a catalyst for the fountain of youth for those that are near him.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere  
**Director :** Paul J Lane / Adam Richards  
**Film Type :** Short Film  
**Run Time :** 29 minutes 10 seconds  
**Location :** United States

2:45  
PM

## Documentary Feature Film

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## World Without Cows

World Without Cows was written and directed by two award-winning, former journalists, Michelle Michael and Brandon Whitworth, who spent nearly three years visiting scientists, academics, farmers and others to get an up-close look at the social, financial and environmental impact of cows — and to explore the possible repercussions of a world without them.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere  
**Director :** Michelle Michael  
**Film Type :** Documentary Film  
**Run Time :** 01:24 minutes  
**Location :** United States

3:00  
PM

## Feature Film

LOOK Dine-In Cinema: Theatre 2  
1 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



## Bau, Artist At War

The inspiring love story of Joseph Bau, artist, forger, holocaust survivor. Using his artistic skills, humor and hope in the camps, Joseph stays alive and helps hundreds to escape. Miraculously, he finds love in the midst of despair.

**Premiere Status :** Arizona Premiere  
**Director :** Sean McNamara  
**Film Type :** Feature Film  
**Run Time :** 02:10 minutes  
**Location :** United States

5:30  
PM

## Closing Night: VIP GALA DINNER

Chandler Center for the Arts  
250 N Arizona Ave, Chandler, AZ 85225

# VIP Gala Dinner & Red Carpet

Mark your calendars for February 2nd as we bring the 9th annual Chandler International Film Festival to a spectacular close. Get ready for an evening of unparalleled elegance, cinematic celebration, and the opportunity to meet Hollywood celebrities in an unforgettable star-studded event.

Event Highlights Include: Red Carpet Entrance, VIP Gala Dinner, Celebrity Appearances, Inspiring Filmmaker Speeches, Prestigious Award Presentations, Celebrate the extraordinary achievements of filmmakers, actors, and industry leaders as we honor their contributions to the art of storytelling.

8:00  
PM

# GRAND AWARD CEREMONY!

Chandler Center for the Arts  
250 N Arizona Ave, Chandler, AZ 85225

Join us after a full day of fantastic screenings! The fun doesn't stop as filmmaker and filmgoers can all meet and eat at SoHo 63 East Boston Street Chandler, AZ 85225. Appetizers Includes!



10:00  
PM

# AFTER PARTY

Chandler Center for the Arts  
250 N Arizona Ave, Chandler, AZ 85225

After the awards ceremony, head to the after-party in the lobby of the Chandler Center for the Arts. Network with fellow attendees, capture memorable moments on the red carpet with the winners, and exchange contact information to stay connected.

11:59  
PM

# After After Party @ Murphy's Law

58 South San Marcos Place Chandler,  
AZ 85225 United States



## Murphy's Law Irish Pub

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- 3 We'll deliver your freshly-made order directly to your seat!

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