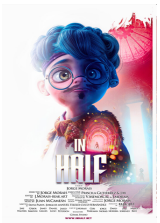
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Short Film - In Half **Time: - 11:00 AM || 30th October 2026**



Duration: - 24mins 30secs
Language: - English / French
Directed by Jorge Morais Valle
Synopsis:-
Through a child's imagination it tells the journey of a man who after falling prey to his fears, he must cross a strange world, a universe full of magic, where he will be confronted with his own fears and conflicts from the past and where he must find solutions for the future to discover his self-identity.

Short Film - Aa chandra surya vande..... **Time: - 11:25 AM || 30th October 2026**



Duration: - 13mins 2secs
Language: - Marathi
Directed by Yatin Thakur
Synopsis:-
This short film has been created to mark the 150th anniversary of 'Vande Mataram,' with the aim of connecting the new generation—the decision-makers of our country—to the anthem and empowering them to lead an innovative India on the path of progress."

Short Film - Dheemi Aanch **Time: - 11:50 AM || 30th October 2026**



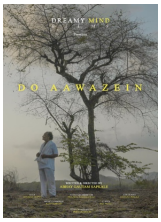
Duration: - 7mins 20secs
Language: - Hindi
Directed by Sruti Meher
Synopsis:-
Dheemi Aanch (Slow Flame) is a poignant short film that explores the invisible erosion of a woman's human rights within the confines of her home. Never fully seen on screen, she exists only in fragments—hands, feet, silhouettes, and reflections—mirroring the quiet disappearance of her identity. As food simmers over a slow flame, the sounds of the kitchen become her unspoken voice, carrying emotions she cannot express. Told through minimal dialogue and evocative visual symbolism, 'Dheemi Aanch' is a powerful reminder that the deepest injustices are often the ones that remain unseen.

Short Film - Red - The Color of Silence **Time: - 12:05 PM || 30th October 2026**



Duration: - 18mins 57secs
Language: - Hindi
Directed by Sanjay Mathew
Synopsis:-
RED is a compelling short film that delves into the harrowing journey of Bharti, a survivor of long-term domestic violence, who ultimately transforms from a silenced victim into a powerful agent of change. The narrative explores themes of survival, self-realisation, and rebellion, culminating in an act of liberation.

Short Film - Do Aawazein **Time: - 12:30 PM || 30th October 2026**



Duration: - 7mins 23secs
Language: - Hindi
Directed by Abhay Gautam Sapkale
Synopsis:-
A young boy named Abhishek (25 yrs) gets to know that he also has a Grandfather in village and he tries to convince his grandfather to shift to city with him but his grandfather refuses. There we get to see debates between two generations and their different views about city and village. Later on when Grandfather breaksdown in tears realizes that it was a dream hoping that his grandson will come one day to take him.

Feature Film - The Dark Days **Time: - 12:45 PM || 30th October 2026**



Duration: - 1hrs 39mins
Language: - Khasi
Directed by Moonstar Nongdhar
Synopsis:-
A boy was tortured daily by his own parents because his father does not accepting him as his own son. One day he was chased out of his home and then went astray and live in the forest and he fed himself with forest fruits and raw vegetables from cultivation plantations and wild plants. Later he was found and adopted by one good man but his wife battles against his profession. So he ran away again from there and later he met a catholic priest who then took him to the monastery and it is here that he grew up into a man.

Music Video - Effect (Asar) **Time: - 2:30 PM || 30th October 2026**



Duration: - 2mins 31secs
Language: - Hindi
Directed by Rumana Molla
Synopsis:-
Asar is about a woman whose feelings and sensations have slowly dimmed. At the centre of the film is her conversation with her own inner light—a part of her that comes alive only when nobody is watching. They find themselves at a crime scene, a place where feelings and sensations have been systematically extinguished, almost as though they have been killed. Yet, in the absence of witnesses, something within her begins to stir again: a feeling that refuses to die.

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Documentary Film - Finding Grandpa **Time: - 2:40 PM || 30th October 2026**



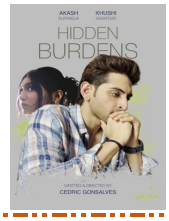
Duration: - 52mins
Language: - English / Punjabi
Directed by Anita Barar
Synopsis:-
An unassuming and reserved young man arrives in Australia in 1986 with nothing but an obscure address to rely on, for hopefully what will be a swift search-and-find mission of Grandpa who hasn't been seen by his Indian family for decades. Days turn into months and months turn into endless, torturous years of searching for the elusive Mr Mehnga Singh. How can there be absolutely no trace of Grandpa? The young man becomes a middle-aged man with a family of his own before Grandpa is finally found. Grandpa is fondly remembered by some of the people he lived and worked with, out at the farmlands of Camden, NSW. But the young man and his Grandpa will not be making the final trip home together.

Short Film - knuckles **Time: - 3:40 PM || 30th October 2026**



Duration: - 5mins
Language: - English
Directed by Shilpa Raju
Synopsis:-
In the heart of a Nazi concentration camp in 1944, Kai, a mysterious man from 2026, uses futuristic GPS technology to help a Jewish prisoner escape. But when a mission notification reveals that his journey through time is far from over, Kai must confront a second target hidden within the camp's command structure. Armed with nothing but his phone and an unspoken sense of purpose, he sets out to expose a man whose hands have never known suffering. Back in 2026, Kai walks into a police station and leaves behind a revelation that could change history forever.

Short Film - Hidden Burdens **Time: - 3:55 PM || 30th October 2026**



Duration: - 11mins 20secs
Language: - Hindi
Directed by Cedric Gonsalves
Synopsis:-
Viren's morning routine turns overwhelming as he juggles between his home errands and office tasks together. Shreya, his wife accompanies him getting through this mess in her own quirky way. All that stands in his way towards peace is a realisation and few hidden burdens.

Short Film - May We Never Meet Again **Time: - 4:15 PM || 30th October 2026**



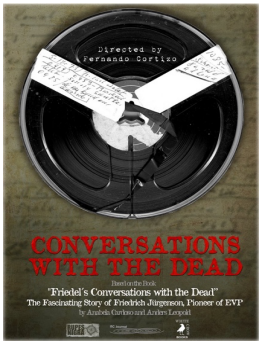
Duration: - 10mins 15secs
Language: - English
Directed by Ijaz Ahmed
Synopsis:-
At a packed show, a celebrated artist steps onto the stage to perform what may be his most personal piece yet. Through fragments of memory, longing, and unhealed silence, he revisits the story of a love that once defined him and the quiet devastation it left behind. As the performance unfolds, the line between art and confession begins to blur, revealing a man desperately trying to immortalize someone he is equally desperate to forget

Short Film - Fitrat (Nature) **Time: - 4:35 PM || 30th October 2026**



Duration: - 12mins 55secs
Language: - English / Hindi
Directed by Siddharth Kumar
Synopsis:-
Waiting at a psychiatrist's clinic, two strangers spark a conversation that leads to a revelation - of how one's illness is held responsible for the other's.
Fitrat is a story of issues causing repercussions. At a psychiatrist's clinic, Suhani, an avid talker sparks a conversion with a rather composed Sugandh. It's a conversion that leads to a confrontation and a revelation. A revelation of how Suhani's reckless habit is held responsible for Sugandh's sleepless nights.

Documentary Film - Conversations With The Dead **Time: - 5:00 PM || 30th October 2026**



Duration: - 1hrs 18mins
Language: - English/ Spanish
Directed by Fernando Cortizo
Synopsis:-
An exceptional person, a tireless researcher, an artist. A multifaceted man who transcended the boundaries of science in his time by using electronic devices to demonstrate the possibility of capturing the voices of deceased people.
Friedrich Jürgenson was born in Odessa in 1903 and lived through the Russian Revolution during his childhood, witnessing cruel massacres in the streets.
At the age of six, his father took him to a slaughterhouse, where the terrible screams of the slaughtered animals would mark him forever, and he remained a vegetarian for the rest of his life.
In 1959, while recording birdsong in the forest for a documentary, he heard his mother's voice on the tape. His mother had died five years earlier. This incident would make him a pioneer in the field of anomalous electronic voice (AEV) research.
His successful and multifaceted career includes several published books, numerous articles and research projects, five documentaries, and more than 600 recordings preserved at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology in Germany. Friedrich Jürgensson died at the age of 85 in obscurity. His remains rest in a common grave in a small town in Sweden.

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Documentary Film - Pratiroopa (Impersonation) **Time: - 11:00 AM || 31st October 2026**



Duration: - 28mins 38secs
Language: - Kannada
Directed by Tejesh Kiran
Synopsis:-
Pratiroopa follows Jaishri raju, a look alike artist, who embodies our late superstar Vishnuvardhan. He manages to temporarily fill the massive void left behind by the star, performing and recreating iconic fan favorite moments. The film also reflects upon the larger subcultures of rural orchestras and company theater.

Short Film - Maa Illu [Our Home] **Time: - 11:40 AM || 31st October 2026**



Duration: - 32mins 31secs
Language: - Telugu
Directed by Andrew Babu
Synopsis:-
When Srinivas, Ramya, and their child move into an old house, they encounter mysterious yet comforting occurrences that lead Srinivas to uncover the story of Raghava and Lakshmi, an elderly couple whose dreams of family togetherness faded as their children left. Maa Illu is a touching drama about the memories, sacrifices, and enduring love that make a house a home.

Short Film - Hermanas (Sisters) **Time: - 12:20 PM || 31st October 2026**



Duration: - 20mins
Language: - Spanish
Directed by Jesus González Rojo
Synopsis:-
Lia and Leo are elite agents whose unbreakable bond goes beyond duty. During a dangerous mission to retrieve a mysterious package from a derelict house, their tactical skills and shared history are put to the ultimate test. As intense combat unfolds, memories of friendship, sacrifice, and past struggles surface. When an unexpected shot changes everything, they must confront the devastating cost of losing the person who means the most. Sisters is a poignant tale of friendship, loyalty, and loss.

Short Film - Mute **Time: - 12:40 PM || 31st October 2026**



Duration: - 39mins 59secs
Language: - English/ Gujarati/ Hindi
Directed by Yogesh Tharwani
Synopsis:-
Rajat Parekh, a compulsive gambler drowning in debt, blames his father Sanjay for his failures and plots his murder for the inheritance. When their mute servant discovers the plan, he silently vows to protect his master. As tensions rise within the bungalow, buried truths and family resentments surface, forcing father and son to confront the consequences of their choices. Can they face the truth, or is ignorance truly bliss?

Documentary Film - Oral Traditions of Storytelling. **Time: - 1:30 PM || 31st October 2026**



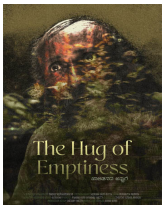
Duration: - 28mins 48secs
Language: - Hindi
Directed by Sangeeta Pranvendra
Synopsis:-
Oral Traditions of Storytelling explores India's living heritage of preserving history and knowledge through stories, songs and performances. Journeying through Rajasthan's traditions, including Phad, Kawad and Kathputli, the film examines the impact of colonial education and how digital platforms are reviving these cultural narratives for new generations and audiences worldwide.

Documentary Film - The Desert kick. **Time: - 2:05 PM || 31st October 2026**



Duration: - 59mins 55secs
Language: - Hindi
Directed by GhanShyam Singh Odint
Synopsis:-
In a remote Rajasthani village, a group of young women challenge poverty, social restrictions, and early marriage through football. What begins as a rare escape becomes a journey of empowerment, leading twelve girls to represent Rajasthan in its first Junior Girls' National Football Championship, while one reaches the international stage. THE DESERT KICK is an inspiring story of resilience, identity, and the power of opportunity.

Documentary Film - The Hug of Emptiness **Time: - 3:15 PM || 31st October 2026**



Duration: - 21mins
Language: - Kannada
Directed by Dr. Pradeep Kenchanuru
Synopsis:-
After his property was unlawfully seized in 2003, Chandrasekhara Gowda retreated into the forests near Sullia, building a self-reliant life off the grid. Amid years of legal battles and isolation, he became a dedicated eco-warrior, cultivating plantations and championing conservation. His journey is a powerful story of resilience, dignity, and harmony with nature.

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Short Film - Maa Suno Na **Time: - 3:40 PM || 31st October 2026**



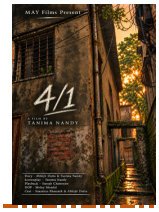
Duration: - 14mins 6secs
Language: - Hindi
Directed by Monaksh N Kanirkarr
Synopsis:-
Maa... Suno Na..! is an emotional drama about the unbreakable bond between a mother and her son. When an unexpected tragedy shatters their world, love and memories give way to grief and unanswered questions. Blending family drama with mystery, the film delivers a poignant message about road safety and how a single moment can change lives forever.

Short Film - The Ritual **Time: - 4:05 PM || 31st October 2026**



Duration: - 5mins 5secs
Language: - English
Directed by Upahar Biswas and Sayan Chakraborty
Synopsis:-
Every night, a woman returns home to find her father waiting with a book, a ritual shaped by love and the memory of her late mother. As she considers leaving the city for new opportunities, their cherished routine faces an uncertain future. The Ritual is a tender meditation on grief, memory, and the quiet ways love endures through everyday moments.

Short Film - (4/1) **Time: - 4:15 PM || 31st October 2026**



Duration: - 12mins 52secs
Language: - Bengali
Directed by Tanima Nandy
Synopsis:-
An old man rattled with seclusion & loneliness after his wife's death meet a stranger and what unfolds is a story of humanity

Short Film - Hasta que Dios quiera (Until God wills it) **Time: - 4:35 PM || 31st October 2026**



Duration: - 14mins
Language: - Spanish
Directed by David Fernández Pastor
Synopsis:-
In 1941 Logroño, Matilde, a young seamstress and daughter of a missing anarchist, survives by mending clothes for German, Italian, and Nationalist soldiers. But as their visits grow more frequent, she begins to suspect that her work is attracting attention for reasons beyond her sewing skills, threatening her livelihood and a dangerous secret.

Panel Discussion: - ACTING — STAGE TO SCREEN: UNLEARN TO LEARN. **Time: - 5:00 PM Onwards|| 31st October 2026**



Panelist:-
Supriya Shukla, Kanupriya Shankar Pandit, Arun Arora, Omkar Shetty & Ram mani Tripathi

Moderator:- Haril Shukla

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