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On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and members of the Art League of Ocean City, we welcome you to the 4th Annual Ocean City Film Festival. The Art League is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting artistic expression and appreciation for the creative arts in our community.

The festival is an opportunity to expand our mission by providing a venue for independent filmmakers from around the world to tell their stories through documentaries, animations, shorts, and feature-length films. The festival has also become a networking opportunity for both the filmmakers and the festival goers, to meet others who share their passion for film and storytelling, and for future collaborations.

I commend our Festival Artistic Director, William Strang-Moya, and the entire committee for their vision and work to bring this event to fruition. We are grateful to all of our sponsors, venues, and volunteers who have made this year's Ocean City Film Festival possible.

*Rina Thaler - Festival Supervisor
Executive Director – Art League of Ocean City*



Welcome

TO THE OCEAN CITY FILM FESTIVAL



The Ocean City Film Festival is our initiative to build a culture for filmmakers in the region. For a fourth year, we are happy to provide a platform for independent filmmakers from near and far. Again this year, our selections will showcase local artists as well as works from all around the world.

After months of extensive planning, we have curated our films on the idea that each film is both purposeful and personal to their respective filmmakers. Film is our way of engaging the community through art and uniting the artists with their audience through creative vision.

This endeavor would not have been made possible without the Art League of Ocean City and our many sponsors. Thank you.

*William Strang-Moya - Artistic Director
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THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 5 - 7 PM

**Residence Inn
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OPENING RECEPTION ~ A great way to kick off the festival! Filmmakers have an opportunity to meet their fellow filmmakers. Film lovers can mingle with many of the producers, directors, and actors in the films. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Cash bar. *Price included with All-Access Pass or \$25*

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 5 - 7 PM

**Ocean City Center for the Arts
502 94th St. bayside, Ocean City**

FIRST FRIDAY ~ Our monthly art opening expands to welcome festival attendees at our beautiful bayfront galleries. Meet the exhibiting artists; enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres. *Free to all.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 5 - 6:30 PM

**Aloft Hotel
4501 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City**

FILMMAKER HAPPY HOUR ~ Join your fellow filmmakers and film lovers for a networking opportunity at the new bayfront Aloft Hotel. *Happy hour pricing on drinks.*

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 5 - 7 PM

**Seacrets Nightclub
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AWARDS CEREMONY & CLOSING RECEPTION ~ The festival culminates with a big bash at OC's favorite party place! Enjoy live entertainment, the camaraderie of fellow film lovers, and the presentation of the 2020 awards. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. *Included with All-Access Pass or \$25.*

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Panel

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

**Ocean City Center for the Arts
502 94th St. bayside, Ocean City**

**10 AM -
12 PM**

Maryland Film Office Panel

Maryland Film Office director Jack Gerbes hosts a panel of Delmarva filmmakers featuring local filmmakers Rob Waters of W Films, Dave Messick of Unscene Productions, Emmi Shockley, and Chelsea Thaler. All will share their experience in making films on the Lower Eastern Shore. *Included with All-Access Pass or \$10.*



We salute the 40
Maryland films
showing this year



Maryland

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Thursday

FOX GOLD COAST THEATER

1:30 PM

FEATURE FILM

UnUnited

Brian Rose

A documentary that follows the fight for LGBTQ inclusion in the United Methodist Church. (USA ~ 01:07:00)

3 PM

FEATURE FILM

High Tide in Dorchester

Dave Harp, Tom Horton &
Sandy Cannon-Brown



A powerful, intimate story that looks at a worsening global threat through the lens of the Chesapeake's most vulnerable county. (Dorchester County ~ 00:55:00)

8 PM

AQUATIC FILMS

Fine Line

Christopher Hogue



A young couple decides to end their life together on a toxic and dying Earth. (Hollywood ~ 00:01:00)

The Adventures of Zack & Molly

Jim Toomey

Zack is interested in the small world of his smart phone. Molly is interested in global communications. (USA ~ 00:11:00)

Out of the Black & Into the Blue: Chapter 7

Alex del Olmo

An immersive, hi-def experience of diving in Philippines' islands, landscapes and coral reefs. (Philippines ~ 00:04:00)

Not a Love Song

Jasia Kaulbach

The music video for *Not a Love Song* by musician Sammy G. (USA ~ 00:03:00)

Solace: A Surf Documentary

Giorgio Ghiotto &
Seamus Tyrrell

70-year-old retiree continues to surf to recover from the exhaustion caused by the world of industry. (United Kingdom ~ 00:07:00)

Where is Lotte?

Petra Zoepnek

Legendary diver Lotte Hass in underwater cuts spanning seascapes from the Old Danube to the Red Sea. (Austria ~ 00:09:00)

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Thursday

FOX GOLD COAST THEATER

8 PM

AQUATIC FILMS *continued*

Plastic Ocean

Sabrina Inderbitzi

Plastic pollution in oceans through intimate, close-up cuts of waste and the sea life that is affected by it. (*Switzerland ~ 00:05:00*)

Black Moon: Trent Mitchell

Robert Sherwood

Australian photographer's experimental pursuits to achieve his latest bodysurf series, *Inner Atlas*. (*Australia ~ 00:05:00*)

Whales in Tonga

Ed Park

A tone poem celebrating the annual humpback whale migration to Tonga islands, with Max Richter's music. (*Australia ~ 00:09:00*)

Bella Blue

Guillaume Quere

Five friends sail a catamaran on an idyllic journey to atoles in French Polynesia. (*USA ~ 00:05:00*)

Street Surfers

Arthur Neumeier

A big wave surfer and marine activist meets two men who serve the environment by recycling for income. (*South Africa ~ 00:09:00*)

Crisis on the Half-Shell: Chesapeake Bay

Michael Watts

Overfishing and industrialization and the bay's transformation from seafood haven to polluted waters. (*USA ~ 00:14:00*)

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Thursday

FLAGSHIP CINEMAS

12 PM

FEATURE FILM

The Duckpond

Robert Andersson

Fredrik's peaceful life in an idyllic small town is turned upside down when his old childhood friend is released from prison. (Sweden ~ 01:30:00)

2 PM

SOCIAL COMMENTARY SHORTS



Concealer

Jenna Cipolloni

Restrictive social norms towards feminine sexuality, centering on a woman trying to leave her locked bedroom. (Baltimore ~ 00:05:00)

Soul Bones

Andrew Huggins

A man in the Deep South confronts his prejudices when a young boy moves into the neighborhood. (USA ~ 00:11:00)

Lessons from Tanzania

Rob Simmons

Volunteering trip drilling water wells in Tanzania with Lifetime Wells International, a water relief foundation. (USA ~ 00:11:00)

Outside

Jeffrey Palmer

Music video for musician Daniel Laurent reflecting our troubled times: gun violence, trauma, racial identity. (USA ~ 00:05:00)

Chained

Ganesh S. Bhat

Mystery man holds Thomas captive and takes him on a journey to his haunting past, where his escape goes awry. (USA ~ 00:12:00)

Far from Ordinary

Paul Bugarin

Brother pays brother a visit and reminds him of the cold realities of today's technologically-dependent world. (USA ~ 00:13:00)

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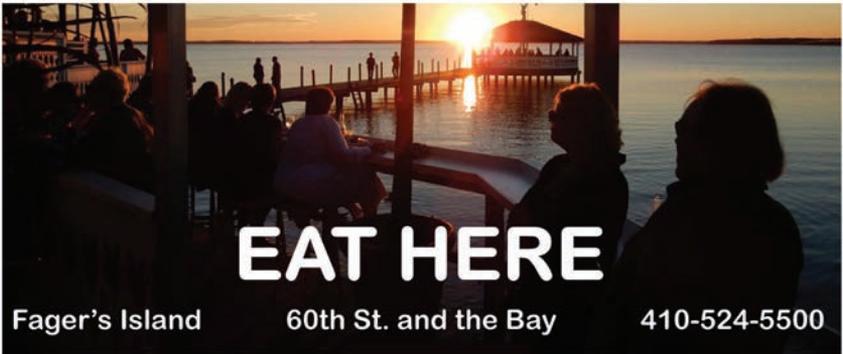


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Thursday

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3:30 PM



FEATURE FILM

Life in Syncro

Angela Pinaglia

The world of synchronized ice skating, following a diverse group of skaters and coaches during skating season. (*Baltimore* ~ 00:53:00)

7:30 PM

EMMI SHOCKLEY SHOWCASE

Don't Be A Baby

Emmi Shockley

Billie is having "The Scare," the big one, the existential-life-inducing Pregnancy Scare. She calls her long-distance best friend for support. (*USA* ~ 00:09:00)

J-1

Emmi Shockley

When a young Ocean City local begins a summer relationship with an Irish J-1 student, she sees a potential for a new life and a chance for adventure. The short joins the couple for the last night of this summer as she begins to struggle with her decision to leave everything she has known and move to Dublin. (*Ocean City* ~ 00:20:00)



8:30 PM

FEATURE FILM

Reggie's Forest

Dave Messick

Documentary about Reggie Mariner, an Eastern Shore legend, who encompasses a folklore-like lifestyle. Mariner carved a village inside of a forest, within five minutes from the resort town of Ocean City. With a cast of characters including the Mariner family, naturalists, and notable Eastern Shore locals, this story explores the importance of our forests and Reggie's use of the land. See one of the Eastern Shore's best independently preserved conservation areas, Mariner's Country Down Home. (*Berlin* ~ 01:30:00)



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FOX GOLD COAST THEATER

2 PM

OCEAN CITY FILM CHALLENGE

Showcases our top competitors from the 2018 and 2019 Ocean City Film Challenges. Each July, the OCFE challenges filmmakers to shoot a short in or about Ocean City for a chance to win festival passes, swag, and screening opportunities. This showcase features work from local artists Campos Media, Trevor Taylor, Thomas Taylor, Brett Hammond, and DAM Good Productions. (*Ocean City ~ 00:30:00*)

3 PM

FUNNY SHORTS (BLOCK 1)

By Any Other Name

Peter Kimball

Comedic reimagining of Romeo & Juliet follows Juliet who survives the suicide attempt and starts dating again. (*USA ~ 00:13:00*)

Ms. Fortune

Alice Weber

Joy dances her way through the day, plans for a Hawaii-themed romantic evening, as foretold by Tarot Cards. (*USA ~ 00:12:00*)

Lil Detectives: A Toy Too Far

Chad Repko

Two young detectives try to solve a murder following a clue the killer left behind: a toy phone. (*USA ~ 00:16:00*)



Terry and Owen

Victor Oliviera

Best friends from Baltimore prepare for a local tournament in their favorite fantasy strategy miniature game. (*Millersville ~ 00:07:00*)



The Director of 'Airport Werewolf'

Matt Fitzwater

B-movie director comes to terms with his career after a disastrous appearance on a live-streamed talk show. (*Halethorpe ~ 00:16:00*)

Sleep is for the Weak

Maximillian Remmler

A student insomniac struggles to keep up with the ongoing pressure of high school. (*USA ~ 00:06:00*)



Keep the Change

Alan Ramsay

A young pizza delivery guy encounters bizarre customers, deals with his demanding boss and awaits his date at the end of the day. (*Potomac ~ 00:09:00*)

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FOX GOLD COAST THEATER

7:30 PM



FEATURE FILM **My Spirit Will Stay**

Daniel Hess

An intimate but voyeuristic account of the daily and mundane parts of a stranger's life. (*Sparrows Point ~ 00:24:00*)

8:30 PM



SHORT HORROR FILMS (BLOCK I)

Zombie Kush

Mazlynn Rose

When Zombabe runs out of sweet green, she calls Popeye the Spinach Guy, whose strain will rot flesh. (*Salisbury ~ 00:05:00*)



Pen Pals

Grahan Uhelski

A mysterious ancient box yields letters back and forth from the year 1927 to 2019. (*Baltimore ~ 00:13:00*)

The Hidden

Veronica Tullo

Gillian joins her father and partner on an expedition to the wilderness, discovers things that should never be found. (*USA ~ 00:10:00*)

Succubi Scry

Derek Silver

After losing his wife, Brad suspects the local church group may have played a role in her death. (*USA ~ 00:05:00*)



Repeat Customers

Riley Williams Bogren

Young man struggles to recover from drug addiction, finds out the drug isn't from this world. (*Towson ~ 00:17:00*)

The Growling

Noah Jorgensen

On the way to his date's house, a paranoid young man is attacked by a vicious beast, which interrupts their plans. (*USA ~ 00:11:00*)



Lucid Dreams

Zak Seidman

A solemn black-and-white sequence of nightmares featuring sinister characters and a frustrating natural entrapment. (*Baltimore ~ 00:04:00*)

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Friday

FLAGSHIP CINEMAS

1 PM

FEEL GOOD FILMS

Homecoming

Colin Steward

After an eight-year absence, John Corson returns to his family's beach house to reflect on his past one last time. (USA ~ 00:13:00)

Take Me to the Stars

Justin Scott Lawrence

A young boy tries to understand his distant father while dealing with the death of his wonderful mother. (USA ~ 00:16:00)



It's Time to Get Lost

Kenny Wooten

Teresa goes on a spontaneous adventure to return a valuable post-card. (Catonsville ~ 00:12:00)

Family Portrait

Hannah Paquette

Two sisters must rescue their grandmother's artwork from the community center before it's gone forever. (USA ~ 00:12:00)

As One

David Spaltro

Jill must put one foot in front of the other to move through her grief and discovers every mile has a story. (USA ~ 00:15:00)

Go Go, Boy

Oriana Oppice

A young black LGBTQ youth discovers his place in the world through his private world of dance. (USA ~ 00:06:00)

One Breath Around the World

Guillaume Néry

French apnea champion Néry and his wife embark on an underwater odyssey across the globe. (France ~ 00:13:00)

3 PM

DRAMATIC SHORTS (BLOCK I)



Sea Salt

John P. Dunnigan

A young woman in a seaside town goes through a transformation after a devastating loss. (Ocean City ~ 00:05:00)

Break

Joe Carabeo

A girl named Anne has a life altering confrontation with her arch nemesis in the women's restroom (USA ~ 00:07:00)

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Friday

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3 PM

DRAMATIC SHORTS (BLOCK I) *continued*



Pressure

Wayne Hill, Jr.

High school student falls victim to the cycle of bullying when trying to gain attention from his peers. (*Bowie ~ 00:07:00*)

Leaving to Live

David Rodrigues

Woman leaves her marital home with her 7-year-old daughter, promising to say nothing to the father. (*France ~ 00:08:00*)



Fields of Our Home

Julian Martin-Poteet

Father of two uses games and playfulness to hide his grief from his kids and himself. (*University Park ~ 00:14:00*)



White Noise

Lauren Scott

Young woman purges memory of a recent trauma and addresses loss, pain, suffering, healing, subjectivity. (*Baltimore ~ 00:15:00*)

The Reason

Anton Shtuka

A fast-paced short exploring the physical and emotional pressure on a professional swimmer. (*Ukraine ~ 00:02:00*)

7 PM

SHORT DOCUMENTARIES (BLOCK I)

The Milky Way Galaxy, Our Home

James F. Baugh

Four time lapses of dark sky sites from across the Eastern Shore, from over 20,000 photos of the Milky Way. (*USA ~ 00:04:00*)



Robert Johnson: Making a Legend

Sam Seliger

Johnson went from obscure traveling performer to blues icon in the five decades following his death. (*Columbia ~ 00:28:00*)

My Life in Your Hands

Joaquin Carmona Hidalgo

If you had to save a life just by using your hands, would you know what to do? (*Spain ~ 00:07:00*)



Farming a Legacy

Rodney Sutton

Loss of black-owned family farmland in America, 1865 to today, focusing on Calvert County. (*Calvert County ~ 00:25:00*)

Friday

FLAGSHIP CINEMAS

8:30 PM

FEATURE FILM

Lost in Woonsocket

John Chester

By Ocean City native, Stephen Decatur High School graduate, and *Biggest Little Farm* director John Chester. While conducting a humanitarian experiment, a group of filmmakers decide to attempt to help two homeless alcoholics get their lives back together. After the series is unceremoniously cancelled, the question remains of how far they're willing to go to help. (USA ~ 01:21:00)

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2:30 PM

ANIMATION FILMS



The Tale of Bunnyman Bridge *Erick Lochstampfor*
A story set in Fairfax, Virginia. (USA ~ 00:02:00)

The Ant *Kevin Hogan*
Boy entertains himself by destroying an ant hill, not realizing the effect he has on the creatures around him. (Reisterstown ~ 00:03:00)

Angels & Apes *Tedd Hazard*
Official music video for Eric Funn. (USA ~ 00:04:00)

Waiting by the Phone *Olivia Jensen*
Woman grieves her dead sister by trying to keep her memory alive by simultaneously taking care of them both. (USA ~ 00:04:00)

Blue and Curt *Jesse Cote*
A stubborn little monster named Curt receives some advice from a clever little bird named Blue. (Canada ~ 00:01:00)

Serendipity *Carlos Mejia & Kevin Barwick*
Gordon has snakes for hair, turning people to stone. (USA ~ 00:07:00)

Tiffany *Christina Christie*
Pauline discovers stained glass has come to life. (USA ~ 00:07:00)

Purple *Erin McDowell*
Set in a fictional 1920's metropolis, the title character travels to the city to enjoy the work of her favorite artist. (USA ~ 00:07:00)

Starfish *Sofia Ameti*
Starfish enjoys simple life before romance enters. (USA ~ 00:05:00)

The Sandman *Natalia Hermida*
Sandman puts a train station operator to sleep as two oncoming trains race against each other. (USA ~ 00:11:00)

Selfish *Po Chien Chen*
In an *izakaya* restaurant, a chef serves signature dishes to a group of special guests. (Taiwan ~ 00:02:00)

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YOUTH SHORTS

The Magical Watch

Richard Schertzer

Boy finds a magical watch in the school yard that takes him on a scary trip. (USA ~ 00:03:00)

Sueño

David Fuerte

Young boy struggles to find his voice as parents and teachers impose their restrictive standards. (Mexico ~ 00:06:00)

At Peace

Kiki de Melo

Discovering serenity in places around you, letting go of anxieties, and coping with the troubles of life. (USA ~ 00:02:00)

Unveiled

Sofia Bajwa

Teenage Muslim girls seek to shatter the false reputation and connotation the hijab carries in Western society. (USA ~ 00:05:00)



Strange Fruit: Taking a Stand thru Song

Sam Seliger

History of the iconic song and its power, from the horror of its lynching theme to Billie Holiday's rendering. (Columbia ~ 00:15:00)

8 PM

FEATURE FILM

Life in Syncro

Angela Pinaglia

The world of synchronized ice skating, following a diverse group of skaters and coaches during skating season. (Baltimore ~ 00:53:00)



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OC Film Festival Schedule

	Thursday March 5			Friday March 6			
	Flagship Cinemas	Fox Gold Coast	Residence Inn	Fox Gold Coast	Flagship Cinemas	Carousel Hotel	Ocean City Arts Center
10 AM							
11 AM							
NOON	Feature: The Duckpond						
1 PM					Feel Good Films		
2 PM	Social Commentary Shorts	Feature: UnUnited		Film Challenge		Animation Films	
3 PM	Feature: Life in Synchro	Feature: High Tide in Dorchester		Funny Shorts Block I	Dramatic Shorts Block I		
4 PM						Youth Shorts	
5 PM			Opening Reception				First Friday Art Opening
6 PM							
7 PM	Emmi Shockley			Feature: My Spirit...	Short Documentaries Block I		
8 PM	Feature: Reggie's Forest	Aquatic Films		Short Horror Films Block I	Feature: Lost in Woonsocket	Feature: Life in Synchro	
9 PM							

chedule

Seating is limited in all venues
and available on a first-come basis.

Location addresses - See page 51

Saturday March 7				Sunday March 8		
Fox Gold Coast	Flagship Cinemas	Clarion Resort Hotel	Ocean City Arts Center Aloft Hotel	Fox Gold Coast	Flagship Cinemas	Secrets
			Arts Center: Maryland Film			
			Office Panel		Feature: UnUnited	Emmi Shockley
	Aquatic Films					Feature: Stay Human
					Feel Good Films	
Feature: The Duckpond	Feature: Victory Swim			Feature: Reggie's Forest		Funny Shorts Block 2
					Animation Films	
Jennifer Taher	Feature: To the Sea			Feature: High Tide in Dorchester		
		Short Documentaries Block 2				
			Aloft Hotel: Filmmaker Happy Hour			Awards Ceremony & Closing Reception
		Social Commentary Shorts				
Dramatic Shorts Block 2	Feature: Reggie's Forest	Short Horror Films Block 2				

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1:30 PM

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The Duckpond

Robert Andersson

Fredrik's peaceful life in a small town is turned upside down when his childhood friend is released from prison. (Sweden ~ 01:30:00)

3:30 PM

JENNIFER TAHER FILMS

New York filmmaker and Stephen Decatur High School graduate, Jen works as actor, director, writer, producer in theater, film, TV.

Those People

Jennifer Taher & Tasha Gordon-Solmon

Amanda finds out she is pregnant and worries about bringing a child into a world in the throes of dystopia. (USA ~ 00:17:00)

I Am a Great Big Ball of Sadness

Jennifer Taher, Chris Tyler & Chase Voorhees

New Yorkers meet at a party and reveal their inner woes. Winner of the Manhattan Short Film Festival 2014. (USA ~ 00:10:00)

8 PM

DRAMATIC SHORTS (BLOCK 2)



Set Me Free

Taylor Young

Danielle constantly worries about her younger sister who was born with a rare illness yet enjoys life fully. (Timonium ~ 00:16:00)

The Last Blue Cup

Hannah Thompson

Jessie is moving; Phel isn't. They meet; things change. (USA ~ 00:15:00)



Myself

Paul Cosby

High school student suffers from social anxiety. (Arnold ~ 00:20:00)



Backbeat

Martin Blank

Couple struggles with their differences as they travel through the challenges and transformations life brings. (Bethesda ~ 00:04:00)

Linger

Drew Noble

Young man accepts he and his ex-boyfriend are processing their breakup at different speeds. (USA ~ 00:14:00)

Insomnia Nights

Richie Wenzler

Young man reflects on the time he spent with his friend while roaming around the city. (USA ~ 00:20:00)



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AQUATIC FILMS

Fine Line

Christopher Hogue

A young couple decides to end their life together on a toxic and dying Earth. (*Hollywood* ~ 00:01:00)

The Adventures of Zack & Molly

Jim Toomey

Zack is interested in the small world of his smart phone. Molly is interested in global communications. (*USA* ~ 00:11:00)

Out of the Black & Into the Blue: Chapter 7

Alex del Olmo

An immersive, hi-def experience of diving in Philippines' islands, landscapes and coral reefs. (*Philippines* ~ 00:04:00)

Not a Love Song

Jasia Kaulbach

The music video for *Not a Love Song* by musician Sammy G. (*USA* ~ 00:03:00)

Solace: A Surf Documentary

Giorgio Ghiotto &
Seamus Tyrrell

70-year-old retiree continues to surf to recover from the exhaustion caused by the world of industry. (*United Kingdom* ~ 00:07:00)

Where is Lotte?

Petra Zoepnek

Legendary diver Lotte Hass in underwater cuts spanning seascapes from the Old Danube to the Red Sea. (*Austria* ~ 00:09:00)

Plastic Ocean

Sabrina Inderbitzi

Plastic pollution in oceans through intimate, close-up cuts of waste and the sea life that is affected by it. (*Switzerland* ~ 00:05:00)

Black Moon: Trent Mitchell

Robert Sherwood

Australian photographer's experimental pursuits to achieve his latest bodysurf series, *Inner Atlas*. (*Australia* ~ 00:05:00)

Whales in Tonga

Ed Park

A tone poem celebrating the annual humpback whale migration to Tonga islands, with Max Richter's music. (*Australia* ~ 00:09:00)

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AQUATIC FILMS *continued*

Bella Blue

Guillaume Quere

Five friends sail a catamaran on an idyllic journey to atoles in French Polynesia. (USA ~ 00:05:00)

Street Surfers

Arthur Neumeier

A big wave surfer and marine activist meets two men who serve the environment by recycling for income. (South Africa ~ 00:09:00)

Crisis on the Half-Shell: Chesapeake Bay

Michael Watts

Overfishing and industrialization and the bay's transformation from seafood haven to polluted waters. (USA ~ 00:14:00)

2 PM

FEATURE FILM

Victory Swim

Matt Yamashita

Documentary about Parkinson's patient and her nephew, an endurance athlete, who embark on a swim that will inspire and transform them both. (USA ~ 00:56:00)

3:30 PM

FEATURE FILM

To the Sea

Bruno Monteferri & Dana Bonilla

After the disappearance of waves and beaches in Peru, action by a group of surfers leads to the Rompientes Law, the first federal law in the world that protects waves. (Peru ~ 00:32:00)

8 PM

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Dave Messick

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4 PM

SHORT DOCUMENTARIES (BLOCK 2)

History and Legacy: The Dad Vail Regatta *Colin Steward*
85-year legacy of the largest collegiate regatta in the world, and Drexel University and its rowers. (USA ~ 00:06:00)



The Luminous Life of Tom Wilson *Warren Lewis Allen*
Life of artist and fashion model Wilson, who died from AIDS virus complications at height of his career in 1995. (Salisbury ~ 00:19:00)



Bishop *Joshua Ziggy Popkin*
True story of William Bradford Bishop, who murdered his entire family and vanished never to be seen again. (Baltimore ~ 00:17:00)

Lynnhaven *Lizzie Bankowski*
Local watermen in Virginia Beach face being pushed out of the river they have called home for decades. (USA ~ 00:10:00)

Make Up Your Mind *Ramsay Burgess*
College student is convinced he has a brain tumor, discovers it was all in his head. (USA ~ 00:05:00)

7 PM

SOCIAL COMMENTARY SHORTS



Concealer *Jenna Cipolloni*
Restrictive social norms towards feminine sexuality, centering on a woman trying to leave her locked bedroom. (Baltimore ~ 00:05:00)

Soul Bones *Andrew Huggins*
A man in the Deep South confronts his prejudices when a young boy moves in to the neighborhood. (USA ~ 00:11:00)

Lessons from Tanzania *Rob Simmons*
Volunteering trip drilling water wells in Tanzania with Lifetime Wells International, a water relief foundation. (USA ~ 00:11:00)

Outside *Jeffrey Palmer*
Music video for musician Daniel Laurent reflecting our troubled times: gun violence, trauma, racial identity. (USA ~ 00:05:00)

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SOCIAL COMMENTARY SHORTS *continued*

Chained

Ganesh S. Bhat

Mystery man holds Thomas captive and takes him on a journey to his haunting past, where his escape goes awry. (USA ~ 00:12:00)

Far from Ordinary

Paul Bugarin

Brother pays brother a visit and reminds him of the cold realities of today's technologically-dependent world. (USA ~ 00:13:00)

8:30 PM

SHORT HORROR FILMS (BLOCK 2)

Boo

Rakefet Abergel

Recovering addict faces her demons during a rough night without her worried fiancé uncovering the truth. (USA ~ 00:15:00)



KALI

Kevin Glotfelty & Dirk Dupre

Young boy is haunted for his crimes by a goddess. (Silver Spring ~ 00:10:00)

Chateau Sauvignon: Terror

D.M. Night Maire

Son of a storied vintner family is torn between his father's cruelty and the care his ailing mother needs. (USA ~ 00:13:00)

Switch

Kelci Halferty

The woman Thomas wants is actually his twin brother's wife, and Thomas decides to take his place. (USA ~ 00:12:00)

The Hobbyist

George Vatistas

Mysterious druggist is paid a visit by a seemingly ordinary man in search of an undetectable poison (USA ~ 00:09:00)

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3:30 PM



FEATURE FILM

High Tide in Dorchester

Dave Harp, Tom Horton & Sandy Cannon-Brown

A powerful, intimate story that looks at a worsening global threat through the lens of the Chesapeake's most vulnerable county. (*Dorchester County ~ 00:55:00*)



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Sunday

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11 AM

FEATURE FILM

UnUnited

Brian Rose

A documentary that follows the fight for LGBTQ inclusion in the United Methodist Church. (USA ~ 01:07:00)

12:30 PM

FEEL GOOD FILMS

Homecoming

Colin Steward

After an eight-year absence, John Corson returns to his family's beach house to reflect on his past one last time. (USA ~ 00:13:00)

Take Me to the Stars

Justin Scott Lawrence

A young boy tries to understand his distant father while dealing with the death of his wonderful mother. (USA ~ 00:16:00)



It's Time to Get Lost

Kenny Wooten

Teresa goes on a spontaneous adventure to return a valuable post-card. (Catonsville ~ 00:12:00)

Family Portrait

Hannah Paquette

Sisters rescue grandmother's art before it's gone. (USA ~ 00:12:00)

As One

David Spaltro

Jill must put one foot in front of the other to move through her grief and discovers every mile has a story. (USA ~ 00:15:00)

Go Go, Boy

Oriana Oppice

A young black LGBTQ youth discovers his place in the world through his private world of dance. (USA ~ 00:06:00)

One Breath Around the World

Guillaume Néry

French apnea champion Néry and his wife embark on an underwater odyssey across the globe. (France ~ 00:13:00)



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2:30 PM

ANIMATION FILMS



The Tale of Bunnyman Bridge

Erick Lochstampfor

A story set in Fairfax, Virginia. (USA ~ 00:02:00)

The Ant

Kevin Hogan

Boy entertains himself by destroying an ant hill, not realizing the effect he has on the creatures around him. (Reisterstown ~ 00:03:00)

Angels & Apes

Tedd Hazard

Official music video for Eric Funn. (USA ~ 00:04:00)

Waiting by the Phone

Olivia Jensen

Woman grieves her dead sister by trying to keep her memory alive by simultaneously taking care of them both. (USA ~ 00:04:00)

Blue and Curt

Jesse Cote

A stubborn little monster named Curt receives some advice from a clever little bird named Blue. (Canada ~ 00:01:00)

Serendipity

Carlos Mejia & Kevin Barwick

Gordon has snakes for hair, turning people to stone. (USA ~ 00:07:00)

Tiffany

Christina Christie

Pauline discovers stained glass has come to life. (USA ~ 00:07:00)

Purple

Erin McDowell

Set in a fictional 1920's metropolis, the title character travels to the city to enjoy the work of her favorite artist. (USA ~ 00:07:00)

Starfish

Sofia Ameti

Starfish enjoys simple life before romance enters. (USA ~ 00:05:00)

The Sandman

Natalia Hermida

Sandman puts a train station operator to sleep as two oncoming trains race against each other. (USA ~ 00:11:00)

Selfish

Po Chien Chen

In an *izakaya* restaurant, a chef serves signature dishes to a group of special guests. (Taiwan ~ 00:02:00)

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Don't Be A Baby

Emmi Shockley

Billie is having “The Scare,” the big one, the existential-life-inducing Pregnancy Scare. (*New York ~ 00:09:00*)



J-1

Emmi Shockley

When a young Ocean City local begins a summer relationship with an Irish J-1 student, she sees a potential for a new life and a chance for adventure. She struggles with her decision to leave everything she has known and move to Dublin. (*Ocean City ~ 00:20:00*)

12 PM

FEATURE FILM

Stay Human

Michael Franti

Musician's personal journey where he meets humans who inspire him to overcome cynicism with optimism and stay human. With new music from Franti's 10th studio album. (*USA ~ 01:34:00*)

2 PM

FUNNY SHORTS (BLOCK 2)



Speed Date

Gregory Dirus Lee

Keith speed dates after years in a relationship, and finds dating is not as simple as it used to be. (*College Park ~ 00:10:00*)

Raging Cult

Meagan Adele Lopez

Agoraphobe lives life through social media, starts a cult of feminine rage to change the face of social media. (*France ~ 00:17:00*)

Praise and Blame

Shane Book

Belarus poet with frozen waffle obsession meets Honduran immigrant; secret from the poet's past threatens. (*Canada ~ 00:20:00*)

You're the Puppet

Michael Charron

Hot comedy duo considers solo careers. (*USA ~ 00:12:00*)



Improv

Addie Kopsidas

Amy argues with her boyfriend before her hobby improv class and channels her energy into class exercises. (*Potomac ~ 00:10:00*)

Table by the Window: Deipnophobia

Rob Waters

Two childhood friends meet each other for lunch to introduce their significant others. (*USA ~ 00:10:00*)

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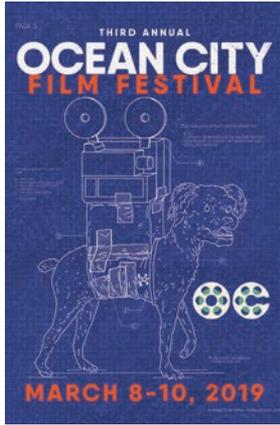


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“I’ve been very lucky and appreciative that people are receptive to my art, personal and commercial. So if I had to describe my art style it would be lucky,” he said. “I was at the right place at the right time and landed a great opportunity with an organization that I support.”

“I approach the Film Festival posters like most freelance opportunities, in stages. The OC Film Fest team, the creative director, and I consult about the approach for the current year, and then I attempt to bring the vision to fruition. I create multiple thumbnails and concepts. Once approved, I make larger sketches and map out colors and details to reassemble in Adobe Illustrator. Each design comes together like a puzzle. Like a puzzle, each one takes time to complete, and some call for more pieces than others. Each year the Film Festival grows and expands, and I just try to make a design that reflects that growth and change.”

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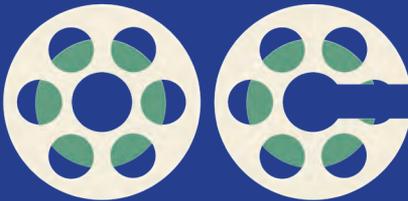
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