



**SAN JOSE
SHORT FILM
FESTIVAL 2011**

A four day festival of
short films from
around the world

**OCTOBER
20TH - 23RD**
CINEARTS SANTANA ROW

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Welcome...

Welcome to the 2011 San Jose Short Film Festival (SJSFF)

For the past three years, we have been honored to present an incredible array of short films from across the globe as part of the San Jose Short Film Festival, and this year we are excited to bring the festival to a fantastic new venue at Cinemark's CineArt Theatre at the beautiful Santana Row complex. Other milestones include the increased number of films submitted, more screening days and for the first time we will feature 50 amazing films as part of this four day festival. No question, there is truly something for everyone at this year's event, so sit back, relax and we hope you enjoy the show.

Thank you for your support of independent film,

Bill Hargreaves

Co-founder/Executive Producer

Sinohui Hinojosa

Co-Founder/Festival Producer/
Programmer

Tickets/Information

Ticket Prices:

Single Screening Admission: **\$12**

Backstage Pass: **\$99**

(access to all screenings and filmmaker forums)

Premiere Pass: **\$140**

(access to all screenings, after-parties and events)

Two ways to purchase tickets:

Online at www.sjshortfest.com

or In-Person at the festival box office at CineArts Theatre

All orders are final. No refunds, exchanges or substitutions. SJSFF is not responsible for lost, stolen, forgotten or damaged tickets. Ticket holders must arrive at least 15 minutes prior to showtime to ensure a seat.

All screenings will take place at the CineArts Theatre at Santana Row

CineArts Theatre

3088 Olsen Drive
San Jose, CA
408-554-7000
www.cinemark.com

Opening Night

Premiere
Selections

Thursday
October 20th 7:30pm

*Films not in screening order



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A Finger, Two Dots Then Me USA 2011 [8 mins]

A spoken-word piece based on a popular poem by renowned modern poet Derrick Brown. The film takes a dramatic look at death, life and love through the eyes of Brown, a beat poet who has performed around the world for the last decade both as a headliner and with bands such as the Flaming Lips and the Cold War Kids.



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Sexting USA 2011 [8 mins]

A look at modern romance and the digital age, written and directed by Neil LaBute and starring Julia Stiles.



Dolores Spain 2011 [10 mins]

It's an ordinary evening at a bust stop, where two lonely people unexpectedly meet, talk and share their hopes and dreams.
Winner, Best Film, SJSFF 2010.

It's Comedy Tonight

Friday
October 21st 7pm



15 Summers Later

Norway/Spain [5 mins]

Everyone needs time to heal and regain balance. Unfortunately, some much longer than others.

A Short Film

USA 2010 [3 mins]

One horse, one cowboy, one classic tale – a short take on the Old West.



Suiker Netherlands 2010 [10 mins]

When Bert's attractive and scantily dressed neighbor drops by to borrow a cup of sugar, a routine situation escalates to something much more, with a simple slip of the hand.

First Dates USA 2010 [15 mins]

In a series of vignettes about first dates and the ruthless of the dating world, characters deal with the sometimes awkward, always hilarious, desperate human quest for companionship in the fast paced modern-world.



Trigger Happy USA 2010 [9 mins]

Two childhood friends get together, struggling to come to terms with the differences between their idea of what they have become versus what they actually have done with their lives. A rapid-fire comedy about the extreme nature of friendship and what happens when you find yourself just 'coming along for the ride'.

Flatmates 3.0

Italy/Spain 2011 [1 mins]

How well do you know your roommates? This quick take may have your answer.



My Friend Peter USA 2010 [11 mins]

A bit of a loner in a (seemingly) cold world, Gerald has one best friend, his constant companion, Peter. With charisma, a sense of humor, the ability to talk to anyone about anything, Peter is everything that Gerald would like to be – did we mention that Peter is a monkey puppet?

dik Australia 2010 [10 mins]

A concerned father of a six year old boy, struggles with his son's newfound idea of fun.



The Goose USA 2010 [11 mins]

A heated game of basketball played in the snow, forces two jocks to come to terms with an on-the-court incident that may change their relationship forever.

Welcome to the Alternate Universe

Friday
October 21st 9pm



Mercury in Tuna USA 2010 [10 mins]

Avery lives a life that is governed by her fears, prompted by the persistent concerns raised by her mother. When an innocent stranger asks for help, she ignores him, prompting her to question everything she believes.



The Black Hearts

USA 2011 [10 mins]

Told from the perspective of social media pushed to the limit, a heist and their participants are watched by the whole world, always connected, online and mobile.

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I Think I Want Out

USA 2010 [10 mins]

While on a job, an aging hit-man begins to evaluate his life.



The Agency USA 2011 [6 mins]

Standing outside an apartment building, Linda confides that she just got out of rehab and that she's clean and sober, starting a new business and things are going to be different this time. A moment later, Linda's engaging in self destructive behavior. Is freedom just a slippery slope?



Gratitude USA 2011 [20 mins]

A young chef who is failing in the art of cooking happens upon a talking fish. With the fish's help she is soon on top of her game, but she'll soon have to make a hard choice about her future.

The Valley USA 2011 [14 mins]

A twenty-year-old battles with the psychological aftermath of secrets kept and the horror of child abuse in this powerful film.



After School Special

USA 2011 [10 mins]

A man and a woman have an awkward encounter at an indoor playground in this Neil LaBute penned slice-of-life starring Sarah Paulson and Wes Bentley.



The Best of the San Jose Short Film Festival

Saturday
October 22nd 12pm



Blueberry UK 2010 [12 mins]

As far as Daisy's concerned, mummy's just on holiday & daddy has the sniffles. The truth is her mother's left them and her father's sadness is growing into deep despair. It will take quite a shock to snap him out of it. Enter Blueberry the snake.

Winner of the Audience Award, SJSFF 2010



SAE USA 2009 [8 mins]

In a quiet hospital a little girl waits for her father to die, in her sadness a dark world emerges that inhabit her waking world. Hallucinations of demons and monsters haunt her as a psychologist does her best to figure out what is wrong, before it is too late.

Winner Best Short Film

USA 2009 [4 mins]

A filmmaker, trying to impress a Hollywood producer, claims to be the winner of the Sundance Short Film Competition with his half-second masterpiece.



Los Gritones (The Screamers)

Spain 2010 [2 mins]

When two friends decide to let their emotions run free by screaming from the rooftop, they find themselves able to say just about anything.



Cockpit -The Rule of Engagement

USA 2010 [12 mins]

In 2103, one rule in fighter combat keeps a mind controlling alien race away from Earth's doorstep, starring Ronny Cox (Robocop, Beverly Hills Cop).



When The Hurlyburly's Done

Germany 2010 [15 mins]

Jacob is holding Gwynn in his arms, bleeding to death. A love stronger than death, that's what they promised to each other. Should he take her to hospital, or rather escape? The hospital, that's where her husband and his men are waiting. What's his decision - his love, or his life? The answer will fall, when the hurlyburly's done...

Sheldon USA 2010 [6 mins]

Former children's television sensation Sheldon Shellstein, down on his luck following a string of public scandals, make an ill-fated guest appearance at an amateur wrestling exposition to mixed results. Hilarious, touching and inventive, think Avenue Q meets The Wrestler.



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Welcome to the Ink & Paint Club

Saturday
October 22nd 2pm



Little Heart Canada 2010 [7 mins]

The idea that love should last forever, the reaction when it doesn't and the growth that follows. A story about the determination, destruction and strength of a Little Heart to understand love. Explored through classical hand drawn, hand painted (acrylic), paint on glass (water color), and cut out 2D animation techniques.

Bye Bye Bruce USA 2010 [9 mins]

Experimental and thoughtful, an intriguing story by Yung-Han Chang.



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Why Do We Put Up With Them

USA 2011 [3 mins]

An animated poem about a four-legged family member, and why we put up with them.



Heart USA 2011 [4 mins]

This animated tale explores the question we ask ourselves, in realizing our essence and the meaning of life. Captivating the viewer's attention, it discovers what we fight for and why we destroy each other.

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Ingrid Pit: Beyond the Forest

USA 2011 [6 mins]

Based on the true stories of Ingrid Pitt, a Holocaust survivor and feature film star – this amazing film was drawn by 10 year old Perry S. Chen, under the supervision of Oscar Winner, Bill Plympton.

Bob Germany 2010 [3 mins]

Two hamsters race around the world in their search for friendship and possibly more, in this delightful CG animated short.



BONUS DOCUMENTARIES:



Disaster (a personal geography)

Japan, USA 2011 [8 mins]

Laura Green documents the experiences of her family as they grow increasingly preoccupied with the possibility of disaster - her mother fed-exes packages of earthquake survival supplies halfway around the world, while her brother navigates the surreal landscape of post-earthquake Tokyo. In this dark yet often-humorous film, Laura uses the experiences of her family as a jumping off point to explore how we collectively and individually deal with disaster.

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Another Slice of Life

Saturday
October 22nd 4pm



On One

Hong Kong 2010 [7 mins]

Two young couples receive unexpected help documenting their relationships when a stranger offers to take their photos.



Pluto

USA 2011 [11 mins]

A no-holds barred story about two sisters, their sick mother, and a tough decision. The dramatic short packs a punch with heart, humor, and the kind of below-the-belt jabs only sisters can deliver.

The Secret Friend

Brazil/USA 2010 [15 mins]

An elderly lady scratching out a solitary life in a small apartment begins to receive telephone calls every afternoon at a certain time.

But when she picks up the telephone, no voice greets her. At first, it appears to be an annoying prank – but then it evolves into something highly unexpected.



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Almost Runaways

USA 2011 [11 mins]

A young boy gets the chance of his life to run away from home with the girl of his dreams...but what to bring?



Amores Ciegos

Spain 2010 [23 mins]

Marta, who is trying but can't get pregnant, is married to Julio who's having an affair with Mila, Marta's sister. The three of them live in secret until Fernando, Julio's brother and Mila's ex-husband, with whom he has a kid, comes back from a long trip and the lives of all four turn around.

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After the Credits

Australia [15 mins]

Boy meets girl, boy gets girl, boy loses girl, boy gets girl back. They live happily ever after, that is, until the credits roll.



The Bay Area Presents... Sunday October 23rd 2pm



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Horizon USA 2011 [15 mins]

A young military sniper who lives in a dystopian future where food and supplies are scarce, fights against the terrorist group who continue to steal the last of her town's supplies. Forced to take care of a wounded soldier, her experience with him changes her understanding and the way she looks at her world, and her role in it.



Boon of Exile India/USA 2010 [8 mins]

With no work available and no future in sight, a farmer must send his only son to America. When legal options fail, his only hope is to join a group of exiles being smuggled in from Canada.

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The Waking

Canada 2011 [12 mins]

Anna moved into her dream home. She knew this was the one; but so did the mysterious presence lurking within its walls.



Serene Valley

USA 2011 [12 mins]

Alina is sent on a dangerous mission to deliver a young boy to a military camp. Through their travels, the two form a touching relationship and she questions if she is making the right decision.



Open 24 Hours USA 2010 [8 mins]

The husband, a current lover and the hit-men hired to kill her ex, all show up at a 24 Hour diner – some are there to collect their money, some to exact revenge, then of course there are the two undercover cops who are there to question her ex-husband about possibly robbing a bank.



Red Princess Blues

USA 2010 [11 mins]

ZOE, a young teenage girl, is lured into an after-hours carnival tent by the sleazy rock n roll carnie RIMO, and gets more than she bargained for. It's up to the mysterious PRINCESS, star of the new knife show, to pull her out of the wolf's den.

Demon's Dilemma

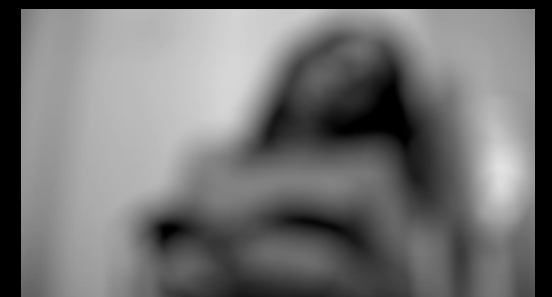
USA 2011 [13 mins]

A demon walking amongst us. But demons and angels do not walk lock and step with their masters. That is a fable told by the old peoples who knew enough to fear them. Celestial beings can act out. But there are consequences for disobedience. So what happens when a demon defies the natural order and inadvertently commits an act fit for an angel? Heaven knows.



Light Australia 2011 [11 mins]

A blind man slowly regains his vision, but decides not to tell his wife.



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