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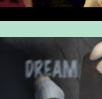
2024 MFF Schedule

	Film Name	Genre	Screening Date	Time	Synopsis
Friday 6/14					
	What We Find on The Road	Drama	6/14/2024	1:00 PM	On his 18th birthday, TJ receives a key from his estranged ex con father. The key unlocks a timeworn '68 convertible and a challenge to drive across America - in hopes of repairing his sense of family. Supported by a band of loveable oddballs and held together by humor and grit, TJ discovers that sometimes the longest road is the fastest way to home.
	Heights	Drama	6/14/2024	5:00 PM	"Heights" portrays two strangers, desperate for love and connection in order to fill each of their individual voids. In a world in which dating has become so casual and elusive, these characters are brought together and forced to be vulnerable with each other, to show their true selves, no matter how damaged they might be. They finally discover that in the end, the cure for everyone's wounds is always the same: acceptance.
	More Giving	Web Series	6/14/2024	5:00 PM	More Giving is an exploration into the art of gifting. Giving comes in many forms, from physical gifts, to showing up and giving our time. In each episode, we take a deep dive into the details around thoughtful gifting. In an era of over-consumption, its time to shift the perception around gifting from consumerism, to how we can consciously give with intention to the people we love and our communities.
	After Taste	Drama	6/14/2024	5:00 PM	When two lovers spend a little too much alone time together, their extra-martial affair turns from lustful to listless.
	I Could Eat Ep 2	Pilot	6/14/2024	5:00 PM	Musician/foodie/international tour guide, Rick Bedrosian plays and eats his way through New York State's Hudson Valley. The premise of the show is simple: it pairs lesser-known eateries with Rick Bedrosian's insatiable appetite for music, wit and all things delicious. This is not a cooking show but rather a kitchen session in restaurants and homes that unites friendly conversations with extraordinary dishes and a dash of music.
	Running Erins	Pilot	6/14/2024	7:00 PM	Finally, Erin Fogel has everything pretty much where she wants it. She and her ex are successfully co-parenting their son. Her best friend just moved in. She's dating again. Her parents are healthy. And while she's still sad about closing her yoga studio, she has a fantastic community of moms at her son's school to sustain her. But when a new mom joins their group, and she clearly has an axe to grind with Erin. Suddenly, everything Erin has worked so hard to build is in jeopardy.
	The Serena Variations	Thriller	6/14/2024	9:00 PM	A young violin prodigy is manipulated and pushed to her psychological breaking point by the composer she adores.
	Bridge/ Keeper	Short Drama	6/14/2024	9:00 PM	As a bridge keeper makes his rounds, a mysterious sequence of events pushes him into an unexpected reality regarding the bridge in his care.
Saturday 6/15					
	Hollywood Takeover: China's Control in Film Industry	Documentary	6/15/2024	1:00 PM	Have you noticed anything different about our movies lately? Perhaps you noticed how Top Gun: Maverick attempted to strip the Taiwanese and Japanese flags off Tom Cruise's jacket; how Iron Man 3 inserted a Chinese doctor into the movie who saves the life of Tony Stark. Is it an artistic license? Or something more sinister? Who really controls the film industry? Why does the CCP want to control Hollywood so badly? These are the issues explored in the groundbreaking new film, "Hollywood Takeover: China's Control in the Film Industry" an NTD Original.
	Second Chance City	Documentary	6/15/2024	3:00 PM	A young man endeavors to rebuild his life after his release from prison, navigating the challenges of rehabilitation, life, love and family.
	And the River Rises	Documentary	6/15/2024	5:00 PM	The mysterious collapse of the Kakhovka Dam floods the frontline on the eve of Ukraine's counteroffensive against Russia's invasion. Our documentary short follows American volunteer soldiers to the river's edge and continues through the lives of Ukrainian flood survivors. How is the war effort affected by this historical tragedy, and who is to blame? How does a community ravaged by war come together to survive the floodwaters? Through the eyes of Ukrainian citizens, we witness the perseverance and hope bred through generations of conflict.
	A Clean Slate	Documentary	6/15/2024	5:00 PM	In 2007 Shanyell McCloud was convicted of misdemeanor battery protecting herself and her daughter from her abusive husband, a record that upturned her life, making it nearly impossible to find employment. After almost 16 months unemployed, Shanyell learned she was not eligible for expungement under current Wisconsin state law. Despite this, Shanyell has dedicated herself to helping others navigate the process of receiving judicial clemency using the knowledge she gained—one of those beneficiaries being Karie Elliott, a vet tech living in Milwaukee.
	Tiny Texas	Documentary	6/15/2024	5:00 PM	In 1980s Texas, a star player and his coach face off on the basketball court and, figuratively speaking, hard truths are revealed as the onion of their relationship is peeled back.
	The Godfather in Repose: Mike Metzger	Documentary	6/15/2024	5:00 PM	An emotional, in-depth look at the sacrifices made by Mike Metzger, aka "The Godfather of Freestyle Motocross," to help create the most dangerous extreme sport on the planet.

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 The Soul Trader	Thriller	6/15/2024	7:00 PM	An occult hitwoman has cornered the market for selling life-extending souls to the elite. But on her final hit before retirement, deadly competition emerges from the shadows.
 Technical Support	Dark Comedy	6/15/2024	7:00 PM	Milton, a lonely middle-aged man, starts to fall in love with his new sex robot but his relationship is upended when she ignores his safe word, leading to the most awkward customer service call of his life.
 Hangman	Dark Comedy	6/15/2024	7:00 PM	A recently widowed woman works through the complexities of grief with the help of friends, strangers, and Tupperware. When the grief pops up as a vision of her deceased husband, she makes some shocking realizations.
 The Only Way Out Is Through	Drama	6/15/2024	7:00 PM	Estranged siblings come together for the first time at their abusive mother's funeral. A story about family, trauma and how it stays with us through adulthood - even when we think we've found our way through.
 Love Bites	Dark Comedy	6/15/2024	7:00 PM	Love Bites is a story of conformity, love potions, and weaponized vegetables. Arthur, a young romantic in the world of online dating, goes on a first date and soon learns that things are a little strange at the diner he's in. As things escalate, Arthur finds himself having to make an important choice.
 Grieving	Dark Comedy	6/15/2024	7:00 PM	Diane, an aspiring actress, finds herself in the office of psychiatrist Dr. Hiller. As part of a ground-breaking if controversial study, Dr. Hiller hires Diane to role play as the deceased partner of one of his clients. Desperate for work, Diane accepts the job and finds herself in a position where she must act out a scenario in which to bring emotional closure to someone else's pain. However, when Diane realizes the selfishness of her assigned client, she is thrust into a dilemma of continuing her usual behavior of people-pleasing or to finally stand up for herself.
 Because I Love You	Dark Comedy	6/15/2024	7:00 PM	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)
 Grounded	Drama	6/15/2024	9:00 PM	William Lee, a 30-something Chinese-Filipino American, introduces his Caucasian girlfriend to his overbearing, immigrant parents when a mysterious cosmic force takes hold of their day.
Sunday 6/16				
 Dear Name	Drama	6/16/2024	1:00 PM	Do-kyung, abandoned by his parents, finds a pair of baby shoes and becomes a shoemaker. He encounters Haesoo, a barefoot woman, and Chunho, a man in work boots, in Sokcho. Do-kyung's determination to find his birth mother intertwines with Haesoo's story. Despite challenges, Do-kyung gifts Haesoo a pair of shoes, symbolizing his longing for the sea.
 City of A Million Dreams	Documentary	6/16/2024	3:00 PM	Deb Cotton, Black and Jewish, leaves "hard-hearted Hollywood" for New Orleans. Entranced by the parading culture, rooted in 19th century burial rites, Deb blogs as "Big Red Cotton," posting her videos. Alongside Deb's explorations, Dr. Michael White, a prolific jazzman, plays "the widow's wail" on clarinet in funeral marches, lamentation giving way to joyous peals for the soul's cutting-loose. White, too, is on a journey, seeking clues of his ancestor who played at the dawn of jazz. With stunning dramatizations of African burial dances, the film spotlights a parade shooting that plunges Deb and Michael into a search for the city's soul.
 Lost	Drama	6/16/2024	5:00 PM	On an early Fall day, a man ventures alone into the ancient and untamed woods of the Pacific Northwest. Lost in thought yet driven by an urgent sense of purpose, he seems to be on some kind of mission. But what? Day blends into night and back again as he plunges deeper into the dense wilderness. As his determination intensifies we are left to wonder what secret is he hiding, until the truth is finally revealed.
 The Escape from Myrtle Broadway	Drama	6/16/2024	5:00 PM	Ike has built a little empire for himself in Bedstuy, Brooklyn at the chaotic intersection of Myrtle and Broadway. He owns a bar and a pizzeria and lives in an apartment directly above these businesses. One day, his younger brother, Evan, a PHD student at Stanford, shows up and is hellbent on taking Ike upstate to go hiking. But Ike is busy - he has to knead pizza dough, replace some lightbulbs and crack the code to his gunsafe. He has no time for nature, emotions or sentimental brotherly connection and his procrastination pushes Evan to a breaking point.
 Routine	Drama	6/16/2024	5:00 PM	The tumultuous world of young Willian, a nine-year-old whose innocence is shattered amidst the relentless storm of domestic aggression. Born into a volatile household, Willian's tender years are marred by the brutal reality of constant conflict. In the gripping short film "Routine", we are thrust into the harrowing journey of a child forced to endure the chilling presence of domestic violence. Through Willian's eyes, we witness the raw emotional toll of relentless turmoil and explore the profound scars etched by a toxic home environment.
 Fading Shadows	Drama	6/16/2024	5:00 PM	In "Fading Shadows," a gritty short film, we follow a young man entangled in gang life and adorned with tattoos, marks of his tumultuous past. Estranged since childhood from his father, who departed and never looked back, he now faces a critical decision when his loving mother informs him of his father's impending death. As he grapples with the desire for his father's elusive approval and his own deep-seated resentments, the prospect of reconciliation looms. With time running out, the son must confront his fears and past judgments, potentially leading to a transformative encounter that challenges the shadows of their shared history.
 Ivy's Dream	Drama	6/16/2024	5:00 PM	After a tragedy that she struggles to understand, a wife and mother falls into alcoholism, unable to cope. Her confused husband, fed up with her dangerous behavior in front of their children, is torn between hopefully waiting for her to recover, or breaking up their family.

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 CROWN	Documentary	6/16/2024	5:00 PM	When a young, Black, up-and-coming artist and sommelier is offered a prestigious new job, he is encouraged to change his appearance to adhere to the rules of 'traditions', putting him at the forefront of hypocrisy and hair discrimination. 'CROWN' is a short story shot on 16mm film exploring art, hair, hypocrisy and wine in New York.
 Broken Pieces	Drama	6/16/2024	7:00 PM	One day in NYC the lives of five people cross paths with each other in unexpected ways, revealing the subtle yet important interconnectedness of their lives as they grapple with their own issues and try to make sense of the chaos that surrounds them. Love is a complicated and messy thing, and sometimes it takes being broken to find the pieces that fit.
 Blood Drive	Drama	6/16/2024	9:00 PM	In the aftermath of a devastating car crash, a newlywed gay couple's fight for survival becomes a harrowing test of love and endurance, revealing painful truths buried beneath the façade of progress.
 The Karamazovs	Thriller	6/16/2024	9:00 PM	Fyodor Karamazov is ill and holed up in his oceanfront home with his loyal caretaker Liz when his three estranged children return home. Their attempts at reconciliation are complicated further when Fyodor is found dead and they must finally face the truth about their past. Part murder mystery, part spiritual quest, THE KARAMAZOVs tells a subversive and contemporary American story (inspired by Dostoevsky's classic) about a family unraveling to be remade.
 Call Failed	Thriller	6/16/2024	9:00 PM	A phone call between a bride to be and her fiancé is cut short while he is driving home and she suspects something terrible may have happened.
Monday 6/17				
 Thief	Drama	6/17/2024	1:00 PM	The film 'Thief' depicts the hardships of the underprivileged people living in a mega-city, with the aim of provoking people's reflections on the phenomenon of exclusion in big cities. Zhang Zhibin, a member of the elite class in the city, returns to his hometown in search of a lost ring. He believes that he has caught the thief who stole it, namely Bo An, a member of the underprivileged class. However, Bo An insists that he purchased the ring from a second-hand store, leading to a conflict between the two and triggering tensions between their respective families and social classes.
 Golden Coast	International	6/17/2024	1:00 PM	The short film shows an experienced veteran was ordered to send the communication soldier who completed the reporting task back to the rear base camp. On the way, they ran into trenches to avoid drones, so they began to get to know each other and share their past and views on the war. However, the drone eventually locked on to them. The peaceful golden beach, the young mother and the veteran's daughter, happily greeted the veteran's return, only to find that it was a wounded stranger who returned.
 Green Lights	Thriller	6/17/2024	1:00 PM	In a race against time, a determined woman faces the chaos of urban life and unpredictability of her own destiny.
 The Curtain	Drama	6/17/2024	1:00 PM	Mother-daughter tensions bind one generation to the next in a seedy motel room where love, sex and a wish for redemption lurk beyond the curtain...
 Deserters	Drama	6/17/2024	1:00 PM	Flanders, 1916. Tommy Tull, a young West Indies recruit, flees a violent mission in the forests of Belgium. Exhausted and terrified, he encounters Finn, a mysterious Irish officer, who takes him to an isolated cabin and takes care of him and suggests joining forces to ensure their survival. Over the next few days, the two form an unconventional bond, but their newfound peace is quickly tested when a German soldier invades in the middle night. Despite Finn's insistence, Tommy refuses to kill the German, resulting in a bloody game of survival in which no player will emerge unmarked.
 Manage This! Webseries	Web Series	6/17/2024	1:00 PM	Mia Foreman is a music manager who lives in Vermont and attempts to manage not only her own personal life but also a few complicated and zany musicians in this light comedy.
 Breakdown	Comedy	6/17/2024	1:00 PM	A progressive Democrat car driver learns in the middle of a discussion that her client is pro Trump. Therefore, she tries to kick him out. But suddenly her car suddenly stops at that moment. The two protagonists will have to overcome their political differences together to fix the car.
 Dream	Drama	6/17/2024	1:00 PM	In pursuit of his dreams, Igor faces the devastating loss of his loved one, a truth he struggles to accept. Supported by his pragmatic friend Mr. Raef, Igor wrestles with the temptation to take drastic action in his grief, realizing the profound consequences it could have on his path and identity. It's a poignant exploration of love, loss, and moral dilemmas.
 Hong Kong-Final Days of Freedom	Documentary	6/17/2024	3:00 PM	Hong Kong - Final Days of Freedom explores Hong Kong's battle for democracy with interviews from protestors, professors, politicians, and activists telling how their new National Security Law has turned this international business mecca into a Chinese-controlled police state.
 Trust In Love	Feature Comedy	6/17/2024	5:00 PM	Mickey Ferrara's record producing career is going down the tubes, his estranged wife wants a divorce and his son is struggling with the reality that he is gay. But Mickey is a warrior, so he's about to get in the trenches and Trust In Love to keep his family together and maybe make one more good record.
 Nay So	Drama	6/17/2024	7:00 PM	After an intense trip, Anya's anxiety subsides just enough for her to make an egregious, poorly timed confession to her best friend, Taj.

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 Shadow	Thriller	6/17/2024	7:00 PM	Jae-Ha, an aspiring documentary filmmaker, finds a strange advertisement that will pay huge sum of money for filming a person for three-days, begins to secretly filming a stage actress, Sun-Woo as requested by the client.
 The Mistake	Thriller	6/17/2024	7:00 PM	Matthew, a dodgy addict known to stretch the truth from time to time discovers the unconscious body of his on-again off-again girlfriend Katie after a wild drug-infused night. Not entirely sure how to deal with the dilemma, he drags his adoptive stepbrother, Jason, into the scenario to help him "handle the situation" before anyone can find out. But before he can convince Jason to help him out things quickly start to spiral out of control.
 Rabbit Trails	Drama	6/17/2024	7:00 PM	A teenage girl, Tess, struggles against her single, Chinese-American father as she tries to come to terms with moving to a new city. But when Tess finds her father pensively looking at an old family photo of himself as a kid back in China, the two of them have a moment of connection and reconciliation. Through a shared experience of leaving behind their childhood homes, this is a story of a first-generation-immigrant father and a second-generation daughter slowly swinging into sync.
 Forgive Me Jaanu	Drama	6/17/2024	7:00 PM	Graduate students Shilpa and Hakim, an Indian woman and Black man, have been in a loving relationship for 4 years and are currently living together in harmony despite cultural differences. That is until Shilpa's parents come to visit from India.
 Always, Already	Experimental Drama	6/17/2024	7:00 PM	"Always, Already" is a hybrid film consisting of narrative, documentary, and animation elements that explores the theme of the illusory nature of identity in a universe defined by perpetual flux. Through its innovative blend of storytelling techniques, the film delves into how individuals perceive the world through the lens of fixed identities, only to confront the profound truth that everything is in a constant state of process. Ultimately, "Always, Already" challenges viewers to reconsider their notions of self and existence, daring them to embrace the bold realization that there is no you, only process, and everything is, always, already, in flux.
 That Which Binds Us	Horror	6/17/2024	7:00 PM	Widower Jeff Brenner is hiding a deadly secret. An unimaginable terror awaits for anyone he becomes intimate with...
 Breakup Season	Drama/Romance	6/17/2024	9:00 PM	Ben brings his girlfriend Cassie to his rural Oregon hometown to meet his family during what should be the most joyous time of the year, only for things to go terribly wrong upon arrival. Because of the remote location and winter weather, despite their conflicts the couple is forced to stay under the same roof with Ben's family through the Christmas holidays. Funny, dramatic, and bittersweet in equal measure, "Breakup Season" is an authentic look at early 20s love and heartbreak. Starring: Chandler Riggs ("The Walking Dead"), Samantha Isler ("Captain Fantastic"), James Urbaniak ("Oppenheimer") and Jacob Wysocki ("Pitch Perfect").
 Tasked	Drama	6/17/2024	9:00 PM	This rich and layered portrait of grief, love, and the constant struggle to achieve the American Dream follows Rosa, a Cuban woman in Miami, who is forced into confronting the trauma of her past in the wake of Fidel Castro's death in 2016.
Tuesday 6/18				
 Gradually, Then Suddenly: The Bankruptcy of Detroit	Documentary	6/18/2024	1:00 PM	Over six decades, the forces at work--deindustrialization, city-suburb distress, depopulation, loss of political power and bad decision making--contributed to the largest municipal bankruptcy in American history. When it became clear that the Detroit Institute of Arts and its magnificent collection were assets that could be liquidated, the conflict between selling art and funding pensions for municipal retirees became the central point of tension in the case. The nation's major philanthropies together with the State of Michigan finally brought to the table the missing ingredient--cash. Gradually, Then Suddenly traces the Detroit's path into insolvency and bankruptcy and the extraordinary plan that created a future this once great city.
 The Stairs	Drama	6/18/2024	3:00 PM	Rose, a child of Irish and Italian immigrants in 1968 Brooklyn, attempts to fit in with the boys by joining the game her brother plays with his friend. Their tenement building super and local Deacon starts preying on Rose, until Mrs. Teruli, an old-world Italian healer breaks his hold.
 Fish Out of Water	Drama	6/18/2024	4:00 PM	Lexi, a struggling young mom, has an opportunity to reconnect with her estranged family after she's approached by her now-sober father with news of her mother's failing health.
 Lark	Thriller	6/18/2024	5:00 PM	A tortured young artist daydreams to cope with the heaviness of her emotions.
 One Note	Comedy	6/18/2024	5:00 PM	A dark comedy about a neurotic but driven 17-year-old Chinese-American violinist on a mission to get admitted to Harvard at any cost. After spotting a mistake in her application at the last minute, she embarks on a midnight rampage through her magnet high school, blackmailing a socially-awkward teenage hacker to deliver the perfect audition for the elusive Dean of Admissions before the deadline.
 Everything's Fine	Thriller	6/18/2024	5:00 PM	A casual teen gathering is upended by a harrowing encounter with a sinister force. As terror engulfs them, John must contend with the menacing shadow that may be his inheritance.

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 Pathological	Comedy	6/18/2024	5:00 PM	Juliet Montgomery is a pathological liar. She lies about everything from having an astronaut neurosurgeon boyfriend to speaking Dutch to being Ariana Grande's perfume muse. As outlandish as her lies are, it's pretty clear they come from a deep desire for connection. So when she gets trashed one lonely night and barfs into a wishing fountain, she is thrilled to wake up the next day and discover her lies have become true! Suddenly she gets to live life as the person she's always wished she was, only to realize it's not the key to connection she thought it would be.
 Sunlight	Documentary	6/18/2024	5:00 PM	Pastor Donald Gray's life-long quest to save children trapped in the darkness of economic and societal despair began when he honored his spiritual and moral convictions years ago. Turning his back on a lucrative business career, he entered the ministry and created an organization to lead children out of a cycle of poverty, violence, drugs and family disintegration. "Long ago somebody reached out and helped me and I plan to give back and help everyone I can for as long as I'm able," he says. Donald brings us into "his world" where he fights for and beside the children struggling against hunger, drug dealers, gangs and a system seemingly rigged against them depending on "their zip code."
 Out of My Comfort Zone	Musical Feature	6/18/2024	7:00 PM	Josh and Rachel's close friendship is tested when a cyberbully with a hidden past threatens to expose secrets in this feature film family musical about finding the courage to be who you are.
 State Organs: Unmasking Transplant Abuse China	Documentary	6/18/2024	9:00 PM	When two young people suddenly went missing in police custody in mainland China, their families each began a 20-year dangerous search for them within the communist state. What they encountered was merciless rejection, a shocking state crime, and eventually, a sense of hope as a renewal of traditional faith emerged in China. The atrocity of state-sanctioned forced organ harvesting in China is comparable to the holocaust in World War II, with tens of thousands of victims, but the difference is: it is still going on. From Peabody award-winning filmmaker and Emmy Award-winning Composer.
Wednesday 6/19				
 An Open Door	Documentary	6/19/2024	1:00 PM	An Open Door reflects on the influential life and work of Dr. Temple Grandin as a champion of the humane treatment of livestock, autism rights, and inclusive neurodiversity by employing her gifted insights from her personal experience with autism and visual thinking.
 And Yet They Speak	Thriller	6/19/2024	2:00 PM	Plagued since her earliest memories by inexplicable sounds of anguish, a young girl learns what is dead isn't always gone.
 Las Manos de Obra	Documentary	6/19/2024	5:00 PM	The world's most expensive cup of coffee, harvested by the largest group of underpaid employees in the world. A film about two worlds connected through the often overlooked labor of an indigenous community. The story of a country's dependence on and exploitation of a marginalized group in support of the world's growing coffee demand. Filmed on location in Boquete, Panama.
 What Happened to You	Documentary	6/19/2024	5:00 PM	Two childhood friends, both now stand-up comics, explore their past trauma together.
 Beats & Lyrics: The Essence of Rap	Documentary	6/19/2024	5:00 PM	In the words of some of rap's most prominent producers, and emcees, a documentary film that examines the essence of creating the world's most popular genre of music from inception to completion, and their individual journeys to becoming creators of an ever growing phenomenon among people from various cultures, and backgrounds.
 Pepper and Mickey	Pilot	6/19/2024	7:00 PM	When two twenty-somethings-scorned realize they've been ghosted by the same fuckboy, they set off on a 24-hour man-hunt through New York with a deadly goal.
 Troy's Story	Drama	6/19/2024	7:00 PM	Troy's Story based on true events, is a moving, short narrative film about Troy, a staff member at a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center and Noah, a war veteran who is struggling with addiction, PTSD, and eminent suicide. Over a span of several hours Troy and the staff at Sierra Health and Wellness must do everything in their power to save Noah from the ultimate act of self-destruction.
 Mexico: One Love	Documentary	6/19/2024	7:00 PM	A snapshot of the vibrant underground Hip Hop community in Mexico and a significant moment in cultural exchange and a thank you letter to the Bboys and Bgirls of Mexico and Latin America. Join legendary New York based Korean Bboy Born as he experiences the skills, the culture, the hospitality and the unique flavors of Mexico and the Mexican Hip Hop community for the first time.
 Big Sur	Comedy	6/19/2024	7:00 PM	Big Sur follows Faye on the eve of her 40th anniversary, as she and her husband return to the beloved place they eloped to many years before.
 The Beginning	Romance	6/19/2024	7:00 PM	In a world full of choices, Everly (aka Eve) navigates right from wrong and good from evil; following her heart, no matter the cost - or ultimate sacrifice.
 Unraveling	Drama	6/19/2024	7:00 PM	Zoe, a struggling single mom, is now faced with getting her abusive mother, who is suffering with dementia, the care she needs. They finally have an appointment to see a doctor when Rosemary, Zoe's mother, has disappeared. As Zoe and Rosemary embark on this wrenching journey they discover a chance to redefine their relationship.

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 This is the End For Me	Drama	6/19/2024	9:00 PM	When you realize that you will never find what you've been searching for, and that there is nothing outside of yourself that can save you. An adoption story, and the struggle between resilience and suicide.
Thursday 6/20				
 Miss Snake	Drama	6/20/2024	3:00 PM	A reclusive, anxious woman with snakes for hair must accept herself in order to form a relationship with someone she loves.
 Break	Drama	6/20/2024	3:00 PM	Shot on Black & White 35mm and set in the 60s. BREAK is the story of a young drummer who is looking to calm his nerves in front of two veteran musicians and fulfill his dream of being a drummer in a jazz trio.
 Branded Tigers	Drama	6/20/2024	3:00 PM	After moving to a new high school senior year, a lonely student, Joe, is recruited by a mysterious and mischievous gang led by the enigmatic Archie, who reject technology and social media for a wild, authentic life.
 Was Gone For a While	Drama	6/20/2024	3:00 PM	On the hottest day of summer, a bored young girl in search of adventure encounters a charming but dangerous stranger.
 Something Borrowed	Drama	6/20/2024	3:00 PM	A groom is panicking 15 min before his wedding and as his best man is trying to calm him down, he realizes something has happened that will change the course of their lives forever.
 A Better Place	Drama	6/20/2024	3:00 PM	A city boy - looking out for the welfare of his family - tries to convince his immigrant parents to sell their cherished family farm.
 Fitting Descriptions	Drama	6/20/2024	3:00 PM	40 year-old stage actor Dina relives a traumatic experience while following her agent's instructions to rebrand for film and TV. She must ask ten total strangers outside of a Chicago coffeeshop for their first impressions of her. As her past and present collide, Dina's authorial voice as a CODA (Child of Deaf Adults) awakens.
 I Love This Country	Drama	6/20/2024	3:00 PM	Six-year-old Aaron, who lost his mom a few months ago, now buries his dad, a fallen U.S. army soldier. The memories of his parents shape his destiny into a hero, all while embracing the love from his patriotic, immigrant grandparents.
 Charlie Tango	Thriller	6/20/2024	5:00 PM	Kim, a married air traffic controller in her fifties, is having an affair with Charlie, a shady businessman. One night, a tragedy happens under her watch. The investigation points towards Kim being at fault, and she is suspended. Determined to find another job, Kim ends up working for Charlie, who convinces her and her husband Jeff, a police officer, to invest in his real estate business. Kim becomes suspicious about Charlie's business activities, and teams up with Jeff to solve the mystery.
 Through the Modern Looking Glass	Drama	6/20/2024	7:00 PM	Depression is often hidden behind a smile. Through the Modern Looking Glass explores the different forms and causes of depression and how those feelings can be exacerbated by social media. The ensemble cast know one another only through social media connections and compare their real lives to the posts of those they follow. To one another, those characters look like they have it all, but they are all actually struggling with issues of their own. Things are not always as they appear . . .
 A Good Thing	Drama	6/20/2024	7:00 PM	On the run after a botched heist. A young man meets with his best friend at a bar to discuss their next move while he grapples with the difficult choice between risking it all for his friend or finally breaking free and starting anew.
 Along the Way	Documentary	6/20/2024	9:00 PM	Along the Way documents and follows the lives of four filmmakers and photographers as they venture through Norway, discovering the country's breathtaking landscapes while rediscovering life's purpose and moments that matter. A story of friendship that brings to light conversations around vulnerability, connection and finding balance. Along the Way poses the question "are we doing enough before we die?", while finding answers through deep conversation about fulfillment and leaning on the relationships that matter most. Garrett is joined by his friends and prominent filmmakers + creators, RJ Bruni, Cas Sheridan, and Adrian Narvaez. Together, this crew and their individual expertise bring a special creative perspective to the film, and most importantly, outlook on life and noteworthy moments along the way. Filmed entirely by the 4 people you see in the film and no one else. Tricky but worth the challenge.




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 Room to Breathe	Documentary	6/20/2024	9:00 PM	Follow newlyweds Mary (Producer) and Dave (Director), as they navigate pandemic parenting and virtual schooling in their quest for balance. Set against the backdrop of their Washington, D.C. home, this intimate documentary captures a year of challenges and victories that resonate with families nationwide. Amidst virtual learning and emotional upheavals, Mary and Dave grapple with their roles as parents and partners. Mary's video chats with her sister reveal the strength of sisterhood and underscore her often overlooked needs. This verité-style film invites viewers into a poignant story of familial adaptation and a mother's quest to find room to breathe.
Friday 6/21				
 The Spirit of Christmas	Drama	6/21/2024	1:00 PM	A woman's first Christmas without her dad turns into a more magical experience than she could have ever hoped for.
 X-Mas Anonymous	Comedy	6/21/2024	1:00 PM	When a group of Christmas addicts gather for their regular meeting, the addition of a new member could be the catalyst for a relapse they've all been waiting for.
 The Perfect Christmas	Comedy	6/21/2024	1:00 PM	THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS is a family Christmas comedy, about Michael Perfect, his wife Denise Perfect, and their two children Devin and Michelle Perfect. The Perfect Family must navigate the holiday season through outrageous misadventures, criminal activity, posh friends, and crazy predicaments that threaten their opportunity for the "Perfect Christmas".
 No Farmers No Food: Will You Eat The Bugs?	Documentary	6/21/2024	3:00 PM	"No Farmers No Food: Will You Eat The Bugs?" is an Epoch Original documentary exposing the hidden agenda behind global "Green Policies," the untold stories of farmers forced out of business, the disruption this will have on our food supply, and why edible bugs are suddenly being pushed to the fore as a "Global Green Solution." EpochTV program "Facts Matter" host Roman Balmakov investigates the rapidly changing landscape of our global food source—the farming industry—through interviews with farmers in The Netherlands, Sri Lanka, and the United States. This is the next global crisis that is being ignored by the world's media.
 My First Breath: The Story of Carl Gibson	Documentary	6/21/2024	5:00 PM	At 7, Carl Gibson began "huffing gas" on his Georgia property, triggering a descent into substance abuse. Drugs became his solace amidst familial turmoil, worsening anxiety and depression. Addiction cost him his family. This documentary chronicles Carl's journey, revealing pivotal moments shaping his identity: a man of faith, family, success, driven to aid others in battling addiction and restoring family ties. His story resonates globally, showcasing resilience in pursuing dreams, protecting loved ones, and reaching human potential despite addiction's grip. Carl's story underscores the power of determination to triumph over addiction's challenges and inspire others toward recovery and restoration.
 This Time Round	Documentary	6/21/2024	5:00:00 PM	Amidst the backdrop of a pandemic-stricken New York City, witness the unwavering passion and determination of a youth chorus as they strive to keep their art alive against all odds. Through poignant storytelling and original music from key contemporary composers, this documentary captures the resilience, creativity, and indomitable spirit of a generation of young musicians, navigating through unprecedented times, proving that even in the darkest moments, music has the power to unite, heal, and inspire.
 Building the Beatles	Documentary	6/21/2024	7:00 PM	Everyone thinks Brian Epstein walked into The Cavern Club on Mathew Street one afternoon and discovered The Beatles -- a raw, unpolished, amateur band in a dingy basement club in Liverpool England. While Brian did make the Beatles famous worldwide he didn't "discover" them. Beatlemania was born long before Epstein came on the scene. The Beatles were already the number one standout group in Liverpool's massive Mersey Beat scene drawing thousands of screaming fans to their shows. The Mersey Beat movement started with a number of local promoters that have been erased from history. This is their story for without them their may have never been a Beatles.
 Wherever We Go	Comedy	6/21/2024	9:00 PM	In this light-hearted comedy, college student Cara battles her social anxiety, which is personified by her inner voice, Ego. Ego's constant negative thoughts amplify Cara's struggles, particularly her fear of being a burden to her friend. Striving to gain some sense of control, Cara embarks on a journey to silence Ego once and for all. But that's easier said than done!
 The Invite	Comedy	6/21/2024	9:00 PM	A driven couple, Lorenzo and Jasmine, prepare to marry, but face the daunting task of merging their polarized families. Lorenzo, a determined marketing executive, struggles with his overbearing mother, while Jasmine, an upbeat influencer, contends with her disapproving parents. The clash between Lorenzo's blunt, tough family and Jasmine's poised relatives intensifies. With the wedding imminent, old wounds resurface, secrets emerge, and bonds form amidst the chaos. The film explores class disparities, family dynamics, and the unifying force of love. Over two weeks, prejudices are challenged, stereotypes shattered, and misconceptions confronted, revealing the transformative power of acceptance and understanding.
 Full Throttle Paradise	Comedy	6/21/2024	9:00 PM	Love - more often than not - is the fuel that rejection runs on. Connected Paddy Padula expresses love for free-spirited Dottie in an atypical family-therapy-session. Taking this as a threat to her independence, the farce ensues when Dottie and the female counselor collide, as adventure awaits with revved engine right outside the door. "FULL THROTTLE PARADISE is a dark farce that explores feminism, materialism, and fetishes.
 You Mourn Weird	Comedy	6/21/2024	9:00 PM	2 sisters, estranged and embittered to one another, reunite at the wake of their father. Tensions flair as they push each other's buttons while also trying not to make a scene. 'Try' being the key word.
 What Are We Doing Here	Comedy	6/21/2024	9:00 PM	On the last night of their cross-country road trip, two friends from college negotiate the terms and consequences of their potential hookup.

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 Parking Spot	Comedy	6/21/2024	9:00 PM	The last available parking spot triggers an escalating battle of furious fists and kicks.
 Condos	Comedy	6/21/2024	9:00 PM	Having received a sizable sum in a settlement from a construction accident, Gary decides to invest in a surefire money making scheme - real estate! But his endeavors get sidetracked by a steadfast obstacle - the long standing resident Melinda. Who will win in battle for the most prized New York City possession - the rent controlled apartment!
 The Simple Life	Comedy	6/21/2024	9:00 PM	Two reclusive brothers live a simple, peaceful life, that is until fate intervenes.
Saturday 6/22				
 If It Could Happen to Me, It Could Happen to You	Documentary	6/22/2024	1:00 PM	An expository, social justice feature documentary, the Vision Forward Media team interviewed almost 100 individuals who were experiencing being unhoused, had been unhoused, or worked with the currently unhoused to feature the perils and pitfalls of what life is like as an unhoused individual. From being lit on fire by a group of rich white teenagers one night to having a limb amputated due to gangrene, Chris provides his, and others provide their harrowing stories which will hopefully help the viewer depict those who are currently unhoused in a different light. Our primary goal is to raise awareness to this ever growing population by sharing the stories of those who are currently homeless and their struggles. The most marginalized and downtrodden of our society, the currently homeless are people too. Our goal is to help our viewers have a more thorough understanding of how they became unhoused and what we can do to help these individuals.
 Last of the Living	Thriller	6/22/2024	3:00 PM	An unexpected murder takes place and four friends must decide what to do with the body.
 Angel & Paris	Thriller	6/22/2024	3:00 PM	The film is a family drama about redemption, with a compelling love story. It has a sinister twist, tied with the main elements you hope to see from a bank heist action film all in one. It's "The Town" meets "Bonnie & Clyde". Angel & Paris are a notorious robbery team. When a dangerous heist against a powerful Kingpin goes wrong, the couple are forced to seek help from Paris' estranged family of skilled thieves as they go to war against the crime organization.
 Bad for Good	Drama	6/22/2024	3:00 PM	Anthony, a New York City police detective, is torn between following the rules and being a good son. Caretaker of his debilitated mother Joyce, Tony wants the American dream but finds himself in a nightmare.
 Dummy	Horror	6/22/2024	3:00 PM	Dummy is a thrilling short about inanimate objects. Bill is a recent divorcee whose life goes from mundane to surreal when a respiratory dummy named Anne seemingly "follows" him home from work. What starts as a magical intervention turns into a slow burn nightmare. Winner of the 2021 HollyShorts Screenwriting Competition.
 Gray Land	Musical	6/22/2024	5:00 PM	The story revolves around Ashton, who encounters his own Depression Demon and Angel of Light. The demon urges him to embrace his pain, while the angel encourages him never to lose hope and to find joy despite his struggles. They both request that Ashton grants himself permission to experience and accept both their presence in his life. By acknowledging the darkness while still striving for the light, Ashton vows to focus on the positive aspects of his life, finding joy in the simplest of moments and pleasures. Winner of the BEST INDIE SHORT Award and Honorable Mention of BEST MUSICAL FILM at New York Int'l Film Festival, Official Selection and Honorable Mention of BEST COSTUME DESIGN at Indie ShortFest.
 Steal, Kill, and Destroy	Thriller	6/22/2024	6:00 PM	A blended family, including a white-cop, find clever ways to keep police officers accountable.
 Cause Celebre	Pilot	6/22/2024	7:00 PM	Ego. Greed. Sex. Power. The road to being cancelled will be paved with poor decisions... Each of these episodes in this interconnected series will engage viewers with clever tales of stardom and celebrity gone wrong, filled with twists and turns as the characters seek fame, wealth, and power — often with an unintended outcome... that they least suspect but richly deserve.
 Mangú Aquí 2	Romance	6/22/2024	7:00 PM	We follow Roberto during his teen years in New York City where he faces different obstacles.
 The Wedding Night	Comedy	6/22/2024	7:00 PM	During their friends' wedding reception, the Best Man and the Maid-of-Honor head upstairs. Topsy and unable to perform, the strangers fight before revealing to each other their broken hearts.

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 With a Hint of Shame	Drama	6/22/2024	7:00 PM	The shameful behavior of one chaotic man ignites the shameful act of another; both linked through delayed clarity. When one reaches the point of no return and must deal with events already set in motion, a tragedy is born.
 Whitey on the Run	Drama	6/22/2024	7:00 PM	Tipped off by his corrupt FBI handler in 1995 that the feds are coming for him, Boston career criminal Whitey Bulger escapes and disappears to become America's Most Wanted Fugitive. As he and his girlfriend settle into hiding as a retired couple in California, the FBI isn't alone in hunting him. He left a trail of enemies—a few good guys but mostly bad—and he's about to make new ones. No one who finds him is safe.
 No Disgrace	Drama	6/22/2024	9:00 PM	In a desperate and bloody civil war, four soldiers' political and ethical perspectives are put to the test, threatening their camaraderie. One of the soldiers discovers a glimmer of hope where he least expects it.

Friday 6/23

 Gotaways: The Hidden Border Crisis	Documentary	6/23/2024	1:00 PM	Beyond the large groups of people crossing illegally into the United States and handing themselves over to the Border Patrol, are the lesser-known individuals known as the "Gotaways." This group of illegal immigrants evade Border Patrol and attempt to make their way past state and local law enforcement to get farther into the United States. Who are they? Where are they going? What are their plans? This documentary takes you to a small border county in Texas to show you the impact of the gotaways on local ranchers and law enforcement. "Gotaways" is the first documentary of its kind, a high-energy, fast-paced, front-row seat to the biggest border crisis in America's history. Learn what it is really like to live on the southern border and how the crisis ultimately affects all of America.
 Bottlecap	Drama	6/23/2024	3:00 PM	When a young teacher encounters a student in trouble, the smallest things take on the greatest importance.
 Kat Combination	Dramatic series	6/23/2024	3:00 PM	The second in an ongoing trilogy, Kat Combination re-enters the same New York parallel reality as its predecessor, Plastic French. Kat returns to train with Bob Rag in order to acquire an ancient box that leads to an inevitable, future reality. Upon retrieving it, other perspectives start to take center stage as Kat's role in the film unexpectedly shifts.
 Sfortunato	Drama	6/23/2024	5:00 PM	A down-on-his-luck gambler has a change of luck in an unexpected way.
 Sweeping Glass	Drama	6/23/2024	5:00 PM	Alice, a 26-year-old woman, is grappling with a whirlwind of emotions following the death of her estranged father. Having abandoned her and her mother when she was a child, her father left a deep scar on Alice's life. Over the years, he made several attempts to reach out, but Alice ignored them, harboring intense resentment. Finally, before his death, Alice answers one of his calls. Her father apologizes for his past mistakes and seeks reconciliation, but Alice, overwhelmed by years of pain and anger, uses the opportunity to tell him how much she hates him. This confrontation marks their final estrangement, leaving Alice to navigate the aftermath of his passing and the unresolved emotions that resurface.
 Blood Strangers	Drama	6/23/2024	5:00 PM	Two young brothers Andrew and Cooper – a selective mute – are allowed to stay with their estranged dad for the weekend after he has supposedly cleaned up his act. Andrew idolizes his somewhat juvenile/big brother-like dad and sets out to make him look good for grandpa in hopes that it may lead to more visits. Meanwhile, however, Cooper uncovers that Dad may not have fully reformed into the responsible father figure whom Andrew views him as. As Cooper and his brother's safety are threatened, he must face overcoming his silence and possibly risking his relationship with his brother.
 Hero	Drama	6/23/2024	5:00 PM	A woman struggles with trauma while trying to break into the world of acting but resorts to unhealthy coping mechanisms. This is an inspiring & uplifting story about the willingness to persevere & overcome no matter what life can throw at us.
 Power	Drama	6/23/2024	5:00 PM	9 months after her assault, Jane attends a therapy session. By opening up about the long term mental and emotional repercussions this event has had on her, she learns to face her trauma in order to heal.
 The Refugee	Drama	6/23/2024	7:00 PM	Eva and her family want nothing more than to live a free life, with a yearning for their own American dream. As the American troops arrive in Iraq, Eva's family has been killed, but she is saved by a U.S. Soldier, Francis King. Before King runs back into battle, he leaves Eva with his cross, his initials F.P.K. inscribed on the back. At only ten years old, Eva is alone. Eva's journey has just begun as she moves to the United States, to live with her Uncle. Eva has aspirations of being an artist, but she is consumed with finding King and returning the cross to him. While working on the play, Eva meets Vince, who shares the same passion for the arts as Eva and a connection forms between them. Vince offers to help Eva find King, which they do. But things don't turn out exactly how she imagined. Follow Eva on this journey as she pursues her very own, American dream.