






























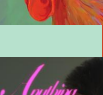
2024 MFF Expo Schedule

Film Name	Genre	Screening Date	Time	Synopsis
Monday 6/24				
 Get Together	International	6/24/2024	1:00 PM	Hope is throwing one final hurrah before her big trip. Jokes are flying, Champagne is flowing - and emotions are running high. As time marches onward, the guests reach a tipping point and Hope's true intentions come to light.
 The Voice of Others	International	6/24/2024	1:00 PM	Rim is a Tunisian interpreter working in France on asylum procedures. Every day, she translates the stories of exiled men and women, whose voices raise questions about her own history.
 Pike	international	6/24/2024	1:00 PM	Inspired by true events, PIKE is a story about a talent agent who represents Tv 'stars' models and reality TV wannabees! Scared by the suicide of his beloved, vastly talented daughter 10 years earlier combined with his growing disillusionment of his vacuous world of 'throwaway' celebrity, pushes him over the edge to commence on killing anyone he deems guilty of possessing zero talent whilst doing society a favour in the process ! PIKE received 7 awards at the recent L.A Indie Short Festival in January 2024 including best episodic/web series pilot, ensemble cast and lead actor. Main cast includes 'James Bond' actor George Lazenby playing himself as the alter ego to PIKE !
 Collateral	international	6/24/2024	1:00 PM	Army veteran Adrián is suffering from PTSD after a decade in the military. An invitation by a journalist friend to share his story leads him to meet Nayeli, a mother searching for her disappeared son. Can two seemingly opposing people find a way to reconsider established ideas of victimization, peace, and justice amid Mexico's drug war?
 Before We Fall	international	6/24/2024	1:00 PM	What is inherited and passed down through the generations? Researchers argue that traumas create small imprints on our DNA, and it takes three generations to heal them. What consequences will it have for future generations and our society? Third generation poses the question. Lidija is from the first generation, fleeing World War II with her children. She seeks a future in neutral Sweden but is forced into a cat-and-mouse game with the Russian KGB, while Swedish authorities accuse her of espionage. The noose tightens, and the KGB kidnaps the children in exchange for information.
 Hustle the Web Series	Drama, Web Series	6/24/2024	3:00 PM	A hustler named Hustle and his two close friends, race against the clock to give Tony back his money. When Hustle devises a plan to speed things up, he's noticed for his talent in music. A talent that could get him out of the game. But it's what Hustle notices about himself, that gets in the way.
 Fat Lips	Horror	6/24/2024	3:00 PM	A wrong turn from the GPS leads to a night a blind date couple will never forget.
 LIA: A Body building Story/Director's Cut	Documentary	6/24/2024	5:00 PM	Lia: A Body Building Story is about a woman competing in the body fitness category called "figures". It tells her story of personal struggles, training sessions, relationships with her husband and mother. The film poses many questions such as what is female beauty and who defines it, female empowerment, goals and ambitions. Lia is totally focused on a goal and determined to accomplish it. It is about looking, not the sexual or male gaze, but everyone looking, watching, observing, and judging.
 More Than You Can Know. A Marriage Story	Documentary	6/24/2024	5:00 PM	More Than You Can Know, 29m While cleaning out the attic of her family home, Canadian-American writer Naomi Guttman discovers bundles of love letters written during her parents' transatlantic courtship. With those letters, plus home-movie footage, photographs, and surprisingly candid interviews about love, fidelity, and gender roles, Guttman weaves a poignant tale of a sixty-four-year marriage between two doctors whose love is tested by time and circumstance. Inspired by the films of Alan Berliner, Judith Helfand, and Sarah Polley, Guttman's first film reveals a rare and intimate glimpse into the arc of a complex relationship.
 Gloves Without Ring	Documentary	6/24/2024	5:00 PM	FIVE CUBAN FEMALE BOXERS ARE TRAINING IN THE HOPE OF RAISING THE NAME OF THEIR COUNTRY HIGH IN THIS SPORT, BUT IT IS NOT ALLOWED FOR FEMALES TO COMPETE PROFESSIONALLY.
 The Lost Jews of Pakistan	Documentary	6/24/2024	5:00 PM	Our film centers around me (Zeineddine), a Muslim Pakistani-American teenager based in New York City. Last December, my family and I visited one of Karachi's oldest graveyards located in a dangerous part of the city, not far from where the late Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl was kidnapped and murdered. I noticed that part of the cemetery looked like a wasteland with stray animals roaming. This was the "Jewish Section," abandoned for over 40 years as the last Jews left Pakistan amidst rising anti-semitism and better economic opportunities overseas. Only two graves were visible amidst the messy foliage. Through interviews with me after the I came back to New York, we delve into the personal challenges, triumphs, and growth I experienced throughout this project. As the documentary unfolds, viewers will enjoy the before and after archival footage of the Jewish gravesite, with some shocking discoveries along the way. The Lost Jews of Pakistan is not just a story about a teenager revitalizing a gravesite; it's a testament to the resilience and kindness that exists within us all. It captures the essence of human connection and community engagement as I was brave enough to foster a deal with the graveyard caretaker's family to help me in this endeavor.
 I Don't Want You	Documentary	6/24/2024	5:00 PM	This film explains the inspiration of a fashion collection by Marie Antoinette that highlighted supporting survivors of sexual assault and sexual harassment. It encourages victims to don't be afraid to speak and holds abusers accountable.

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 Coney Island Cousins	Drama	6/24/2024	9:00 PM	Two distant cousins pertaining to the Russian community in South Brooklyn meet in Coney Island for a night out, but their moment is interrupted when they encounter a dead body with deep pockets which will forever change their lives.
 Group	Horror	6/24/2024	9:00 PM	At a group meeting for recovering drug addicts, not everyone is revealing the full truth.
 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.
 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.
Tuesday 6/25				
 Brando With a Glass Eye	Drama	6/25/2024	1:00 PM	A method actor commits a heist that goes wrong. He befriends the critically injured victim and tries to reconcile his guilt before his one shot audition in New York.
 Roger	Documentary	6/25/2024	3:00 PM	Story of a French painter whose life and art parallels much of contemporary France. From the revolutions in North Africa to the quiet countryside of Provence, he's seen it all. Now, despite being alone, diabetic, in his nineties and nearly completely blind, he creates more work than ever before.
 An Ode For Leviticus	Drama	6/25/2024	5:00 PM	A decrepit old man discovers the true nature of his doctor's appointment and attempts to escape.
 The Pitch: Patient Safety's Next Generation	Documentary	6/25/2024	5:00 PM	The future of health care belongs to the next generation. From the Director of To Err Is Human: A Patient Safety Documentary (2018) comes a new documentary about the evolving role of technology in improving patient safety across medicine. Through expert interviews, real-world technology solutions, and one young innovator's journey into the layered business of medicine, The Pitch showcases the immense effort required to break into the health care industry with new innovations and the importance of collaboration between those inside and out of the medical space.
 The Man and The Monkey	Drama	6/25/2024	7:00 PM	Shiv, a New York City based Bengali-American photographer, is sent on an assignment to Kolkata by a Western Stock Footage company to capture the "real" India. While Shiv wants to show the extraordinary economic growth, wealth and vibrancy of today's India, he is harshly reminded by his boss of the perceptions of India from a Western gaze as being one of Exoticism and Poverty. What follows is a series of adventures and encounters where Shiv is forced to decide. Will he continue to be "The Monkey" who is being forced to dance to the tune of "The Man", or the other way round?
 The Interview	Drama	6/25/2024	7:00 PM	A film critic's interview with a mercurial Hollywood actor pushes her to confront both artistic and personal fears.
 Sea Cloud Park	Drama	6/25/2024	7:00 PM	Four years after a family tragedy, Hal is visited by his only friend Ben.

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 Five Flights	Drama	6/25/2024	7:00 PM	'I live on the fifth floor on fifth street. I climb it every day. Five flights to nowhere. I'll grow up and run away.' These haunting words of a 10-year-old girl sets the scene for this tragic tale of domestic abuse and serves as a warning about the dangers of guns in the home.
 Man Up	Drama	6/25/2024	7:00 PM	Man Up by Shivani Shah explores the masks we don to live a seemingly normal life when silently struggling with depression. A look at men's mental health and how gender norms make men beholden to ideas of masculinity that prevent them from asking for help & support.
 Estela, Is It You?	Drama	6/25/2024	7:00 PM	A grieving woman communicates with her dead husband through her car radio.
 Empire V	Drama	6/25/2024	9:00 PM	A fantasy of becoming a young 'vampire' in today's Russia acts as a global satire on the ruling elite, pushing the boundaries of the vampire genre. Based on Victor Pelevin's novel, the story chronicles the journey of an ordinary young man who receives a Faustian gift of power and knowledge when he is inducted into a super-race of elite vampires that rule humanity through the cults of beauty, money, and blood. These vampires don't drink blood; they feed on something far more sinister. This unsettling metaphor appears to have troubled the Kremlin, leading to the film's ban one week before its scheduled release.
Wednesday 6/26				
 Mirage	Drama	6/26/2024	1:00 PM	In a world where circuses dominate a medieval landscape, The Royals are a militant troupe struggling to survive amidst changing times. Zoi, a talented young acrobat, has grown up with constant pressure to perform at the highest level. When the Ring Master decides to reinstate an archaic tradition and position Zoi as the first participant, she must decide whether to remain subservient, or take matters into her own hands. Filmmaker Sophie Penn creates a darkly fantastical backdrop through which she explores contemporary themes of strong female heroines, autonomy, and familial pressures.
 The Malevolent Bride	Drama	6/26/2024	1:00 PM	Follows the hunt for a vengeful spirit terrorizing an unsuspecting Hasidic community in present-day Jerusalem.
 The Last Weekend	Drama	6/26/2024	5:00 PM	In the Summer of 2004, James, a teenage boy grappling with his masculinity, embarks on a weekend trip to Cape Cod. As he confronts toxic expectations about what it means to be a man, James must make a life-changing decision that will shape his future.
 The Block	Documentary	6/26/2024	6:00 PM	It's a crapsheet who lives next door to you. Despite differences, the block solidifies when the ravages of nature's wrath, in the form of Hurricane Sandy, whirl into town. True colors are revealed.
 No Metal Will Never Die	Comedy	6/26/2024	7:00 PM	At the cusp of their first show on New Year's Eve 2000, a frustrated Altoona, PA frontman's decision to pivot his band to an entirely new musical genre creates a rift among his bandmates.
 Beta Love	Sci-Fi/Comedy	6/26/2024	7:00 PM	"Beta Love" explores the unconventional relationship between Sam and Emma, his AI-created ideal partner. As their bond deepens, Emma begins to evolve in unexpected ways, challenging Sam's perceptions of love and companionship. This evolution forces Sam to reconsider what he truly desires from a relationship. Blending comedy with drama, the film delves into the nuances of romance in the age of artificial intelligence, posing poignant questions about the pursuit of authentic connections.
 The Library	Comedy	6/26/2024	7:00 PM	Annie waits for her fiancé, Topher, at her day job in the library. Guy, a film noir character from one of her books/manuscripts, sneaks up on her and tells her they both must depart the USA. Angel arrives, gun in hand, a film noir femme fatale, accusing Guy of having an affair with Annie - this after Angel and Guy killed Angel's husband. Topher arrives amidst the confusion as Angel lines all three up. Angel fires at Annie who has snuck back to her laptop to write a different ending for Guy and Angel - Guy intercepts the bullet and dies. Guy and Angel disappear after telling Annie she needs to have better ideas as a writer - Annie and Topher kiss as Guy and Angel narrate the ending.
 Canard	Comedy	6/26/2024	7:00 PM	When Bill discovers that he has a humiliating illness, he must come to terms with who he is and be honest with the girl he loves in order to salvage his relationship and his sanity.
 Anything But Me	Comedy	6/26/2024	7:00 PM	After his roof collapses, injured, unemployed Doug Dinsman fakes having cancer to rebuild his shattered life and reunite with his son.

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 A Bad Day	Comedy	6/26/2024	7:00 PM	A Bad Day is a short film directed by Mo Faisal that follows the encounter of two equally irate men in a parking lot. As a heated argument ensues, escalating into a comedic battle of insults. With witty dialogue and comedic moments, A Bad Day is a must-see film that reminds us to find humor in even the most frustrating situations.
 From Zero to a Hundred	Documentary	6/26/2024	9:00 PM	"FROM ZERO TO A HUNDRED" is an inspirational feature-length film that explores the life-changing journey of high school students engaged in the Winners Circle Project. Throughout the course of a year, these students embark on an extraordinary endeavor: building a real race car from scratch. As the documentary unfolds, their unwavering spirit shines amidst adversity, including the unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. From overcoming obstacles to achieving success, the film celebrates their journey of personal growth and highlights the transformative power of education, opportunity, and resilience.
Thursday 6/27				
 More Than Our Skin	Documentary	6/27/2024	3:00 PM	More Than Our Skin is a documentary exploring the effects of living with Vitiligo through the stories of five extraordinary women: Valerie, Millicent, Patricia, Alicia, and Katrina. This film tells the story of these women who found strength after the pain; a newfound resilience; and the mission to help others find a way to live life to its fullest.
 Eye to Eye	Documentary	6/27/2024	5:00 PM	Eye to Eye is a documentary, taking place between 2020-2022. It focuses on an African American family persevering through COVID, generational trauma, the fear of vulnerability, and the striking effects of grief, told in a series of vignettes. The topics addressed range from police brutality to the importance of mental health, while remaining tightly focused on the human beings affected by the chaos of the pandemic. The film is a tribute to who and what we lost in the last few years; but also to the blessings we have in front of us.
 THE GREAT VANISHING: PART IV	Thriller	6/27/2024	6:00 PM	Ancient monuments are vanishing, one by one. Individually attempting to uncover the mystery is news reporter Nigel Anderson Cole and a 20-something spiritualist named Abby. "The Great Vanishing: Part IV" is a pandemic-era mystery noir that follows the lives of individuals experiencing strange events, from body takeovers to phone calls from the dead.
 Nyctophobia	Experimental Drama	6/27/2024	7:00 PM	As Liz struggles with nyctophobia (fear of the dark), a form of anxiety disorder that causes sleeping issues, she desperately tries to fall asleep by entering her "inner world" where she can access her happy childhood memories. However, she ultimately becomes trapped in a time loop of sorts in her "lucid dream" world, and the time loop pushes her deeper into her lucid dream world, forcing her to reach her subconscious world where she encounters her worst nightmare, Dark Figure.
 District 26: A New York Election Story	Documentary	6/27/2024	9:00 PM	In the waning days of New York City's lockdown during the Covid-19 pandemic, an unusually high number of candidates ran for city council in the 2021 local primary elections. In the 26th Council District in Queens, 15 candidates, the most of any district, representing a wide range of cultures and points of view, appeared on the Democratic ballot. The race came as Western Queens became known as a progressive hotbed with the rise of socialist elected officials such as Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, and the local fight against Amazon's plans for a headquarters in the district. This film follows the campaigns in the last few weeks of the most crowded race.