




THEATRE KEY
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28th Palm Springs International ShortFest

Program Schedule

6/21 TUESDAY

IN THE COUNTRY

10:30 AM – 92 minutes

From British Columbia to Lebanon, through muddy fields and provincial hinterlands, these bucolic tales demonstrate the rich diversity of rural life.

LIFE ON EARTH

2:30 PM – 87 minutes

Ecology and the natural world come to the fore in these fascinating documentaries that take us from the U.S.-Mexico border to the Siberian Arctic.

OPENING NIGHT

6:30 PM – 90 minutes

Get your shorts on! Join us in kicking off a new edition of the festival as we share some of our favorite movies this year.

ACTS OF DEFIANCE

11:15 AM – 94 minutes

With these films about facing adversity and holding firm against the powers that be, this program highlights the lengths some are willing to go to fight for themselves and others.

OUT OF THE PAST

3:15 PM – 99 minutes

The past seeps into the present in this diverse program of shorts, in which memories and past events make a pronounced return. From a short about a flustered archaeologist to another featuring a heartbroken mother, these are some of the most poignant films in the lineup.

THE SHAPE I'M IN

12:00 PM – 83 minutes

Health and healthcare concerns occupy so much of our lives. These touching films dig deeply into the journey of taking physical care of ourselves and our loved ones.

THE HEAT OF THE MOMENT

4:00 PM – 98 minutes

Split-second decisions and tough choices abound in this program, as a cable-car operator takes a stand and a film director crosses the line. These shorts will take you in unexpected directions.

6/22 WEDNESDAY

DAYS OF YOUTH

10:00 AM – 98 minutes

Burgeoning desires, fiery personalities and questionable choices, the protagonists in these stories remind us that growing up can be both the hardest and the most exciting time of our lives.

TRUTH BE TOLD

2:00 PM – 87 minutes

We in Palm Springs love documentaries and this program of striking nonfiction shorts features some of the boldest and most incisive cinema in the fest.

OUTSIDERS & UNDERDOGS

6:00 PM – 88 minutes

With the odds stacked firmly against them, the longshot protagonists in these shorts must surmount tough obstacles and take charge of their own destinies.

CROSSROADS

10:45 AM – 92 minutes

The protagonists of the films in this program all stand at a critical juncture, facing pivotal decisions and life-altering events.

ON THE JOB

2:45 PM – 98 minutes

Colorful colleagues, fraudulent bosses and occupational hazards feature prominently in these portraits of the working life.

STRANGER THAN FICTION

6:45 PM – 88 minutes

This one more or less speaks for itself. Prepare for the eerie, the self-reflexive and the generally indescribable.

CODES OF CONDUCT

11:30 AM – 92 minutes

The unwritten rules of society can exasperate and confuse at every turn. From a sidewalk transgression to a hierarchical boarding school these shorts examine how we follow—and break—prescribed norms.

A SLICE OF LIFE

3:30 PM – 90 minutes

Meaningful moments pepper our day-to-day lives, and these shorts foreground deceptively modest events and the passage of time.

THRILLS & CHILLS

7:30 PM – 93 minutes

Buckle in for this hair-raising series of terrifying genre shorts. From a cursed ancestry test to a fishy horror show, expect no shortage of scares and savagery.

6/23 THURSDAY

ON DANGEROUS GROUND

10:00 AM – 97 minutes

This gripping program features characters in precarious situations, whether handling backstage drama at an opera or surviving as an undocumented immigrant.

IN SEARCH OF LOST TIME

2:00 PM – 88 minutes

These deeply personal documentary films trace moments from the past to the present through the use of archive, testimony and artistry.

NIGHTS TO REMEMBER

6:00 PM – 90 minutes

History is made at night in this series of nocturnal tales, as a security guard has an unexpected encounter and a young man in Israel is transfixed by a sudden desire.

TALK OF THE TOWN

10:45 AM – 95 minutes

Word gets around fast in these stories about small communities where it's hard to avoid your neighbors and everyone knows your name.

ODD COUPLES

2:45 PM – 91 minutes

These irreverent and perceptive shorts dig into the eccentric lives of couples brought into and kept together by their unique peculiarities.

FEVER DREAM

6:45 PM – 92 minutes

Vivid imagery, distorted realities, provocative and haunting stories—like a dream that you can't shake, these films are made for unpacking.

LIVING THE DREAM

11:30 AM – 93 minutes

Bad days and crummy work shifts unite these (mostly) funny shorts, including a Coney Island calamity and a bizarre stay at a Spanish hotel.

THIS AMERICAN LIFE

3:30 PM – 94 minutes

It's a big country out there and these uniquely American documentaries capture the lived experiences and daily struggles of people across the nation.

GAYLA!

7:30 PM – 85 minutes

Join us for a celebration of queer life on the big screen in this, our centerpiece program.

6/24 FRIDAY

A SENSE OF PLACE 10:00 AM – 89 minutes

This program highlights unique topographies and remarkable cultural phenomena in spellbinding documentaries that each capture a singular moment in time.

HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS 10:30 AM – 96 minutes

Home is so much more than a dwelling. As this program shows, home is our ancestors, our memories, our loved ones and our shared future.

ANIMAL NATURE 11:30 AM – 84 minutes

All manner of fauna, including a tyrannical sheep, a good doggie and a very lost bear, populate this eclectic collection of shorts.

MAN UP 2:00 PM – 94 minutes

From the Beirut skyline to a bathroom in Sweden, this program asks, “are men okay?” with shorts that explore the meaning of masculinity and the expressions of gender that challenge it.

THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT 2:45 PM – 90 minutes

Told through the eyes of children, these stories offer distinctly wise perspectives on the world and how we relate to one another.

FRIENDS LIKE THESE 3:30 PM – 82 minutes

We can’t always choose the members of our social circles. Unconventional pals and disrespected boundaries loom large in this collection of films.

GROWING PAINS 6:00 PM – 102 minutes

Sensitive, fantastical and sobering, these coming-of-age shorts cover the wide spectrum of experiences of today’s youth.

MODERN ROMANCE 6:45 PM – 94 minutes

Relationships bring out the best and worst in us.

LATE NIGHT 7:30 PM – 95 minutes

The sinister and the surreal converge in this collection of after-dark shorts, featuring a spectral girlfriend and a gruesome dinner mishap.

6/25 SATURDAY

A DOSE OF REALITY 10:00 AM – 91 minutes

These singular documentary shorts feature remarkable, contemporary accounts from New Orleans to Mumbai.

TENDER MOMENTS 10:45 AM – 99 minutes

From a bathtub in Busan to a remote beach in Greece, these five stories capture the complexity of intimacy and the fragility of communication between people at their most vulnerable.

SHORTIES!

11:30 AM – 81 minutes

One of our favorite programs of films for kids and the young at heart is back! This mix of family-friendly fare features a variety of animated and live-action tales.

EXTRAORDINARY STORIES 2:00 PM – 89 minutes

Incredible one-of-a-kind scenarios characterize these ambitious and narratively intricate shorts.

BRIEF ENCOUNTERS 2:45 PM – 90 minutes

Sometimes our most profound experiences and meaningful connections occur in the shortest of time spans. These films examine the abiding impact of terse exchanges and fleeting interactions.

FREAKS, GEEKS & CREEPS 3:30 PM – 91 minutes

Oddballs, losers and the occasional schmuck take the spotlight in this offbeat program, as a lonesome Swede makes a new friend and a hapless doomsday cult awaits its salvation.

MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE 6:00 PM – 96 minutes

Quiet mysteries and subtle revelations pervade these films that simmer beneath the surface. You won’t be able to get these shorts out of your head.

A FAMILY AFFAIR 6:45 PM – 95 minutes

Familial drama in the form of rowdy fathers, irksome step siblings and scheming children remind us of the enduring power of family bonds—for better or for worse—in this series of shorts.

THRILLS & CHILLS II: BACK FROM THE DEAD

7:30 PM – 89 minutes
Because we can’t quell our appetite for horror, join us for a second installment of sordid delights and mortal danger.

6/26 SUNDAY

MICKY’S TREE 9:30 AM – 39 minutes

In this single-film special presentation a high school senior recovering from recent traumas discovers a magical tree with his rescue dog.

HIGHER GROUND 10:00 AM – 90 minutes

The spiritual, the metaphysical and the supernatural collide in this series of shorts exploring the power of faith, belief and ritual.

CLOSE-UPS 10:45 AM – 94 minutes

These documentary portraits evince cinema’s remarkable ability to imbue the biographical with great intimacy and nuance.

THE THINGS WE DO FOR LOVE 11:30 AM – 91 minutes

We reserve our boldest actions for the ones who mean the most. These touching and comedic stories reaffirm that love is always the best answer.

PARABLES, FANTASIES & FABLES 2:00 PM – 88 minutes

Suspend belief and lose yourself in this selection of imaginative, unearthly shorts.

SOCIAL ANIMALS 2:45 PM – 89 minutes

Pleasant company can be difficult to come by in these entertaining stories of combative siblings, incontinent bedfellows and lovelorn teens.

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

3:30 PM – 94 minutes
Take a peek over the fence with this collection, which emphasizes the significance of local community and hometown belonging.

CLOSING NIGHT AWARDS & SCREENING 6:30 PM

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6/27 MONDAY

BEST OF THE FEST

Six different programs featuring the award winners and audience favorites of the 2022 ShortFest.

10:00 AM

12:00 PM

2:00 PM

4:00 PM

6:00 PM

8:00 PM