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Dances With Films â?? Sneak Preview of Top Six Picks

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Posted by Larry Gleeson

WILDWORKS PR and the Platform Group represent four World Premieres that take OCD, social anxiety,
and cringe relationship issues to the extreme, a special L.A. screening of
Slamdanceâ??s Grand Jury Prize winner, and the West Coast Premiere
of an audience-favorite documentary

World Premiere
Sara Friedmanâ??s OCD and social anxiety-riddled comedy
HEIGHTENED
Friday, June 23 at 7:15PM

HEIGHTENED SCREENING

INFORMATION
Friday, June 23 at 7:15PM
World Premiere
TCL Chinese 6 Theatres

TICKETS
https://danceswithfilms.com/heightened/

SYNOPSIS
Following a mental breakdown, social anxiety and OCD-riddled Nora (Sara Friedman) returns to Maine to live with her emotionally distant parents (Sarah Clarke and Xander Berkeley). While she undergoes court-ordered psychiatric treatment, Noraâ??s world is further upended when she is assigned to volunteer at a local state park. Her awkward assignment actually shows promise when her anxiety subsides in the company of her new supervisor Dusty (Dave Register), who is dealing with crippling issues of his own. Maybe Nora and Dusty can help each other overcome the obstacles their socially complicated world presents to them.

Sara Friedman

Director/Writer: Sara Friedman
Producer: John Hermann
Executive Producers: Matt Ratner, Sara Friedman
Editor: Nick Wenger
Cinematographer: Rose Fadem-Johnston
Music: Nick Sena
Cast: Sara Friedman, Dave Register, Mike Mitchell,

Xander Berkeley, Sarah Clarke
Runtime: 98 min
Country: USA

Linh Tranâ??s award-winning breakthrough drama
WAITING FOR THE LIGHT TO CHANGE
Wednesday, June 28 at 9:15PM

WAITING FOR THE LIGHT TO CHANGE SCREENING INFORMATION
Wednesday, June 28 at 9:15PM
TCL Chinese 6 Theaters

TRAILER:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nf3L3dzs1ug&t=14s

FESTIVALS AND AWARDS
Following its debut at the Heartland Film Festival, Linh Tranâ??s WAITING FOR THE LIGHT TO CHANGE took the Grand Jury Prize for Best Narrative Film at Slamdance in January. It has since followed with Best of Show and Best Professional Narrative Feature at the George Lindsey UNA FF, and a celebrated screening at the Chicago Critics Film Festival.

SYNOPSIS
Best friends since high school, Kim and Amy havenâ??t seen each other since Amy moved to the west coast for grad school. Now the two are reunited as they join a group of friends for a trip to a lake house with Kimâ??s boyfriend, Jay. When Amy had left for the west coast, she was in love with Jay, though she never pursued it due to her insecurities thinking she was too fat and ugly. While she has changed physically, her feelings for Jay havenâ??t, and the reunion has brought them back to the surface. That maelstrom of emotions within her is poised to reveal itself at any moment as the groupâ??s struggles to find something to do in the empty little beach town turns into an unsuccessful effort by all of them to sort through attractions to each other, as well as suppress old resentments, jealousies and desires before they leave.

Linh Tran

Director: Linh Tran
Writers: Linh Tran, Jewells Santos, Delia Van Praag
Producers: Jake Rotger, Sam Straley, Jewells Santos
Executive Producer: James Choi
Editor: Elijah Gray
Cinematographer: David Foy

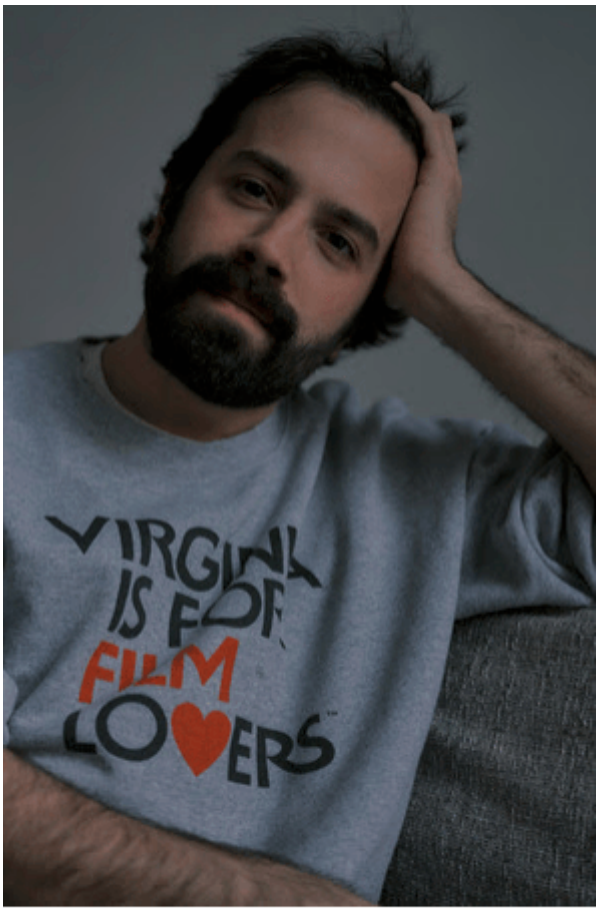
Cast: Erik Barrientos, Qun Chi, Joyce Ha, Jin Park, Sam Straley
Runtime: 89 min
Country: USA

World Premiere
Justin Geldzahlerâ??s film about the horror of feeling stuck
GLUE TRAP
Thursday, June 29 at 9:30PM

GLUE TRAP SCREENING INFORMATION
Thursday, June 29 at 9:30PM
World Premiere
TCL Chinese 6 Theatres

TICKETS
https://danceswithfilms.com/gluetrap/

SYNOPSIS
KJ and Dan are struggling to communicate. A few years into a strained relationship, the couple takes a weekend trip to a friendâ??s cabin to recapture their romanceâ?¦ only to find a dying-but-not-quite-dead mouse stuck to a glue trap. They disagree about how to handle, KJ advocating for a swift death while Dan proposes making the mouseâ??s last moments as pleasant as possible. The couple compromises and moves on, slowly finding their way back to each other in this idyllic setting. Unfortunately, their serenity is broken by a small woman who can be charitably described as â??eccentricâ?• â?? sheâ??s their friendâ??s sister and had no idea anyone was staying at the family cabin. No problem if she crashes, right? As the couple struggles to juggle this interloper on top of their already tense dynamic, KJ and Dan begin to worry this obnoxious third wheel may threaten more than their relationshipâ?¦



Justin Geldzahler

Director/Writer: Justin Geldzahler
Producer: Christopher Fox, Justin Geldzahler, Norris Guncheon
Executive Producer: Sara McFarlane
Editor: Norris Guncheon
Cinematographer: Christopher Fox
Music: Erik Larsen

Music Supervisor: Taylor Rowley
Cast: Brittany Bradford, Isaac W. Jay, Gloria Bangiola,

Alex Warheit, Caroline Hertz, Kasey Marr
Runtime: 89 min
Country: USA

West Coast Premiere
Alexander Jefferyâ??s award-winning documentary about a mother and family rallying around their autistic son and brother
YOU HAVE NO IDEA
Saturday, July 1 at 2:45PM

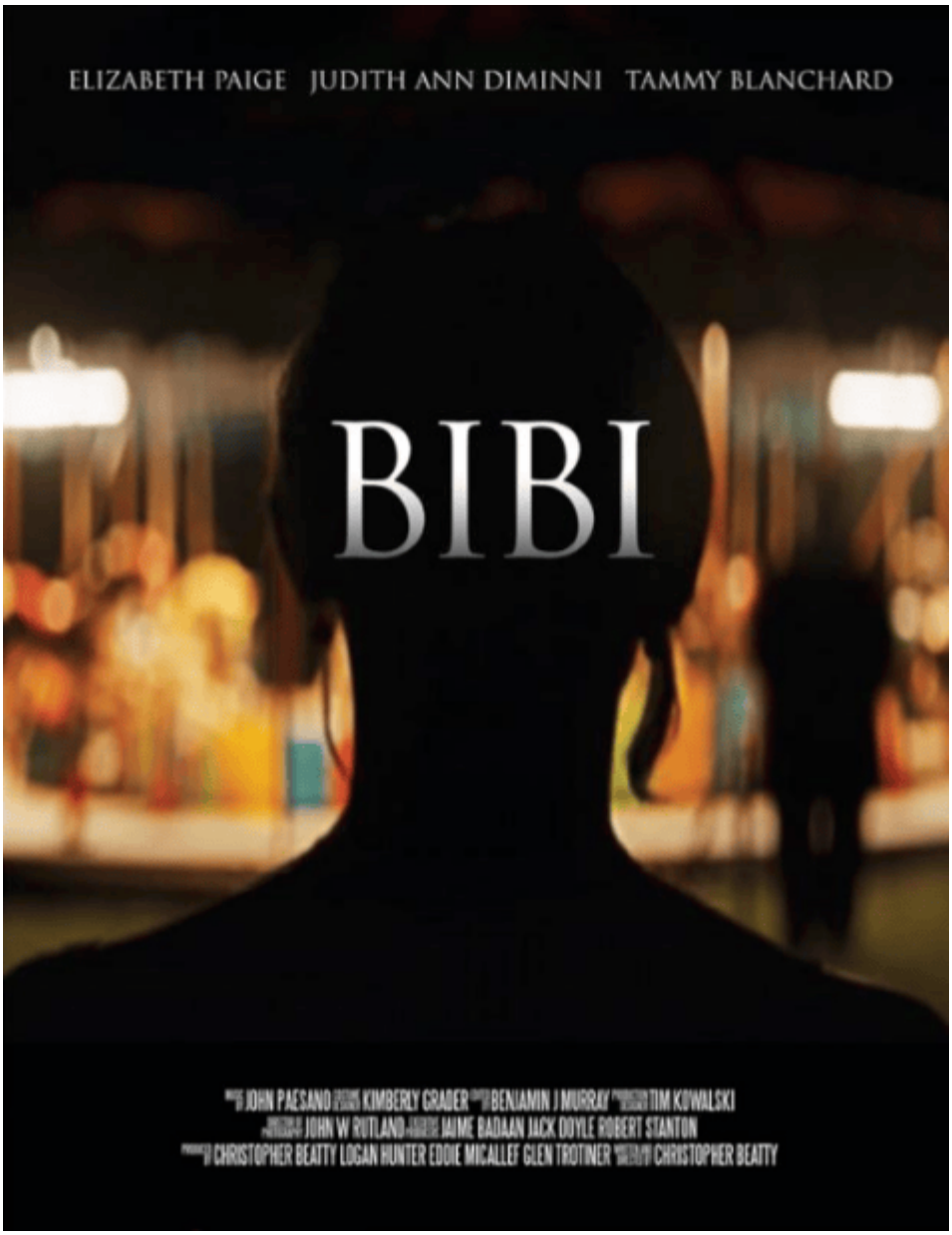
YOU HAVE NO IDEA SCREENING INFORMATION
Saturday, July 1 at 2:45PM
West Coast Premiere
TCL Chinese 6 Theatres

TICKETS
https://danceswithfilms.com/you-have-no-idea/

SYNOPSIS
When Bethâ??s son Evan James was diagnosed with Autism in the early 90s, treatment options were limited. Doctors offered no practical advice for daily living and advised Beth to limit his social interactions. Rejecting these notions, Beth sets out to provide her son with a life filled with purpose and friendship. This heartfelt film is a sweet testament to the power of love and community by profiling a determined mom advocating for her son.

Alexander Jeffery

Director/Writer: Alexander Jeffery
Producers: Paul Petersen, Alexander Jeffery
Executive Producers: Paul Burns, Beth James Burns
Editors: Alexander Jeffery, JC Doler, Paul Petersen
Cinematographer: Alexander Jeffery
Music: David von Kampen
Runtime: 86 min
Country: USA



BIBI World Premieres at
Dances With Films

Christopher Beattyâ??s psychological thriller about what a parent will do to protect loved ones has its World Premiere
with an in-person screening at Dances With Films.

Bibi
Thursday, June 29 th at 7:15PM
World Coast Premiere
TCL Chinese Theatre

TICKETS

https://danceswithfilms.ticketspice.com/dwf26-bibi

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SYNOPSIS
In this psychological thriller, Vivian Ashwood (Elizabeth Paige, Modern Love) is failing to cope after a tragic loss. Struggling to raise her daughter Bibi (Judith Ann DiMinni), she turns to prescription drugs and alcohol to soothe her anxieties and depression. Soon, the lines begin to blur between Vivianâ??s routine nightmare and her reality. A strange man begins stalking Vivian, causing her to unravel even further. Bibi, also devastated by the loss of her sister and upset at Vivian for not protecting them both, only makes Vivian more unsure of the truth. After continuous torment, Vivian searches for a way to protect herself and Bibi from the stalker by whatever means necessary.

Bibi Productions presents BIBI

Running Time 95 minutes;

Aspect Ratio: 2:39:1;

Dolby Stereo

Writer/Director: Christopher Beatty

Producers: Christopher Beatty; Logan Hunter; Eddie Micallef; Glen Trotiner

Executive Producers: Jaime Badaan; Jack Doyle; Robert Stanton
Composer: John Paesano Cinematographer: John W Rutland
Editor: Benjamin J Murray Casting Director: Stephanie Holbrook

KATIEâ??S MOM World Premieres at
Dances With Films

Tyrrell Shaffnerâ??s feature film KATIEâ??S MOM is a â??right-of-passage,â?• heartfelt comedy influenced by THE GRADUATE but told from the perspective of a protagonist inspired by Mrs. Robinson!

KATIEâ??S MOM
Sunday, July 2 at 2:45PM
World Coast Premiere
TCL Chinese Theatre

TICKETS

https://danceswithfilms.ticketspice.com/dwf26-katies-mom

SYNOPSIS
KATIEâ??S MOM is a heartfelt comedy influenced by THE GRADUATE but told from the perspective of a protagonist inspired by Mrs. Robinson. Set in modern-day Pasadena, California, KATIEâ??S MOM Momâ?• is about Nancy Rosenfeld (Dina Meyer (DETECTIVE KNIGHT; STARSHIP TROOPERS, SAW)), a nurturing mom and recent divorcÃ©e, whose beloved Jewish/Christmas mashup holiday celebration with her adult children is derailed when she falls for Alex Rojas (Aaron Dominguez (Only Murders in the Building)), her daughterâ??s charming new boyfriend. Their electrifying affair upends her status quo and sets her on a path to becoming the woman she was meant to be.

Ex Files Productions presents KATIEâ??S MOM

Running Time 111 minutes;

Aspect Ratio: 2:39:1;

Dolby Stereo

Director: Tyrrell Shaffner

Writers: Meryl Branch-McTiernan and Tyrrell Shaffner
Producers: Tyrrell Shaffner; Meryl Branch-McTiernan; Corey Moss

Executive Producers: Sandy Cleary; Dina Meyer; Kristin T. Higgins; Jimmy V; Milan Chakraborty; Sanjay Sharma
Editor: Daniel Martins Production Design: David Dreyer

Composer: Alex Shenkman Cinematographer: Aakash Raj

Casting: Kara Sullivan, C.S.A. Costumes by Cocoa Rigal

Stay tuned for more on these exciting films premiering at the upcoming Dances With Films!

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