Tisch students and alumni continue to fuel the film industry, as evidenced by the 2017 Sundance Film Festival selections. More than 35% of the films and four projects in the New Frontier category at the 2017 Sundance Film Festival are affiliated with Tisch alumni. Of the films in competition, 12 are Tisch written, directed, or produced – the most in recent history.

For 24 years, NYU Tisch School of the Arts has had a presence at the Sundance Film Festival. We are proud to continue our support of independent and creative storytelling. Tisch’s presence at Sundance is made possible by philanthropic support from Amy P. & Frank M. Garrison, Molly & Sean Durkin, and Jon Tullis.

Tisch's return to Sundance in 2017 is sure to be an exceptional year, particularly given the lineup of films touched by our students and alumni.

**U.S. DRAMATIC COMPETITION**

**Band Aid**  
Zoe Lister-Jones '04 (BFA, Drama)  
Nelson Franklin '07 (BFA, Drama)  
Daryl Wein '06 (BFA, Drama)  

director, writer, producer, cast  
cast  
executive producer

**Brigsby Bear**  
Kate Lyn Sheil '06 (BFA, Drama)  
Brandon Tonner-Connolly '06 (BFA, Cinema)  
Arielle Smiles (cast)  
production designer

**Crown Heights**  
Matt Ruskin '02 (BFA, Film & TV)  
Cherelle Cargill '97 (BFA, Acting)  
Ari Issler '01 (BFA, Film & TV)  
Diane Cardwell (cast)  
co-producer, a camera operator / additional cinematography  
cinematographer  
editor

**Golden Exits**  
Alex Ross Perry '06 (BFA, Film & TV)  
Peter Gilbert '79 (Film & TV)  
Scott Kuzio '07 (BFA, Film & TV)  
director, writer, producer  
executive producer  
production designer

**The Hero**  
Scott Schuler '14 (BFA, Film & TV)  
first assistant editor

**I Don't Feel at Home in This World Anymore**  
Mark Bennett '97 (BFA, Film & TV)  
casting

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Ingrid Goes West
Aubrey Plaza '05 (BFA, Film & TV) Ingrid Thorburn (cast)
Elizabeth Olsen '13 (BFA, Drama) Taylor Sloane (cast)
Faryn Einhorn '07 (BFA, Drama) casting associate

Novitiate
Ashley Bell '07 (BFA, Drama) Sister Margaret (cast)
Joanna Fang '14 (BFA, Film & TV) foley artist

Patti Cake$
Chris Columbus '80 (BFA, Film & TV) producer
Eleanor Columbus '11 (BFA, Film & TV) executive producer
Federico Cesca '15 (MFA, Film) cinematographer

Roxanne, Roxanne
Michael Larnell '15 (MFA, Film) director, writer
Mahershala Ali '00 (MFA, Acting) Cross (cast)
Federico Cesca '15 (MFA, Film) cinematographer
Sebastian Slayter '11 (BFA, Film & TV) first assistant camera: "a" camera

To the Bone
Anita Gou '13 (BFA, Film & TV) executive producer
Adam M. Stone '90 (BFA, Film & TV) product placement coordinator

The Yellow Birds
Caroline Aragon '10 (MFA, Film) first assistant director
Joanna Fang '14 (BFA, Film & TV) foley artist
Jason Fournet '12 (BFA, Film & TV) visual effects coordinator, post-production coordinator
Richard Friedlander '82 (BFA, Film & TV) visual effects producer: Brainstorm Digital

U.S. DOCUMENTARY COMPETITION

Chasing Coral
Stacey Piculell '08 (MA, GSAS/Cinema Studies) producer, Exposure Labs

The New Radical
Adam Bhala Lough '01 (BFA, Film & TV) director

STEP
Amanda Lipitz '02 (BFA, Drama) director

Strong Island
Esther Robinson '92 (BFA, Film & TV) producer

Trophy
Sharon Chang '98 (MPS, ITP) producer

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Unrest
Patricia Gillespie '11 (BFA, Film & TV) producer

WORLD CINEMA DRAMATIC COMPETITION

God's Own Country
Joshua Richards '16 (Film) director of photography

Pop Aye
Kirsten Tan (MFA, Film) director, writer
Weijie Lai '10 (MFA, Film) producer
Chananun Chotrungroj '15 (MFA, Film) cinematographer

The Wound
John Trengove '06 (MFA, Film) director, writer

Motherland
Clarissa De Los Reyes '11 (MFA, Film) cinematographer

NEXT

Deidra & Laney Rob a Train
Susan Cartsonis '84 (MFA, Dramatic Writing) producer

Gook
Anna Yates '13 (MFA, Theatre Design) Older Customer (cast)

L.A. Times
Laura Valdivia '99 (BFA, Film & TV) Lenore (cast)
Kristen Laffey '14 (BFA, Drama) art department assistant

Lemon
Janicza Bravo '03 (BFA, Drama) director, writer, executive producer
Hannah Heller '04 (BFA, Drama) Zelda (cast)
David Bernon '11 (BFA, Drama) producer
Han West '12 (BFA, Film & TV) producer

Menashe
Musa Syeed '06 (BFA, Film & TV) writer

Person to Person
Danny Meltzer '00 (BFA, Film & TV) sound editor

Thoroughbred
Paul Sparks '95 (BFA, Acting) Mark (cast)
Lyle Vincent '07 (MFA, Film) cinematographer
Jason Brignola '01 (BFA, Film & TV) second assistant camera

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PREMIERES

Beatriz at Dinner
Nina Arianda '09 (MFA, Acting) cast
John Early '10 (BFA, Drama) cast
David Warshofsky '84 (BFA, Acting) Grant (cast)

Before I Fall
Maria Maggenti '95 (MFA, Film) writer
Marc Bienstock '87 (BFA, Film & TV) executive producer

The Big Sick
Celeste Arias '07 (BFA, Drama) Denise (Cast)
Vella Lovell '07 (BFA, Drama) Khadija (cast)
Keilly McQuail '11 (BFA, Drama) Cheryl (cast)
Brian Burgoyne '01 (BFA, Film & TV) cinematographer
Brandon Tonner-Connolly '06 (BFA, Cinema) production designer
Neal Jonas '04 (BFA, Film & TV) visual effects artist
Ari Issler '01 (BFA, Film & TV) a camera operator
Mariana Hellmund '93 (BFA, Film & TV) script supervisor
Jocelyn Magsumbol '14 (BFA, Drama) office PA

The Discovery
Kateri DeMartino '98 (BFA, Acting) Compound Resident (cast)

Fun Mom Dinner
Molly Shannon '87 (BFA, Acting) Jamie (cast)

Marjorie Prime
Daniel M. Turcan '10 (BFA, Film & TV) co-producer

Mudbound
Dee Rees '07 (MFA, Film) director
Rachel Morrison '00 (BFA, Photography, Film & TV) cinematographer

The Polka King
Rachel Annette Helson '09 (BFA, Drama) cast
John Mikulak '95 (MFA, Film) co-executive producer

Rebel in the Rye
Celeste Arias '07 (BFA, Drama) Doris Salinger (Cast)
Keenan Jolliff '13 (BFA, Drama) Clay Miller (cast)
Molly Smith '02 (BFA, Film & TV) producer
Raquel Cedar '10 (BFA, Film & TV) props
Karl Shefelman '92 (MFA, Film) storyboard artist
Jonathan Beck '96 (BFA, Film & TV) additional camera operator
Andrew Hamilton '08 (BFA, Film & TV) assistant camera
Katherine Hurt '13 (BA, Cinema) extras casting assistant

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Where is Kyra?
Elizabeth Evans '12 (BFA, Drama) Becky (cast)
Christine Ng '07 (BFA, Film & TV) camera operator

Wilson
Craig Johnson '08 (MFA, Film) director
David Warshofsky '84 (BFA, Acting) Orson (cast)
Frederick Elmes '75 (MFA, Film) cinematographer
Ethan Tobman '01 (BFA, Film & TV) production designer

Wind River
Elizabeth Olsen '13 (BFA, Drama) Jane Banner (cast)

DOCUMENTARY PREMIERES

Buena Vista Social Club: The Flowers of Life
Lucy Walker '98 (MFA, Film) director

Give Me Future: Major Lazer in Cuba
Austin Peters '10 (BFA, Film & TV) director

Rancher, Farmer, Fisherman
Molly Schwartz '11 (MPS ITP) animator

Tell Them We Are Rising: The Story of Black Colleges and Universities
Stacey L. Holman '98 (MFA, Film) producer

MIDNIGHT

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Alexandre O. Philippe '97 (BFA, Dramatic Writing)/
 '98 MFA, Dramatic Writing) director
Karyn Kusama '90 (BFA, Film & TV) Herself

Bitch
Jason Ritter '02 (BFA, Drama) cast

Bushwick
Graham Reznick '04 (BFA, Film & TV) writer
Lyle Vincent '07 (MFA, Film) cinematographer
Hunter Berk '15 (BFA, Film & TV) ADR engineer
Kimmy Suzuki '95 (BFA, Acting) stunt performer
Anthony Morone '15 (BFA, Film & TV) assistant editor

The Little Hours
Jeff Baena '99 (KBFA, Film & TV) director, writer
Aubrey Plaza '05 (BFA, Film & TV) cast, producer
Molly Shannon '87 (BFA, Acting) cast

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Joshua Bachove ’06 (BFA, Drama) co-producer

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Karyn Kusama ’90 (BFA, Film & TV) director
Patrick Cady ’96 (MFA, Film) cinematographer
Craig Wedren ’92 (BFA, Acting) music

SPOTLIGHT

Their Finest
Lily Knight ’79 (BFA, Acting) Rose Starling (cast)
Robert Malone ’09 (BFA, Film & TV) sound effects editor

KIDS

RED DOG: True Blue
Daniel Taplitz ’83 (MFA, Film) writer

SPECIAL EVENTS

I Love Dick
Susan Kirr ’96 (MFA, Film) producer
Joan Scheckel ’85 (BFA) producer

Shots Fired
Malcolm D. Lee ’01 (MFA, Film) series director
Millicent Shelton ’95 (MFA, Film) series director
Tami Reiker ’87 (BFA, Film & TV) series cinematographer

U.S. NARRATIVE SHORT FILMS

Cecile on the Phone
Blake Pruitt ’15 (BFA, Film & TV) production coordinator

Come Swim
Anthony M. DiGiacomo ’12 (BFA, Film & TV) co-producer, production manager
David Ethan Shapiro ’12 (BFA, Film & TV) producer
Melanie Shaw ’11 (BFA, Film & TV) assistant editor
Taylor Fauntleroy ’13 (BFA, Film & TV) script supervisor

Hardware
Stephen Jacobson ’15 (BFA, Film & TV) director, writer, producer
Ryan Ackelsberg ’16 (BFA, Film & TV) director of photography
Zach Urban ’15 (BFA, Film & TV) production designer

Hold On
Christine Turner ’04 (BFA, Film & TV) director, writer, producer
Marshall Stief ’04 (BFA, Film & TV) cinematographer

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Hot Seat
Leanne Agmon ’13 (BFA, Drama) Rose (cast)
Ashley Springer ’04 (BFA, Drama) producer
Jarrah Gurrie ’10 (MFA, Film) editor

Kaiju Bunraku
Taylor Shung ’14 (BFA, Film & TV) producer

Laps
Charlotte Wells ’19 (MFA, Film) director, writer

Lucia, Before and After
Anu Valia ’10 (BFA, Film & TV) director, writer
Gabrielle Nadig ’09 (BFA, Film & TV) producer
Charlotte Hornsby ’12 (BFA, Film & TV) cinematographer

Toru
Scott Rashap ’07 (BFA, Film & TV) director, writer
Gabrielle Nadig ’09 (BFA, Film & TV) producer

INTERNATIONAL NARRATIVE SHORT FILMS

Kao Shi (A Test)
Zuxiang Zhao ’14 (BFA, Film & TV) director, writer, editor, producer
Yifei He ’18 (MFA Candidate, Film) producer
Jinwei Zeng ’20 (MFA Candidate, Film) director of photography

DOCU SHORTS

Legal Smuggling with Christine Choy
Lewie Kloster ’17 (BFA, Film & TV) director, editor
Christine Choy, Faculty writer, cast

Project X
Jonah Greenstein ’15 (BFA, Film & TV) post-production

SPECIAL EVENTS: Docuseries Showcase

Abstract: The Art of Design
Justin Wilkes ’98 (BFA, Film & TV) executive producer

Hot Girls Wanted: Turned On
Ronna Gradus ’99 (BFA, Photography) executive producer

SPECIAL EVENTS: Independent Pilot Showcase

Sh*T Kids
Daniel Kellison ’91 (BFA, Dramatic Writing) executive producer

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When the Street Lights Go On
Brett Morgen '99 (MFA, Film)  director, executive producer

SPECIAL EVENTS: Short-Form Episodic Showcase

The Chances
Lucas Near-Verbrugghe '06 (MFA, Acting)  cast

Strangers
Michael B. Clark '02 (BFA, Dramatic Writing)  executive producer
Jason Baum '08 (BFA, Film & TV)  producer

NEW FRONTIER: Installations

Heroes
Melissa Painter '95 (MFA, Film)  Artist

NEW FRONTIER: Virtual Reality

Through You
Shruti Ganguly '12 (MFA, Film)  producer

Tree
Winslow Porter '10 (MPS, ITP)  Artist

Zero Days VR
Yasmin Elayat '08 (MPS, ITP)  Artist