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The 30 Year Old Bris - Michael D. Ratner

10:00 min

The 30 Year Old Bris is a romantic comedy about an interfaith couple, and the girlfriend's demand that her 30-year-old boyfriend, Brad, complete his conversion to Judaism by getting a circumcision before they wed.

Afronauts - Frances Bodomo

14:00 min

July 16th, 1969: America prepares to launch Apollo 11. Thousands of miles away, the Zambia Space Academy hopes to beat America to the moon. Inspired by true events.

Andrès - Eduardo Garcia Lecuona

19:00 min

Heartbroken and drowned in solitude, a wealthy Mexican teenager begins to discover the deepest corners of his country and of his youth.

Asenna - Sheldon Chau

11:00 min

A woman returns home to reclaim the throne of her family.

Aurelia - Jade Edwards

14:00 min

After a fearful and unsettling encounter with her mother's boyfriend, Mark, Aurelia's adolescence is cut short. Equipped only with the experience of a 14-year-old, she is forced into the complexities of adult relationships and struggles to retain her innocence, trust and wonder.

BEARS - Dan Costales

5:00 min

When a little girl disappears into the forest, her father goes off in search of her and the things that have taken her.

Black Girl in Paris - Kiandra Parks

19:45 min

A contemporary tale of passion, adventure, and uninhibited sexual freedom as one young woman navigates through the City of Lights. BLACK GIRL IN PARIS is a narrative film, set in Paris, about a young woman following her dream of becoming a writer.

The Bodega - Stefon Bristol

7:00 min

Gabriel, a misguided Brooklyn teenager, helps his debt-troubled father by involving his best friend, Solomon, in a hold-up, ending their friendship.

The Buffalo Kid - Pedro Pereira

18:00 min

Still haunted by the pain left by his lover's departure, a young trumpet player plays his sorrows away by a street corner in New York City. When he can no longer find the motivation to play, he decides to get rid of the trumpet. His only hope comes in the form of a mysterious stripper who spends her cigarette breaks by the street corner listening to the young man's sad tunes.

Butterfly - Yianna Dellatolla

17:30 min

A young love between a boy and a girl in elementary school turns into a heartbreak when their family dramas end up affecting their sensitive interaction.

The Charms - Ruthie Marantz

10:00 min

An older woman from Bay Ridge Brooklyn dreams of hitting it big in Atlantic City. After her money is stolen she begins the search for her identity.

The Choice - Gerald Jean-Baptiste

12:00 min

A promising and intelligent teenager from Brooklyn must decide if he will let his failing school prevent him from achieving his true greatness or destroy his character.

Condom Run - Sean & Ryan McIlraith

15:00 min

After being pressured by his girlfriend, Luke, 16, goes on a bike ride to buy condoms for the first time, but on his journey he begins to question whether or not he is ready to lose his virginity.

A Crack - Lilian Mehrel

9:40 min

A crack in everything, that's how the light gets in: a sad-eyed comedy about the search for peace in a Russian bathhouse, and the unexpected lightness inside.

Cromesqui - Toby Petch

10:30 min

Welcome to the Kitchen

Crossings - Amos Ezra Katz

18:09 min

Jae needs to make it to his brother's wedding - but he just gave his only train ticket to a beautiful backpacker. Who will make it to their final destination?

A Day in Eden - Assal Ghawami

10:57 min

Set against the bleak environment of a North American nursing home a Muslim volunteer is forced to overstep the boundaries of her religion in order to help a man regain his last bit of dignity.

Delilah Descends - Roan Bibby

12:51 min

A lonely, aspiring Musician finds a Fallen Angel on his rooftop.

Dream Date - Lauren Ciaravalli

19:51 min

A single, struggling young artist has a Valentine's day that challenges her notions on romance when a sketch of her perfect man magically comes to life.

DZTyOM - Nicole Belliveau

15:00 min

After leaving her work on the streets, Jacq escapes to be with her lover, Kait. Jacq returns home to find that not much has changed.

The End. - Emma Jay

13:01 min

A dark comedy about a struggling film student who decides to kill off her main character to appeal to contest judges. After a freak accident she is accused of being suicidal and must prove her sanity to her friends, family and even herself.

Eviction - Garret Atlakson

20:00 min

In the developing world of Cambodia, "Mommy," a 72-year-old grandmother, defends her home, family and community from violent forced evictions being perpetrated by corrupt officials backed by armed government forces.

Family - Vako Kirkitadze

5:00 min

Alex, a little kid, decides to hide knives from his parents after listening to his parent's fight.

Festus - Shawn Snyder

11:40 min

A reclusive and melancholic middle-aged man longs to play music at a local Open Mic.

Flash - Julian Cohen

19:50 min

Trapped in an experiment he didn't agree to, Alzheimer's patient Anthony Walker uses the revelatory 'Nostalgium' memory serum to rewrite his past, salvage his future, and forge his way back home.

Frank and Azalee Austin - Zachary Kerschberg

10:00 min

A green card interview that changes everyone's life.

Frank-Etienne - Constance Meyer

12:00 min

Frank-Etienne is a one day door-to-door salesman. On a mission to sell his empty boxes, he meets Glaieul, a young determined woman who takes advantage of his kindness - and of his car - to win her lover back. Frank-Etienne gets stuck in an increasingly absurd situation, but that might be the best day of his life...

The Gene - Cyrus Toulabi

15:00 min

One year after her discovery of the "gay gene," Dr. Catherine Heyman must put a stop to the development of an alleged "cure" by her company.

Goodnight Boon - Jeremy Jensen

2:30 min

Young Davey's best friend is kidnapped by a ferocious beast.

Goon Squad - Shandor Garrison

23:00 min

Rhea and her high school friends struggle with punk rock authenticity, jealousy and love in 1979 San Francisco. Adapted from the Jennifer Eagan novel "A Visit from the Goon Squad."

Goosey's Big Movie - Gabriel Laks

18:02 min

A washed up children's entertainer and his puppet friends must fight to save their home.

Grace of God - Millicent Cho

8:00 min

Teenagers, sex, divine intervention.

Grave Waters - Vivienne Vaughn

6:38 min

After a tragic accident one snowy morning, a young girl wakes in her home to find her surroundings decaying along with her.

Groomed - Wyatt Rockefeller

11:29 min

When her groom goes missing on the day of their wedding, the bride must put her faith in his godmother's off-color scheme to replace him at the altar without anyone noticing.

Hearsay - Joe Testa

19:29 min

Three students grapple with the disappearance of a classmate and her chemistry teacher.

Hold Your Arms Out - Sarah Sellman

22:00 min

After an enthusiastic Italian woman arrives in the rural Colorado in search of change, three strangers discover their own special kind of desert magic.

Homefront - Sourabh Chakraborty

11:00 min

A son tries to say goodbye to his parents as he leaves home for war.

The Hunting Trip - Caitlin Machak

6:45 min

A story of Taylor, a young boy on his first hunting tip; a trip that will turn him into little man.

I don't say goodbye, I say see you soon - Giuliana Pinheiro

12:00 min

The passion for trucks follows Antonio since the day he was born. His mother tells that he was born inside the cabin of his father's truck; a red 1518 Mercedes Benz. An old photograph of the truck it's all that was left from this memory. Antonio is 10 years old and lives in Corrego do Machado, a small village located in the roadside of Gonçalves, Minas Gerais. As any other place of passage, the village is full of uncertainties. The passivity of the village inhabitants contrasts with the fast pace of the trucks that cut the road from one point to another. While Antonio imagines his father's life as a truck driver, he searches for clues and different routes on the map that can help him to fulfill his dream of meeting his father. One day, Antonio sees his father's truck on the village and runs after it in order to find the man he always dreamed with.

I'm Not Done - Ronny Dorfler

10:00 min

Sarah is seriously ill and needs medical attention. Unable to afford the necessary treatment and after losing her job she decides to rob a bank. But not for the money.

In My Corner - Vincent Ma

15:00 min

A female boxer tries to reunite with her estranged father through their common love of boxing.

It Don't Come Easy - Sabrina Jaglom

15:00 min

'It Don't Come Easy' is a magical realism story about a shy, retiring wallflower named Ella who receives a journal that she discovers gives her the power to change the actions of people around her. She is shown a world where she can make her dreams come true, only to learn it is not the reality she desires.

Jackie Doesn't Wanna Get Married - Ashley-Michel Hoban

11:30 min

Small town sweetheart Jackie is finally getting married...

Jaehyung in the Futures - Kim S. Falck-Jørgensen

12:00 min

Jaehyung from a little town outside of Seoul quits his band to woo his ex-girlfriend back in the big city.

La Reclusa - Marly Hernandez Cortes

12:00 min

Mariela Monllor, is a recluse landlord that collects rent through a lavishly decorated rent box in the hallway. Her only contact with the outside world comes in the form of rent checks and HBC orders. After a new tenant, Gabriel, accidentally destroys her rent box, she begins a written exchange that will redefine the boundaries of her world.

Last Night - Cathy Yan

12:00 min

The privileged son of a powerful Chinese politician endures a long night of revelry, humiliation and self-discovery as a public family scandal erupts around him.

Last Round - Blake Brewer

12:00 min

Set months after an alien invasion, two girls struggle to survive in self-barricaded van until a man on the run reveals their location and threatens their existence.

Late Spring - Zachary Kerschberg

15:00 min

Mahmoud, a petty clerk in a police station, must suddenly chose sides when a tortured prisoner asks him for help.

Leftovers - Hannah Stoddard

15:00 min

A young woman is rocked by not only the loss of her father but the secret life that sprung from his death.

The Life and Death of Tommy Chaos and Stacey Danger - Michael Lukk Litwak

9:57 min

The Life and Death of Tommy Chaos and Stacey Danger is a short Action/Adventure film about a young couple on the run. An intoxicated person once described it as "a cross between Blue Valentine and Jurassic Park."

Life Sentences - Jesse Rosenberg

19:46 min

"Life Sentences" is a short documentary about families affected by the incarceration of their loved ones, demonstrating the rippling effects of the prison system throughout California. The film includes commentary from experts and activists, shedding light on the prison system and their efforts to reform it.

The Lipstick Stain - Dagny Looper

20:00 min

A man relives his tragic childhood as he prepares for an act of vengeance.

Love at Last Sight - Oscar Hernandez

12:00 min

Sully is wealthy, handsome and smart. He's just got one quirk: he's also a serial rapist. He meets the victim of his dreams, but in doing so encounters his match. Things soon get nutty.

Love you, Miss you, Goodnight. - Daniel Buono

14:39 min

Tyler uses meaningless sex to try to overcome the feelings he has for his best friend.

Mr. Lamb - Jean Pesce

12:00 min

Mr. Lamb is a dark comedy about a diner waitress named Myrna, who is in love with her pen pal -- the convicted murderer, Charles Lamb. Myrna is convinced of his innocence and their mutual love. When Mr. Lamb escapes from prison and shows up at Myrna's door, her dreams of romance turn into a violent nightmare, involving a can of chili.

The Naturalist - Connor Hurley

15:00 min

A gay man living in an oppressive society is given the chance to genetically modify sexuality. He must weigh his loving relationship, his dignity and his survival in this short film about the origins of sexuality.

Oh Lucy! - Atsuko Hirayanagi

21:00 min

Setsuko, a 55-year-old single 'office lady' in Tokyo, is given a blonde wig and a new identity - Lucy - by her unconventional English language teacher. Lucy allows Setsuko to discover a side to herself she never knew existed. After risking it all, her classes are abruptly canceled, turning her world upside down.

Owl and Mouse - Emma Noble

5:00 min

An owl, perfectly comfortable with solitude, must fight his nature when he has to watch over a young mouse for a night.

Park 51 - Christopher Capelluto

20:00 min

A struggling Iraq War veteran saves the life of a Muslim man from a hate crime in New York City. Set against the backdrop of Park 51 Mosque built near Ground Zero.

Prisoner Transfer - Max Kinchen

14:50 min

Set during a U.S. military operation in the Korean War, the film follows Private Samuel Rosenberg, a sensitive and thoughtful young soldier who recently lost two best friends in battle. For his first assignment following a brief psych leave, he's charged with transporting a captured enemy soldier across no man's land to the prisoner transfer station. Over the course of their journey through dense Korean forest, Rosenberg finds himself unable to communicate with the other soldier, but a shocking revelation pushes him to his limits, forcing him to look his enemy in the eye. What follows changes both men and their understanding of war forever.

Quantization Nation! - Kathryn (Katrina) Whalen

9:05 min

Cowardly humans behold
The power of science! Rational thinking so bold,
It's in every appliance!
Your minds will be blown
And then sold for scrap,
By Harold Q. Robot. Who makes learning a snap!
Calculating the odds! Correlating causation!
The Gang does it all, In Quantization Nation!

Rabbi, Fireman, Dinosaur - Morgan Ingari

19:50 min

When Frankie DiMarco returns home from college, she anticipates a party filled reunion with her high school friends on Christmas Eve. As she realizes they have grown up without her, she must figure out how to transition her friendships into adult life.

Rectangibles - Colleen TungShuen Kwok

12:00 min

The last authentic tale of Kodachrome. The loss of poetry in life.

Road Trip - Meera Joshi

13:00 min

2 friends embarking on a journey, and everything that gets in their way.

Rocket Man - Sriya Sarkar

10:00 min

A young boy mistakes a down-on-his-luck actor as the real life version of his favorite comic book superhero.

The Sandman - Bobb Barito

20:00 min

An altruistic dream salesman, writes his own batch of dreams for the first time--behind his boss's back--and journeys into his own subconscious.

Secondary Education - Jon Truei

11:35 min

Three high school students discover that their Chemistry teacher has been living a secret double life as a crime-fighting Power Ranger during after school detention, and unwittingly become embroiled in a showdown with an escaped mutant lobster.

Shallows - Zeshawn Ali

15:00 min

In one small town a group of people try to find their faith- in each other, in God, and in the great water tower that watches over them all.

The Smut Locker - Harry Tarre

15:01 min

The Smut Locker is a coming of age comedy about Josh, a college senior, who races home to dispose of the embarrassing contents of his childhood locker before it is sold at the family yard-sale.

Snow Shark - Kaishu Mennella

3:50 min

A kid's joyous snow day turns into a nightmare when a hungry shark hunts him down.

So You've Grown Attached - Kate Tsang

15:00 min

An imaginary friend is forced to consider retirement when his creator/best friend starts to grow up.

Soul Stealer - Shawn Spitler

8:00 min

Samantha Ortiz, a Marine combat photographer embedded with a Female Engagement Team, believes her imagery can change the tides of war. Her beliefs are put to the test when a Taliban Sniper ambushes her unit.

Splinters - Catrin Hedström

13:21 min

In a vignette of 24 hours, two women confront the complications of a failed relationship.

The Spot - Auri (Auriyana) Jackson

9:00 min

A short film about a girl who makes an immobilizing accident on the eve of a housewarming party, while trying to impress her new beau.

Stone Cars - Reinaldo Green

14:00 min

Stone Cars is a coming of age love story set in the shacks of Khayelitsha township, one of the most dangerous areas in the world. April is faced with a decision that ultimately she will have to live with the rest of her life.

The Story of Monica and Sabrina - Jonathan Glick

15:00 min

Two girls who have a special gift. The blue-eyed Monica Wade encounters a life-changing experience in meeting Sabrina, an autistic orphan who sparks a special gift in both girls.

Stray Boys - Kristen Harding

15:00 min

The leader of a group of street kids fights to protect a sick younger brother, all while keeping up a dangerous facade.

Touching Leaves - Carolina Tamez

15:00 min

Touching Leaves is a film about the unbreakable bond between a mother and her son. The story looks deeply at the relationship and questions the boundaries of their love.

Transit - Sarah Mintz

18:30 min

Elizabeth (Dakota Johnson) finds herself on the road after being abandoned by her father. While seeking refuge at a quirky youth hostel, she struggles to face her demons amongst a gang of misfits.

UnChartered - Ashley-Michel Hoban

5:00 min

nChartered is a seven episode web series that tells the story of Ali, a partier who finds herself teaching in a wacky Brooklyn Charter School.

Uncommon Threads - Caitlin Stickels

18:30 min

Though a man plans to attend the execution of his wife's murderer, a visit from his daughter forces him to re-evaluate why he wants to go.

Vampires - David Sabshon

26:00 min

Vampires is an experimental narrative that explores the relationship of a wealthy young couple plagued by a gnawing sense of ennui. Their indulgent lifestyle leaves nothing to the imagination, and thus all motivation is lost. But for Jamie and Olivia the hunger for new decadence is insatiable, and the fervor with which they pursue their desires leads them into the violent and twisted perversions of the city's underbelly.

Visible - Max Pham

14:00 min

A father and daughter try to go out for Halloween, but a different kind of horror lurks within.

The War at Home - August Dannehl

15:35 min

An Iraq combat veteran returns home to NYC to face his childhood friends after witnessing the death of one of their own.

Wartime - Nick Garnham Wright

15:00 min

In the waning days before his brother is deployed in Afghanistan, Luke Bradley, a high schooler living in a small Northern California town, struggles to come to terms with his brother's imminent departure.

White Rabbit - Christina Yoon

18:00 min

Grace, a lonely 14-year-old Asian-American girl, is investigating the violent killings of rabbits around her school. She discovers that a troubled classmate is the perpetrator and forms a conflicted relationship with him, one that ultimately brings her to question who she is.

Without Fire - Eliza McNitt

20:00 min

A young Navajo girl must find a way to heat her home in order to save her asthma-stricken mother from a bitter winter storm.

Wormbug - Arlen Konopaki

12:00 min

A man swallows a bug.

Yabanci - Mohamed Faramawy

15:00 min

'Yabanci,' or 'The Foreigner,' is the story of Mo -- an Egyptian boy living in Turkey -- who goes out to celebrate his last night in Istanbul with his best friend Mina before leaving to study in America. Over the course of the night he will come to question whether Istanbul really is his home, and if not, where that leaves him as he takes the daunting step towards the rest of his life.

YEYE BELLS SHIVER - Jordan Blake

20:00 min

YEYE BELLS SHIVER is a movie about saying goodbye to the people you grew up with. It's an ethereal, bittersweet journey through the suburbs set on the last day of summer.

The Zombies Can't Take This - Adlee Fayyaz

13:11 min

Luke is an emo-punk skateboarder whose overwhelming sense of apathy shields him from chores, parental control and the suburban zombie population around him...until his girlfriend breaks up with him.