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Kiko and The Animals

If animals could speak then, humanity would cry. This thought will become more concrete when we see Kiko, a notorious boy harming and dominating the animals around him. Anyone who has no empathy for animals has a heart that is dead.

This story will have you questioning your actions if you find yourself resonating with the boy. But what happens when these animals answer back? Do they believe in harming others too?

Director: Yawen Zheng
Country: France, Switzerland
Duration: 7 minutes
Production Year: 2020 (Middle East Premiere)
Genre: Short Animation Film

About The Director
 Yawen Zheng was born on August 18th, 1985 in Sichuan (China). She graduated from the Communication University of Beijing (China). Her graduation film "The Song for Rain" has been selected for the Venice International Animation Film Festival (France) in 2012 and won the "Production Design Award" of the Animation Academy Awards of China. She entered the University School of Cinematic Arts of Southern California in 2014 and graduated with a Master degree in 2017. Her school films were selected to multiple international festivals.



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Migrants

Global warming is not a conqueror to be bowed down to, but rather a challenge to which we must rise. This film painfully captures the journey of two polar bears who are sent into isolation owing to global warming. Along the way, they will come across brown bears with whom they will attempt to coexist. But how far is it justified to be expecting so absurd from someone with no fault of theirs?

Director: Hugo Gabry, Antoine Dupriez, Rubin Kubiak, Lucas Lemmytte, Zoé Devise
Country: France
Duration: 8 minutes
Production Year: 2020 (Middle East Premiere)
Genre: Student Films



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fly

Life has come to a full circle for this beautiful bird, which is very different from the rest. Would wonder why? Because she chose never to let anything else define her but her grit and perseverance!

Made under the direction of Carlos and Mira, this is a treat to the eye with a lesson for a lifetime. But what else makes her different, and will she ever overcome it?

Director: Carlos Gomez
Country: Spain
Duration: 15 minutes
Production Year: 2020 - Middle East Premiere
Genre: Short Animation Film

About The Director
 Carlos Gomez-Mira Sagrado is a director and cinematographer, known for Fly and TV series. He founded Thinkful Studios in 2009. Throughout his career, he has directed a multitude of audio-visual projects, ranging from animation and motion graphics to film advertisements and video clips through the design of presentations and multimedia experiences both nationally and internationally. "Fly" (2020) is his second short film.



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Pencil

Pencil is set in Singapore in the 1990s, focusing on the story of two school girls. They get late for school one day but run away before getting detention. Xen is Smart and Joanne is bubbly.

Xen catches Joanne stealing a pencil's rubber from the shop. This takes a toll on their friendship. Later, Xen finds out that Joanne has been stealing or offering an eraser to 'Pencil', a boy, to keep their names away from detention. This leads to the rebuilding of the friendship as we see the girls always standing up for each other.

Director: Gina Tan
Country: Singapore
Duration: 15 Minutes
Production Year: 2019
Genre: International Short Films

About The Director
 Regina Tan is a famous young director and writer, belongs to Singapore. After graduation, she worked her way up as a freelance filmmaker. Director for commercials, commercials as well as television series. She also completed directing 4 episodes of "The Funniest Jokes" show. She is currently developing several film, television and commercial projects as a full time director. Her experience with different genres has propelled her to be a versatile director with a deep sensitivity. Her film, "ITransit" was awarded the Best Documentary at the prestigious Best Awards at Chapman University and won the Bronze at the Singapore Director Awards.



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Yarne

Best friend children monks residing in a Buddhist monastery start getting tiny contributions for praying. Only to have their friendship strained over spending it. It's enticing to predict what would happen in the end. These films are exemplary because we know we would never be able to witness them in the actual world. Will Sonam, the young boy, be able to get what he wants and understand between healthy and unhealthy friendships?

Director: Andrew Krakauer
Country: Nepal, USA
Duration: 15 minutes
Production Year: 2019 (Middle East Premiere)
Genre: Int'l Short Films

About The Director
 Andrew Krakauer is an award-winning Texas filmmaker whose work reveal a unique world perspective derived from his eight years in the Himalayan region of Nepal. After studying film at The University of Texas at Austin, he directed "The Children's Lib", a feature documentary recognized by the United Nations for shedding light on the atrocities of a brutal civil war in Uganda. Krakauer returned to his fiction roots with "Yarne". The film was premiered as a finalist in the Oscar-qualifying Berlin Film Festival and was selected by more than 60 international film festivals.



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Mommy's Calf

A film enough to move you to tears, enough to see a little boy's innocence and his understanding of how intimate a mother-child relationship is. Even if it's an animal!

Made under Viktoria Runtsova, this is a delight to watch. Every action of the child drips of the decision the child has made to return a calf back to his mother. But can he?

Director: Viktoria Runtsova
Country: Russia
Duration: 15 minutes
Production Year: 2019
Genre: Int'l Short Film

About The Director
 Viktoria Runtsova was born on November 28, 1988 in Babel, USSR (now Belarus). She graduated from Schepkin Theater University in 2019. As an actress, she worked in theater, movies and TV series. She completed her graduation from the movie school "Sokolovskoe Kinol" in 2019. Being an actress and director, she is well known for "Mommy's Calf" (initially released in 2019), "Tough act" (2018) and "Vorotnichak" (2017). Film was written by Viktoria Runtsova and Marina Voevoda.



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Kings of Mulberry Street

A journey of pure greatness, such is the incredible story of Baboo and his best friend Ticky, comes along once in a lifetime.

Ticky is of feisty and adventurous kind with a rebellious attitude and little regard for rules. Drama ensues when Chubby and timid Baboo moves into the neighbourhood with his snobbish, intellectual father. The mutual hate for the neighbourhood bully and crime boss Raju brings the two youngsters together. Will this be an easy mission for this duo?

Director: Judy Naidoo
Country: South Africa
Duration: 90 minutes
Production Year: 2019
Genre: Feature Film

About The Director
 Judy Naidoo is a South African independent filmmaker. She holds a Master's in Producing from the Rochester Film and Television School (NFTS) in the UK. Judy also completed a Certificate in Filmmaking at the New York Film Academy (NYFA) in 2008 and holds a BA (Hons) in Film Studies from the University of Liverpool (majoring in Directing and Television). Judy made her directorial debut on the feature-length film "Hatchet Hour", which had its international premiere at the 14th Female International Film Festival (2016), where it won the Best Foreign Film award.