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THE 4TH ANNUAL

# MOON RISE FILM FESTIVAL

*AN INTERGALACTIC  
CELEBRATION OF  
INDEPENDENT  
FILMMAKING.*

**AUGUST  
26 - 28  
2016**

THE SUNSET  
THEATRE  
2357 POOLEY ST,  
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**TICKETS**  
\$10 PER SCREENING  
\$30 SEASON PASS

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# DAY 1

Friday, August 26 (7pm-8:30pm)

## - OPENING NIGHT FEATURE -



### FRACTURED LAND (2015) 75 min

Damien Gillis, Fiona Rayher - DOCUMENTARY, CANADA/BC

Fractured Land is a coming of age story about a young Aboriginal leader and lawyer, Caleb Behn. His territory is at the epicenter of some of the largest fracking operations on earth. The film follows Caleb as he tries to reconcile the fractures within himself, his community and the world around him, blending modern tools of law with ancient wisdom. As 350.org founder, Bill McKibben, puts it, 'Anyone who can throw a hatchet and sue you is a force to be reckoned with.' But first, Caleb must find peace within himself, and reconcile the fractures within his own heart. Fractured Land provides a powerful Indigenous point of view, about the true complexities of hydrocarbon development, the significance of trust, and the power of vulnerability.

Voted: "Best BC Film" - VIFF '15; "Top 10 Audience Favourite" - Hot Docs '15...

For more information, visit: [www.fracturedland.com](http://www.fracturedland.com)

# DAY 2 1st Short Film Block - "THE BITTER SWEET"

Saturday, August 27 (3pm-5pm)

### THE LOST MARINER (2015) 6 min

Tess Martin - ANIMATION, NETHERLANDS

An animated interpretation of Dr. Oliver Sacks' case study in "The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat." It uses photographs to visualize the rare memory condition of patient Jimmie G.

Animated Dreams '15; Imagine Science '15...



### MA-MA (2015) 6 ½ min

Andy Wong - DOCUMENTARY, CANADA/BC

A lighthearted documentary about strength, confidence and perseverance told through the life of a highly active Chinese grandmother and her operatic hobby.

World premiere!



### WEARING THE FOG (2015) 14 min

Yafei Qi - EXPERIMENTAL, CHINA

A double-screen video with a non-linear narrative structure. It circles around the cold of the industrial world and the indifference of a family.

World premiere!



### WALKING HOME (2015) 16.5 min

Max Richert - DRAMA, GERMANY/ITALY

Sharing a dislike for their respective farewell parties, two students from different countries meet on the last night of their school trips to Italy.

MiddleCoast FF Bloomington '15; 20minmax Festival Ingolstadt '15; Kraljevski FF '15...



## - INTERMISSION -



**SAFE SPACE (2015) 13 min**  
Zora Rux - DRAMA, GERMANY

The love story of refugees Patrick and Sara who are fighting for refugee rights in Berlin. When a harmless advance turns into a sexual assault, the group is forced to rethink their aims and the private love story becomes public.

*Internationale Hofer Filmtage '15; FICMEC Lebanon '15; Filmfest Dresden '15; Montreal World FF '15...*

**THE FAMILY (2015) 14 min**  
Ika Johannesson - DOCUMENTARY, SWEDEN

For ten years, Anna has been isolated in her apartment in Gothenburg, Sweden, plagued by panic attacks and depression. Through her love for the British band New Model Army and newfound friends in the fan group The Family, she starts to challenge herself.

*Tempo Documentary FF '15*



**LAST NIGHT (2015) 15 min**  
Joel Salaysay - DRAMA, CANADA/BC

Sarah is woken up in the middle of the night by a call from her best friend, Jamie. It becomes apparent through the course of their conversations that Jamie may be in danger, and Sarah must find a way to help her.

*VIFF '16; Boise FF '16*



**THE BRIDGE FILM (2016) 8 min**  
Devan Scott - DOCUMENTARY, CANADA/BC

This filmmaker has provided no synopsis.

*World premiere!*



## 2nd Short Film Block - "LATE NIGHT ODDITIES"

**NOTE: Intended for mature audiences only. Viewer discretion is advised.**

Saturday, AUGUST 27 (8pm-10pm)

**IRONIED (2015) 12 min**  
Tyler Lionel Parr - DRAMA, CANADA

Donald wakes up late for work and goes through an "unfortunate" series of events.

*National Screen Institute of Canada '15; Plymouth FF '15; Blow-up Chicago International Arthouse FF '15...*



**WHAT HAPPENS IN YOUR BRAIN IF YOU SAY A GERMAN WORD LIKE... (2015) 5 min**  
Zora Rux - EXPERIMENTAL, GERMANY

Different tricks, models, and animation are used to visualize the mental images our bald man is processing as he reads an endless word.

*Montreal World FF '15; Stockholm IFF '15; Interfilm Berlin IFF '15...*

**PENNY'S FOR TEA (2015) 6 min**  
Sophie Jarvis - COMEDY, CANADA/BC

A tea-time get together between old friends reveals the seedy indiscretions within the group.

*VIFF '15; Berlin Short FF '15*



**DR. SUNSHINE - DYSFUNCTION (2015) 3.5 min**  
Joel Salaysay - COMEDY, CANADA/BC

A doctor with questionable ethics (and credentials) diagnoses a revolving door of patients in this enthralling web series from the degenerate mind of Joel Salaysay.

*World premiere!*

- END OF BLOCK -



**MENAGERIE (2015) 3.5 min**  
*Julian Gallese - ANIMATION, CANADA/BC*

A bird in the water is dreaming about a forest, an ocean liner & himself. Then the tide drifts him to a strange shore.

*Athens Animfest '15; Future FF '15; Fest Anča '15; Spike & Mike's Sick and Twisted Festival of Animation '15*

**TONGUE STABS CHEEK (2015) 12.5 min**  
*Kyle Heller - COMEDY, CANADA/GERMANY*

Blame! Revenge! Suicide! Cake! Things started pink and purpled out from there for young Chair-Dragger, who has the end of his rope tied to the heavens and a stool beneath both feet for the kicking. But his big fix for the Big Fix is interrupted by a silver-tongued stranger who has other designs.

*World premiere!*



## - INTERMISSION -



**BEYOND (2015) 9.5 min**  
*Milán Kopasz - ANIMATION, HUNGARY*

A black hole is a place in space where gravity pulls so much that even light can not get out. Also in Earth there are places and situations with strange attraction. Some step back, some step closer to observation.

*Animafest Zagreb '16 - Best Animation School Section; Animator Poznan '16...*

**BEST FRIENDS FOREVER (2015) 7.5 min**  
*Tina Ezenma - DRAMA, USA/NIGERIA*

When Melanie calls, then turns up out of the gloom of a rainy night, it looks like Tyler's frustrated life fantasies will finally come true. But there's more to Melanie's perfect appearance than meets the eye... Or rather, less.

*World premiere!*



**THROUGH THE PORTHOLE OF A DREAM (2015) 1 min**  
*Robert David Duncan - EXPERIMENTAL, CANADA/BC*

When viewed through a porthole, every dream becomes safer.

*World premiere!*



**VOICELESS (2015) 22 min**  
*David Uloth - COMEDY, CANADA*

Edgar works in a slaughterhouse. He loves opera and Ginette, the stripper of his dreams. Edgar is about to ask her to marry him when he finds her bedding her boss. In shock, he loses his voice and unfortunately finds himself with the voice of a pig.

*Montreal World FF '15; Ottawa International Short FF '15; Fantasia International FF '15...*



**A REASONABLE REQUEST (2015) 8 min**  
*Andrew Laurich - COMEDY, USA*

A desperate son reconnects with his estranged father to ask an unspeakable favor that will change their lives forever.

*11th Holly Shorts FF '15; Raindance FF '15 Sundance FF '16...*

## - END OF BLOCK -

# DAY 3

Sunday, August 28 (3pm-5pm)

## FRAMED (2015) 9 min

Paige Smith - EXPERIMENTAL, CANADA/BC

In a single continuous motion, we pass through multiple frames and rooms, from high art to low culture, seeing screen relationships from both the perspective of a couple and of those who watch them.

World premiere!



## THE BUS TRIP (2015) 14 min

Sarah Gampel - EXPERIMENTAL, ISREAL

On a bus trip to Isreal Sarah is hoping for political discussions and friendship, except the conversation stops each time at the occupation of Palestine. Instead, Sarah talks to her dead dad over a noisy phone line.

Göteborg FF; Sveriges kortfilm Festival '16



## CUERDAS (2015) 11 min

Pedro Solís García - ANIMATION, SPAIN

María's routine at school is altered by the arrival of a very special child. Soon, they become close friends.

Chicago Internation Children's FF '15 - "Adult Jury Prize - Animated Short Film"...

## 3rd Short Film Block: "REFLECTION TIME"



## MY FAVOURITE SEASON (2015) 14 min

Liz Cairns - DRAMA, CANADA/BC

Nell and Angie, both 12, need one more ingredient to make a pancake dinner.

31st Interfilm International Short Film Festival Berlin '15; VIFF '15; Cinema on the Bayou, '16; Visionaria Festival '16



## IMAGINING TIME (2015) 2 min

Jelena Sinik - ANIMATION, AUSTRALIA

Imagining Time combines notions of the disruption of the everyday; magical realism and surrealism with the themes of isolation, introversion and passivity adapted from the poem, 'The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock' by T. S. Eliot.

Freshflix FF '16; Backup Festival '16, Sydney FF '15...

## ALMOST MINE (2015) 6.5 min

Frank Ladner - COMEDY, USA

A Lapis Lazuli mining couple have a potentially comedic misunderstanding in post-apocalyptic Colorado.

World premiere!



## SAD HILL WITH SAD HILL (2015) 14 min

Daniel Jeffery - DOCUMENTARY, CANADA/BC

50 years after it was first filmed, three friends travel to a remote part of Spain to recreate their favourite scene of moviedom: the climactic shootout from "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly".

Cinema Spectacular '15



## NEVER STEADY, NEVER STILL (2015) 20 min

Kathleen Hepburn - DRAMA, CANADA/BC

Distressed and overwhelmed by the mistakes of his past, a young lease-hand from Alberta's oil fields returns to his childhood home on Lillooet Lake, where he finds solace in the strength of his recently widowed mother.

TIFF '15; VIFF '15



- INTERMISSION -

- END OF BLOCK -

## SPECIAL THANKS:

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Welcome to The 4th Annual Moonrise Film Festival! This year we have yet again sought out today's great and emerging film talents, and brought their work to the heart of the Cariboo, to be screened under the historic roof of The Sunset Theatre in Wells, BC.

With three full days of eclectic screenings, including freshly independent fiction, animation, documentary, and experimental films from across Canada and around the world, I could not be more proud of our line-up of contributing artists this year.

Thank you so much for supporting this ongoing project! Your participation is what keeps us alive. We very much hope you enjoy yourselves and can come back to see us in the future.

- Daniel Jeffery  
Moonrise Film Festival Director  
& Sunset Theatre Society Member



## CLOSING NIGHT!

Sunday, August 28 (7pm-9pm)

## - FEATURE FILM -



**PATTERSON'S WAGER (2015) 75 min**  
Corbin Saleken - DRAMA, CANADA/BC

One moment Charles (Fred Ewanuick) is alone in his living room, the next moment there's rain and thunder and lightning, then a branch suddenly materializes out of nowhere and crashes to the floor in front of him. Then it all just disappears, just like that, leaving no trace behind.

Before he's able to process the bizarre event, it starts raining outside, only this time for real. Then there's a huge crack of thunder, and a bolt of lightning suddenly shoots down and hits a tree across the street and a branch breaks off and falls to the ground.

Is Charles losing his mind? Was it all just a really strong case of déjà vu, as Audrey (Chelah Horsdal), his girlfriend, later suggests? Or could it be that maybe, just maybe, he's developed the unpredictable ability to see two minutes into the future?

*Official Selection: Vancouver International FF '15; Whistler FF 15; Awarded: "Best Feature" - Spokane International FF '15; Oregon Independent FF '15...*

## - SHORT FILM -



**THE VEHICLE (2012) 12 min**  
Corbin Saleken - DRAMA, CANADA/BC

A man tries to convince a woman that they have a future together.

*"Best Sci-Fi Short Film" - Silver Wave FF '12; NSI '12...*

## - FILMMAKER Q & A -



O. Corbin Saleken is an award-winning filmmaker who lives in Vancouver, BC. He has a BA in film and television studies from the University of British Columbia, and he attended the 2010 Werner Herzog Rogue Film School in New Jersey. In 2013, he won the Most Promising Filmmaker award at the Spokane International Film Festival. His short films have screened at film festivals around the world. Patterson's Wager - which he wrote, directed, produced, edited, and self-financed - is Corbin's first feature film.