

2019 SMDFF Documentary Films

Showtime: 10:00 AM

Audience: Appropriate for all audiences and ages



The Medicine in the Mind Directed by Michael O. Snyder (**Virginia**) An American medical student travels to the Himalayan Mountains to volunteer with Tibetan refugees where she pursues training in mindfulness meditation. When the opioid crisis hits her hometown in Appalachia, she returns seeking to combat addiction with the medicine in the mind.



Art OD: The Art of Taurian Washington Directed by Les Owen (**Prince George's County, Maryland**) Local artist Taurean Washington shares his art and discusses his style and motivation of his work, which he calls "art hop", due to the influence of hip hop music in his work, during a show at Frederick Community College.



Crafting Fantastic Worlds Directed by Alexander Albrittain (**Charles County, Maryland**) A group of film and art students from Towson University share their life-changing experiences from their study abroad in New Zealand.



Diversity in the Long Gray Line Directed by Les Owen (**Prince George's County, Maryland**) The history of West Point reflects social changes in America. As the Academy recognizes the 1000th graduating Jewish cadet the film looks at the struggles and changes in the social makeup of the cadet population over the years.



Mapping for the Future Directed by Merideth Taylor (**St. Mary's County, Maryland**) An informational video on a community youth project to bring a community center to Lexington Park, MD.



Farming A Legacy Directed by Rodney Sutton (**Calvert County, Maryland**) A look at black farmers in Calvert County who have survived for generations against incredible odds, acquired and accumulated land, and have found ways to continue a family farming legacy born on the backs of their slave ancestors.

Jury Selected Film

2019 SMDF Animation and Comedy Films

Showtime: 1:00 PM

Audience: Mild Language and Action Sequences

	<p>Taffy Tears Directed by Megan Rogers (Virginia) The tale of an ever-odd customer and not being paid nearly enough to deal with said customer.</p>
	<p>Two Friends Meet Directed by Rebecca Burnett (St. Mary's County, Maryland) After having a funny and enlightening conversation, a man sees his companion animal in a new light.</p>
	<p>The Battle for Back Creek Directed by Alexander David (St. Mary's County, Maryland) Environmental Specialists, Richard Ranger and Sam Waters run into some big trouble in their hometown when a developer makes plans for a casino that will jeopardize the creek.</p>
	<p>The Hand Directed by Kevin Hogan (Prince George's County, Maryland) The viewer experiences the birth of a young boy to a couple from the perspective of the hands. The connectivity of the hands is explored through intense focus on the actions of 4 people.</p>
	<p>Make Your Move Directed by Brooks Vernon (Carroll County, Maryland) Two chess champions battle one last time to determine who is the greatest in the history of the sport.</p>
	<p>iRony Directed by Radheya Jegatheva (Australia) A film that explores the relationship between man and technology...told from the perspective of a phone.</p>
	<p>Bookkeeping by Billy Directed by Lois Stephenson (St. Mary's County, Maryland) A man trying to do his taxes gets distracted.</p>
	<p>Stitches Directed by Aidan Kristo (Howard County, Maryland) As an outsider and a lonesome soul, Dr. Stitchfield resorts to science to create his soulmate.</p>

2019 SMDFF Animation and Comedy Films (Continued)

Showtime: 1:00 PM

Audience: *Mild Language and Action Sequences*



Dumbass Shakedown Directed by *James Couche (Charles County, Maryland)* A man gets more than he bargained for trying to shakedown a martial arts school.



Fragile Directed by *Ramon Faria (Brazil)* Mr. Nakashima had an interesting past but is now living away from that life. After years of loneliness, he decides to get a helper robot for daily chores.



Busted Directed by *Cynthia Cherry (California)* A estranged marriage turns into a war zone.



3 Minutes for Lunch Directed by *Nick Kootsikis (Charles County, Maryland)* A very busy man has only 3 minutes to eat his lunch, but his sandwich is stolen by a thief in the park.

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2019 SMDFF Drama Films

Showtime: 3:45 PM

Audience: Adult Language and Action Sequences



The Monkey's Paw Directed by *Steven Moore (St. Mary's County, Maryland)* A mystical charm, a monkey's paw that is brought into the home of the White family. Are the wishes they make just a coincidence or is there some truth to the tales told by the old military friend?

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For Sale Directed by *Mickel Cannon (Charles County, Maryland)* A suspenseful short film that involves a young man who is drawn to a mysterious house.



Malcolm Directed by *Louis Bose (St. Mary's County, Maryland)* A dramatic short created by students at the Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center. The story is about a senior in high school who seems normal but is secretly a serial killer.

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Fine Line Directed by *Christopher Hogue (St. Mary's County, Maryland)* A young couple decides to end their life together on a toxic and dying Earth.



Astray Directed by *Sam Lichtman (Montgomery County, Maryland)* A thriller-mystery that follows a young man as he searches for help for an injured dog that he hit on an isolated, rural highway.



Mirrors Directed by *Iago Souza (Ohio)* Leo's partner was his entire world. So much so that he lost himself in him. In order to find his true self again, Leo needs to take a deep look at himself, remember who he is and try to find his true identity once more.

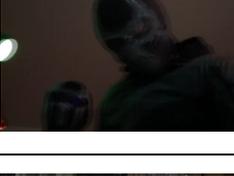


Take Me to the Stars Directed by *Justin Scott Lawrence (Montgomery County, Maryland)* A young boy, dealing with a recent handicap and a vivid imagination, tries to understand his distant father while dealing with the death of his wonderful mother.

2019 SMDFF Suspense Films

Showtime: 6:15 PM

Audience: Adult Language, Depictions of Violence, and Nudity

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	<p>A Time Forever Before Directed by Christopher M. Miller (California/Maryland) Zebulon Jude, the concierge of a hotel for time travelers, contends with his power-hungry father, Clement, who arrives at the hotel to harvest Zebulon's ancient gift of dreams.</p>
	<p>Concealer Directed by Jenna Cipolloni (Baltimore, Maryland) A meditation on the lengths a woman goes through to prepare herself to face the world. For adults only. Features female nudity.</p>
	<p>First Date Directed by D.T. Bullock (Florida) With minor optimism, Adriana prepares for a first date with someone she barely knows after two years of intensive counseling for her PTSD from an event that removes her from an ordinary life. Will Adriana leave the door closed on her First Date?</p>
	<p>Hearth Directed by D.M. Gregory (Anne Arundel County, Maryland) An arsonist-for-hire faces moral turmoil while on a job, complicated when another criminal chooses the same house and night for his evil.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Jury Selected Film</p>
	<p>Busted Directed by Cynthia Cherry (California) An estranged marriage turns into a war zone.</p>
	<p>KALI Directed by Kevin Glotfelty (St. Mary's County, Maryland) A young boy is haunted by a goddess for his crimes.</p>
	<p>Blurred Faces Directed by Aidan Kristo (Howard County, Maryland) A cinempoem about a helpless man who becomes the victim of a fierce robbery.</p>
	<p>Final Refrain Directed by Kristin Kinsey (Baltimore, Maryland) In a dystopian world where art and music are forbidden, Lyra, a passionate pianist, must decide what she's willing to sacrifice for her music.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Jury Selected Film</p>

2019 SMDFF Jury Selected Films

Showtime: 8:15 PM

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