

Leah Abrams and Custom Made Theatre Company (*custommade.org*) host an evening of short films as part of the Directed by Women worldwide screening celebration of female filmmakers created by Barbara Ann O'Leary (*directedbywomen.com*). Curated by Jennifer Dean (*the2ndsex-andthe7thart.com*).

20 short films ranging from 30 seconds to 10 minutes in length by 20 fantastic female filmmakers. Q&A with the filmmakers in attendance afterward.

the films

1. **A DATE** - *written and directed by Olga Korotko*

The date goes wrong, when the guy starts to have some stomach problems... (5:00)

2. **UMBRELLA GIRL** - *written and directed by Monika Norcross-Cerminara*

Living in the middle of nowhere is not ideal. That does not matter to Ella, especially on rainy days. All she has to do is wait for the rain to stop, and then it's time to play. (2:10)

3. **AMBIENCE** - *written by Mackenzie McBride and directed by Trish Dalton*

Ambience is a dark comedy centered around Anna, a single, over-worked teacher living in New York. (7:00)

4. **BICYCLE** - *written and directed by Valerie Dozier*

A young cyclist's world turns upside down when his beloved bicycle goes missing. (3:19)

5. **UNREST** - *written and directed by Shannon R. Giedieviells*

A young woman suffers from terrifying reoccurring nightmares of a man she feels is after her. (4:26)

6. **CATNIP** - *written and directed by Deborah Napier*

A businesswoman makes a choice that turns out to be not what she expected. (0:30)

7. **SINCERELY, US** - *written and directed by Laura Birek*

Jen was already having a tough time. But when burglars break into her apartment and steal her dog, she'll do anything to get her best friend back --- even if it means messing with the space-time continuum. (6:13)

8. **PAPER CUT** - *written and directed by Kanchalee Wijikpasairm*

An anxious writer tries to finish his manuscript but no matter how hard he tries, he can't overcome his worst nightmares. (5:04)

9. **FUNNY WORDS** - *written and directed by Ananya Sundararajan*

Chad's having one of those magical days full of deep conversations and profound realizations. Oh no, wait, he's just really really high. (1:51)

10. **SCISSOR MAN** - *written and directed by Sara Caldwell*

Two young girls are left alone in a motel room and conjure up their worst fear - the notorious Scissor Man who cuts off the fingers of naughty children. But is he real, or just a figment of their imagination? (7:48)

11. **TIGER** - *written and directed by Connie Chung*

Utilizing projections, "Tiger" is an experimental short film that explores the battles and life stages of a young Chinese girl after witnessing her mother's suicide. As she grows up, we journey with her through depression, immigration to America, and love - or lack thereof. (8:52)

12. **ANXEYETY** - *written and directed by Arden Barlow*

Six individuals from various cultural backgrounds, gender identities, ages, professions, and levels of social anxiety/disorders are interviewed about their relationships with eye contact. (5:02)

13. **COFFEE SHOP CONVERSATIONS** - *written and directed by Kimberly DiPersia*

A comedic series of vignettes in a coffee shop, capturing moments in the lives of patrons and employees. (1:57)

14. **21 STEPS TO GET OVER YOUR EX** - *written and directed by Julieta Steinberg*

They say Tragedy + Distance = Comedy. This film tells my past tragedy stuff, with a touch of humor. (10:00)

15. **DROP IT** - *written and directed by Tania Romero*

A dog wants popcorn, and he will do what it takes to get it. (1:00)

16. **THE DONOR** - *written and directed by Natasha Soto*

A nervous male patient heads to his local clinic to make his first "deposit", but with his imagination running wild will he be able to deliver? (2:37)

17. **THIS IS JACKIE** - *written and directed by Anna Sampers*

This video tells the story of Jackie and a couple other people she knows. It is told in four parts. (3:00)

18. **THE ASSISTANT AND HER LOVELY MAGICIAN** - *written by Joyce Wu and directed by Chris Serveld, Joyce Wu, and Eric Yoon*

A romantic comedy about a young woman who must go in search of her magician boyfriend when he disappears into thin air... literally. (4:55)

19. **CANNED** - *written and directed by Ivan Joy, Tanya Zaman, Nathaniel Hatton*

A street artist paints a beautiful mural of a woman on the wall, and is suddenly chased by police... through the favela's of Rio de Janeiro. (3:03)

20. **NEED FOR SPEED (DATING)** - *written by Allyson Morgan, directed by Mary Nighy*

Polly and Nate have the perfect relationship - except she's packed up and moved to London and yearns for something (or someone) new. In this modern twist on a romantic comedy, Polly learns that what she's searching for may not be so easy to find. (6:49)

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