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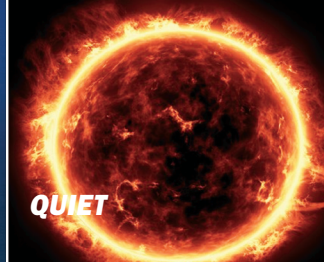
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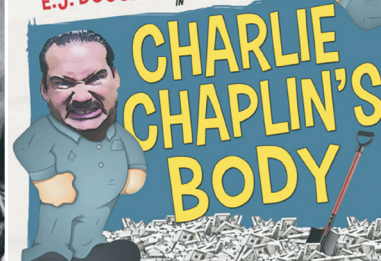
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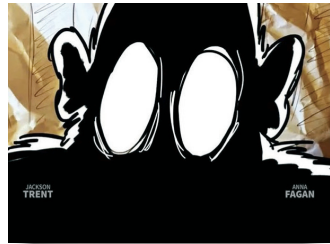


the films

APE CANYON

BY JOSHUA LAND & VICTOR FINK

Cal Piker and his sister Samantha head out on a Bigfoot-hunting adventure and encounter many obstacles.



THE BACK BREAKERS

BY ALEXANDER MONELLI

A portrait of a small independent wrestling promoter in Archbald, Pennsylvania and the unique people involved.

THE BOY HERO

BY KYLE THOMPSON

This film raises awareness of childhood cancer through an unlikely friendship that forms over an art project.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN'S BODY

BY JEFF BOAM

This R-rated comedy laughably based on real events finds two unemployed mechanics trying to blackmail Charlie Chaplin's family for the return of his stolen remains. (Mature)

CHASING SPARKS

BY LUCAS MOREIRA

A boy chases inspiration until he finds the need to have something more: an original idea.

COFFIN DECOLETTE

BY NANCY KAMAL

This film highlights the suffering of an impoverished middle-class Egyptian child bride.

DOESN'T FALL FAR

featuring **Eric Roberts** (Mature)

BY JOSHUA MICHAEL PAYNE

One Friday night. Two exposed secrets. Three lives forever changed.

THE GEAR

BY OMID SEIFI

The theme of this animation is about creativity and innovation to drive an industry...

HANSON'S PARK

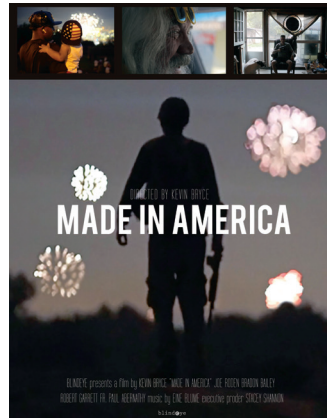
BY THOMAS NOVOTNEY, JR.

This documentary features the entertainment, food, rides, boating and camping that was once Hanson's Amusement Park, located in Harvey's Lake, Pennsylvania.

IRONY

BY RADHEDA JEGATHEVA

A film that explores the relationship between man and technology...told from the perspective of a phone.



MADE IN AMERICA

BY KEVIN BRYCE

Made in America explores and compares the effect of trauma on the veteran community and the Urban Black community.

MARK JURY: BEYOND DEMONS

BY JOHN MIKULAK

This documentary follows the journey of Mark Jury, acclaimed Vietnam veteran, photo journalist and filmmaker as he battles PTSD, enters treatment, and discovers a way to move on from his past. Q&A afterwards.



ONTARIO

BY ELIZA GOOD

Parents announce their impending divorce on route to a family beach vacation.

PLAYING WITH BEETHOVEN

BY JENN PAGE

The day before a life-changing competition, a young concert pianist is lured away from the security of his practice space under the spell of a free-spirited young woman and learns that life, like his music, is all about taking risks.



THE QUIET

BY RADHEYA JEGATHEVA

When an astronaut ponders on the quietude of space, he comes upon a startling self-realization.

SING TO ME

BY LUZ CABRALES

A short film about the beautiful and intimate experience of two friends that use the power of love and friendship to help cope with loss and grief.

...SO IT GOES...

BY JIM HALL

A dictator with an orange for a face becomes the new symbol of fascism as the color orange morphs into the ultimate hue of hate and destruction.

ZOE IN REVIEW

BY STACEY LARKINS

An emotionally fractured woman examines her past in search of answers for her present entanglement.

Director Highlights

JOHN MIKULAK

Mark Jury

An Emmy and ADDY ward-winning writer, producer and director, John is also co-executive producer of the Netflix feature film, *The Polka King* (starring Jack Black), based on his feature documentary, *The Man Who Would Be Polka King*.

John has won several awards for his documentary work, including two Emmys for War Stories: *Vietnam – The Wall that Heals* and *Mark Jury: Beyond Demons*.

KYLE B THOMPSON

The Boy Hero

Born in Philadelphia Pennsylvania, Kyle B. Thompson is a filmmaker and executive producer with Red Flight Pictures; a dynamic and creative independent film company specializing in motion picture entertainment.

Kyle had created his foundation while directing his first feature-length film, which later went on to win two festival awards by the time he was 17 years old.

JENN PAGE

Playing with Beethoven

Jenn Page is an accomplished feature and series director who was selected by Take The Lead as one of the "50 Women who Can Change The World in Media & Entertainment."

Her work includes the award-winning comedy musical feature film *Waiting in the Wings* starring Lee Meriwether and Shirley Jones, the award-winning musical comedy series *My Two Black Girlfriends*, the award-winning dramatic rock opera *The Breakout*, and the International Academy of Web Television's live awards show hosted by Tony award winner Roger Bart. Most recently, she completed *Playing with Beethoven*, a feature film starring Kadeem Hardison and Shannon Elizabeth.

SATURDAY, 4/17

12:00 – 1:15

Comedy Feature:

APE CANYON (1:13:14)

1:45 – 2:40

Shorts

THE GEAR (02:00)

THE BOY HERO (20:19)

ONTARIO (10:02)

ZOE IN REVIEW (14:55)

...SO IT GOES... (02:05)

CHASING SPARKS (05:33)

DOESN'T FALL FAR
(15:00, MATURE)

3:00 – 4:45

Drama Feature:

PLAYING WITH BEETHOVEN
(1:43:17)

6:00 – 8:30pm

MYSTERY BOX CHALLENGE

BAILEY'S INVITATION (7:11)

GHOST JUMPER (3:30)

THE PITCH (7:31)

THE LAST ESCAPE (9:34)

THE GOOD TIMES (9:11)

DOG FIGHT (4:50)

AMBIVALENCE (9:38)

JOHANN: A RETROSPECTIVE (9:57)

TENTH DIMENSION (8:25)

MOVIE MARATHON (4:45)

IN THE NIGHT (10:00)

THE WILL (5:54)

SUNDAY, 4/18

12:00-12:30

International Shorts

THE QUIET (10:00)

COFFIN DECOLETTE (05:57)

IRONY (07:53)

12:45-3:15

Documentary Block:

MADE IN AMERICA (57:00)

MARK JURY: BEYOND DEMONS (12:00)

HANSON'S PARK DOCUMENTARY (1:05:00)

3:30-4:30

Local NEPA Films

THE BACK BREAKERS (06:00)

CHARLIE CHAPLIN'S BODY
(22:00, MATURE)

SING TO ME (21:00)



All films to be presented at the historic **Ritz Theater** in downtown Scranton, 222 Wyoming Avenue.

The Festival will be held in compliance with current **PA Dept of Health Guidelines**. Visit ritzpac.com for more information.