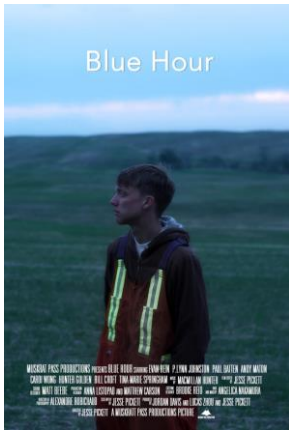




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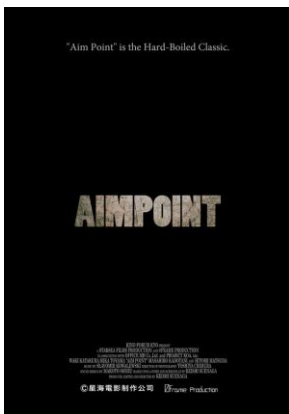
## 2021 Selected Films



### Blue Hour

Feature Narrative

Lee, an anxious young man living in rural Alberta, is about to start a new job in road construction. Confounded by the news of an illness in the family and masculinity stereotypes-- Lee must decide whether to stay or go.



### Aim Point

Short Narrative

Subaru Moritani (Waki Katakura) is a cop who is chasing for the criminal who killed her father as when he was also a cop.

10 years after his death, Subaru waits for her best friend, Nanayo Ohmori (Mika Toyama) at the bar where his father's former buddy Kenzo Deme (Hitomi Matsuda) opened after his retirement.

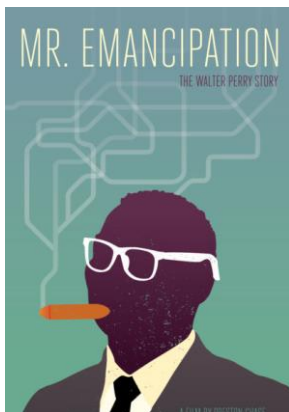
Subaru and the other two were supposed to spend a peaceful and relaxing night, however, Nanayo had something else in her mind...



## The Line

Feature Documentary

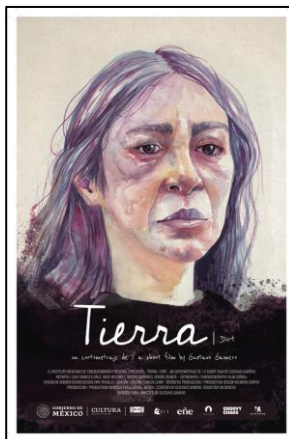
The crucial work of reducing Edmontonians' ecological footprint is done by some of the most marginalized members of our local community. At our world-renowned waste management centre, a company called Quality One hires people with barriers to employment, including criminal records, newcomer status, struggles with addiction, and disabilities of various kinds. The result: real community in an unlikely place.



## Mr. Emancipation: The Walter Perry Story

Feature Documentary

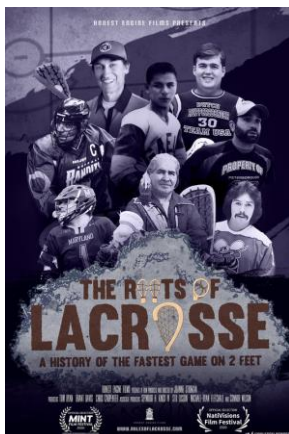
Mr. Emancipation is the story of Walter L Perry's determination to put on a celebration that would transcend divisions of race and class. He staged an Emancipation Day festival that was where everyone wanted to be. Eleanor Roosevelt, Martin Luther King Jr, Jesse Owens all headed there because, as civil rights activist Dick Gregory said "The largest Juneteenth celebration was not in America, it was in Windsor, Canada."



## Dirt

Short Narrative

Consuelo is mother of a missing young woman in Mexico. One day, she witnesses the clandestine burial of a child's body executed by members of the state police, so she decides to unearth the body to bury it worthily in the nearest graveyard to the town she lives in. With the help of Armando, her brother, Consuelo will drive the child's body down through the driveway despite the risks it might represent here!



## Roots of Lacrosse

Short Documentary

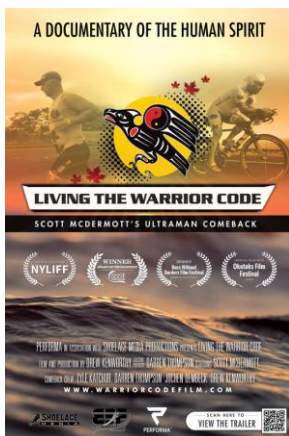
Many lacrosse players and coaches often don't know that the origins of the game of lacrosse has its roots in North American Indigenous nations. This short documentary provides a brief history of the sacred and cultural aspects of this sport, originally played for the Creator, as well as for the health and welfare of the people. The movie also defines the three types of North American, Indigenous lacrosse: Iroquois, Great Lakes, and Southeastern. [View here!](#)



## Poetry, War and the Dance of Life

Short Documentary

This is the story of Joseph Young, Canadian Poet, War Veteran, Farmer and Dancer of Life. The young poet soon faced the horrors of World War Two. After the loss of many friends and surviving a severe injury himself, he returned to Canada, began to farm and to dance through life.



## Living the Warrior Code

Feature Documentary

Ultra-distance triathlete Scott McDermott was competing in the 2015 Ultraman World Championships when he crashed on his bike suffering injuries to his head, shoulder, arm and knee. Early on during his recovery he set a goal to come back and compete again at the same race. Despite so many challenges along the road of recovery and training, his relentless dedication to the Warrior's Code of never giving up kept him going. With a very supportive wife, family and friends he made his way back to the start line of the Ultraman World Championships 3 years later. Living The Warrior Code is a documentary film about the human spirit and what it takes to do something truly incredible.



## The Little Death

Short Narrative

Leo goes out on a date not knowing that he is walking directly into a trap.



## If We Spoke

Short Narrative

Meanwhile in Alberta: Boomer vs Millennial

Familiar tropes and mores become uncomfortable in this film short: A cheeky reflection of how our expectations of each other play into a seemingly unresolvable conflict. But wait - there's still hope.ry here!



## Moments in Spacetime

Feature Narrative

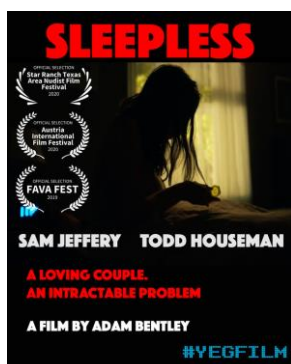
Macie (Patty Srisuwan), a Thai immigrant adopted into a North American family, must look after her dementia suffering grandfather (John Rhys-Davies). When she discovers that her birth mother may not have died in a tsunami fifteen years earlier, Macie teams up with her grandfather to discover the truth about her past in order to decide which family means the most to her.



## I'll See You Later

Feature Documentary

I'll See You Later tells the life altering stories of adoption, profoundly carried between families learning to embody love together. Open adoption stories, where the birth mom is a welcome part of the child's life even as they are raised by their adoptive parents, are brave, courageous, and beautiful. This documentary film tells the real stories of adoption as shared by families who have lived it. For those who have an adoption story, this film resonates with a heart-aching richness and reflects the beauty of self-giving love; stories that reveal the very best in each of us. Some stories of adoption do not say "goodbye," but, "I'll see you later."



## Sleepless

Short Narrative

One woman goes to hilarious and extraordinary lengths to get a good night sleep despite her snoring, farting, sleep-talking partner.



## Darkness of Otherwhere

Feature Narrative

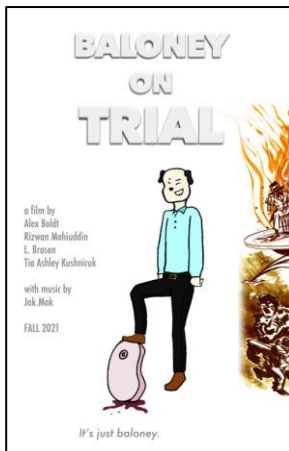
A young woman gets emotionally caught in a voyeuristic game on the dark shades of Tokyo only to reveal a darker past of her own.



## Love Letter to Dr. Theresa Tam

Music Video

An ode to Canada's top Doctor.



## Baloney on Trial

Short Narrative

Spark Hound is the greatest Baloney business tycoon in Baloney history. But will his regret over starting an economic war ruin his marriage?



## One on One

Music Video



## Pekiwewin Relief & Prayer Camp

Short Documentary

Camp Pekiwewin was a ceremonial site for the house-less community in Edmonton that lasted from July - November, 2020.

Among the many aims were to provide refuge and challenge the municipality that acknowledges treaty and Indigenous communities in council, but consistently denies and erases Indigenous peoples' title to occupy their territories.

As told by camp residents.



## Rationale

Short Narrative

Late one wintry night, Douglass Haitner reminisces on his life and the meeting of his true love, his memories twisting and devolving, fighting to maintain his romantic vision in a dark world.



## Baldur

Short Documentary

A grieving mother struggles to differentiate between fantasy and reality.



## The Creek

Short Narrative

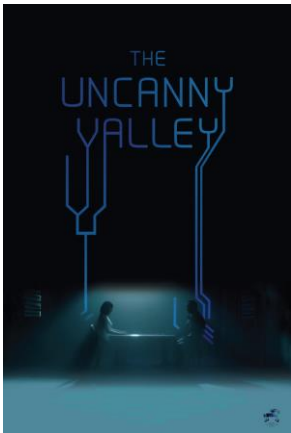
Set in 1944. In the midst of uncertainty and war, two lovers must endure with hope for their future.



## Breathe

Short Narrative

A young woman struggles to keep her head above water as she comes to terms with her personal identity.



## The Uncanny Valley

Short Narrative

Desperate for a clue to a mysterious case, an Investigator pushes for a last minute interview with his only witness: an A.I. called ANDI-7291. There's only one problem, fearing the A.I. is corrupt, the scientists at Lang Industries made the suspicious decision to wipe her memory. Now The Investigator has about 10 minutes to find out if any memories remain before ANDI-7291 is dismantled by the scientists.

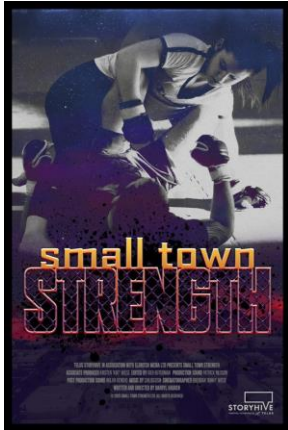


## Eddie Goes to Space

Short Narrative

Jeremy, a down on his luck cinematographer, takes on a craigslist gig to film an eccentric man named Eddie as he "exits the stratosphere".





## Small Town Strength

Short Documentary

Grande Prairie, Alberta has a group of athletes, coaches, promoters and commission members who dedicate their time to the growth of mixed martial arts. Small Town Strength delves into the past, present and future of what this sport has to offer.



## Continuum

Short Narrative

A young woman who is overwhelmed by societal pressures breaks free of a simulated existence and opens herself to the full breadth of life.



## Trinkets

Short Narrative

Terry's life is on the rocks. He is unemployed, broke and the black sheep of his family. Something strange is preventing Terry from getting out of his rut. He has been the recipient of several mysterious trinkets left on his doorstep. Source unknown.

Is he just paranoid, or is this part of a bigger conspiracy theory?



## Second Wedding

Short Narrative

Two single-parent divorcees try their hand at getting married - again. They have no idea how wrong they're doing it.



## Operation: Clean Slate

Short Narrative

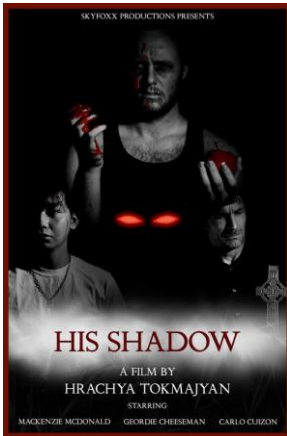
When their summer of freedom is threatened, four very different teens hatch a plan to break into city hall and destroy their parking violations records clean.



## Cotard's Delusion

Short Narrative

A young woman is blackmailed into digging up a grave to save her father's life, in the process, she meets someone who is convinced their internal organs are dead.



## His Shadow

Short Narrative

A young man is haunted and tested by the shadows of his past to choose between the path of self acceptance or self destruction.



## Jasmine Road

Feature Narrative

A widowed conservative cowboy takes in a Syrian refugee family of Arabic ice cream makers.



## European Tour '73

Short Documentary

A father fulfills his dream of reconnecting his five small children to the steps of his own father when he fought for the Canadian military in WW2 through a trip to Europe in 1973.



## Torch Narrows

Short Narrative

On a night fishing excursion on the Saskatchewan River, two friends revisit a wound they cannot heal.



## The Homestead

Short Documentary

The Homestead follows Donovan and Lisa Kitt as they try to establish a new organic farm. They both grew up on organic farms and are hoping to prove that a new farm project is still possible in the world of high land prices in northern Alberta, Canada. The film follows Donovan and Lisa through several seasons as they begin a family and face the challenge of making their dreams reality.



## Cheaters, Robbers and Outlaws

Short Narrative

It seems everyone in the small western town is an outlaw, and the saloon is overrun with them. The saloon owner Sandra has had enough, but does she have what it takes to take them all on?



## Time to Toast: The First One

Short Narrative



## Connecting Flights

Feature Narrative

Taken from a true story and based on Ron Blicq's award winning stage play, "Closure", this Jessy Ardern adaptation tells a tale of family's journey from England to Canada in an attempt to connect with an unsuspecting family member, who is unaware he fathered a child during his service in the second world war.