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FILM GUIDE TO GO

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FILMS



THE MOON CHILD

Trailer

Ara, a young bedridden girl is trapped in her room. The nights are easier for her as the moon gives her comfort and revives her.

SHOWTIMES IN (SHORT BLOCK ONE)

Rating A / Viewing: All ages



IN HER ELEMENT

Trailer

Aisha Bowe and film producers to be in Attendance

In Her Element is a new 30-minute documentary film, from Reese Witherspoon's media company Hello Sunshine and HPE, about the next generation of women in technology. The film features three revolutionary female pioneers using technology to advance their fields while inspiring other women to join them in breaking through barriers. The film is hosted by lawyer and best-selling author Meena Harris, who leads a conversation with the three subjects -- a rocket scientist, a music engineer and a team principal for a Formula E racing team.

SHOWTIMES IN (SHORT BLOCK ONE)

Rating A / Viewing: All ages



YUANYUAN

Trailer

A young girl named Yuanyuan once lived in a happy family with loving parents. But when her mother found out that she is pregnant, her unborn brother brought a tense atmosphere into the family.

SHOWTIMES IN (SHORT BLOCK ONE)

Rating A / Viewing: All ages



NOT THE SCIENCE TYPE: GITANJALI

Trailer

Gitanjali Rao was named TIME Magazine's Kid of the Year in 2020 and at 16 years old, she is on a mission to create a global community of young innovators to solve problems all over the world.

SHOWTIMES IN (SHORT BLOCK ONE)

Rating A / Viewing: All ages



YOUTH FILM WORKSHOP

Students completed a short film in One Day!

They were introduced to the latest in digital technology and receive expert instruction, working in all the different jobs on a film set (Writer, Actor, Director, Editing), students learned the essentials of making a film from pre-production to editing - all in one day.

SHOWTIMES IN (SHORT BLOCK ONE)

Viewing: All ages

Sanna Allsopp

Barbados / 2021, 12 mins

Principal Cast: Laila Moore, Yanique Hume, John Hunte, Prof. Pedro Welch

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Wednesday, May 3 / 1:00pm

Kate Kunath

United States / 2021, 31 mins

Principal Cast: Meena Harris, Aisha Bowe, Laura Escude, Susie Wolff

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Wednesday, May 3 / 1:00pm

Shiyue Xu

China / 2022, 17 mins

Principal Cast: Tingxuan Jiang, Haoyang He, Yanhua Zhang, Chun Cheng

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Wednesday, May 3 / 1:00pm

Julio Palacio

United States / 2022, 7 mins

Principal Cast: Gitanjali Rao

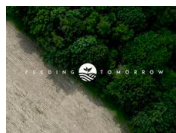
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Kings College, Arthur's Town & New Bight Schools

Nassau, Cat Island / 2023, 15 mins

Principal Cast: Students of Nassau and Cat Island

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Wednesday, May 3 / 1:00pm



FEEDING TOMORROW

Trailer

Up against a broken food system suffering from ecosystem destruction, climate change, health epidemics, and inequality, a brave group of visionary leaders in agriculture, healthcare, and education work to build a more just and regenerative food system in their communities - giving rise to a new global vision of Feeding Tomorrow

Rating A / Viewing: All ages



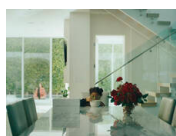
LAST RESORT

Trailer

Two terminally ill hospice residents conspire to make their spouses fall in love with each other to lessen the impact of their deaths. Things go awry when they themselves fall in love and one of them begins to regain their health.

Rating C / Viewing: 18 and up

Partnering with the Cancer Society of The Bahamas



SIN RAÍCES (ROOTLESS)

ALMA, a recently adopted 8-year-old refugee from El Salvador, spends a day preparing for her first red carpet appearance at an awards show with her new pop star mother, YAHAIRA. She learns from example and mirrors a series of routines as she absorbs that perhaps to cement her place in this new life she must be "liked" in more ways than one. As she takes in her new environment, she finds herself haunted by whispers of the life she left behind and awakened to the fragility of her new one after an innocent series of actions and encounters with her newfound fans on social media doesn't go as planned.

Rating A / Viewing: All ages

SHOWTIMES BEFORE ROCK N ROLL IS NOT DEAD

Viewing: Parental Guidance



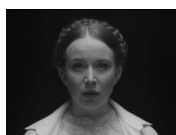
ROCK N ROLL IS NOT DEAD

OPENING NIGHT FILM

Trailer

Children of two rock legends from Seville, Sammy Taylor and Charlie Cepeda had childhoods marked by extravagance and excess, Sammy in the UK and Australia (without knowing anything about his father, Silvio, a legend in Spain), Charlie in Seville. This journey follows their early years until their meeting, an explosive connection from which came the band Los Labios, whose collaborators have included Chrissie Hynde of "The Pretenders", Jackson Browne, Craig Ross, Bunbury, Kiko Veneno, Jarabe de Palo and Raimundo Amador. This film, which follows the band for four years, is a wild rock 'n' roll story filled with drugs, kidnappings, suicide attempts and gurus, interwoven with the story of how the rock 'n' roll revolution was introduced to Spain during the Franco era. Fasten your seatbelts and enjoy the ride!

Rating C / Viewing: Age 18 and up



MIRRORS IN THE DARK

Trailer

Marie (Alena Doláková) and her boyfriend František are trying to save their relationship by answering 36 questions that will, according to scientists, make you fall in love with anyone. Marie, fresh off of her 30th birthday, has a head full of many important questions of her own. Is it worth it to continue a career as a dancer if she will never reach the top? Will she be able to overcome her fears of mediocrity and be happy with herself? Will her mother stop questioning her choices in life? Most importantly - is her relationship significant enough to save? Šimon Holý is putting an extraordinarily authentic spotlight on relationships, dreams and concerns of present-day millennials in his formally distinct feature debut.

Rating C / Viewing: Age 18 and up

Simon English, Oliver English

United States / 2022, 78 mins

Principal Cast: Selima Campbell Hauber, Tsekani Nash

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Wednesday, May 3 / 3:15pm

ECCHO Art Gallery Baha Mar: Sunday, May 7 / 12:00pm

Kevin Taylor

Canada / Bahamas / 2022, 92 mins

Principal Cast: L.A. Sweeney, Nick Smyth

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Wednesday, May 3 / 6:00pm

Gabriella Athena Moses

El Salvador, United States / 2022, 16 mins

Principal Cast: Viktoria Luna, Sasha Mercí

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Wednesday, May 3 / 8:30pm

Charlie Boy, Mauricio Angulo, Ana Martinez Porro

Spain, Bahamas / 2022, 76 mins

Principal Cast: Sammy Taylor, Charlie Cepeda

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Wednesday, May 3 / 8:30pm

Šimon Holý

Czech Republic / 2021, 74 mins

Principal Cast: Alena Doláková, Bořek Joura, Eliška Soukupová, Václav Vašák, Markéta Tannerová, Martin Dědoch

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Thursday, May 4 / 2:15pm



OUT AND ABOUT

Trailer

Inside the mind of middle aged man as he tries to come to terms with his life over the course of an afternoon walk through his hometown.

Rating C / Viewing: Age 18 and up



VITAL PASSAGE

Trailer

The discovery of a lockbox buried in the basement of a former Jewish midwestern merchant's store would unlock a family's story of rescue, sacrifice and courage. In the late 1930's, David and his son Sidney Plaut owned a small shop in Goshen, Indiana. The Plauts witnessed firsthand the persecution of the Jews in Germany. They decided to take action by sponsoring and assisting 28 Jewish refugees immigrating to the United States. This documentary chronicles their amazing story as they risked their business and livelihood to provide a vital passage for Jews escaping the Holocaust.

Rating B / Viewing: Parental Guidance



D.I.B.S (DEVIL IN THE BACKSEAT)

A man who is struggling with a life or death decision gets unlikely support from his past.

SHOWTIMES BEFORE [THE SCORE](#)

Rating C / Viewing: 18 years and up



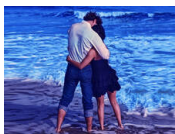
THE SCORE

CRIME/MUSICAL/THRILLER

Trailer

Two small time crooks, Troy and Mike, are on a mission – the 'score' – that they both expect will transform their circumstances - at a roadside café, as they wait for a rendezvous handover, Troy falls in love with the waitress, Gloria and begins to question his life choices... while the threat of real danger is driving to meet them.

Rating C / Viewing: Age 18 and up

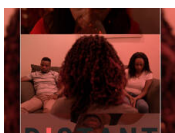


ON OUR OWN ISLAND

Trailer

"This remarkable documentary takes a life-affirming look at the power of true love, even through life's most inevitable passage."

Viewing: Age 16 and up

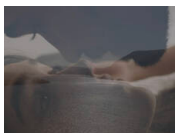


DISTANT

A wife struggles to reconnect with her husband of ten years but he chooses to remain detached and continues to keep her and their kids at arm's length then the unthinkable happens!

SHOWTIMES IN ([SHORT BLOCK FOUR](#))

Rating A / Viewing: All ages



AMERICAN SOCIAL

Trailer

Skylar and her boyfriend Jake's relationship is tested in unexpected ways when they take a break from the city and go upstate for a hike.

SHOWTIMES IN ([SHORT BLOCK FOUR](#))

Rating C / Viewing: Age 18 and up



IN THE EVENT OF MY DEATH

Trailer

Jeremy. Just. DIED. So, in the event of his death, he leaves behind a series of clever clues and witty video messages for his best friend and bandmate Sam, and his brash sister Mandy, which sends them on an adventure through their shared past. They get to experience one last day with Jeremy after he's gone, and in the end are compelled to mourn the best way they know how.

SHOWTIMES IN ([SHORT BLOCK FOUR](#))

Rating B / Parental Guidance

Peter Callahan

United States / 2022, 83 mins

Principal Cast: Peter Callahan

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Thursday, May 4 / 6:30pm

Kyle Hufford

United States / 2021, 66 mins

Principal Cast: Steve Gruber, Patrick J. Furlong, Mike Hostetler, Maggie Goldberg, Gay Lehman, James V. Matousek, Tanner Smale, Mallory Hill, Skip Barnet

ECCHO Art Gallery Baha Mar: Thursday, May 4 / 7:00pm

Jeffery Mackey

Bahamas / 2021, 10 mins

Principal Cast: Lechante Wright, Scott Adderley, Nicole McIntosh

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Thursday, May 4 / 8:30pm

Malachi Smyth

United Kingdom / 2022, 100 mins

Principal Cast: Naomi Ackie, Will Poulter, Johnny Flynn & Lydia Wilson

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Thursday, May 4 / 8:30pm

Sky Dylan-Robbins, Ellie Dylan

United States / 2021, 83 mins

Principal Cast: Ellie Dylan, Sky Dylan-Robbins, Steven Robbins

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Friday, May 5 / 2:00pm

Michaela Ann Forbes, Leslie Ellis-Tynes

Bahamas / 2022, 14 mins

Principal Cast: Michaela Ann Forbes, Sony Jean-Jacques, Leslie Ellis-Tynes, Shamiyah Seymour

ECCHO Art Gallery Baha Mar: Friday, May 5 / 5:45pm

Keeley Gould

United States / 2020, 14 mins

Principal Cast: Izabel Paksad, Michael Ford

ECCHO Art Gallery Baha Mar: Friday, May 5 / 5:45pm

Brian Scott Steele

United States / 2022, 20 mins

Principal Cast: Steve Nagle, Erin Ragland, Jacob Layne Miller, Teri Lee Thomas, Vritika Gupta

ECCHO Art Gallery Baha Mar: Friday, May 5 / 5:45pm



PROJECT H

PROJECT H is a 5-minute drama comedy, shot overnight without budget, which was born through the synergy of talented and passionate audiovisual and film professionals. It features three soldiers, Colette CESAIRE, Jean-Claude DUVERGER and Valer 'EGOUY who are building a bold plan in the mad hope of rebuilding Haiti. SHOWTIMES IN ([SHORT BLOCK FOUR](#))
Rating B / Viewing: Parental Guidance



PAT Trailer

Set in 1978, Pat tells the story of a music lover from rural Ireland who keeps in touch with her son in New York through the only phone box in the village. SHOWTIMES IN ([SHORT BLOCK FOUR](#))
Rating A / Viewing: All ages



IF THINGS GO SOUTH

Powerhouse singer/songwriter Kaya Stewart's upward trajectory came spiraling down around her during a global pandemic, as her anxiety and OCD started to challenge her own definition of who she was. Rather than give in to the self-doubt, Kaya carved a music-driven path by joining forces with her father Dave Stewart, co-founder of EURYTHMICS, and created If Things Go South, a biographical album and short film about the inner strength she found during the darkest times.

SHOWTIMES BEFORE [Person Woman Man Camera](#)

Viewing: Age 13 and up



PERSON WOMAN MAN CAMERA TV Trailer

Barack Obama was starting his second term, hope was more than just a hashtag, and Sam met Samantha. Seven years later, 2020 happened.
Rating C / Viewing: Age 18 and up



PEACHES

A homeless man finds his self-worth through finding a way to feed his dog. SHOWTIMES BEFORE [The Unknown Athenians](#)
Rating A / Viewing: All ages



THE UNKNOWN ATHENIANS Trailer

The documentary follows during 6 exhausting years of austerity the daily routine of stray dogs struggling in the center of Athens and the people who take care of them. A hidden world emerges from the routes of the unknown Athenians and unveils the unexpected face and the heart of Athens, a city in the midst of change.
Rating B / Viewing: Parental Guidance



BOBCAT MORETTI

Drama, Sports, mystery
Trailer

An obese multiple sclerosis patient takes up his late Father's sport of boxing to overcome personal tragedy and find inner peace. "Bobcat Moretti" was filmed over the course of ten months, during COVID-19, allowing our lead actor to lose 154-pounds and embody the role.
Rating C / Viewing: 18 and up



THE STRAWBERRY JAM

Mrs. Doodle, a '90s housewife frugal in every possible way, finds herself tempted by a gourmet indulgence in a most unusual grocery store. SHOWTIMES BEFORE [Bobcat Moretti](#)
Rating A / Viewing: All ages

Maharaki

Haiti, Martinique / 2022, 5 mins
Principal Cast: Colette CESAIRE, Jean-Claude DUVERGER, Valer EGOUY, Elie PENNONT

ECCHO Art Gallery Baha Mar: Friday, May 5 / 5:45pm

Emma Wall

Ireland / 2022, 14 mins

ECCHO Art Gallery Baha Mar: Friday, May 5 / 5:45pm

Paul Boyd

United States / 2022, 30 mins
Principal Cast: Kaya Stewart

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Friday, May 5 / 6:00pm

Niav Conty

United States / 2022, 70 mins
Principal Cast: Estelle Bajou, James L. Ward

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Friday, May 5 / 6:00pm
ECCHO Art Gallery Baha Mar: Sunday, May 7 / 2:00pm

Jared Januschka

United States / 2021, 14 mins
Principal Cast: Ryan Shoos

ECCHO Art Gallery Baha Mar: Friday, May 5 / 7:30pm

Angeliki Antoniou

Greece, Germany / 2021, 70 mins

ECCHO Art Gallery Baha Mar: Friday, May 5 / 7:30pm

Rob Margolies

United States / 2022, 96 mins
Principal Cast: Tim Realbuto, Vivica A. Fox, Taryn Manning, Sally Kirkland, Matt Peters

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Friday, May 5 / 8:15pm

Laura Lionetta

United States / 2022, 17 mins
Principal Cast: Kathy Searle; Julian Morris; Jonah Maziarz

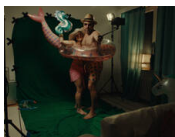
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ACTION

Trailer

On a film set, there are always unforeseen events. Some days, it's all there is. And sometimes it's even worse.
SHOWTIMES IN (SHORT BLOCK FIVE)
Rating C / Viewing: Age 18 and up



MOLES (TALPONI)

Trailer

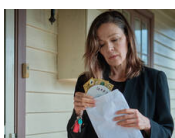
Anna, Francesco, and the eight years old Giorgio can't afford a fancy holiday. Social pressure makes them hide at home and fake a Bahamas vacation through photoshopped posts on social media. The deluge of likes/comments fuel an all-consuming dopamine rush.
SHOWTIMES IN (SHORT BLOCK FIVE)
Rating A / Viewing: All ages



SANDCASTLE

Trailer

The things we build are meant to keep us safe -- to s us, so we can grow into the lives we planned for, the lives we hoped for, the ones we dreams of. But if our dreams crumble, maybe, to keep building that shelter, is the safest thing we can do.
SHOWTIMES IN (SHORT BLOCK FIVE)
Rating C / Viewing: Age 18 and up



GOOD NIGHT

A busy sound engineer accepts a last-minute recording instead of heading home to his family and is deeply affected by the song he records.
SHOWTIMES IN (SHORT BLOCK FIVE)
Rating A / Viewing: All ages



VOICES

Trailer

When moving into their new home, Tara and Drew are alarmed when they overhear their neighbours arguing. As the voices get louder and more violent, they must decide if it's their responsibility to act.
SHOWTIMES IN (SHORT BLOCK FIVE)
Rating C / Viewing: Age 18 and up



THOUGHTS

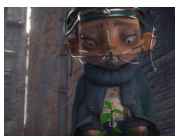
An actor finds himself distracted from his acting career and life, because of constant reminders and memories...
SHOWTIMES IN (SHORT BLOCK FIVE)
Rating C / Viewing: Age 18 and up



FAREWELL PARADISE

Trailer

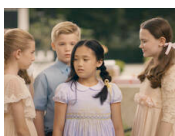
Four sisters and their mother have to trade their idyllic lives in The Bahamas in the 1960s for existence in what they consider to be a narrow-minded Switzerland.
Viewing: Age 13 and up



THE SPRAYER

Trailer

In the land occupied with the sprayers army, no one has the right to grow any kind of plants either in public or private. So many of the people and soldiers do not even know how dose a plant grows or look like, until one day one of the soldiers finds a seed buried deep down in the dust and his curiosity is just the beginning of something extraordinary, something big, something revolutionary.
SHOWTIMES IN (SHORT BLOCK THREE)
Rating B / Viewing: Parental Guidance



NURSERY RHYMES

Trailer

Drawing inspiration from memories of his grandmothers, a Singapore filmmaker imagines their childhood spent under different imperialist rule.
SHOWTIMES IN (SHORT BLOCK THREE)
Rating A / Viewing: All ages

Benoît Monney

Switzerland / 2022, 6 mins

Principal Cast: Piera Bellato, Barbara Tobola, Sean Biggerstaff, Antonin Schopfer, Roland Vouilloz, François Nadin, Alexandra Karamisaris, Isaline Prévost Radeff, Alexandre Hoesli

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Saturday, May 6 / 11:00am

Vanja Victor Kabir Tognola

Switzerland, Ticino / 2022, 15 mins

Principal Cast: Gerardo Maffei, Catherine Pagani, Roberto Guerra, Vera Bommer, Mattia Linzi

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Saturday, May 6 / 11:00am

Feike Santbergen

United States / 2022, 20 mins

Principal Cast: Charles Halford, Philip Guerette

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Saturday, May 6 / 11:00am

David Vincent Smith

Australia / 2022, 8 mins

Principal Cast: Caroline Brazier, Clarence Ryan

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Saturday, May 6 / 11:00am

Abbie Lucas

United Kingdom / 2022, 10 mins

Principal Cast: Amanda Clapham, Omar Khan

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Saturday, May 6 / 11:00am

Shaq'uil Reeves

United States, Bahamas / 2022, 9 mins

Principal Cast: Kai Strachan

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Saturday, May 6 / 11:00am

Sonja Wyss

Netherlands / 2021, 82 mins

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Friday, May 5 / 4:00pm
ECCHO Art Gallery Baha Mar: Saturday, May 6 / 11:30am

Farnoosh Abedi

Iran / 2022, 9 mins

Principal Cast: animated film

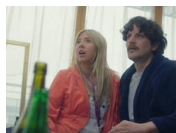
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Michael Kam

Singapore, Malaysia / 2021, 10 mins

Principal Cast: Venice Ng Suk Wen, Niki Tou

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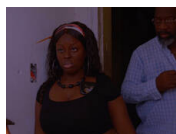


MAGIC

Lauren gets a frantic phone call from ex boyfriend Ciaran and arrives at his apartment expecting him to beg for her forgiveness. But Ciaran has something else entirely that he needs to discuss.

SHOWTIMES IN (SHORT BLOCK THREE)

Rating C / Viewing: Age 18 and up



IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Two young men stage a crafty robbery; but one victim's warm embrace versus another's cold shoulder is what drives the two lives paved by poverty down completely different paths.

SHOWTIMES IN (SHORT BLOCK THREE)

Rating T / Viewing: 15 years & Over



THE KICKSLED CHOIR

Trailer

Shortlisted for the 93rd Academy Awards for Live-Action Short, Ten-year-old Gabriel loves to sing and has one desire: to sing in the local choir.

SHOWTIMES IN (SHORT BLOCK THREE)

Rating A / Viewing: All ages



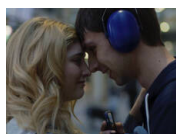
¡LLÁMAME CHINITA!

Trailer

Lulu, a 30-year old woman from China, travels alone to Mexico in the middle of the Pandemic. Despite her distance from home, her daily life and pressures seem to follow.

SHOWTIMES IN (SHORT BLOCK THREE)

Rating T / Viewing: Age 15 and up

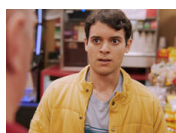


WHEN TIME GOT LOUDER

Trailer

Departing for college, Abbie leaves behind her parents and brother, Kayden, who is non-verbal and has autism. As Abbie falls in love with her new independence and budding relationship with a woman, her parents try to teach Kayden more independent life skills as they help him transition from high school to adulthood and adjust his routine without Abbie. Due to Abbie's absence, Kayden's struggles increase as he cannot communicate with his sister. When Abbie returns home for the holidays she discovers Kayden is in the hospital, and as a family they must find a solution for his future.

Viewing: Parental Guidance

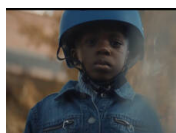


HOLY SHITTER

Attempting to appease the in-crowd from school, a teen steals a bottle of liquor from a gas station convenience store and retreats to the store's bathroom, only to accidentally enter into a makeshift bathroom stall confessional booth operated by the owner's daughter. A coming of age comedy.

SHOWTIMES IN (SHORT BLOCK TWO)

Rating T / Viewing: Age 15 and up



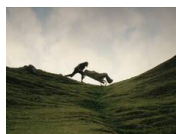
TRAINING WHEELS

Trailer

A black father and his 6 year old son simple bike-riding stroll in their suburban neighborhood turns into a life-changing lesson for the boy.

SHOWTIMES IN (SHORT BLOCK TWO)

Rating A / Viewing: All ages



BROTHER TROLL

Once upon a time in the Faroe Islands, two lone brothers struggle to save their fragile relationship after the sudden loss of their older brother.

SHOWTIMES IN (SHORT BLOCK TWO)

Rating T / Viewing: Age 15 and up

Jo Halpin

Ireland / 2022, 10 mins

Principal Cast: Ali Hardiman, Killian Sundermann, Philip Blake, Dave Fannin, Sam Hardiman

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Saturday, May 6 / 1:00pm

Jonico Brandon Pratt

Bahamas / 2023, 12 mins

Principal Cast: Sanjay Cooper, Dimachio Smith

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Saturday, May 6 / 1:00pm

Torfinn Iversen

Norway / 2020, 18 mins

Principal Cast: Benoni Brox Krane, Stig Henrik Hoff, Nicholai Evans, Kahled Saleh Ankila

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Saturday, May 6 / 1:00pm

Stacy Chu

United States / 2021, 22 mins

Principal Cast: Stacy Pan Chu, Minerva Velasco, Emilio Velazquez, Adriel Manzano

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Saturday, May 6 / 1:00pm

Connie Cocchia

Canada / 2022, 113 mins

Principal Cast: Willow Shields, Elizabeth Mitchell, Lochlyn Munro, Jonathan Simao

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William PC Marsh

United States / 2022, 15 mins

Principal Cast: Juan de Jesus, Caroline Feduccia,

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Saturday, May 6 / 2:50pm

Lavado Stubbs

Bahamas, Canada / 2022, 9 mins

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Saturday, May 6 / 2:50pm

Gudmund Helmsdal

Faroe Islands / 2021, 30 mins

Principal Cast: Búi Dam, Nicolaj Falck,

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Saturday, May 6 / 2:50pm



SOMEWHERE IN TIME

Trailer

In a metropolitan city, an abandoned old man fights death with a beautiful moment that once was in the desert.

SHOWTIMES IN (SHORT BLOCK TWO)

Rating A / Viewing: All ages



DECOMPOSING

Trailer

Four friends find a body on a girl's trip. Too bad that's not the only thing that's rotten.

SHOWTIMES IN (SHORT BLOCK TWO)

Rating T / Viewing: Age 15 and up



I LOVE MY DAD

A hopelessly estranged father catfishes his son in an attempt to reconnect.

After Franklin blocks his father Chuck on social media, Chuck "catfishes" his son by impersonating a waitress named Becca online. Chuck then agrees to drive Franklin to Maine to meet Becca, knowing that it might be the last straw in their father-son relationship.

Viewing: Age 18 and up



INVISIBLE BEAUTY

She was a face on the magazines and now she represents the top Black models in the industry. Meet Bethann Hardison, the person behind the face and icon, telling her story the way she sees it. Sharing the director's chair with Frédéric Tcheng, Hardison takes us backstage, into her life and the impact she's had in the ever-so-trendy fashion industry. In this document of her 50-year career, we witness how one model-turned-agent has the influence and drive to produce the thriving careers of Tyson Beckford, Naomi Campbell and Iman, among many others. An activist in her own right, Hardison proves that Black faces and culture are more than just a moment, and advocates for racial justice in an ultra-competitive world.

Viewing: Ages 13 and up



BLESSED UNREST

Blessed Unrest is the story of the composer Michael Dodds as he draws from his life's experiences to produce a symphony. Raised in the Peruvian Amazon, Michael's story begins in a cacophony of nature, follows him through traumatic experiences and personal setbacks, and travels with him on an extraordinary journey of creation.

Viewing: Parental Guidance



SEE HOW THE MAIN SAIL SETS

Trailer

See How the Main Sail Sets, a documentary on the history of the National Family Island Regatta and chronicling the legacy of sailing and boatbuilding in The Bahamas.

Rating A / Viewing: All ages



THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION

Over the course of several years, two convicts form a friendship, seeking consolation and, eventually, redemption through basic compassion.

Viewing: Ages 18 and up

Nawaf Al Janahi

United Arab Emirates / 2022, 15 mins

Principal Cast: Yehia Abd Al Rasool, Mikaela Carrizo, Ahmed Saeed

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Saturday, May 6 / 2:50pm

Nessa Aref

Canada / 2021, 9 mins

Principal Cast: Morgana Wyllie, Anesha Bailey, Mackenzie Cardwell, Rami Kahlon

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Saturday, May 6 / 2:50pm

James Morosini

United States / 2022, 82 mins

Principal Cast: James Morosini, Patton Oswalt, Claudia Sulewski, Lil Rel Howery, Amy Landecker,

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Bethann Hardison, Frédéric Tcheng

United States / 2022, 115 mins

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Saturday, May 6 / 4:45pm

Mari Bonnemaïson

Italy, Peru, United States / 2022, 63 mins

Principal Cast: Michael Dodds, Rosemary Harris

ECCHO Art Gallery Baha Mar: Saturday, May 6 / 5:45pm

Charlie Bahama

Bahamas / 2023, 73 mins

Principal Cast: Philip P. Smith, Danny Strachan, George Smith, Basil Minns, Art Paine, Kendall Butler, Craig Symonette, Minister Clay Sweeting, Chris Kettel

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Saturday, May 6 / 7:00pm

Frank Darabont

United States / 1994, 142 mins

Principal Cast: Morgan Freeman, Tim Robbins, Bob Gunton, William Sadler

ECCHO Art Gallery Baha Mar: Saturday, May 6 / 7:30pm



FATHER OF THE BRIDE

A FREE Event

A father's coming to grips with his daughter's upcoming wedding through the prism of multiple relationships within a big, sprawling Cuban-American clan.

Viewing: Parental Guidance - 13

Father Of The Bride Actor Pedro Damian will be in attendance

Pedro Damian will present a Master Class in Acting at the University Of The Bahamas, Harry C. Moore Library:
Sunday May 7 @ 10:30am - 12:30pm
For details visit BIFF [Events](#) page.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Exploring the intersection between cooking and mental health.

SHOWTIMES BEFORE Feeding Tomorrow

Viewing: All ages



GRASSHOPPERS

Trailer

Star-crossed immigrant lovers roam their gated community drink-by-drink in search of the perfect house.

Viewing: Age 18 and up



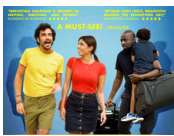
LENTINI

Trailer

Mila, a German-Italian girl, travels to Sicily for the first time since childhood to attend her grandfather's funeral. In her attempts to reconnect with her grandmother, her vibrant Italian family and their traditions railroad her.

SHOWTIMES BEFORE Holidays At All Cost

Rating A / Viewing: All ages



HOLIDAYS AT ALL COST

Trailer

After seven long years, Frederic is determined to whisk his stunning wife and son away from the bustling streets of Paris for a much-needed summer vacation that will outshine their past trips. However, his devious boss pulls a fast one, leaving Frederic without a full paycheck and scrambling for a solution.

In a burst of comic genius, Frederic concocts a plan with his charming yet crafty friend, Jean-Luc, the director of an upscale resort in the South of France. The secret deal is simple but outrageous: one day of zany work for one day of luxury relaxation. Unbeknownst to his wife and son, Frederic dives into a series of outlandish and embarrassing tasks to keep the resort afloat, all while trying to maintain the facade of a carefree vacation.

But the plot thickens as cunning Jean-Luc reveals ulterior motives, setting his sights on seducing Frederic's wife. This vacation quickly spirals into a hilarious battle of wit, determination, and unexpected twists. With Frederic entangled in a whirlwind of uproarious and bizarre situations, the question remains: can anyone, be it a brave soul or sheer luck, save this vacation from catastrophe and rescue Frederic's marriage in the process?

Viewing: Age 18 and up



TRIGGERED

An estranged mother goes to extreme lengths to regain custody of her son.

SHOWTIMES IN (SHORT BLOCK SIX)

Rating C / Viewing: Age 18 and up



UNIVERSITY OF BAHAMAS YOUTH FILM SHORT

The Film was made by University Of Bahamas Students
(Shorts Block Six)

Gary Alazraki

United States / 2022, 118 mins

Principal Cast: Andy Garcia, Gloria Estefan, Pedro Damián, Adria Arjona, Isabela Merced

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Saturday, May 6 / 8:45pm

Belle Winner

Canada / 2022, 10 mins

Principal Cast: Belle Winner

ECCHO Art Gallery Baha Mar: Sunday, May 7 / 12:00pm

Brad Bischoff

United States / 2020, 72 mins

Principal Cast: Saleh Bakri, Iva Gocheva, Frank V Ross, Bob Turton, Janet Ulrich Brooks

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Sunday, May 7 / 12:30pm

Alessia Mandanici

Italy / 2022, 12 mins

Principal Cast: Anne-Marie Lux, Antonietta "Picci" Ferrari, Claudio Caiolo

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Sunday, May 7 / 2:00pm

Stevan Lee Mraovitch

France / 2022, 104 mins

Principal Cast: Oumar Diaw, Donia Eden, Benjamin Garnier, Antoine Schoumsky

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Sunday, May 7 / 2:00pm

Kenton Ferguson, Christon Seymour

Bahamas / , 13 mins

Principal Cast: Zaaifira Nichols, Tara Woodside, Jahan Chatlani-Pickstock, Stephee Storr, D'Angelo Rahming, Kadesh Collie

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Students at University Of Bahamas

Bahamas / 2023, 5 mins

ECCHO Art Gallery Baha Mar: Sunday, May 7 / 3:30pm



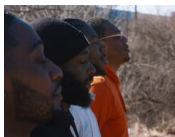
SALVAR

Trailer

Su-hyeong, who visited the shrine after asking around to find his missing mother, meets Grandmother Shin, a shaman, there. She says he was possessed by an evil, so he needs a salpuri (exorcism).

SHOWTIMES IN (**SHORT BLOCK SIX**)

Rating C / Viewing: Age 18 and up



QUIET MINDS SILENT STREETS

Trailer

A community plagued by gun violence turns to an unlikely solution: mindfulness and meditation.

SHOWTIMES IN (**SHORT BLOCK SIX**)

Rating B / Parental Guidance



RAW MATERIALS

Trailer

A fashion prodigy who is struggling to find his direction must overcome an abusive community to fully embrace his talent and identity. Raw Materials is a coming-of-age drama. Sixteen years old

Malik, a fashion prodigy struggles to understand his sexuality because his homophobic community automatically labels him gay. Malik has but one friend Tara, as his daily life often includes abuse from his hyper masculine father Derrick, community way wards, and a pedophile Christian woman, Mrs. Johnson.

SHOWTIMES IN (**SHORT BLOCK SIX**)

Rating C / Viewing: Age 16 and up



SUNDAY AT IL POSTO ACCANTO

Trailer

"Sunday at Il Posto Accanto is a poignant comedy that is a love letter to NYC restaurants and community post-lockdown. Through the power of love, music and dominoes New Yorkers are able to taste life again.

Starring solo performer-wizard, Danny Hoch, and the lower east side's own Victor Rasuk. "Sunday at Il Posto Accanto" provides an authentic view of NYC through the eyes of regulars that inhabit this neighborhood joint."

Viewing: Age 18 and up



SIDNEY

CLOSING NIGHT FILM WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

FOLLOW THE REAL LIFE STORY OF SIDNEY POITIER, THE OSCAR WINNER OF 1964.

Viewing: All ages

Sangwook Ahn

Republic Of Korea / 2022, 29 mins

Principal Cast: Jun-hyung Kim, Yu Go, Yo-un Choi, Young Jang, Kyo-hyung Lee, Hee-kyung Park

ECCHO Art Gallery Baha Mar: Sunday, May 7 / 3:30pm

Karen Chapman

United States / 2022, 15 mins

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Sosiessia Nixon-Kelly

Jamaica / 2022, 32 mins

Principal Cast: Sekai Smart-Macaulay, Quera South, Jo-Anne Williams, John Chambers, Sherando Ferri-Cupid

ECCHO Art Gallery Baha Mar: Sunday, May 7 / 3:30pm

Seth Zvi Rosenfeld

United States / 2023, 70 mins

Principal Cast: Victor Rasuk, Danny Hoch, Judy Marte, Arty Nelson, Julio Pena, Beatrice Tosti di Valminuta

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Sunday, May 7 / 4:30pm

Reginald Hudlin

United States / 2022, 111 mins

Principal Cast: Sidney Poitier, Harry Belafonte, Halle Berry, Morgan Freeman

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Sunday, May 7 / 8:00pm

EVENTS

Celebrity Tribute Award



MORGAN FREEMAN TO RECEIVE THE SIDNEY POITIER TRIBUTE AWARD

Sunday, May 7th at 7:00pm

Atlantis Theater Atlantis Paradise Island

One of the greatest living actor in film, Morgan Freeman will receive the Sidney Poitier Tribute Award presented by the Daughters of Sidney Poitier.

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Sunday, May 7 / 7:00pm

Galas



OPENING NIGHT FESTIVE

SOLD OUT
 Rock'n With BIFF
 Start Time: 10:00pm following film
 \$100.00
 Olives, Atlantis Paradise Island
 Dress: Red Carpet Rock N Roll Chic

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Wednesday, May 3 / 10:30pm



CLOSING NIGHT FESTIVE

Filmmaker Awards and Festive
 Start Time: 10:30pm Following Film
 \$100.00
 Atlantis Theater, Atlantis Paradise Island
 Dress: Upscale Formal Dress

Atlantis Theater, Paradise Island: Sunday, May 7 / 10:30pm

Master Class In Acting



MASTER CLASS: ACTING

Actor James Morosini
Location:
University of The Bahamas
Harry C. Moore Library
University Drive
Time: Saturday, May 6th / 10:30AM - 12:30PM
 2 hour Session \$45.00 [Purchase](#)
 Actor, writer, director, producer and editor whose risk-taking, boundary-defying style of filmmaking allows him to captivate a worldwide audience.

University Of The Bahamas Harry C. Moore Library: Saturday, May 6 / 10:30am



MASTER CLASS: ACTING & DIRECTING

Actor Pedro Damián
Location:
University of The Bahamas
Harry C. Moore Library
University Drive
Time: Sunday, May 7th / 10:30AM - 12:30PM
 2 hour session \$45.00 [Purchase](#)
 Actor, Director, Producer, Cinematographer, studied Communications and Children's Pedagogy, specializing later in Theatre Pedagogy at Anne Scheer Children's Theatre in London, England.

University Of The Bahamas Harry C. Moore Library: Sunday, May 7 / 10:30am

Panel Discussions



PRODUCING & PITCHING PANEL

Location: ECCHO Art Gallery
Wednesday, May 3 at 11:00am - 12:00pm
 \$15.00 [Purchase](#)

Numerous critically acclaimed producers, directors and writers from Lionsgate, Con Air, Lara Croft: Tomb Raider, The Expendables 2 and more.

ECCHO Art Gallery Baha Mar: Wednesday, May 3 / 11:00am



SCREENWRITING & DIRECTING

Location: ECCHO Art Gallery
Friday, May 5 at 11:30am - 12:30pm
 \$15 [Purchase](#)

Learn from the professionals who works with Pierce Brosnan, Mickey Rourke, Al Pacino, Mel Gibson, Richard Harris, Geena Davis, Tim Allen, Wesley Snipes, Brittany Murphy, Jean-Claude Van Damme, Amanda Plummer, Jennifer Love Hewitt, Sir Ian Holm, Samuel L. Jackson, John Cleese, Emile Hirsch and Andy Garcia. And from writers of Equilibrium, Point Break Total Recall, Black Lotus, The Expendables 4.

ECCHO Art Gallery Baha Mar: Friday, May 5 / 11:30am



LIVE SCRIPT READ / WRITERS RESIDENCY MEMBERS DAY ONE - FREE

Location: Harry C. Moore Library
University Of The Bahamas
Saturday, May 6 at 12:45PM - 1:45PM

University Of The Bahamas Harry C. Moore Library: Saturday, May 6 / 12:45pm



**LIVE SCRIPT READ / WRITERS RESIDENCY DAY TWO
- FREE**

**Location: Harry C. Moore Library
University Of The Bahamas
Sunday, May 7 at 9:15AM - 10:15AM**

University Of The Bahamas Harry C. Moore Library: Sunday, May
7 / 9:15am