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PRESENTS

# THE BEST OF THE FEST

2000 to 2009

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Rochester International Film Festivals



## Want to Know More About Us?

MOVIES ON A SHOESTRING, Inc. (MOAS) is a group of Western New York film buffs that enjoy presenting to the public selected short films and videos. Although the annual film festival takes place in early May, work starts in October when entry forms and publicity information is sent out all over the world. Throughout the year, the members meet to prescreen the films and vote as to whether they will be kept for final judging. Out of hundreds of entries, keepers are again reviewed in a weekend marathon judging session in April. This results in approximately 30 films officially being selected for screening in the festival. They are awarded the unique "Shoestring Trophy."

Each year we acquire selected winning films from our festival as indicated by audience surveys for our Best of the Fest collection. These films are available for loan. The only stipulations are that no fees be charged for showing the films and that no films are duplicated. This catalog contains the films that are available and their formats.

MOAS membership requires only an interest in films and a willingness to help with the job of putting on the Festival. If you would like to learn more about MOAS or the Best of the Fest please visit our web site:

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## Best of the Fest 2000

<b>Title</b>	<b>Filmmaker</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Length Min.</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>8 1 /2 X 11</b>	David Licata	VHS	9	Made for anyone, who has experienced the tortures of interviewing, this wry comedy follows a nameless Everyman lost in the morass of the job interview circuit.
<b>Bookworms</b>	Richard Clark	VH S	15	Nobody knows what's hiding in the abandoned library on the corner, but young Aaron Peterson is about to find out. With the help of the young caretaker and a feisty retired librarian, Aaron sets the slimy, toothy worms a-slithern'.
<b>The Buse</b>	Kelsey Scott, Robert M. McCaffrey	VH S	22	In the unseen world, there are creatures that protect us, inspire us, and make us fall in love. Some however, are here just to harass mankind. But New Buse doesn't want to be mean to mortals. This gets New in trouble with the head Buse, Murphy Law, who will end New's existence if he doesn't shape up.
<b>The Chromium Hook</b>	James Stranger, Ace Allgood	VH S	30	Remember those scary stories about "the Hook-Armed Man" you heard around the campfire when you were in Scouts? This hilarious and detailed "mocudramedy" examines the sordid stories behind the truth of this American urban legend as it unfolds in one small town.
<b>Flight of the Stone</b>	Susanne Horizon-Franzel	VH S	15	The stone is the oldest weapon in the history of mankind. In this film, a Sundance selection which took two years to complete, a stone, thrown in anger, hurtles around the world, for a moment joining all the peoples of the earth. The filmmaker used live action and pixilation (stop-motion photography) to simulate the stone's flight.
<b>George Lucas in Love</b>	Joe Nussbaum, Joseph Levy	VH S	9	Young George Lucas, struggling to write his student film Space Oats, the story of a young intergalactic space farmer, has writer's block, until a beauty with big hair buns shows him that the makings of his masterpiece are all around him.

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<b>I Am</b>	Joseph H. Biancaniello	VH S	24	Mike is a melancholy young man torn between his faith in God and his lust for Laurie, his best friend's long-time girlfriend. Mike's faith as a Roman Catholic and his place in Heaven come into question when he confesses his continuing affair to a priest, who refuses to absolve him of his sins, leaving Mike wracked with fear and guilt.
<b>Insect Vacuum</b>	Eric Epstien	VH S	4	This meditation on our mania for acquiring all necessary accoutrements for modern living features some inventive camera work, and some nicely politically incorrect monologue.
<b>Johnny Bagpipes</b>	Todd Korgan	VH S	12	Johnny Bagpipes may have descended from a long line of traditional Scottish bagpipe players, but deep in his soul he knows he was born to rock. Follow Johnny as he wanders the urban landscape sharing his music, his dreams, and his tortured existence as an artist.
<b>Meta</b>	Marcella Steingart	VH S	16	A girl with a bald spot meets a boy with a worm-and a twist on the usual teenage angst ensues. Meta explores the universal teenage struggle to find love and save face with sometimes harmful results.
<b>Polar Lust</b>	Joe Fournier	VH S	6	The coolest of beings, the polar bear, dreams of an even cooler existence: playing the late night jazz clubs in this vibrant animation.
<b>The Smoking</b>	Dave Rochelle	VH S	17	An ex-smoker, writer/director Dave Rochelle has two sides to his personality: the smoker and the non-smoker who despised the fact the he ever indulged. The SmoKng is set in a fictional town ruled by the Smoke King. Everyone in town follows the Smoke King's lead and their lives revolve around cigarettes. The story of the Smoke Kng unfolds through the eyes of his best friend, the town's lone non-smoker.

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<b>The Story of Xavier</b>	Halle R. Amick	VH S	12	Filmed at Sacred Heart School in Rochester, this is a poignant tale of a boy who escapes into fantasy when confronted with real-life trouble. The film skillfully combines animation and real-time cinematography.
<b>Totem</b>	Stacey Steers	VH S	11	In tribal cultures, animals often embody the poetic. Many are living vessels of meaning, or totems. In literature cultures, the written record seems to replace the animals as the concrete symbol of metaphor. Totem explores this ancient relationship and the shift to the alphabet in a dream-like flow of animated images and sounds.

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<b>Bean Cake</b>	David Greenspan	VHS	17	In the 1930's Tokyo, on his first day of school, a young boy makes the mistake of saying he likes sweet bean cakes more than the emperor. Crisp, sharp cinematography makes skillful use of existing light.
<b>Boundaries</b>	Greg Durbin	VHS	19	A soft poke in the head leads to a bizarre love-hate relationship involving a man, a woman, and a trombone. Adapted from a short story by the Argentine writer Fernando Sorrentino, this film from the cinema of the absurd is an allegory on the theme of complacency and the human capacity to accept absurd personal violations in exchange for a sense of security, predictability, and comfort.
<b>Diwali</b>	Nick Sivakumaran	VHS	7	A tale of friendship, romance, and ethnic identity, an Indian American college student begins to discover his culture as he struggles to impress a young Indian woman.
<b>Lunch</b>	Matthew Ehlers	VHS	4	An office worker enters a cafeteria with an obscene lunch and an overwhelming desire to get fired.
<b>My Chorus</b>	Richard Doherty	VHS	14	Ed is a lonely man looking for love, but first he has to overcome the singing chorus that follows him everywhere.
<b>Nupur (Ankle Bracelets)</b>	Aparna Malladi	VHS	9	A little Indian girl gets rid of the ankle bracelets her parents have put on her feet to keep track of her and finds mystery and adventure in her ancestral home.
<b>Slingshot</b>	David Massachi	VHS	18	Slingshot explores the unique relationship between Josh and Emmy (a young brother and sister) and the connections between their individual play lives. The dynamic of their relationship is transformed when Josh has a magical experience that reminds him of the possibilities his imagination can offer.

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<b>The Last Time we Went Fishing</b>	Robert Rasmussen	VHS	20	A Family fishing trip in 1962 turns violent when 13-year-old Kevin suspects that an ongoing affair between his mother and the ship captain is driving his father away. The filmmaker maintains a steady image on a rocking boat, using a forty-pound hand-held camera. The film also features deft editing of archival film footage and special effects of a life size blue marlin.
<b>Throw Me a Line</b>	Lee Eypper	VHS	17	Will Mia stop talking? Will Sherrie resume dating? Is Bob a stand-up kind of guy? And does any bartender truly know how to mix a chocolate martini? It can get complicated when you try to throw someone a line.
<b>Virgin Larry</b>	Thomas, Timothy Leupp	VHS	26	Frustrated virgin Larry O'Donnell, on the verge of turning 30, vows to have sex before his birthday or join the priesthood.
<b>Wheels Locked</b>	Dave Bergeson	VHS	17	Within the stuffy confines of a hospital waiting room this emotional roller coaster ride unfolds as a man fighting pain and boredom becomes drawn to a quadriplegic woman and is angry with her abusive nurse. The two major characters generate powerful emotions with minimal action and great physical restraint.

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<b>Adjustments</b>	Amber Moore	VHS	10	Multiple levels of reality and fiction surround this portrayal of a couple giving up their only child for adoption. Dee Wallace Stone of E.T. The Extra -Terrestrial co-stars.
<b>Dance Hall</b>	Lori Wernig	VHS	15	A dime-a-dance girl becomes caught in espionage during World War 11 in this stylish homage to classic Hollywood dramas.
<b>Cold Call</b>	Andrew Putschogl	DVD	14	Mike, a lovesick telemarketer, phones a young woman who mistakes him for her blind date.
<b>Bluehair</b>	Barbara Kymlicka	VHS	28	A life-altering tragedy triggers an elderly woman's struggle to rediscover the joy in life in this bittersweet comedy-drama.
<b>Baptizo</b>	Elizabeth Balin	VHS	5	An experimental video examining the relationship between mother and daughter.
<b>Blue Haven</b>	Julian Cautherley	VHS	17	Two friends search for the perfect swimming pool to skateboard in. But \$40,000 and a sex change later, they find true love instead.
<b>A Dog's Job</b>	Dan Hughes	VHS	4	An animated comedy depicting the eternal war between dog and mailman.
<b>Daughter</b>	Eduardo Rodriguez	VHS	14	Supernatural consequences greet a mother's treatment of her daughter.

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<b>Chasing Rabbits</b>	Sion Michel	VHS	20	Following a car accident, Nick Walsh has been brought in for questioning by the police. The crash is revealed to be retribution for childhood abuse in this tour-de-force of acting.
<b>The Death Affair</b>	Nicolas DeGrazia	VHS	20	Santa's getting really tired of Mrs. Claus, so he makes a deal with the Grim Reaper. After that, it gets twisted.
<b>Bravo, Giorgio!</b>	John Plausse	VHS	9	On the day of President Kennedy's funeral, a grandfather tries to entice his grandson into receiving his first barbershop haircut. Thirty-seven years later, the grandson reflects back as he stands at his grandfather's coffin holding a lock of his hair.
<b>Drawing on Horseback</b>	Brandon Doherty	VHS	4	A hand-drawn animated exploration of the motion and form of a horse.
<b>Bored of The Rings</b>	Steve Flynn	VHS	12	A Tolkien spoof? No, the Olympic Games are the targets of this well written (in more ways than one) satire.
<b>Blinders</b>	Murphy Cross	VHS	10	The interaction between a lawyer and a homeless woman takes an unexpected twist in this adaptation of a short play.
<b>The Box</b>	Evelyn Badia	VHS	17	A young Latina woman is obsessed with a box of memories of a loved one her friend, and grandmother struggle to bring her back to the present.
<b>The Fine Line Between Cute &amp; Creepy</b>	Robert D. Slane	VHS	13	How do you tell the difference between a suitor and a stalker? Maybe there isn't one.
<b>Telephone</b>	Sean Holland and Michael Beeson	VHS	2	A quick look at how modern technology invades our personal lives.
<b>Roam</b>	Carolina Vila-Ramirez	VHS	14	16-year-old Luis and his younger brother Tito are two members of the homeless population in Los Angeles.
<b>Komojade</b>	Arthea Benita Perry	VHS	5	A documentary depicting Komojade, a Yoruba ritual to welcome a newborn child into the community.
<b>Keep Driving</b>	Kirk Diaz	VHS	22	A teenage son helps his father deal with the troubled past by bringing to life the dusty Alfa Romeo parked in the garage.
<b>The Last March</b>	Jonathan Dick, Christopher Barr	VHS	8	One soldier's fight for redemption during the Civil War is depicted in color in this lavish student film.

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<b>A Strange Mourning</b>	David Driver	VHS	5	This documentary captures an unusual vigil that took place on a Los Angeles street corner on Friday, September 14, 2001.
<b>From the Vatican With Love</b>	<b>Guido Jimenez</b>	VHS, DVD	17	A young freelance reporter falls under the spell of a beautiful jewel thief.
<b>Easy Pickings</b>	Andrw Sevigny	DVD	23	An inept outlaw meets his match in a group of elderly Cajun card players.
<b>Life's Calling</b>	Kerry Logan	VHS	22	Katherine's mundane routine is interrupted when a mysterious caller poses the question: What is your life worth?
<b>World Inside me</b>	David A. Takemura	VHS	25	In the cyberpunk Tokyo of the future, an agoraphobic computer hacker meets the object of his desire while under the watchful eye of his holographic companion,
<b>Shall we Dance?</b>	Anthony B. Grossi	VHS	3	Blossoming love on the streets of the city can be a very dangerous thing.
<b>Hypertension</b>	Jeff Spoonhower	VHS	4	Jim's short temper destroys his peaceful suburban lifestyle in this spoof of popular animation styles.
<b>Off</b>	Tyler Polhemus	VHS	15	A Young deaf woman's first taste of responsibility turns into a fight for her life against a psychopath with an especially fearsome torture device.
<b>Get Skinny</b>	Wendy Wilkins, Carol Ann Leif	VHS	13	Three weight-conscious women kidnap a skinny supermodel and force her to do the unthinkable-eat!
<b>Return to Sender</b>	Helen Kaplan	VHS	15	Spelling bee champions Waldo and Marcia exchange passionate love letters, but their long-distance relationship is threatened when Marcia's letters platonicize...
<b>The Penny Game</b>	Connie Di Cicco	VHS	17	In the summer of 1955, Sam must play a dangerous pool game with the big boys in order to get the attention of a beautiful lifeguard.
<b>Kosher</b>	Aimee Barth	VHS	5	A six year old Christian boy converts to Judaism so he can marry his sweetheart, but his chutzpah lands him in trouble with Mom.
<b>E</b>	Tae-Hoon Lee	VHS	7	Happy electrons carry the e-mail messages between two young people.

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<b>Lucky</b>	Olufunmilayo Gittens	VHS	27	A retired teacher with cataracts returns to the neighborhood of her youth, and gets another chance at the love that could have been.
<b>Picture Perfect</b>	Bill O'Donnell	VHS	26	Louis is a self-centered painter who becomes trapped inside the world of the paintings he creates.
<b>Silhouette</b>	Ya-Nan Chou	VHS	4	Hand-drawn artwork and swatches of fabric are the raw materials in this animated journey through the world of fashion.
<b>Papal Cab</b>	Kevin Susman	VHS	13	Catholics on the go can rely on a cab driver that hears confessions. The film stars Eric Lutes as a busy executive, and Carlos Alazraqui as the veteran cabby priest who hears confession while heading uptown.
<b>Thorn Grass</b>	Jasc, Boulder	VHS	8	A meditation on the untimely death of a transgendered youth in Cortez, Colorado in 2001, narrated from the point of view of the murder victim.
<b>Take it from me</b>	Rachel Clift	VHS	29	The visions and experiences of three young women artists - a black painter, an Indian dancer, and a white singer - are creatively interwoven in this elegantly produced documentary.
<b>Romeo and Juliet</b>	Julie Lanen	VHS	2	The inhabitants of a chessboard enact the classic romance in this computer-animated short.
<b>The Things we Do For Love</b>	David Portorreal	VHS	23	Hazing, sorority-style: Steal the jockstrap of a crazed samurai lacrosse player, or you can't join. Amanda's hopes of pledging are dashed, but Simon won't let her give up so easily...

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<b>Alchemy</b>	Anna Condo	VHS	18	What goes around comes around--and around. Saskia gives an unusual gift to her doctor only to receive it back from a friend.
<b>All Games Are Home Games: Baseball in San Quentin</b>	Josh Springer	VHS	27	Inside San Quentin State Prison you will be introduced to the all-inmate baseball team, the San Quentin Giants. This film answers the questions "What's it like to play against an inmate serving a life sentence for murder?" and "How does baseball help them reform?"
<b>All That I Perceive</b>	Lindsay Daniels	VHS	4	Share an experience about an unsuccessful eye surgery that caused the filmmaker to have double vision giving her a unique and broad visual terrain that served as an inspiration to think about the world in a new way.
<b>As Virgins Fall</b>	Natalie Barandes	VHS	28	Amid sex, drugs, and the Viet Nam War, a privileged teenage girl is about to learn that no one is safe.
<b>Back to One</b>	Reid Mihalko	VHS	10	John has finally summoned up the courage to pop the question, but he can't seem to make it come out right. Even the most well rehearsed moments aren't what they seem.
<b>Bamboo Master</b>	Ding Ye	VHS	4	A talented young martial artist is defeating renowned martial arts clans in China. One day he is defeated by the Bamboo Master in the Bamboo Forest.
<b>Barntasia</b>	Helen Kiefer	VHS	12	Beautiful photographic imagery from America's historical barns dances to music in a fantasy of sound and light.
<b>Crossing</b>	Riccardo Costa	VHS	9	While walking in Manhattan, Cass meets all the people that matter most in his life. Something strange is going on.

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<b>Jungle Picnic</b>	Laura Di Trapani	VHS	5	Two brothers, Stodgy and Starchy, lose their taste for the great outdoors when one encounters a tiger and the other has to decide how many hot dogs to eat.
<b>La Toiletta</b>	Dave Goldenberg	mDV	8	The epic saga of a fifth grader who has to go to the bathroom during a test, and the teacher who stands in his way. Presented, of course, as an operetta.
<b>Match Scratch Fever</b>	Kristin Solid	DVD, VHS	3	When a match escapes the matchbox and enters the world, he soon uncovers the meaning of life and embarks on a mission to fulfill his destiny
<b>Mount Everest--Up Close and Personal</b>	Ron Strobel	VHS	17	This is a story about being middle-aged, out of shape, and lazy. It's about two cultures literally a world apart. It's about surmounting obstacles and seeking pure adventure and a life-long dream.
<b>Nine</b>	Jennifer Campbell	DVD	26	In this uplifting documentary, nine breast cancer survivors prepare for the world's largest two-day rowing event. The film follows the women's stories as they bond and share hope, from their first meeting through the entire race.
<b>Reverberation</b>	Matt Costanza	VHS	7	Live action footage of martial artists and dancers brings this experimental animation to life.
<b>Rocks and Chocolate</b>	Teddy Sharkova	DVD, VHS, BETA	12	In a post-communist Eastern European country, times are tough. A little girl steals from the jar containing the poor family's meager savings.
<b>Shadowboxer</b>	Vilka Tzouras	VHS	28	Filmed in a direct and provocative style, "Shadowboxer" brings issues of female teenage violence into focus through the story of a 16-year-old girl named Reena.

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<b>Smithee's Lecture</b>	David Liban	DVD, VHS	24	Follow five students as they rush to attend a lecture that their professor says is to be given by famous Hollywood filmmaker Alan Smithee.
<b>Sobering</b>	Robert Deege, Michael Turfler	VHS	24	A young man wakes up with little recollection of the night before. During the day, flashbacks and phone conversations provide conflicting evidence of what happened. In his search to figure out the truth, he makes a discovery that will change his life.
<b>Some Lucky Bastard</b>	David W. Tamkin	VHS, BETA	22	When Chris Miller is given the task of running the office pool, he discovers it gives him an excuse to see co-worker Tanya Nichols twice a week. Events lead the financially strapped Chris to take a risk that forever changes his life.
<b>Taste it All</b>	Richard J. Liukis	VHS	27	What goes on behind the scenes of the art world? A different view of the artist, the gallery owner, and the patron.
<b>The Legend of Razorback</b>	Michael Greenspan	BETA	25	Eleven year old Avery Small must find the key to unlock his silence and pain.
<b>Tiny Magic</b>	John Takacs	VHS	21	Nick, a magician with supernatural abilities, attempts to charm Michelle. A memorable evening punctuated by a magical ending.
<b>Tremors</b>	Evelin Longo	VHS	12	A woman in love is tempted by another man and gets lost in the seduction game, forgetting about the world around her.
<b>True Believer</b>	Dave Puls	VHS	4	The alarm is sounded to be aware of the True Believer. This film blends humor with stark observations of fanatics past and present.

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<b>Unearthed</b>	Christina Spangler	DVD	8	Alone and exposed in the above ground world, an unearthed potato fights for survival and is given the gift of sight, only to realize the impermanence of its existence.
<b>Waiting for Johnnie Walker</b>	Teddy Sharkova	VHS	30	Hana is considered eccentric by the other patrons at the bar where she goes each night, waiting for her "mystery man" to appear and take her away. Karl, the compassionate bartender, looks after her.
<b>Water</b>	Gabriele Zamparini	VHS	14	An African immigrant searches for a job in Harlem, but finds something else....
<b>West Bank Merry-Go-Round</b>	Bob Barancik	VHS	3	A meditation on the cycle of violence between the Israelis and the Palestinians on the West

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<b>An Assignment</b>	John A. Rangel	DVD	23	On the verge of expulsion from a city high school, Tommy must choose between loyalty to old friends and a possible future with a new friend.
<b>Black Gulch</b>	Michael Strode	DVD	15	It was supposed to be a simple job: rob a small town bank. Unfortunately for Everett and his team, the town of Black Gulch has some nasty surprises waiting for them.
<b>The Search for the Great White Ale</b>	Dave Puls, Fredrick Armstrong	DVD	17	After drinking all the town's honey-brewed mead, Derf the Viking hopes to redeem himself by finding the fountain of the Great White Ale.
<b>One By Two</b>	Hardeep Kharbanda, Suruchi Pahwa	VHS	6	A bored person sitting alone in a room is happy when he gets a visitor. But when they start getting into each other's space, trouble begins.
<b>The Dashing Diner</b>	Gregg Watt	VHS	17	Two prisoners are released back into a dangerous chaotic world, a world they have seen too much of already--except, perhaps, for the restaurants.
<b>Alter Egos</b>	Jon Kafarin	VHS, Beta	9	A superhero performs his daily quota of good deeds, and then must face his toughest enemy: his wife.
<b>Autobiograph of an Insect</b>	Chris Trebilcock	Beta	22	An introverted art student and his eight-legged comic-book alter ego struggle with life and relationships.
<b>Beat Box Philly</b>	Warren Bass, Liz Goldberg	VHS, Beta	5	This animated cityscape explores the neighborhoods, polarities, popular associations, and visual rhythms of the streets of Philadelphia.
<b>Day of Independence</b>	Chris Tashima	VHS, Beta	27	The story of a young Japanese American and his family, torn apart by unjust incarceration in a U.S. internment camp during World War II.
<b>Free Spectra</b>	Seokhan Ryu	DVD, VHS, Beta	5	A visual symphony of lights filmed at night in the San Francisco Bay area.

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<b>Hand Job</b>	Hafeez M. Saheed	DVD, VHS, Beta	7	An exclusive look behind the scenes of the fast-paced New Jersey nail salon circuit.
<b>Jill</b>	Xavier Janghoon Lee	DVD, VHS, Beta	21	Is it the brain or the eyes that store the memories of what we see? Since an eye transplant, Joshua has been haunted by horrible memories of a girl named Jill.
<b>Lint Trapped</b>	Caleb Johnson	DVD, VHS, Beta	6	One man's brave pursuit of socks through the uncharted dimensions of his dryer.
<b>Mojave Green</b>	Miles Duffy	DVD, VHS, Beta	16	After a tragic accident, a man killing himself from guilt and a woman living with grief cross paths on a desert road.
<b>Prayers from Kawthoolei</b>	Joe Hill White	DVD, Beta	30	A documentary about three friends from the Karen ethnic group of Burma. Two immigrated to Canada; we follow one back to Burma to find the third, left behind years earlier.
<b>Seaside Trilogy</b>	Melissa Berman	DVD, VHS, Beta	28	Journeys of loss, revelation, and self-discovery set along the Montauk seashore.
<b>Tango Octogenario</b>	David Licata	VHS, Beta	7	An ordinary, bickering, elderly couple work out their problems in an extraordinary way.
<b>Time Streams</b>	Stephanie Maxwell & Allan Schindler	DVD, Beta	6	Segments and ribbons of "time" evoke past, present, and illusory experience in this hand-painted 35mm animated film with a computer-generated score.

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<b>The Adventures of Arthur Conan Doyle</b>	Michael Vaingauz & Erynn Midwall	VHS	20	Sherlock Holmes is dead. Creator Arthur Conan Doyle's daughters are being held for ransom to bring back Sherlock Holmes. Instead Doyle decides to solve the kidnapping case himself.
<b>Donna's Room</b>	Stephen Lindsay & Michael Bartolotta	VHS	17	A woman "awakens" to find herself in a strange room with her hands bound. A mysterious man appears with knowledge of Donna's past. Does he hold the key to setting her free?
<b>Juliet</b>	Kristina Jessica Doyle	VHS	21	Juliet uses the conventions of the horror genre to explore the boundaries of fear, desire, and the lengths to which one will go to belong.
<b>Lis and Ogre</b>	Jim Bruck & Vale Bruck Jackson	VHS	9	A visually spectacular adventure in which the characters move through many extraordinary fantasy environments toward a final confrontation inside an imaginary ore processing factory.
<b>Parallel Worlds</b>	Dave Puls	VHS	7	The abuse of Iraqi prisoners moved this filmmaker to reexamine his own memories of working at a NY State Mental Hospital in the early 1970's.
<b>Rainbow's End</b>	Chris Mancini & Bill McCullough	VHS	15	Three small time crooks capture a leprechaun and try to shake him down for his pot of gold.
<b>Hunting Camp</b>	John C. Lyons	VHS	36	A story of deception, lies and betrayal. Two men, two lives, one deadly secret.
<b>Sailing for Madagascar</b>	Tom Oesch	VHS	13	The friendship between a young white girl and a Japanese-American boy is challenged by racism and bigotry emerging in post-Pearl Harbor California
<b>The Murder of William Lyman</b>	Michael Keene	VHS	23	Historical recreation of the first murder committed in Rochester, NY. Verbatim court transcripts and police eyewitness reports were utilized.
<b>If You Step on a Crack</b>	Jennifer Atkins	VHS	18	When the Cubs are your home team, losing can become a permanent state of mind. But the night before her breast biopsy, a worried woman refuses to give up hope.

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<b>A Story of the Woods</b>	Jihong Min	VHS	13	A child had found a young sleeping lady sitting on a chair in an old house. She becomes his secret until, as a young man, he finds an old woman in the house.
<b>The Abbey of the Genesee</b>	Paulo Almeida & Joshua Morrell	DVD	13	We take a brief look into the Monastic lifestyle focusing on labor, Lectio Divina [Divine Reading], and prayer as the monks tell their story at The Abbey of the Genesee in Piffard, NY.
<b>Stopover</b>	Evelin Longo	VHS	21	A mother is torn between two great passions of her life: her beloved daughter and her acting career.
<b>Oedipus</b>	Jason Wishnow	VHS	8	The story of Oedipus in 8 minutes, performed by vegetables in the tradition of Ben Hur.
<b>Sophie Matisse, a New York Painter</b>	Christine Lombard	VHS	27	Meet Sophie Matisse, a painter living and working in downtown Manhattan. "Being the great-granddaughter of Henri Matisse can be daunting," says Sophie, "but recovering from 9/11 is a much larger challenge.
<b>Death as a Tango</b>	Valerie C. Plimpton	VHS	23	Kasey Barnett struggles to rekindle her passion for life, while dancing with death.

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<b>Confessions of a Late Bloomer</b>	Jen McGowan	DVD, VHS, mDV	15	Donny, the smallest boy in class, is always the butt of someone's joke. This is about to change when he accepts the school bully's challenge to kiss Sheila, the girl of Donny's dreams.
<b>Cries from Ramah</b>	Loren Chadima	DVD	15	A bombing on a Tel Aviv street takes the lives of a Palestinian and an Israeli. Later, at a police station, their mothers encounter each other.
<b>Dear, Sweet Emma</b>	Lori Cernak	DVD, VHS, mDV	5	As the search is given up for Emma's husband, Tucker, we learn that Emma has a secret, uncontrollable dark side.
<b>Driver's Ed</b>	Mike Standish	DVD	11	High school senior Kate must pass her driver's test to visit her boyfriend in Seattle. Mr. Meeker thinks he can teach her how to drive.
<b>Karma</b>	Chris John	DVD	11	Sara has been abused all her life by her older sister, Samantha. Now everything is about to change as a journey takes them down a dangerous and unexpected road where they discover the power of Karma.
<b>Liberte Conditionelle</b>	Constant Mentzas	DVD, VHS, mDV	10	Waiting for his plane, a man is suddenly arrested. His examiners harass him with bizarre questions until he confesses. Caught in the crossfire of this war between absurdity and reason, will he be its only victim?
<b>Mute</b>	Melissa Joan Heart	DVD	14	Eileen is seen sabotaging her elder sister Claire's wedding. We start to realize that she and the groom have a past that has scarred Eileen in more ways than one.
<b>The Legend of Black Tom</b>	Deron Albright	DVD, mDVD	16	When freed American slave Tom Molineaux journeys to England to fight for the bare-knuckle boxing championship of the world, he faces not only his opponent in the ring, but also an entire nation.
<b>Viola Fondente</b>	Fabio Simonelli	DVD	13	Viola is an overweight, beautiful woman. Her frustrating life is pivoted on a monotonous job and a hateful husband.

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<b>Wentworth</b>	R. Stephen Suettinger	DVD	17	A neurotic misfit must choose between the fantasy girl of his dreams and her real-life flesh and blood counterpart.
<b>When the Moon is Full</b>	Marc Lesser	DVD	25	From a troubadour's guitar spins the tale of Javier, a recent Ecuadorian immigrant, who longs for Olivia, the woman whom he serves from behind his deli counter every day.

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<b>A Life's Work</b>	Jason Crain	DVD	11	An emotional filmmaking experiment that portrays the story of a woman's 86 year life in 24 hours.
<b>Deviation</b>	Jon Griggs	DVD	6	This film was shot using an online game engine with the virtual actors and director never having met. Macintyre, an online-game character and member of a four-man counter-terrorist squad, attempts to break out of the cycle of futile violence that has been his sole existence.
<b>Dog Eat Dog</b>	Jonathan Zames	DVD	15	Fueled by an abiding faith in the American dream, a hot dog vendor networks and schemes in this black comedy about what it takes to make it to the top.
<b>Home for Good</b>	Todd Tinkham	DVD	10	Amy Trentham dreams of one thing - her young husband returning from the war. When that happens, everything will be perfect.
<b>House of the Olive Trees</b>	Thouly Dosios	DVD	29	This Greek film introduces us to Anna, who is content in her unbearable loneliness until she meets Markos.
<b>In Search of White Crows</b>	Michael Keene	DVD	21	This is the story of the life of the Fox sisters and the birth of the spiritualist movement.
<b>Kodachrome</b>	Jurgen Lossau	DVD	5	Kodak introduced Kodachrome color reversal film in 1935. Kodachrome production stopped in 2006. This Super 8 film is a humorous final homage to this magnificent material.
<b>Lets Have Tea</b>	Pepsy Kettarong	DVD	25	This documentary is about the creation of "Let's Have Tea," a sculpture that pays tribute to two of America's greatest social revolutionaries, Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass.
<b>Ninty Days</b>	Tristan Higgs	DVD	15	South Africa, 1964. Helen is determined to communicate with her lover, Oliver, who has been detained without contact under Apartheid's infamous ninety-day rule.
<b>Peephole</b>	Allison White	mDV	15	Jack spends his days watching the world through his peephole, obsessed with his beautiful neighbor down the hall.
<b>Polka</b>	Rodolfo Collado	DVD	5	A whimsical animated story about a shy, young girl who tries to establish a conversation with an interesting stranger.

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<b>Somewhere in the City</b>	Ramsey Denison	DVD, VHS	12	Former drug addict, Toby Cray, has straightened out his life and he now wants to help others. His efforts to help the homeless have been unsuccessful until he meets Gabe.
<b>Swing</b>	Esteban Azuela	DVD	3	An aging couple, happy and in love, find the means to go back and feel what they did when they were young.
<b>When Broomsticks were King</b>	Jason Cusato	DVD	27	Told in a documentary style, when street teams competed for only glory and bragging rights, this film is a tribute to Brooklyn Stickball and the heroes who played.
<b>When they Could Fly</b>	Piotr Kajstura	DVD, VHS	28	A group of slaves live on a 19 <sup>th</sup> century plantation in South Carolina under severe conditions .As their situation worsens, they lose hope. Change occurs when a man brings them an impossible tale.
<b>Worms in the Big Apple</b>	Jenn Guitart	DVD	18	The story of urban composting: from garbage to garden. All over New York City, tiny creatures are transforming residents' garbage to soil.
<b>Roma Sub Rosa</b>	Jim Thalman	DVD	28	A politician's empty words echo the glory of war as a generation of battle hardened veterans decide that the murder of a politician is a wiser course of action than to knowingly march thousands to their death.

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<b>Title</b>	<b>Filmmaker</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Length min</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Instant Karma</b>	Tristan Higgs	DVD	8	Alex attempts to end a run of bad luck by trying his hand at credit card fraud.
<b>Still</b>	Susan Schwartzwald	DVD	26	Through the lens of memory, the daughter of a refugee from Nazi Germany revisits the pain of remembering, tinged with the fear of forgetting that silently haunts her father, herself, and now her young daughter as well.
<b>Chain</b>	Hyunmi Park	DVD	16	How far would you go to save a loved one?
<b>The Replacement Child</b>	Justin Lerner	DVD	25	Todd returns to his conservative, backwoods hometown to find that his best friend, Michael, is deathly ill and his family refuses medical attention for him.
<b>Medium Rare</b>	Stephan Stuckert	DVD	14	Carl is running for his life. When a beautiful woman offers him an unexpected hiding place, his life seems to change. But desire is about to lay its own subtle trap...
<b>MIA</b>	Catherine Rehwinkel	DVD	8	A ten year-old girl struggles to reconnect with her childhood crush, an older cousin who has returned from Vietnam frighteningly different.
<b>Pismo</b>	Matvei Zhivov	DVD	15	A wounded Russian soldier puts his wife to an emotional test with a result he does not anticipate.
<b>Mojado</b>	Angela Trevino	DVD	22	After 15 year-old Anne plays a prank on her maid, Sofia, grave repercussions result for Sophia and her 16 year-old son, Miguel.
<b>The Wall</b>	Michael Lloyd Green	DVD	8	A New York City cellist plagued by years of unbearable guilt, seeks solace in the music of a Holocaust survivor with whom he shares a tenement wall.
<b>Speed Dating</b>	Crystal Liu	DVD	15	A black comedy about a young woman who devises a sure-fire way to meet the man of her dreams.
<b>Borderline</b>	Sam Lembeck	DVD	10	A dark comedy about maternal love and first dates.
<b>Zefirino</b>	Gerardo Puglia	DVD	22	A celebration of the art of a castrato singer named Zefirino, an imaginary character written and performed by Anthony Roth Costanzo.
<b>Penguin: The Musical</b>	David Metzger	DVD	8	Abe is madly in love with Lilly. He must find a way to tell her before she leaves to tag penguins in Antarctica.
<b>Forasteiro</b>	Thiago Fogaca, Priscila	DVD	12	The son of circus performers avoids intimacy with anyone because he is always moving.

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<b>Edgar and Elisabeth</b>	Renee Webster	DVD	17	Elizabeth is the shy, new photocopy girl. Edgar is the stuttering photocopier repairman who comes to repair her extremely vicious copier. Workplace attraction has never been so dangerous.

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### All films in DVD Format

<b>Title</b>	<b>Filmmaker</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Length min</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>A Matter of Degrees</b>	The Wild Center	Tupper Lake, NY	24	See a time when mastodon's roamed the valleys of the Adirondack Mountains, tapirs swam its rivers and whales slid above places where towns stand today. Produced for The Wild Center, narrated by Signourey Weaver and filmed in the wilds of the Adirondack Park and glaciers of Greenland, it takes you on Signourey Weaver and filmed in the wilds of the Adirondack Park and glaciers of Greenland.
<b>Alternative</b>	Andrew Swan	Valencia, CA	4	Revenge or forgiveness? One man's choice will forever change his life.
<b>Arranged</b>	Suraj Das	NYNY	27	Ashok's parents are pressuring him into an arranged marriage. But he has met the beautiful Maya, the woman he wants to marry.
<b>Before It's Gone</b>	Paulo Leierer	Brazil	15	A dark-humored story about Almeida, a 30 year old man, who discovers he has only one week left to live.
<b>Butterflies Die in Snow</b>	Karim Azimii	Iran	15	A director and writer are driving through the mountainous countryside looking for a subject for their film.
<b>In the Dark</b>	Alex Fazeli	Pasadena, CA	17	A double agent, hunted by the revolutionary government, agrees to exchange crucial information with the CIA in return for safe passage out of the country.
<b>Interpretation</b>	Lin Oeding	LA	7	A romantic couple's brief encounter with a few philosophical thugs unfolds in an unusual way.
<b>Karklesbarn (Love Child)</b>	Daniel Wirtberg	Sweden	7	What happens to an older child when a new addition comes into the family?
<b>Old Days</b>	Matthew Shapiro	Brooklyn, NY	23	Lillian, 74 years old, enters a retirement community and struggles to find her niche.
<b>On the Road to Tel Aviv</b>	Khen Shalem	Florida	19	A young Israeli makes a quick decision when he sees a suspicious-looking Arab woman enter the same bus as his fiancée.
<b>Open Your Eyes</b>	Susan Cohen	Pasadena, CA	14	Struggling to come to terms with her life after breast cancer, Julia gets more than she bargained for when she attends a bridal shower.
<b>Purge</b>	Brad Kammlah	Long Beach, CA	16	Struggling to mask the pain from years of abuse, Joy finds herself trapped in a secret addiction.
<b>Thanks to the Whistleblowers</b>	Dave Puls/Animatus Studio	Rochester, NY	5	An expression of appreciation to a special group of people who risk so much to tell us what is hidden

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<b>The Best Man</b>	<b>Justin Lazernik</b>	<b>FSU/Florida</b>	<b>7</b>	from us. The wedding is ready to begin. Why is the groom still missing?
<b>Worth</b>	<b>Kathi Carey</b>	<b>Sherman Oaks, CA</b>	<b>7</b>	When an undescript violin shows up at an upscale auction,it seems out of place until.....
<b>Written Off</b>	<b>Camron Berner, Com 414C</b>	<b>Oxford, OH</b>	<b>5</b>	Follow a day in the life of a pencil and meet the people who interact with this inanimate object.

