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In 2009, actor-writer-director Mike Rembis got this big idea for an all-encompassing film and music festival that would blow everybody away to honor the Triple Threat Filmmaker by creating a forum for musicians, producers and everyone interested in film to gather in one place to exchange ideas and make movie deals. With the help of a lot of talented colleagues he pulled off a grand opening in 2010 and is back at it again!

Educational Panels

AT HOLIDAY INN

FRIDAY September 23

12:00 PM **Web Series Development**
Jeffrey Lynn Ward and Pietro D'Alessio

1:00 PM **Film Distribution**
Russell Hess

2:00 PM **Animation and Computer Graphics**
Ernie Berger

SATURDAY September 24

11:00 AM **Film Production** Tom Thompson,
Federico Lorente and Scott M. Goldberg, Esq.

12:00 PM **Navigating Film School**
Luke Matheny and Torch Eberhart

1:00 PM **Acting For The Screen** Jim Fitzpatrick,
Corinne Broskette and Nancy McBride



Judges

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Joe Belcastro
Film Critic / Writer

Pietro D'Alessio
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Tom Thompson
Producer / Director

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We are proud to present Luke Matheny with this award for his film "God Of Love" which also won the 2011 Academy Award for Best Live Action Short Film.

Please join us for The Wavecrest Award party at Best Western Sea Wake Beach Resort on Saturday 9/24 at 7:00 PM. This event is free and open to all. Our musical guest is Gypsy Star.

We will confirm nominees of all categories and present awards to winners in attendance or absence.

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Allon Sams
8:00 PM GroovProject

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OPENING NIGHT – 7:00 PM

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You've Got Hell
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El Baile (The Dance)
7:30 PM

21 (Twenty One)
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Saturday, September 24

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4:00 PM
Amanda
By The Rapids: Tornado Heart
Missile Crisis
Return
5:45 PM

Perseverance
Bad Influences
Sharfik (Scarf)
Se Verlas Al Reves (They See
Upside)
Chasing Water
7:30 PM

Heroes
Unlocked
The Birds Upstairs
Lunch Breaks
Bubblegum Smackers

ALL FILMS WILL BE SCREENED AT

The Duval Center at Holiday Inn

We are transforming this banquet facility to be our main theater for the duration of the festival. Films will be screened here on Thursday through Sunday.

We will also screen films inside The Longboat Room at Holiday Inn on Sunday. Please review the schedule and plan to arrive 30 minutes prior to show time to ensure your place in line.

Saturday, September 24 Continued

8:30 PM
The Policy Of Murder
Tooth Fairy Affair
In The Footsteps Of Willie Sutton
10:00 PM
The Doughboys Live – Rock N'Raw

Sunday September 25

Duval Center

2:00 PM
The Happets: In The
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3:30 PM
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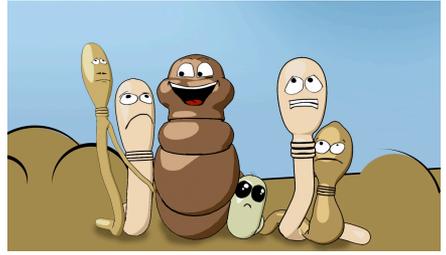
Animation

Bait

Director: Michael Moore

Animation 10 minutes USA 2010

A group of worms wake up one morning to find themselves trapped in a young boy's bait bucket.



By The Rapids - Invasion Of Turtle Island

Director: Joseph Lazare

Animation 22 minutes Canada 2010

A super hero group called the Mighty 5 Nations must do battle with villainous Ado Darho. But his evil band of 'injusticers' proves too much for the heroes. So it's up to Tuscarora, a frail super hero wanna-be, to save the day!

By The Rapids - Tornado-Heart

Director: Joseph Lazare

Animation 22 minutes Canada 2010

By The Rapids is abuzz with news that a major Hollywood film is shooting in town! When the director has a fit after Karen is appointed the on set 'cultural advisor' for the film he quickly offers her a starring role, just to shut her up. But the crew and the Littlehorn clan are in for a big surprise when Karen's new diva attitude starts to tear the set and, most importantly, her family apart.

House Broken

Director: Ernie Berger

Animation 4 minutes USA 2011

On the hottest days of summer, two inner-city bungling buddies unwittingly inflict calamity on one another and on their house by their unflappable attempts to beat the heat and renovate their dilapidated home.

La Famille d'Amilie

Director: Nathalie Kraemer

Animation 3 minutes Canada 2010

The beauty of a child's mind is indestructible, even in difficult times due to external circumstances. A war torn environment does not hinder a little girl to create dolls and play with them. Though comes the time when she realizes the severity of her situation.

Lunch Breaks

Directors: Ryan Neff, Rory Riggins

Animation 6 minutes USA 2010

A Guardian Angel must survive his first day on the job by saving a bumbling construction worker from a variety of perils.

Miced: War Of The Little Worlds

Director: Raymond Mullikin

Animation 8 minutes USA 2010

In a home much like yours live little mice. They spend their days foraging for food, without much notice from the human residents. Then one day little aliens from outer-space arrive to take over the house. The mice must protect their home from these annoying alien invaders.

Animation

Sharfik

Director: Karina Gazizova

Animation 13 minutes USA 2010

A film about one family. There's nothing too special about this family except they happen to live during the period of World War II. In my film I'm hoping to portray a rather ordinary family, the mother, father and their two children. The point of the story is not to show how these people are unique individuals, but the opposite – the value of family and how one can't survive without others to rely on. The true strength of family is reached in the most difficult times, when it is needed most.

The Birds Upstairs

Director: Christopher Jarvis

Animation 9 minutes USA 2010

Frustrated attempts to bear children overwhelm the lives of an aristocratic, avian couple in the early nineteenth century.

The Happets: In The Kingdom Of The Sun

Director: Alex Colls

Animation 90 minutes Spain 2010

A group of friendly animals all live together in a beautiful treehouse in the mountains. When Moo-Moo wanders off to find happiness in a life of stardom, she finds her true friends were there all along.



Tooth Fairy Affair

Director: Izabela Melamed

Animation 6 minutes Bulgaria, USA 2011

In a plot to scam the tooth fairy, a mischievous boy gets both more and less than he bargained for.

Unlocked

Director: Tahnee Gehm

Animation 4 minutes USA 2011

A spirit key is hatched - a rare phenomenon, helping heal and uplift the key people. With the exception of one boy who misuses its power.

Documentary

Animation: A Palette of Possibilities

Director: Angela Hinton

Documentary 15 minutes USA 2010

This short film is a fascinating collection of stories, anecdotes, and insights from some of the best animators in the world today. Mary Poppins, Petes Dragon, The Black Hole, Sleeping Beauty, Roger Rabbit, Mulan, and The Princess and the Frog, are just some of the animated films they have helped bring to the screen.

Ask Us Who We Are

Director: Bess O'Brien

Documentary 75 minutes USA 2011

Ask Us Who We Are is a documentary film focused on the challenges and extraordinary lives of youth in foster care. The film is a reflection on loss and the search for belonging and finding family.

Challenging Impossibility

Director: Sanjay Rawal

Documentary 28 minutes USA 2011

CHALLENGING IMPOSSIBILITY chronicles the weightlifting odyssey of the late spiritual teacher and peace advocate Sri Chinmoy. Surprisingly, at the age of 53, the Indian-born mystic took up weightlifting and focuses on an exhibition he held on 13 November 2004 where he lifted a total of 200,408 pounds. He was 73 years old at the time.

Chasing Water

Director: Peter McBride

Documentary

18 minutes USA 2011

Follow the Colorado River, source to sea, with photographer Pete McBride who takes an intimate look at the watershed as he attempts to follow the irrigation water that sustains his family's Colorado ranch, down river to the sea. Traversing 1500 miles



and draining seven states, the Colorado River supports over 30 million people across the southwest. It is not the longest or largest U.S. river, but it is one of the most loved and litigated in the world. Today, this resource is depleted and stressed.

Civil Indigent

Director: Nicholas Corrao

Documentary 55 minutes USA 2011

As the wheels of redevelopment turn in Gainesville, Florida, the battles lines have been drawn in a heated debate over a meal limit that has been imposed on a homeless shelter downtown. 'Civil Indigent' follows Francis 'Pat' Fitzpatrick as he leads the charge against the limit from his protests at City Hall to his quixotic campaign for a seat on the city commission. Eccentric, outspoken and unpredictable, Pat tests the boundaries of what it means to be an advocate.

Documentary

Deception Of Freedom

Director: Charro Wongittilin

Documentary 51 minutes USA 2010

When an intruder tried to run him over, Marc Wisecarver defended himself and his horses by shooting the radiator of the intruders truck on his property. Marc lives on Pine Ridge Reservation. The tribal court found him not guilty by reason of self defense. The federal system had him arrested and tried for assaulting a government official, however, this man did not have any identification on him. He was found not guilty of assault be reason of self defense. Marc has been tried 3 times on the same charges and has been imprisoned over 2 years.

Hot Mud: The Work & Thoughts of Daniel Johnston

Director: Jay Yager

Documentary 60 minutes USA 2010

Daniel Johnston's desire to make large pots led him to Phon Bok, Thailand where he worked intensively with traditional Thai potters absorbing their unique method of making large storage jars. After returning to the US he built his own shop and kilns where he now produces his highly distinctive works using local stoneware clays and natural glaze materials including clay from the ground outside his studio and ashes from the wood stove that warms him as he works.

In The Footsteps Of Willie Sutton

Director: Richard Gold

Documentary 54 minutes USA 2010

America's most famous bank robber of the twentieth century doesn't fancy prison accommodations. When he gets caught and confined, he escapes ... three times! In the Footsteps of Willie Sutton is a documentary film that follow this gentleman bandit's criminal career that spans over four decades.

Return

Director: Cyd Chartier Cohn

Documentary 32 minutes USA 2010

In 1969, when Fred Sondermann is presented with the opportunity to return to his native Germany, thirty years after he and his parents narrowly escaped to the United States just days before the outbreak of WWII, he said yes. Dr. Sondermann, a Jew and a political science professor at Colorado College, with his wife and three children traveled to Germany for four months. And though the trip is ostensibly professional in purpose, Sondermann is affected most deeply by the return to his childhood hometown, Horn. This first-person narrative, adapted from Sondermann's memoirs of the trip, walks the viewer through the experience, contemplating victimization, the nature of blame, the appropriate issuance of forgiveness, and the determination to move forward unburdened by ghosts of the past.



Documentary

Shaft Or Sidney Poitier

Director: Jonathan Gayles

Documentary 56 minutes USA 2010

This documentary critically examines the earliest representations (1965-1977) of Black masculinity in comic books and the troubling influence of race on these representations. From the humorous, to the offensive, to the tragic, early Black superheroes never strayed too far from common stereotypes about Black men.

The Car is Born - A Documentary About Carl & Bertha Benz

Director: Ulli Kampelmann

Documentary 19 minutes USA 2011

The automobile was invented 125 years ago by Carl Benz. Early one morning in 1888, against all common sense and fully without her husband's permission, Bertha gathered up her two sons and made off with the automobile. Despite breakdowns and other misadventures, she secured renown for her husband's automobile as well as a place in the history books for herself: The first-ever long-distance road trip was made by a woman!

The Doughboys Live - Rock N'Raw

Director: Rob Adams

Documentary 1 hour 56 minutes USA 2011

The Doughboys' 40-year history complete with a LIVE on-stage performance at Arlene's Grocery in New York City. This film is the perfect blend of story and stage and is bound to get you rockin'!

The Test

Director: Gary Strieker

Documentary

51 minutes

USA 2010

An entire Kenyan community of 50,000 participates in an HIV testing and counseling campaign are provided with a CarePack of products to prevent malaria, HIV and diarrheal disease as encouragement to



take an HIV test. For the first time, people line up by thousands to take an HIV test--including adult men, a previously hard to reach group for HIV testing. Stigma of testing and knowing HIV status is reduced. Attitudes towards HIV+ people is confronted and overcome. Film shows how lives of five people change over course of one year from when they learn their status.

Documentary



The Triangle Of Death

Director: Folleh Tamba

Documentary 1 hour 10 minutes USA, Iraq 2010

This is the story of the riflemen of Echo company 3rd platoon; they went through a life changing experience; through the hellishness of war innocence is shattered. Mission accomplishment is the number one goal under all circumstances they endured. Boys are broken and men are made in the mist of war. Join the Marines of 2/24 as they take you on a journey through one of Iraq's deadliest regions known as The Triangle Of Death.



Unsigned

Director: Edward Payson

Documentary 96 minutes USA 2011

Three unsigned bands struggle to balance their Rock and roll aspirations with the reality of everyday life in a year where everything will change.

Zeitgeist: Moving Forward

Director: Peter Joseph

Documentary 2 Hours 40 minutes USA 2011

Zeitgeist: Moving Forward, by director Peter Joseph, is a feature length documentary work which presents a case for a needed transition out of the current socioeconomic monetary paradigm which governs the entire world society. This subject matter works to transcend the issues of cultural relativism and traditional ideology and move to relate the core, empirical 'life ground' attributes of human and social survival, extrapolating those immutable natural laws into a new sustainable social paradigm called a 'Resource-Based Economy'.

Feature Films

Marathon

Director: Biju Viswanath

Feature Film 1 hour 30 minutes USA, India 2010

MARATHON explores the relationship between Richard Harteis and William Meredith, former US Poet Laureate and winner of virtually every major American award for poetry including the 1988 Pulitzer Prize. In the 17th year of their friendship, William sustains a debilitating stroke. Richard stands by his partner, fighting for the right to care for him, despite the inevitable restrictions on his own life, and against the wishes of William's family. Though the path they have chosen is not an easy one, their love and compassion see them through days of illness, therapy, and healing.

New Year

Director: Phil Borg

Feature Film 1 hour 17 minutes Canada 2010

A coming of age comedy about a group of twenty something 'Gen Y'-ers who reunite for a New Year's Eve bash in middle-class suburbia. Numbed by the nine to five conformity of real life after university, the party provides a welcome escape full of drinking, smoking, making out, and bag tag. But when a near-death experience from the past week, an unwanted pregnancy, and the appearance of past rivals disrupt their night of glory, each are forced to take a crash course in growing up.

Sixty in 60

Director: Ronnie Cramer

Feature Film 1 hour USA 2011

Sixty in 60 is an experimental art film featuring sixty one-minute works of many types. Genres represented include abstract, animation, documentary, experimental, narrative, stop-motion, time-lapse and video art.

Tears Of Remedy

Director: Lee Thongkham

Feature Film 1 hour 55 minutes USA 2011

There's a bar with a magnificent entrance, but the business there is not wine.

People fall in love with Luna, the bar singer, when her voice falls upon their empty souls. But this diluted feeling only causes more pain, which can only be relieved when they pay the bar owner what she wants--tears.



Short Films



21

Director: Csaba Bene Perlenberg

Short Film 29 minutes Sweden 2011

The story of a mother and son and what is soon to be lost - forever.

Amanda

Director: Michael Tanner Cusumano

Short Film 14 minutes USA 2010

AMANDA is the compelling story about a girl named Amanda, a popular and carefree seventeen year old high school student who had it all. A wealthy family, great friends and a handsome boyfriend, Ryan. However, Amanda risked all of that when she decided to drink and drive, and in an instant she lost it all.

ashley lynn

Director: Travis Herbert Chapman

Short Film 30 minutes USA 2010

'ashley lynn' tells the story of a brother and sister, Grey and Grace, who grew up with an abusive father, Jacob. Grace has moved on, but Grey hasn't. He is returning home from college to confront his dying father, and a past that includes a dark, unspeakable family secret.

Bad Influences

Director: Kate Emery

Short Film 16 minutes USA 2010

Enter the hilariously sick mind of Jillian, a timid hypochondriac with a vivid imagination. Instead of making real friends, she hangs out with the diseases she thinks she has: Influenza, Asthma and Mono. Jillian moves into a rural, germ-ridden town just in time for her freshman year of high school.

Bubblegum Smackers

Director: Lindsay Garvin

Short Film 17 minutes USA 2011



Walter Wilder and Sam Hart are two tough private investigators who are hired by Jessica Rogers to find her missing best friend, Frank. Lately, missing persons reports have become all too familiar. Walter and Sam discover that all leads point towards a gangster boss by the name of Big Pop.

Short Films

Burundi Film Center – Five Short Films (Presented in one program)

Burundi, Canada 2011

Easy Call

Director: Angelo Arakaza 9 minutes

A young woman's foray into prostitution brings shocking consequences to her family nightmare as she tries to come to terms with the tragic results of her own decisions.

Knock Knock (Who's Dead?)

Director: Grâce Nzeyiman 11 minutes

A morbid comedy following Rukwi's botched attempts to earn a living by collecting the dead.

Mission: Montreal

Director: Natacha Songore 9 minutes,
Lionel sells out his family and friends in a desperate attempt to move to Canada.

Pigfoot

Director: Aster Ntirampeba 7 minutes
A porter in Bujumbura tries to make a name for himself by working at a slaughterhouse.

The Return of Old Man Kabura

Director: Patrick Ngendakumana 7 minutes
An 82-year-old refugee comes home to Burundi and tries to rebuild his life after 38 years in exile.



El Baile (The Dance)

Director: Jonathan Bennett

Short Film 15 minutes USA 2010

Ricardo and Hernan work during the day to get by, they play soccer at night to live. They have carved a living by the sweat of their backs and their refusal to give up. The perfect team, Ricardo makes the play Hernan finishes it. Their foundation is shaken when Ricardo pursues soccer as a profession in pursuit of a happier life.

Fatakra (Firecracker)

Director: Soham Mehta

Short Film 19 minutes USA 2010

Naveen left India to chase his dreams in America. Today, three years and a recession later, his wife and son join him.

Finding Soil

Director: Torch Eberhart

Short Film 8 minutes USA 2010

Sometimes the best decision isn't always the one we would like to make. Unfortunately, for ex-convict, Thomas, the last few years his past criminal record has held him from possible work and forced him to homelessness. But Thomas has a daughter and he's desperate to give her more than love. Broken and hopeless, Thomas clings all he has into a desperate last effort. He loves his daughter, and will give anything for her betterment... even her.

Short Films



God of Love

Director: Luke Matheny

Short Film 18 minutes USA 2010

Lounge-singing darts champion Raymond Goodfellow finds his prayers are answered — literally — when he receives a mysterious package of love-inducing darts. The catch is that the one woman he loves — Kelly, a drummer in his band — is already in love with Ray's best friend Fozzie, the guitarist in the band. But when Ray uses the darts in a loony scheme to resolve this strange romantic triangle, he learns a surprising lesson about unrequited love and discovers his own place in the universe.

Heroes

Director: Mia Tagg

Short Film 11 minutes United Kingdom 2011

This personal drama takes place on a high mountain pass in a remote part of Snowdonia, Wales. Their motives for making the journey are revealed, and realities they return to reveal that everyone on the hill that day has battled greater obstacles than the climb, including time itself, on a hero's quest to retrieve a part of themselves they all fear losing forever.

Missile Crisis

Director: Jaye Davidson

Short Film 15 minutes USA 2010

Missile Crisis is a coming-of-age drama set in South Florida that follows brothers Miles (13) and Danny (9) as they cope with the escalation of both the Cuban Missile Crisis and their parents' marital tension. To ease his younger brother's fears about the domestic and international crises, Miles concocts a scheme: launch model rockets to blow up the Cuban missiles.

Perseverance

Director: Mark Owen

Short Film 11 minutes United Kingdom 2011

Chloe, enjoying herself at a nightclub with some friends. As the night progresses, she ventures away from the main dance floor and into a side room with a male stranger, who she's grown to flirt with throughout the night. Things soon take a turn for the worse as Chloe turns down the man's offer to leave the club with him.

Short Films

Plight of the Earth Fairy

Director: Kim Sheridan

Short Film 10 minutes USA 2010

Living in the shadow of the Tooth Fairy, the Earth Fairy has an identity crisis and seeks professional help. This film was created as part of the 48-Hour Film Project, in which a short narrative film — containing several very specific elements — had to be written, filmed, and produced within 48 hours.

Se Verlas Al Reves (They See Upside)

Director: Pablo Arriba

Short Film 5 minutes Spain 2011

A palindrome love story.

Smolarze (Charcoal Burners)

Director: Piotr Zlotorowicz

Short Film 15 minutes Poland 2010

Every summer, Marek and Janina work as charcoal burners in the Bieszczady Mountains. Far from civilization, in the heart of the mountains, they live according to the rhythm set by nature. The documentary joins the man and the woman from dawn till dusk, observing the slow passage of time. A visual anthem to the beauty of life.

So Long

Director: Charles Frisby

Short Film 3 minutes USA 2011

A recently widowed woman deals with the loss of her husband and finds closure.

Some Jobs Are Simple

Director: Jim Evans

Short Film 13 minutes USA 2011

Based on the short story by award winning author Chet Williamson, *Some Jobs Are Simple* is the story of a married woman who is in need of quick cash. Her solution is to set up an insurance job, the theft of her jewelry. To accomplish this, she retains the services of Joe (if that's really his name), a hard edged looking criminal with a glare in his eye that tells you he is not a man to mess with. For Joe, this job is a simple walk in the park, or so he thinks.



The Balance

Director: Trent Duncan

Short Film

20 minutes USA 2011

Edward (Dusty Sorg), a physician at BRG Corp, stumbles upon evidence that his Pharmaceutical

Corporation is releasing a miracle-cure drug with deadly long-term side effects. Now John Xavier (Anthony M. Bertram), a BRG project manager, is willing to leverage thousands of lives with millions of dollars in order to silence the threat posed against his company.

Short Films

The Escape

Director: James Connelly

Short Film 25 minutes USA 2010

England. 1792. In one of the country's filthiest prisons, Jasper, a man old in his years, works as the hangman's assistant. He cleans up the bodies of the dead, prepares prisoners for their deaths, and is the man responsible for tying the hangman's noose. Surrounded by the sickness of the living and the stench of the executed, Jasper's world is further darkened when his only son, William, is condemned to death for thievery.

The Falling Man

Director: Harry Santiago

Short Film 23 minutes USA 2010

An undocumented immigrant man struggles, risks his life and leaves his family in Mexico to pursue his dream of working in a restaurant, and one day open a restaurant of his own, hoping to reunite with his family in America. He ends up working in a world famous restaurant located in New York City. In Memory of all the undocumented immigrants that died in the Twin Towers and were never included in the 9/11 list.



The Lone Warrior

Director: Stephen Griffin

Short Film 17 minutes USA 2010

The Lone Warrior chronicles the journey of Hanshiro, a master samurai who carries the most coveted weapon in all of Japan – a

legendary sword that prevents its owner from dying in combat. For Hanshiro however, this extraordinary gift came with a price. The sword possesses a curse that deprives him from achieving any joy or honor from fighting, and has caused him to resign from the samurai lifestyle and become a vagrant traveler. When Dorin Munesuke, a prominent samurai lord, discovers Hanshiro's whereabouts and beckons him to fight once more, bloody conflict erupts between the two men to determine if Hanshiro will regain his honor.

The Policy Of Murder

Director: Scott Dissinger

Short Film 13 minutes USA 2010

Infidelity leads to a tangled network of uneasy alliances between a scorned wife, a jilted mistress, professional hit men, and an insurance company in a chase for the only thing that really matters... money.

You've Got Hell

Director: Stephen McKendree

Short Film 25 minutes USA 2010

After discovering each other on the Internet, a young man and woman plan to meet but their respective best friends attempt to talk them out of it with fantastic horror stories of Internet dating gone bad.

War. Injustice. Death. Healing. Freedom. Hope.

A year in film is essentially a snapshot of our world.

A snapshot enhanced through an artists interpretation of it. Subject matter this year takes a harsh look at society from every angle. Many of our directors have made the stern decision to focus their camera lens in the direction of taboo and controversial matter perhaps because they perceive the world as a dangerous place and want to you to see it the way they do.

A majority of films take into account the battles we fight. Some with artillery, some with words and ideologies, and personal struggles, both public and private. We do not seek out these subjects yet they have found us. Every film maker has a story to tell and no matter the reason it is important for them to place that story before us where people can see it and know what they have to say is important.

We have stunning documentaries that explore awkward situations and disturbing themes. Losses suffered individually, or as a society, be they natural resources, human rights, dignity, childhood or freedom play major roles this year. Many of these themes run throughout our short subjects, features and animations as well.

We are proud to present you with 57 films that will make you think. About where you stood years ago and where you stand today. About how the world changes every instance that we draw breath. About decisions large and small and their greater ramifications. About what is important and what is of lesser value.

Every film on our slate has a message. Many echo one another to show that we are able to transcend oppression and that the human spirit survives at all costs. A basic chorus embedded herein is that life goes on and it is good. Dig deeper and you will hear that history is written by the victors and that no matter what trials we face, truth bubbles to the surface and good overcomes evil, always, every time. For every dark cloud there is a silver lining, a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, and so on, you just need to look to see it.

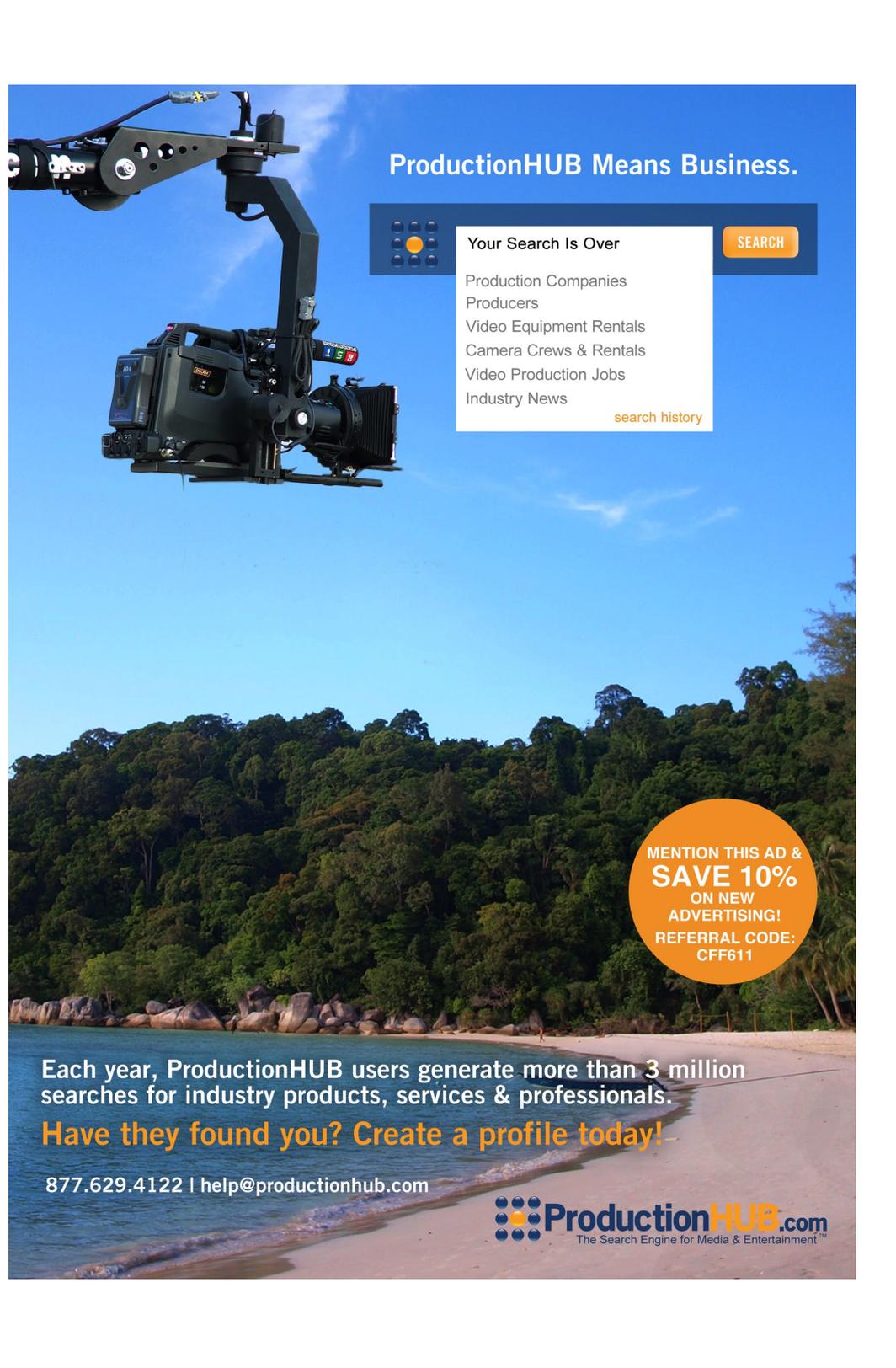
With that in mind, I invite you to mine through our catalog, to explore and discover an unusual subject to devour. Sit in the dark amongst your neighbors and watch what unfolds on the screen before you. While there are bloody tales of woe there are also provocative and wondrous journeys of determination, adventure and happiness.

The one inescapable current running through them all is an extremely simple concept. Even if the world is a daunting exercise in survival and monsters may be as close as your shoulder, that whatever may frighten you, or threaten your freedom, will never destroy your sense of love and that you will heal.



Mike Rembis
Executive Director

That which does not kill us makes us stronger. - Friedrich Nietzsche



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