

# SCREENING SCHEDULE

### AICHA

BY MEHDI M. BARSAOUI

WEDNESDAY 15TH @ 5PM - ROOM 5

## IN THE NGUYEN KITCHEN

BY STÉPHANE LY-CUONG

THURSDAY 16TH @ IIAM - ROOM 6

### SARKOZY-GADDAFI: THE SCANDAL OF ALL SCANDALS

BY YANNICK KERGOAT

THURSDAY 16TH @ 5PM - ROOM 6

### TRANSAMAZONIA

BY PIA MARAIS

FRIDAY 17TH @9AM-ROOM 5

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# SARKOZY-GADDAFI: THE SCANDAL OF ALL SCANDALS

BY YANNICK KERGOAT

A democracy and a dictatorship. A presidential campaign and dirty money. War and death. When Nicolas Sarkozy affirmed in the press that "No one can make sense of it", he was trying to discredit the investigation into his ties with Muammar Gaddafi, portraying it as a bunch of gibberish. As Sarkozy and his many accomplices go on trial in the Libyan campaign financing affair, here's the film that will finally explain all of the ins and outs of one of the most remarkable French political scandals in decades.

Yannick Kergoat is a director, screenwriter and editor. He has collaborated with Mathieu Kassovitz, Erick Zonca, Cédric Klapisch, Costa-Gavras and Dominik Moll, with which he won a César for best editing in 2000 for Harry, α Friend Who Wants You Well. He has directed several documentaries for television, including the series Le siècle de Costα-Gavras in the official selection in Cannes in 2024. Co-directed with Gilles Balbastre, his film The New Watchdogs was nominated for the César for Best Documentary in 2012. His latest documentary Tax Me If You Can was selected at the San Sebastian Film Festival in 2022.

















# AICHA BY MEHDI M. BARSAOUI

Aya, in her late twenties, still lives with her parents in southern Tunisia and feels trapped in a life without prospects. One day, the minivan in which she commutes daily between her town and the hotel where she works crashes. As the sole survivor of the accident, she realizes it could be her chance to start a new life. She flees to Tunis under a new identity, but everything is soon compromised when she becomes the main witness to a police blunder.

Born in 1984 in Tunis, Mehdi graduated in editing from the Higher Institute of Multimedia Arts in Tunis. He then went to Italy to complete his training and graduated as a director from DAMS in Bologna. He has directed three short films, which have received recognition and awards at several international festivals. His first feature film A Son started its international career in the official selection at the 76th edition of the Venice Film Festival, where it received two awards. Distributed in twenty countries and winning multiple awards all over the world, A Son is the first Tunisian film to win a French César Award. Aicha is his second feature film.

## CAST FATMA SFAR, YASMINE DIMASSI, NIDHAL SAADI

CINÉTÉLÉFILMS – DOLCE VITA FILMS – DORJE FILM • TUNISIA – FRANCE – ITALY • 123' • 2024 • FEATURE FILM















## TRANSAMAZONIA

BY PIA MARAIS

Rebecca, the daughter of missionary Lawrence Byrne, was declared a "miracle" after she survived a plane crash as a child, deep in the Amazon forest. Years later, Rebecca has become a miracle healer, sustaining their mission thanks to her growing fame. But when illegal loggers invade the land belonging to the indigenous people they're evangelizing, Rebecca's father manoeuvres them into the epicentre of this escalating conflict.

Pia Marais is a writer and director from South Africa and Sweden. She has written and directed 3 feature films. Her feature debut *The Unpolished* won the Tiger Award at the Rotterdam Film Festival in 2007. At Ellen's Age screened in Competition in Locarno in 2010, and in more than 30 festivals, including Toronto. Layla Fourie was set in her home country South Africa and premiered in Competition at the 2013 Berlinale, receiving a Special Jury Mention. In 2018, she made her first documentary Cari Compagni for Arte. *Transamazonia* is her fourth feature film.

### CAST

HELENA ZENGEL, JEREMY XIDO, JOAO VITOR XAVANTE,
PIRA ASSURINI, HAMA VIEIRA, SABINE TIMOTEO

CINÉMA DEFACTO – GAIJIN – PANDORA FILM PRODUKTION – POINT PRODUCTIONS – VOLOS FILMS • FRANCE – GERMANY – SWITZERLAND – TAIWAN – BRAZIL • 112' • 2024 • FEATURE FILM







## MISTRESS DISPELLER

Desperate to save her marriage, a woman in China hires a professional to go undercover and break up her husband's affair.

Teacher Wang is a 'mistress dispeller' - a profession devoted to helping couples in the face of infidelity. With strikingly intimate access, this film unveils family stories usually hidden behind closed doors, exploring how emotion, pragmatism and cultural norms shape new romantic

Elizabeth Lo was born and raised in Hong Kong. Her documentary films have been showcased at Sundance, IDFA, SXSW, Tribeca, MoMA, AFI Fest, True/False, New York Times Op-Docs, Field of Vision and PBS' POV. Her debut feature, Stray, won Best International Feature at Hot Docs and received nominations from the Independent Spirit Awards, Critics Choice Documentary Awards and Cinema Eye Honors after premiering at Tribeca

ELIZABETH LO - EMMA D.MILLER - MAGGIE LI • CHINA - USA • 94' • 2024 •























## WHEN THE LIGHT BREAKS

BY RÚNAR RÚNARSSON

When the light breaks on a long summer's day in Iceland. From one sunset to another, Una, a young art student encounters love, friendship, sorrow and beauty.

Rúnar Rúnarsson's feature career starts in 2011 when he presents his debut film *Volcano* at the Directors' Fortnight in Cannes. The film receives 17 international awards in a vast number of festivals. His second feature *Sparrows* (2015) also has an impressive festival run, with 20 international awards and la Concha Ora, the main prize at the San Sebastian Film Festival. Four years later, after being selected for the Cannes Atelier, his third feature film *Echo* premieres at the Locarno Film Festival, and wins 6 international awards. Alongside those feature films, Rúnar Rúnarsson has also been acclaimed for his shorts. The crossroads trilogy *The Last Farm* (Oscar® nomination in 2006), *2 Birds* (Cannes Official Selection and European Film Awards nomination in 2008) and *Anna* (Cannes Directors' Fortnight) have received over 100 international awards

### CAST

ELÍN HALL, MIKAEL KAABER, KATLA NJÁLSDÓTTIR, BALDUR EINARSSON, GUNNAR HRAFN KRISTJÁNSSON, ÁGÚST WIGUM

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## THIS LIFE OF MINE

BY SOPHIE FILLIÈRES

Barberie Bichette, known to her biggest despair as Barbie, may have been beautiful, a good mother, a reliable colleague, a great lover, yes, perhaps... but that was before she predictably and inevitably turned 55 (and much more to come!). Now, things are getting darker, sometimes violent and often absurd. How then will she deal with her own self, others, and simply life in general?

A graduate of the Fémis directing school, Sophie Fillières made a name for herself with her first short film, Des filles et des Chiens (awarded the Prix Jean Vigo in 1992). She went on to write and direct 7 feature films, selected at Berlin, Locarno and Toronto. Sophie Fillières passed away in July 2023 shortly after shooting her final film This Life of Mine, and asked her children Agathe and Adam Bonitzer to complete it with her close collaborators. This Life of Mine had its world premiere at the 2024 Directors' Fortnight as the Opening Film.

### CAST

AGNÈS JAOUI, PHILIPPE KATERINE, VALÉRIE DONZELLI, ANGELINA WORETH, ÉDOUARD SULPICE

CHRISTMAS IN JULY • FRANCE • 99' • 2024 • FEATURE FILM















## THE BRINK OF DREAMS

BY NADA RIYADH AND AYMAN EL AMIR

In a remote village in southern Egypt, a group of girls rebel by forming an all-female street theater troupe. They dream of becoming actresses, dancers and singers, challenging their families and villagers with their unexpected performances. Shot over four years, *The Brink of Dreams* follows them from childhood to womanhood, facing the most crucial choices of their lives.

Nada Riyadh is an Egyptian filmmaker. Her debut feature documentary film, Happily Ever After, co-directed with Ayman El Amir, premiered at IDFA 2016, while her short fiction film, The Trap, was selected in competition at La Semaine de la Critique, Cannes 2019. She is an alumnus of various international film programs including Cannes' La Fabrique, Next Step Program La Semaine de la Critique, Berlinale Talents, American Film Showcase and Film Independent. Ayman El Amir, is an Egyptian filmmaker who directed with Nada Riyadh Happily Ever After, and produced the shor fiction The Trap. He has worked also as a script consultant for many labs and institutes including TorinoFilmLab, Doha Film Institute, Marrakech Atlas Atelier, DW Academy and Full Circle Lab.

FELUCCA FILMS — DOLCE VITA FILMS — MAGMA FILM • EGYPT — FRANCE — DENMARK — QATAR — SAUDI ARABIA • 55' & 102' • 2024 • DOCUMENTARY





# YOU SHALL NOT MAKE AN IMAGE

BY KAOUTHER BEN HANIA

Bouchra, raised in a mausoleum dedicated to the saint Sidi Sardi, is confronted by a hostile imam who wants to turn her family home into a mosque. Her life is turned upside down when she meets Ahmed, a cameraman willing to help her make a film about the saint. This project plunges her into a captivating investigation, a saga through Tunisia and the 20th Century, that will shake her deeply-rooted beliefs. An initiation to love, myths and cinema.

Tunisian director Kaouther Ben Hania constantly explores the boundaries between fiction and documentary. Her latest film, Four Daughters, was nominated for the Best Documentary Academy Award® 2024 after being presented in Competition at the Cannes Film Festival. The film received numerous prestigious awards and was sold in over 40 territories. Her previous film The Man Who Sold His Skin was also nominated at the Academy Awards® for Best International Feature Film in 2021, representing Tunisia. Her film Beauty and The Dogs premiered at the Cannes Film Festival's Un Certain Regard section in 2017. All her other films have premiered at prestigious festivals including: Cannes, Venice, AFI, Los Angeles, Locarno, IDFA, Hot Docs Toronto. You Shall Not Make an Image will be her fifth film.

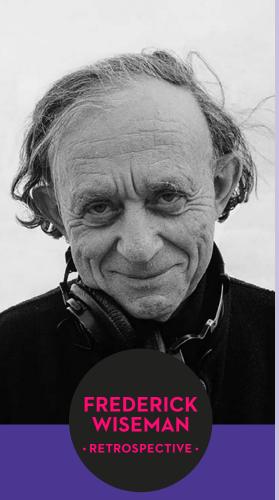
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## SUZANNE

#### BY ANAÏS CAURA & JOËLLE OOSTERLINCK

The life of Suzanne Noël (1878-1954) is worthy of a novel. Brilliant surgeon, emancipated woman in the early 20th Century, she saw in cosmetic surgery a solution for repairing injustices and making humans more beautiful, more equal and happier. After WWI, her professional life was more and more successful, but her private life turned into a drama... From Paris to Copenhagen, through a unique documentary combining animation and archive footage, let's dive into the birth of modern cosmetic surgery and discover the extraordinary journey of this pioneer who shaped her destiny at the tip of her scalpel.



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#### HOSPITAL

1969, 84 min., B&W

Hospital shows the daily activities of New York City's Metropolitan Hospital, following hospital staff and a variety of patients with emphasis on the emergency ward and outpatient clinics.

#### PRIMATE

1974, 105 min., B&W

Primate presents the daily activities of Yerkes Primate Research Center. Scientists in the film are concerned with studying the physical and mental development of primates.

#### SINAI FIELD MISSION

1978, 127 min., B&W Sinai Field Mission follows the diplomats and technicians who operate the U.S. Sinai Field Mission, the early warning system established in 1976 to help facilitate the disengagement between Egypt and Israel after the 1973 war

#### RACETRACK

1085 114 min R&W Racetrack is about the Belmont Bace Track one of the world's leading race tracks for thoroughbred racing. The film highlights the training.

maintenance and racing of

thoroughbred horses

#### MULTI-HANDICAPPED 1986, 126 min., Color

This film shows the day to day activities of multi-handicapped and sensory impaired students and their teachers, dormitory parents, and counselors at the Helen Keller School.

#### TITICUT FOLLIES 1967. 84 min., B&W

Titicut Follies is a stark and graphic portrayal of the conditions that existed at the State Prison for the Criminally Insane at Bridgewater, Massachusetts. The film documents the various ways the inmates are treated by the guards. social workers and psychiatrists.

#### **BASIC TRAINING**

1971, 89 min., B&W Basic Training follows a company of draftees and enlisted men through nine weeks of basic training cycle and the many forms of ideological training familiar to those who have served in the

#### WELFARE

armed forces.

A profile of the welfare system that illustrates the staggering diversity of problems that constitute welfare: unemployment, divorce, housing, medical and psychiatric problems, abandoned and abused children and the elderly.

#### MANOEUVRE

1979, 115 min., B&W Manoeuvre follows a U.S. infantry tank company through NATO's annual fall manoeuvres in Western Europe. The various stages of the training exercise are seen from the point of view of a company fighting a simulated conventional war

DEAF 1986, 164 min., Color A chronicle of the total communication teaching methods (i.e. the use of signs and finger spelling in conjunction with speech, hearing aids, lip reading, gestures and the written word) used at The School for the Deaf at the Alabama Institute

#### MISSILE

1987, 115 min., Color A look at the 4315th Training

Squadron of the Strategic Air Command at Vandenberg Air Force Base, where officers are trained to man the Launch Control Centers for the Minuteman Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles

Blind shows the educational programs and daily life of students in kindergarten through the 12th grade at the Alabama School for the Blind, a school organized to educate blind and visually impaired students to be in charge of their own lives

#### **NEAR DEATH**

1989, 358 min., B&W A film presenting the

interrelationships among patients. families, doctors, nurses, and religious advisors as they confront the issues involved in making decisions about life-sustaining treatment for dying patients at Boston's Beth Israel Hospital.

#### LAW AND ORDER 1969, 81 min., B&W

Law and Order follows the day-today work of the Kansas City Police Department as they operate in an area hard hit by violence during several 1968 race riots.

**JUVENILE COURT** 1973, 144 min., B&W Juvenile Court shows the complex

variety of cases before the Memphis Juvenile Court: foster home placement, drug abuse. armed robbery, child abuse, and sexual offenses.

#### **CANAL ZONE**

1977, 174 min., B&W Canal Zone is about the people who live and work in the Panama Canal Zone and shows both the operation of the Canal and the various governmental agencies related to the functioning of the Canal and the lives of the Americans in the zone.

#### THESTORE

1983, 120 min., Color A film about the main Neiman-Marcus store and corporate headquarters in Dallas. The sequences in the film include the selection, presentation, marketing, pricing, advertising and selling of a vast array of consumer products.

#### **ADJUSTMENT & WORK**

Adjustment & Work shows adjustment services for adults in personal and work situations as they learn to adjust to their impairments. Sequences include routine work and manufacturing of a variety of household and military products

#### 1990, 176 min., Color

1991, 146 min., Color An exploration during the winter months of the daily life and activities of the people who live, work, visit and play in the former silver mining town of Aspen.

**ASPEN** 

#### LA COMÉDIE-FRANÇAISE 1996, 223 min., Color

La Comédie-Française is the oldest continuous repertory company in the world, founded in Paris in the late 17th century. This is the first time a documentary filmmaker has been allowed to look at all the aspects of the work of this great theatrical company.

#### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 2**

2002. 160 min., Color

Domestic Violence 2 takes place in the arraignment, misdemeanor, and injunction courts in Hillsborough County, Tampa, Florida. The judges and lawyers ask questions which elicit the staries of couples' relationships and the specific form of violence between them.

#### LA DANSE, LE BALLET DE L'OPÉRA DE PARIS

2000 158 min Color Behind the scenes of a prestigious French institution: the Paris Opera, from its costume workshops to the public performances where

#### **NATIONAL GALLERY**

stars shine

of Western art from the Middle Ages to the 19th century. The film is a portrait of a place, its way of its staff, audience and its paintings In a perpetual and dizzying game of mirrors, film watches painting watches film.

#### CITYHALL

The work carried out at Boston City Martin Walsh, the first mayor from a working-class neighborhood, and his teams

#### ZOO

1993, 130 min., Color A film about the Miami Zoo. the care and maintenance of the animais by the keepers, the work of the veterinarians and their staff, and the visits to the zoo by people from all over the world

**PUBLIC HOUSING** 

1997, 195 min., Color

THE LAST LETTER

2002, 62 min., B&W

**BOXING GYM** 

life at the Ida B. Wells public

#### BELFAST, MAINE

1999, 248 min., Color

of Mind» program.

**HIGHSCHOOLII** 

1994, 220 min., Color

A film about Central Park East

alternative high school in New

colleges. The film illustrates the

Secondary School, a successful

York's Spanish Harlem, 85-95 % of

whose graduates go on to four year

school's emphasis on the «Habits

Public Housing documents daily A film about ordinary experience in a beautiful old New England housing development in Chicago. port city. It is a portrait of daily life The film illustrates some of the with particular emphasis on the experiences of people living in work and the cultural life of the conditions of extreme poverty.

#### STATE LEGISLATURE

2006, 217 min., Color State Legislature shows the day-to-day activities of the Idaho Legislature during an entire session. The film is an example of the achievements, values. constraints and limitations of the democratic process.

2010. 91 min.. Color

The Last Letter (La Dernière Lettre)

follows a mother locked away in

a Jewish ghetto of an occupied

Ukrainian town in 1941 as she

revisits her life in a last letter to

Austin, Texas, Lord's Gym was founded over 20 years ago by Richard Lord, a former professiona hoxer. The gym is an example of the American "melting pot" where a wide variety of people of all ages, races, ethnicities and social classes meet, talk, and train,

#### IN JACKSON HEIGHTS

2015, 190 min., Color

Frederick Wiseman's 40th documentary In Jackson Heights is about the racially and ethnically diverse neighborhood of Jackson Heights in Queens, New York.

monologue.

#### **CRAZY HORSE**

2011, 134 min., Color

At the heart of Crazv Horse, the most avant-garde Parisian cabaret Philippe Decouflé and Ali Mahdavi reinvent the acts of the famous nude dancers' revue

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dissemination of culture, both in

its majestic main center and its

library in the world, its contribution

**PUBLIC LIBRARY** 

2017, 197 min., Color

peripheral branches.

**MENUS-PLAISIRS-**

2023, 240 min., Color

Established in 1930 in central

restaurant has been holding 3

of haute cuisine. An immersive

experience, showing the great

Michelin stars for 55 years over fou

generations and is now an institution

artistry, ingenuity, imagination, and

hard work of the restaurant staff in

creating, preparing, and present meals of the highest quality.

France, the Troisgros family

**LES TROISGROS** 

to social cohesion and the

### MONROVIA. INDIANA

AT BERKELEY

2013, 244 min., Color

The University of California at

Berkeley, the oldest and most

prestigious member of a ten campus

public education system, is one of the

finest facilities in the world. The film

shows university life, its intellectual

and social mission, its obligation to

the state and larger ideas of higher

education, and illustrates how decisions are made and implemented.

BALLET

ballet

1995, 170 min., Color

located in New York. The film

A profile of the American Ballet Theatre

presents the company in rehearsal and

on tour in Athens and Copenhagen.

mistresses are shown at work with

dancers, soloists and the corps de

Domestic Violence shows the Tampa.

violence calls and the work of The

Spring, the principal shelter in Tampa

for women and children. Sequences

include police response, intervention.

and attempted resolution of domestic

Florida, police responding to domestic

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

2001, 196 min., Color

violence calls.

Choreographers, ballet masters and

2018 1/3 min Color

Monrovia, a small farming town in the American Midwest, has a population of 1.400, of which 76% voted for Donald Trump in the 2016 presidential election. The film gives a complex and nuanced view of daily life in this rural town.

#### SUGGESTED PROGRAMS

- TITICUT FOLLIES, HIGH SCHOOL I AW AND ORDER
- HEALTH & WEALTH: WELFARE, HOSPITAL, MODEL
- ESSENTIAL WISEMAN: TITICUT FOLLIES, HIGH SCHOOL LAW AND ORDER, HOSPITAL. WELFARE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

BALLET, PUBLIC HOUSING, MODEL, THE 27

• THREE BY WISEMAN:

ASPEN. THE STORE



1975, 167 min., B&W

#### MODEL

1980, 129 min., B&W Model shows male and female models at work on TV commercials, fashion shows, magazine covers, and advertising for a variety of products, including designer collections, fur coats,

sports clothes and automobiles

#### BLIND

**HIGHSCHOOL** 

1968. 74 min., B&W

1972, 89 min., B&W

Essene is about daily life in a

Benedictine monastery and the

resolution of conflict between

institutional and organizational

Meat examines one of America's

while tracing the process through

which cattle and sheep become

largest feed lots and packing plants

priorities of the community.

nersonal needs and the

1976, 113 min., B&W

consumer goods.

MΕΔΤ

Filmed at a large urban high school

documents how the school system

exists not only to pass on "facts"

but also transmits social values

from one generation to another.

in Philadelphia, High School

1986, 133 min., Color

#### 1086 120 min Color

#### **CENTRAL PARK**

A film about the famous New York City landmark and the variety of ways in which people make

use of it, while illustrating the complex problems the New York City Parks Department deals with in order to maintain and preserve the nark

#### 2014 174 min Color

A journey to the heart of the London institution inhabited by masternieces working and relations with the world

Hall, the filmmaker's hometown, by

#### A COUPLE

Leo and Sophia Tolstoy were married for 36 years, had 13 children. Each kept a diary. Adapted from the writings of Sophia Tolstov, the film builds a timeless analysis of the struggles of marriage through her

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