



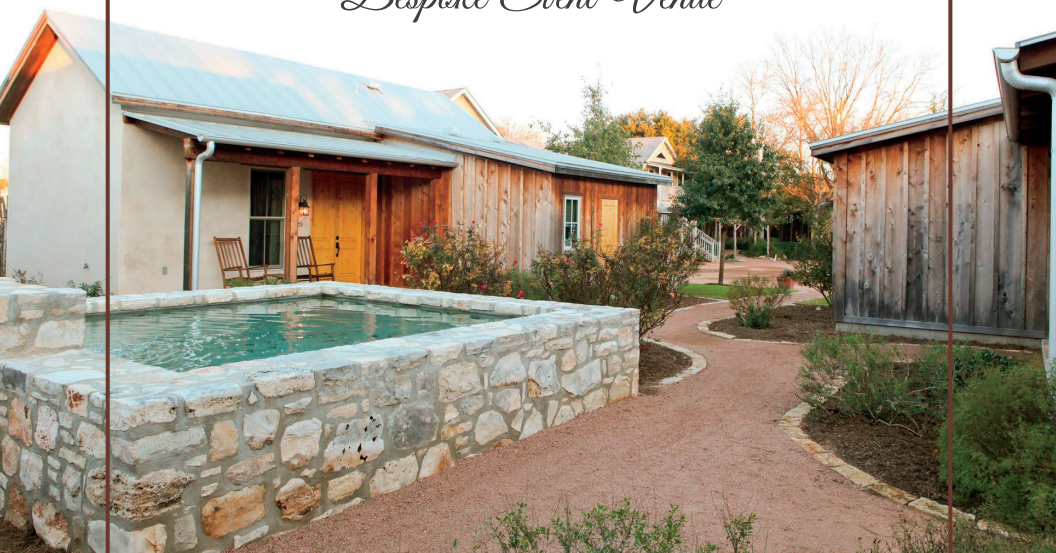
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Welcome to Fredericksburg and the Hill Country Film Festival!

For fourteen years, the Hill Country Film Festival (HCFF) has been fortunate to share the best of independent cinema and spotlight the artists behind these esteemed stories. Through hard work and devotion to the visual art form, these artists elicit in us, the audience, a wide range of emotions that you can only experience at a film festival.

We are honored to present this year's lineup and share a variety of independent short and feature-length films that are thought-provoking, inspiring, entertaining, and genuinely independent.

HCFF would not be possible without the generous support of festival partners, film society members, and volunteers. Thank you for sharing your time, talent, and treasure with us. You enable us to contribute to the creative culture of Fredericksburg and the filmmaking community.

Finally, thank you to the all-volunteer HCFF staff, who are committed to making HCFF the best little film festival in Texas.

The love of film and the world of storytelling brings us together this weekend. Enjoy the films. Enjoy Fredericksburg. Cheers to the storytellers!

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GUEST PROGRAMMERS: Emily Anders, Paul Davis, Nick Drissen, Kelley Harris

2023 SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

12:45 PM	Short Film Block #1 (pg. 9)	Historic Nimitz Ballroom
3:00 PM	Short Film Block #2 (pg. 11)	Historic Nimitz Ballroom
5:00 PM	Filmmaker Welcome Party* Presented by La Bergerie	La Bergerie
7:00 PM	Documentary Feature The Lady Bird Diaries (pg. 11)	Historic Nimitz Ballroom
9:00 PM	Thursday Night Party	Ausländer Restaurant and Biergarten

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

10:00 AM	Glazed & Confused Breakfast*	Great Hall at Hoffman Haus
10:30 AM	Panel Discussion* Presented by TCU Bob Schieffer College of Communication	Great Hall at Hoffman Haus
12:00 PM	Documentary Feature Juneteenth: Faith & Freedom (pg. 14)	Great Hall at Hoffman Haus
12:00 PM	Short Film Block #3 (pg. 14)	Historic Nimitz Ballroom
2:00 to 7:00 PM	The Tasting Room VIP Lounge* Presented by Pedernales Cellars	Nimitz Courtyard
2:00 PM	Short Film Block #4 (pg. 18)	Great Hall at Hoffman Haus
2:15 PM	Short Film Block #5 (pg. 20)	Historic Nimitz Ballroom
4:30 PM	Documentary Feature Oklahoma Breakdown (pg. 22)	Great Hall at Hoffman Haus
4:30 PM	Narrative Feature I Like Movies (pg. 22)	Historic Nimitz Ballroom
7:00 PM	Narrative Feature Deadland (pg. 22)	Historic Nimitz Ballroom
9:00 PM	Friday Night Pizza + Chill* Presented by the San Antonio Film Commission	West End Pizza Company

LOCATIONS

Historic Nimitz Ballroom - 304 E. Main St., Fredericksburg
 La Bergerie - 312 E. Austin St., Fredericksburg
 Ausländer Restaurant and Biergarten - 323 E. Main St., Fredericksburg
 Great Hall at Hoffman Haus - 601 E. Main St., Fredericksburg
 West End Pizza Company - 207 E. San Antonio St., Fredericksburg
 Pedernales Cellars - 2916 Upper Albert Rd., Stonewall

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SATURDAY, JUNE 3

10:00 AM	Breakfast Taquito's at Tiffany's Brunch HCFF Style*	Great Hall at Hoffman Haus
10:30 AM	Panel Discussion* Presented by TCU Bob Schieffer College of Communication	Great Hall at Hoffman Haus
12:15 PM	Short Film Block #6 (pg. 24)	Historic Nimitz Ballroom
1:30 PM	Make It in Texas - Filmmaker Meet Up Presented by Texas Film Commission	Texas Garden at Hoffman Haus
2:00 to 7:00 PM	The Tasting Room VIP Lounge* Presented by Pedernales Cellars	Nimitz Courtyard
2:15 PM	Narrative Feature Good Egg (pg. 24)	Great Hall at Hoffman Haus
2:30 PM	Short Film Block #7 (pg. 28)	Historic Nimitz Ballroom
4:45 PM	Narrative Feature Match Me If You Can (pg. 30)	Great Hall at Hoffman Haus
4:45 PM	Documentary Feature Cowboy Bourbon (pg. 30)	Historic Nimitz Ballroom
7:00 PM	Narrative Feature Chocolate Lizards (pg. 30)	Historic Nimitz Ballroom
9:00 PM	LIVE from Fredericksburg* (It's a Saturday Night Party!)	Great Hall at Hoffman Haus

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

11:00 AM	Sunday Send-off + Awards Reception* Presented by Pedernales Cellars	Pedernales Cellars
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***EXCLUSIVE EVENTS FOR BADGE HOLDERS ONLY**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note that while All Access badge holders receive priority seating, a seat is NOT guaranteed. All Access badge holders are encouraged to arrive 10-15 minutes prior to the screening to queue for seating. All Access Badge holders who arrive after the queue has been seated are not guaranteed a seat. Doors will open 15 minutes prior to the screening.

On the following pages, film listings provide the title, country of origin, genre, run time and director for each film. **Viewer discretion is advised:** films are not rated and may contain subject matter unsuitable for young viewers.

Photographers and/or film crews will operate at all HCFF events.

Photographs/video may be used for public relations and in marketing materials by the Hill Country Film Society and Festival.

The Hill Country Film Society is committed to allowing guests and filmmakers to experience the Hill Country Film Festival free of harassment, discrimination, sexism and threatening or disrespectful behavior. We reserve the right to revoke, without notice or refund, credentials or access to festival events and venues at any time.

AUDIENCE DEMOGRAPHICS

Lend a helping hand to the Hill Country Film Society!

Gathering demographic information helps the Hill Country Film Society and Film Festival better understand our audience as well as apply for grants and sponsorships.

Please take a moment to complete this brief survey.



AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARD

Rate the films and determine the Audience Choice Award winner!

In an effort to streamline voting and decrease paper waste, HCFF Audience Choice voting will be online, by scanning a QR code.

Please rate each film you watch by scanning the QR codes provided at the end of each screening to access your ballot.

For iPhone and Android users, scan the code with your camera to access your ballot. Easy as one, two, three!

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The faculty in TCU's Bob Schieffer College of Communication are passionate about using film's power to shed light on real-world issues.

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FRIDAY | 10:30 AM | GREAT HALL AT HOFFMAN HOUSE

MAKING MOVIES THAT REACH AN AUDIENCE

Getting a film in front of a more extensive set of viewers is the goal of every filmmaker making movies. But in reality, many completed features and shorts need help finding their place in a world full of instant entertainment. Our panelist will share their approach to creating art while at the same time considering their audience.

PANELISTS: Mary Beth Minnis, Christopher Fitzpatrick, Christian Sosa, Lance Larson

SATURDAY | 10:30 AM | GREAT HALL AT HOFFMAN HAUS

THE GOOD AND THE BAD OF INDEPENDENT FILMMAKING

Filmmaking, on any level, is an extremely messy and complicated process. Only the most disciplined and dedicated artists carry out ideas to completion. In this celebration of filmmakers who have made feature films, we will explore the good and the bad of making movies outside the Hollywood studio system.

PANELIST: Nicole Gomez Fisher, Marian Yeager, Mark Lambert Bristol, Chet Garner and Daniel Mecey

MODERATOR: Richard Allen | Professor of Film,
Television and Digital Media

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Raise a glass and enjoy a snack as we welcome our 2023 filmmakers to Fredericksburg.

THURSDAY NIGHT PARTY 9 PM | AUSLÄNDER RESTAURANT AND BIERGARTEN

Prost! The good folks at Ausländer and HCFF invite you to talk films over a bier and small bites on Thursday night.

FRIDAY + SATURDAY BREAKFAST* 10 AM | HOFFMAN HAUS

We are starting Friday and Saturday off right. Join us for coffee, Bloody Marys, donuts (Friday) and Whataburger breakfast Taquitos (Saturday) before panel discussions.

MAKE IT IN TEXAS - FILMMAKER MEET UP PRESENTED BY THE TEXAS FILM COMMISSION

FRIDAY | 1:30 - 2:30 PM | TEXAS GARDEN AT HOFFMAN HAUS

Meet the staff of the Texas Film Commission and learn firsthand about filming locations, grant information, Texas production resources and more.

FRIDAY NIGHT PIZZA + CHILL* PRESENTED BY THE SAN ANTONIO FILM COMMISSION 9 PM | WEST END PIZZA COMPANY

Cap off your Friday with complimentary pizza, refreshments and lively conversation at West End Pizza Company.

LIVE FROM FREDERICKSBURG (It's a Saturday Night Party!)* SATURDAY | 9 PM | HOFFMAN HAUS

The final party of the festival is at Hoffman Haus. Join us for light bites from Eaker Barbeque, refreshments and a DJ set that will have you dancing.

SUNDAY SENDOFF & AWARDS* 11 AM | PEDERNALES CELLARS

Raise a glass and enjoy the sweeping hill country views at Pedernales Cellars before heading home. Enjoy complimentary wine and a light brunch and celebrate our filmmaker award winners.



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THURSDAY, JUNE 1 | 12:45 PM
HISTORIC NIMITZ BALLROOM
SHORT BLOCK 1

Presented by the
San Antonio Film Commission

Longer than Night

USA | Action | 17 mins | World Premiere
Sammie Hottel

A thief-for-hire takes on a dangerous mission that tests both his ability and character. (Student Film)

It Listens

USA | Horror | 5 mins
Paul Alinas

A young woman quickly realizes that her smart speaker device holds haunting memories from her past. (Texas Film)

What Would You Do?

USA | Drama | 21 mins
Alexander English and Veronica Kelly
When a heartbroken widow comes face to face with the one who murdered her husband, she is faced with a moral dilemma.

Morgan

USA | Drama | 12 mins | Texas Premiere
Travis Patten

Morgan Bose just broke up with her girlfriend, and her night is only going to get worse. (Texas Film)

Dust to Dust

USA | Drama | 10 mins
India Opzoomer

Four estranged siblings process the unexpected death of their mother. After their father locks himself in his room, the siblings find themselves stranded in a state of limbo in their empty family home. With no food, water, or emotional support these kids have to decide whether to come together as a family to complete their mother's final wish or go their separate ways. (Texas Film/Student Film)

Boppie

USA | Drama | 6 mins | Texas Premiere
Ethan Gueck

In an attempt to avoid the harsh realities of his grandpa's imminent death, Stevie sets out to recreate some of his Boppie's perfect pictures. (Texas Film/Student Film)

Curtain Call

USA | Drama | 18 mins | World Premiere
Christian Jacob Ramón

In a competitive high school theatre program, a passed-over high school senior finds herself overshadowed by a precocious freshman. Mired in jealousy, she must come to terms with the fact that she isn't as talented as she wants to be. (Texas Film)

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HISTORIC NIMITZ BALLROOM
SHORT BLOCK 2

Lesser Works

USA | Drama | 5 mins

Abbie Bergman and Madelyn Day

A thief enters an art gallery, steals a piece of art and events unfold.

(Texas Film/Student Film)

Breaking Silence

USA | Documentary | 19 mins

Amy Bench and Annie Silverstein

A Deaf activist and his formerly incarcerated daughter build new bonds through their experience in the criminal justice system. (Texas Film)

(S)hit Squad

USA | Comedy | 8 mins

Johnathan Brownlee

Two hitmen, one with irritable bowel syndrome, face complications during their latest assignment. (Texas Film)

From Dreams to Dust

Indonesia/USA | Documentary | 9 mins

Texas Premiere

Muhammad Fadli and

Stephanie Tangkilisan

Pola, a nickel miner and family man from Indonesia risks his life daily to feed his family, abandoning his dreams for the sake of his children's future. For the last decade, his village has been transformed from an idyllic fishing village to a dusty red earth for the sake of the mineral nickel. Nickel is in everything the modern person uses, but it's the key component in renewable batteries used in electric cars, which are marketed as green. Through Pola's eyes, we see the dark side of green technology, paid for by Pola and his village.

El Gato Feo

USA | Drama | 15 mins

Daniel Fabelo

Fleeing the violence of Pancho Villa's revolution, a widow finds refuge with a unit of female freedom fighters known as soldaderas...only to discover her estranged sister among them. (Texas Film)

In the Water

USA | Drama | 10 mins | Texas Premiere

Drew Highlands

While hooking up at a party, two high schoolers unearth a dark secret leading to an unexpected catharsis.

Supermarket Affairs

USA | Dramedy | 15 mins

Hang Luong Nguyen

A Vietnamese immigrant mother and daughter in the U.S. argue over how to honor the late patriarch as they shop for his second death anniversary, and inadvertently involve a handsome stranger at the local Asian supermarket. (Texas Film/Student Film)

THURSDAY, JUNE 1 | 7:00 PM
HISTORIC NIMITZ BALLROOM
DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

Presented by Pedernales Cellars

The Lady Bird Diaries

USA | Documentary | 100 mins

Dawn Porter

A groundbreaking documentary film that uses Lady Bird's audio diaries to tell the story of one of the most influential and least understood First Ladies in history. (Texas Film)



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FRIDAY, JUNE 2 | 12:00 PM
GREAT HALL AT HOFFMAN HAUS
DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

Juneteenth: Faith & Freedom

USA | Documentary | 75 mins

Ya'Ke Smith

A Black American is troubled by the legacy of American slavery and the misuse of Christianity to justify it. He travels throughout Texas and discovers how the Juneteenth holiday reveals the faith that empowered the formerly enslaved and their descendants to fight for freedom in an often unjust society. (Texas Film)

HCFF NOTES: Screenwriter Rasool Berry and producer Mary Beth Minnis will be in attendance.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2 | 12:00 PM
HISTORIC NIMITZ BALLROOM
SHORT BLOCK 3

HIJO

USA | Drama | 33 mins

Oscar Perez-Chairez

A teenage Mexican immigrant struggles with his identity as he slowly assimilates into American culture despite his mother's growing disapproval of his change. (Texas Film)

Fear - A Dance Short Film

USA | Drama | 5 mins

Gemini Davis and Naveen Tan

Lucy finds herself struggling with fear. Fear has been with her all her life. It keeps her safe from disappointment, and she finds comfort in it. However, it starts to engulf her, and eventually, she reaches a tipping point. (Texas Film)

The Problem with Time Travel

USA | Sci-Fi/Comedy | 15 mins

Mike Kearby

A young woman visited by two time-travelers is shocked to learn that in matters regarding climate change, humans will never change, even when presented with facts that would push their species to extinction.

Written in Ink

USA | Drama | 6 mins

Cordelaine Kline

A man hangs a noose, feeds his cat, and starts writing his suicide note, but his pen runs out of ink. (Texas Film)

Double Take

USA | Drama | 10 mins | Texas Premiere

Eli Canter

When Cam and Wally get into an Uber, their night spirals out of control. (Student Film)

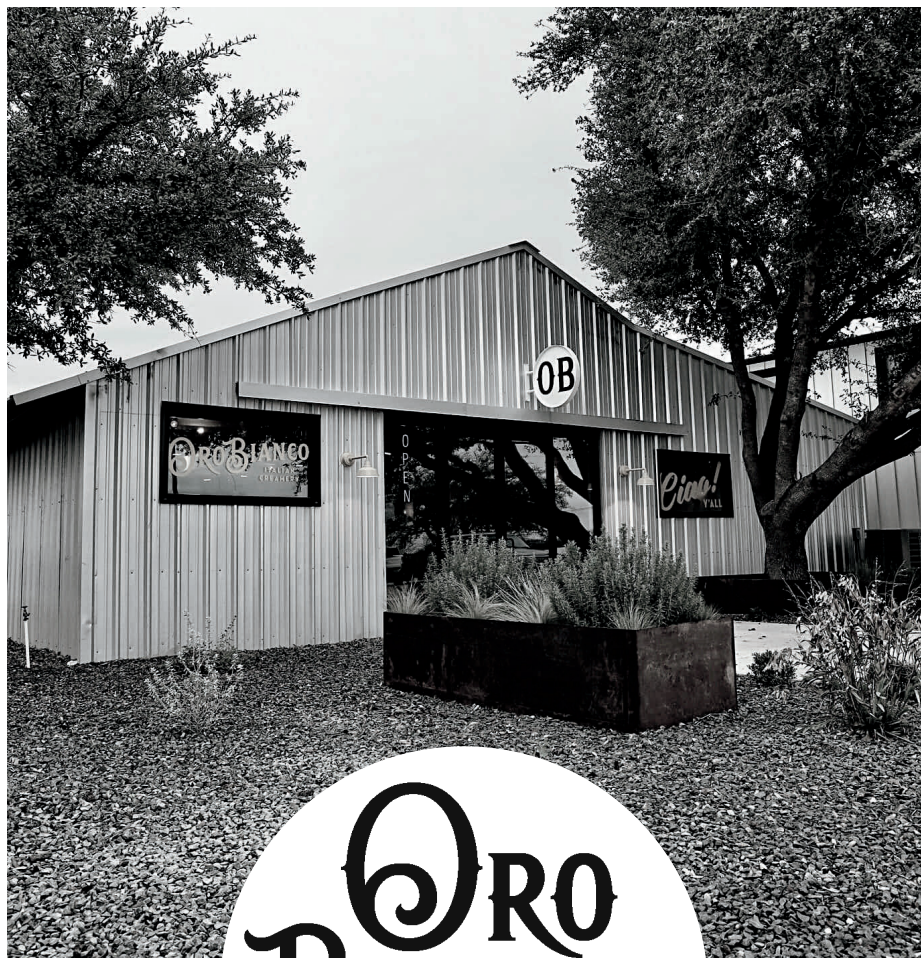
Batsies

USA | Documentary | 14 mins

Texas Premiere

Elizabeth Unger

An experimental doc, examining a woman's tender relationship with an animal that's quintessentially feared and loathed – the bat. Our protagonists, Sara Weaver and Sarah Fritts, are best friends and high-level bat researchers at Texas State University. These ladies have a wicked sense of humor, they curse like sailors, they're covered in tattoos, and consider themselves outliers within a male-dominated field. We follow their journey as they conduct cutting-edge bat research throughout rural Texas. (Texas Film)



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GREAT HALL AT HOFFMAN HAUS
SHORT BLOCK 4

The Art of Tennis

USA | Comedy | 3 mins | World Premiere
Marshall Copous
An intimate observation of a beautiful sport.
(Texas Film)

A Thousand Times a Day

USA | Drama | 16 mins
Chantelle James
After the tragic loss of her four-year-old son, a woman struggles to forgive her brother who was taking care of him the night of the accident. (Texas Film)

A Boat for My Brother

USA | Documentary | 15 mins
Matthew Boyd
After the tragic death of his little brother, Johnnie Oberg sets out to put on a Viking funeral in his honor, an ode to their late father's Scandinavian heritage. A custom-built boat, handmade flaming arrows, and a California lake steeped in childhood memories sets the stage to make this wistful last wish a reality.

Social AnnXiety

USA | Comedy | 7 mins | Texas Premiere
Jason C. Brown
Everyone loves a party. For Annie, a social gathering is an opportunity to live out every worst-case scenario before stepping foot through the door. Really, what's the worst that could happen?

Girlfight

USA | Dramedy | 4 mins
Ava Smith
Two girls get in an argument after a mishap at a party that twists their friendship into a new direction. (Texas Film/Student Film)

Savage Dawn

Australia/USA | Drama | 10 mins
Texas Premiere
Tamiah Bantum
Tom Havis' life has been torn apart by a mysterious killer. Out for revenge, he stumbles upon a young woman whose secrets may just be the answers to his hunt.

Garage Sale

USA | Drama | 12 mins | World Premiere
Alison Week
Two sisters must decide what to keep and what to let go of after the devastating loss of their mother, a borderline hoarder.

Strings

USA | Drama | 13 mins
Rodrigo Moreno-Fernandez
Penny would sell her soul for a chance to be the world's greatest axe player. Turns out....someone is ready to buy.
(Texas Film)

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FRIDAY, JUNE 2 | 2:15 PM
HISTORIC NIMITZ BALLROOM
SHORT BLOCK 5

New Shoes

USA | Drama | 18 mins | Texas Premiere
Thommy Kane and Bojan Vanovac
Young Tristan desperately needs new shoes, but his mother struggles between feeding her drug addiction and providing for her child.

Mother Fucker

USA | Drama | 8 mins
Justin Arnold
A fed up young mother scrambles to surmount a neighborhood rascal.
(Texas Film)

Mahogany Drive

USA | Comedy | 13 mins | Texas Premiere
Jerah Milligan
Three Black men on vacay soon realize the house that they're staying in is killing white women.

GOBLIN

USA | Dramey | 8 mins
Jenny Ward
Set in 1990s Portland, OR in a low-income neighborhood nicknamed by the locals: Felony Flats, two sisters grapple with the death of their mom in different ways.

Grey Horse

USA | Documentary | 11 mins
Emil Lozada
Samuel Grey Horse, an Indigenous equestrian from Austin, Texas, is known for rescuing horses from being put down. After a riding accident lands him in a coma, Grey Horse experiences an afterlife vision that changes his perspective on the world and his place in it. (Texas Film)

Chukkers

Spain | Drama | 12 mins
North American Premiere
Manuel Ramos
Two teenagers, facing everyone, will defy the old-fashioned social rules to play in a Polo Club.

Green Water

USA | Drama | 16 mins
Carlos Estrada
College bound Erik must learn to take care of his younger sister Nora after their undocumented mother goes missing.
(Texas Film/Student Film)



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**FRIDAY, JUNE 2 | 4:30 PM
GREAT HALL AT HOFFMAN HAUS
DOCUMENTARY FEATURE**

***Presented by the
San Antonio Film Commission***

Oklahoma Breakdown

USA | Documentary | 91 mins
Christopher Charles Fitzpatrick

Mike Hosty is a comedic one-man band legend who can do things on stage that few entertainers in the world, if any, could pull off in a live setting. A cover version of his song "Oklahoma Breakdown" reached #1 in a genre that few associate him with. This documentary explores why a legend of the underground didn't chase the limelight when he could have been a millionaire. (Texas Film)

HCFF NOTES: Director Christopher Fitzpatrick will be in attendance.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 2 | 4:30 PM
HISTORIC NIMITZ BALLROOM
NARRATIVE FEATURE**

I Like Movies

Canada | Comedy | 99 mins
Texas Premiere
Chandler Levack

Socially inept 17-year old cinephile, Lawrence Kweller, gets a job at a video store where he forms a complicated friendship with his older female manager.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 2 | 7:00 PM
HISTORIC NIMITZ BALLROOM
NARRATIVE FEATURE**

Deadland

USA | Drama | 92 mins
Lance Larson

U.S. Border Patrol Agent, Angel Waters, makes a routine apprehension that will haunt him forever. (Texas Film)

HCFF NOTES: Director Lance Larson, producers Elizabeth Avellan and Tara Parina, ghost writer David Norman will be in attendance.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 3 | 12:15 AM
HISTORIC NIMITZ BALLROOM
SHORT BLOCK 6

You are Me & I am You

Ecuador/USA | Documentary | 15 mins
Melissa Kirkendall

Carmen Cumba, an indigenous midwife in the High Sierras of Ecuador who despite many hardships and obstacles, has dedicated her life to helping the women of her community both as an Ancestral medicine practitioner and as an advocate for equality for her fellow midwives in Ecuador. (Texas Film)

Misprint

USA | Thriller | 20 mins | World Premiere
Adam Volerich

When a reformed criminal receives a cry for help from his former partner in crime, he finds himself back in the game with no way out but through.

WÜM

USA | Comedy | 13 mins
Anna Margaret Hollyman

Bennett, a recently escaped Manhattanite and nonbinary choreographer, joins an Upstate New York, Mommy Group called, WÜM, in an attempt to navigate their life as a new parent to their baby, Edie. What is supposed to be a supportive space turns into a Hipster-Stepford-wife pile on, with Bennett being smothered in the middle of white lady "wokeness." (Texas Film)

Credit

USA | Drama | 15 mins | Texas Premiere
Patrick Kirton and Susan Kirton
An aging, once-major movie star contemplates his relevance in Hollywood. He meets a young mega popstar in a story of personal redemption.

Looking Back

USA | Dramedy | 9 mins
Michael Charron

George gets more than he bargained for when he discovers a ghost living in the backup camera of his new car. (Texas Film)

Passing Through

USA | Drama | 19 mins | Texas Premiere
Erica Alexandria Silverman

A young woman connects with her hedonistic father in the most unlikely of places - a hospice facility in trashy paradise, South Florida. (Texas Film)

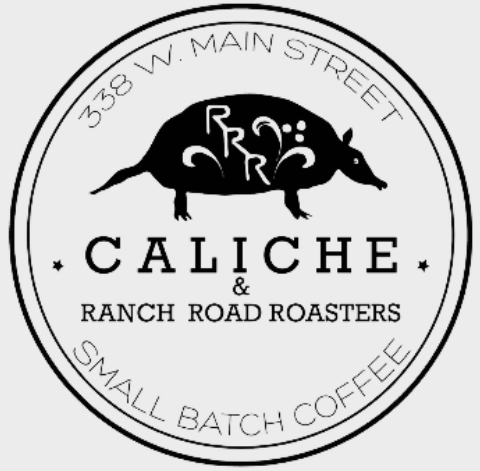
SATURDAY, JUNE 3 | 2:15 PM
GREAT HALL AT HOFFMAN HAUS
NARRATIVE FEATURE

GOOD EGG

USA | Comedy | 101 mins | Texas
Premiere
Nicole Gomez Fisher

A high school drama teacher, after failed attempts at in vitro fertilization to conceive a child, is forced to consider an unconventional egg donor scenario that plunges her into a dangerous and exhilarating adventure with her husband.

HCFF NOTES: Director Nicole Gomez Fisher will be in attendance.



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SATURDAY, JUNE 3 | 2:30 PM
HISTORIC NIMITZ BALLROOM
SHORT BLOCK 7

Presented by Pedernales Cellars

Breakfast To Go

USA | Comedy | 4 mins

Ronald Short

A woman prepares a beautiful quiche on a lovely, sunny morning. Everything seems perfect until her day is ruined by a harsh reality check. (Texas Film)

Call Me Mommy

USA | Comedy | 13 mins

Haley Alea Erickson and

Taylor Washington

A pedantic mother-to-be hires a stranger to role-play as her unborn daughter. (Texas Film)

I Have No Tears, and I Must Cry

USA | Drama | 13 mins

Luis Fernando Puente

Maria Luisa is ready to escape immigration limbo, but when her Green Card interview takes an unexpected turn, she faces the anxiety of losing the life she had planned.

No Matter What

USA | Drama | 10 mins

Christopher James Thompson

An intimate exploration of mental health and its impact on a relationship. (Texas Film)

The Singing Telegram

USA | Dramedy | 13 mins | Texas Premiere

Nic Cory and Eddie Grey

A beleaguered singing telegraphist is stuck performing humiliating telegrams for his eccentric clients until one customer forces him to wake up and face the music.

Chipper

USA | Drama | 20 mins | Texas Premiere

Shaun MacLean

After receiving a mysterious letter, a wayward son returns to his childhood home to wrestle with a dark family secret.

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**SATURDAY, JUNE 3 | 4:45 PM
HISTORIC NIMITZ BALLROOM
DOCUMENTARY FEATURE**

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Cowboy Bourbon

USA | Documentary | 79 mins
World Premiere
Chet Garner and Daniel Mecey

"Never tell a Texan he can't do something, because he just won't stop; he's like a dog with a bone then..." - Chuck Cowdery, Whiskey Writer. When Dan Garrison founded Garrison Brothers Distillery in the mid-2000's, everyone told him that making bourbon whiskey in Texas was an impossible dream. Bourbon was on the decline, and beyond that, could only be made in the state of Kentucky. Dan proved everyone wrong... Cowboy Bourbon tells the unlikely tale of how a small distillery in the heart of Texas Hill Country ignited a nationwide movement in craft distilling. It's the story of grit, determination, and refusing to compromise on the singular goal to make the best bourbon whiskey in the world. (Texas Film)

HCFF NOTES: Directors Chet Garner and Daniel Mecey will be in attendance.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3 | 4:45 PM
GREAT HALL AT HOFFMAN HAUS
NARRATIVE FEATURE**

Match Me If You Can

USA | Comedy | 105 mins
Marian Yeager

When an online matchmaking service rejects her as "unmatchable," a quick-witted programmer's rant makes her an internet sensation...and puts her on a romantic collision course with the equally-nerdy man who runs the company that rejected her. (Texas Film)

HCFF NOTES: Director Marian Yeager and producer Monica Lund will be in attendance.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3 | 7:00 PM
HISTORIC NIMITZ BALLROOM
NARRATIVE FEATURE**

Chocolate Lizards

USA | Dramedy | 103 mins
Mark Lambert Bristol

Presented by Pedernales Cellars

After blowing his first big acting job in New Orleans, Harvard-educated Erwin Vandevener finds himself stranded in Buffalo Gap, Texas, where he is taken under the wing of irrepensible, almost-bankrupt, oil driller Merle Luskey, who sees Erwin as his "Savin' Angel." The two set off on a crazy fun-filled adventure to outwit the bank, the sheriff, and a corrupt oil company in a frantic race to hit pay dirt before Merle's dreams are foreclosed. (Texas Film)

HCFF NOTES: Director Mark Lambert Bristol, cast members, and crew will be in attendance.

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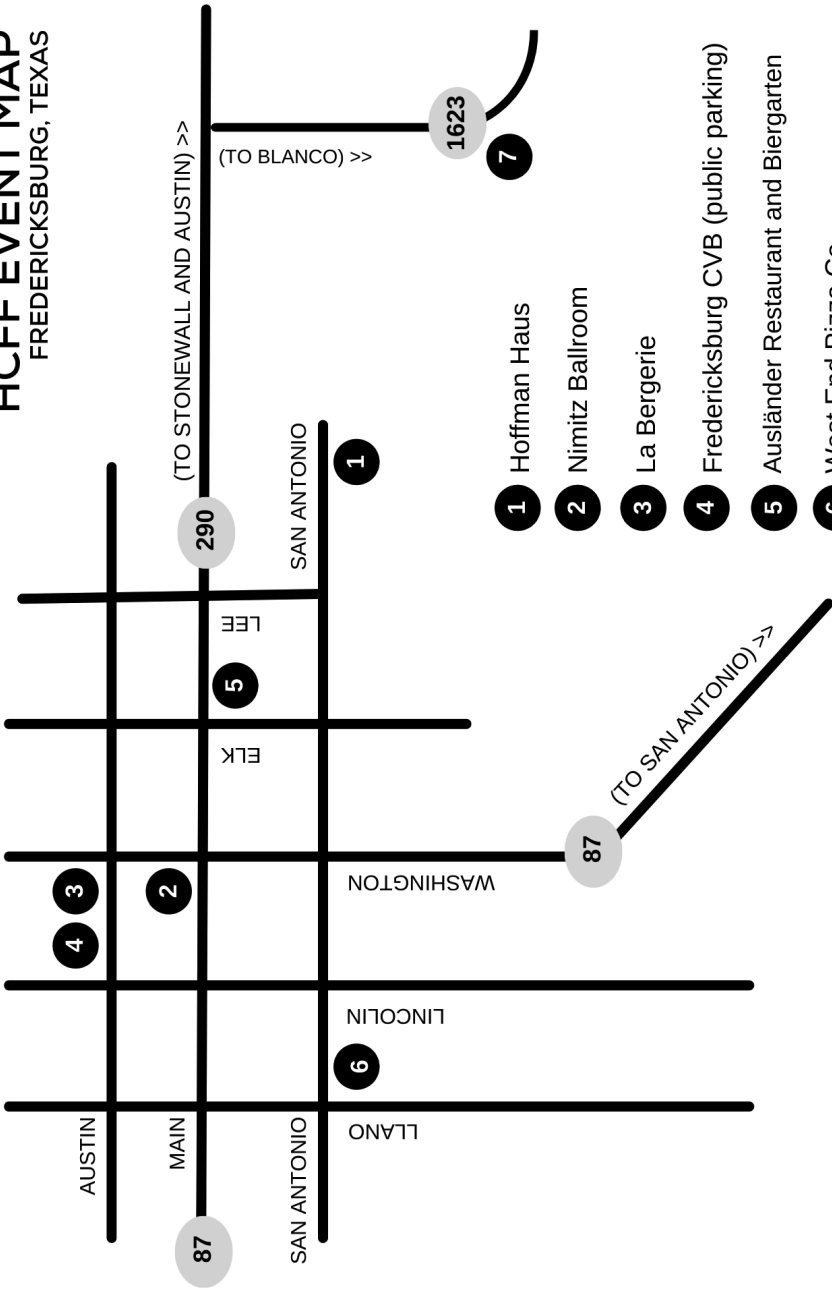
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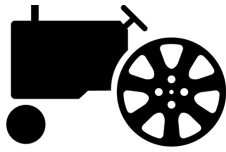
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