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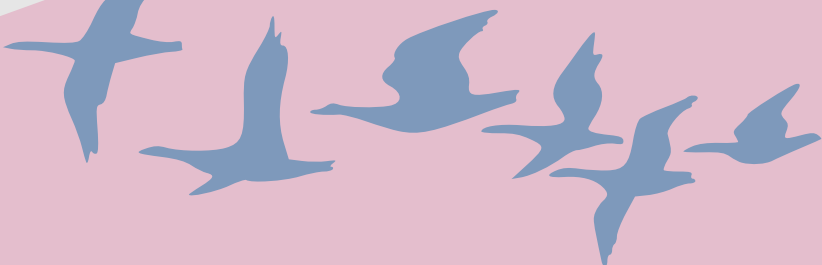
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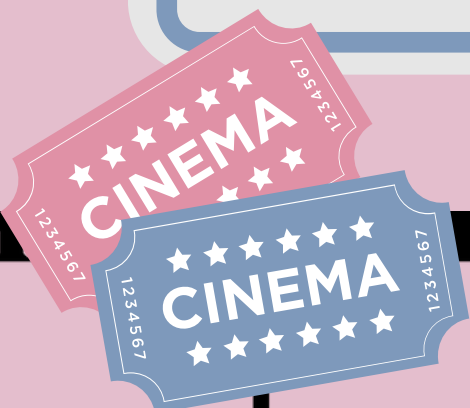


STARLING FILM FESTIVAL

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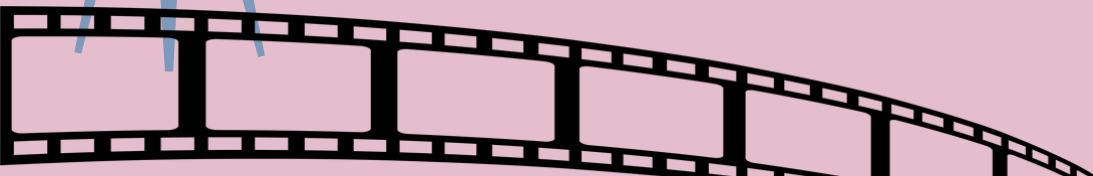
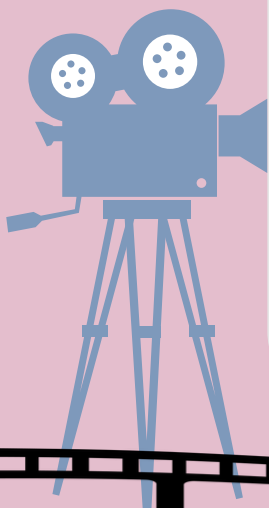


WHAT'S ON!



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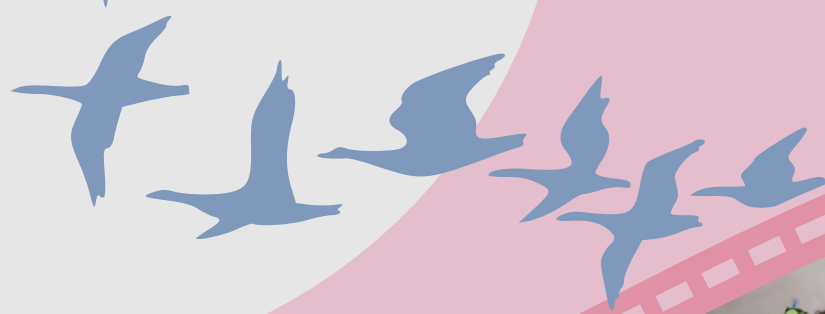
- ▶ **Mon Oct 28:** Festival opens! Our selected films will be available to stream for the entire week via our website.
- ▶ **Tues Oct 29:** Film club at *The Light Cinema, New Brighton*. This month's film is *Drag Me To Hell* (Dir. Sam Raimi)
- ▶ **Weds Oct 30:** Filmmaker Q&A. Want to find out more about our films? Don't worry we've got you covered as we host an array of Q&A's with various filmmakers!
- ▶ **Thurs Oct 31:** Mystery horror screening at *The Pavilion, The Ridings*. We're giving you the chance to see a quality horror film - but we're not going to tell you what it is! **Fancy dress encouraged.*
- ▶ **Fri Nov 1:** Networking event at *Glen Affric Brewery, Birkenhead*. Come and meet local filmmakers, actors & other creatives at our networking night.
- ▶ **Sat Nov 2:** In person screening at *The Light Cinema, New Brighton*. We will be screening 15 of our selected films at an in person event!
- ▶ **Sun Nov 3:** Awards + Closing ceremony at *The Pavilion, The Ridings*. We conclude our festival with an in person awards ceremony. A zoom link will also be available closer to the date.



ABOUT THE EVENT

Founded in 2021, **Starling Film Festival** aims to support filmmakers from all backgrounds and skills. Created by alums of **Liverpool John Moores University**, Starling Film Festival is a home grown film festival that continues to grow yearly. With films being shown both online and in person, whether you are our next door neighbor or halfway around the world, we want you to be part of our murmuration events.





ABOUT THE EVENT

Starling Film Festival is ecstatic to announce its highly anticipated lineup for the 2024 festival. This year's festival promises diverse films, events, and opportunities for filmmakers and audiences to connect. The festival will feature **47 films**, both online and in person, showcasing a blend of established filmmakers and emerging talent.



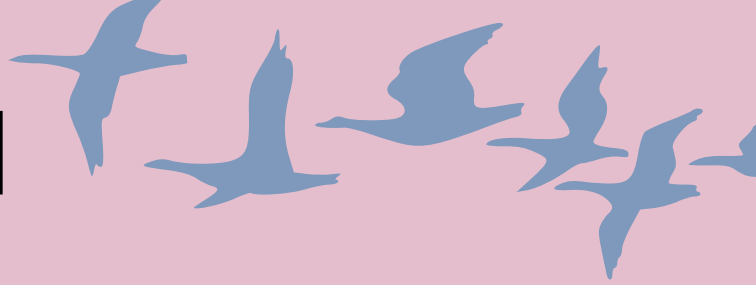
AWARDS



This year's awards include:

- **The Starling Film Festival Awards:** one prize awarded for each category, we have a stellar panel of judges who will be picking the most award worthy film from each of our categories.
- **The Murmuration Award:** this is our audience prize! We will be asking our online audience to vote for their favourite film. Online voting will go live on **October 28th** and stay open for the duration of the festival.
- **The Aviary Audience Award** will be awarded to one of the 15 films selected to be screened. The winner for this award will be selected by those who attend our in person screening on **November 2nd**.
- **The Michael Flynn Award** will be awarded to a film for its outstanding achievements in the field of cinematography.
- And finally, the very exciting **Golden Feather Award** for excellence in film, sponsored by **Mad As Birds Films**. The winner will receive a trophy, a small cash prize, and a free mentor session with Mad As Birds Films.

ANIMATION



SCREENED FILMS:

BIRD DRONE

🕒 8:55



DIR. RADHEYA JANG JEGATHEVA
COUNTRY: AUSTRALIA

A heartfelt story of unrequited love explored through a lonely seagull struggling to accept that his newfound object of affection is a human-operated drone with a limited battery life.

DOKRA KEU BOJHEY NA

🕒 7:44



DIR. SNEHA DAS, MONJIMA MULLICK
COUNTRY: INDIA

Dokra Keu Bojhey Na (Incomprehensible Dokra) is an animated documentary that explores the perils that the 4000 year old craft of Dokra faces in West Bengal, India.

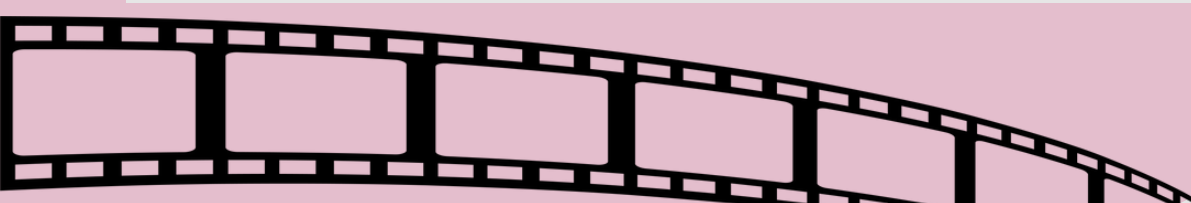
FATHER'S MOUNTAINS

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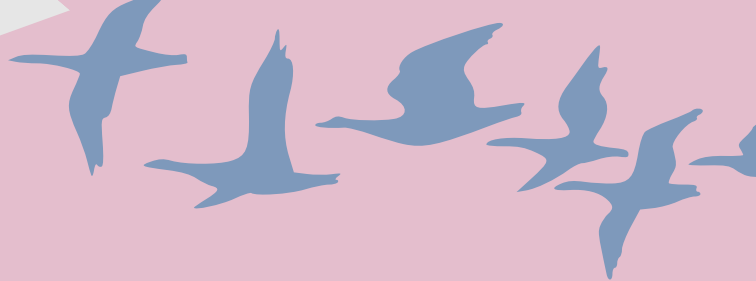


DIR. XIAOJUN TAN
COUNTRY: CHINA

A poignant tale about home as belonging, which explores the profound metaphorical significance of father and mountain.



ANIMATION



ONLINE FILMS:



PENUMBRA

🕒 2:15

DIR. RIANNE STREMMELAAR
COUNTRY: NETHERLANDS

NANI'S KITCHEN

🕒 3:55

DIR. MEERA RALHAN
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

RIBBONS

🕒 4:55

DIR. JULIA SIECZKOWSKA
COUNTRY: POLAND

LIGHT HEADED

🕒 3:05

DIR. PIA ALM
COUNTRY: FINLAND

WE'RE ALL INVOLVED IN THIS

🕒 6:28

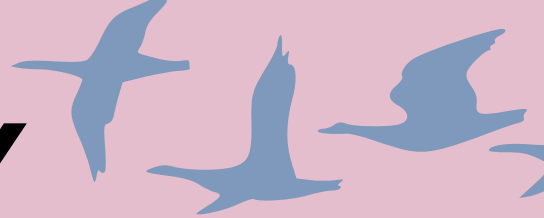
DIRS. ARGENIS NUNES, MERÍCIA LUCAS
COUNTRY: PORTUGAL

GOOD NIGHT

🕒 2:19

DIR. LU REN
COUNTRY: CHINA

DOCUMENTARY



SCREENED FILMS:

THE BIRDWATCHERS

🕒 13:41



DIR. THOMAS WINWARD
COUNTRY: UNITED KINGDOM

What does it mean to be a birdwatcher? Four women challenge the stereotype and share their love, passion, and fears in the world of birding.

MISSING FOOTSTEPS

🕒 9:50



DIR. DANIEL SOUSA
COUNTRY: PORTUGAL

Portuguese Cobblestone is one of the biggest symbols of Portugal culture: is an icon of engineering, pride and a stone in the shoe of urban mobility.

BARBETTE + FONTAINE

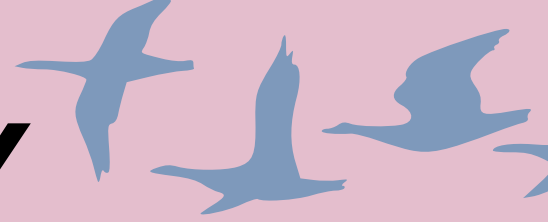
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DIRS. JOHN-CARLOS ESTRADA, ZAK ZEH
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

A century apart, two drag icons unite through art, resilience, and a shared legacy of self-expression and freedom. Leading the cast is Cynthia Lee Fontaine of RuPaul's Drag Race.

DOCUMENTARY



ONLINE FILMS:



ACT AS IF...

🕒 7:15

DIR. NOAH BERLOW
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

ART. IS. REMEDY.

🕒 9:05

DIR. ISMAIL WASFI
COUNTRY: UNITED KINGDOM

CASA

🕒 12:23

DIR. JOSE MANUEL ALVES SERRA
COUNTRY: UNITED KINGDOM

SOCCABILITY

🕒 10:00

DIR. COBY ARGENT
COUNTRY: UNITED KINGDOM

FRAGMENTS

🕒 8:30

DIR. MARIE-LOU BÉLAND
COUNTRY: CANANDA

HORROR



SCREENED FILMS:

THE SPACE ON THE EARTH

🕒 13:59



DIR. MASSIMO BULGARELLI
COUNTRY: ITALY

Italy. 60's. On a spring night the radio announces that something dangerous has come to earth. Something from outer space.

A REAL PAIR

🕒 6:15



DIR. ED WILLEY
COUNTRY: UNITED KINGDOM

Tony and Archie, best friends and sci-fi fanatics rent out a funky apartment for a weekend on the town, but their host has other plans.

CHATEAU SAUVIGNON: TERROIR

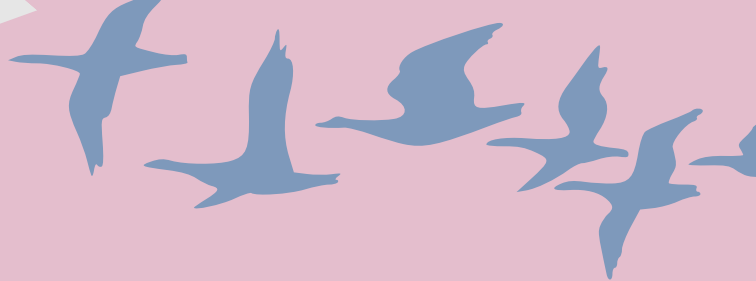
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DIR. D.M. NIGHT MAIRE
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

Chateau Sauvignon: terroir' follows the isolated adolescent son of a storied vintner family who finds himself torn between obeying his father's callous restrictions and preventing his ailing mother from deteriorating further.

HORROR



ONLINE FILMS:



CYCLE

🕒 7:01

DIR. MATIN MANOUCHEHRI
COUNTRY: ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN



VIGILIA (VIGIL)

🕒 5:40

DIR. JUAN MARTÍNEZ
COUNTRY: SPAIN



THIRTY2

🕒 8:18

DIR. TIM LUNA
COUNTRY: GERMANY



I'M PREGNANT WITH TIME HERE

🕒 5:00

DIR. MOHAMMAD HASANI
COUNTRY: ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN



NOT A WAITRESS

🕒 12:19

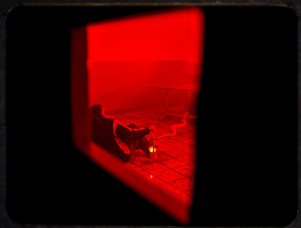
DIRS. MEHDI FARZAN
COUNTRY: ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN



CARNE (MEAT)

🕒 6:24

DIR. ANA MAESTRE
COUNTRY: SPAIN



DEVIL'S REFLECTION

🕒 9:17

DIRS. KAMRAN MOHAMMADI, SAHAR MIRZAEIANFAR
COUNTRY: ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

STUDENT



SCREENED FILMS:

DRIFT



DIR. CLARA DIET
COUNTRY: BELGIUM

🕒 10:42

Robin is an 8-year-old boy who has only ever lived in a foster home. One day, he sets off alone in search of his mother and compares his quest to that of a tortoise.

10

🕒 1:16



DIR. FARYAD KHOSRAVYANI
COUNTRY: IRAN

A father who reports 90 minutes of live football for his son.

MY ROCKSTAR

🕒 12:49



DIRS. STEPHANIE WILLIAMS, GRAHAM NORTHROP
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

A gripping short film based on true events. It follows Amanda on her quest to become a rockstar while navigating her father's battle with opiate addiction.

STUDENT



ONLINE FILMS:



BREAKING THE STIGMA

🕒 14:59

DIR. HERLAMBANG HASHEMI
COUNTRY: INDONESIA

ROADKILL JAMBOREE

🕒 5:51

DIR. MEGHAN G GRAHAM
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

A NIGHT OF DEATH

🕒 5:46

DIR. CHRISTOPHER CHASE AUZENNE
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

HAZR

🕒 4:38

DIR. SOHAIB KARAMI
COUNTRY: ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

BLIND DATE

🕒 2:00

DIR. JASMINE CARPENTIER
COUNTRY: CANANDA

FICTION



SCREENED FILMS:

FORTISSIMO

🕒 14:53



DIR. VICTOR CESCA
COUNTRY: FRANCE

Guy, a pianist passionate about his music, sees his life turned upside down when the church where he officiates takes in a mysterious little girl.

BULLY

🕒 9:14



DIR. MARTIN STOCKS
COUNTRY: UNITED KINGDOM

A dinner party goes off the rails when the host suspects a surprise guest is his childhood bully.

EAR

🕒 14:59



DIR. MAHTAB AKBARI, NIMA SHABANNEJAD
COUNTRY: ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

In a small village, men are not permitted to touch women even if they are doctors.

FICTION



ONLINE FILMS:



PAGES BLANCHES

🕒 14:43

DIR. STÉPHANE MARTINET
COUNTRY: FRANCE

BLOOD SNOW

🕒 12:15

DIR. HOSSEIN ALIJANNEZHAD
COUNTRY: ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

AUTOPORTRAIT

🕒 2:20

DIR. MARIE POUPINET
COUNTRY: FRANCE

RESEMBLANCE

🕒 12:39

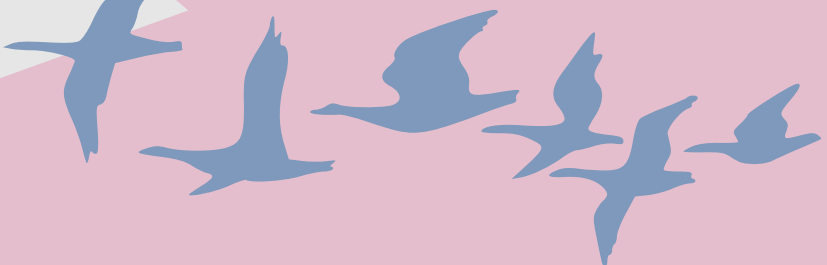
DIR. MAHDI MARVDASHTI
COUNTRY: ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN



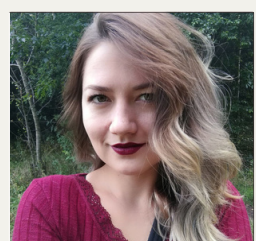
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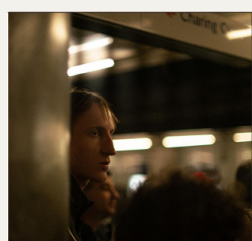
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ANIMATION



JITKA NEMIKINSOVÁ

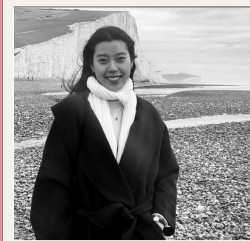


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DOCUMENTARY



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SUMMER DOAN

STUDENT



AXEL FERNANDEZ



MÁTÉ PAPP

FICTION

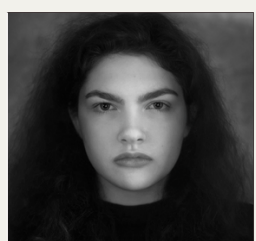


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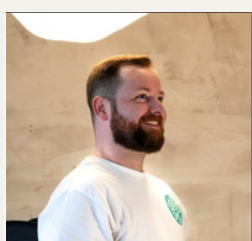


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SHORT FEATURE FILM

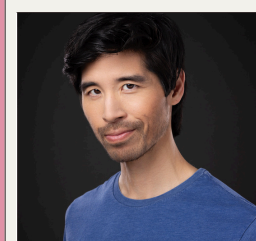


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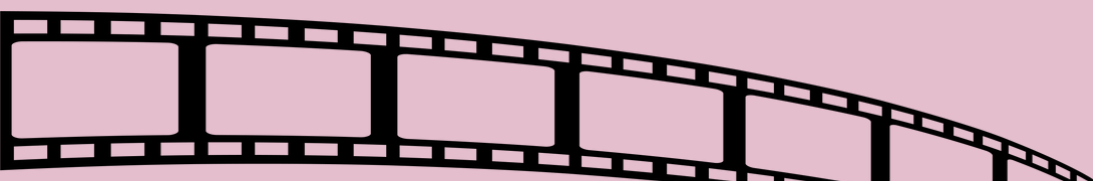


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HORROR



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SEE YOU IN 2025

Thank you to our amazing audience members for joining us in making The Starling Film Festival a success.

We will be back for year 4 of the event in 2025.

More information will be available on our website and social media found below.



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