

## **Student Session #1 (Saturday 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. - Port Theater)**

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### **See Saw**

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6 min

Directed by: Diego Attanasio

A spoof of the Saw films, a few victims are asked to partake in some tests to save their lives. What will happen to them; escape, or death?

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### **The Tragic Self-Improvement of Ross Lawson**

Student Short

18 min

Directed by: Jolie Hales

Upon discovering that anything he types into his online social profile becomes reality, high school reject Ross Lawson begins to transform his life into the one he's always wanted... but with a price.

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## Student Session #2 (Saturday 11:00 – 1:00 - Port Theater)

### Business As Usual

Student Short

16 min

Directed by: Dominique Schilling

Executive Celia Webster suffers a miscarriage, 3 hours before the most important business presentation of her career.

### Le Paradis de l'Imbecile

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A school mascot stops speaking after being forced into retirement.

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## [The Kid's Session \(Saturday 1:00 – 3:00 - Port Theater\)](#)

### Short Film – TBD

#### The Riddle in a Bottle

Documentary

30 min

Directed by: Laura Sams and Robert Sams

Two siblings must solve a mysterious riddle about the ocean, with help from sea turtles, tide pool animals, frogs and a singing pirate. Filmed over two years, the film uses vivid wildlife footage (both underwater and on land) and original music to share how life on earth is connected through moving water.

#### The Making of Riddle in a Bottle

Documentary

11 min

Directed by: Laura Sams and Robert Sams

See how this brother-sister duo made this amazing film.

## [The Made in West Michigan Session \(Saturday 3:00 – 5:00 - Port Theater\)](#)

#### Multilevel Relationship

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#### To Live and Die in Dixie

Feature

1 hr 25 min

Directed by: Harper Philbin

Inspired by a true story about a murder on a college campus in Louisiana in 1987.

## [The Best of Shorts \(Saturday 6:30 – 8:30 - Port Theater\)](#)

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## [Documentary Session #1 \(Saturday 10:30 – 12:30 - Starboard Theater\)](#)

### Lake Village

Documentary

49 min

Directed by: Ryan Booms

Lake Village tells the incredible story of an intentional community in Kalamazoo. Founded in 1971, Lake Village was once a 'hippie commune' but is now a thriving farm cooperative. Originally inspired by B.F. Skinner's novel *Walden Two*, the farm is an ongoing experiment on how to cultivate community in harmony with the earth. Capturing feelings of nostalgia and pathos for our rural past while also offering a promising vision of the world's future, the film is a must-see for anyone passionate about eating local foods and fostering community.

### Craftsman Style

Documentary

54 min

Filmmaker: Dave Muylle

'Craftsman Style' tells the story of Dave Muylle, a veteran home-rehabilitation contractor turned citizen-filmmaker, and his two year journey to restore a former drug house in his neighborhood into a new home for his family. Best described as 'This Old House' for regular people, this documentary provides an account of the work done by Dave and his fellow craftsmen.

## [The Nobody Session \(Saturday 12:30 – 2:30 - Starboard Theater\)](#)

### Respect for the Dead

Short Film

14 min

Directed by: Jim Idema

This is the story of a man on death row who ponders his upcoming demise and the circumstances that landed him there with a seemingly imaginary newspaper reporter.

### Nothing to Nobody

Feature

1 hr 26 min

Directed by: Arie Ohayon

A compelling drama set in the Dominican neighborhoods of upper Manhattan, *Nothing to Nobody* tells the story of Alfonso Raul, a tortured young man with the soul of a poet. After having served an eighteen-month prison sentence, he is determined to change his destiny, to embrace the omnipotent American Dream and regain his elusive freedom. But can he? Freedom doesn't always start when a jail door opens.

## [The Orange Chair Session \(Saturday 2:30 – 4:30 - Starboard Theater\)](#)

### It's Him

Short Film

4 min

Directed by: Sean Stearns

A 'self portrait' dealing with human perception and truth.

### Already Happened

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### Release

Short Film

3 min

Directed by: Sean Stearns

A short dance piece dealing with the weight of media marketing, advertising, etc.

### How I Killed Mumblecore (Now I Know)

Feature

1 hr 10 min

Directed by: Brandon Hutchinson

Devin has a difficult time letting people in. Benjamin, her boyfriend is in... or is he? When Benjamin refuses to answer a silly question at a silly party, Devin just can't let it go... she needs to know.

## **Documentary Session #2 (Saturday 4:30 – 6:00 - Starboard Theater)**

### **Caught in Paint**

Short Documentary

6 min

Directed by: Rita Blitt

'Caught in Paint' captures painter/sculptor Rita Blitt painting on transparent surfaces while the David Parsons Dance Co. dance in mid-air thru the painting imitating Blitt's paint strokes. Photographer Lois Greenfield shoots dynamic stills during process.

### **Live From Bethlehem**

Documentary

37 min

Directed by: Joe Sousa

Out of the ashes of the second Intifada, the Maan News Agency came into existence as the only independent news network in the Palestinian Territories. Live from Bethlehem is a feature documentary that tells the story of how journalists from the Maan Network have declared independence from hate-filled propaganda and are revolutionizing media in the Palestinian Territories.

### **More Than 100 Miles: Riding to Cure Diabetes**

Documentary

45 min

Directed by: Thomas Scheidel

A century ride is a remarkable accomplishment for any cyclist. When those 100 miles are completed in support of a notable cause and important people in one's life, an event of epic proportions is born. This film tells the story of one West Michigan team as it prepares for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Ride to Cure Diabetes events in Asheville, North Carolina and Death Valley, California.

## **Bro-mance Session #1 (Saturday 6:00 – 8:00 - Starboard Theater)**

### **ROUNDS**

Feature

1 hr 40 min

Directed by: Mark Atienza

Life... everybody gets a round. A chance to get it right! Friendships are what defines people. Rounds follows Jensen, Terry and Will the best of friends, on the journey to find the thing we all look for...seeking out our path and finding love along the way.

## **Bro-mance Session #2 (Saturday 8:00 – 10:00 - Starboard Theater)**

### **The Truth About Average Guys**

Feature

1 hr 22 min

Filmmaker: Ken Gayton

A young professional has his shameless friend pose as his mentally challenged brother in order to get to know a beautiful co-worker with a mentally challenged sister. A politically incorrect comedy with heart.

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### **50 States**

Short Film

12 min

Directed by: Caity Birmingham

'50 States' is the story of 12-year-old Jane and her father Charlie, who must get to know each other better as they travel together across the Midwest.

### **Bunny Suits**

Short Film

25 min

Directed by: Collins Schude

Gene stumbles home visibly distraught, inebriated and unhinged by the absence of his wife who has yet to return from a party. In his fragile and manic state Gene calls his friend and mentor, Don, for advice.

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## **Documentary Session #3 (Sunday 1:00 – 3:00 - Port Theater)**

### **The Stump Grinder**

Short Documentary

11 min

Directed by: Nick Nummerdor

The Stump Grinder is a documentary short about a working class man reflecting over an on-the-job accident that happened to him thirty years prior and the unusual consequences that resulted.

### **COMING HOME: E.F. Schumacher & the Reinvention of the Local Economy**

Documentary

37 min

Directed by: Christopher Bedford

In 1973, British economist E.F. Schumacher wrote “Small is Beautiful: Economics as if People Mattered” a book that offered a vision of an economy driven by a desire for harmony, not greed; an economy based on community and ecological values, not global financial derivatives. The E.F. Schumacher Society has transformed Schumacher’s ideas into a series of practical innovations, reinventing much of the local economy of Great Barrington, Massachusetts and southern Berkshire County in the process.

### **The Dark Side of the Loon**

Documentary

42 min

Directed by: Gail Osherenko

The wild call of the loon captivates those of us who spend time on northern lakes and pond, but when the ice forms, they are out of sight and out of mind. Where do they go in winter? How do they survive? The Dark Side of the Loon follows two unique biologists who study loons in winter off the coast of North Carolina and in Morro Bay, California.

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Short Film

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Directed by: Adam Shephard

Despondent after the death of his wife, a man's days are spent in a secluded spot watching the river. But a woman who has been his and his wife's best friend since they were children will try to bring him back to the living and, if she can, to her.

### **The Predator's Return**

Short Film

14 min

Directed by: Jerald Fine

What if the newest resident of your nursing home was the same Nazi officer that murdered your entire family 60 years earlier?

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### **The Muchachos Frescos**

Short Film

19 min

Directed by: Jose Gomez

The Muchachos Frescos are back! This musical, mock-documentary explores the rise and fall of a youthful boy band, while documenting their reunion, twenty years after their one, and only song, debuted.

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### The Notorious Newman Brothers

Feature Film

1 hr 26 min

Directed by: Ryan Noel

The film the mafia wish never got made! Gangsters have been covered before, but never like this! Join Max Chaplin, one of films most inexperienced directors, as he struggles to document Paulie and Thunderclap Newman on their ascension to mobster mediocrity.

## [The Punk Session \(Sunday 11:30 – 1:30 - Starboard Theater\)](#)

### Messenger

Documentary

26 min (*The Punk Session*)

Directed by: Gary Beeber

Take a ride with Kamikaze, New York City's most legendary bike messenger and world class character. Be part of the action and learn the street wisdom he's gleaned about work, women and the meaning of life from his 25 years on NYC's streets.

### MOMz Hot ROCKs

Documentary

1 hr 30 min

Directed by: Kate Perotti

MOMz HOT ROCKs is a feature length music documentary on the emergence of mom rock bands around the United States, 2004-2007. Introducing the Mydols, Housewives on Prozac, Placenta, CandyBand and Frump, they'll rock your socks off and give a new twist to modern motherhood.

## [The Patsy Session \(Sunday 1:30 – 3:30 - Starboard Theater\)](#)

### Surprise!

Foreign Short (*in French, with English subtitles*)

18 min

Directed by: Fabrice Maruca

As an attentive husband, Pierre has prepared a surprise for his wife Brigitte's birthday. But a series of harmless incidents (like a draft and a sun beam reflected off a window) brings the young next-door neighbor into his bed just as Brigitte walks through the door!

### Patsy

Feature

1 hr 31 min

Directed by: Anton Jarvis

The only connection between one thing and the next is that one thing leads to the next. The film, 'Patsy', is a darkly humored psychological thriller, shown through the delusional eyes of Lenny. Lenny is a thirty something clothing store owner who is entertained by his colorful co-workers, Skip and Carl, yet is suicidal, obsessive and desperate to find a significant other.

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### Coffee Shop Kings

Feature

1 hr 30 min

Directed by: Jason Slingerland

Solving the world's problems, one cup at a time. It's the dead of winter in a Great Lakes beach town, and Seth has just been dumped by his girlfriend of two years. While walking the icy streets he makes his way into a hometown coffee shop and runs into his estranged best friend, Kevin. As they pick up the pieces to their derailed friendship, Kevin introduces Seth to the underground of a hibernating beach town.

## [The Life Session \(Sunday 5:30 – 7:30 - Starboard Theater\)](#)

### The Cab Ride

Short Film

33 min

Directed by: Giuseppe Scarpitta

An aimless young cab driver, against his will, transports a terminally ill woman to a hospice to live her final days. En route we are witness to their generational differences and how their journey unfolds to create an astounding influence in each of their lives.

### Lost And Gone Forever

Feature

1 hr 21 min

Directed by: Keaton Weiss

A week in the life of a lonely young waitress whose familial, professional, and romantic relationships are tested to their breaking points.