The 9th Annual CHERRY REEL Film Festival

APRIL 19th
Dopejoy Hall

2024
A Message from
ASUNM Southwest Film Center

Welcome to The 9th Annual Cherry Reel Film Festival!
Our team is stoked to have you here to see these wonderful films
and to celebrate with friends!

The Cherry Reel Film Festival started as a small celebration in the Student Union Theatre in 1996, showing UNM Student films on 16mm and 35mm format. Since then, the festival has grown from a celebration to an achievement and honor in the UNM and NM Filmmaking community, garnering the name “Cherry Reel” in 2015. The festival represents the heart and passion of the student filmmaking community at UNM and is the first step for many great filmmakers to make their name known. This year, we are incredibly blessed to host this event in Popejoy Hall, a venue fitting the outstanding quality of these films.

Cherry Reel 2024 could not be possible without the support of ASUNM, The Albuquerque Film Office, The UNM Film Department, and most importantly you. Thank you for supporting student works and joining a community movement of collaborative creatives. We hope you enjoy the festival!

Sincerely,

ASUNM SOUTHWEST FILM CENTER

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Marketing Director: Cassie Kaplan
**Limn**
A day in the life of an artist who makes pieces inspired by things that he sees throughout the day.
4 minutes 20 seconds
Music Video

Davin Lee

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**McCormick**
When a young caregiver is asked to take care of an elderly woman she makes the most spine-chilling discovery of her life.
12 minutes 7 seconds
Narrative

Jaydin Martinez

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**Honey Bee**
A stop motion, cut paper animation.
1 minute 22 seconds
Animation

Ella Campbell

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**Ducky and Bun vs. The Moral of the Story**
Ducky and Bun follows its titular characters as they destroy themselves in the pursuit of the things they think they want because they cannot have.
4 minutes 26 seconds
Animation

Addison Fulton
Contact (The Band)
A documentary short diving into the world of independent punk music in Albuquerque, NM with the focus on the punk band "Contact." 7 minutes 41 seconds
Documentary

Hive Mind
Two ex-lovers see each other for the first time in weeks at an HIV testing.
.8 minutes 47 seconds
Narrative

Diana & The Dryad
A mixed media piece that looks at the relationship between artist and creation, along with unique retellings of queer characters in myths.
5 minutes 16 seconds
Animation

Between Borders
When the war in Ukraine breaks out, Haris and two of his colleagues take a bus from Haris’ company and drives it to the border to deliver emergency aid and transport refugees from war to a safe harbor in Denmark.
14 minutes 52 seconds
Documentary

Cole Velasquez
Ryan Beane
Erica Fish
Josephine Bellaiche
And So, My Heart Became a Void
Deep in the desert, a lost and haunted survivor hallucinates her past battles and the death of her lover.
5 minutes, 26 seconds
Music Video
Sophie Carlberg

Cornucopia
A woman goes over to her new boyfriend’s apartment for an annual “Friendsgiving” dinner.
19 minutes, 49 seconds
Narrative
Sam Fleig

INTERMISSION
15 minutes

Aye Bruh
Two roommates struggle to adapt to a newfound bathroom problem, will they find a way in the face of adversity?
1 minute, 35 seconds
Narrative
Kyle Crist
A Lesson in Fistory
13 minutes 42 seconds
Narrative
Paolo Serino

Pictures of Places
5 minutes 3 seconds
Music Video
Hawkins Mosley

Diary Entry 204
A recounting of a dairy entry written by a heartbroken man.
4 minutes
Experimental
Bryant Staff

When the Grief Sets In
An experimental short film exploring transgender grief and resiliency in our current climate.
3 minutes 24 seconds
Experimental
Wren Hartley
Be Good, Stay Safe
A horror film following an indigenous college student who receives a warning from the Deer Lady of imminent danger.
10 minutes 1 second
Narrative
Aiyana Shuler

Mother
A non narrative film about the relationship between womanhood and nature.
5 minutes 45 seconds
Experimental
Laura Olona

Sweltering Heat
Set in a broiling coffee plantation somewhere far below the US border, a husband’s life falls apart after having stolen money from his employer.
14 minutes 45 seconds
Narrative
Nata Aguilar

Pipe Dreams
The story of a Chinese man’s sacrifice for his children, working alongside his father in a plumbing business.
7 minutes 36 seconds
Documentary
Asiana Lee
Festival Events

A Discussion with
4/18 Q-Bipoc UNM Film Students  SUB Theatre  6:30pm

4/19 The Cherry Reel Film Festival  Popejoy Hall  6pm

4/20 Networking Panel  Woodward Hall  12pm

4/20 Table Read  SUB Theatre  6pm
Selected Scripts:

- BUGMAN  by Jack Higgins
- Bottom Out  by Trin Moody
- Gutters & Glory  by Phillip Henshaw
- Tusky Driver  by Joseph Greenberg
- An Andy Chapter  by Kyle Crist
- Bad Aftertaste  by Juan Camilo Gomez
- Spinsters Ridge  by Sophie Carlberg
- Eros & Clay  by Suchada M. El-Amin