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«C» Block story (Saturday 8/6/2019, 18:00-20:00)

Directed by Cristian Nemescu



Synopsis

Madly in love with Monika, a neighbor of his, Andrei a shy teenager, calls to an erotic phone line to find out how he could seduce a girl in the elevator. Elevator love stories in the outskirts of Bucharest...

Technical data

Fiction, Color, Duration: 14' 18'', Year: 2002

A Night in Tokoriki (Friday 7/6/2019, 22:00-00:00)

Directed by Roxana Stroe



Synopsis

In an improvised night club called "Tokoriki" the whole village celebrates Geanina's 18th birthday. Her boyfriend and Alin will give her a most surprising gift, one that nobody will ever forget.

Technical data

Fiction, Color, Duration: 17' 59'', Year: 2016

A Short Film About Voyeurism (Sunday 9/6/2019, 18:00-20:00)

Directed by Eugen Dediu



Synopsis

A young photographer follows a girl on the streets of the city.

Technical data

Fiction, B/W, Duration: 4' 30'', Year: 2017

Alazia (Saturday 8/6/2019, 20:00-22:00)

Directed by Cristian Pascariu



Synopsis

Being diagnosed with cancer, Ema's life is fading away. As a last resort, her friends take her to a shaman, who uses some eccentric musical methods and invocations. During the uncanny experience with shaman Gyuri, she realizes it's already too late and the only thing left for her is to enjoy life.

Technical data

Fiction, Color, Duration: 11' 26", Year: 2018

AMERICA (Saturday 8/6/2019, 18:00-20:00)

Directed by George ve Gänæaard & Cucută Horia



Synopsis

Frederik's attempts at creating the safest place possible, where he is protected by his lovely walls in a room filled with guns. A story of uNRaveling.

Technical data

Fiction, Color, Duration: 1' 59", Year: 2019

Art (Saturday 8/6/2019, 22:00-00:00)

Directed by Adrian Sitaru



Synopsis

After a casting session, two filmmakers agree that they had found the perfect 14 years old girl to star in their new movie. Now, they have to convince the reluctant mother to let her daughter play the role of a sexually abused child. What follows is a witty argumentation on proper parenting and on the abuses and sacrifices made in the name of great works of art.

Technical data

Fiction, Color, Duration: 18' 48", Year: 2014

[As up to now](#) (Friday 7/6/2019, 20:00-22:00)

Directed by Katalin Moldovai



Synopsis

Hope is what brings us forward. All the characters in the movie –the main character Margit, and her daughter Judit– become part of a hope giving lie. Margit suffers from a serious skin cancer, but her daughter arranges that her mother be treated. She goes to the treatments alone, and her life become more active and the relationship with her daughter seems to get better.

Technical data

Fiction, Color, Duration: 23' 07", Year: 2018

[BUCHAREST - WIEN 8:15 am](#) (Sunday 9/6/2019, 18:00-20:00)

Directed by Cătălin Mitulescu



Synopsis

5 o'clock in the morning. Niki gathers all that he finds valuable in his house. His wife and child are asleep. He intends to go in Germany. He has a passport to work illegally. He leaves with Cretu, his childhood friend. Together it will be easier. Their way is far more difficult than they imagined.

Technical data

Fiction, B/W, Duration: 13' 02", Year: 2000

[Derby](#) (Saturday 8/6/2019, 22:00-00:00)

Directed by Paul Negoescu



Synopsis

Mircea has a 15-year-old daughter whose boyfriend is invited to dine with the family. He arrives earlier and they go to her bedroom. While watching TV, Mircea can hear his daughter moaning from her room. The dinner starts and Mircea finds out that the boyfriend supports a different football team.

Technical data

Fiction, Color, Duration: 14' 32", Year: 2010

[disAbilities](#) (Saturday 8/6/2019, 22:00-00:00)

Directed by Alin Duruian



Synopsis

We get acquainted with Andrei (Micul Gigant) who suffers from spastic paraparesis and we get to see him fighting every day for progress. He has an online community he spends most of his time with.

Technical data

Documentary, Color, Duration: 08' 50", Year: 2019

[Dying from a Wound of Love](#) (Friday 7/6/2019, 22:00-00:00)

Directed by Iulia Rugină



Synopsis

This is the evening when Andrei and Maria will hear Angela Similea's song for the last time. Because this is the evening when they each decided they are going to die. From a wound of love.

Technical data

Fiction, Color, Duration: 22' 35", Year: 2014

[Emergency Landing](#) (Sunday 9/6/2019, 18:00-20:00)

Directed by Gábor Loránd



Synopsis

With the Master's degree finished in Philosophy and unable to find a job, Alex moves Back from Bucharest to his parents in Resita.

Technical data

Fiction, B/W, Duration: 19' 06", Year: 2017

[Everything is far away](#) (Saturday 8/6/2019, 18:00-20:00)

Directed by Emanuel Pârvu



Synopsis

An affectionate mother and her younger son travel a long distance to pay a surprise birthday visit to his older brother. But he doesn't show up. A humble story about the troubles and dilemmas unconditional mother's love can bring upon itself.

Technical data

Fiction, Color, Duration: 14' 56", Year: 2018

[Family portrait](#) (Saturday 8/6/2019, 18:00-20:00)

Directed by Teodor Mirea



Synopsis

Gabi, a former army engineer, is dating a woman found on Tinder for the first time in his life. At this meeting, Gabi has the surprise to be presented to Maria's family as her fiancé.

Technical data

Fiction, Color, Duration: 14' 51", Year: 2018

[Horses don't die on a dog's wish](#) (Sunday 9/6/2019, 18:00-20:00)

Directed by Cristian Radu



Synopsis

Romanian poet Nichita Stănescu tells us about a peculiar phone call he received a few days before.

Technical data

Animation, Color, Duration: 01' 28", Year: 2017

Insectarium (Friday 7/6/2019, 20:00-22:00)

Directed by Andreea Dobre



Synopsis

One day a man decides to keep track of every single emotion he experiences.

Technical data

Experimental, Color, Duration: 02' 35", Year: 2016

Offstage (Saturday 8/6/2019, 18:00-20:00)

Directed by Andrei Huțuleac



Synopsis

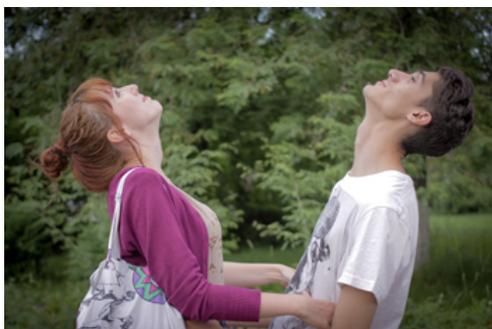
A famous Romanian actor is kidnapped by the obsessed mother of a young man.

Technical data

Fiction, Color, Duration: 25' 16", Year: 2017

Sunny rain (Saturday 8/6/2019, 20:00-22:00)

Directed by Andrada Botezatu



Synopsis

A highschool boy has a crush on a girl in his class, but it's not clear whether she likes him back or she's just playing. A love story between two teens with their heads in the clouds and opposite views on love who are having trouble communicating.

Technical data

Fiction, Color, Duration: 12' 37", Year: 2015

[The Best Customer](#) (Saturday 8/6/2019, 20:00-22:00)

Directed by Serghei Chiviriga



Synopsis

Kruchowsky family owns a funeral home. One day, an old man orders twelve funerary wreaths with sympathy messages for many relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Kruchowsky become suspicious and start to investigate this potential cold-blooded assassin.

Technical data

Animation, Color, Duration: 12' 10", Year: 2017

[The Christmas Gift](#) (Saturday 8/6/2019, 20:00-22:00)

Directed by Bogdan Mureşanu



Synopsis

A son's letter to Santa for Christmas turns his father's evening into a thriller he did not ask for. On the 20th of December, 1989, a few days after Ceausescu's bloody repression in Timisoara, a father's quiet evening turns to sheer ordeal as he finds out that his little son has mailed a wish letter to Santa. As the kid understood, his father's desire was to see Ceausescu dead.

Technical data

Fiction, Color, Duration: 23' 09", Year: 2018

[The cork justifies the means](#) (Sunday 9/6/2019, 18:00-20:00)

Directed by Mihai Ionescu



Synopsis

A citizen, while on his way home, falls into a manhole with no hatch – it had been stolen. His beer belly blocks him; he finds himself half inside the hole and hands in the pockets. Patiently and full of hope, he is waiting to be rescued, but the circumstances he's going through prove to be exhausting for the other characters. Our "cork-man" lives his own dramatic incident officially in front of the eyes of the others.

Technical data

Fiction, Color, Duration: 29' 37", Year: 2015

[The gift](#) (Saturday 8/6/2019, 22:00-00:00)

Directed by Dumitru Grosei



Synopsis

A kid gets a pair of binoculars as a Christmas gift, but what he wants more is to go hunting with his father.

Technical data

Fiction, Color, Duration: 17' 30", Year: 2014

[The little hero](#) (Friday 7/6/2019, 20:00-22:00)

Directed by Elena Ciolacu



Synopsis

On a beautiful spring day, just after the rain has stopped, a little boy tries to convince his ever-busy mother to go out and play together. Disappointed by her rejection, he goes out on his own, but the whimsical appearance of a butterfly sets him out on an imaginary adventure to rescue his mother from the tedious prison of work and worries.

Technical data

Animation, Color, Duration: 5' 05", Year: 2018

[The Pill of Happiness](#) (Friday 7/6/2019, 20:00-22:00)

Directed by Cecília Felméri



Synopsis

Revenge. Feels so good. Are you ready to pay the price for it?

Technical data

Fiction, Color, Duration: 12' 09", Year: 2012

The Wedding Bouquet (Friday 7/6/2019, 22:00-00:00)

Directed by Matei-Alexandru Mocanu



Synopsis

At a Gypsy mafia wedding, politicians, businessmen, and the secret police sit down to cut a deal involving European Union funds. A short film about organized crime, corruption, politics, and money laundering in present day

Romania.

Technical data

Fiction, Color, Duration: 24' 21", Year: 2018

There's nothing in this world (Friday 7/6/2019, 20:00-22:00)

Directed by Andreea Vălean



Synopsis

Two old friends reconnect after a long time. One is a sketchy bar manager, the other, an art designer with a huge poker debt. Their lives couldn't be more different. But is their childhood bond strong enough for forgiving a

missed wedding and carrying out a promise to a dead father?

Technical data

Fiction, Color, Duration: 10' 44", Year: 2015

Village Fashion (Sunday 9/6/2019, 18:00-20:00)

Directed by Ibolya Simó



Synopsis

The still waters of a village in the middle of nowhere is disturbed by the arrival of a woman. After initial feuds local wives try to reconquer their husbands with the help of the new-comer, a cosmopolitan fashion designer.

Technical data

Fiction, Color, Duration: 21' 40", Year: 2018

Wedding Duet (Friday 7/6/2019, 20:00-22:00)

Directed by Goran Mihailov



Synopsis

Two lovers. A great day. Everything should be perfect.

Technical data

Fiction, B/W, Duration: 19' 08", Year: 2011

Written / Unwritten (Saturday 8/6/2019, 20:00-22:00)

Directed by Adrian Silișteanu



Synopsis

Outside a maternity ward, a Roma family is announced their underage daughter has just had a baby girl. Pardică (50) doesn't seem to celebrate the moment; he is very displeased with this early pregnancy, for which he blames his wife. However, things become even tenser when a hospital employee asks them to sign some papers and discovers issues related to their IDs and their status as parents of the underage new mother. The imminent danger of state authorities separating them from their daughter determines Pardică to take action.

Technical data

Fiction, Color, Duration: 19' 36", Year: 2016

FIRST STEPS OF FAMOUS ROMANIAN DIRECTORS

[A trip to the city](#) (Saturday 8/6/2019 at 22:00)

Directed by Corneliu Porumboiu



Synopsis

A beautiful morning, the need of the internet of a little village and the toilet that the mayor's wife is crying for, bring together the computer passionate teacher and the mayor's driver for a little trip to the city. A trip starting from an old obsolete mode of life and pointing to a new

world outlook.

Technical data

Fiction, Color, Duration: 19' 15", Year: 2003

[Cigarettes and Coffee](#) (Friday 7/6/2019 at 20:00)

Directed by Cristi Puiu



Synopsis

An old man enters a restaurant in Bucharest. He takes a seat at a table where a younger man who looks like he could be a successful businessman is already eating a dessert. Their conversation revolves around a job opening for the older man, who has been out of work for

two years. However, if you want work these days, it's no good coming empty handed. Even if it's your son who's doing the employing.

Technical data

Fiction, Color, Duration: 12' 55", Year: 2004

[Fragile](#) (Saturday 8/6/2019 at 20:00)

Directed by Doru Nițescu



Synopsis

What can happen during an ordinary day in a peaceful neighborhood from Bucharest, Romania? The answer is simple: something extraordinary!

Technical data

Fiction, Color, Duration: 07' 58", Year: 2000

[Gone with the wine](#) (Sunday 9/6/2019 at 18:00)

Directed by Corneliu Porumboiu



Synopsis

A young man's attempt to flee the misery of his alcoholic villagers.

Technical data

Fiction, Color, Duration: 09' 13", Year: 2002

[Mariana](#) (Friday 7/6/2019 at 18:00)

Directed by Cristian Mungiu



Synopsis

Four aspects of love involving people connected among them by the invisible waves of love and radio.

Technical data

Fiction, Color, Duration: 15' 45", Year: 1997

[The apartment](#) (Saturday 8/6/2019 at 18:00)

Directed by Constantin Popescu



Synopsis

A string of events connects several people surrounding an apartment building one morning in this wordless Romanian comedy short.

Technical data

Fiction, Color, Duration: 20' 27", Year: 2004

[The only lion from the zoo](#) (Friday 7/6/2019 at 22:00)

Directed by Ovidiu Georgescu



Synopsis

Through his attempt to get his girlfriend back, a young artist named Maei is disturbing their "bohemian" party. In the end, he is "putting" them where he feels it is right for them to be. Did they possibly get what he actually meant?

Technical data

Fiction, Color, Duration: 11' 00", Year: 1997

SPECIAL TRIBUTE
"HEALTH AND INSURANCE SYSTEM"

[Art Therapy project "Mimi muzicali" \(Romania\)](#)

(Sunday 9/6/2019, 20:00-22:00)

Directed by Cristian Pascariu



Technical data

Video, Color, Duration: 02' 30", Year: 2015

[Art Therapy project "750 de flori 750 de zambete" \(Romania\)](#)

(Sunday 9/6/2019, 20:00-22:00)

Directed by Cristian Pascariu



Technical data

Video, Color, Duration: 3' 49", Year: 2015

[Alazia \(Romania\)](#) (Sunday 9/6/2019, 20:00-22:00)

Directed by Cristian Pascariu



Synopsis

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Technical data

Fiction, Color, Duration: 16' 37", Year: 2017

[Garden & Schnaps \(Austria\)](#) (Sunday 9/6/2019, 20:00-22:00)

Directed by Amelie Loy



Synopsis

The stubbornness with which my grandmother repots the flowers and applies the stone paths at an outdoor temperature of 30° Celsius is equivalent to the stubbornness with which she opposes her cancer with self-determination.

Garden & Schnaps tries to catch the nuances between autonomy and displacement and tells about the (im)possibilities to escape oneself.

Technical data

Animation, Color, Duration: 12' 06", Year: 2013

[disAbilities \(Romania\)](#) (Sunday 9/6/2019, 20:00-22:00)

Directed by Alin Duruian



Synopsis

We get acquainted with Andrei (Micul Gigant) who suffers from spastic paraparesis and we get to see him fighting every day for progress. He has an online community he spends most of his time with.

Technical data

Documentary, Color, Duration: 08' 50", Year: 2019

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goes to the treatments alone, and her life become more active and the relationship with her daughter seems to get better.

Technical data

Fiction, Color, Duration: 23' 03", Year: 2018

[Orphan Drugs \(Greece\)](#) (Sunday 9/6/2019, 20:00-22:00)

Directed by The Storytelling Gene



Synopsis

What are the orphan drugs and why do they cost a fortune? We approach the issue of orphan drugs and the commercialization of health, on the occasion of a patient case from the hostels of unaccompanied minors of NGO PRAKSIS.

Technical data

Documentary, Color, Duration: 08' 54", Year: 2018

[Zak Kostopoulos: Positive story \(Greece\)](#) (Sunday 9/6/2019, 20:00-22:00)

Directed by Dimitris Papathanassis & Kyriakos Chatzimichailidis



Synopsis

The late Zak Kostopoulos who was member of the NGO "Positive Voice" presents his point of view on the documentary "DISQUISITION ABOUT HIV"

Technical data

Documentary, Color, Duration: 15' 00", Year: 2010

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