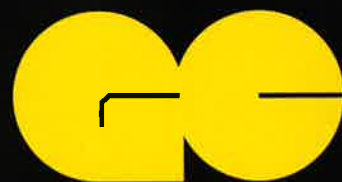


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2010 / Panu Aree / Thai w/ subtitles / Thailand
New York premiere / Documentary / Desi spotlight, music, Documentary / 73 mins
The story of artists and their humble, homegrown art that puts a human face on the troubled image of Islam.



Beatles Stories

2010 / Seth Swirsky / English / USA / East Coast premiere
Documentary / Local Talent, music/ 80 mins
Seth Swirsky grew up in Great Neck, N.Y., in the 1960s, a huge fan of The Beatles. Wanting to get closer to them than their music could take him, he set out, in 2005, to film people who had a story about themselves and the Fab Four. 110 interviews later, the result is Beatles Stories.



The Best and The Brightest

2009 / Josh Shelov / English / USA / comedy / Narrative
Comedy / 93 mins
Set in the world of New York City's elite private kindergartens, "The Best and the Brightest" centers on a fresh-faced young couple, Samantha and Jeff, who have only recently moved into town. The comedy centers on their dawning realization of the lengths they must go to in order to get their five-year-old daughter into school.



Bob and the Monster

2011 / Keirda Bahruth / English / USA / Long Island premiere / Documentary / Local Talent, music, / 86 mins
A compelling portrait of outspoken indie-rock hero Bob Forrest, from his life-threatening struggle with addiction to his transformation into one of the most influential and controversial drug counselors in the US today.



Chasing Madoff

2010 / Jeff Prosserman / English / USA / New York premiere / Documentary / 91 mins
"Chasing Madoff" is the compelling story of Harry Markopolos and his team of investigators ten-year struggle to expose the harrowing truth behind the infamous Bernard Madoff scandal.



Chess Kids

2011 / Lynn Hamrick / English / USA
World Premiere / Documentary / 80 mins
Chess prodigies compete in a World Youth Tournament. Featuring Josh Waitzkin (the real-life subject of the film, Searching for Bobby Fischer) pitted against Judit Polgar (the best female player of all time), Chess Kids gives audiences a gender bender look at the sport. A companion follow-up piece revisits these former prodigies two decades later.



Crime After Crime

2011 / Yoav Potash / English / USA / Long Island premiere / Documentary / 93 mins
"Crime After Crime" is the exclusive documentary film on the legal battle to free Debbie Peagler from prison after over two decades behind bars for her role in the murder of the man who abused her.



Fambul Tok

2011 / Sara Terry / English, Krio / USA / New York premiere / Documentary / 82 mins
Victims and perpetrators of Sierra Leone's brutal war come together for the first time in tradition-based truth-telling and forgiveness ceremonies. Reviving their ancient practice of "fambul tok", Sierra Leoneans are building sustainable peace at the grass-roots level—succeeding where the international community's post-conflict efforts failed.



The Flaw

2010 / David Sington / English / United Kingdom
New York premiere / Documentary / 82 mins
People all over the world are still struggling with the aftermath of the greatest financial crisis since the Wall Street Crash of 1929. We all know what the effects have been, but what exactly was the cause? "The Flaw" argues that the roots of the crisis lie in the changing relationship between the rich and the rest in American society.



Flowers of Evil (Fleurs du mal)

2010 / David Dusa / French, Farsi w/ subtitles / France
Long Island premiere / Narrative / drama / 98 mins
A rootless love story between Gecko, young and free, and Anahita, an Iranian in exile tangled up in history and steeped in Internet. Anahita is obsessed by the current events in her country and little by little their story is contaminated by history and its breathless medication on the Internet.



Food Stamped

2010 / Shira Potash, Yoav Potash / English / USA
New York premiere / Documentary / 62 mins
"Food Stamped" is an informative and humorous documentary film following a couple as they attempt to eat a healthy, well-balanced diet on a food stamp budget. Winner, Jury Feature Prize at the 2011 San Francisco Independent Film Festival.



Holy Rollers

2009 / Kevin Asch / English / USA / drama / Narrative
Gold Rush, Local Talent, drama, crime / 89 mins
"Holy Rollers" is inspired by actual events in the late nineties when Hasidic Jews were recruited as mules to smuggle Ecstasy from Europe into the United States.



Homecoming (HaShiva Ha Bayita)

2011 / Noa Maiman / Israel / US Premiere
Documentary / Israeli Focus / 60 mins
The quest for identity in modern Israel. Three children of foreign workers who were born in Israel travel to their parents' homelands as they seek out their roots and their own place in the world.



In Camera

2009 / Ranjan Palit / English, Various Languages with subtitles / India / Documentary / Desi Spotlight / 83 mins
In this overview of the career of Ranjan Palit, award-winning documentary cameraman, the filmmaker himself shows us the images and questions that have haunted him throughout his 25-year career.



Infiltration (Hitganvut Yechidim)

2010 / Dover Kosashvili / Hebrew w/ subtitles
Israel / Long Island premiere / Narrative
Books-to-film, Israeli Focus / comedy / 115 mins
Everyone wants to gain entry to Israeli society by serving in the IDF. For some reason, instead of team spirit and cooperation, members of the platoon would rather succeed at one another's expense.



Just Like Us

2010 / Ahmed Ahmed / English / USA / Long Island premiere / Documentary / 72 mins
The director takes us on a hilarious tour from Dubai to Beirut, Riyadh to New York with a gaggle of other stand-up talent. Along the way, taboos of culture and geopolitics are exploded, and a younger generation of both comedy talents and audiences is born.



Limelight

2010 / Billy Corben / English / USA / Long Island premiere
Documentary / 104 mins
As the owner of legendary hotspots like Limelight, Tunnel, Palladium, and Club USA, Peter Gaten was the king of the New York club scene. This exuberant documentary charts Gaten's rise and fall against the transformation of New York City, offering a wild ride through a now-closed chapter in the history of NYC nightlife.



Little Sparrows

2010 / Yu-Hsiu Camille Chen / English / Australia
New York premiere / Narrative / Drama / 88 mins
Three sisters. Nina is widowed with two young children. Anna is an aspiring actress unhappily married to a filmmaker. Christine is a med student who has yet to fully come to terms with her sexuality. When their mother Susan's breast cancer returns, the family is faced with the reality of their last Christmas together.



Lucky

2010 / Gil Cates, Jr. / English / USA / NY Premiere
Narrative / comedy, drama, romantic comedy, dark romantic comedy / 103 mins
It seems like a dream come true when serial-killer Ben Keller wins the Iowa state lottery but for everyone else in his life, it's the beginning of darkly comic nightmare.



Memories in March

2010 / Sanjoy Nag / English, Hindi, Bengali / India
Long Island premiere / Narrative / Desi Spotlight, drama / 120 mins
Siddharth, a 28-year old man, is killed in an accident and his grief stricken mother comes to Kolkata to collect his belongings. Looking through what the young Siddharth has left behind in his home, office and among his friends at the advertising agency he had recently joined, she discovers a son and a life she had not known existed. She finds she must share his belongings and her grief with others he had left behind.



My Afternoons with Marguerite (La tête en friche)

2010 / Jean Becker / French / France / US Premiere
Narrative / Books-to-Film, foreign / 82 mins
My Afternoons With Marguerite is the story of life's random encounters. This is the story of a illiterate and lonely man who bonds with an older and well-read woman.



My Sucky Teen Romance

2011 / Emily Hagins / English / USA / Long Island premiere / Narrative / horror, romantic comedy / 77 mins
In a culture that is currently overrun with romanticized vampires, it is up to four geeky teenagers to defend their friend and beloved sci-fi convention from a group of very real, blood-thirsty vampires.



Naomi (Hitparzut X)

2010 / Eitan Zur / Hebrew / Israel, France / NY Premiere
Narrative / Books-to-film, Israeli focus, drama / 102 mins
Ilan Ben Natan, a 58-year-old Astrophysics Professor, is obsessively in love with his young wife, Naomi. When Ilan discovers that his deepest fears have come true. Naomi has a lover he is unable to control himself. He confronts the lover and commits a horrible act, and the consequences weigh heavily on his conscience.



Old Cats (Gatos Viejos)

2010 / Pedro Peirano, Sebastián Silva / Spanish / Chile
Narrative / black comedy / 89 mins
Isadora, 70s, discovers that her mind is quickly fading. At an apparently relaxed dinner table, she will desperately try to hide her state from her daughter, a demanding woman who awaits any sign of senility in order to take way everything she has.



Outside Industry

2011 / Alan Berg / English / USA / East Coast premiere
Documentary / music, documentary / 82 mins
Chronicling the 25 year span of South by Southwest, the film tells the story of how four guys living on next to nothing created a music event in the hopes of giving bands a way to connect with music insiders. The result was the biggest music industry event in the world.



Page One: A Year Inside The New York Times

2010 / Andrew Rossi / English / USA / Long Island premiere / Documentary / 88 mins
With the Internet surpassing print as our main news source and newspapers all over the country going bankrupt. "Page One: A Year Inside the New York Times" chronicles the transformation of the media industry at its time of greatest turmoil.



Phas Gaye Re Obama

2010 / Subhash Kapoor / Hindi / India / Narrative / Desi Spotlight, comedy / 150 mins
When he loses his wealth overnight and has to vacate his home unless he pays \$100,000 in 30 days, Om Shashtri sees no other option than coming to India to sell a piece of an ancestral property. Within days of landing in India he is kidnapped by a gang those who think that he is still a millionaire.



The Piano in a Factory

2010 / Zhang Meng / Chinese w/ subtitles / China
Long Island premiere / Narrative / music, comedy, drama, romance / 100 mins
When Chen's estranged wife reappears asking for a divorce and custody of their daughter, the musician girl decides she will live with whoever can provide her a piano. Chen's struggle thus begins.



Pray the Devil Back to Hell

2008 / Gini Reticker / English / USA / Documentary
Gold Rush / 72 mins
This award-winning documentary is the first in an upcoming PBS miniseries entitled Women, War & Peace. "Pray the Devil" chronicles the remarkable story of the courageous Liberian women who came together to end a bloody civil war and bring peace to their shattered country - followed by a sneak 10-minute peek of Women, War & Peace.



Rafting to Bombay (Rhapsoda le-Bombay)

2009 / Erez Laufer / English, Hebrew / Israel / Long Island premiere / Documentary / Desi spotlight, drama / 71 mins
"Rafting to Bombay" is the story of how 5 year old Nahum and his mother escaped the Nazis in Poland, crossed Europe by train and sailed on a raft on the Tigris River until they reached the exotic and fascinating India of monkeys, elephants and Rajas.



Rejoice and Shout

2009 / Don McGlynn / English / USA / Long Island premiere / Documentary / music / 115 mins
"Rejoice and Shout" traces the evolution of Gospel through its many musical styles: the spirituals and early hymns, the four-part harmony-based quartets, the integration of blues and swing into Gospel, the emergence of Soul, and the blending of Rap and Hip Hop elements.



Revenge of the Electric Car

2011 / Chris Paine / English / USA / Long Island premiere
Documentary / 90 mins
In 2006, as many as 5,000 modern electric cars were destroyed by the major car companies that built them. Today, less than 5 years later, the electric car is back... with a vengeance.



Roadie

2010 / Michael Cuesta / English / USA / Long Island premiere / Narrative / Local talent, music, drama / 96 mins
After 20 years of touring, a roadie for Blue Oyster Cult returns home to his mother's house in Queens. Here he is forced to decide whether to continue to live in the past, or plunge into a very uncertain future.



Slacksitan

2010 / Hammad Khan / English / United Kingdom
Long Island premiere / Narrative / drama / 85 mins
A group of privileged and westernised twenty-something friends while away their days and nights driving around town, partying, surfing the internet and smoking shisha pipes. As the country outside their world starts to crack, Hasan and his friends must face up to relationships, internal angst and life choices before it is too late.



Something Ventured

2011 / Dan Geller, Dayna Goldfine / English / USA
NY Premiere / Documentary / 85 mins
"Something Ventured" tells the story of the creation of an industry that went on to become the single greatest engine of innovation and economic growth in the 20th century. It is told by the visionary risk-takers who dared to make it happen.



Submarine

2010 / Richard Ayoade / English / United Kingdom
Long Island premiere / Narrative / Books-to-film, comedy, drama / 94 mins
15-year-old Oliver Tate has two objectives: To lose his virginity before his next birthday, and to extinguish the flame between his mother and an ex-lover who has resurfaced in her life.



Tabloid

2010 / Errol Morris / English / USA
Documentary Feature / 87 mins
Morris follows the salacious adventures of Miss Wyoming Joyce McKinney, a beauty queen with an IQ of 168 whose single-minded devotion to the man of her dreams leads her across the globe, into jail, and onto the front page.



Tehroun

2009 / Nader T. Homayoun / Iranian w/ subtitles
France / Long Island premiere / Narrative / thriller / 95 mins
Ibrahim has left his village and family to try his luck in Tehran. However, in this urban jungle where everything can be bought and sold, dreams rapidly turn into nightmares. Implicated in a traffic of new born babies, Ibrahim, with the help of his two friends, is forced to go deep into the slums of the city.



Tell Your Friends! The Concert Film!

2011 / Victor Varnado / English / USA / NY Premiere
Documentary / Music, comedy / 83 mins
Reggie Watts, Kristen Schaal & Kurt Braunohler, Liam McEaney, and Christian Finnegan are among the performers in this comedy documentary that does for the current indie comedy scene what The Last Waltz or Woodstock did for Baby Boomer rock.



The Trip

2010 / Michael Winterbottom / English / United Kingdom
Narrative / comedy / 117 mins
The glorious English countryside, tantalizing haute cuisine, and Britain's brightest comics add up to the most satisfying road trip movie in years. Old friends wind up together on a tour of quaint restaurants and hotels in the Lake District after Coogan's American girlfriend bails on him.



When Harry Tries to Marry

2010 / Nayan Padrai / English / USA / Narrative
Desi spotlight, romantic comedy / 93 mins
"When Harry Tries to Marry" is a cross-cultural romantic comedy about a young man who tries to take the risk and the romance out of marriage by deciding to have an arranged marriage. In the process, he learns a lot about love, in partnership with the Association of Indians in America



Women Art Revolution

2010 / Lynn Hershman Leeson / English / USA
Long Island premiere / Documentary / 83 mins
An entertaining and revelatory "secret history" of Feminist Art. "Women Art Revolution" deftly illuminates this under-explored movement through conversations, observations, archival footage and works of visionary artists, historians, curators and critics.



Holy Land Hardball

2010 / Brett Rapkin / English / USA
Gold Rush / Documentary / 84 mins
Holy Land Hardball follows an unlikely group of players and executives as they attempt to create Israel's first professional baseball league in the summer of 2007.



SHORT FILMS

Billable Hours

2011, Alexandra Gil, Lawrence Gan

English / USA / World premiere / N1 / comedy / 11 mins
"Think the life of a big firm lawyer is glamorous? This comedy follows one young lawyer as she is slowly driven crazy by monotonous work, obnoxious colleagues, and the constant buzzing of her BlackBerry. Watch first, live life in decimal increments after.



The Bowler

2010, Sean Dunne

English / USA / Long Island premiere / D2 / Documentary / 14 mins

Meet Rocky Salem. He's ramblin', gamblin' man. For the majority of his adult life Rocky has hustled bowling for a living. Here is his story. A short documentary about booze, broads and bowling.



Brink

2010, Shawn Christensen

English / USA / Long Island premiere / N1 drama, experimental, fantasy, romance / 10 mins

Jeremy has been in love with his best friend, Evelyn, since before he can remember. He decides to profess his love for her through a simple, thoughtful letter... but there's a strong chance they will never see each other again.



Bunny

2010 / Robert Snow / English / USA / Long Island

premiere / N1 / drama / 12 mins

When his pet bunny is stolen, a young boy ventures into the ghetto to get him back.



Challenging Impossibility

2011 / Natabara Rollosan / English / USA

Long Island premiere / D1 / documentary / 30 mins

Challenging Impossibility chronicles the odyssey of an unlikely weightlifter, the spiritual leader and peace advocate Sri Chinmoy who took up the sport at the age of 53 and surprisingly got stronger as he aged. He broke numerous world bests and shattered conceptions about aging and strength. The film premiered at the 2011 Tribeca Film Festival.



Civil Unions: A Love Story

2010 / Elisa Zuritsky / English / USA /

New York premiere / comedy / 3 mins

"Civil Unions: A Love Story" imagines a world in which marriage doesn't exist. Only civil unions. It's a satirical approach to the issue of marriage equality, and attempts to show that same-sex couples are just as entitled to the flawed institution as straight couples.



Crossword

2010 / Vincent Gallagher / English / Ireland

New York premiere / N2 / drama, romance / 13 mins

On a significant day in her life, a lonely woman who takes solace in the daily crossword finds that the answers to the clues are all around her. Is it magic, coincidence or something else entirely?



Das Tub

2010 / James Cunningham

English / New Zealand / 4 mins

A hilarious homage to submarine action films.



Dead Cat

2011 / Jay Reiss / English / USA

Long Island premiere / N2 / dark comedy / 12 mins

When Roger hits a cat on his way to his weekly poker game, it brings out some long-simmering resentments between old friends.



Guru

2011 / Jonathan VanBallenberghe

English / USA / Long Island premiere / D2

documentary / 24 mins

In Guru, a charismatic motivational speaker privately battles bipolar disorder.



In the Spirit of Laxmi

2010 / Meghan Shea / English / USA

Long Island premiere / D2 / documentary / 30 mins

In the Spirit of Laxmi follows the journey of Gerhard Wiehahn as he raises an injured leopard cub in India's Rajasthan province. Wiehahn commits sixteen months of his life to raising the cub with the goal of returning her to the wilderness from which she came.



Just Be Frank

2009 / Elise Bialylew / English / USA

Long Island premiere / D2 / documentary / 15 mins

Just Be Frank is an inspiring portrait of Frank Senior, a blind jazz singer from the Bronx who transcends his personal limitations in pursuit of his dreams. Frank's humour reveal that it is one's attitude that makes the difference between disability and opportunity.



Missed Connections

2010 / Mary Robertson / English / USA

D1 / documentary / 9 mins

Everyone's experienced a what-might-have-been chance encounter. In the online age of Craigslist, the question becomes: Is it really possible to reconnect with the "one who got away"?



Mr. Happy Man

2011 / Matt Morris / English / USA

New York premiere / D1 / documentary 11 mins

Come rain or shine, Bermuda resident Johnny Barnes devotes hours every day to an endearing traffic ritual that has made him one of the island's most cherished citizens.



Noreen

2010 / Domhnall Gleeson / English / Ireland

Long Island premiere / N2 / comedy / 18 mins

Two policemen learn life lessons on a house-call in rural Ireland. Frank is young and heartbroken. Con is middle-aged and weary. They're both alone. They're both idiots.



Stanley Pickle

2010 / Victoria Mather / English / United Kingdom

Long Island premiere / N2 /

comedy, drama, experimental, fantasy / 12 mins
Stanley's life runs like clockwork, until an encounter with a mysterious girl turns his world upside down.



Storm Up the Sky

2010 / Jon Kauffman / English / USA

Long Island premiere / N1 / drama / 12 mins

Loosely based on the story of Cain and Abel, "Storm Up the Sky" follows the splintering relationship between the two eldest sons of a Hasidic patriarch.



The Substitute (Hayelet Bodeda)

2005 / Talya Lavie / Hebrew / Israel

Long Island premiere / N1 / drama / 19 mins

Zohara is an Israeli soldier on an isolated military base who is about to get a much-anticipated transfer. Her hopes are shattered when her substitute appears to be suicidal.



The Thornhills of Park Avenue

2011 / Thomas Caruso / English / USA

World premiere / N2 / Comedy / 6 mins

A young Park Avenue couple invites a British writer and cartoonist for cocktails. Quips and satire ensue. The story is: what is more important: money or happiness? The answer: Cocktails, apparently . . .



West of the Moon

2010 / Brent Bonacorso / English / USA /

New York premiere / N2 / drama, fantasy / 11 mins

An unreliable monkey and a rusty robot help a man come to terms with his past.



The Wind is Blowing on my Street

(Dar kouche baad miayad)

Saba Riazi / Persian / Iran / N1 / 15 mins

"A young girl in Tehran gets left on the street with no head scarf and must interact with a neighbor in an environment where her mishap equals trouble.



Yuri Lennon Landing on Alpha 46

Anthony Vouardoux / Germany, Switzerland /

English / N2 / 15 mins

After landing on Jupiter moon Alpha 46, a cosmonaut confronts an extraordinary paradox

