

HELL'S HALF MILE FILM & MUSIC
FESTIVAL
SEPTEMBER 26 - 29, 2024

OUR MISSION

Hell's Half Mile Events is a non-profit organization dedicated to celebrating and expanding the art of independent film, music, and entertainment. We strive to exceed expectations, while inspiring our community to participate in the arts. Provide the alternative, entertain & inspire!



HELL'S HALF MILE FILM & MUSIC FESTIVAL



OPENING NIGHT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

RECEPTION

BAY CITY PLAYERS

Music, food, drinks and a grand kick-off to HHM!



FILM

BAY CITY PLAYERS

OPENING FILM

GHOSTLIGHT



AFTER PARTY

OLD CITY HALL (FREE EVENT)

OPENING BAND: JW FRANCIS (NEW YORK)



SCHEDULE

The Hell's Half Mile Box Office is located at 1010 Adams St.
All venue addresses listed at HellsHalfMile.com

THE JEFFERSON BUILDING
409 FIRST ST.

HMM BOX OFFICE
1010 ADAMS ST.

SO GOOD! GALLERY
1008 ADAMS ST.

MASONIC TEMPLE
700 N MADISON AVE.

OLD CITY HALL
814 SAGINAW ST.

MI TABLE
213 CENTER AVE.

POPULACE COFFEE
810 SAGINAW ST.

STUDIO 23
901 N. WATER ST.

TAVERN 101
101 CENTER AVE.

DELTA COLLEGE PLANETARIUM
100 CENTER AVE.

THURSDAY 9/26

FRIDAY 9/27

- 11:00am Friday Shorts Program
- 11:00am Vulcanizadora
- 1:30pm Rouge
- 1:30pm One Night In Tokyo
- 4:00pm Hunting Daze
- 4:00pm Lavender Men
- 6:30pm Marqueetown
- 6:30pm Everything Fun You Could Possibly Do in Aledo, Illinois
- 6:30pm Ava
- 8-10pm Filmmaker Reception
- 9:00pm Bored Games
- 10:00pm RECEPTION / MUSIC - Bluhm (Detroit)
- 11:00pm Late Night Shorts Program

- Delta College Planetarium
- So Good! Gallery
- Delta College Planetarium
- So Good! Gallery
- Historic Masonic Temple
- So Good! Gallery
- Historic Masonic Temple

- Delta College Planetarium
- So Good! Gallery
- MI Table
- So Good! Gallery
- MI Table
- So Good! Gallery

OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION
6:00 PM
@ BAY CITY PLAYERS

OPENING NIGHT FILM GHOSTLIGHT
8:15PM
@ BAY CITY PLAYERS

BAY CITY PLAYERS
1214 COLUMBUS AVENUE

SHERMAN



AFTER PARTY: JW FRANCIS
(NEW YORK)
10:15 PM @ OLD CITY HALL

SATURDAY 9/28

- 11:00am Michigan Shorts Program
- 11:00am Tallywacker
- 11:00am Riley
- 1:30pm Sydney
- 1:30pm Sofa, So Good
- 3:00pm Immersive Filmmaking Highlight Reel
- 4:00pm Cocaine Stepdad
- 4:00pm Saturday Shorts Program
- 4:00pm Scrap
- 5:30pm-7:30pm Saturday Reception
- 6:30pm Vulcanizadora
- 6:30pm Camp RicStar
- 6:30pm Him
- 8:00pm MUSIC - Liquid Mike, Waltzer, Sungaze (Marquette) (Chicago) (Cincinnati)
- 9:00pm Art For Everybody

- Historic Masonic Temple
- Delta College Planetarium
- So Good! Gallery
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- So Good! Gallery
- Studio 23
- Historic Masonic Temple
- Delta College Planetarium
- So Good! Gallery
- Jefferson Building
- So Good! Gallery

SUNDAY 9/29

- 10:30am Filmmaker Panel
- Noon Sunday Shorts Program
- Noon Bored Games
- Noon A House Is Not A Disco
- 2:30pm Breakup Season
- 2:30pm Art For Everybody
- 2:30pm Hunting Daze
- 5:00pm Walter, Grace and the Submarine
- 5:00pm One Night In Tokyo
- 5:00pm Marqueetown
- 7:30pm Mother Father Sister Brother Frank
- CLOSING NIGHT FILM & JURY AWARDS
- 9:30pm Post Fest Chill & Audience Awards

- Populace Coffee
- Historic Masonic Temple
- Delta College Planetarium
- So Good! Gallery
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- Delta College Planetarium
- So Good! Gallery
- Bay City Players

Tavern 101

KEY: FILM RECEPTION MUSIC SPECIAL EVENT

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AVA

Navigating adulthood as a young woman in the 2020s can be fraught with uncertainty, fear, and anxiety. For Ava, it's even harder. After the death of her best friend, Ava is thrown into her senior year of high school alone. But will a chance meeting and potential friendship with another seemingly confident young woman help her ultimately heal or will she stay closed off and alone?

In a film that deals with the effects of suicide and mental health, we also see humor and feel the weight of young friendships. Truly moving.

DIRECTOR/WRITER/CINEMATOGRAPHER:
Martin R. McGowan

PRODUCERS:
Martin R. McGowan, Vero De Hart, & Santo Marbella

CAST:
Lysia Mogford, Olivia Gardella

FILMMAKER SCHEDULED TO ATTEND



BORED GAMES

Six diehard board-gamers try to weather armageddon with nothing but a few games and an ever diminishing supply of rations to occupy their thoughts. Meanwhile, treachery is afoot and killer foxes roam free.

A hilarious romp that firmly puts its tongue in its cheek AND encapsulates the genre world. An absurdist British comedy that takes you on a fun ride.

DIRECTOR/WRITER/PRODUCER:
Joel Stern

CINEMATOGRAPHER:
Charlie 'Tank' Harris

CAST:
Luke Rollason, Sara Segovia, Alanna Flynn, Joel Stern, Lorna Rose Treen, Jonathan Oldfield, Christy Coysh



BREAKUP SEASON

A young man brings his girlfriend to his rural Oregon hometown to introduce her to his family for the holidays, only for things to go terribly wrong upon arrival.

This might seem like a path often beaten by Hallmark and Lifetime, but this one goes where those TV movies fear to tread: real life. Starring The Walking Dead's Chandler Riggs.

DIRECTOR/WRITER:
H. Nelson Tracey

PRODUCERS:
Stephen Mastrocola, Rafi Jacobs, Liana Montemayor, Christopher Jennings, H. Nelson Tracey

CINEMATOGRAPHER:
Eric Macey

CAST:
Chandler Riggs, Samantha Isler, Jacob Wysocki, James Urbaniak, Brook Hogan, Carly Stewart

FILMMAKER SCHEDULED TO ATTEND



COCAINE STEPDAD

On the run from the law, former stepdad Terry Miller must travel across Michigan with his estranged stepson, Kyle, to stop his ex-wife from remarrying a psychopathic pastor. A low-budget, high-energy film about family, second chances, and, well, cocaine.

DIRECTORS/WRITERS:
Cody LaRue, Dylan Grady

PRODUCER:
Cody LaRue, Dylan Grady, Ethan Kissel

CINEMATOGRAPHERS:
Jeff Gill, Courtney Hayes, Ethan Kissel

CAST:
Dylan Grady, Cody LaRue, Courtney Hayes, Chet Ivory, Tiffani Van Dorn, Ethan Kissel, Evan Kissel

CAST AND CREW SCHEDULED TO ATTEND



EVERYTHING FUN YOU COULD POSSIBLY DO IN ALEDO, ILLINOIS

An all too familiar scenario: one friend leaves their hometown, another friend stays. After three decades apart, two childhood friends from Aledo, Illinois reunite for their high school reunion. Rediscovering their forgotten bucket list from senior year, they embark on a riotous adventure to fulfill the wild dreams of their youth. Only one small problem: the town sheriff is hot on their trail, determined to catch them in the act.

A light and whimsical truly independent film. A tale of female friendship and finding out where the grass is greener.

DIRECTOR: Bethany Berg

WRITERS:
Bethany Berg & Christina Shaver

PRODUCER:
Christina Shaver

CINEMATOGRAPHER: Julia Hunter

CAST:
Suzy Bogguss, Jennifer Estlin, Sara Sevigny, Eddie Heffernan, Max Rasmussen

FILMMAKER SCHEDULED TO ATTEND



OPENING NIGHT FILM

GHOSTLIGHT

When a construction worker unexpectedly joins a local theater's production of Romeo and Juliet, the drama onstage starts to mirror his own life.

Tissues are recommended for all the crying AND laughing anticipated for this amazing family drama and comedy, especially due to the powerhouse performance by lead Keith Kupferer. This Chicago production features actual father, mother, and daughter actors. A must-see!!!!

DIRECTOR:
Kelly O'Sullivan, Alex Thompson

WRITER:
Kelly O'Sullivan

PRODUCER:
Pierce Cravens, Chelsea Crant p.g.a., Edwin Linker, Alex Thompson p.g.a.

CINEMATOGRAPHER:
Luke Dyra

CAST:
Keith Kupferer, Katherine Mallen Kupferer, Tara Mallen, Dolly De Leon, Hanna Dworkin

FILMMAKER SCHEDULED TO ATTEND



HIM

Sequestered in a remote desert villa, the final five contestants on a reality dating show unite to confront their deceitful suitor and the producers who manipulated them into falling in love.

A sneaky behind-the-scenes look at how the cast can be manipulated for dramatic effect all for us sitting at home. But this cast isn't going to take it. Stay tuned for the real drama!

DIRECTOR:

Rebecca Wahls

WRITER:

Tess Higgins, Rebecca Wahls

PRODUCER:

Rebecca Wahls, Tess Higgins

CINEMATOGRAPHER:

Kevin Galloway

CAST:

Kira Omans, Kyle Prue, Tess Higgins, Sydney Battle, Lucie Selene Allouche, Margaret Berkowitz, Troy Baker

FILMMAKER SCHEDULED TO ATTEND



HUNTING DAZE

Nina, a tempestuous young woman joins a group of hunters in an extremely remote cabin. A mysterious stranger's arrival disrupts her newfound place in their male micro-society.

A highly suspenseful film by French-Canadian filmmaker Annick Blanc. Don't let subtitles scare you from this tense and well-crafted film. It's the wild ride you didn't know you wanted to be on. "Condensed and symbolic in its approach, sometimes to the point where it becomes surreal, Hunting Daze uses a small story to address big subjects." - review from Jennie Kermode, Eye for Film

DIRECTOR/WRITER:

Annick Blanc

PRODUCER:

Annick Blanc, Maria Gracia Turgeon

CINEMATOGRAPHER:

Vincent Gonneville

CAST:

Marc Beaupre, Nahéma Ricci, Bruno Marcil, Alexandre Landry, Maxime Genois, Alexandre Landry, Noubi Ndiaye



LAVENDER MEN

Taffeta, a contemporary queer person of color, summons Abraham Lincoln and his secret gay lover to perform an elaborate historical fantasia within their own head, only to learn that they can't hide from their own demons even in the shadows of someone else's past.

Highly imaginable storytelling that you won't want to miss.

DIRECTOR:

Lovell Holder

WRITER:

Roger Q. Mason, Lovell Holder

PRODUCER:

Mia Chang, Mia Ellis, Lovell Holder, Roger Q. Mason

CINEMATOGRAPHER:

Matt Plaxco

CAST:

Roger Q. Mason, Pete Ploszek, Alex Esola

FILMMAKER SCHEDULED TO ATTEND



CLOSING NIGHT FILM

MOTHER FATHER SISTER BROTHER FRANK

The Jennings family couldn't be more painfully suburban, but when asshole Uncle Frank crashes their weekly Sunday dinner with a nasty surprise, murder ends up on the menu.

An absolute fun and funny farcical romp starring some famous faces from TV, including Mindy Kohn from "The Facts of Life" and Enrico Colantoni from "Just Shoot Me" and "Veronica Mars." Don't miss the "last laugh" of the festival with this closing night film.

DIRECTOR/WRITER:

Caden Douglas

PRODUCER:

Michael Lomenda - Matt Schicter

CINEMATOGRAPHER:

Matt Campagna, Gaelen Cook

CAST:

Enrico Colantoni, Mindy Cohn, Melanie Leishman, Iain Stewart

FILMMAKER SCHEDULED TO ATTEND



ONE NIGHT IN TOKYO

Betrayal spawns an unexpected night through the streets of Tokyo for two strangers left questioning the meaning of life and love.

In the vein of "Before Sunrise" and perhaps a little bit of "Lost in Translation," Detroit filmmaker Joshua Woodcock walks us through Tokyo with two strangers speaking different languages. As they try to communicate with each other, they begin to understand themselves.

DIRECTOR/WRITER/CINEMATOGRAPHER:

Joshua Woodcock

PRODUCER:

Topher Horn, Brandon Russell, Griffin Scillian, Joshua Woodcock, Matthew Niemi

CAST:

Reza Emamiyeh, Tokiko Kitagawa

FILMMAKERS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND



RILEY

The life of a disciplined high school athlete begins to unravel when his queer identity competes against the idea of who he was supposed to be.

If you think coming out stories are passe, think again. Not everyone is ready to accept you for who you really are or who they think you are, especially when you aren't sure yourself.

DIRECTOR/WRITER:

Benjamin Howard

PRODUCER:

Benjamin Howard, Tommy Anderson, Laura Scarano

CINEMATOGRAPHER:

Michael Elias Thomas

CAST:

Jake Holley, Colin McCalla



SCRAP

Beth has recently been laid off and struggles to maintain the appearance of a successful middle-class lifestyle. Hoping to land a new job and change her situation before her estranged older brother, Ben, finds out, Beth must confront her own pride in order to reconnect with him and provide for her young daughter. Meanwhile, Ben and his wife Stacy face their own issues building a family.

The struggles feel real but so does each family member's love for one another, making this drama all about being a family.

DIRECTOR/WRITER:

Vivian Kerr

PRODUCER:

Vivian Kerr, Sanatan Kadakia, Steven Clark, Rachel Stander, Kevin Parikh

CINEMATOGRAPHER:

Markus Mentzer

CAST:

Vivian Kerr, Anthony Rapp, Lana Parrilla, Khleo Thomas, Beth Dover, Julianna Layne

FILMMAKER/ACTOR SCHEDULED TO ATTEND



SOFA, SO GOOD

Sofa, So Good is an absurdist comedy about two cousins moving their couch across Dayton, Ohio, but they don't have a car. What could go wrong?

This film is a fun ride – err, walk – through the city that audiences are sure to be talking about.

DIRECTOR/WRITER:

Kyle Thiele, Eli Thiele, Cole Thiele

PRODUCER:

Eli Thiele, Andrew Swisher

CINEMATOGRAPHER:

Eli Thiele

CAST:

Yahel Pack, Joseph Jeffries

FILMMAKERS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND



SYDNEY

A failing artist creates chaos during a podcast recording with some of his closest friends in the hopes of better understanding his troubled past.

DIRECTOR/WRITER/PRODUCER:

Jeremy Berkowitz

CINEMATOGRAPHER:

Sean Mouton

CAST:

Callie Bussell, Kevin Marus, Jeremy Berkowitz

FILMMAKERS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND



TALLYWACKER

A rock and roll buddy comedy about a disabled musician who gets to live his rock star dreams while his best friend reluctantly tags along for the ride.

Great music and blistering fast quippy comedy from returning Director Brendan Boogie ("The Sympathy Card" - 2019).

DIRECTOR/WRITER:

Brendan Boogie

PRODUCER:

Jeremy Dubs, Chris Goodwin, Brendan Boogie

CINEMATOGRAPHER:

Amanda McGrady

CAST:

Jeremy Dubs, Chris Goodwin, Adwoa Duncan-Williams, Rivera Reese, Laurie Mahoney, Shawn Ray

FILMMAKER SCHEDULED TO ATTEND



VULCANIZADORA

Two friends take a trip through a Michigan forest, intent on carrying out a disturbing pact. When their plan fails, one confronts unsettling repercussions at home.

Michigan filmmaker Joel Potrykus' second feature film at HHM is as intense and wild as his previous film, Relaxer. "Potrykus's latest begins as a darkly funny heavy metal comedy that deftly shifts into a poignant existential drama, but it's his and Burge's transformative performances that carry this unconventional gem." - review from Meagan Navarro, Bloody Disgusting

DIRECTOR/WRITER:

Joel Potrykus

PRODUCER:

Ashley Potrykus, Hannah Dweck, Matt Grady, Theodore Schaefer

CINEMATOGRAPHER:

Adam J. Minnick

CAST:

Joshua Burge, Joel Potrykus, Solo Potrykus, Scott Ayotte, Melissa Blanchard

FILMMAKER SCHEDULED TO ATTEND



WALTER, GRACE & THE SUBMARINE

Walter is new in town. Grace is leaving town. After sparking an untimely connection, two lonely artists spend a weekend together diving a bit too deep.

Another great film made in Michigan, that continues the trend of romance and comedy that doesn't quite follow the same tropes that we're used to. It's very refreshing and hopeful.

DIRECTOR/WRITER:

Noah Bashore

PRODUCER:

Gillian Noonan, Kyle Patrick

CINEMATOGRAPHER:

Rich Tran

CAST:

Kyle Patrick, Gillian Noonan, Jonathan Connolly, Lauren Patchett

FILMMAKER SCHEDULED TO ATTEND



ART FOR EVERYBODY

Perhaps no artist has been simultaneously celebrated and disparaged like Thomas Kinkadee, "the painter of light," who rocketed to popularity in the '90s creating kitsch and controversy. Armed with newly discovered footage and artwork, this documentary reveals the darkness behind the light in a satisfying and nuanced portrait of the man behind the work.

DIRECTOR:
Miranda Yousef

PRODUCER:
Morgan Neville, Tim Rummel

CINEMATOGRAPHER:
Adam Beckman, Tasha Van Zandt, Sebastian Zeck

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A HOUSE IS NOT A DISCO

A House Is Not A Disco peers with empathy and curiosity into the present-day life experiences of those who live, work, and pursue a season of pleasure in the world's most radically queer, "homo-normative" community: Fire Island Pines.

DIRECTOR:
Brian J. Smith

PRODUCER:
Joe Conforti, Jeremy Truong

CINEMATOGRAPHER:
Eric Schleicher



CAMP RICSTAR

Camp RicStar explores the heartbreaking history and profound impact of the Eric 'Ricstar' Winter Music Therapy Camp, a unique camp for persons with disabilities. To celebrate its 20th anniversary, this inspiring documentary follows eight campers who embrace being uninhibited as they perform on the celebrated center stage.

DIRECTOR:
Sam McConnell

WRITER:
Lukas Hauser

PRODUCER:
Lukas Hauser, Sam McConnell

CINEMATOGRAPHER:
Danny Vecchione

FILMMAKER SCHEDULED TO ATTEND



MARQUEETOWN

No one fights for a multiplex, but some people will stop at nothing to save a marquee. This documentary recounts a local kid's crusade to restore an historic arthouse to its former glory and discovery of a hidden cinema empire in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. A true story about the enduring magic of movies and the places we watch them.

DIRECTOR:
Jordan Anderson, Joseph Beyer

WRITER:
Jordan Anderson, Joseph Beyer

PRODUCER:
Jordan Anderson, Joseph Beyer

CINEMATOGRAPHER:
Jordan Anderson, Jack Deo, Henry Gretzinger, Makari Rising

FILMMAKERS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND



ROUGE

The River Rouge Panthers have known decades of glory which makes their pursuit of 15th Michigan High School Basketball championship that much harder. Rouge documents the stories of one former Panther who returns to coach and four players who must shoulder the weight of history as they make their own futures. A beautifully filmed documentary about community, the weight of expectations, and Michigan high school basketball.

DIRECTOR:
Hamoody Jaafar

WRITER:
Hamoody Jaafar

PRODUCER:
Hamoody Jaafar, Razi Jafri

CINEMATOGRAPHER:
Tommy Daguanno, Richie Trimble



FRIDAY SHORTS PROGRAM

DOG DAYS

Weird girl Adele encounters teenage angst, peer-pressure and desire in an afternoon at the pool.



My Week with Maisy

When uptight retiree Mrs Foster begins chemotherapy she's thrown together in the treatment room with Maisy, a whirlwind inquisitive child aspiring to be a lesbian. As treatment progresses the pair's fortuitous bond offers healing and newfound hope in unexpected places.



A.A.

A woman heads into an AA meeting, only for it not to be the AA meeting that any of them were expecting.



FRIDAY, 9/27, 11:00AM
DELTA PLANETARIUM



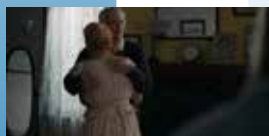
Twinkleberry

This is the story of my super gay school year that had 30+ queer students in one year group during 2005 to 2012, in a small town in England.



Fortissimo

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. A true piano virtuoso, the child prodigy will soon steal the show. A duel of egos then begins.



Honeymoon

Honeymoon is a journey of George and Victoria as they navigate the challenges of Alzheimer's disease, wrapped in the warmth of their enduring love.



Carl and the Janitor

This delightful, critically acclaimed film is a snapshot of the lives of 10-year-old Carl and his school janitor, Richard, who form an unlikely friendship during lockdown.

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FRIDAY LATE NIGHT SHORTS PROGRAM

Jade

When a college drop-out buys the motorcycle of his dreams, he awakens something sinister - and sensual.



Green

A woman wakes in the desert holding a bloody knife and lying next to a dead body. Confused and afraid, she has no idea how she got there until memories of the past 24 hours start to rise to the surface.



Stranger Danger

On his way to the market, a young boy gets a crash course in stranger safety from his grandfather.



Crystal Galaxy Enforcers

Flying through space in a crystal ship, Modnar encounters an annoying nemesis.



Diving In

Rachel and Yael share their first night together. But a problematic discovery could make it their last.



FRIDAY, 9/27, 11:00PM
SO GOOD! GALLERY



Daughters of Evil

In 1966, a girl group consulted a spirit board in order to find the perfect band name. They got one, Daughters of Evil, but they also got possessed by demons. Decades later, a YouTuber accidentally summons the band to the land of the living by playing their album backwards.



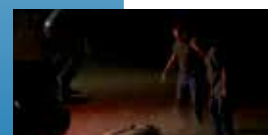
The Lonely Portrait

An AirBnB guest stumbles upon a hidden piece of art that, once hung up, has an unexpected and unsettling effect on the home.



Figment

Alone and lonely, Chloe takes a drug designed to give her an imaginary friend. Chloe and Dan's friendship quickly turns into romance. But things get complicated when he decides to give himself an imaginary friend and Chloe discovers she's pregnant with Dan's baby.



A Drive At Dawn

Three men drive into the desert at night to bury a secret evil.

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SATURDAY MICHIGAN SHORTS PROGRAM



SATURDAY, 9/28, 11:00AM
MASONIC TEMPLE

The Boy and the Galaxy

A young space enthusiast creates art to escape the reality of life with an abusive father.



Caged Lion

A devoted fan vows to remain in his basement until the Detroit Lions make it to the Superbowl.



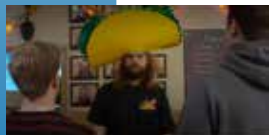
I'm With The Band: The Know Obstacles Story

The story of Know Obstacles, a band made up of disabled kids in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and their founder, Steve Osburn.



Geezers

The "Geezer Happy Hour" is Ann Arbor's hottest event - especially for the over 70 crowd. Every Friday, from 6p to 9p, a graying generation pull on their dance shoes and rock out to a live band like its 1968.



You Can Go Home Whenever You Want

A spate of local disappearances. A hill that may (or may not) be a conduit to the next life. A recluse, living off the grid, who hasn't been seen for years—until one of his high school bandmates shows up with a birthday cake.



Blind Spot

After a tragic car accident, Jennifer struggles to find absolution and understand the mysterious presence in her house.



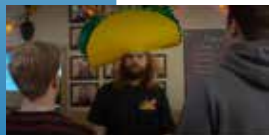
Spider

Blake gets attacked by a spider the size of a football when housesitting for her scientist uncle.



Taco Time

Two best friends feverously debate what the most important aspect of a taco is while being robbed at gun point.



SATURDAY SHORTS PROGRAM



SATURDAY, 9/28, 4:00PM
DELTA COLLEGE PLANETARIUM

The Eighth Day

Parents to a baby boy, a young gay Jewish couple must share they're not planning to circumcise the baby.



The Door

A year after their daughter's disappearance, Kara and Felix struggle to move on in their own ways as their marriage falls apart around them. But when a mysterious door appears in her kitchen, Kara becomes obsessed with uncovering what lies behind it at any cost. Even as it threatens to reopen old wounds.



Da's

Male pride is put to the test after two adults collide and call upon an unusual method to solve their dispute.



Birdhouse

A man wants to live in his birdhouse. His troubled child-prodigy daughter is both his only way into it and the only thing keeping him out.



Prick

When a man with a needle phobia has an allergic reaction all alone, he has two choices: face his fear and stab himself with an epi pen, or die trying not to.

The Last Ranger

When young Litha is introduced to the magic of a game reserve by the last remaining ranger, they are ambushed by poachers. In the ensuing battle to save the rhinos, Litha discovers a terrible secret.

Not Afraid

After a long period of absence Olivia, a Native American teen, is eager to return to her high school basketball team. When unresolved emotions around a family tragedy result in her expulsion, she can no longer ignore the painful memories beginning to resurface.

The Lure

Late at night, a lone fisherman discovers he is not the only one hoping to hook something.



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SUNDAY SHORTS PROGRAM



SUNDAY, 9/29, 12:00PM
MASONIC TEMPLE

Cursive

When a woman on the verge of a breakup gets help from a mysterious stranger to improve her handwriting, she finds the inner voice she longed for all along.



Puppy Love

Emily has to decide if her connection with Austin is real or if she just likes his dog.



OUT

When Tasha starts getting ready for an afternoon at the pub with her friends, she's unaware of the obstacles lingering in the shadows. When these demons start to creep up on her, how long can she hold it together?



ScrapFest

Artists race against the clock to transform 500 pounds of scrap metal into breathtaking pieces of art for ScrapFest, Michigan's annual repurpose-focused art festival and sculpture competition.



Room Taken

Having just arrived in Ireland, Isaac has nowhere to live. A chance meeting with an elderly blind woman provides him with an opportunity that leads to a series of interactions.

Room Tone

When a sound guy's attempt to capture "room tone" is constantly thwarted by the noisy antics of his coworkers, he takes extreme measures to achieve silence.

Lichtblick

Glimmer of Hope - Under the eyes of a moody cashier, the women in a supermarket queue soothe a crying baby by singing a nursery rhyme in their native languages.

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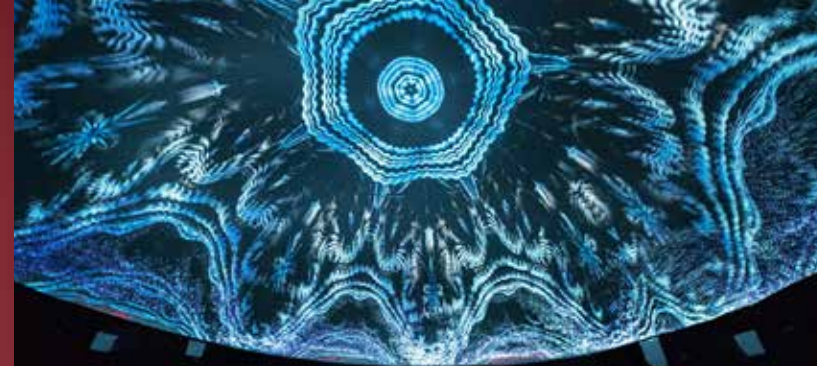
SHOW 1
Doors @ 6:00 PM
Show Starts @ 6:30 PM

SHOW 2
Doors @ 8:30 PM
Show Starts @ 9:00 PM



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THURSDAY
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JW FRANCIS

NEW YORK, NY

JW Francis is a New York-based musician known for his melodic, jangly bedroom dream-pop with a lo-fi twist. His DIY spirit and charismatic personality shine through in his performances, where audiences can't help but fall for his music. It's no wonder JW Francis is celebrated as the king of good vibes. You're gonna dance & groove to this cool dude.

FRIDAY
9/27 **BLUHM**

DETROIT, MI

10PM @ MI TABLE
(\$5 AT DOOR OR
USE YOUR PASS)



Bluhm is a Detroit-based dream pop duo consisting of Claire Bluhm (vocals) and John Marion (multi-instrumentalist/producer), formed in 2021. Their sound features intricate guitar and synth arrangements with ethereal vocals and dreamy melodies. Their lyrics explore themes of love, heartbreak, and self-worth, all crafted in their home studio. With a loyal following and comparisons to The Cranberries, Beach House & Mazzy Star, their latest album, *Midnight Hill*, blends 80s synth-pop, 90s shoegaze, and modern indie music into a lush, unforgettable experience that navigates the highs and lows of vulnerability in love.



SATURDAY 9/28

@ THE JEFFERSON BUILDING • DOORS OPEN 8PM
\$15 AT THE DOOR OR USE YOUR PASS

Liquid Mike is an indie power pop rock band from Marquette, MI, in the Upper Peninsula. Liquid Mike began in 2021 and is the product of Mike Maple's pop-rock song writing. The band features a cast of U.P. standouts including Monica Nelson, Dave Daignault, Zack Alworden, Cody Marecek. Liquid Mike inhabits a sweet spot in the musical pantheon: catchy, well-crafted guitar and vocal hooks that

will snag any fan of power-pop/pop rock. Liquid Mike invokes a relatable feeling of nostalgia with everyday lyrics of the quickly-receding flavor of Big League Chew bubblegum, drinking beer from used marinara sauce jars in college, and every 4th hand rust-bucket of a car you ever drove in a Great Lakes snowstorm. They self-released their fifth LP, "Paul Bunyan's Slingshot" on Feb 2nd 2024.



LIQUID MIKE

MARQUETTE, MI



WALTZER

CHICAGO, IL

Waltzer delivers vibrant, danceable chaos with a mix of sung and spoken vocals. Their latest single, "Act Like Me," appears on a split 7" with Brooklyn's art-rock band TEA EATER and their track "Cosmic Coconut," released in late 2023 (A Diamond Heart Production/Amethyst Trax with La Fam Recordings). The "Time Traveler" LP (Side Hustle Records, 2021), created by Sophie Sputnik after moving to Chicago from sunny South Florida, was released during the pandemic. Waltzer's live shows offer an "uneasy-yet-addictive" experience with an "intentionally unintentional" vibe. The band has toured extensively across the US, playing festivals like Treefort and SXSW.



SUNGAZE

CINCINNATI, OH

Sungaze is the dreamy, genre-bending project of husband-and-wife duo Ian Hilvert and Ivory Snow. Their music seamlessly shifts from grunge-heavy tracks to upbeat dream pop anthems with a country lilt. This eclectic mix highlights the creativity of modern music, where anything is possible.

Sungaze has released three independent albums: *Light in All of It* (2019), *This Dream* (2021), and *Sungaze* (2024). Live shows feature a talented lineup including Snow's sister Angela Colvin on bass, Zach Starkie on rhythm guitar, Justin Van Wagenen on drums, and Charlie Hausfeld on keys.

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