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The world is waiting.

SAN JOSE INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

Festival at a Glance

OCTOBER 22–25, 2026

CINEMARK CINÉARTS · SANTANA ROW · SAN JOSE

Thursday OCTOBER 22

THEATER 5

2:00pm **And So It Begins**
Drama / Comedy / World Cinema / Animation

4:30pm **World Cinema One**
Foreign Language / Suspense / Drama

7:30pm **Opening Night 01**
Drama / Comedy / World Class Short Films

THEATER 6

3:00pm **A Brave New World**
Drama / Comedy / Avant Garde

7:30pm **Opening Night 02**
Drama / Comedy / World Class Short Films

EVENING EVENT
Opening Night Welcome Party — 9:00pm*
Filmmakers & VIP Pass Holders
**Time approximate, immediately following the Opening Night screenings.*

Friday OCTOBER 23

THEATER 5

11:00am **The Road Not Taken**
Drama / World Cinema

1:30pm **Festival Rewind / Best of 2025**
Comedy / Drama / World Cinema

4:15pm **A Hard DOCs Life**
Documentary Short Films

7:00pm **Make 'Em Laugh**
Comedy / Dark Comedy / Humor

THEATER 6

11:30am **The Alternative Universe**
Fantasy / Altered Realities / World Cinema

4:00pm **Emerging Filmmakers**
Comedy / Drama / World Cinema

6:45pm **Family Matters**
Relationships / Drama / World Cinema

9:00pm **It Was A Dark & Stormy Night**
Supernatural / Horror / World Cinema

EVENING EVENT
VIP Mixer / Karaoke Party — 9:00pm
Filmmakers & VIP Pass Holders · Filmmakers & VIP Lounge

Saturday OCTOBER 24

THEATER 5

11:00am **Family Films**
Family Friendly Shorts / Animation / World Cinema

1:30pm **The World Beyond**
Science Fiction / World Cinema

4:00pm **World Cinema Two**
Foreign Language / Documentary / Drama

6:30pm **The Human Experience**
Drama / Comedy / World Cinema

9:00pm **I've Got A Bad Feeling About This**
Dark Comedy / Intense Drama / World Cinema

THEATER 6

11:30am **Return of the Ink & Paint Club**
Animation / CG / Mixed Media

2:00pm **Musically Inclined**
Music Inspired Shorts

4:30pm **What The What?!?**
Dark Comedy / World Cinema / Off the Beaten Path

7:00pm **Make 'Em Laugh: After Dark**
Comedy / Dark Comedy / Adult Situations

9:15pm **A Brave New World (Encore)**
Drama / Comedy / Avant Garde

EVENING EVENT
Filmmaker VIP Mixer — 9:30pm
Filmmakers & VIP Pass Holders · Filmmakers & VIP Lounge

Sunday OCTOBER 25

THEATER 5

11:00am **World Cinema: British Invasion**
Foreign Language / Documentary / Drama

1:30pm **Meet the Filmmakers**
Special Event Screening

3:30pm **An Uncomfortable Truth**
World Cinema / Intense Drama

5:30pm **Closing Night Screening**
World Class Short Films

THEATER 6

11:30am **Life Interrupted**
Intense Drama / World Cinema / Animation

2:00pm **All The World's A Stage**
Drama / Suspense / World Cinema

4:30pm **More From A Hard DOCs Life**
Documentary Short Films

7:00pm **Audience Choice Selections**
Drama / Comedy / World Cinema

CLOSING NIGHT
Closing Night Screening — 5:30pm
Theater 5 · followed by Audience Choice Selections at 7:00pm in Theater 6