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8TH ANNUAL

OFFICIAL PROGRAM



AUGUST 27, 2026

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LOS ANGELES, CA

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FESTIVAL OVERVIEW



6:00 PM –
9:30 PM

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Experience a curated lineup of this year's Official Selections, showcasing outstanding independent films from around the world across animation, comedy, horror, narrative, arthouse, music video, and micro short categories.



9:30 PM –
9:50 PM

FILMMAKER Q&A **ON BACK PATIO**

Join our attending filmmakers for a live discussion exploring the inspiration, creative process, and stories behind this year's Official Selections.



9:50 PM –
10:10 PM

SCREENWRITER Q&A **ON BACK PATIO**

Meet the writers behind this year's Officially Selected screenplays as they discuss their craft, creative journeys, and the art of storytelling.



10:10 PM –
10:30 PM

AWARDS CEREMONY **ON BACK PATIO**

Celebrate the culmination of the evening as we recognize outstanding achievements across our film and screenplay categories, including the Audience Choice Award.



10:30 PM –
11:00 PM

FESTIVAL RECEPTION & NETWORKING

Wrap up the evening by connecting with fellow filmmakers, screenwriters, cast, crew, and festival guests while enjoying final red carpet and step-and-repeat photo opportunities.

All program times are approximate and subject to minor adjustments throughout the evening.

TIME	PROGRAM	FILM	DIRECTOR	RUNTIME
5:50 PM	OPENING WELCOME	An opening welcome celebrating independent storytelling, introducing the evening's program, and welcoming filmmakers and guests to LA Under the Stars.		
6:00 PM	ANIMATION SHORTS	 1. Alienated! (3:15) 2. Ape Shit (2:57) 3. 113 Words for You Today (12:31)	Andrew Erbskorn Dahlia Jane Kressler Bo Qing Tang, Lan Zeng	0:28
6:28 PM	MICRO SHORTS	 4. You Rock (1:30) 5. Opalescent (2:39) 6. 3 Minutos (5:00)	Daniel Maggio Liz Mealey Darko Kokic Douglas Ryan	0:11
6:40 PM	COMEDY SHORTS	 8. "TODAY ONLY!" (4:50) 9. Homebodies (12:00) 10. Falafel (4:48) 11. Performance Review (11:36) 12. Physical Touch (11:11) 13. Bark (16:32)	David Breckman Rachel Olson Rony Shino Lain Ewing Kendra Baude Searit Kahsay Huluf	1:00
7:40 PM	MUSIC VIDEOS	 14. Middle of Nowhere (4:04) 15. Blame My Memory (3:00) 16. Lucy (5:44) 17. Humbe - Morfina (5:50)	Travis Shields Beatriz Santamaria Pinha Lisa Belcher Emiliano Rodriguez	0:18
8:00 PM	ARTHOUSE SHORTS	 19. Bomb (3:41) 20. My Jam (6:30)	Inés Corina Chuer Huang	0:10
8:10 PM	HORROR SHORTS	 21. Seance for the 'Gram (11:09) 22. BEDFUCK (5:31) 23. Don't Watch This (14:59)	Sam Schlenker Candice Rose, Lizzy McGroder Daniel Pineros	0:31
8:40 PM	NARRATIVE SHORTS	 24. Debbie Walks Her Duck (6:45) 25. A King's Curtain (16:45) 26. Despite it All (5:00) 27. Stagehand (8:02) 28. The Lord of All Future Space & Time (23:47)	Nikki Braendlin Grant M Johnson Bridget Avildsen Luke DePalatis Chris Paul Russell	0:50

OFFICIAL SELECTIONS • 2026

TV SCREENPLAYS

- 12:37 — THE KING DAVID HOTEL
- Alphas
- BAGELS & SALSA
- Blur
- Chubbies
- Cola.
- Direction
- FALLOW (Final Version)
- Love's History
- PRETTY IN PUNXSUTAWNEY
- RESISTENSIA
- Sea Hash
- The Allegory of the Hood

NARRATIVE SHORT SCREENPLAYS

- Asleep At The Wheel
- Blackout
- Don't Break Any Hearts
- Durning Road
- Fistful Of Sand: A Road Devils Story
- I'm Not My Brother's Keeper
- Invisible Stars
- Making Home
- Never Tell
- Not Lisa
- Reunited
- SLUSH
- The Shadow of The Sun
- Zero Protocol

COMEDY SHORT SCREENPLAYS

- Birdies
- Christmas Homecoming
- Kissing of an Elysian Pomegranate
- PENDEJA
- The Seven

HORROR SHORT SCREENPLAYS

- DEAD EAST: Nippon Flight 319
- JUST FOR FUN: A HORROR LOVER'S FANZINE
- Midnight
- My Masterpiece
- SLEEP
- THE REVVER

NARRATIVE FEATURE SCREENPLAYS

- All Quiet on the Italian Front
 - Battle Cries
 - Black Women Don't Bleed
 - Cannonball
 - Chili and Boots
 - CHOMP! Charlie Carter and the Monster Pike
 - COMMUNITY SHED
 - Corporate America
 - Entanglements
 - Eggs: From Cluck to Calamity
 - Esquisse of Affliction
 - Eternal Blessings
 - Fault Lines
 - God, Get Me Out Of Here
 - Golden Slumbers
 - Good Looking Bachelors: The Musical
- Green
 - Iceblink Luck
 - Kid
 - Opposing Aim
 - Seahawk
 - Shiva
 - The Connecting Betrayal Part One and Part Two
 - THE SILENCE IS LOUD
 - The Final Stretch
 - The Reckoning
 - Why Graham Works
 - Whitewashed

COMEDY FEATURE SCREENPLAYS

- Bury
- Canyon Crest
- Grandpa Went Viral
- The Damascene Blade
- THE MRS
- The Worst Wedding Ever
- VOODOO VALENTINOS
- You Just Don't Do That

HORROR FEATURE SCREENPLAYS

- A Farm to Kill For
- After Hours
- Bitter Taste
- Dark Prophecy: The Prince
- Feral Mountains
- Gehenna
- Lisa's Box
- NATALIA
- Oskar: Lucifer Hides in Plain Sight
- Rotten
- THE POPPET
- The Black Abbey
- The End of October
- The Refiner
- The Station
- Vacuum
- Water Sign

Q&A'S & AWARD CEREMONY

ON THE BACK PATIO

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THANK YOU

FOR BEING PART OF THE NIGHT

LA Under the Stars exists because of filmmakers like you—your vision, your courage, your stories. This festival is a celebration of bold independent voices and the community that lifts them up.

Thank you for trusting us with your work.



TO OUR FILMMAKERS

Thank you for sharing your stories and bringing your vision to life.



TO OUR AUDIENCE

Thank you for showing up, supporting indie film, and creating the energy that makes this night possible.



TO OUR JUDGES

Thank you for your time, expertise, and commitment to elevating independent storytelling.



TO OUR PARTNERS

Thank you for believing in independent film and helping us build something meaningful in Los Angeles.



TO OUR TEAM

Thank you for the passion, late nights, and dedication it takes to bring this festival to life.

THE NIGHT DOESN'T END HERE.

This is just the beginning of new conversations, new collaborations, and new opportunities.

Keep creating. Keep pushing. Keep telling the stories only you can tell.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

FOLLOW. CONNECT. STAY INSPIRED.



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