



MANHATTAN SHORT



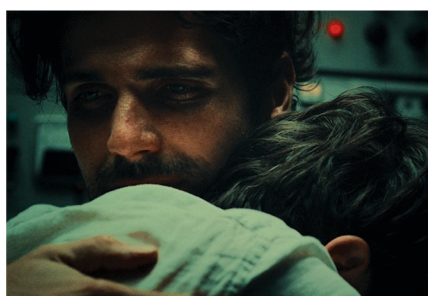
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**CELEBRATING THE 26TH ANNUAL MANHATTAN SHORT FILM FESTIVAL
HERE ARE THE 10 FINALISTS OF MANHATTAN SHORT 2023**

MANHATTAN SHORT 2023 screens a worldwide line-up linked by a common theme: how we face adversity, whether it is imposed by others or arises from personal circumstances. The 10 short films in the program feature narratives that are dramatic, sometimes humorous, occasionally magical and always inspirational! Audience votes for Best Film and Best Actor will be announced at ManhattanShort.com on Monday October 9th.

SUNLESS

Director: Boris Vesselinov
Country: USA
Running Time: 8:00
Synopsis: Trapped in the confines of a tiny submarine, two men disagree on how to navigate a potentially perilous issue with their vessel.



CAREER DAY

Director: Jason Robinson & Chris Hooper
Country: USA
Running Time: 10:00
Synopsis: A once promising 90's pop star and his aging boy band reunite for his daughter's elementary school Career Day. They go viral.



VOICE ACTIVATED

Director: Steve Anthopoulos
Country: Australia
Running Time: 12:00
Synopsis: A florist with a stutter is forced to cooperate with a voice-activated car on the way to an important delivery.



SNAIL

Director: Aminreza Alimohammadi
Country: Iran
Running Time: 14:00
Synopsis: A loving mother strives to make her young son's singing dreams come true but an audition takes a dramatic, unforeseen turn.



YELLOW

Director: Elham Ehsas
Country: UK/Afghanistan
Running Time: 13:00
Synopsis: In Taliban-controlled Afghanistan, a woman walks into a chadari store in Kabul to buy her first full-body veil and face an uncertain future.



THE RECORD

Director: Jonathan Laskar
Country: Switzerland
Running Time: 8:38
Synopsis: An antique musical instrument dealer obsessively plays a magical vinyl record that "reads your mind and plays your lost memories." Even the forgotten ones.



TUULIKKI

Director: Teemu Nikki
Country: Finland
Running Time: 14:00
Synopsis: When a young woman dominated by an over-protective mother plots her escape, their relationship dissolves into one of mutual suspicion.



STUPID BOY

Director: Phil Dunn
Country: United Kingdom
Running Time: 15:00
Synopsis: In London, a broken man groomed for a terrorist attack confronts a local lad who sees things differently. That can be dangerous.



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

Director: Andrew Fitzgerald
Country: USA
Running Time: 17:00
Synopsis: A Vietnamese-American family's plan to cover up a drunk-driving incident begins to unravel when their emotional baggage spills out in front of the police.



SOLIEL DU NUIT

Director: Fernando López Escrivá, Maria Camila Arias
Country: Canada
Running Time: 13:00
Synopsis: While training for a moon landing, a group of Canadian astronauts are tasked with an added mission by a Native American elder.



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