# MANHATTAN











# **CELEBRATING THE 27TH ANNUAL MANHATTAN SHORT FILM FESTIVAL** HERE ARE THE 10 FINALISTS OF MANHATTAN SHORT 2024

MANHATTAN SHORT 2024 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 7th.

#### THE TALENT

**Director:** Thomas May Bailey **Country:** United Kingdom Running Time: 15:00

**Synopsis:** On the set of a luxury car commercial, an overlooked assistant seizes his chance to get noticed by the star in this lyrical meditation on masculinity, desire and becoming.



#### **ALARMS**

**Director:** Nicolas Panay **Country:** France **Running Time: 17:00** Synopsis: Pierre is diligently overseeing the completion of the tumultuous construction site under his responsibility, ensuring that progress doesn't come at the cost of safety.



#### I'M NOT A ROBOT

**Director:** Victoria Warmerdam **Country:** The Netherlands **Running Time: 22:00** 

**Synopsis:** A woman repeatedly fails a computer security test. Suddenly, her humanity is called into question.



## **FAVOURITES**

**Director:** Nick Russell **Country:** Australia **Running Time:** 5:00

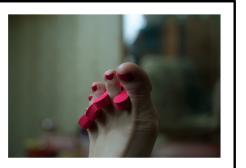
**Synopsis:** Two parents face an impossible choice when their family camping trip goes terribly wrong.



# **MOTHER**

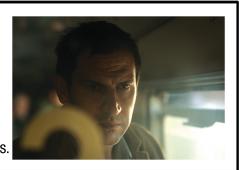
Director: Mariia Felenko **Country:** Ukraine **Running Time: 8:00** 

**Synopsis:** At the beginning of the war in Ukraine, Katya decides to leave her hometown and take her mother. But mother is getting her nails done.



#### THE MAN WHO COULD NOT REMAIN SILENT

Director: Nebojša Slijepčević Country: Croatia, Bulgaria, France Running Time: 13:00 Synopsis: Bosnia, 1993: A rogue paramilitary force stops a passenger train. One man stands up to them. Winner of the 2024 Palme D'Or at Cannes.



### **DOVECOTE**

**Director:** Marco Perego **Country:** Italy **Running Time: 17:30** 

Synopsis: A small boat navigates the canals of Venice, Italy, stopping at a place where no tourist would tour, and here we find a woman who is poised to rediscover freedom.



# **ROOM TAKEN**

**Director:** TJ O'Grady-Peyton **Country:** Ireland **Running Time:** 13:00

Synopsis: A homeless man moves in with a blind woman who doesn't know he's there. A strange

bond develops.



# **PATHOLOGICAL**

**Director:** Alison Rich **Country: USA Running Time: 17:00** 

Synopsis: A pathological liar wakes up one day to discover her lies have

become true.



# **JANE AUSTEN'S PERIOD** DRAMA

**Director:** Julia Aks, Steve Pinder

**Country: USA Running Time: 13:00** 

Synopsis: In this period comedy, the sudden appearance of a blood stain stops a marriage proposal

mid-sentence.



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