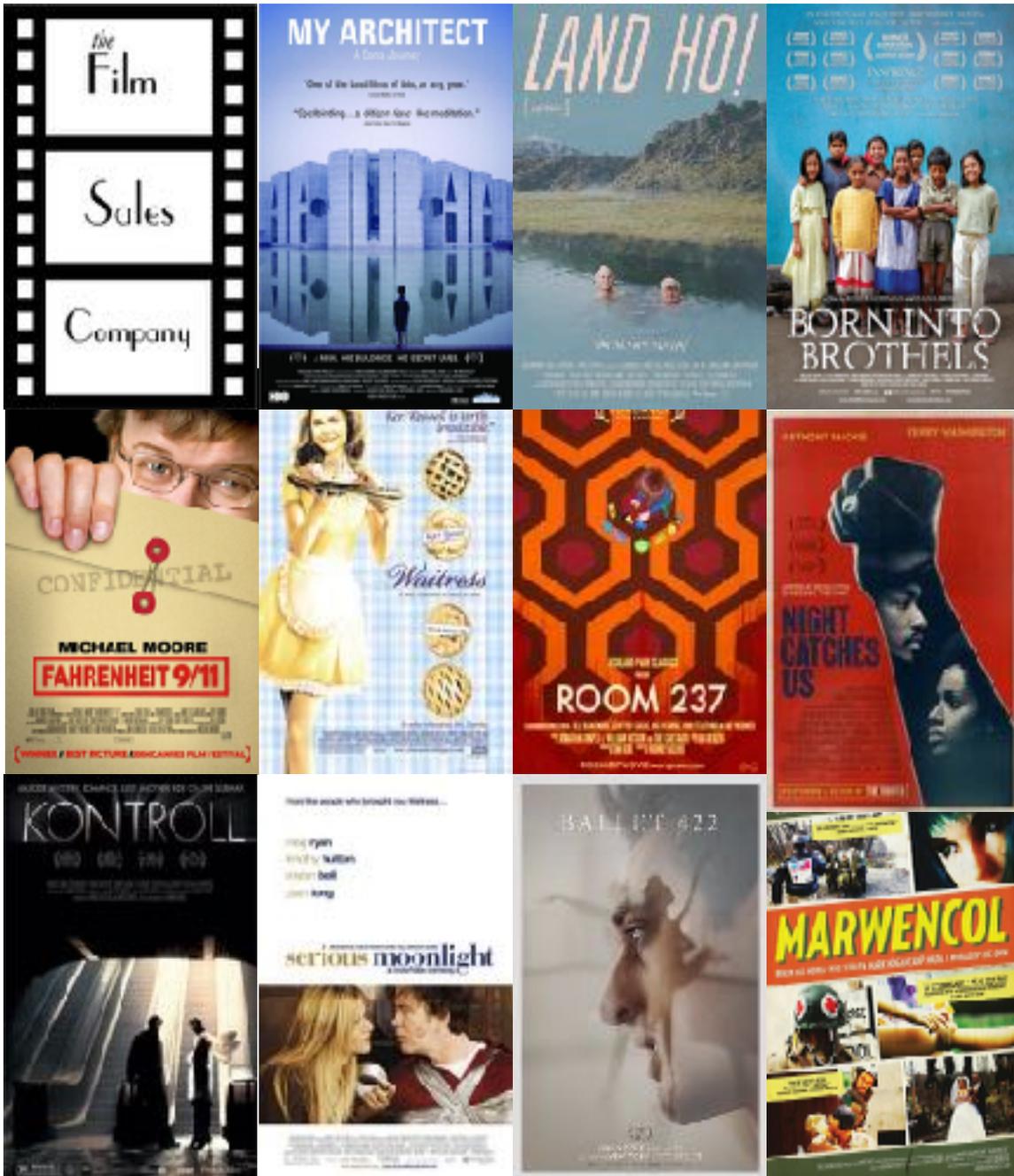


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# NARRATIVE FEATURES



## AMBITION

Horror/Thriller – 2017 – USA – English – 87 minutes

This psychological thriller explores the world of the beautiful and talented Jude who finds herself in a dangerous game of Cat and Mouse with two suitors who couldn't be more different, one the boy next door and the other a mysterious suave Englishman. How far will either guy go to get what he wants. How far will Jude go? The answers will astound you.

Directed by Robert Shaye, Produced by Michael Lynne and Robert Shaye  
Rights Available: Worldwide



## BUSTER'S MAL HEART

Drama – 2012 – USA – English – 96 minutes

Emmy winner Rami Malek (**Mr. Robot**) gives an incredible starring performance as Jonah, a man at the epicenter of an ever shifting world. His life has gone completely upside down, as he barrels straight towards a cataclysmic event that could change life as we know it. This smart, darkly comic thriller directed by award winning filmmaker Sarah Adina Smith (*The Midnight Swim*), is a visceral and fresh vision that will stay with you long after you leave the theater.

Official selection: TIFF 2016  
US Distributor: Well Go USA

Rights Sold: Worldwide SVOD, US, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia/New Zealand, China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong, Russia/CIS



## CAN'T TAKE IT BACK

Horror/Thriller – 2017 – USA – English – 80 minutes

Internet sensation, **Logan Paul**, stars in this horror/thriller which is a combination of Heathers and Clueless firmly set in the digital age.

Rights Available: Worldwide



## DO YOU TAKE THIS MAN

Drama/Romance – 2016 – USA – English – 92 minutes

On the eve of their nuptials, two gay men have their closest friends and family over for dinner. When the wedding plans hit a snag, the group helps the grooms-to-be see that all marriages have their challenges in this timely romantic drama. Starring Anthony Rapp (*RENT*), Jonathan Bennett (*Mean Girls*), Alyson Hannigan (*How I Met Your Mother*), and Thomas Dekker (*Heroes*, *Terminator: The Sarah Connors Chronicles*).

Rights Available: All excluding North America  
US Distributor: Breaking Glass Pictures



## MOST BEAUTIFUL ISLAND

Thriller – 2017 – USA – English – 80 minutes

In this intense, shocking, taut psychological thriller, Luciana, an illegal immigrant living in New York City, finds herself incredibly cash strapped and out of options. Out of desperation, she accepts a mysterious offer from a fellow undocumented immigrant; what she is called on to do brings her in to contact with the depth of human depravity. This is the rare genre thriller which is helmed by a female director, who also happens to be the screenwriter and the star. Ana Asensio is indeed a talent to be watched. Produced by Larry Fessenden.

Premiere: SXSW, winner of Grand Jury Prize  
US Distributor: Samuel Goldwyn Pictures



### **ONE LAST THING**

Drama – 2017 – USA – English – 92 minutes

Dylan Derringer is a middle-aged dentist in Florida who spends his life working, playing golf, and alone. When a figure from his past re-emerges with life-changing news, Dylan is sent on an eventful journey to meet Lucy, the twenty-five year old daughter he didn't know he had. One Last Thing is a surprising, entertaining and heart-warming story of discovering something you didn't know you needed, finding happiness in the world around you and asking the question: what is family?

Starring: Wendell Pierce, Jurnee Smollett-Bell, and Joanne Froggatt

Rights Available: Worldwide



### **SMITTEN!**

Romantic Comedy – 2017 – USA – English – 80 minutes

Directed by Academy Award Winner Barry Morrow (Rain Man)

Darren Criss (TV's Glee) stars in this delightful romantic romp in the Italian countryside. The beautiful but standoffish Rosalia beguiles our young hero and the stage is set for love to work in mysterious ways.

Rights Available: Worldwide

## **DOCUMENTARY FEATURES**



### **32 PILLS: MY SISTER'S SUICIDE**

2017 - USA - English - 85 minutes

In this deeply personal and incredibly moving documentary, filmmaker Hope Litoff explores the incredible life of her sister, Ruth, who took her own life. In the process, she discovers painful truths about herself with which she must grapple.

US Distributor: HBO

TV Rights Sold: Canada, Israel, Norway



### **AIDA'S SECRETS**

2016 - Canada/Israel - Hebrew/English - 90 minutes

A powerful personal story from filmmakers Shaul and Alon Schwarz ("Narco Cultura") about their uncle's search for the family from which he was separated at age 3. Drawing on in-depth research, archival material, interviews and verité, the film explores the little known world of post war Germany where surprisingly the former Bergen Belzen Nazi Headquarters was transformed to a desirable Mecca for displaced persons where new identities were acquired and past lives all but buried in the surreal bohemian environment. Aida's Secrets is extraordinarily moving full of emotional twist, turns and revelations.

US Distributor: Music Box Films, Canadian Distributor: Kinosmith

Official Selection: Hot Docs

### **CALIFORNIA DREAMS**

2017– USA – English – 85 minutes

From acclaimed director Mike Ott (Lake Los Angeles, Actor Martinez) comes the new film CALIFORNIA DREAMS presenting five unique individuals in pursuit of a big life change. Through auditions set up in small towns across Southern California, the film shows genuine characters with big Hollywood aspirations who, for various reasons, have never had the opportunity to pursue it. No matter what the end game, is, whether it's fame, love, or a fleeting shot at immortality, this biting funny film reveals the strange and entrancingly hypnotic grip that Hollywood has, in some way or form, on everyone.

Official Selection: Berlinale—Critic's Week, SXSW

Rights Available: Worldwide





### **THIS COLD LIFE**

2017 – USA – English – 88 minutes

Enter the world of Longyearbyen, the northernmost town in the world. Here, 300 miles from the North Pole where there are more polar bears than people, a small group of devoted iconoclasts have come together to forge a community that they proudly call home. But when economic and environmental forces come together to disrupt their way of life, this band of outsiders have to gather together to decide what is best for this unlikely community.

Official Selection: Hot Docs

Rights Available: Worldwide



### **CRADLE OF CHAMPIONS**

2017 – USA – English – 100 minutes

Three young people battle to change their lives through a three-month odyssey of the New York Daily News Golden Gloves-the biggest and oldest amateur boxing tournament in the world. Titus Williams and James Wilkins, two of New York's top young amateur boxers, try to escape tough backgrounds, fight their way through complex personal lives and a three-month, 500-fighter tournament to meet each other in an epic final bout at the Barclays Center.

Rights available: Worldwide



### **DARE TO BE DIFFERENT**

2017 – USA – English – 96 minutes

WLIR was an unknown, independent station that made a name for itself by breaking out the classic rock and roll that dominated the air waves in the late 70s. They boldly began to import and play LP's from England and elsewhere where Punk and other New Wave Music was being created. A revolution ensued with bands and performers like U2, Talking Heads, Depeche Mode, Blondie, Duran Duran, Tears for Fears, The Clash and many others. Featuring interviews with the artists and DJs who made the revolution happen, this is a movie for anyone who loves music, or the story of an underdog, or who champions those who "go for it" despite all odds. Featuring: Joan Jett, Debbie Harry, Billy Idol, Nick Rhodes, Jim Kerr

Official Selection: Tribeca Film Festival.

Rights available: Worldwide



### **FOOD EVOLUTION**

2016 – USA – English – 92 minutes

Academy Award®-nominated filmmaker Scott Kennedy and narrator, celebrity physicist Neil deGrasse Tyson, take on the seemingly intractable and polarizing debate surrounding the use of genetically modified foods. Traveling from Hawaiian papaya groves, to banana farms in Uganda to the corn fields of Iowa, the Kennedy reveals the emotional politics and the heated scientific arguments that is driving both sides of the debate. FOOD EVOLUTION brings a fresh, surprisingly entertaining and provocative perspective to one of the most critical issues facing global society today.

Official Selection: DOCNYC, CPH: DOX

Rights available: Worldwide excl. North America

US Distributor: Abramorama



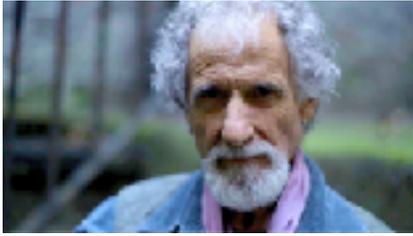
### **FORBIDDEN GAMES**

2017 – UK – English – 87 minutes

In 1980, Justin Fashanu overcame tremendous obstacles, and began a meteoric rise to fame by becoming the best soccer player in the UK, leading a generation of black footballers through the English league. Among those, was his brother, John, whose career and talent would eventually eclipse Justin's, as the pressures of the spotlight and being the only openly gay soccer player at the time, began to wear on him. With unprecedented access, co-directors Adam Drake and Jon Carey have crafted a compelling, difficult family portrait that will resonate.

Official Selection: Hot Docs

Rights available: Worldwide excl. SVOD



**FRANK SERPICO**

2017 – USA – English – 96 minutes

In 1971 Frank Serpico became the world's most famous whistleblower, exposing rampant corruption in the New York City Police Department. A best-selling book and Sidney Lumet's classic film starring Al Pacino made public only the tip of iceberg of his story. Now, 50 years later, Serpico breaks his reclusive silence, revealing the details of his extraordinary life. Frank Serpico, the man, emerges as a master performer, charismatic raconteur, brave fighter and ambitious reformer in this real life thriller. Revisiting his story in today's political climate, this groundbreaking documentary could not be more timely as it tracks Serpico's fight against the abuse of power, challenging us all to stand-up and fight for those things in which we believe.

Official Selection: Tribeca Film Festival

US Distributor: IFC

Rights Available: Worldwide excl. US



**MADDMAN**

2017– USA – English – 90 minutes

Witness the incredible rise and fall and resurrection of Steve Madden, the man who changed the fashion world and rebuilt his life following an entanglement with the Wolf of Wall Street.

Rights Available: Worldwide

**MIDNIGHT RETURN**

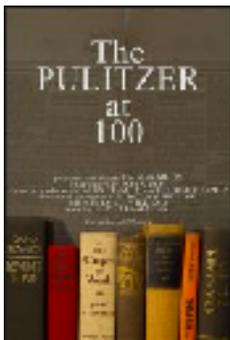
2016 - USA/Turkey - English

When it premiered at the 1978 Cannes Film Festival, Alan Parker's *Midnight Express*, written by a then up-and coming Oliver Stone who would later win an Oscar for his script, became an immediate sensation, drawing praise from critics and audiences alike, and drawing the ire of the Turkish government. Now filmmaker Sally Sussman presents the wild and fascinating story of how the film was made as told by those who were there: Oliver Stone, Alan Parker, producers David Putnam and Peter Guber, and real life inspiration Billy Hayes who proved himself, over the course of the ensuing decades, to be a more complicated, and wily, character than even the movie could've dreamt up. This is a must watch for any cinephile.

Premiere: Cannes Film Festival-Cannes Classics

US Distributor: Shudder

Rights Available: Worldwide excl. US



**THE PULITZER AT 100**

2016 – USA – English – 91 minutes

From Academy Award Winning director Kirk Simon comes an illuminating and exhilarating new film about the history and legacy of the Pulitzer Prize. Filled with many of the luminaries who have been recipients over the past 100 years, including Martin Scorsese, The New York Times' Nicholas Kristof, Natalie Portman, Helen Mirren, Michael Chabon, Toni Morrison, and Wynton Marsalis, this film explores the history of this most coveted award and the transformative effect it has on the select few who have been honored to be bestowed with this highest honor.

Official Selection: DOC NYC

US Distributor: First Run Features

Rights Available: Worldwide excl. US

**THE QUEEN OF IRELAND**

2016 - Ireland - English - 86 minutes

A documentary that follows drag queen Panti Bliss: part glamorous aunt, part Jessica Rabbit, she's a wittily incisive performer with charisma to burn who is widely regarded as one of the best drag queens in the world. Created by Rory O'Neill, Panti is also an accidental activist and in her own words 'a court jester, whose role is to say the un-sayable'. In recent years, Rory has become a figurehead for LGBT rights in Ireland and since the 2014 scandal around Pantiagate, his fight for equality and against homophobia has become recognized across the world.





### **SHALOM ITALIA**

2016 – Israel/Germany – English/Hebrew/Italian – 90 minutes

This is the story of three brothers, (ages 73, 82 and 84) who set off on a journey to find a cave in the woods of Tuscany, the place where, as children, they hid to escape the Nazis. But more than a search to find a geographical location, the brothers are on their way to locate the common ground of memory, the nexus where the conflicting versions of their stories can come to rest. The result is a profound portrait of memory and history. Director: Tamar Tal.

US: POV

Official Selection: AFI Docs, IDFA



### **A SINNER IN MECCA**

2015 – Saudi Arabia/Germany/USA – English/Arabic/Urdu/Hindi – 80 & 60 minutes

Parvez Sharma's (A Jihad for Love) new film is a daring and provocative journey to the very heart of Islam and tells a story about a life-long quest of finding faith and overcoming fear across two continents.

Premiere: Hot Docs, Sheffield Doc/Fest

Awards: Winner - Best Documentary Feature, Outfest

US/UK/CA SVOD: Netflix



### **WILDERS**

2017 – Germany/Netherlands/UK/USA – English– 82 minutes

Donald Trump redux? Maybe. This documentary, made by the team behind Netflix's AMANDA KNOX, about the Dutch Politician Geert Wilders and his shocking yet unsuccessful campaign for Prime Minister of Netherlands.

Premiering Sheffield 2017.

## **FILMS IN PRODUCTION**

### **GLOW KIDS** (Documentary, Production)

Screen Time for kids: Beneficial? Destructive? Both? In our current hyper-competitive era, it is no surprise that parents across the world constantly search for ways to help their children become stronger, faster, smarter. By following a few children and their families' odysseys, "Glow Kids" illuminates the controversy surrounding technology, and particularly interactive recreational and educational media; the results are staggering. As we move ever closer to a world in which no one can remember a time before personal electronics, "Glow Kids," adapted from the powerful new book by the same name, will engender debate in the press, in classrooms, in homes and of course on all forms of digital media as well.

### **PERROS** (Narrative, Post-Production)

In this intense and gritty thriller, John Leguizamo stars as Misael, a rough and tough family man who has landed in prison for doing an unspeakable act to try and protect his family. Now, trapped in jail, where he has earned the ire of the relentlessly sadistic warden, Misael is forced to confront the ugly truths about his life, and his responsibility in his own undoing. This is an edge of your seat thriller that grabs you from the opening moments to the final frame.

### **YELLOW IS FORBIDDEN** (Documentary, Post-Production)

CHANEL, GIVENCHY, DIOR, GAULTIER... The world of haute couture designers is one of the most exclusive clubs in the world: Mostly men. Exclusively European. Largely funded by conglomerates. Yet, an independent designer from China has been invited to present a collection next year. Her designs have been likened to Alexander McQueen and she has been profiled by The New York Times and VOGUE. If you don't know here name yet, you will soon. Meet Guo Pei, China's only haute couture designer. Director/Producer: Pietra Brett Kelly.