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Screening Schedule

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A selection of European Independent Film Festival (ÉCU) Winners, and Naperville Independent Film Festival Entries

For the 5th year, The Naperville Independent Film Festival is pleased to bring to Naperville winning films from this year's European Independent Film Festival (ÉCU), held in Paris, as part of the annual Film Festival. The 2015 NIFF screening schedule includes twenty 20 winning films from the Paris Festival that are however not part of the NIFF 2015 Official Selection (the competition). These films offer an excellent opportunity to see additional international films, showcasing the work of independent filmmakers from around the globe. NIFF is able bring these films to Naperville as part of our long-standing partnership with ÉCU.

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Sunday, Sep 13, 2015

Film Group - A

7:00pm

Group of European Independent Film Festival (ÉCU) - Winning Films

The Dandelion

Belgium



ÉCU
Rating

Directed by

Comedy

NR

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Saudi Arabia



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4 min.

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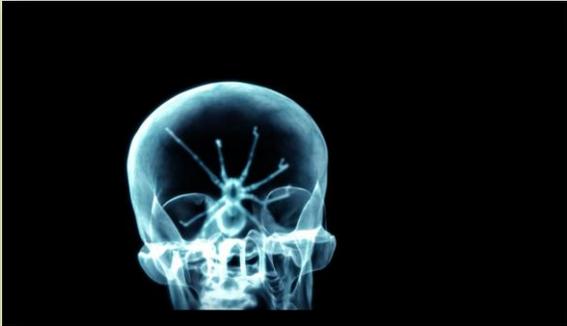
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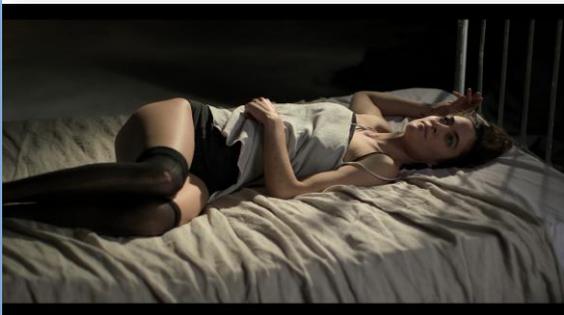
Film - D

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European Independent Film Festival (ÉCU) - Winner

Here Lies

UK



ÉCU
Rating Directed by

European Feature

NR Duncan Ward

102 min.

A film about filmmaking and the struggles involved in the creative process: artistic, technical, financial and personal. Director Duncan Ward sets out to make a biopic about controversial artist Ernst Hellmann, notorious for his misogyny, his tortured female nudes, hell raising lifestyle, and mysterious demise.

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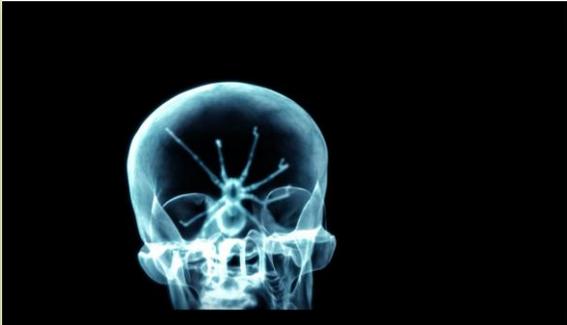
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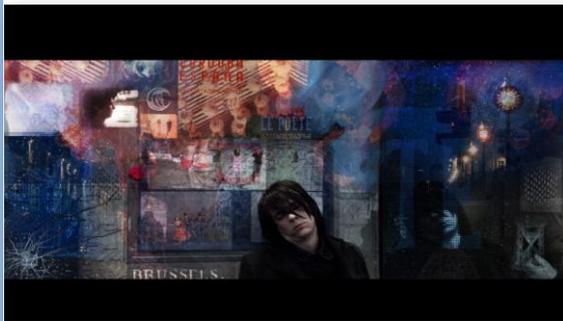


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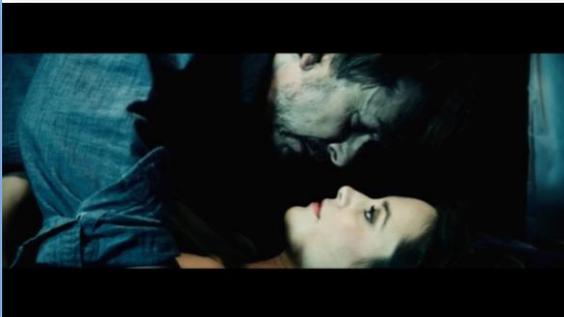
Film - E

9:00pm

European Independent Film Festival (ÉCU) - Winner

Flytrap

USA



ÉCU
Rating Directed by

Non-European Feature

NR Stephen David Brooks 100 min.

FLYTRAP mixes sci-fi with dark humor to tell the story of a reserved English Astronomer who becomes ensnared by the mysterious Mary Ann and her creepy and dangerous comrades.

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Thursday, Sep 17, 2015

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7:00pm

GERMAN Film Night - 1

SI LUNCHAI

Germany, Singapore



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Animated
Short

G Hannes Rall

9 min.

An adaptation of an Indonesian legend, inspired by the style of the Southeast Asia shadow puppet play "Wayang Kulit".

SALOMEA'S NASE (Salomea's Nose)

Germany



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Narrative
Short

G Susan Korda

23 min.

Salomea remembers the day her beloved brothers, Max and Karl, disfigured her and themselves for life. The day of Tragedy, is what their mother called it, and blamed it on the fate of her children. Though fate and tragedy have a different meaning by the end of the tale. A tragic comedy about sibling rivalry, disfigurement and the pain that binds us.

Das Kalte Herz (The Cold Heart)

Germany



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**Animated
Short**

G Hannes Rall

29 min.

The Black Forest in the 19th century. A charcoal-burner desperately wants to become rich. He trades his warm heart for a cold stone with the evil spirit of the forest. A cautionary tale about the effects of greed on the human soul, based on a darkly romantic German fairy tale.

Bahar im Wunderland (Bahar in Wonderland)

Germany



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**Narrative
Short**

G Behrooz Karamizade

16 min.

Where do you hide from danger, when you can't hide anywhere? The Kurdish girl Bahar believes she has found a way. This is the story of a little girl, who given the circumstances she's in, is not able to be a child. She is escaping with her father from Syria to Germany. In order to fight her fears and defend herself from danger, she believes in being able to get invisible by closing her eyes.

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7:00pm

GERMAN Film Night - 2

BLINDER PASSAGIER (The Stowaway) *Germany*



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Narrative Short **G** Maria Brendle 20 min.

After running away from an orphanage, 8-year old Emma believes to have found the perfect hiding place in the apartment of a blind woman named Evelyn, because to her, Emma is invisible. But Evelyn is not oblivious to the strange noises in her apartment. She plays along with her little roommate's silent game of hide-and-seek and eventually learns to see the world through the eyes of a child.

AU PAIR *Germany*



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Narrative Short **R** Marc Schiesser 25 min.

The French au pair girl Joline visits Germany to work in the Chinese restaurant "Blue Dragon". The tension in the relation between her and her host, Mrs. Zhou, rises. It more and more becomes a psychological duel - up to the point, where Joline discovers the secret of the restaurant.

UNTER DIE ERDE (Burying Mom)

Germany



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**Narrative
Short**

G Simon Denda

22 min.

"Burying Mom" tells the story of Marion and Chris, who both return to lay their mother to rest. Marion wants to get things over quickly and cremate her mother, but Chris wants to prevent this at all costs. Therefore, the siblings' unresolved conflicts from the past are unearthed.

GESCHWISTERDIEBE (Sisters in Crime)

Germany



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**Narrative
Short**

G Antoine Dengler

30 min.

The story of two sisters Hanna and Lena who are trying to realize their dream of emigrating. Hanna seduces rich men, goes home with them and sleeps with them and copies house keys. The next day the two sisters break into the houses to loot cash and jewelery. This is fine until Hanna falls in love with Finn. Plans and feelings get mixed up and the story evolves to love, togetherness, and the darkest and most beautiful things in life.