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Session 1 10:00



In the matter of Brian Franks

Runtime: 13:50

Attorney Sarah Warner has a chance to get justice for a family in the biggest case of her career. But to win, she'll need the help of her corporate fixer ex-boyfriend Drew Grenner.



The Devil's Symphony

Runtime: 14:36

Chris and his uncle Dennis need to be careful which conspiracy theories they listen to, as they may raise a little hell.



Roundabout

Runtime: 18:07

Friends in the evening, strangers in the morning,. David and Stella's paths unexpectedly intertwine once more at a film premiere that resonates with a haunting sense of familiarity.



Meeting

Runtime: 14:16

A tense and unforgettable Zoom meeting filled with awkward silences, unspoken emotions, and unexpected revelations.

Session 1 10:00

Def Hof

Runtime: 10:10

Do you know what your neighbours get up to? Sometimes it's best not to know...



Pee Fright

Runtime: 06:22

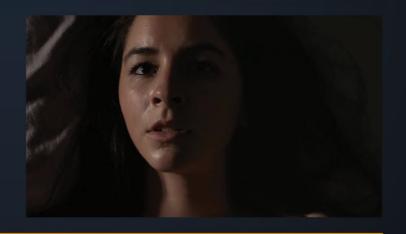
Despite thriving after only a few months into his new role as a marketing consultant, Sam struggles with one part of his day - the public toilet visit.



Girl in the Shadows

Runtime: 16:04

While wrestling a psychotic breakdown, an estranged girl tries to outthink her manipulative partner to save a woman's life.



Turn Over

Runtime: 13:22

When Kerry returns to the family farm with a money-making proposition for his estranged older brother Thad, he discovers he is the half-owner of a rusty old tractor bought by their father just before his unexpected death.



Session 2 12:00



Stationary

Runtime: 07:36

When a chance meeting at a rural railway station leads to a growing romance, is the path to love dynamic or is this romance stationary?



Hunter Loading

Runtime: 07:58

A Social Media posts about a soldier's homecoming party goes horribly wrong when his friend insists on telling him of his girlfriend's infidelity.



Reception

Runtime: 02:25

An animation created from 15 years of sketches made in the reception area whilst waiting to see the Dentist.



Takeaway

Runtime: 05:18

A hand drawn tale inspired by the antics of the Bowerbird, that gives an insight into what really happens to all that single use plastic that we use and so recklessly discard.

Session 2 12:00

Te Amo Papá

Runtime: 07:45

A 12 year old girl tries to reconnect with her deceased father by following in his footsteps to become a champion performance sword artist.



Trigger-ed

Runtime: 11:12

Triggered follows Terrence, a mental health sufferer, as he battles daily with Trigger, the voice in his head that intensifies his symptoms, causing constant worry and struggle.



The Westwood Cows

Runtime: 02:48

An ode to the cows that live on Beverley Westwood, a unique place where humans and cows share the landscape.



Bo Jacquo

Runtime: 18:44

Daniel, an actor in a Mafia movie, prepares for a pivotal scene—the death of his father. His emotional journey stirs childhood memories, deeply impacting his life.



The Barber, The Astronaut and The Golf Ball

Runtime: 25:11

In 1971, famed astronaut Alan Shepard returned from the moon and gifted his barber, Carlos Villagomez, an autographed golf ball before a haircut near NASA's Mission Control.



Session 3 14:00



Yen for Zen

Runtime: 01:00

Today's thought, in which we see what the humble kangaroo can teach us about finding inner calm.



The Appliance of Science

Runtime: 02:07

Set against the simultaneous rise of silent cinema in the USA and the surrealist art movement in Europe, this comic tale unfolds as a new piece of medical equipment disastrously backfires.



Crashlanding The Persian Mothership

Runtime: 29:59

Life and creativity of Iranian born artist Parham Ghalamdar, whose work spans painting, animation, and ceramics. Inspired by his turbulent youth in Iran, his art reflects themes of social and political history, philosophy, environmental issues.



The Visit

Runtime: 11:05

A mysterious woman observes a mother and daughter's bond, her presence transcending time. Blending fantasy and reality, it's a poignant, life-affirming tale.

Like, Comment, Share

Runtime: 10:08

Casey, a social media influencer, takes on a house-sitting job for the night. Casey's lighthearted updates quickly turn into a desperate plea for help as the night progresses.



The Dating Game

Runtime: 10:48

Natalie embarks on a humorous journey through online dating, drawn to shallow types despite her best intentions. Her misadventures lead to enlightening and comical encounters, ultimately revealing a deeper truth about genuine connection.



Still Here / Immerdar

Runtime: 10:23

A Berlin musician receives new that his estranged mother is dying. Once released into his care, they both discover that dying can be beautiful.



Where Have I Gone?

Runtime: 25:25

Charlie battles the intense struggles of PMDD or PME during "hell week," facing intrusive thoughts, physical pain, and emotional turmoil. Through resilience, self-discovery, and support, she begins to rediscover hope and healing.





RCA - Let The Artist Talk

Runtime: 05:07

A woman escapes Covid lockdown by entering a parallel world dominated by her own hair and socks.



Novablood Biblical

Runtime: 04:25

Music video for Novablood's new single called Biblical



Fahrenheit 2051

Runtime: 02:30

The story of a man in doubt, a must-watch that will leave you warm and captivated.



The Nose Knows: Foreignness and Fortune in China

Runtime: 22:59

Embark on a fascinating journey through Chinese history, where the humble nose reveals stories of identity, transformation, and China's growing global influence.

Speaker

Runtime: 06:56

A disabled grocer goes to work as usual. On the way, he sees several men taking a girl to kill her. The grocer tries to save her life.



Beholden

Runtime: 14:01

Lee's only hope of escaping prison on a murder charge is his childhood sweetheart, who is now a lawyer. Will Carlie be willing to revisit the traumatic past, she worked so hard to get away from, in order to save him?



Echoes

Runtime: 09:26

Echoes follows Harlan, an elderly man experiencing his life flashing before his eyes revisits memories with his wife Winnie, son Martin, and his childhood dog Wilbur.



Homeless Tobez

Runtime: 36:25

Tobez is a homeless gifted singer and songwriter. Over 24 hours we follow him on a perilous quest, to scrape and scrounge together enough money to buy a guitar. Will he finally be able to bring his tunes alive, and busk himself to freedom?



Session 5 18:30



Confession

Runtime: 03:15

A woman embarks on an emotional voyage for someone she loves, exploring the depths of emotion and feeling.



Cry Like A Guy

Runtime: 04:57

Kieran New leads us on an educational, emotional, gruff and goofy adventure through the hidden world of male tears. A feast for the feels.



Gretchen

Runtime: 18:19

Lenny takes Lily to the woods for what seems like a romantic evening, but his real aim is to summon the legendary Gretchen on her hallowed ground. As the night unfolds, Gretchen's vengeance threatens to prove the legend real.



Bruised

Runtime: 19:58

When suspicious bruising is found on Lisa's son, Bobby, she is forced to confront her own childhood trauma to prevent him from being taken by a well-meaning social worker.

Session 5 18:30

In Half

Runtime: 24:55

Through a child's eyes, we follow a man who, driven by fear, enters a magical world where he confronts past conflicts and fears, ultimately seeking solutions to hape his future and discover his true self.



As We Fall Silent

Runtime: 20:35

When one of two childhood friends battles a devastating illness, their relationship is tested, leading to events that will redefine their lives forever.



Red Carpet Photos

20:30

The red carpet is your opportunity to mark the occasion with a photograph that captures the moment. Whether you are a filmmaker, audience member, or simply here to celebrate the magic of cinema, this is your chance to step into the spotlight and create a lasting memory. With no dress code and a welcoming atmosphere, everyone is invited to join in, strike a pose, and enjoy this special experience. You can relive the moment and share it with others.

Awards Presentation

21:00

The finale of the evening, celebrating the incredible talent and creativity that make this festival special. The event honours filmmakers, storytellers, and contributors who have brought these films to life. It's an inclusive and relaxed occasion, designed to bring everyone together to recognise achievement and share in the joy of storytelling. Expect heartfelt speeches, memorable moments, and a true celebration of the community that makes the festival possible.

Festival Director

Hello, I'm Daniel Smales, it's a pleasure to welcome you with open arms to the inaugural Glowflare Short Film Festival. The festival has been in planning for 18 months, it's exciting to bring the event to the heart of Yorkshire. If your new to film festivals; independent films or indie films are made outside the major studio system, giving filmmakers greater creative freedom to focus on storytelling and character development, often with smaller budgets. From my experience as an actor, I know the love, passion, and hard work that goes into creating a film. Behind every project are individuals juggling roles to bring their vision to life.



Some of the films you'll see today may be debuting for the very first time. I encourage you to show your appreciation with generous applause, energy, and engagement. Let's create a space where everyone feels valued and celebrated. If you're curious about the craft, take advantage of our Q&A sessions with filmmakers and discover more about the process of creating a film. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has made this festival possible, the films and the filmmakers, for sharing their incredible stories and creativity, and the audience, for your enthusiasm and support. Special thanks to Parkway Cinema for such a fantastic venue. To my family and friends, encouragement and inspiration have meant the world throughout this journey. I hope you all have a great festival day.

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