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June 6, 2017

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 5th Annual New York Eurasian Film Festival!

This event presents an unparalleled opportunity to discover contemporary cinema from Central Asia, and promotes greater cultural interaction between this region of the world and the United States. New York City, with its vibrant immigrant communities and multicultural influences, is the perfect home for this celebration of artistic achievement.

The Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment (MOME) is proud to support the New York Eurasian Film Festival, and grateful that the festival encourages and inspires film lovers and creators from all backgrounds. MOME supports media in its many forms through our Office of Film, Theatre and Broadcasting – a one-stop shop for all production needs in New York City – as well as through NYC Media, the official TV, radio, and online network of the City of New York. Our City is a thriving center of media and entertainment, and home to groundbreaking storytellers who occupy diverse viewpoints within the media landscape.

Each year, MOME works directly with the hundreds of film, television, digital, and commercial projects that film on location in the five boroughs. We offer educational and workforce development programs, such as our ongoing "Made in NY" Talk series, which welcomes industry professionals from a variety of fields to share firsthand knowledge of their careers with students and interested New Yorkers.

We welcome you to take a look at our website – www.nyc.gov/film – and follow us on Twitter – @MadeinNY – and discover everything New York City has to offer the creative community. Enjoy the show!

Sincerely,

Julie Menin, Commissioner
Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment



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June 8, 2017

Hakki Subentekin and Yuliya Tikhonova
Founders
New York EURASIAN Film Festival

Re: Congratulations on hosting the fifth annual New York EURASIAN Film Festival in Brooklyn

Dear Hakki Subentekin and Yuliya Tikhonova:

I am writing to congratulate you on holding the fifth annual New York EURASIAN Film Festival, the largest showcase of short, feature films, and documentaries in New York City from the Eurasian continent, at St. Francis College from June 16th to June 18th this year.

The cinematic works presented at the festival showcase the artistic achievements of artists at the crossroads of Eurasia. The New York EURASIAN Film Festival is instrumental in promoting greater dialogue between the United States and the geographic region that comprises the Balkan republics, Central Asia, post-Soviet Eastern Europe, and Turkey.

Brooklyn's diversity is our strength, where 47 percent of residents speak a language other than English at home. As Brooklyn's borough president, I am pleased that the New York EURASIAN Film Festival will highlight the extraordinary contributions of those who hail from this beautiful part of the world to Brooklyn.

On behalf of all 2.6 million Brooklynites, I welcome the fifth annual New York EURASIAN Film Festival to Brooklyn. I wish you continued success!

Sincerely,

Eric L. Adams
Brooklyn Borough President

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Friends,

We welcome you to the 5th Annual New York Eurasian Film Festival, which is in partnership with the USA Independent Film Festival.

As you may know, the USA Independent Film Festival was founded by us in 2015. Our goal was, and remains to be, to present a great selection of US Indie films, as well as films from several other continents, all in New York City. We are dedicated to the task of introducing marvelous independent, international cinema.

This year's selection was incredibly hard to choose from among the many great films we received. Many of our winners will be seen in either NYC, or the entire USA, for the first time. *Father and Son* from Viet Nam, and *Hanji Box* from the US, will both have their NYC premieres. *Coastliners* from Turkey, *The Road to Mother* from Kazakhstan, *Under Heaven* from Kyrzstan and *The Plague at the Karatas Village* from Kazakhstan, will all have their USA premiere. Almost all of our *short film selections* will either have their USA or NYC premiere.

We thank you for joining us to witness the power of filmmaking. Nowadays in the world, it can be argued, cinema is the greatest way to tell a story in the most beautiful of ways.

Enjoy the films.

Founders

Hakki Subentekin & Yuliya Tikhonova

SCHEDULE

All Screenings will be held at St. Francis College Maroney Theater & Founders Hall 180 Remsen St Brooklyn Heights, NY 11201

JUNE 16, Friday 5:30 PM

Altimir, Short, Documentary, 18 min., Bulgaria
Hard To Say, Short, Fiction, 5 min., USA
The Wonderful World of Chinese Characters, Short, Animation, 9 min., Taiwan
52-The Trolleybus, Short, Documentary, 30 min., Austria, Russia, Ukraine
COASTLINERS (Kiydakiler), Feature film, 60 min., Turkey

8:00 PM

Mike Holt 4 Ever, Short, Fiction, 12 min., USA
The Long Haul, Short, Fiction, 14 min., USA
Wine and Eggs, Short, Fiction, 5 min., Turkey
THE HANJI BOX, Feature film, 60 min., USA

JUNE 17, Saturday

2:00 PM

The Gentleman Next Door, Short, Documentary, 16 min., USA
Time Flies When I am Having Fun, Short, Fiction, 4:30 min., Sweden
The Last Warriors, Short, Documentary, 11:32 min., China
Hard Hat, Short, Fiction, 20 min., Turkey
THE PLAGUE AT THE KARATAS VILLAGE, Feature film, 80 min., Kazakhstan

5:00 PM

The Benefaction, Short, Fiction, 28 min., USA, India
Redemption, Short, Fiction, 15 min., Brazil
You Got a Problem..., Short, Fiction, 15 min., Brazil
UNDER HEAVEN, Feature film, 1 hr 28 min., Kyrgyzstan

8:00 PM

Cube, Short, Fiction, 19 min., Kazakhstan
The Loss, Short, Fiction, 8:53 min., Turkey
Cacophony, Short, Animation, 2 min., USA
INTERSECTION, Feature Film, 1 hr. 20 min., USA

JUNE 18, Sunday

2:00 PM

Paper Bird, Short, Animation, 6 min., Korea
One on One, Short, Fiction, 12 min., Azerbaijan
"Oljo" (The Gift), Short, Fiction, 17 min., Kyrgyzstan
Chains of Freedom, Short, Fiction, 10 min., USA
Intent, Short, Fiction, 16 min., Turkey
The Last Jew in the Village, Short, Documentary, 32 min., Azerbaijan
A Lodger, Short, Fiction, 18 min., Kazakhstan
Imperative Shift - Fukushima, Tip of the Iceberg, Short, Documentary, 14 min., USA, Japan

4:30 PM

Not Quite White, Short, Fiction, 13:56 min., USA
FATHER AND SON, Feature film, 1 hr. 30 min., Viet Nam

7:00 PM

Tribute to Oleg Vidov
THE ROAD TO MOTHER, Feature Film, 2 hr. 10 min., Kazakhstan

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June 16, Fri., 5:30 pm**Altimir**

Directed by By Kay Hannahan
Bulgaria, USA

18 min., Short, Documentary

Since the collapse of the communist regime in 1989, Bulgaria has experienced the most extreme population decline in the world. Low birth rates, high death rates, and emigration have pushed many villages to the verge of extinction.

Hard to Say

Directed by Ted Sharks
USA

5 min., Short, Fiction

A romantic music video about a couple who fought each other and wanted to recover the relationship. It's just a tiny reason to fight with but hard to recover for them who have a tiny pride.

June 16, Fri., 5:30 pm**June 16, Fri., 5:30 pm****The Wonderful World of Chinese Characters**

Directed by Shan-Pen Lin
Taiwan

9 min., Short, Animation

"The Wonderful World of Chinese Characters" is an animation aiming to introducing Chinese culture by means of Chinese characters.

52 - The Trolleybus

Directed by David Auerbach
Austria, Russia, Ukraine

30 min., Short, Documentary

Although massively underfunded and working with long since outdated equipment, the dedicated employees of the Krymmtrolleybus department have managed to keep their buses running on schedule...

June 16, Fri., 5:30 pm**June 16, Fri., 8 pm****Mike Holt 4Ever**

Directed by Kenneth Anderson
USA

12 min., Short, Fiction

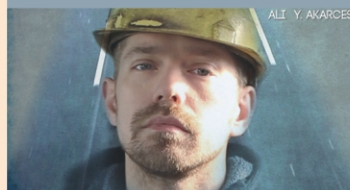
A world-weary waitress encounters her high school crush while visiting her home town.

The Long Haul

Directed by Ali Akarcesme
USA

14 min., Short, Fiction

A man brings his lifelong struggle to light on his 35th birthday.

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JUNE 16**COASTLINERS
(KIYIDAKILER)**

Country: Turkey

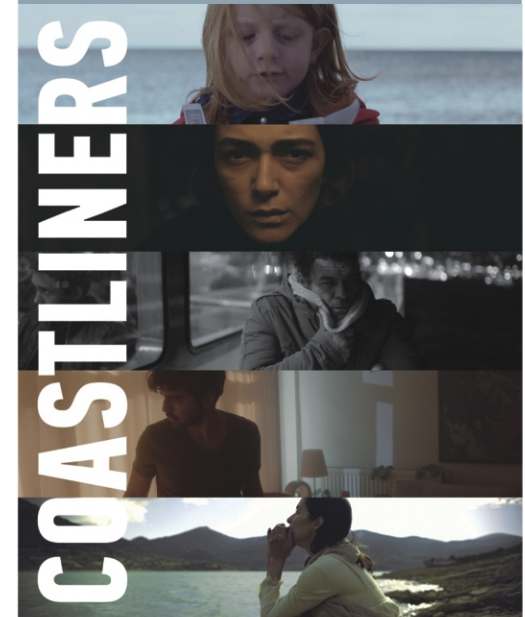
Directors: Alphan Eseli, Ramin Matin,
Baris Pirhasan, Erdem Tepegöz, Melisa Önel

Writer: Ceyda Asar

Stars: Antigone Gitana, Defne Halman, Sebnem
Hassanisoughi, Masal Kahraman, Sinan Özerk
60 min.

The film "Coastliners"; is composed of five short films with different stories under the theme "Human Rights", collaborated by directors with universally acknowledged film careers.

These five short films emphasize the violence, fundamental human rights by inviting the audience to witness stories like; the journey of the belongings of refugees come ashore, the strange journey of a young man who is exposed to violence, the story of a mother and daughter who have taken refuge in a house on a border in the Middle East where bombings occur, the story of a hero who overcomes the obstacles in order to achieve his goals in the chaos of Istanbul, and the spiritual journey of a woman trying to get back to her village from where she was exiled.

June 16, Fri., 5:30 pm**THE HANJI BOX**

Country: USA

Director: Nora Jacobson

Writers: Nora Jacobson, Nora Jacobson

Stars: Felice Choi, Natalie Kim, Nancy Sun,
Daniel Park, Bruce Baek, Manu Menon,
Hannah Yun, Suzanne C. Dudley, Brian Song,
Sook Hyung Yang, Julian Song,
Daniel Sangyoon Kim, Jun Kim, Nancy Kim,
Dario Anthony, Seung Eun Lee, Suhyon Kim
60 min.

A recently divorced woman is downsizing her house and her adopted Korean daughter is helping her pack. When a treasured Korean cultural item is broken, the woman travels to New York's Koreatown to see if she can get it fixed and an adventure awaits her.

June 16, Fri., 8 pm

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Directed by Sertaç Bozkurt

Turkey

5 min., Short, Fiction

A woman watches out the window of in the house. The excitement that she had when her husband's knock the door shows us that days end would be different than other days.

**JUNE 17**Screenings will be held at
the St. Francis College, Maroney Theater
180 Remsen St., Brooklyn Heights, NY 11201**The Gentleman Next Door**

Directed by John Mollison

USA

16 min., Short, Documentary

The John Wilkinson story. Sometimes the old man next door turns out to also be a young man of a different, violent age. When an old man dies, a library burns.**June 17, Sat., 2:00 pm****June 17, Sat., 2:00 pm****Time flies when I am having fun**

Directed by Johan Tappert

Sweden

4:30 min., Short, Fiction

From personal experience Marianne knows that time passes too quickly when she is having fun. She therefore tries to live as boring as possible, which turns out to be harder than she thought.

**The Last Warriors**

Directed by Valentina Ippolito

China

11:32 min., Short, Documentary

Set in the thickly forested mountains of Guizhou Province among the wooden houses of the Miao people of Basha village, *The Last Chinese Warriors* is an episodic short film exploring the gendering of Miao warrior culture throughout the circle of life, as seen through the outsider lens of a female European filmmaker.**June 17, Sat., 2:00 pm****June 17, Sat., 2:00 pm****Hard Hat**

Directed by Mustafa Gökpinar

Turkey

20 min., Short, Fiction

"Hard Hat" is a short tragedy about construction workers' dreams and realities who lives in containers. Kadir is a young construction worker who works with his fellow countrymen.

**The Benefaction**

Directed by Nikhat Powell

USA, India

28 min., Short, Fiction

Protagonist Rishi, a young Indian taxi driver struggles to make his payments on his sole means of livelihood, his taxi. While under the threat of repossession, he finds his daughter falling prey to an unknown illness that could take her life.

June 17, Sat., 5:00 pmScreenings will be held at
the St. Francis College, Maroney Theater
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KARATAS VILLAGE**

Country: Kazakhstan

Director: Adilkhan Yerzhanov

Writer: Adilkhan Yerzhanov

Stars: Aibek Kudabayev, Nurbek Mukushev,

Tolganay Talgat

1 hr. 20 min.

A new mayor comes to the remote village Karatas. Suddenly a very strange illness reins over the village. However, somebody is living with it and says that this is just a simple flu.

Awards

1. "The plague in the village of Karatas" - World film premiere took place in January 2016, at the 45th International Film Festival in Rotterdam, the film was awarded the NETPAC award – network for the Promotion of Asian cinema.
2. The film shown at film festivals in Taipei, Peru, in the International Film Festival "Zerkalo" (the festival of Tarkovsky), Warsaw, Singapore, Paris, Yakutsk (Prize of the General sponsor of the Festival).
3. Prize for best Director at the 12th International Film Festival "Eurasia" (Almaty).
4. Winner of the "Contest winners" 25th Anniversary Open festival of cinema of the countries of CIS and Baltic countries "Kinoshock".

UNDER HEAVEN

Country: Kyrgyzstan

Director: Dalmira Tilebergen

Writer: Dalmira Tilebergen

Stars: Taalai Abazova, Taalaikan Abazova, Asan Amanov, Munara Dooronbekova, Marat Ibraev, Nurjigit Kanaev, Anvar Osmonaliev, Dzhamal Seidakmatova, Jamal Seidakmatova
1 hr. 28 min.

"Under Heaven" written and directed by Dalmira Tilebergen, is a modern day remake of the biblical tale of Cain and Abel. It is set in a remote mountain village in Central Asia between two brothers. Rebellious Kerim and conscientious Aman, live with their mother and work at the family stonemason business. Their father has been forced to work away in Russia in order to pay off Kerim's debts, incurred as a result of his eldest son's drug dealing activities. Both brothers fall for a local village girl, Saltanat, which ultimately leads to a bitter dispute and unforeseen and tragic consequences...

World premiere: International film festival in Montreal, 2015. The picture is awarded an Honorary Diploma "Special Mention of the First Films Jury".

June 17, Sat., 2 pm**June 17, Sat., 5 pm**

WHAT GOES AROUND, COMES AROUND



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June 17, Sat., 5 pm**Redemption**

Directed by Neville D'Almeida, Joaquim Haickel

Brazil

15 min., Short, Fiction

A young woman leaves her small town inland and travels to the capital of her state. She is looking for a job as a singer, however, as events unfold not everything is what it seems to be!

**You Got A Problem...**

Directed by Charles Mandracchia

USA

8 min., Short, Animation

Uncle Louie and his Italian-American Paisanos solve a problem that the Pizza Man is having with a bunch of kids from a Brooklyn neighborhood. You got a problem, no problem...just call uncle Louie. He'll take care of it! No Problem!

June 17, Sat., 5 pm**June 17, Sat., 8 pm****Cube**

Directed by Maksim Kodarov

Kazakhstan

19 min., Short, Fiction

The film tells about the dramatic fate of a woman at her fifties working in an ordinary children's music school as a cleaner. But this woman is not as simple as it seems at first glance. In the process of history, we learn that in the early years she was talented and full of promise violinist.

**The Loss**

Directed by Didem Avkan Gültekin

Turkey

8:53 min., Short, Fiction

A couple who have lost their child are moving. Inside, as everything is slowly removed, the house is filled with the emptiness of the death.. While on the outside, life continues..

June 17, Sat., 8 pm**June 17, Sat., 8 pm****Cacophony**

Directed by AiHsuan Shih

USA

2 min., Short, Animation

CacophoNY is a 2D animation and motion graphics video that combines illustrations, abstract textures and color to create patterns that visualize unseen daily sounds. Through the eyes and ears of a young girl, the viewer can escape the harsh sounds of the urban environment and find solace in a serene inner world.

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Paper Bird

Directed by Yu Kyung Jung

Korea

6 min., Short, Animation

Min-hee and Seon-cheol first met at a library. Even after getting married, Seon-cheol continues to express his love for Min-hee through paper cranes, but Min-hee has had enough of Seon-cheol's obsession.

June 18, Sun., 2 pm

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JUNE 17**INTERSECTION**

Country: USA

Director: Tim French

Writers: Michael French, Tim French

Producers: Hoyt Richards, Tim French, Rick Irvin

Stars: Hoyt Richards, Anabella Casanova, Johnny

Williams, Scott King, Dawn Ann Billings, Bonnie

Hellman

1 hr. 20 min.

A guilt-ridden man who blames himself for the accidental death of his only child, meets a mysterious beautiful woman. They meet in the same remote town where the fateful car crash occurred. Even though a spark arises between them, she carries a dark past with her.

A multi-award winning, 73 wins in all categories.

June 17, Sat., 8 pm**June 17, Sun., 2 pm****One on One**

Directed by Ismail Safarali

Azerbaijan

12 min., Short, Fiction

A day in the life of a lonely boy in a remote village in the mountains of north Azerbaijan. All he has is his only friend and a football to keep him going in a village that has no future to offer him.

Oljo (The Gift)

Directed by Bolsunbek Taalaibek Uulu

Kyrgyzstan

17 min., Short, Fiction

Synopsis. A short story about unexpected meeting of representatives of two different cultures, two different civilizations, told with sad humor.

Awards

1. "Best film" on New Film Forum "Umut, Bishkek 28- 30 of October, 2016.
2. "Best film" on IFF "Kyrgyzstan - country of short film 12-15 of December, 2016.
3. "Best short film" on National Film Award "Ak Ilbirs", 2016.

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Chains of Freedom

Directed by Derya Celikkol
USA

10 min., Short, Fiction

A short film about two students planning to escape from a post-apocalyptic dystopian school.



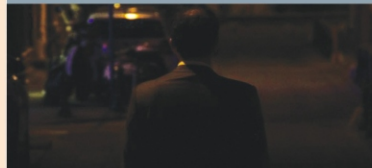
Intent

Directed by Murat Engiz
Turkey

16 min., Short, Fiction

In a polarized society where Fikret, a 30 year-old unemployed man, tries to find himself as an individual on who he is.

June 17, Sun., 2 pm



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The last Jew in the village

Directed by Rufat Asadov

Azerbaijan

32 min., Short, Documentary

Abandoned village- founded by mountain Jews in Azerbaijan in the 19th c. There is a Jewish cemetery near the village. An old man (Meyer) is working at the grave. He is the only Jew who stays in this village. He has been living in this village for all his lifetime. He knows everything about history of this village, and he's the only nexus between the Past of this Jewish village and the Present time.



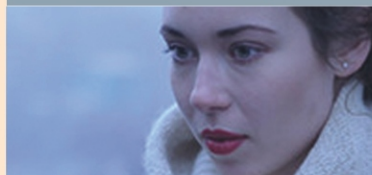
A lodger

Directed by Ratmir Nazarov
Kazakhstan

18 min., Short, Fiction

This is a story about love of Uigurian boy to his teacher of russian language, who came from Krasnoyarsk, after World War 2.

June 17, Sun., 2 pm



June 17, Sun., 2 pm

Imperative Shift - Fukushima, Tip of the Iceberg

Directed by Yoko Kubota

USA, Japan

14 min., Short, Documentary

This film talks about the current situation of the Fukushima Nuclear disaster and the problems in the Nuclear Power Industry worldwide. Can the global community come together to protect humanity as we face this critical issue?



Not Quite White

Directed by Cory Censoprano
USA

14 min., Short, Fiction

Day after day, Ian auditions in pursuit of his dream. Only problem? He's too Asian for white roles and too white for Asian roles. Ethnic purgatory can be a real bitch sometimes.

June 17, Sun., 4:30 pm



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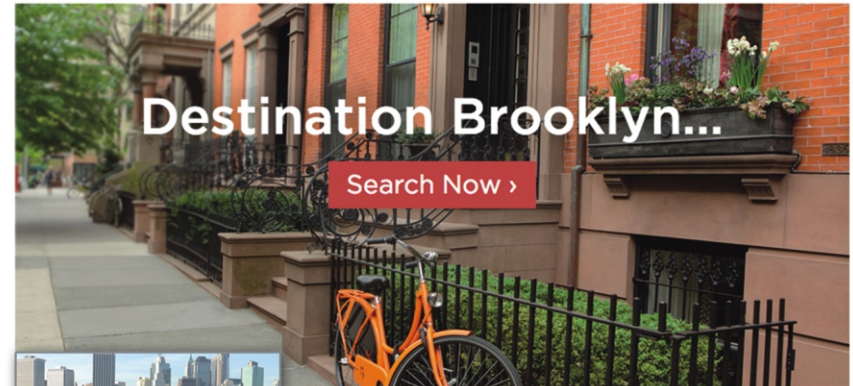
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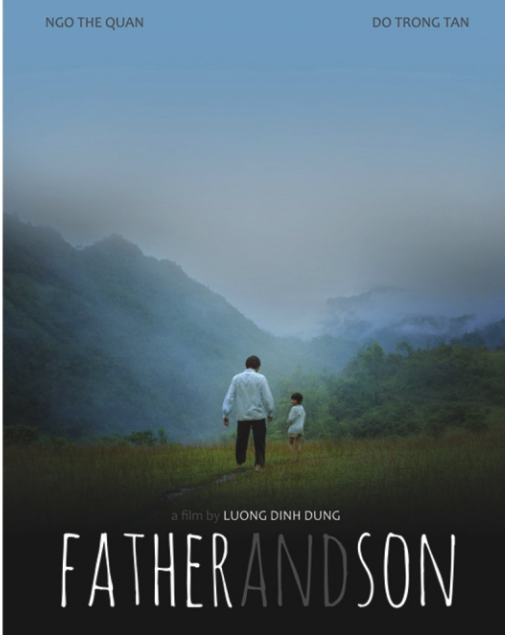
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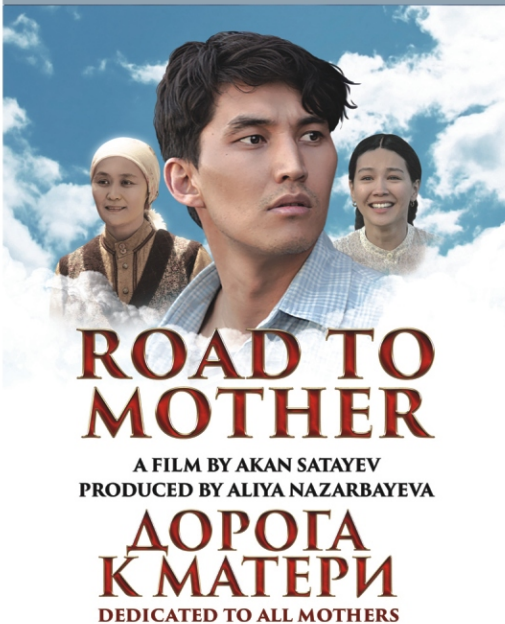
FATHER AND SON

Country: Viet Nam
Director: Dung Luong Dinh
Stars: Ngo The Quan, Do Trong Tan
1 hr. 30 min.

Thousands of fish for a single life. "Father and Son" is an independent movie adapted from Dung's short story with the same title, written in 1995. Director Dung, drew inspiration for the story from his own experiences to write "Father and Son". The main character in the movie is a boy named Ca (Fish). He lives with his blind father, who spent his entire life by the river. Ca's world revolves around the river and everything associated with it, including the animals, flowers, and the wooden fish his father carved for him. Ca dreams of touching the clouds in the sky and visiting fancy lands as in the fairy tales told by his father. However, Ca suffers from an incurable disease and cannot wait for the day when his father has enough money to take him to the doctor.

The "Father and Son" film won many prizes at international cinema festivals, including the Best Full-Length Movie title at the Canadian Diversity Film Festival, the Best Cinematography title at the Barcelona Planet, Remi Award at the 50th Houston International Film Festival.

June 18, Sun., 7 pm



THE ROAD TO MOTHER

Country: Kazakhstan
Director: Akan Satayev
Producer: Aliya Nazarbayeva, Svetlana Korotenko
Principal cast: Alтынay Nogerbek, Adil Akhmetov, Aruzhan Dzhazilbekova
2 hr. 10 min.

The historical line of the film tells about the key events in the history of Kazakhstan in the twentieth century. It was collectivization, jute, military, and heavy post-war years. "In the story, after the brutal collectivization protagonist, Ilyas, still quite a young boy deprived of a father and separated from his mother. He grows up in an orphanage in a foreign country, far from their native families and homeland. Fate presents Ilyas with a lot of tests including severe war and camp for prisoners. But hope as a sprout breaks through the rocks and Ilyas finds forces that give him hope to meet with his mother.

Awards
The film directed by Akhan Sataev "The Road to the Mother" was recognized as the best in Central Asia at the ceremony of presenting the VI National Film Prize "Ak Ilbirds" in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. "The Road to Mother" won the "Grand Prix" of the film festival "Eurasian Bridge".



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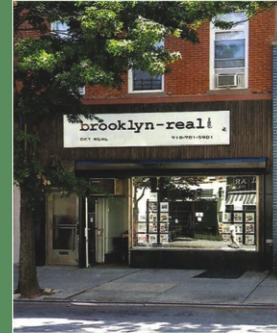
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