

9TH ANNUAL

UPIKE

FILM AND MEDIA ARTS FESTIVAL

PIKE COUNTY LIBRARY - LEE AVENUE BRANCH
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, APRIL 28 AND 29, 2023
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A MESSAGE FROM FESTIVAL ORGANIZER ANDREW REED:

WELCOME TO OUR 9TH ANNUAL UPIKE FILM AND MEDIA ARTS FESTIVAL!

THE GOAL OF THE UPIKE FILM AND MEDIA ARTS FESTIVAL IS TO PROMOTE THE ART OF FILMMAKING IN EASTERN KENTUCKY. WE ACCEPT FILMS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND ACROSS THE WORLD FROM FILMMAKERS OF ALL AGES. WE LIKE NARRATIVE, DOCUMENTARY, ANIMATED, EXPERIMENTAL, YOUTH FILMS, FEATURES, AND SHORTS. IN ADDITION TO OUR COMPETITIVE FILM SCREENINGS, WE ALSO HOLD A SCREENPLAY CONTEST.

OUR FESTIVAL WAS TRADITIONALLY HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PIKEVILLE, AND THEN MOVED ONLINE FOR TWO YEARS DUE TO THE PANDEMIC, BUT LAST YEAR WE RETURNED TO BEING AN IN-PERSON EVENT. THIS YEAR WE ARE HOLDING OUR FESTIVAL AT A NEW LOCATION, THE PIKE COUNTY LIBRARY ON LEE AVENUE IN PIKEVILLE, KY. WE THINK THIS NEW LOCATION WILL GENERATE EVEN MORE AUDIENCE MEMBERS.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR TIME IN PIKEVILLE AT OUR FESTIVAL!

IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT ME I CAN BE REACHED AT 256-412-8195 OR BY EMAIL AT ANDREWREED@UPIKE.EDU

FESTIVAL LOCATION:

PIKE COUNTY LIBRARY, LEE AVENUE BRANCH AT 126 LEE AVENUE, PIKEVILLE, KY 41501

PLEASE BE SURE TO GO TO THIS ADDRESS AS THERE ARE OTHER LIBRARIES IN PIKEVILLE. WE ARE HOLDING OUR EVENT AT THE ONE ON LEE AVENUE BY BUFFALO WILD WINGS AND BROOKSHIRE INN AND SUITES.

APRIL 28 FRIDAY

12:00 PM

ANIMATION BLOCK

TATT, MERCIFUL ANGEL, WATER LULLABY, GENPAL, CHANCE CHANGE, IF FOUND

12:30 PM

NARRATIVE BLOCK 1

BEAT IT, FOLLOW YOU, FOLLOW ME, HEARTBREAK MAGIC, TELL ME YOU'LL MISS ME, AISLE 5, CAN I GET A JOB?

1:30 PM

NARRATIVE BLOCK 2

GAME PLAN, DREAM SODA, TEARLESS KNIGHT
THE WALLFLOWER PACT, THE SNAKE AND THE APPLE

2:30 PM

DOCUMENTARY BLOCK 1

THE HORSE THAT BUILT KENTUCKY, UNCONVENTIONAL: LIVING LIFE TO THE MAX, LAURIE

3:30 PM

NARRATIVE BLOCK 3

IN SITU, CUFFED, GRAY AREA, HOT LATIN NIGHTS AT THE GRANADA!, THE REPAIRMAN, HAPPY MOMBIE'S DAY, CLOSURE CORPS, STALK

5:15PM

DOCUMENTARY BLOCK 2

THE ILLNESS, HUZZAH!, DON'T PUT HER DOWN, FELICIDAD, VIDA, FAMILIA

6:45 PM

FEATURE FILM

MIGHTY HARLAN COUNTY

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APRIL 29 SATURDAY

10:00 AM

APPALSHOP BLOCK

A PLAYER'S QUEST, FULL OF WONDER: THE ART OF ANGIE DEBORD, LADY D, NO SUCH RIGHT: THE END OF ROE IN APPALACHIA, THE ART OF FINDING HOME

11:30 AM

UPIKE BLOCK

DEAR DANA, ESOTERIA, IN PERSONA, "BURN" BY ZOE HOWARD

12:30 PM

FEATURE FILM

PICTURE PROOF

2:15 PM

FEATURE FILM

APPEARING IN PERSON

4:15 PM

SCRIPT PRESENTATION

HIGHTOWER WITH AUSTIN PARSONS

4:45 PM

NARRATIVE BLOCK 4

THE RAVEN, THE UFO GIRL, CANDLE LIGHT CHRISTMAS, MANUFACTURED LUCK

6:00 PM

NARRATIVE BLOCK 5

'NEATH, LITTLE CREEK, THE HARBINGER, MIRRORTY

6:45 PM

DOCUMENTARY BLOCK 3

SAFE PLACE, THE REALIZATION OF CHILDHOOD DREAMS

7:30 PM

AWARDS PRESENTATION

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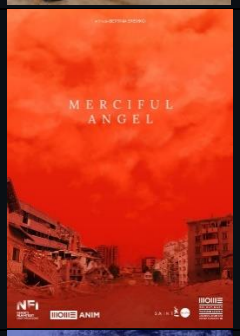
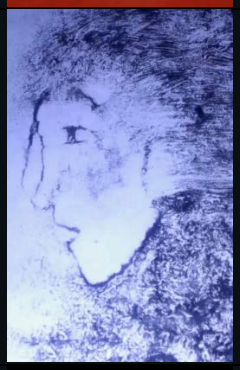
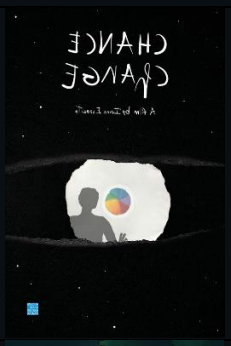
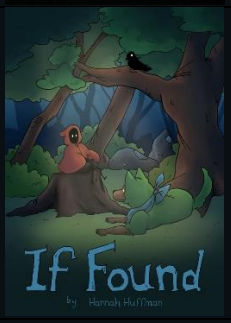
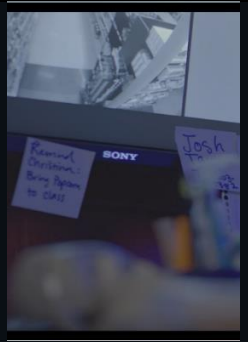
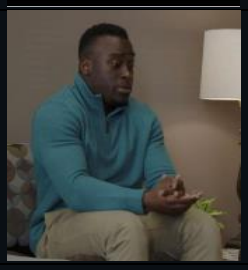
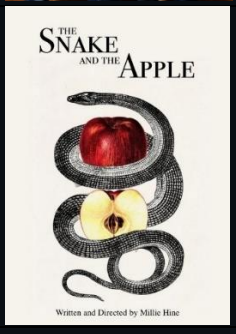
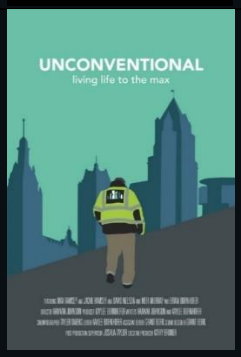
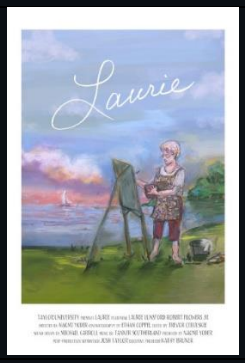
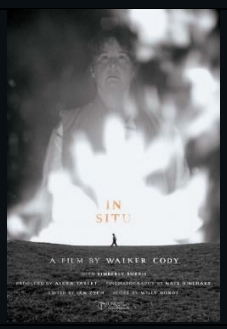
Detailed Schedule

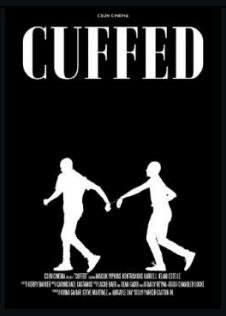
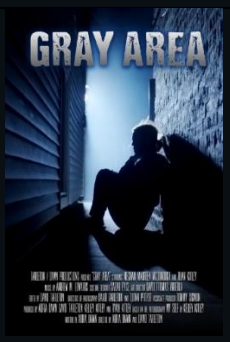
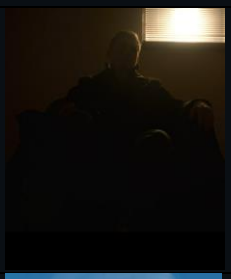
Friday	12:00 PM Animation Block
	**Tatt** The story of a mysterious monster-thief who stole the forester's pants.
	**Merciful Angel** This animated documentary is about the NATO airstrikes which occurred in 1999 in the former republic of Yugoslavia.
	**Water Lullaby** This Stop motion, animated film was done with sand, with the song "Water Lullaby", from the "Waterduction" album being an inspiration for this short.
	**Genpal** As a birthday gift, a young axolotl will purchase a new buddy from a website of shady background.

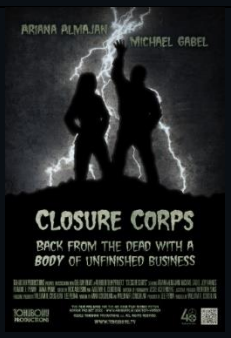
	**Chance Change** This film raises awareness and tells how Mother Nature has given so much to us human beings but, despite that, we have not known how to love her.
	**If Found** When the Forest Dweller and their dog rescue an injured crow, they receive a kindness in return.
Friday	**12:30 PM Narrative Block 1**
	**Beat It** An adopted Asian teen aspires to be a rapper, but is confronted with prejudice and racism that he must overcome while competing in a rap battle.
	**Follow You, Follow Me** Two young adults navigate the complex intimacies of a budding, interabled relationship.

	Heartbreak Magic Following a crushing breakup just before the school dance, Liz copes by eating plenty of ice cream. But when her favorite stuffed animal, Mr. Rabbit, comes to life, the two determine to make the best of their heartbreak together.
	Tell Me You'll Miss Me Before she enters her airport terminal to further her education in China and feeling the weight of her decision; Whitney is reminded of the lovely times with her boyfriend, Kolton.
	Aisle 5 An ordinary store clerk finds himself with an unusual responsibility during his shift.
	Can I Get a Job? A job interview goes horribly wrong.
Friday	1:30 PM Narrative Block 2

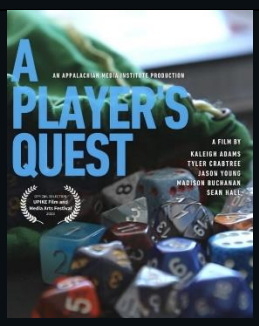
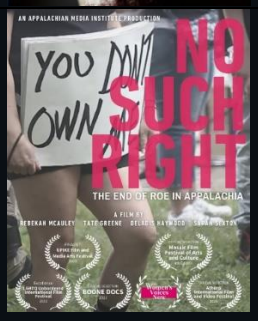
	**Game Plan** A group of associates meet to finalize a high-stakes business deal that will lead to the end for one of them, but which one will be finished?
	**Dream Soda** An awkward high school boy who has trouble staying in touch with reality finally finds his confidence after getting noticed by his lifelong crush and agreeing to go to homecoming with her.
	**Tearless Knight** An old knight, accompanied by his squire, returns from the crusades.
	**The Wallflower Pact** A romantic comedy about the secrets introverts keeps, the awkward world of low budget indie filmmaking, and love.
	**The Snake and the Apple** Holly writes stories. When the princess in her new book faces the conflict of embracing her darker ideals, Holly finds herself reflecting on the struggles of real life.

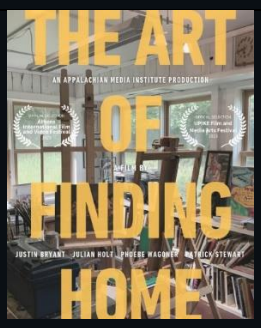
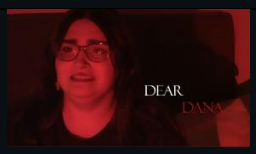
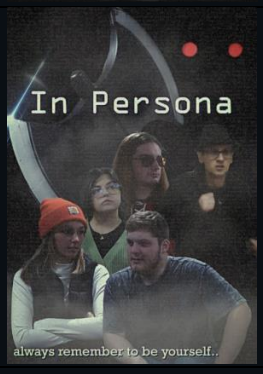
Friday	2:30 PM Documentary Block 1
	The Horse that Built Kentucky This documentary explores the many ways that this cultural history produced the mountain horse– and how these horses, in turn, influenced a region.
	Unconventional: Living Life to the Max Max Ramsey, an advocate for those experiencing poverty, uses what he has gone through to serve the impoverished community of Milwaukee despite internal struggles and disapproval from the city.
	Laurie A Muncie woman uses art as a healing agent to help herself and others.
Friday	3:30 PM Narrative Block 3
	In Situ A sickly hunter searches the Kentucky countryside for the source of pollution poisoning her land and to avenge the death of her closest companion.

	CUFFED Cuffed is about two black high school boys who get caught in the wrong place at the wrong time by the police. Although they escape, their freedom does not last very long.
	Gray Area Kate Gray struggles with a full-time career as a therapist, raising four young children, past personal traumas, and marriage. In an attempt to hold it all together, she turns to alcohol.
	The Repairman A man that can fix anything provides services to questionable clients.
	Happy Mombie's Day Two brothers must fight their zombified extended family in order to find the key to bringing their mom back to life.

	Closure Corps When a master occultist is killed in a sudden accident, his daughter revives him in order to take care of some unfinished business. But when she takes some necessary shortcuts in his resurrection, they discover that there may be more to accomplish.
	Stalk This time, the flower picked him.
Friday	5:15 PM Documentary Block 2
	The Illness This adventure documentary follows a blue-collar crew of Appalachian adventure seekers deep into the mountains as they climb, talk shit, fish for their dinner, and try to use their single-pitch skills to summit a 1,300ft rock face.
	Huzzah! Go back in time as two jousters from DeBracey Productions describe the show they perform at the Maryland Renaissance Festival.

	Don't Put Her Down This film takes its title from Hazel Dickens' powerful anthem Don't Put Her Down, You Helped Put Her There, and explores how she, along with her musical partner Alice Gerard, became the first women to front a bluegrass band and reflects on the role of women in bluegrass today.
	Felicidad, Vida, Familia Four chefs from Cuenca, Ecuador reflect on what food means to them and their culture.
Friday	6:45 PM Feature Film
	Mighty Harlan County A group of miners in Harlan County, Ky. blocked the railroad tracks after they were laid off without warning and their checks started to bounce. Mighty Harlan County follows the miners through the blockade and their legal battle with Black jewel Mining.
Saturday	10:00 AM Appalshop Block

	A Player's Quest This film follows the experience of four gamers: Eric VanHoose, Tommy Anderson, Nik Lee, and Nathan Varney, who highlight both the positive sides and negative sides of tabletop gaming and video gaming culture.
	Full of Wonder: The Art of Angie DeBord Artist Angie DeBord tells stories, both verbally and through her beautifully colorful paintings, representing Appalachian folklore, myth, and her ancestors.
	Lady D Lady D, aka "West Virginia's First Lady of Soul" takes us on a journey through history. Along the way, she ruminates on being the only black female blues singer in West Virginia.
	No Such Right: The End of Roe in Appalachia “No Such Right” is a snapshot of a region in crisis. In the aftermath of the stunning Dobbs v Jackson decision, doctors, lawyers, activists, and young people across Appalachia had to come to terms with what the future of their region and their rights would be.

	The Art of Finding Home When the artists they interviewed left home, their connection with their homeplace was what inspired them creatively much more than the urban, non-Appalachian communities they joined.
Saturday	11:30 AM UPIKE Block
	Dear Dana After the loss of her partner, a young woman named Dana finds a journal with an unknown owner among her belongings. Determined to find a sense of peace, she begins to use it for herself. Little does she know...things are about to get spooky.
	Esoteria The senator of Kentucky gets to the bottom of a very strange murder.
	In Persona A group of paranormal investigators are about to take their deadliest client yet. Always remember to be yourself.

	“Burn” by Zoe Howard A young woman lets go of a painful relationship in this music video.
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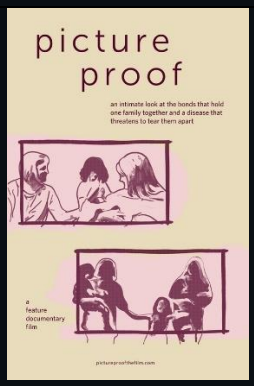
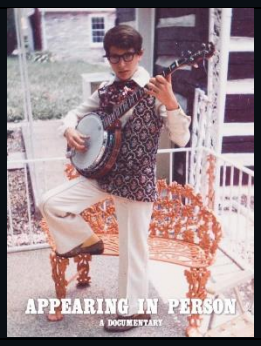
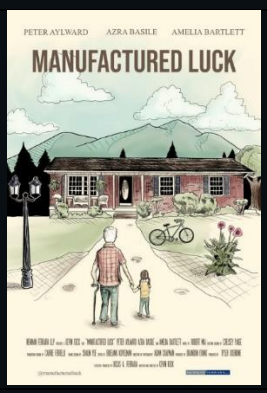
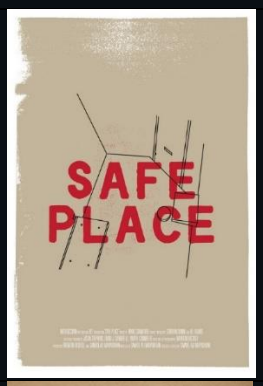
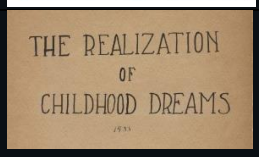
	Picture Proof After giving birth to Piper, Ashley enrolled in a long-term residential recovery program in Louisville, Kentucky, and newborn Piper went to live with her grandparents Debi and Mark in West Virginia. One year out from treatment, Ashley is working to rebuild her life and helping other women struggling with addiction.
Saturday	2:15 PM Feature Film
	Appearing in Person Forty years past his peak as a teenage banjo prodigy, an aging musical journeyman returns to his family home in Tennessee to reckon with the death of loved ones and his own failing health.
Saturday	4:15 PM Script Presentation

	Hightower Shane Hightower attends his 10 year high school reunion to relive his glory days, only to have his life turn upside down by a mysterious classmate that's been missing for the past decade.
Saturday	4:45 PM Narrative Block 4
	The Raven Detective Cunningham and Mars work to solve the murder of 18-year-old Stephanie McCullen. All clues lead to the writing of Edgar Allan Poe's "The Raven".
	The UFO Girl A UFO has been parked over the small town of Stone's Throw, KY for 30 years. What was once a booming tourist destination has become old news. Local outcast Nikki Jones leads a small tour group around town as she grapples with whether to ask her crush to the senior prom.
	Candlelight Christmas A single mother struggles to make the best of Christmas for her son.

	Manufactured Luck Manufactured Luck dives into the day-to-day life of a young Appalachian girl and her grandfather as the two attempt to win a bike in a local grocery store sweepstakes.
Saturday	6:00 PM Narrative Block 5
	'Neath A man finds something sinister underneath his bed. Spooky!
	Little Creek A teen boy buries his best friend, but he'll never forget what happens next.
	The Harbinger After a sudden death, a young man becomes a harbinger for the Grim Reaper, delivering death omens in exchange for extended life.

	**Mirrorty** This movie is about the mysterious disappearance of a man who lives alone in a city where people are vanished mysteriously, who is alienated from society and ignorant to social tragedies.
Saturday	6:45 PM Documentary Block 3
	**Safe Place** A Southern Indiana man endures a fatal night of torture after being arrested for a routine traffic stop.
	**The Realization of Childhood Dreams** Ordella Walker and Amy Stolee, schoolteachers from rural Minnesota, took a trip by train in 1933 that expanded their picture of the world around them.
Saturday	7:30 PM Awards Presentation