

FILM 1 – DOCUMENTARIES/ANIMATIONS/SHORT FILMS – Friday, June 10, 10:00 AM

Three Documentaries:

- “Twinkling Without Shining” – Khalid Hasan Khan – 00:15:00
- “The Art & The Way” – Tatianny Furuse – 00:15:52
- “Antarctica” – Jivko Konstantinov – 00:16:57

Three Animations:

- “TICHO: The Deep of the Earth” – Adriana Ronquillo – 00:17:22
- “The Painter In Paris” – James Whitelaw – 00:07:53
- “Kaval” – Sasha Stanishik – 00:10:26

Short Films:

- “Hand” – Sedighen Famil Farnia – 00:01:40
- “The Two Edges of the Earth” – Sahar Mahmoudi – 00:02:29
- “Kiss Me” – Adrian Contreras – 00:11:34
- “Capital of Culture” – Maxim Ustyzhaninov – 00:03:30
- “Indestructible” – Guillaume Biery – 00:07:58
- “Eucaristia” – Maria Teresa Garcia, Javier Salcedo – 00:12:00

FILM 2 – EARTH IS HOME, ALONE, & GIVE IT BACK! & DARK DAYS OF HEAVEN – Friday, June 10, 1:30 PM

“Earth is Home” – Noomen Noomen – 00:07:58

“Alone” – Madhawa Thirimanna – 00:01:00

“Give it Back!” – Rachana Ehrenhalt – 00:14:14

Dark Days of Heaven – Mathi Sutha – 01:18:11 – Drama, War

An emotional drama about three siblings, sons Sekar, Naathan, and sister Kumari, who are forced to take refuge in a bunker along with their injured elderly mother when war breaks out.

FILM 3 – OPENING CEREMONY, THE END OF THE WORLD, TSUNAMI, AND TSUNAMI PANEL DISCUSSION – Friday, June 10, 6:30

Opening Ceremony – MC: Aruni Boteju; Featuring opening dance by Ranwala Balakaya, and speeches by the Sri Lankan Ambassador to the USA, Mahinda Samarasinghe, and the Mayor of Santa Barbara, Randy Rowse.

“The End of the World” – Taras Valihura – 00:13:19

Tsunami – Somarathna Dissanayake – 01:30:00 – Drama, True-story

A true story of a two-year-old Tamil girl swept away by the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami is adopted in error by Sinhalese parents who lost their own child. Ten years later, the daughter is caught between two worlds as the Tamil family attempt to reclaim her.

Tsunami Panel Discussion – Hosted by Sudesh Managodage and Aruni Boteju

FILM 4 – AYU – Saturday, June 11, 10:30 AM

Ayu – Chathra Weeraman – 1:56:00 – Drama

After getting in a car accident, a pregnant woman discovers a deadly secret about her life that begins to destroy everything and everyone she loves. She decides to escape her present and journey out, digging deep, hoping to find answers, and stumbles upon the clandestine truth about her body, heart, and soul.

FILM 5 – NOBODY KNOWS – Saturday, June 11, 1:30 PM

Nobody Knows – Bennett Ratnayake – 02:09:00 – Drama, Thriller

In a land ruled by corrupt officials, businessmen, and drug lords, a poor 17 years old schoolgirl goes to a probation prison for stealing 8 coconuts. A saddened, honest police officer stands against the social injustice and corruption. His hopes of creating a just and fair society land him in trouble with the Mafia that wants him dead or silenced forever. The poor girl in prison decides that it is her duty to challenge the existing system.

FILM 6 – BLESS THIS HOME & THE NEWSPAPER – Saturday, June 11, 4:00 PM

“Bless This Home” – Randi Pavithra Kaluarachchi – 00:10:38

The Newspaper – Sarath Kothalawala – 01:43:00 – Drama

A Sinhalese man is accused by a newspaper of a suicide attack during Sri Lanka’s civil war that leads to retaliation by Sinhalese patriots against his family. Nine years later, the police find him innocent, and his crippled brother at his grieving mother’s behest seeks out the newspaper to publish a correction of his innocence.

FILM 7 – KASHMIRI PANDITS & ALBORADA; SCREENING AND PANEL DISCUSSION – Saturday, June 11, 6:30 PM

“Kashmiri Pandits” – Sanjay Raina – 00:10:38

Alborada – Asoka Handagama – 01:48:00 – Historical, Drama

Pablo Neruda arrives in 1929 British Ceylon to escape a traumatic relationship. There he becomes enthralled with a young “Sakkili” woman who empties his outhouse every morning.

Alborada Panel Discussion – Hosted by Sudesh Managodage

FILM 8 – D.O.T. & THE LETTER – Sunday, June 12, 10:30AM

“D.O.T.” – Naresh Chandrasekaram – 00:14:36

The Letter – Isuru Weerasinghe Mudali – 01:25:00 – Drama

An unexplainable connection between a soldier and a village girl break barriers of cultural conflict in the midst of a brutal civil war, resulting in unforeseen consequences for everyone involved.

FILM 9 – A DEMOCRATIC PROPOSAL & UNDERPANTS THIEF – Sunday, June 12, 2:00 PM

“A Democratic Proposal” – Chandana Prasanna – 00:18:18

Underpants Thief – Somarathna Dissanayake – 01:30:00 – Drama

A story about a mentally disturbed youth who steals women’s underpants and his sister-in-law’s attempts to rehabilitate him.

FILM 10 – MAMI WATA & GHARASARAPA; FESTIVAL CLOSING + AWARD CEREMONY – Sunday, June 12, 4:30 PM

“Mami Wata” – Paola Beatrice Ortolani – 00:08:40

Gharasarapa – Jayantha Chandrasiri – 01:47:00 – Drama, Fantast, Horror, Romance

A Sinhalese boy and Tamils girl fall in love on the way to church to heal her of a possession by the Gharasarpa. When their young love is forced apart by civil war, Gharasarpa promises the boy that should the girl ever return to Sri Lanka, he can make them meet again. Several decades later when the girl returns, now a doctor and married, Gharasarpa make good his promise.

Closing + Awards – MC: Ruwani Horanage and Patrick Rutnam; Entertainment by Mahesh Balasooriya and his team; Sudesh Managodage on the flamenco guitar.