



## 13TH ANNUAL CHELSEA FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES ITS 2025 FEMALE FILMMAKERS

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**Chelsea, NY** — The 13th Annual Edition of Chelsea Film Festival will be presenting **3 Narrative Features, 33 Narrative Shorts, 3 Indie Episodics and 4 Documentaries directed by Female Directors, totaling 43 titles directed by women.**

The Official List of Films is below, which also includes the Run Time, Genre, Country of Origin and Director(s).

**The Chelsea Film Festival (CFF)** will hold its thirteenth edition both in-person at **Regal Theatres 14th St.** October 15-19 (in-person) and online on Film Festival+ ([bit.ly/ONLINECFFPASS](https://bit.ly/ONLINECFFPASS)), also accessible through AppleTV) from October 15-30, 2025. A Spotlight highlighting the Female Filmmakers is available on [Film Festival+](#).

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## NARRATIVE FEATURES

**ILLUSIONS** By Alisa Melikova  
90 min | Drama | United States | 2025

**SÉANCE** By Vivian Kerr  
85 min | Drama, Horror, Thriller | United States | 2024

**THE STAR I LOST** By Luz Orlando Brennan  
97 min | Drama, Comedy | Argentina | 2024

# DOCUMENTARIES

**COMMON GROUND** By Ash Yip  
14 min | Historical | United States | 2024

**FEAR AND NOW** By Liat Ron  
94 min | Drama | United States | 2024

**HOUSE OF LANVIN** By Dane Reiley, Alda Matos and Frank Peluso  
10 min | Historical | United States | 2025

**PARTING THE WATERS** By Michele Kuvin Kupfer, Marc Levy and Marc Salomon  
85 min | Sports, Inspirational, Jewish, Feminist | United States | 2024

# INDIE EPISODICS

**AIRBORNE FIREFIGHTERS** By Morgana Wingard  
25 min | Drama, Docuseries | United States | 2025

**NOW WHAT?** By Maria Burton  
20 min | Comedy | United States | 2025

**THE PHILOSOPHY OF A COLLEGE DROPOUT** By Natalie Collat  
31 min | Comedy, Dark Comedy, Surrealism | United States | 2025

# US SHORTS

**#HAPPY** By Lynnsey Ooten  
12 min | Comedy | United States | 2025

**A FINE AND PRIVATE PLACE** By Sarah Kaitlyn Pearce  
15 min | Drama, Comedy, Social, Sci-Fi | United States | 2025

**BOOTIE'S** By Milana Vayntrub  
12 min | Comedy | United States | 2025

**CIRCLE OF SHAME** By Ambe J. Williams  
19 min | Comedy | United States | 2024

**CONVERSION VAN** By Frank Monteleone and Kathleen Monteleone  
22 min | Drama | United States | 2025

**EXCUSE ME** By Lena Louise Streitwieser  
8 min | Drama, Comedy | United States | 2025

**FAMILY** By Marcia Haufrecht  
18 min | Drama | United States | 2024

**FRAGMENTS** By Jessica Burns  
9 min | Drama, Mental Health | United States | 2024

**FRIENDS WE HATE** By Kimberly Te  
13 min | Drama | United States | 2025

**GRACE** By Sara Burris Hersh and Jay Galloway  
18 min | Drama | United States | 2025

**GROWING DAISIES** By Alessandra Gaia Williams  
34 min | Drama | United States | 2024

**HOLY SMOKES** By Gabby Fiszman and Isabella Ares  
18 min | Comedy | United States | 2024

**LANTERNFLY** By Kristin Mounts  
10 min | Drama | United States | 2024

**LOVE, FROM ELLIE** By Chantelle James  
16 min | Drama | United States | 2024

**MUSICIANS WANTED** By Emma He  
16 min | Comedy, Mockumentary | United States | 2024

**NEVER LEAVE BEFORE SUNSET** By Anita Lashey  
11 min | Drama, Magical Realism | United States | 2024

**NICE JEWISH GIRL** By Dana Schneider  
13 min | Comedy | United States | 2025

**NOBODY NEEDS TO KNOW** By Rachel Rosenstein  
9 min | Comedy | United States | 2025

**OTHER HALF** By Anna Basse and Halle Charlton  
15 min | Comedy, Drama, LGBTQ+ | United States | 2024

**PALMDALE** By Lauren Moreno  
21 min | Coming of Age | United States | 2024

**SHELF LIFE** By Jordan Exum  
16 min | Drama | United States | 2024

**SWEAR TO GOD** By Faith Fleming  
10 min | Coming of Age, Drama | United States | 2025

**THE DEER AND THE SALT** By Vashti Anderson  
5 min | Experimental | United States | 2025

**UN DEUX TROIS** By Brooke Dooley  
6 min | Drama | United States | 2025

**WAR IS NEVER CIVIL** By Dana Verde  
15 min | Sci-Fi, Drama, Thriller | United States | 2025

**WE DO OUR BEST** By Hannah Rose Ammon  
14 min | Drama | United States | 2025

**WIZDOM** By Layne Marie Williams  
13 min | Sci-fi, Drama, Fantasy, Satire, LGBTQ+ | United States | 2024

## INTERNATIONAL SHORTS

**DRESSED TO THE NINES** By Madeleine Shenai and Ivana Mazza-Coates  
6 min | Drama | United Kingdom | 2025

**EMPTY YOUR POCKETS** By Tara Aghdashloo  
20 min | Drama, Surreal, Magical Realism | Canada | 2024

**NOISE AND NEIGHBOURS** By Liza Ludick  
20 min | Drama | South Africa | 2024

**OUT OF SLEEP** By Elian Lszovsky and Yuval Erez  
15 min | Drama | Israel | 2024

**THE VISITS OF THE TOOTH FAIRY** By Lysa-Rose Zaoui  
8 min | Animation | Israel | 2024

**UNDERDOG** By Gal Gonen  
19 min | Drama | Israel | 2025

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**CFF** was founded by actresses **Ingrid & Sonia Jean-Baptiste** to give voices to the unheard by providing a platform to independent films and discovering new talents.

**Chelsea Film Festival** Board of Directors consists of renowned industry insiders: Paul Calderon, Elizabeth Kemp, Pascal Chemin and John Patrick Shanley.

The Advisory Board includes Aaron Pierce, Bruno Chatelin, Kiki Lambden-Stout, Michael Ruotolo and Lawrence M. Kay.

**Our Mission:** Chelsea Film Festival (CFF) - 501(c)(3) non-profit cultural organization - is an international film festival, enlightening the work of emerging filmmakers, producers, and actors. It offers a wide range of films, such as shorts, documentaries, and feature-length pieces. It empowers the work of risk-taking storytellers and remains committed to its mission to discover and develop independent artists and audiences around the world.

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