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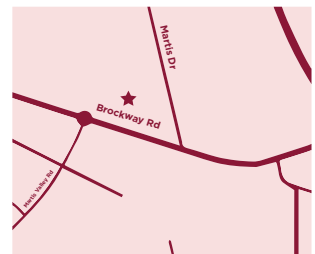


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FILM SCHEDULE



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

Incline Village Cinema

6:00pm - *Certain Women* - 107 min. - **Opening Film**
8:15pm - *Landfill Harmonic* - 84 min.

Northstar Village Cinema - Theater #1

6:00pm - *The Architect* - 95 min.
8:00pm - *For the Love of Spock* - 111 min.

Northstar Village Cinema - Theater #2

5:30pm - *Unlocking the Cage* - 91 min.
7:30pm - *Sherpa* - 96 min.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

Incline Village Cinema

5:45pm - *A Man Called Ove* - 116 min.
8:00pm - *You're Killing Me, Susana* - 100 min.

Northstar Village Cinema - Theater #1

6:00pm - *Mr. Pig* - 92 min.
8:00pm - *Seasons* - 97 min.

Northstar Village Cinema - Theater #2

5:30pm - *Sonic Sea* - 56 min.
7:30pm - *Habana Instant* - 96 min.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Incline Village Cinema

6:00pm - *Small Apartments* - 96 min.
8:00pm - *I.O.C* - 14 min.
8:15pm - *Ruta Madre* - 97 min.

Northstar Village Cinema - Theater #1

6:00pm - *When Two Worlds Collide* - 103 min.
8:00pm - *Antarctica: Ice and Sky* - 89 min.

Northstar Village Cinema - Theater #2

5:30pm - *The Last Laugh* - 85 min.
7:30pm - *Norman Lear: Just Another Version of You* - 92 min

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Incline Village Cinema

6:00pm - *Casting By* - 89 min.
8:00pm - *Thank You For Your Service* - 88 min.

Northstar Village Cinema - Theater #1

4:00pm - *Before the Flood* - 96 min. - **Closing Film**
6:30pm - To be announced

Northstar Village Cinema - Theater #2

4:00pm - *Antarctica: Ice and Sky* - 89 min.
7:30pm - To be announced

(Closing Film will be screened in both theaters at Northstar)



ENVIRONMENTAL FILM SECTION





BEFORE THE FLOOD



(USA, 2016, 96 min.)

Director: Fisher Stevens

Producers: Trevor Davidoski, Jennifer Davisson Killoran, James Packer, Brett Ratner

With: Leonardo DiCaprio, Elon Musk, Pope Francis, Ban Ki-Moon, Bill Clinton, John Kerry, Barack Obama, Scott Robertson

If you could know the truth about the threat of climate change - would you want to know?

Before the Flood, presented by National Geographic, features Leonardo DiCaprio on a journey as a United Nations Messenger of Peace, traveling to five continents and the Arctic to witness climate change first hand. He goes on expeditions with scientists uncovering the reality of climate change and meets with political leaders fighting against inaction. He also discovers a calculated disinformation campaign orchestrated by powerful special interests working to confuse the public about the urgency of the growing climate crisis. With unprecedented access to thought leaders around the world, DiCaprio searches for hope in a rising tide of catastrophic news.





WHEN TWO WORLDS COLLIDE

(Peru, USA, UK, 2016, 103 min.)

Director: Heidi Brandenburg Sierralta, Matthew Orzel

Producer: Taira Akbar



Telling an epic story filmed over eight years, this Sundance Film Festival Special Jury Prize Award winner reveals the battle waged between indigenous Amazonian leaders, resolute in protecting their land, and Peru's president, eager to develop his nation through the exploitation of its natural resources - no matter the cost. Once President Alan Garica modifies laws that had previously safeguarded Peru's Amazon rainforests, the stage is set for foreign companies to invest in logging and mineral exploration. The indigenous community, led by Alberto Pizango, responds in a protest that escalates to take on national and, eventually, global significance.



UNLOCKING THE CAGE



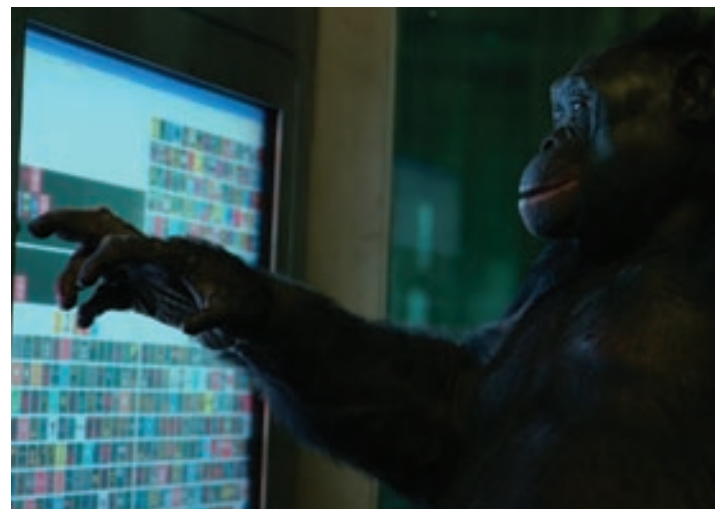
(USA, 2016, 91 min.)

Directors: Chris Hegedus, D.A. Pennebaker

Producers: Chris Hegedus, Frazer Pennebaker, Rosadel Varela

With: Steve Wise, Natalie Prosin, Liddy Stein
and Justice Barbara Jaffe

In this heartwarming and intelligent film, animal rights lawyer Steven Wise argues that cognitively complex animals such as chimpanzees, whales, dolphins, and elephants have the capacity for fundamental personhood rights (such as bodily liberty) that would protect them from physical abuse. **UNLOCKING THE CAGE** follows a dedicated and impassioned man in his unprecedented efforts to break down the legal wall that separates animals from humans.



ENVIRONMENTAL FILMS



SONIC SEA

(USA, 2016, 56 min.)

Directed and Produced by: Michelle Dougherty, Daniel Hinerfeld

Narrated by: Rachel McAdams and featuring Sting

Throughout the ocean, whales depend on sound to mate, find food, migrate, and defend against predators. A century ago the seas were silent, but now humans fill them with an unbearable cacophony - the sonic "bombs" of oil prospectors, the whirr of freight ships, the shrieks of military sonar - driving whales to disorientation and death. **Sonic Sea**, narrated by Rachel McAdams and featuring Sting, tells the story of Ken Balcomb, a former Navy officer who solved the tragic mystery of a mass stranding, and the global network of scientists working to limit our deadly clamor.



SHERPA



(Australia/UK, 2016, 96 min.)

Director: Jennifer Peedom

Producers: Bridget Ikin, John Smithson

Filmmaker Jennifer Peedom was following the legendary Phurba Tashi Sherpa as he prepared for his record-breaking 22nd ascent of Mount Everest when the unthinkable happened: a deadly avalanche killed 16 Sherpas, and their community united in grief and anger to reclaim the mountain from the adventure industry that hires them to risk their lives. Through the voices of the guides themselves, their families, and the climbers poised to summit when the disaster struck, *Sherpa* chronicles a historic moment of tragedy and resistance in which the Sherpas and their families reconsider the spiritual, economic, and personal implications of climbing - or not climbing - Everest.





SEASONS

(France, Germany, 97 min.)

Directors: Jacques Perrin and Jacques Cluzaud

Producers: Jacques Perrin, Nicolas Elghozi, Olli Barbe

After traveling the world alongside migrating birds (Winged Migration) and diving the ocean with whales and manta rays (Oceans), Jacques Perrin and Jacques Cluzaud return to more familiar ground: the lush green forests and megafauna that emerged across Europe following the last Ice Age.

Winter had gone on for 80,000 years when - in a relatively short period of time - the ice retreated, the landscape metamorphosed, the cycle of the seasons was established, and the beasts occupied their new kingdom. It was only later than man arrived to share this habitat, first tentatively as migratory hunters/gatherers, then making inroads in the forest as settled agriculturalists, and later more dramatically via industry and warfare.

With its exceptional footage of animals in the wild, **Seasons** is the awe-inspiring and thought-provoking tale of the long and tumultuous shared history that inextricably binds humankind with the natural world.





LANDFILL HARMONIC



(Paraguay, Norway, Brazil, USA, 2015, 84 min.)

Directors: Brad Allgood, Graham Townsley

Producer: Juliana Penaranda-Loftus

Landfill Harmonic follows the Recycled Orchestra of Cateura, a Paraguayan musical youth group based next to one of South America's largest landfills. The orchestra plays music from instruments made entirely out of garbage. When their story goes viral, they are catapulted into the global spotlight. Under the guidance of their music director, they must navigate this new world of arenas and sold-out concerts. But when a natural disaster devastates their community, the orchestra becomes a source of hope for the town. The film is a portrait about the transformative power of music and the resilience of the human spirit. It also highlights two vital issues of our times: poverty and waste pollution.





ANTARCTICA: ICE AND SKY

(France, 2016, 89 min.)

Director: Luc Jacquet

Producer: Richard Grandpierre

Narrator: Michel Papineschi

With: Claude Lorius, Jacques-Yves Cousteau (archive footage)



Claude Lorius discovered his destiny at the age of 23 when he joined an expedition to the world's most southernmost continent in 1955, land essentially untouched by scientific experiment. Lorius would go on to participate in twenty-two polar expeditions, facing unforgiving conditions and brutal personal challenges in an effort to discover the planet's secrets held in small bubbles of air beneath the surface. Through remarkable archival footage and stunning drone cinematography, Lorius revisits the part of the world he knows best and recounts his story, from his first tentative steps as a young glaciologist to the crowning achievement of his career, receiving the Blue Planet Prize in 2008. Equal parts contemplative memoir and ardent call to action ***Antarctica: Ice and the Sky*** is the culmination of sixty years of discovery an epic tale where science and adventure meet.

Official Selection Cannes Film Festival

AMERICAN INDEPENDENT FILMS





CERTAIN WOMEN



(USA, 2016, 107 min.)

Director: Kelly Reichardt

Producers: Neil Kopp, Vincent Savino, Anish Savjani

Cast: Kristen Stewart, Michelle Williams, Laura Dern, Jared Harris, James Le Gros, Rene Auberjonois, Lily Gladstone



Set with great regional specificity in Montana, the film richly portrays several women at a personal or professional crossroads. Gina (Michelle Williams), has a marriage that is faltering after buying a new home; Laura (Laura Dern), a lawyer contending with a volatile client; and Jamie (Lily Gladstone), a young ranch hand besotted with Beth (Kristen Stewart), her adult education teacher. These complex characters have lives that intersect in subtle ways, and all share dreams and desires for something more or different from what they already possess.

Best Film - (BFI) - London Film Festival



THE ARCHITECT



(USA, 2016, 95 min.)

Director: Jonathan Parker

Producers: Catherine DiNapoli, Jonathan Parker, Patrick Peach

Cast: Parker Posey, Eric McCormack, James Frain, Pamela Reed

Drew (Parker Posey) and Colin (Eric McCormack) are a married couple going through the stress of buying a new house. She is artistically inclined and prefers more vintage properties, while he is practical and leans toward new construction. They do find one they can agree on, but, this being a comedy, the day after they close a freak windstorm destroys it. They ask their friends for recommendations of an architect to build a new home on the old land, and end up with Miles Moss (James Frain), a modernist architect with unconventional methods. Drew loves that he asks the couple about their feelings and inspirations, but Colin doesn't see the point. As they argue about what should go into their new home, they soon realize that Miles may be making his own dream home instead of theirs.



AMERICAN INDEPENDENT



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

(USA, 2016, 88 min.)

Director: Tom Donahue

Producers: Tom Donahue, Ilan Arboleda, Matt Tyson

With: Defense Secretary Robert Gates, Admiral Mike Mullen, Generals David Petraeus and Loree Sutton, Sebastian Junger, Nicholas Kristof, Dexter Filkins, Senator Patty Murray, Mayor Rudy Giuliani, and Colonels Lawrence Wilkerson and Dave Sutherland



The U.S. military faces a mental health crisis of historic proportions. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE** takes aim at the flawed mental health policies within the armed services and their tragic consequences. The film interweaves the stories of four Iraq War veterans with candid interviews with top military and civilian leaders. Observing the systemic neglect, this film argues for significant internal change and offers a roadmap of hope.

Director Tom Donahue present



FOR THE LOVE OF SPOCK



(USA, 2016, 111 min.)

Director: Adam Nimoy

Producers: Joseph Kornbrodt, Kevin Layne, David Zappone

With: Leonard Nimoy, William Shatner, Chris Pine, Zoe Saldana, Karl Urban, Simon Pegg, Zachary Quinto, Mayim Bialik, Jim Parsons, J.J. Abrams, George Takei, Jason Alexander

For the Love of Spock is a documentary film about the life of *Star Trek*'s Mr. Spock as well as that of Leonard Nimoy, the actor who played Mr. Spock for almost fifty years, written and directed by his son, Adam Nimoy. Leonard Nimoy owned a vacation home in Tahoe City for many years and loved to visit Lake Tahoe with his wife Susan to get away from the hustle and bustle of Los Angeles according to his daughter, Julie Nimoy.



CASTING BY

(USA, 89 min.)

Director: Tom Donahue, present

Producers: Ilan Arboleda, Joanna Colbert, Tom Donahue, Kate Lacey-Kiley

With: Robert De Niro, Al Pacino, Woody Allen, Robert Redford, Bette Midler, Glenn Close, Martin Scorsese, Clint Eastwood, Diane Lane, Mel Gibson, Danny Glover, John Lithgow, Oliver Stone, Paul Rudd, Jon Voight, John Travolta and many others.

CASTING BY combines over 230 interviews, extensive archival footage, animated stills and documents to tell the untold tale of the Hollywood casting director. The film had its international premiere at the Toronto Film Festival, its US premiere at the New York Film Festival, and was acquired by HBO Documentary Films. The film is a celebration of the casting profession, highlighting its previously unsung role in film history while also serving as an elegy to the lost era of New Hollywood. It focuses on casting pioneer Marion Dougherty, an iconoclast whose exquisite taste, tenacity and gut instincts brought a new kind of actor to the screen that would mark the end of the old studio system and help to usher in this revolutionary new period. "The film features what is arguably the greatest assemblage of talking-head star power in any documentary ever made." - *Backstage*



THE LAST LAUGH



(USA, 2016, 85 min.)

Director: Ferne Pearlstein

Producers: Ferne Pearlstein, Robert Edwards, Anne Hobby, Jan Warner, Anne Hubbell

With: Mel Brooks, Carl Reiner, Rob Reiner, Sarah Silverman, David Cross, Gilbert Gottfried, Larry Charles, Harry Shearer

Can the Holocaust be funny? In this witty and moving documentary, spanning decades of humor on the most taboo of subject, button pushing comics like Mel Brooks and Sarah Silverman discuss why and how they joke about the genocide of their own people, from "Springtime for Hitler" to stand-up zingers. Meanwhile, Holocaust survivors and Jewish community leaders try to decide when they can laugh and when they draw the line.



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NORMAN LEAR: JUST ANOTHER VERSION OF YOU

(USA, 2016, 92 min.)

Directors: Heidi Ewing, Rachel Grady

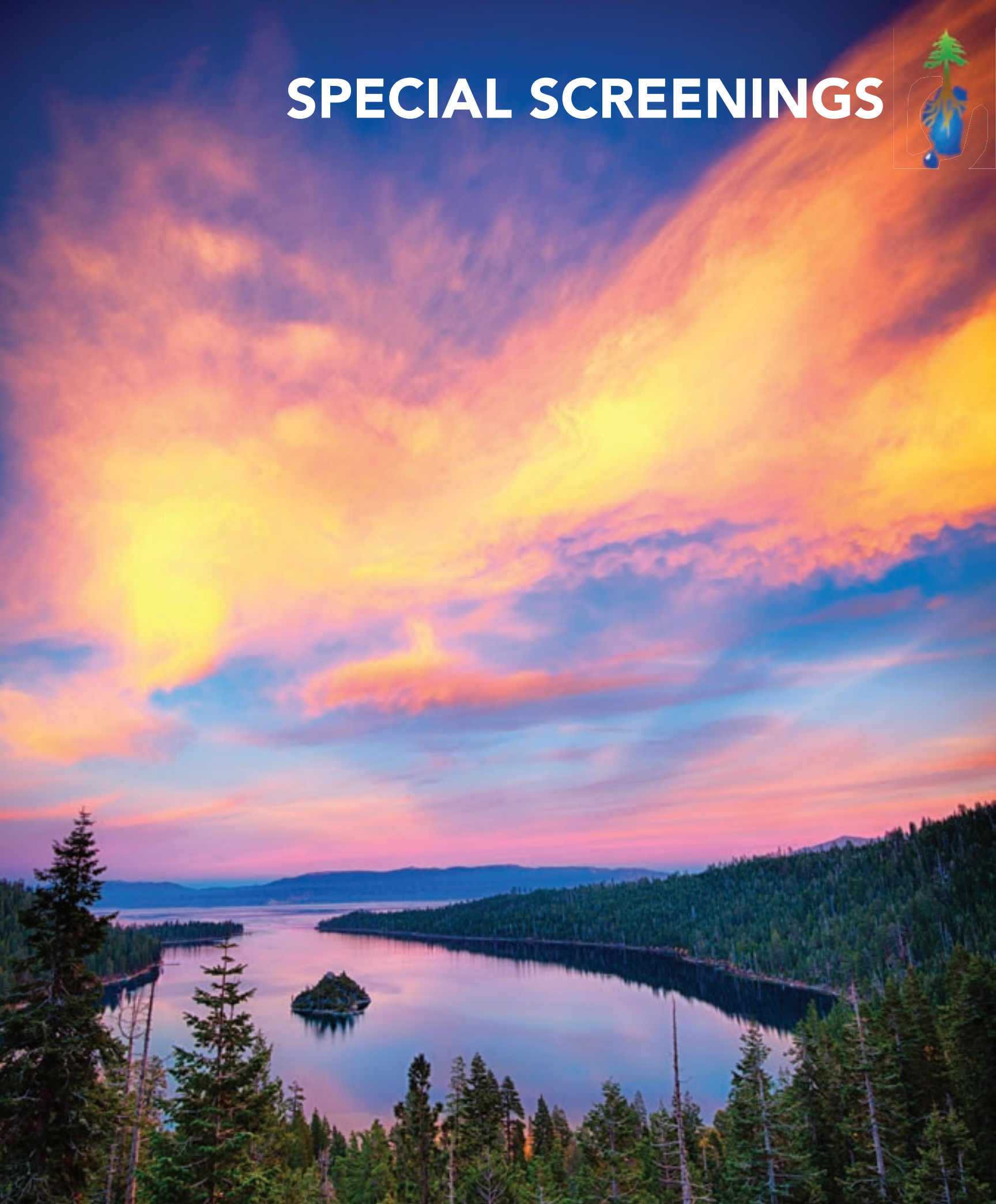
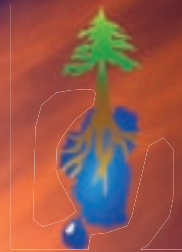
Producers: Brent Miller, Suzanne Hillinger

With: Norman Lear, George Clooney, Jon Stewart, Amy Poehler, Rob Reiner, Phil Rosenthal



Arguably the most influential creator, writer, and producer in the history of television, Norman Lear brought primetime into step with the times. Using comedy and indelible characters, his legendary 1970s shows such as *All in the Family*, *Maude*, *Good Times* and *The Jeffersons*, boldly cracked open dialogue and shifted the national consciousness, injecting enlightened humanism into sociopolitical debates on race, class, creed and feminism. The film is the definitive chronicle of Mr. Lear's life, work, and achievements, but it is so much more than an arm's-length, past-tense biopic; at 93, Mr. Lear is as vital and engaged as he ever was.

SPECIAL SCREENINGS





"I realized I was an artist."



RUTA MADRE (GOING SOUTH)

(USA, Mexico, 2016, 97 min.)

Director: Agustin Castaneda

Producers: Jeronimo Bertran, Joey Molina, Walter Von Borstel

Cast: Paul Rodriguez, Hector Jimenez, Paulina Gaitan, David Castro, Lisa Marie Johnson, William Miller



After his first love breaks his heart, a young American singer reluctantly leaves his home in San Diego, California and embarks on an epic road trip through Baja, Mexico with his uncle in order to reconnect with his Mexican roots and find himself.

Director, Producer and some members of the cast present



MR. PIG



(Mexico, 2016, 92 min.)

Director: Diego Luna

Producers: Diego Luna, Pablo Cruz

Cast: Danny Glover, Maya Rudolph, Jose Maria Yazpik

Eubanks (Danny Glover), an old-school pig farmer from Georgia on the brink of losing his family farm, sets off on a road trip with Howard, his beloved and very large pig. As they make their way across the border to Mexico to find "Howie" a new home, Eubanks drinking and deteriorating health begin to take a toll, derailing their plans. His estranged daughter, Eunice (Maya Rudolph), is forced to join them on their adventure. Driven by strong convictions and stubbornness in his old ways, Eubanks attempts to make peace through his devotion to Howie and desire to mend his broken relationships.

Director Diego Luna tackles the old and new in an age of global markets, factory farming, and disposable relationships. Luna's poetic postcard road film to Mexico, guided by a soundtrack evoking the South and old rock 'n' roll, is lyrically photographed following the gorgeously, overgrown, winding roads of Mexico.



SPECIAL SCREENINGS



A MAN CALLED OVE

(Sweden, 2015, 116 min.)

Director: Hannes Holm

Producers: Annica Bellander, Nicklas Wikstrom Nicastro

Cast: Rolf Lassgard, Bahar Pars, Filip Berg



A touching, comic crowd pleaser that may require a tissue or two by the end, ***A Man Called Ove*** is Swedish director Hannes Holm's irresistible adaptation of Fredrick Backman's eponymous best-seller. It's a heartwarming tale about a stubborn, short-tempered man with steadfast beliefs, strict routines, and the feeling that everyone around him is an idiot -- and no reticence about telling them so. After new neighbors accidentally run over his mailbox, the cantankerous old git's solitary, regimented world is shaken in ways he never would have imagined.

A Man Called Ove has won the Audience Award in countless film festivals across the country.



SMALL APARTMENTS



(USA, 2013, 96 min.)

Director: Jonas Ackerlund

Screenwriter and Executive Producer: Chris Millis

Producers: David Hillary, Timothy Wayne Peternel, Ash R. Shah, Bonnie Timmerman

Cast: Billy Crystal, Rosie Perez, Rebel Wilson, James Marsden, Johnny Knoxville, James Caan, Amanda Plummer, Matt Lucas, Juno Temple, Dolph Lundgren, David Koechner, David Warshofsky, DJ Qualls, Saffron Burrows, Scott Sheldon

Franklin (Lucas), navigates quirky neighbors, strange fingernail collections, and the occasional blast from a treasured alp horn while struggling to dispose of his dead landlord. Along the way, Franklin discovers that our lives are much greater than the simple stories we tell ourselves. In fact, true happiness might just be a state of mind.

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A special screening and Q&A with former Sierra Nevada College Visiting Professor and Writer in Residence, Chris Millis, featuring the dark crime comedy he adapted from his prize-winning novel.

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HABANA INSTANT

(USA, Cuba, 2016, 96 min.)

Director: Guillermo Ivan

Producers: Golden Ceiba Productions

Cast: Guillermo Ivan, Christopher Marquez, Zair Montes

Marcelo and his brother Carlos were separated as children when Carlos left Cuba with his mother during the Balseiros crisis, seeking a different life. Marcelo was burdened with the duty of staying in Cuba to care for his grandfather who was in poor health.

Twenty years later, Carlos decided to go back to Cuba to seek out his brother, only to find out that he now faces a terminal disease. The brother's reunion is an emotional rollercoaster and a journey of love, joy, truth, resentment and forgiveness, leading Marcelo and Carlos to a magical "Havana Instant" that soon dissipates with an inevitable farewell that splits them apart; but this time forever.



I.O.C



(USA, 2016, 14 min.)

Director: Gerardo Soto

Producer: Cynthia Hajj

Cast: Travis Tope

An intimate portrait of a teenage boy the morning of his high school shooting. I.O.C is a mise scene film done in one take, no cuts, no edits with incredible drone photography.

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Director Gerardo Soto present

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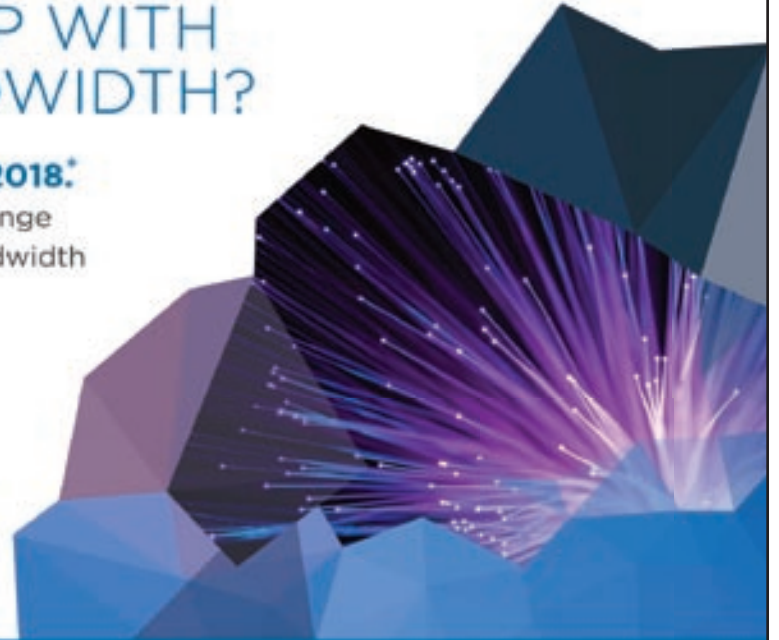
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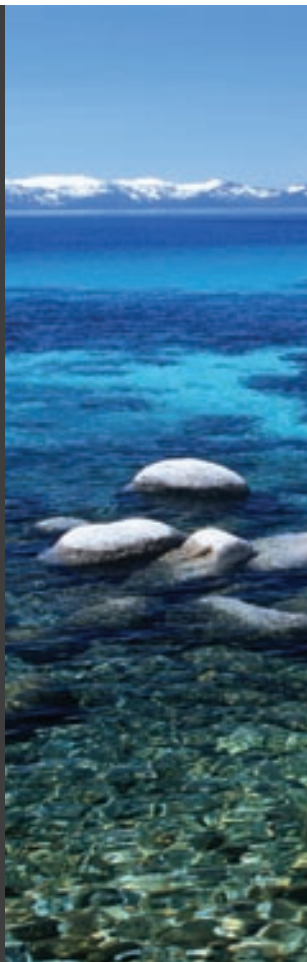
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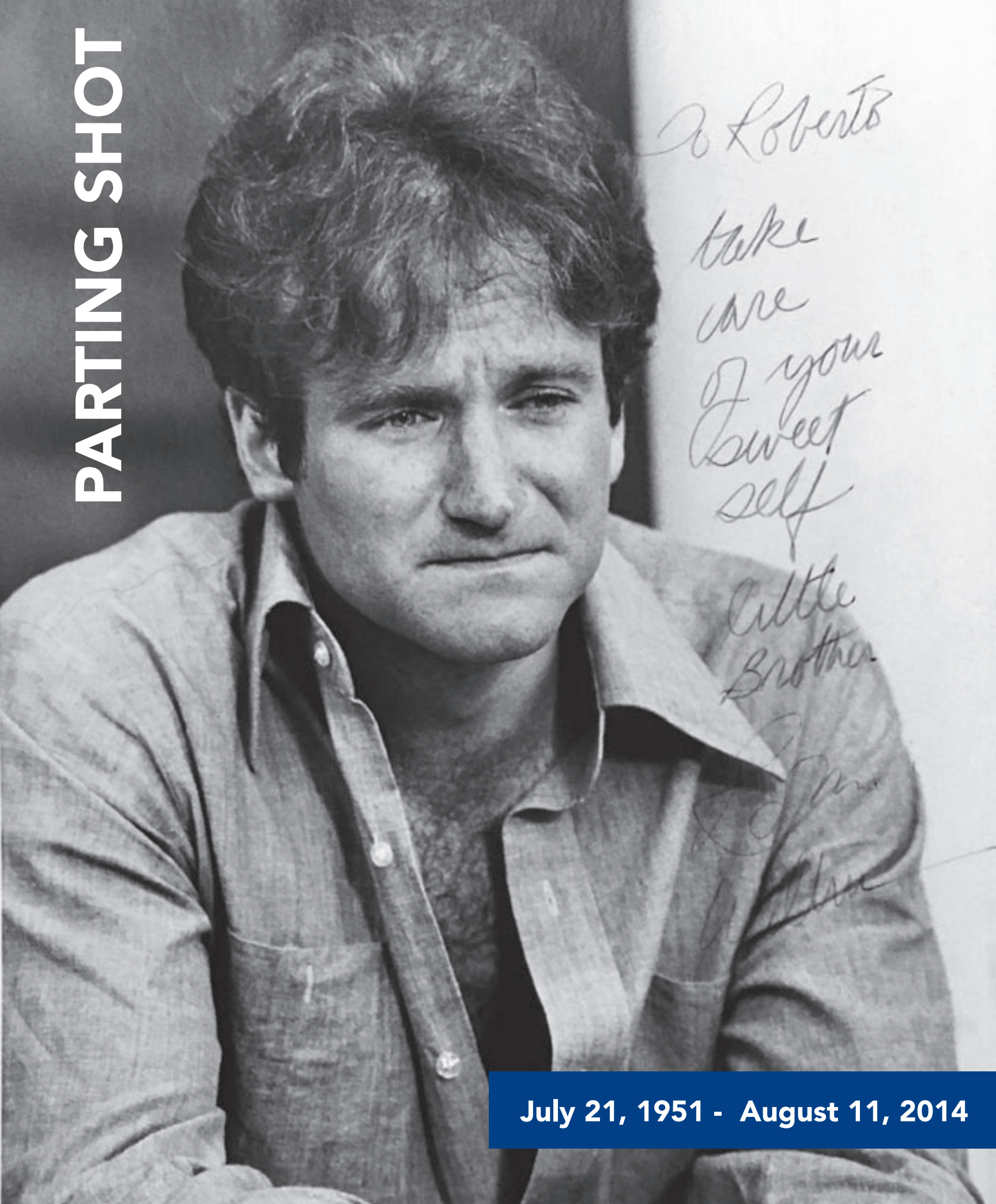
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