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**Film at Lincoln Center and The Museum of Modern Art Announce the
Complete Lineup for the 53rd edition of
New Directors/New Films, April 3–14, 2024**

**Opening Night—Aaron Schimberg’s *A Different Man*
Closing Night—Theda Hammel’s *Stress Positions***

Presented in FLC and MoMA theaters

New York, NY (February 29, 2024) – Film at Lincoln Center and The Museum of Modern Art announce the 53rd edition of New Directors/New Films (ND/NF), taking place from April 3 through April 14, 2024. For more than half a century, the festival has celebrated filmmakers who speak to the present and anticipate the future of cinema, and whose bold work pushes the envelope in unexpected, striking ways. This year’s selection will introduce 25 features and 10 shorts, including one world premiere, 14 North American premieres, four U.S. premieres, and 16 New York premieres.

Opening the festival on April 3 is the New York premiere of Aaron Schimberg’s *A Different Man*, a piercing drama starring Sebastian Stan, winner of this year’s Silver Bear for Best Leading Performance at the Berlin Film Festival, in an ingeniously embodied performance as Edward, an aspiring actor with severe facial disfigurement. ND/NF will close with Theda Hammel’s *Stress Positions*, a propulsive, brilliantly discombobulating queer comedy set in Brooklyn in the summer of 2020. The lineup showcases films from more than 30 countries; and prize winners from the Berlin, Cannes, Locarno, Sarajevo, and Sundance film festivals.

A celebration of new filmmakers from around the world, ND/NF is a place to discover the next generation of essential storytellers. Directors who were introduced to New York audiences in earlier ND/NF festivals include Ryūsuke Hamaguchi, Hou Hsiao-hsien, Kelly Reichardt, Pedro Almodóvar, Souleymane Cissé, Euzhan Palcy, Jia Zhangke, Spike Lee, Lynne Ramsay, Michael Haneke, Wong Kar-wai, Agnieszka Holland, Denis Villeneuve, Lino Brocka, Guillermo del Toro, Luca Guadagnino, and many others. Since its first edition in 1970, ND/NF has maintained a commitment to its founding mission to showcase distinctive new voices and share the gift of discovery with audiences.

Dan Sullivan, Programmer, Film at Lincoln Center, and 2024 ND/NF Co-Chair says, “It just feels right for us to bookend this year’s edition of ND/NF with two exciting new features by local filmmakers, as a reminder of what ND/NF has always been about: early encounters between the most cutting-edge emerging artists in international cinema and the New York audience who will be engaging with their work for years to come. Aaron Schimberg’s *A Different Man* is a delirious, complex, and hilarious work that evokes the best black comedies produced on the streets and inside the apartments of New York City in the 1960s and ’70s (with a healthy dash of body horror and metanarrative). Likewise, Theda Hammel’s similarly funny and spellbindingly chaotic *Stress Positions* conjures the irreverence and messiness of that era’s cinematic underground but in an utterly contemporary and accessible vernacular, yielding a comic and incisive picture of trans and queer life in the city.”

La Frances Hui, Curator, Department of Film, MoMA, and 2024 ND/NF Co-chair observes, “This year’s ND/NF lineup is a splendid exhibition of adventure, courage, and ambition. The latest class of new directors finds imaginative use of the film language to craft works that celebrate joy and love, while also reflecting on pain, conflict, and our shared humanity. Their creativity embodies profound insight and inspiration, reaffirming cinema’s relevance and essential place in contemporary expression.”

The complete 2024 New Directors/New Films lineup:

Features

All, or Nothing at All dir. Jiajun “Oscar” Zhang

Blackbird Blackbird Blackberry dir. Elene Naveriani

Blaga’s Lessons dir. Stephan Komandarev

Cu Li Never Cries dir. Pham Ngoc Lân

The Day I Met You dir. André Novais Oliveira

A Different Man dir. Aaron Schimberg

Dreaming & Dying dir. Nelson Yeo

Exhibiting Forgiveness dir. Titus Kaphar

Explanation for Everything dir. Gábor Reisz

Foremost By Night dir. Víctor Iriarte

Good One dir. India Donaldson

A Good Place dir. Katharina Huber

Grace dir. Ilya Povolotsky

Hesitation Wound dir. Selman Nacar

Intercepted dir. Oksana Karpovych

A Journey in Spring dir. Wang Ping-Wen, Peng Tzu-Hui

Lost Country dir. Vladimir Perišić

Malu dir. Pedro Freire

Meezan dir. Shahab Mihandoust

Of Living Without Illusion dir. Katharina Lüdin

Omen dir. Balóji

Otro Sol dir. Francisco Rodríguez Teare

The Permanent Picture dir. Laura Ferrés

The Rim dir. Alberto Gracia

Stress Positions dir. Theda Hammel

Shorts Program I

Via Dolorosa dir. Rachel Gutgarts
Goodbye First Love dir. Shuli Huang
Shimmering Bodies dir. Inês Teixeira

Nos Îles dir. Aliha Thalien
The Voice of Others dir. Fatima Kaci

Shorts Program II

Break no. 1 & Break no. 2 dir. Lei Lei
The night of the minotaur dir. Juliana Zuluaga
Montoya

Kill 'Em All dir. Sebastian Molina Ruiz
The Porn Selector dir. Lou Fauroux
Digital Devil Saga dir. Cameron Worden

The New Directors/New Films selection committee is made up of members from both presenting organizations. The 2024 feature committee comprises Dan Sullivan (Co-chair, FLC), Tyler Wilson (FLC), Maddie Whittle (FLC), La Frances Hui (Co-Chair, MoMA), Rajendra Roy (MoMA), and Josh Siegel (MoMA), and the shorts were programmed by Katie Zwick (FLC) and Francisco Valente (MoMA).

Tickets will go on sale to the general public on Thursday, March 7 at noon ET, with early-access opportunities for FLC and MoMA members on Tuesday, March 5 at noon. Tickets are \$18 for the general public; \$15 for students, seniors (62+), and persons with disabilities; and \$13 for MoMA and FLC members. Opening Night tickets are \$25 for the general public; \$22 for students, seniors (62+), and persons with disabilities; and \$20 for FLC and MoMA members.

See more and save with a 6-Film Package for \$99; discount automatically applied when adding tickets to cart (excludes Opening and Closing films). Complete your ND/NF experience with a VIP Pass: \$400 for the general public and \$350 for FLC and MoMA Members (includes two tickets to every film and two tickets to Opening Night and the Opening Night Party). Learn more at newdirectors.org.

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Film Titles & Descriptions

Films will screen at either the Film at Lincoln Center Walter Reade Theater (165 W. 65th Street), and the Francesca Beale Theater (144 W. 65th Street) or The Museum of Modern Art Titus 1 / Titus 2 Theaters (11 W. 53rd Street)

Please note the screening location for each film below.

Opening Night

A Different Man

Aaron Schimberg, 2023, U.S., 112m

New York Premiere

With the hotly anticipated follow-up to his critically acclaimed sophomore feature, 2018's *Chained for Life*, New York-based director Aaron Schimberg boldly announces himself as one of the most fearless and socially incisive new voices in American independent cinema. Sebastian Stan, winner of this year's Silver Bear for Best Leading Performance at the Berlin Film Festival, delivers an ingeniously embodied performance as Edward, an aspiring actor with severe facial disfigurement, to whom we're introduced as he navigates a dreary daily existence marked by discouragement and resignation. When a winsome playwright (Renate Reinsve) moves in next door, and an experimental medical procedure becomes available to change his face, Edward's outlook brightens, and he jumps at the chance for a new lease on life—until the arrival of Oswald (Adam Pearson), an outgoing and warmly charismatic stranger puts his newfound "normalcy" into perspective, and his artistic aspirations in jeopardy. Schimberg's latest is a discomfiting tour de force, a social satire that wrangles thorny questions of identity and authenticity with unflinching honesty and slyly virtuosic storytelling flair. An A24 release.

Wednesday, April 3

7:00pm, MoMA T1 (Q&A with Aaron Schimberg and Sebastian Stan)

7:30pm, MoMA T2 (Intro with Aaron Schimberg and Sebastian Stan)

Thursday, April 4

8:30pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater (Q&A with Aaron Schimberg)

Closing Night

Stress Positions

Theda Hammel, 2024, U.S., 95m

New York Premiere

The bewilderment of the early days of COVID is given a manic queer twist in Theda Hammel's propulsive, brilliantly discombobulating comedy set in Brooklyn in the summer of 2020. Feeling the sting from a recent separation from his husband, Terry (John Early) is doing his due, über-masked diligence to watch

over his nephew Bahlul (Qaher Harhash), a Moroccan male model who is staying with Terry while nursing a broken leg. Meanwhile, Terry is fearful that his punchy best friend, Karla (Hammel, in a vibrant, take-no-prisoners turn), working through her own relationship chaos, will be a bad influence on Bahlul, who proves to be a lot wiser and less naive than his uncle might think. Hammel's cinematic approach is thrillingly unpredictable both visually and sonically, alternating between cacophonous volleys of dialogue and meditative journeys into her characters' subjective states, while the heightened delirium of Hammel and Faheem Ali's script evokes the hapless rules of engagement in the ever-shifting borders of queer politics. A NEON release.

Saturday, April 13

6:00pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater (Q&A with Theda Hammel)

8:30pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater (Intro with Theda Hammel)

Sunday, April 14

5:15pm, MoMA T1 (Q&A with Theda Hammel)

All, or Nothing at All

Jiajun "Oscar" Zhang, 2023, China, 124m

Mandarin and Shanghainese with English subtitles

North American Premiere

The innovatively conceived and constructed feature debut from Jiajun "Oscar" Zhang takes place entirely within the overwhelming, majestically artificial confines of the vertical Global Harbor shopping mall in Shanghai. Against a gleaming and glittering backdrop of endless escalators, perfume samples, skin-care product demonstrations, breakdancing, and elaborately foamed coffee beverages, we are introduced to alternate yet thematically overlapping narratives centered around two pairs of strangers nursing or running from romantic crushes on each other—pursuits experienced in Zhang's visual approach as both profoundly human and technologically mediated. Threading various narrative avenues and aesthetic textures, *All, or Nothing at All* offers an entertaining examination of a new generation of young adult disaffection amidst the overload of contemporary living that conceptually parallels the multistory consumerist landscape where it's set. Zhang conceived the film to be presented in two versions, the second of which inverts the order of the film's two halves; we will be presenting both versions at this year's festival.

Thursday, April 11

8:30pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater (Q&A with Jiajun "Oscar" Zhang)

Friday, April 12

5:45pm, MoMA T2 (Q&A with Jiajun "Oscar" Zhang)

Blackbird Blackbird Blackberry

Elene Naveriani, 2023, Switzerland/Georgia, 110m

Georgian with English subtitles

New York Premiere

Winner of the grand prize at the Sarajevo Film Festival, *Blackbird Blackbird Blackberry* is the funny, tender, and erotic story of 48-year-old Etero, an unmarried shopkeeper in a Georgian village mocked as a spinster by her gossipy friends even as she secretly carries on a torrid affair with a married man. Georgian cinema is famous not only for the quality of its absurdist storytelling but also for the predominance of women filmmakers throughout its history; now we can celebrate the arrival of writer-director Elene Naveriani and actress Eka Chavleishvili, as the defiantly independent, pleasure-seeking Etero, boldly upholding this rich tradition.

Saturday, April 13**1:00pm, MoMA T2****Sunday, April 14****6:15pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater****Blaga's Lessons****Stephan Komandarev, 2023, Bulgaria/Germany, 114m****Bulgarian with English subtitles****New York Premiere**

Seventy-year-old retired schoolteacher Blaga (Eli Skorcheva) has recently lost her beloved husband, a former police officer well-known in the austere, small northern Bulgarian town where she still lives. Determined to purchase a substantial gravesite and headstone for the deceased, the stern-minded, no-nonsense widow continues to work, giving Bulgarian language lessons to immigrants. However, Blaga's already precarious world is overturned when one afternoon she falls prey to a frightening telephone scam. This is merely the beginning of a tautly conceived thriller that skillfully captures the feeling of a bleak post-Communist society beset by corruption—in both criminal and official capacities. Stephan Komandarev's entirely gripping film rests on the ever-strengthening shoulders of veteran actress Skorcheva, whose remarkable journey from weather-beaten victimhood to aggressive resolve persuasively transforms the film into a provocative story of individual morality in a world gone wrong.

Tuesday, April 9**8:30pm, MoMA T2****Sunday, April 14****1:00pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater****Cu Li Never Cries****Pham Ngoc Lan, 2024, Vietnam/Singapore/France/Philippines/Norway, 92m****Vietnamese with English subtitles****North American Premiere**

Personal and political histories are ever-present in the story of Mrs. Nguyễn (Minh Châu), who returns to her hometown to spread the ashes of her estranged husband and to reconnect with her niece, Vân (Hà

Phuong). Yet Vân harbors resentment against Mrs. Nguyễn—a mother figure to the orphaned young woman—for her long absence, complicating this homecoming and dredging up a difficult past. As the older woman traverses the familiar yet increasingly alien environs of her past, she has the companionship of Cu Li, the pygmy slow loris her deceased spouse left her, whose impossibly wide, glassy eyes become a reflection for characters caught in a half-dreamscape. Shot in a pristine black-and-white that offers immersive realism one moment and a fairy-tale shimmer the next, *Cu Li Never Cries* is a tender yet commanding feature debut for Pham Ngoc Lân in which the legacies of Vietnamese history are written on its characters' uncertain futures. Winner of the Best First Feature prize at the 2024 Berlin Film Festival.

Tuesday, April 9

6:00pm, MoMA T2

Wednesday, April 10

6:00pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater

The Day I Met You

André Novais Oliveira, 2023, Brazil, 71m

Portuguese with English subtitles

New York Premiere

This micro portrait of two individuals finding comfort in each other's company offers a refreshing reprieve from the daily grind. Set in the vicinity of Belo Horizonte, the capital of the mountainous Brazilian state of Minas Gerais, the film follows Zeca (Renato Novaes), whose job, body, and mind have all gone out of whack. The weight of setbacks is lifted when he spends a few impromptu hours with Louisa (Grace Passô), his colleague at a local school, and the two even find joy in poking fun at their shared misery. Combining a chic sense of pace and magical long takes, returning ND/NF director André Novais Oliveira (*Long Way Home*, ND/NF 2019) makes the most unassuming encounter infinitely cool and full of hope.

Saturday, April 6

12:30pm, MoMA T2

Sunday, April 7

6:30pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater

Dreaming & Dying

Nelson Yeo, 2023, Singapore/Indonesia, 77m

Mandarin, English, and Singlish with English subtitles

North American Premiere

High school reunions are invariably awkward, all the more so when only three people show up. At midlife, those three (Peter Yu, Doreen Toh, Kelvin Ho), two married to each other, appear in a peculiar love triangle, unclear if they are grappling with unresolved desires from the past or repressed yearnings

of the present. Their romantic entanglement is given a middle-age-appropriate treatment; mysteries of the adult heart find subtly comical expression through a merman, a talking fish, and various surreal scenarios. Channeling Hong Sangsoo's razor-sharp and at times offbeat gaze, as well as Apichatpong Weerasethakul's affinity for fantasia and nature, Singaporean director Nelson Yeo's debut feature, winner of the Locarno Film Festival's Filmmaker of the Present award, combines reality and magic to provide three troubled souls with a moment to dream.

Thursday, April 11

6:00pm, MoMA T2

Friday, April 12

6:00pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater

Exhibiting Forgiveness

Titus Kaphar, 2024, U.S., 111m

New York Premiere

Titus Kaphar creates powerful work that is multidisciplinary in nature and profound in historical meaning, often incorporating multiple layers and sculptural dimensions to his canvases. Kaphar brings the same sense of profoundly felt dynamism to his startlingly accomplished cinematic debut, *Exhibiting Forgiveness*, a wrenching work of emotional depth and visual flair starring the magnificent André Holland in one of the actor's greatest screen roles so far. Painter Tarrell Rodin (Holland) is a loving and grounded husband to singer Aisha (Andra Day) and father to young Jermaine (Daniel Berrier), but he's violently haunted by nightmares of his childhood. While preparing for a new gallery show, Tarrell finds his life upended by the sudden return of his father, La'Ron (John Earl Jelks). His mother, Joyce (Aunjanue Ellis-Taylor), has forgiven La'Ron for the abuse and addiction of their family's troubled past, but Tarrell cannot bring himself to do the same. While working on his large-scale canvases, Tarrell journeys to his past, wondering if he can alter the pain of his present. Kaphar's film—as provocative in its depiction of unresolvable familial crises as it is about the meaning and co-opting of Black voices in the contemporary art scene—wrestles with difficult, personal questions without settling on easy answers.

Friday, April 5

8:30pm, MoMA T2 (Q&A with Titus Kaphar)

Saturday, April 6

12:30pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater (Q&A with Titus Kaphar)

Explanation for Everything

Gábor Reisz, 2023, Hungary/Slovakia, 152m

Hungarian with English subtitles

New York Premiere

Under intense pressure from home and school to pass his graduation exams, Budapest high school senior Abel finds himself distracted and ultimately derailed by his own nerves as well as his crush on a

fellow classmate. However, the simmering anxieties of teenagehood boil over into something far greater than Abel ever could have intended when a minor confrontation between the boy and a teacher becomes a talking point in an escalating generational and political conflict. Gábor Reisz's scintillating drama keeps a firm grip on its audience as it unfolds an intricately structured screenplay that's as tuned in to tiny gestures between people as it is to the grand statements about a contemporary climate in which we are often encouraged to take definitive sides. While *Explanation for Everything* is specific in its portrait of a contemporary Hungary wrestling with its own political past and nationalist legacy, its diagnoses are universally relevant, and endlessly compelling.

Friday, April 5

8:30pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater

Saturday, April 6

2:30pm, MoMA T2

Foremost By Night

Víctor Iriarte, 2023, Spain/Portugal/France, 109m

Spanish with English subtitles

New York Premiere

Spanish artist and curator Víctor Iriarte's debut feature unfolds across four epistolary chapters, following middle-aged Vera (Lola Dueñas) as she emerges from a years-long search for the biological son whom she gave up for adoption at birth, and whose identity and whereabouts were rendered all but untraceable by a callously negligent bureaucracy. When Vera's letters reach teenaged Egoz (Manuel Egozkue) and his adoptive mother Cora (Ana Torrent), the three of them converge on the banks of Portugal's Douro River for a long-delayed reunion—and a shared reckoning with the intimate legacies of Spain's political history. Deceptively airy and noir-inflected, Iriarte's unhurried, methodical gaze lingers over bodies and structures, interpolating velvety 16mm compositions with tactile close-ups of maps, floor plans, and microfiche newspaper clippings to evoke the textural and symbolic traces of a family discovering itself.

Saturday, April 6

8:15pm, MoMA T2 (Q&A with Víctor Iriarte)

Monday, April 8

8:30pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater (Q&A with Víctor Iriarte)

Good One

India Donaldson, 2024, U.S., 90m

New York Premiere

A seemingly small incident has monumental implications in the extraordinary feature debut of India Donaldson, a film of expertly harnessed naturalism and restrained emotional intensity. Seventeen-year-old high school senior Sam (a revelatory Lily Collias) has agreed to join her father Chris

(James Le Gros) and his longtime buddy Matt (Danny McCarthy) on a camping trip in the Catskills, though she'd rather be hanging with her friends for the weekend. Affable and wise, Sam at first seems to enjoy the intergenerational bonding experience with the two divorced dads, yet the men's own festering, middle-aged resentments begin to change the emotional tenor of the trip—until something happens that alters Sam's perception of the men and her place in their orbit. Amidst the lush beauty and contemplative forest atmosphere in upstate New York, *Good One* asks provocative questions about the dynamics of family, friendship, and what it means to engage in or avoid conflict. A Metrograph Pictures release.

Thursday, April 4

6:00pm, MoMA T2 (Q&A with India Donaldson and cast)

Saturday, April 6

6:15pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater (Q&A with India Donaldson and cast)

A Good Place

Katharina Huber, 2023, Germany, 108m

German, English, and Italian with English subtitles

North American Premiere

Economic yet expansive, at once intricately engaged with present-day anxieties and steeped in a sparingly realized speculative future, the debut feature from Katharina Huber (who has worked largely in animation until now) radically reimagines the hangout film against an apocalyptic backdrop. *A Good Place* follows the daily routines and companionship of two young women, Güte (Clara Schwinning) and Margarita (Céline De Gennaro), who eke out a living in a remote, sparsely inhabited farming village as radio broadcasts describe an unfolding global crisis and count down to the launch of a spacecraft that might save humanity. With an incomparable sense of atmosphere and style, Huber—who wrote, directed, edited, and produced the film—filters and displaces her characters' fears and comradery onto an enigmatic narrative about survival and isolation. Winner of the awards for best emerging director and best performance (for Schwinning) in the 2023 Locarno Film Festival's Filmmakers of the Present section.

Thursday, April 4

8:15pm, MoMA T2 (Q&A with Katharina Huber)

Sunday, April 7

1:00pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater (Q&A with Katharina Huber)

Grace

Ilya Povolotsky, 2023, Russia, 119m

Russian, Georgian, and Karachay-Balkar with English subtitles

New York Premiere

A father and daughter duo traverse the vast, winding, and seemingly vacant backroads of rural Russia in a rusted, rambling van that serves as both home and transport for the adolescent and her living parent

(mom travels with them in the form of ashes in an urn). Clandestine DVD sales, fleeting sexual encounters, and checkpoint-avoiding detours signal the outlaw lifestyle these two share as they slowly, inevitably drift apart. The “road movie” is about as familiar a genre as any in motion pictures, which is what makes Ilya Povolotsky’s debut fiction feature, which premiered at the 2023 Directors’ Fortnight in Cannes, such a discovery. Echoes of Tarkovsky quiver in the frosty landscapes as we sense the possibility of escape, of individuality.

Tuesday, April 9

8:30pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater

Wednesday, April 10

5:45pm, MoMA T2

Hesitation Wound

Selman Nacar, 2023, Turkey, 84m

Turkish with English subtitles

New York Premiere

The unwelcome intrusion of law and society in affairs of the heart, so remarkably limned of late in *Anatomy of a Fall*, is a story grippingly told in *Hesitation Wound*, following 24 stressful hours in the life of a Turkish criminal lawyer torn between her allegiances to her client, a murder suspect; her mother, who convalesces in a hospital; and the judge, a man of questionable principles. A Dostoyevskian thriller laced with moral anguish, *Hesitation Wound* places writer-director Selman Nacar in the company of his compatriot Nuri Bilge Ceylan.

Thursday, April 4

6:00pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater (Q&A with Selman Nacar)

Friday, April 5

6:00pm, MoMA T2 (Q&A with Selman Nacar)

Intercepted

Oksana Karpovych, 2024, Canada/France/Ukraine, 93m

Russian and Ukrainian with English subtitles

North American Premiere

In the two years since Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, the Security Service of Ukraine has intercepted, recorded, and made public thousands of cell phone calls between Russian soldiers on the front line and their mothers, wives, and girlfriends back home. For her sophomore feature, Ukrainian-Canadian documentarian Oksana Karpovych charted a photojournalistic course across the country in the occupation’s wake to construct a fraught dialectical juxtaposition of sound and image, pairing fragments of those overheard conversations with arresting filmic compositions that capture the unsettled aftermath of invasion. Karpovych’s keen editorial sensitivity produces startling contrasts, drawing out the inherent tension between the soldiers’ casual accounts of looting and violent

displacement (coupled with their family members' muddled and distorted perception of geopolitical realities) and the camera's deceptively tranquil tableaux of destruction and waste. The result is a document of astonishing discursive power, at once a stark reflection of the Russian imperial project's callous disregard for civilian lives and a testament to the insidious efficacy of its propaganda machine.

Friday, April 12

8:15pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater

Sunday, April 14

12:30pm, MoMA T2

A Journey in Spring

Wang Ping-Wen and Peng Tzu-Hui, 2023, Taiwan, 90m

Taiwanese Hokkien and Mandarin with English subtitles

North American Premiere

With their feature debut, filmmaking duo Wang Ping-Wen and Peng Tzu-Hu have composed a lyrical family vignette of quiet transcendence, poised on the cusp between past and future, city and countryside, life and death. Aging married couple Khim-Hok (Jason King) and Siu-Tuan (Yang Kuei-Mei) share a modest home perched high in the wooded hills outside Taipei, where they bicker, gripe, and commiserate, inhabiting the familiar rhythms of a well-trod daily routine—until a sudden death throws their world into a state of muted disarray and brings the abrupt return of their estranged son. Luminous Super 16mm photography and an intricately textured soundscape cast a mesmerizing, melancholic spell, giving way to a delicate, understated meditation on the before-and-after of loss, and the intractably lingering traces of love.

Saturday, April 13

3:45pm, MoMA T2 (Q&A with Wang Ping-Wen and Peng Tzu-Hui)

Sunday, April 14

3:45pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater (Q&A with Wang Ping-Wen and Peng Tzu-Hui)

Lost Country

Vladimir Perišić, 2023, Serbia/France/Luxembourg/Croatia, 105m

Serbian with English subtitles

New York Premiere

Serbian filmmaker Vladimir Perišić evokes a seismic moment in his nation's past from the vulnerable perspective of a teenager in the riveting and personal drama *Lost Country*, which he based on his own experiences. Fifteen-year-old Stefan (Jovan Ginić, winner of the Rising Star Award at Cannes last year) begins to notice a harrowing chasm opening between the way he idealizes his mother (Jasna Đuričić) and how many of his fellow classmates and citizens have begun to see her in her role as the public spokesperson for Slobodan Milošević, the Serbian president ultimately convicted of war crimes committed during the Balkan Wars. Set amidst the 1996 protests that saw university students and

opposition party members speaking out against electoral fraud conducted by Milošević's Socialist Party, Perišić's film functions as both a brutal reckoning with a historical moment that has clear parallels to today, and a compelling coming-of-age story under circumstances that young Stefan is only starting to comprehend.

Thursday, April 11

6:00pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater

Friday, April 12

8:45pm, MoMA T2

Malu

Pedro Freire, 2024, Brazil, 103m

Brazilian Portuguese with English subtitles

New York Premiere

A blistering performance by Yara de Novaes, volatile, and poignant all at once, is the magnetic centerpiece of Brazilian filmmaker Pedro Freire's passionate and intensely moving feature debut. Novaes stars as Malu Rocha, a free-spirited actress approaching middle age and constantly at odds with the world and herself. Living with a conservative, religious mother (Juliana Carneiro da Cunha) who fears that Malu's anti-authoritarian, bohemian approach to life is indicative of a mental breakdown, and reconnecting with a grown daughter (Carol Duarte) who has returned from a stint in France and is also pursuing an artistic life, Malu has idealistic plans to transform her modest home into an arts center for poor local kids. Yet Malu's erratic behavior and recurrent, explosive battles with her brittle mother leave her vulnerable to a confusing, sometimes cruel world. Based on the life of the director's mother, *Malu* is a profoundly felt study of a woman with an all-consuming, unstable love, directed with an intense force to match its unforgettable protagonist.

Thursday, April 11

8:15pm, MoMA T2

Saturday, April 13

3:00pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater

Meezan

Shahab Mihandoust, 2023, Canada/Iran, 72m

Farsi and Arabic with English subtitles

U.S. Premiere

Filmmaker Shahab Mihandoust's 16mm-shot portrait of the fishing industry in Iran's Khuzestan province—home to Abadan, the first oil company town in the Middle East and a site of mass destruction and migration during the Iran-Iraq War—is at once an immersive process film about labor and a rich, sensorial account of a former combat zone reorganized by decades of industrialization. Across three distinct chapters, an inquisitive camera and intricately detailed sound design (by Ernst Karel) closely

attend to both the individual and collective in the environments that dictate daily life and the scale of production operating along the margins of a petro-capitalist landscape: from the fishermen trawling Abadan's temperamental coast, to an arduous bartering system on a Bahrain wharf, to a remote shrimp processing-packaging plant operated by women shuttled in from nearby villages. Winner of the 2023 Montreal International Documentary Festival New Vision Award.

Saturday, April 13

12:45pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater

Sunday, April 14

3:00pm, MoMA T2

Of Living Without Illusion

Katharina Lüdin, 2023, Germany, 110m

German, Italian, and Norwegian with English subtitles

North American Premiere

Embodying the mercurial nature of romantic relationships in all their contradictory facets—hope and despair, joy and cruelty—writer-director Katharina Lüdin's penetrating feature debut interrogates love and art with a singular expressiveness. At the same time that she's rehearsing an emotionally difficult play, in which she's co-starring with her ex-husband, middle-aged Merit (Jenny Schily) is navigating heartbreaking terrain in her everyday life: a rapidly deteriorating relationship with her girlfriend Eva (Anna Bolk), whose feelings of rejection and unrequited love are beginning to consume her. Lüdin further widens the frame to take in the complicated lives of those who are affected by the disillusionment of these two women, including Merit's increasingly alienated son and his wife. Moving between unnerving restraint and full-throated feeling, *Of Living Without Illusion* is an unusually perceptive film reminiscent of the work of fellow German director Angela Schanelec in its abstracted visual approach, yet with a direct, almost Bergman-like intensity as it illustrates the sometimes unbridgeable divides between lovers—and between reality and pretense.

Sunday, April 7

3:45pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater

Monday, April 8

5:45pm, MoMA T2

Omen

Baloji, Belgium, 2023, 95m

English, French, Swahili, and Lingala with English subtitles

New York Premiere

The sense of dread that often accompanies being around blood relatives with whom you share no real connection is brought into vivid focus in Belgian rapper Baloji's debut feature, *Omen*. Having been banished to Europe as a baby after a birthmark convinced his mother that he must be a sorcerer, Koffi

(Marc Zinga) and his white Belgian fiancée Alice (Lucie Debay) embark on a family reconciliation trip to the Democratic Republic of Congo. The kinetic chaos of the return—missed airport transfers and traffic, bloody noses, family gatherings and judgments—sets the stage for a visceral reimmersion tale. Winner of the New Voice Prize at Cannes and selected as Belgium’s entry for the 96th Academy Awards, *Omen* melds the modern and the mystical in mesmerizing fashion. A Utopia release.

Friday, April 5

6:00pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater (Q&A with Baloji)

Saturday, April 6

6:00pm, MoMA T2 (Q&A with Baloji)

Otro Sol

Francisco Rodríguez Teare, 2023, Chile/France/Belgium, 85m

Spanish and Italian with English subtitles

North American Premiere

In 1978, a Chilean thief named Alberto Candia entered the grand Cádiz Cathedral in southern Spain, and, it is believed, stole priceless ancient artifacts before being tracked down and killed. In Chilean filmmaker Francisco Rodríguez Teare’s form-defying feature debut, the maybe-true tale of Candia provides the unstable center of an absorbing inquiry into mythmaking, following a pair of young thieves across the Atacama Desert as they meet a community of local prospectors digging for gold. Through stories that seem to be real and others that can only be fantasy, Teare’s inventive film constantly shifts the borders between truth and fable, while presenting to the viewer the staggering, vast beauty of the mountains, beaches, and rivers of Atacama and Andalusia.

Sunday, April 7

5:00pm, MoMA T2 (Q&A with Francisco Rodríguez Teare)

Monday, April 8

6:00pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater (Q&A with Francisco Rodríguez Teare)

The Permanent Picture

Laura Ferrés, 2023, Spain/France, 94m

Catalan and Spanish with English subtitles

North American Premiere

Who said time heals all wounds? Shot in her hometown of El Prat de Llobregat (located in the southwestern periphery of Barcelona) with an impressive cast of nonprofessional actors, Catalan writer-director Laura Ferrés’s alternately tender, clever, and mysterious debut feature mixes realism with melodrama in the story of a fiftysomething casting director who—while on an assignment to find “normal-looking people” for a left-leaning political party’s campaign video—unwittingly befriends the woman who gave birth to and abandoned her as a teenager in Andalusia. *The Permanent Picture* is a reunion film unlike any other: a strange yet genuine inquiry into familial love, estrangement, and

image-making across generations, and whose thorny references to the legacy of Francoist Spain belie its endlessly generative charm and sense of humor.

Tuesday, April 9

6:00pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater

Wednesday, April 10

8:45pm, MoMA T2

The Rim

Alberto Gracia, 2024, Spain, 90m

Spanish and Galician with English subtitles

U.S. Premiere

Told in elliptical fashion and moving to a surreal rhythm all its own, director Alberto Gracia's grimy and dazzlingly dissonant vision takes place in the port city of Ferrol in Galicia, the northwestern region of Spain. Damian (Alfonso Míguez), unkempt and barely scraping by, has returned to his hometown after his father dies. Most recently a failed game show contestant, he becomes the inexplicable victim of mistaken identity when everyone starts referring to him as "Cosme"—who happens to be a tour guide who has already disappeared from the movie's parallel narrative. Both compelling and confounding, *The Rim* is both an existential portrait of the limits of individual agency and a depiction of a community's economic struggle.

Saturday, April 6

8:45pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater

Sunday, April 7

2:30pm, MoMA T2

Short Films:

Shorts Program I (99m)

Via Dolorosa

Rachel Gutgarts, 2023, France, 11m

Hebrew with English subtitles

New York Premiere

Inspired by early photographic techniques, *Via Dolorosa* is an immersive animation documentary that takes us through Jerusalem's local punk scene, where director Rachel Gutgarts spent her youth. Hoping to find atonement, Gutgarts depicts instead a permanent state of war hovering over tales of violence, addiction, sexuality, religion, and racism as told by teenagers approaching adulthood.

Goodbye First Love

Shuli Huang, 2024, U.S., 13m

Mandarin with English subtitles

U.S. Premiere

Director and cinematographer Shuli Huang visits his first love in Frankfurt on a dark, rainy day during a work trip in Europe. In a small studio, two men share loving and contradictory memories of their past relationship in Beijing, pointing to tales of what could have been in weary, melancholic silences.

Shimmering Bodies

Inês Teixeira, 2023, Portugal, 23m

Portuguese with English subtitles

U.S. Premiere

As she walks by her high school, Mariana is surprised by Pedro's invitation to spend the weekend at his parents' house away from the city. Inês Teixeira offers a tender, delicate portrait of young love, shyness, and the shape-shifting experience of sexual awakening by giving oneself to another body yearning for affection.

Nos Îles

Aliha Thalien, 2023, France, 23m

French with English subtitles

North American Premiere

As Aliha Thalien's camera takes us deep into Martinique's landscape—nature, beaches, ghostly urban spaces, a rock in the ocean where an old slave ship ran aground—young friends discuss their heritage and identity amid the island's colonial history and political memory, a desire for independence, and a complex relationship with mainland France.

The Voice of Others

Fatima Kaci, 2023, France, 30m

French and Arabic with English subtitles

New York Premiere

A Tunisian interpreter working for asylum services struggles to refuse emotional connections when translating stories of survival and abuse from people seeking another life in France. With rules favoring suspicion against personal tragedies, Fatima Kaci films an institutionalized mistrust of others and a character's quest for empathy in the choice of words that carry the weight of a nation's colonial past.

Saturday, April 6

3:30pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater

Sunday, April 7

12:00pm, MoMA T2

Shorts Program II (71m)

Break no. 1 & Break no. 2

Lei Lei, 2024, China, 18m

Chinese with English subtitles

North American Premiere

An assemblage of still images and video work, both real and imagined, *Break no. 1 & Break no. 2* explores the fragility of human memory as it relates to the moving image and the unconscious. In *Break no. 1*, a silent narrator deals with the fallout of a friend's suicide through dreams after photographs of the two of them together mysteriously disappear. In *Break no. 2*, the narrator floats through the endless corridors of a video hall, where the imposition of government censorship affects the ways in which the videotapes advertised there are consumed and remembered.

The night of the minotaur

Juliana Zuluaga Montoya, 2023, Colombia, 11m

Spanish with English subtitles

North American Premiere

In a fantastic tale spun from archival material, Juliana Zuluaga Montoya explores the origins of pornographic cinema in Colombia, sparked by Luz Emilia García. In early-20th-century Colombia, in a small village surrounded by enigmatic wilderness, García becomes the master of ceremonies presiding over the debauchorous Night of the Minotaur.

Kill 'Em All

Sebastian Molina Ruiz, 2023, Mexico, 19m

Spanish with English subtitles

North American Premiere

In this coming-of-age story, teenagers Mila and Carolina are close confidantes who live on opposite sides of Mexico City. They exchange diaristic videos that document their experiences growing up and their feelings toward the obligations, both familial and personal, they each face. Eventually, they decide to meet in person.

The Porn Selector

Lou Fauroux, 2024, France, 13m

World Premiere

Lou Fauroux's *The Internet Collapse* project asks: is there life after the Internet? The first installment in this series, *The Porn Selector*, follows former porn star turned porn producer Kasey Warner, who aims to corner the post-Internet market on pornography by selecting, downloading, and preserving different types of porn before they disappear. Innovatively using a variety of digital production techniques, Fauroux guides us through the ethical quandaries and quagmires of the Internet as we know it—in all its unrelenting, omnipresent glory.

Digital Devil Saga

Cameron Worden, 2024, U.S., 35mm, 11m

North American Premiere

STROBE WARNING FOR PHOTOSENSITIVE VIEWERS

A dizzying blend of .jpg, GIF, and .mov images scoured from every corner of the Internet are set, one image for each frame, to a soundtrack featuring heavy hitters from Chicago's drill rap scene. Printed and presented on archival-grade 35mm ESTAR Base film stock, Cameron Worden's film ensures that the not-so-blessed digital imagery of the 21st century will be preserved for decades to come.

Monday, April 8

8:30pm, MoMA T2

Wednesday, April 10

8:30pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater

Films Schedule by Date and Venue

All, or Nothing at All (124m)

Thursday, April 11

8:30pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater (Q&A with Jiajun "Oscar" Zhang)

Friday, April 12

5:45pm, MoMA T2 (Q&A with Jiajun "Oscar" Zhang)

Blackbird Blackbird Blackberry (110m)

Saturday, April 13

1:00pm, MoMA T2

Sunday, April 14

6:15pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater

Blaga's Lessons (114m)

Tuesday, April 9

8:30pm, MoMA T2

Sunday, April 14

1:00pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater

Cu Li Never Cries (92m)

Tuesday, April 9

6:00pm, MoMA T2

Wednesday, April 10

6:00pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater

The Day I Met You (71m)

Saturday, April 6

12:30pm, MoMA T2

Sunday, April 7

6:30pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater

Dreaming & Dying (77m)

Thursday, April 11

6:00pm, MoMA T2

Friday, April 12

6:00pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater

Exhibiting Forgiveness (111m)

Friday, April 5

8:30pm, MoMA T2 (Q&A with Titus Kaphar)

Saturday, April 6

12:30pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater (Q&A with Titus Kaphar)

Explanation for Everything (152m)

Friday, April 5

8:30pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater

Saturday, April 6

2:30pm, MoMA T2

Foremost By Night (109m)

Saturday, April 6

8:15pm, MoMA T2 (Q&A with Víctor Iriarte)

Monday, April 8

8:30pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater (Q&A with Víctor Iriarte)

Good One (90m)

Thursday, April 4

6:00pm, MoMA T2 (Q&A with India Donaldson and cast)

Saturday, April 6

6:15pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater (Q&A with India Donaldson and cast)

A Good Place (108m)

Thursday, April 4

8:15pm, MoMA T2 (Q&A with Katharina Huber)

Sunday, April 7

1:00pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater (Q&A with Katharina Huber)

Grace (119m)

Tuesday, April 9

8:30pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater

Wednesday, April 10

5:45pm, MoMA T2

Hesitation Wound (84m)

Thursday, April 4

6:00pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater (Q&A with Selman Nacar)

Friday, April 5

6:00pm, MoMA T2 (Q&A with Selman Nacar)

Intercepted (93m)

Friday, April 12

8:15pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater

Sunday, April 14

12:30pm, MoMA T2

A Journey in Spring (90m)

Saturday, April 13

3:45pm, MoMA T2 (Q&A with Wang Ping-Wen and Peng Tzu-Hui)

Sunday, April 14

3:45pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater (Q&A with Wang Ping-Wen and Peng Tzu-Hui)

Lost Country (105m)

Thursday, April 11

6:00pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater

Friday, April 12

8:45pm, MoMA T2

Malu (103m)

Thursday, April 11

8:15pm, MoMA T2

Saturday, April 13

3:00pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater

Meezan (72m)

Saturday, April 13

12:45pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater

Sunday, April 14

3:00pm, MoMA T2

Of Living Without Illusion (110m)

Sunday, April 7

3:45pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater

Monday, April 8

5:45pm, MoMA T2

Omen (95m)

Friday, April 5

6:00pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater (Q&A with Baloji)

Saturday, April 6

6:00pm, MoMA T2 (Q&A with Baloji)

Otro Sol (85m)

Sunday, April 7

5:00pm, MoMA T2 (Q&A with Francisco Rodríguez Teare)

Monday, April 8

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The Permanent Picture (94m)

Tuesday, April 9

6:00pm, FLC Walter Reade Theater

Wednesday, April 10

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The Rim (90m)

Saturday, April 6

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Through The Celeste Bartos Film Preservation Center, a state-of-the-art storage facility in Hamlin, Pennsylvania, MoMA restores and preserves films that are shown across the world and in many of the Museum's diverse programs, most notably in To Save and Project: The Annual MoMA International Festival of Film Preservation. The Department of Film engages with current cinema by honoring films and filmmakers that will have a lasting historical significance through its annual Film Benefit, which raises funds for the continued maintenance and growth of the collection, and The Contenders series, an annual series of the year's best movies, as selected by MoMA Film curators from major studio releases and top film festivals.

Always looking to the future, the Department of Film is constantly unearthing emerging talent and providing a venue for young filmmakers through programs such as New Directors/New Films and Documentary Fortnight. Playing an essential role in MoMA's mission to collect, preserve, and exhibit modern and contemporary art, the department was awarded an Honorary Academy Award in 1978 "for the contribution it has made to the public's perception of movies as an art form."

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