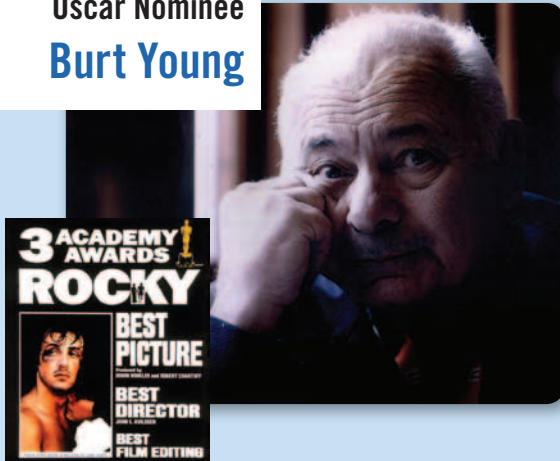




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Five Time Champion

Director: Berndt Mader • Austin, TX • Drama • 1 hr: 31 min

While the young scientist, Julius, steadfastly researches the asexual reproduction of worms, his natural curiosity leads him to discover some inconvenient truths about those around him. He witnesses his mother's infidelity and suspects his grandfather for the same, all while he believes he is losing his best friend Shiley to a rival named Chase. These disappointments are at the fore as he wrestles with his father's mysterious departure years ago. Julius keeps a diligent eye, but unfortunately, all of his heartbreakingly acute observation seems to prove that no solution will restore the people he cares about to their appropriate roles. How can Julius hold together a family that seems as though none of its parts can stay intact?

Past Screenings: SXSW Film Festival, Dallas International Film Festival

February 10th 9:30PM – Rheem Theatre



Hermano

Director: Marcel Rasquin • Venezuela • Drama • 1 hr: 37 min

Raised as brothers, intense teammates and competitors on the soccer field – the gregarious, swaggering Julio (Eliu Armas) and the more wary and focused Daniel “Gato” (Fernando Moreno) have remained virtually inseparable ever since the newborn Daniel was found abandoned in a trash heap in their La Ceniza slum. The opportunity of their lives arrives when a football scout invites them to try out for the city's top professional team, just as a tragic act of violence threatens to tear them apart and prevent them from achieving their dreams.

Past Screenings: Naples International Film Festival, Moscow Film Festival, Los Angeles Latino Film Festival
Official Oscar® Entry – Venezuela 2011

February 12th 6:30PM – Rheem Theatre

February 14th 4:00PM – Orinda Theatre



Jucy

Director: Louise Alston • Australia • Comedy • 1 hr: 30 min

Jucy is a “womantic” comedy about best friends Jackie (Cindy Nelson) and Lucy (Francesca Gasteen). They're in their mid-twenties, but not much has changed since high school. Jackie's social anxiety is still not under control and she remains incapable of a mature relationship with a man. Lucy hasn't finished either of the university degrees she started and

still lives with her mother. When the duo's relationship is attacked, they make a pact to show the world just how normal they are... Jackie decides to get a boyfriend and Lucy aims for a career move.

Past Screenings: Toronto International Film Festival, Seattle International Film Festival, Brisbane International Film Festival

February 12th 1:30PM – Rheem Theatre

Pearls of the Far East

Director: Cuong Ngo • Drama • 1 hr: 43 min • Canada, Viet Nam

The inner lives and forbidden loves of seven Vietnamese women form the beautiful string that runs through director Cuong Ngo's feature film debut.

Past Screening: Toronto International Reel Asian Film Festival

February 11th 3PM – Rheem Theatre



Monsieur Lazhar

Director: Philippe Falardeau • Canada • Drama • 1 hr: 34 min

This is the story of an Algerian immigrant substitute teacher who brings emotional stability to a Montreal middle school class shaken by the suicide of their well-liked teacher.

Past Screenings: Toronto International Film Festival 2011, Hamburg Film Festival 2011, Sundance Film Festival 2012

Official Oscar® Entry – Canada 2012

February 10th Opening Night Movie 7:00PM – Rheem Theatre

February 14th 6:30PM – Orinda Theatre



Somebody's Hero

Director: Darin Beckstead • Family • 1 hr: 31min • New York, New York

Dennis, a lonely New York accountant accidentally stops a costume shop robbery while trying on a “Man America” superhero outfit. When the clumsy fight is captured on the security cameras and the video hits the airwaves, a media-frenzy erupts. Everyone soon wants to know “who is Man America?!” And “when will he be back?” Armed with nothing but a crazy costume, this ordinary man leaps into the superhero business. Things look up, but not for long!

Past Screenings: Newport Beach Film Festival, Heartland Film Festival, Coney Island Film Festival

February 11th 12:30PM – Rheem Theatre



Miss Minoes

Director: Vincent Bal • Netherlands • Family • 1 hr: 32 min

This utterly charming classic family film tells the tale of Miss Minoes, a cat who is transformed into a young woman (Carice van Houten) and befriends Tibbe (Theo Maassen), a shy bumbling cub reporter for the local newspaper. Miss Minoes, still recognized as a cat by the neighborhood felines despite her new appearance, organizes them into a news-gathering service and helps Tibbe become a star reporter. He soon turns investigative and discovers that the popular chairman of the “Club For Friends of Animals” and boss of a nearby factory has evil plans...

Past Screenings: Holland Film Festival, Chicago International Children's Film Festival

February 11th 10AM – Rheem Theatre



TILT

Director: Viktor Chouchkov • Drama • 1 hr: 37 min • Bulgaria

During the most turbulent years of the Bulgarian transition from communism to a pro-Western democracy, daredevil Stash and the rebellious Becky fall in love. When Stash and his friends get caught by the police for some small-time crimes such as selling German porn tapes Katev, Becky's father and big Militia boss, gets personally involved with the case. He threatens Stash and the gang with prison if Stash continues to see Becky, so the young men eventually have to leave the country. They immigrate to a small town in Germany. After a tough year, during which Stash unsuccessfully attempts to contact Becky, the group takes the first chance to return. But in the meantime Bulgaria has changed completely – and so has Becky...

Past Screenings: Santa Barbara International Film Festival, Seattle International Film Festival

Official Oscar® Entry – Bulgaria 2012

February 11th 4PM – Rheem Theatre

February 13th 1PM – Orinda Theatre

2012 CAIFF DOCUMENTARIES



Century of Light

Director: Christopher Leps • Toluca Lake, CA • Documentary • 46 min: 31 sec

The world famous Centennial Light Bulb in Livermore's Fire Station 6 has burned almost continuously since it was first lit in the year 1901. In that time, it has seen war and peace, depression and prosperity, and a countless number of human events. Since being acknowledged by the Guinness Book of World Records in 1972, the 4-watt dynamo has received on-going press about its extraordinary lifespan, as each passing year marks a new milestone.

Past Screening: Vine Cinema Livermore

February 12th 3:45PM – Rheem Theatre

February 13th 1PM – Rheem Theatre



FIXATION

Director: Alex Trudeau Viriato • CA • Documentary • 39 min: 58 sec

This documentary follows single speed cyclists through The Bay Area and Los Angeles, and for the first time covers all aspects: City Riders, Messengers, Velodromes, Freestyle, Bike Shops, Bike Polo, Brakeless and more. Discover the passion, freedom and excitement behind only having one gear.

World Premiere

February 11th 4:30PM – Rheem Theatre

February 13th 6:30PM – Rheem Theatre



Mary and Bill

Director: Andrew Napier • Los Angeles, CA • Documentary • 49 min: 09 sec

This documentary follows two elderly athletes, Mary Stroebe, a 90-year-old triathlete, and Bill Wambach, an 83-year-old high jumper. Mary has just broken her leg while downhill skiing and Bill, who smoked for 45 years, is recovering from a heart attack. Despite doctor's orders, both decide to train and compete in their respective events. Through their amazing commitment, both Mary and Bill prove that age is just a number.

World Premiere

February 12th 11AM – Rheem Theatre

February 13th 4PM – Orinda Theatre



The Power of Two

Director: Marc Smolowitz • Documentary • 1 hr: 33 min: 22 sec

This feature documentary tells the remarkable story of twin sisters, two cultures, and two new chances at life. Inspired by their 2007 memoir, the film offers an intimate portrayal of the bond between half-Japanese twin sisters, Anabel Stenzel and Isabel Stenzel Byrnes, their lifelong battle with the fatal genetic disease Cystic Fibrosis, survival through miraculous double lung transplants, and improbable emergence as authors, athletes and global advocates for organ donation.

Past Screenings: Mill Valley Film Festival, Tokyo International Film Festival, Santa Fe Independent Film Festival

February 12th 6:45PM – Rheem Theatre

February 14th 4PM – Rheem Theatre