



2018 Geneva Film Festival Preview Checklist

Title	Category	Duration	Synopsis	Country of Origin	Language
The Go Cart	Animated Short	00:11:44	A lone shopping cart, injured and seized for scrap, breaks free and navigates a world of danger, changing its fate and bringing happiness to those it encounters.	United States	
The Bully	Student Short	00:06:15	This is a public interest short film highlighting the effects of bullying in Middle School. The film is written, produced, and directed by Jonah Maxwell who is a 12-year-old from St. Charles, Illinois. He was a victim of bullying after he moved from Ireland in 2011.	United States	English
Great Aunt Mabel	Documentary Short	00:14:52	Digging through family photographs, filmmaker H. James Gilmore found a faded envelope containing newspaper clippings, pictures, and memorabilia of his great aunt: Mabel G. Reinecke of Chicago. Although she died before Gilmore was born, it turns out Mabel was a pioneer—and a groundbreaking woman of firsts. At age 18, she organized the Women's Progressive Republican League. After passage of the women's suffrage amendment, she visited every state west of the Mississippi to organize new voters. She was the first woman ever to receive a presidential commission and occupy a federal executive position. In fact, she was the highest paid woman in federal service. But her life was also filled with challenge, disappointment, and addiction. After she died her legacy was largely forgotten. As Gilmore pieced together the amazing story of her life, he discovered articles, additional photographs, and even a rare newsreel clip. This documentary short, created entirely from found-footage, is dedicated to Aunt Mabel and the forgotten stories of long-lost women everywhere.	United States	English
Spaceman	Student Short	00:18:43	A young man with big aspirations sets out on a very curious and unique path to realize his dream of becoming an astronaut. Unemployed and living with his single mother, Rupert Madurski must find a nice balance in a world without spacemen.	United States	English
Thick	Musical Short	00:05:00	Musical short.	United States	
Alzheimer	Narrative Short	00:14:36	Louise, aged 68, is suffering from Alzheimer's disease and lives in a nursing home. Her daily life is riddled with sadness because her son Daniel is no longer visiting her, discouraged by his mother's memory lapses. The arrival of a new patient in the home (Leo, 82), who is also suffering from Alzheimer's disease, will upset Louise's life...but also that of Daniel! (subtitles)	Belgium	French
Stutter	Animated Short	00:01:37	<i>Stutter</i> is an animated, dreamlike journey capturing the emotion and turmoil of a young boy struggling to communicate and how this manifests in his life.	United Kingdom	English
China Doll—Love, Obsession and Hard Traditional Climbing with Heather Weidner	Documentary Short	00:19:51	<i>China Doll</i> is a provocative exploration of gender stereotypes, romance, and rock climbing. Witness Heather Weidner battle personal demons in the world of hard traditional climbing. With her ascent of China Doll, a 5.14- R traditional route in Upper Dream Canyon, Colorado, U.S.A., Weidner nabs the first female ascent, and becomes the fourth woman in the world to climb a 5.14 traditional route. In the process, she discovers that loving herself is the ultimate project. This story exposes the pervasive nature of unconscious gender roles and reveals differences in how men and women approach love and sport. Heather and her husband have what many climbers would call the perfect relationship. Despite external achievements and support from her husband, Heather refuses to believe in herself. This emblematic struggle is not just about discovering personal freedom, but giving oneself permission to enjoy it. Is confidence a choice? Director Jon Glassberg teams up with writer Caroline Treadway in this groundbreaking short film starring Heather and Chris Weidner.	United States	English
Kheer	Narrative Short	00:06:44	As we age, life can get lonelier and the definition of relationships mature. <i>Kheer</i> is a delightful serving of love and companionship where secrets get accidentally spilt and shared.	India	Hindi
Seeing is Believing: Women Direct (episode 1)	Documentary Short	00:26:47	<i>Seeing is Believing: Women Direct</i> is a 5-hour serialized documentary about women directors. Each episode stands alone as its own short film, yet can be viewed with the others for an in-depth investigation into the process of art and leadership. The submission of episode one, <i>The Vanguard of Change</i> , features Sarah Gavron (Focus Features: <i>Suffragette</i> , and Sony Classics: <i>Brick Lane</i>), Li Lu 2016 (LA Asian Pacific Film Festival winner: <i>There is a New World Somewhere</i>), and Naima Ramos-Chapman (Premiere Slamdance 2016: <i>And Nothing Happened</i>). Three women discuss the process of their creativity and reveal what drove them to become directors. Each director shares valuable insights into how they face and overcome obstacles. Discussion about who and what really drives social change forward gives an opportunity to put the context of women who direct film and television into a new context.	United States	English
Fade	Musical Short	00:06:15	Conchita, a conservative septuagenarian woman, returns home after cremating her husband. She is fed up with the suffocating social norms that have surrounded her and decides to break free. Meanwhile, a menacing shadow roams the house as the only companion to her solitude.	Spain	English
Counting	Narrative Short	00:10:06	In 1951, Violet and Milly make a love promise over a penny. In 2015, the promise comes due, and Violet must face a heartbreaking reality.	United States	English
Selva Oscura	Documentary Short	00:16:41	Filmed in both Philadelphia and the remote Pennsylvania Wilds, <i>Selva Oscura</i> is short documentary that digs into the nuts and bolts of collaboration and the creative process used to fuse music and dance into an experimental music video.	United States	English
The Father of Art	Student Short	00:14:44	From award-winning director Freddy Macdonald (<i>Gifted [Thanksgiving Post Mortem]</i> : LA Film Festival, Newport Beach Film Festival, Worldfest-Houston, nffty, ARFF, etc.) comes a study of artificial intelligence in the art world.	Switzerland	English
The Online Date	Narrative Short	00:07:00	A man experiences a really weird first date.	United States	English
Oak Bones	Student Short	00:15:00	A woman, carved from wood and brought to life by a possessive artist, unwittingly falls in love with a scarred street performer and the turbulent world he inhabits right outside her window. IMDb LINK: http://www.imdb.com/title/tt5629600/	United States	English
The Manual	Narrative Short	00:29:30	In the distant future, James is the last human on Earth. He is raised and protected by a humanoid robot, the Machine, who brings him up on a strange composite religion described in a handheld device called The Manual. The Manual's teachings fuse aspects of Old-world religion and incorporate robots as spiritual beings in the afterlife, alongside and equal to humans. The man wrestles with loneliness and depression while the search for other humans becomes more and more futile. As his faith in The Manual is shaken, he sets out to test one of The Manual's core beliefs: reincarnation to the next life in the city of the Creator. What he finds could be described terribly as exactly that.	United States	English
The Scary Ham	Narrative Short	00:15:00	Two middle-aged sisters sorting through 50 years of family memorabilia reconnect, as they contend with their late father's beloved ham.	United States	English
Think Globally, Eat Locally	Documentary Short	00:35:00	<i>Think Globally/Eat Locally</i> is the story of DeKalb County Illinois' community-led efforts to increase the production and distribution of locally grown foods to improve health and nutrition, foster community building, and promote reconnection with one of our most basic needs—to provide food for ourselves and our communities.	United States	English

Girl Meets Roach	Narrative Short	00:17:00	Dumped just before Christmas, a brokenhearted young woman forms an unlikely friendship...with a cockroach. SYNOPSIS: Reeling from a sudden pre-Christmas breakup, Maggie hides herself away from the outside world, avoiding work, friends, and a persistent delivery guy. When a cockroach appears in her apartment, Maggie's initial disgust slowly turns to affection. Could her newfound friendship with the roach help her move on? Or, will discovering the extent of her ex's betrayal send her over the edge? http://www.imdb.com/title/tt6091158/	United States	English	
Khujli	Narrative Short	00:15:16	What happens when Girdharilal and Roopmati decide to scratch a 25-year-old itch? Secret desires come out, hidden fantasies are revealed, long-lost fire is rekindled, and things can't help but get a little... kinky.	India	Hindi	
Hope	Animated Short	00:06:02	<i>Hope</i> tells the story of a little boy, who is condemned to spend the time he has left in a prisoners' camp. The memories of his mother are the only thing keeping him alive.	Switzerland		
When We Listen	Student Short	00:15:00	Sometimes all we need to move forward in our lives and handle our own pain is for someone listen to us. Amal is a Syrian refugee who needs someone to listen to her pain, to make her move forward in her life. <i>When We Listen</i> is a 15-minute short film, showing the everyday struggle of Amal, a 20-year-old Syrian female who does not speak English. After losing all her family and being forced to leave the life she once knew, Amal sought refuge in Canada, seeking safety, a chance to live again, and a place that she could once again call home	Canada	English	
No Rules	Documentary Short	00:26:55	The film traces the violation against journalists that some describe as one of the worst attacks on the press in Yemen's modern history. The film contains precise information about the serious shift of newspapers and satellite channels in Yemen after 2014 after the popular uprising that toppled President Ali Abdullah Saleh. It includes several stories about journalists who were kidnapped, deprived of basic legal rights, tortured to the extent of disability, forced into mock trial proceedings, used as human shields, or killed, as is it known In Taiz <i>The Massacre of Journalists</i> . These stories are told by the victims themselves or their relatives.	Egypt	Arabic	
To Kick the Bucket	Student Short	00:09:28	Dark grotesque comedy about love, greed, and fate.	Russian Federation	Russian	
Family Shadows	Student Short	00:04:29	Every Friday night at 7 o'clock, Carter walks into the forest and, every single time, his father follows him. While wandering through the shadows, they discover what it means to be family. The film's director was 17 at the time of filming and 18 at the time of completion.	United States	English	
A Man Full of Trouble	Narrative Short	00:19:39	<i>A Man Full of Trouble</i> is a comedy about a foul-mouthed and contentious Alexander Hamilton reenactor in Philadelphia. Nicholas Crane (Hamilton) is continually at odds with the city, its tourists, and most importantly, Thomas Jefferson. When Hamilton is replaced with Jefferson for the city's extravagant Constitutional Convention reenactment, Nicholas must fight for his job as well as historical accuracy. Nicholas's commitment to history and the reenactment is thwarted when his affair with Isabelle, an uneducated reenactor, is discovered—an affair that bears an uncanny likeness to Hamilton's infamous Philadelphia sex scandal with Maria Reynolds.	United States	English	
Recovery Room	Documentary Feature	01:15:00	This feature documentary tells the story of Canadian volunteers, plastic surgeons, and nurses at the Main Military Clinical Hospital in Kyiv, Ukraine. They help make a difference in the lives of wounded Ukrainian soldiers, victims of Russia's invasion of eastern Ukraine. Learning from each other, Canadian and Ukrainian medical professionals perform complex reconstructive surgical procedures to repair injuries resulting from sniper fire and explosions. By means of interviews, rare stock shots, and photos, <i>Recovery Room</i> shows the resilience of humankind, giving hope to patients affected by the conflict. The scars of war and psychological trauma affect everyone involved. They all have a common dream of independence, peace, and freedom.	Canada	English	
Beyond Fordlândia	Documentary Feature	01:15:51	<i>Beyond Fordlândia</i> (2017) presents an environmental account ninety years after Henry Ford's Amazon experience. In 1927, the Ford Motor Company attempted to establish rubber plantations on the Tapajós River, a primary tributary of the Amazon. The film addresses the recent transition from failed rubber plantations to successful soybean cultivation for export, and its implication for land usage. The film leads to such questions as: What were the actual economic reasons for Ford to venture hundreds of miles through the Amazon jungle for a home for his project? Why did he want to transplant a slice of twentieth century civilization into the middle of the Amazon forest? Was rubber cultivation his only goal? What are the ecological implications of this venture for a staggering number of fish, insects, plants, animals, and the biome in general, now ninety years later? How did Ford's attempt to convert the lush, naturally abundant Brazilian landscape into industrial scale agriculture, foreshadow today's destruction of the rainforest? What will be the impact of soybean monoculture for the future of the Amazon Rainforest? What are the lessons to be learned from today's ecological experimentation and in particular from the Fordlândia experience?	United States	English	
Angels of the Sky	Documentary Feature	01:30:00	The true life story of WWII pilots from the 8th Air Force, who were shot down over German territory and became POWs...told through the survivors themselves!	United States	English	
En Algun Lugar	Narrative Feature	01:52:00	Set against the background of a broken U.S. immigration system, <i>En Algun Lugar</i> is a love story between two young men, Abel and Diego. When tragedy strikes and Diego's immigration status is revealed, Abel and Diego discover the power of love during uncertain times.	United States	English	
Nowhere Mind	Narrative Feature	01:45:00	Ivan uses experimental meditation to induce out-of-body experiences that might make it possible for him to escape a mysterious illness. His training takes an unexpected turn when he finds himself getting between the marital engagement of two old friends, Emily and John. Unaware of Ivan's secret relationship with his fiancé, John invites Ivan to go on a hiking trip with him. In order to keep up appearances, Ivan agrees to go along. On the trip, John grows ever more suspicious of Ivan's intentions with Emily. A dangerous game of cat and mouse ensues that might provide Ivan an unexpected route to a cure.	United States	English	
Emerging Cinematographer Shorts	EC 1	1:30:00	Final breakout of Emerging Cinematographer Award Shorts to be determined. <i>La Sirena</i> <i>The Gate</i>	United States	N/A	
Emerging Cinematographer Shorts	EC 2	1:30:00	<i>LoveBird</i> <i>Unbound</i> <i>Red Lopez</i> <i>Break The Will</i> <i>Will Wilson</i> <i>(le) Rebound</i>			