



# MANHATTAN SHORT



## DEATH BY HANDSHAKE

**Director:** Hudson Flynn

**Country:** USA

**Running Time:** 9:16

**Synopsis:** A talented teenager copes with restrictions during the Covid-19 pandemic by filming a witty love letter to his New York City hometown.



## THE KICKSLED CHOIR

**Director:** Torfinn Iversen

**Country:** Norway

**Running Time:** 18:00

**Synopsis:** A boy wants to sing in the local choir but when his father gets into a fight with a refugee, his aspirations are in jeopardy.



## GANEF

**Director:** Mark Rosenblatt

**Country:** United Kingdom

**Running Time:** 14:00

**Synopsis:** A little girl, spooked by a dark tale from her mother's wartime past, starts to believe her adored house cleaner is a sinister thief.



## CLOSED TO THE LIGHT

**Director:** Nicola Piovesan

**Country:** Italy

**Running Time:** 10:00

**Synopsis:** In a moment captured in time, die-hard Italian fascists conduct reprisal executions of civilians in Lombardy during World War II.



## BAD OMEN

**Director:** Salar Pashtonyar

**Country:** Afghanistan

**Running Time:** 16:10

**Synopsis:** Kabul, Afghanistan. Pari, a widow and mother, struggles to purchase her prescription glasses in order to continue working as a tailor.



## OUT OF TIME

**Director:** Delphine Montaigne

**Country:** France

**Running Time:** 9:00

**Synopsis:** Felix's mother is called in and an exasperated director is threatening to ban him from the premises. But Felix still has a few moves.



## ROUGH

**Director:** Adam Patterson & Declan Lawn

**Country:** Northern Ireland

**Running Time:** 13:00

**Synopsis:** Ex-paramilitaries enforce their own brand of street justice but when they condemn a dog to death, they bite off more than they chew.



## AURORA

**Director:** Jo Meuris

**Country:** USA

**Running Time:** 5:12

**Synopsis:** The animated tale of a little girl who falls in love with a beautiful horse named Aurora and learns about love, friendship and growing up.



## ARCHIBALD'S SYNDROME

**Director:** Daniel Perez

**Country:** France

**Running Time:** 19:15

**Synopsis:** Imitation may be the sincerest form of flattery but for Archibald it's literally an affliction until he meets a free-spirited woman during a bank robbery.



## MONSIEUR CACHEMIRE

**Director:** Iouri Philippe Paillé

**Country:** Canada

**Running Time:** 16:00

**Synopsis:** A bank loan officer uses extraordinary tactics to extract dark secrets from an eccentric and mysterious customer in need of funds.



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Friday, Oct 1, 10 am ♦ Saturday, Oct 2, 1 pm

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On behalf of the team at MANHATTAN SHORT, I would like to welcome you to our 24th Annual Film Festival. We have carefully chosen 10 short films out of 970 submissions to create a riveting 120-minute experience. This lineup of films will screen in over 400 venues across 6 continents from Sept 23 - Oct 3, 2021.

## YOU <sup>BE</sup> THE JUDGE!

Here's your chance to join the global film critic's circle. On entry to each venue, audiences will be handed a voting card. At the conclusion of the show, each audience member will be asked to vote for the ONE film and ONE actor/actress they think was the best. Votes will be sent to MANHATTAN SHORT Headquarters and the winner will be announced at [ManhattanShort.com](http://ManhattanShort.com) on Monday October 4th at 10am EST.



### All films are qualified to enter the Oscars of 2022!

The MANHATTAN SHORT is screened in venues all around the world. One of those venues is the Arena CineLounge in Hollywood. This specific screening qualifies each of our selected short films for consideration for the 2022 Academy Awards. Last year, two MANHATTAN SHORT finalists made it to the Oscars and our fingers are crossed for the same result this year. If you are viewing the show at one of the 400+ venues worldwide and you're a voting member of the Academy, please keep these films in mind for 2022.

### MANHATTAN SHORT Online, Valentine's Day 2022.

Earlier this year, we launched our first virtual film festival. Thousands participated in the online film festival and viewed our curated lineup of seven short films from the comfort of their own home. After the success of our first online festival, we have decided to make it an annual event with the 2nd ever MANHATTAN SHORT Online Film Festival slated for February 2022. To learn more, visit [ManhattanShortOnline.com](http://ManhattanShortOnline.com)

### A Big Thank You!

And finally a big thank you to the venues and all those that support them for being part of this year's Festival during these crazy times. Let's get through it together and I hope these films and this event make the day brighter. MANHATTAN SHORT is more than just one of the largest and most popular short film festivals in the world today. It's the World's First and Only Global Film Festival, and it was you guys that took it there...so Thank You!

*Nicholas Mason*  
Founding Director

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