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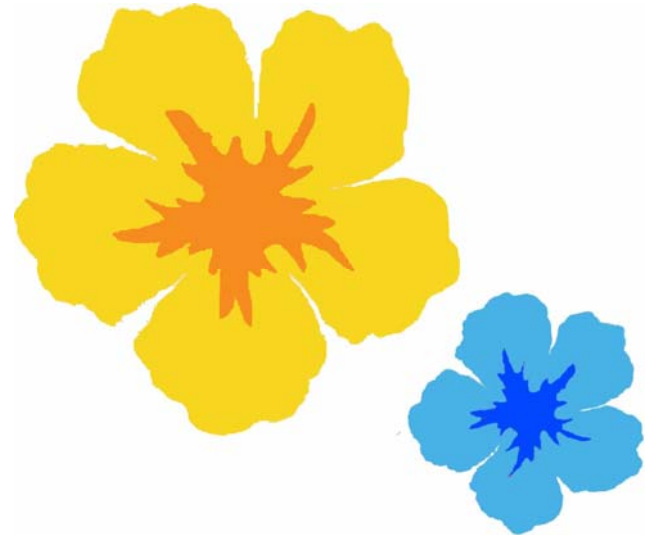
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\*viewer discretion advised!

April 13 2005

# Chaotic Universe

An array of films discussing the chaos that happens in the world. From revenging death to the seriousness of the 9/11 tragedy, this program will have you weeping in tears and hands clenched in anger.



# The Third Society

By: JA Steel  
April 13 (Wednesday) 6:00 p.m.  
*Action*



## **Synopsis:**

25 years ago, The Third Society, murdered Janine Reynolds. Two hours ago, Erica was kidnapped by the Society to steal back a billion dollars worth of securities seized in a Federal drug raid. One thing the Society didn't count on ... Jones. C. Alexandra Jones. The Society vows to kill Erica after 24 hours - unless Jones can get to her first. Every hit man in town is after Jones. But she has her own score to settle with the Society - she watched Janine die.

## **Principle Cast:**

JA Steel, Shannon Clam, Russell Vann Brown, Benny Tiandra

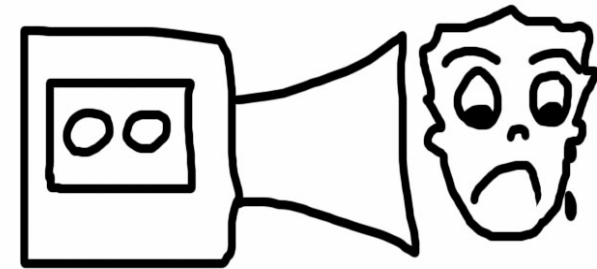


# The Chess Players:

Their Psyche, His Muse, & One  
Demon

By: Kenneth Khanh Du  
April 13 (Wednesday) 7:20 p.m.  
*Drama*

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### **Synopsis:**

Two chess players battle through and intense game while they struggle with their inner psyche and the supernatural world of chess.

### **Principle Cast:**

Lenise Soren, Henry Francisco,  
Adam Murphy, Jans Johnson,  
Stacie Leigh Scaduto, Gina Catalano,  
Aaron White, Mary Trosclair,  
Kathryn Fucci, Sabrina Rajkumar,  
Victoria Sicala, & Caleb Orion as  
the Narrator

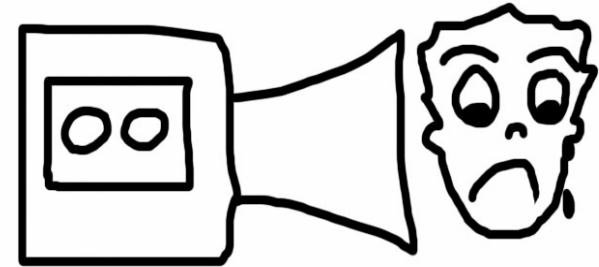
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# Waste & Void: Theatrical One Act Film

By: Kenneth Khanh Du  
April 13 (Wednesday) 7:35 p.m.  
*Drama*

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**Synopsis:**

A young woman has a premonition of the 9/11 tragedy. An improbable documentary-type film that is shockingly surreal.

**Principle Cast:**

Alana Seriguese, Jason Zimmerman,  
Nina Zuckerman, Ken Schwarz

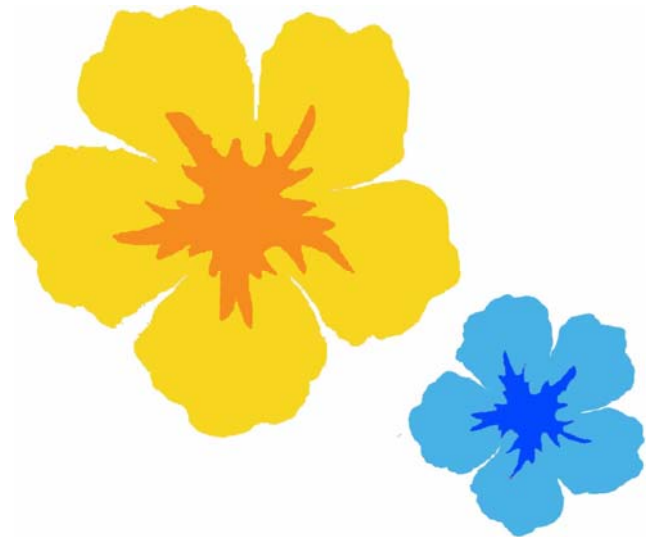
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April 14 2005

# Paradox

What is happening? What is going on? This night's collection of films will leave you puzzled and wondering. It is a duo of mystery and suspense.



# Hush

By: Ben Solheim  
April 14 (Thursday) 6:00 p.m.  
INSERT FILM GENRE HERE



## **Synopsis:**

Rachel, in her early twenties, a photographer living her life through the viewfinder of her camera and the tragic past of her parents, is forced to come face to face with love, hate, progress, and a new life. And with a peek into her abusive relationship with her boyfriend Verse and the lives of characters surrounding her, we discover the driving forces behind each characters life.

## **Principle Cast:**

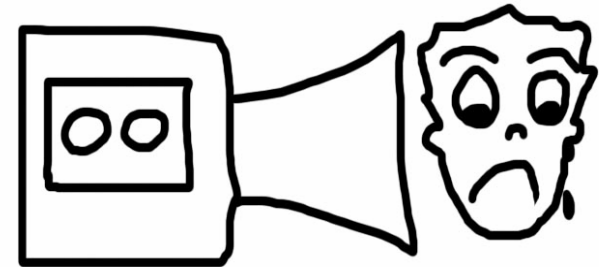
Janet Miller, Sam Heyn, Jordan Franzen, Adam Sidler, Aimee Klein



# Harlequin

By: Philip W. Chung  
April 14 (Thursday) 8:00 p.m.  
*Thriller*

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## **Synopsis:**

Harlequin takes place late one New years Eve in the American offices of an Asian tech company. Programmer Colleen Tran is working late testing out a new computer romance game she's created called Harlequin. When Colleen makes a wish for her most romantic fantasy to come true, Harlequin responds to turn her wish into reality. Using the other workers in the office as pawns in his perverted plan, Harlequin creates a trail of blood and violence so that Colleen can find her "perfect" love. A modern adult fairy tale about the dangers of getting what you wish for.

## **Principle Cast:**

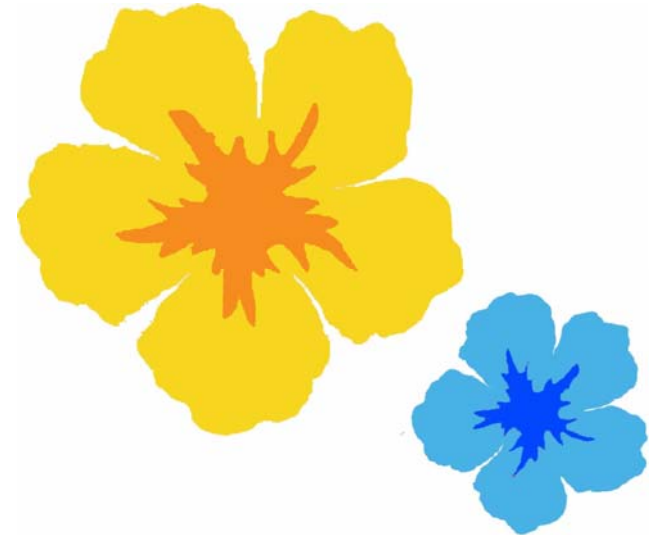
Sab Shimono, Jimmy Kim, Linda Shing, Freda Foh Shen, Ryun Yu, Leonard Wu, Emily Liu, Yi Lin, Ginni Ramos, Phil Young, Jeff Liu, James K. Lee, Camille Mana

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April 15 2005  
Love, Family  
& the Crazy  
Things that  
Happen

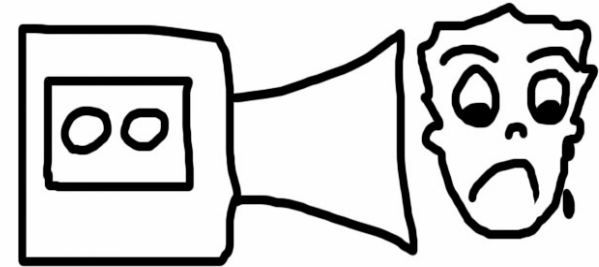
A combination of family, love and everything absurd that happens in life, this program is a light-hearted, warming, funny mishmash of delightful films that will make you want to pop up some popcorn and just enjoy. It also takes a look at films when a being is challenged, causing you to think about life and its mysteriousness.



# Homecoming

By: Vivian Wong  
April 15 (Friday) 6:00 p.m.  
*Documentary/Drama*

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**Synopsis:**

The film Homecoming recounts the filmmaker's experience as a second-generation Chinese American and her relationship with her grandmother from Malaysia.

**Principle Cast:**

Vivian Wong

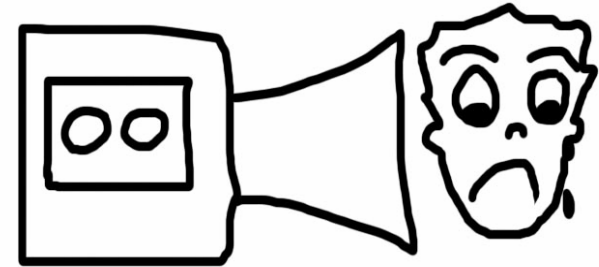
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# Yellow Brotherhood

By: Tadashi H. Nakamura  
April 15 (Friday) 6:10 p.m.  
*Short Documentary*

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## **Synopsis:**

Yellow Brotherhood is a short, personal documentary film about friendship and finding community through a self-help group turned basketball team that began in the 1960s.

## **Principle Cast:**

Kenwood Jung, Khi-min Jung,  
Sandy Maeshiro, Nick Nagatani,  
Wendy Nagatani, Brett Nagatani,  
Victor Shibata

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# Pawns of the King

By: Ming Lai  
April 15 (Friday) 6:30 p.m.  
*Fiction/Drama*



## **Synopsis:**

A World War II Zero fighter pilot, haunted by the past, is forced to confront his fears when he meets an old enemy, a U.S. Army 442<sup>nd</sup> soldier, and plays a fateful game of chess.

## **Principle Cast:**

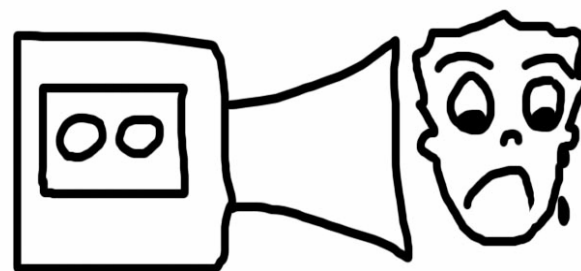
Sab Shimono, Michael Yama,  
Jim Isidia, Rodney Kageyama,  
Emily Kuroda, Ken Takemoto



# The Offering

By: Paul Lee  
April 15 (Friday) 6:50 p.m.  
*Narrative Drama*

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## **Synopsis:**

The Offering is an elegiac meditation about the passing of life, told through the story of love and friendship between a Japanese monk and the novice who came into his life, from their initial encounter to their final parting.

## **Principle Cast:**

Laurance Tan, Jason Chow

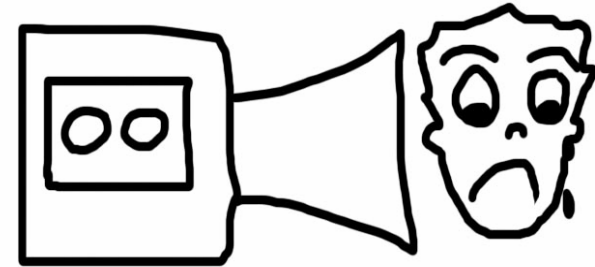
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# Cost of Paradise

By: Silver Kim  
April 15 (Friday) 7:00 p.m.  
*Action/Thriller*

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## **Synopsis:**

To earn his way out of the gang infested neighborhood that he grew up in, Paul borrows money from a local crime boss to pay for his hefty law school bills. When Paul is unable to make good on his loans, he is given two choices: get the money, or execute a hit on a childhood friend, Nicco. What will he do?

## **Principle Cast:**

Silver Kim, Nicco Garcia,  
Jung Kim, Samantha Gadstadt,  
Yee Jee Tso, Philip Marshall

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# Tây Nươc Mam (FISH SAUCE FRENCHY)

By: Nhan Nguyen Dinh  
April 15 (Friday) 7:20 p.m.  
*Fiction*



**Synopsis:**

A conversation between a mother and her two daughters

**Principle Cast:**

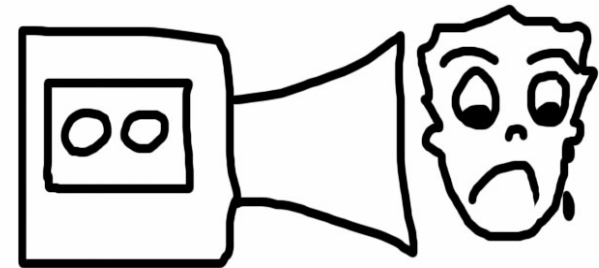
Bich Zuan, Chantal Lam,  
Suzanne Lam, Nguyen Thi  
Quy, Paul A. Bellei



# L'oubli (FORGETTING)

By: Nhan Nguyen Dinh  
April 15 (Friday) 7:30 p.m.  
*Fiction*

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**Synopsis:**

Changing priorities, changing perspectives, and constantly changing time captured on film.

**Principle Cast:**

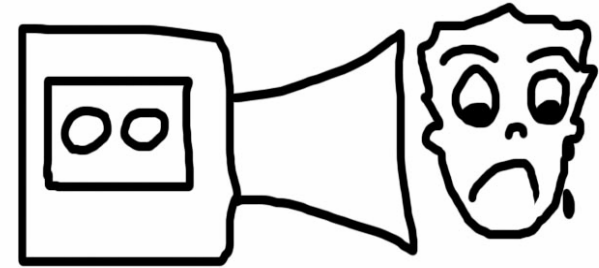
Chrystele Saint Louis Augustin,  
Thien Nguyen Dinh



# The Vanished Island

By: Nhan Nguyen Dinh  
April 15 (Friday) 7:45 p.m.  
*Fiction*

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**Synopsis:**  
Research of immortality

**Principle Cast:**  
Chrystele Saint Louis Augustin,  
Thien Nguyen Dinh



# After the Apocalypse

By: Yasuaki Nakajima  
April 15 (Friday) 8:00 p.m.  
*Sci-Fi Drama*



## **Synopsis:**

A futuristic fable after five survivors trying to make sense of a New World after a devastating urban catastrophe challenges all their human needs.

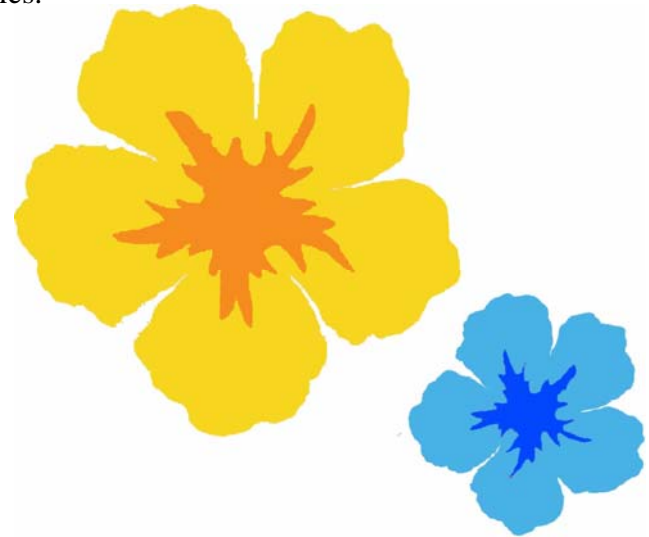
## **Principle Cast:**

Jacqueline Bowman, Yasuaki Nakajima, Zorich Lequidire, Oscar Lowe, Moises Morales



April 16 2005  
Saturday Night  
Live: Romance,  
Comedy and All Talk

For an uplifting mix of programs, Saturday night showcases films that will make your belly hurt from laughing, cause your eyes to tear in emotion and leave you satisfied with a wonderful blend of movie magic. This night's program features a session by Utah's own, Yohei Kawamata, in a live Q&A session featuring four of his movies.



# How Can I Get You

By: Frederick Bailey  
April 16 (Saturday) 2:00 p.m.  
*Fantasy/Comedy*



**Synopsis:**

A comic look at the shifting sands of interpersonal relationships in an unreal world.

**Principle Cast:**

Denice Kumagai, Ritchie  
Montgomery, Wesley Thompson



# G I F T

By: Frederick Bailey  
April 16 (Saturday) 2:15 p.m.  
*Romantic comedy*



**Synopsis:**

A comic look at domestic relationship

**Principle Cast:**

Gudrun Giddings, Philippe  
Chang, Wesley Thompson



# Quello Che Resta (WHAT REMAINS)

By: Milo Busanelli  
April 16 (Saturday) 2:30 p.m.  
*Fiction*



## **Synopsis:**

Something changed. Suddenly. Unexpectedly. For no reason.

## **Principle Cast:**

Maurizio Corradini, Valentina Rossi



# Call Center

By: Aryn Kaderali  
April 16 (Saturday) 2:35 p.m.  
*Comedy*



## **Synopsis:**

The filmmakers wanted to make a movie that moves the soul and inspires revelation in a personal way. Instead, they made this.

## **Principle Cast:**

Manish Goyal, Sunil Malhotra,  
Brian Kimmet



# Buried

By: Yohei Kawamata  
April 16 (Saturday) 3:00 p.m.  
*Drama*



## **Synopsis:**

A couple goes to the Great Salt Lake. While there, they find something and bury it in the ground.

## **Principle Cast:**

Ryotaro Minamimoto



# The Hairs

By: Yohei Kawamata  
April 16 (Saturday) 3:05 p.m.  
*Experimental Comedy*

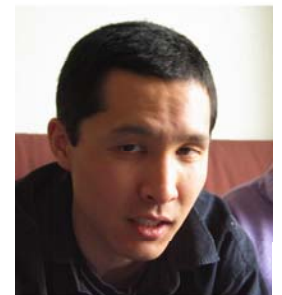


## **Synopsis:**

As this man touches his hair, it starts falling out. Why? Nobody knows. What happens in the end? You must witness it.

## **Principle Cast:**

Yohei Kawamata



# The Last Sniff

By: Yohei Kawamata  
April 16 (Saturday) 3:10 p.m.  
*Comedy*

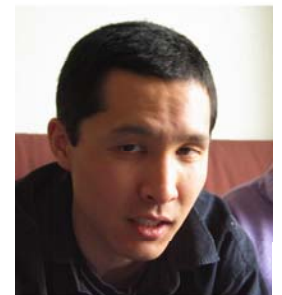


## **Synopsis:**

A film student realizes that he is not talented. But his friend shows him a great technique to come up with creative ideas.

## **Principle Cast:**

Jonathan Newbold, Charlie Norton,  
Sheri Davis



# Here Comes Private Investigator Kengo Koshiyama

By: Yohei Kawamata  
April 16 (Saturday) 3:15 p.m.  
*Comedy*



## **Synopsis:**

Why Dog Collar? Why Neck Cracking? Why Naked in a TV interview? Kengo Koshiyama, one of the most admirable detectives in Salt Lake City, will answer them all..

## **Principle Cast:**

Yohei Kawamata, Dan Hausseur,  
Ashley Bryant, Ben Lanoha



# The Olive Harvest

By: Hanna Elias  
April 16 (Saturday) 4:00 p.m.  
*Drama*



## **Synopsis:**

Upon his release from an Israeli prison, older brother Mazen develops romantic feelings for his childhood friend, Raeda. However, Raeda is already engaged to Mazen's younger brother Taher, their love kept secret because of the tradition for the eldest brother to wed first. More than a mere love story, *The Olive Harvest* explores the dynamics of human relationships—between brother and brother, woman and man, father and daughter, sister and sister, and person to land.

## **Principle Cast:**

Muhammad Bacri, Arren Umari,  
Raeda Adon, Mazen Saade,  
Taher Najeeb, Samiah Kazmouz



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Be sure to check out these other Asian Pacific Film Festivals.

**San Francisco International Asian American Film Festival**

(March) [www.naatanet.org](http://www.naatanet.org)

**Asian Pacific Film Festival of Florida**

(March) [www.apfff.org](http://www.apfff.org)

**Boston Asian American Film and Video Festival**

(April) [www.mfa.org](http://www.mfa.org)

**Chicago Asian American Showcase**

(April) [www.faaaim.org](http://www.faaaim.org)

**Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film and Video Festival**

(May) [www.vconline.org](http://www.vconline.org)

**Denver Asian Film Festival**

(May) [www.denverfilm.org](http://www.denverfilm.org)

**Asian American International Film Festival (NYC)**

(June) [www.asiancinevision.org](http://www.asiancinevision.org)

**New York Korean Film Festival**

(August) [www.koreanfilmforum.org](http://www.koreanfilmforum.org)

**DC Asian Pacific American Film Festival**

(October) [www.apafilm.org](http://www.apafilm.org)

**San Diego Asian Film Festival**

(October) [www.sdaff.org](http://www.sdaff.org)

**Northwest Asian American Film Festival (Seattle)**

(October) [www.nwaaff.org](http://www.nwaaff.org)

**Hawaii International Film Festival**

(November) [www.hiff.org](http://www.hiff.org)

**Reel Asian: Toronto Asian Film Festival**

(November) [www.reelasian.com](http://www.reelasian.com)

**Vancouver Asian Film Festival**

(November) [www.vaff.org](http://www.vaff.org)

**Dallas South Asian Film Festival**

(November) [www.dsaff.org](http://www.dsaff.org)