

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2023 OFFICIAL SELECTION!



A Corps in the Spotlight

This period piece explores a ballerina who is lost in the forest after fleeing chaos in the city. In a moment of weakness, the dancer cherishes her old ballet slippers and briefly escapes this dark world.



Arcade

Keen to sell their arcade, Ana and Alex are expecting a visit from an eccentric videogame collector. As they await the collector's arrival, videogame villain Dr Malicious escapes from his digital confinement to wreak havoc on the physical world. Will Alex and Ana see through Dr Malicious's schemes before it's too late?



Chained

Aspiring social media sensation, Lilly, persuades her sceptical friends to join her in a remote forest. Her objective: to chain herself to a tree and live-stream a protest against deforestation, all for an increased online following. As darkness blankets the isolated woodland, excitement turns to fear. Eerie sounds and an encroaching fog herald eerie encounters.



Death2Vinyl: Raj Mahal

Death2Vinyl is the lead single from Boston-born, Sydney-Based rapper Raj Mahal's upcoming album.



Fields: Ashli

"Fields" is a visual metaphor of an individual traversing the rugged landscape that is the 'mind-field'. It is a showcase of the stages of healing; the burning, breaking, lonely and messy mental landscapes of heartbreak.



Hantu: Dyan Tai

Filmed in a hidden Sydney industrial warehouse, 'HANTU' is a stunning music video by Dyan Tai, featuring an all-Asian cast of Queer performers and allies. 'HANTU,' the Malaysian and Indonesian word for 'spirit or ghost,' reimagines Dyan's otherworldly character confronting hate and oppression, rising like a phoenix to protect.



Heather's Diary: Monstress

Set to the sonic intensity of the single, this music video follows a group of friends embarking on a journey through a haunted house, setting the stage for a night of camp, fun-loving terror.



No Film Sets in Bankstown

A young director has his eyes set on shooting his debut short film in his home town of Bankstown, but the forces of a city that has seen very few film sets combine to get in his way.



Olden Eyes: Bineal Roy

'Olden Eyes' is based on the idea that throughout lifetimes, we meet the same people and although they are in different bodies, their eyes remain the same, enabling us to recognise them.



Shedding

SLewis has a secret, a terrifying, bloodthirsty secret. Racked with guilt after attacking the people closest to him, he seeks help from his therapist to delve into his past and regain control of his actions and choices.



Sweet Moments: Cosmo Blue

Sweet Moments is the latest music video from Sydney-based artist Cosmo Blue.



The Crab Family

Michael, a half-Filipino, half-Australian adolescent struggles with his identity growing up in a household with two cultural backgrounds. He feels his creative talents as an artist are not recognised by his family members.



Tint

Lance can't seem to shake an awkward encounter after a stranger touches his hair.



Tony's Dream

Antonio 'Tony' Gutierrez, a Latin-American Australian kid is struggling to adapt to the new culture of his new country. In a moment of identity crisis, Tony travels through his dreams to find the answer to his sense of belonging.



Too Many Ethnic

The epic quest of three best friends surviving trials of racism, love and friendship in the long line to get into an exclusive nightclub.



When Worlds Collide

A snobby electronic dance producer, an ancient folk singer, and obnoxious 80's guitarist compete for who is the loudest. Each musician shows off their craft and their instrument of choice until challenged by opposing sounds. Who will win?



When You Go For A Take

We've all been there. Before the director calls action, the set is quiet as the wind. All phones are on silent, all flights are grounded, and no lawn mowers are in operation. Then the moment they call action, ALL the helicopters, wood chippers and dogs of the world come barking at once.



Yours Truly

A girl decides to write a suicide letter after her father goes to sleep, however her intentions are not so innocent as we think.

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