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Photo: Toby Lloyd

## Grace On A Saturday Night

**Year of Production:** 2021

**Genre:** Drama

**Run time:** 14:21

**Credits:** Writer-director Jemima James. Producer Harry Macqueen

**Synopsis:** It's Saturday and Grace is spending the evening with her father, Joe, in the wake of her parents' separation.

**Formats available:** ProRes

**Access materials:** Closed Captions

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## Hard Cracked the Wind

**Year of production:** 2019

**Genre:** Horror

**Run time:** 17:23

**Credits:** Writer Adrian Bailey. Director Mark Jenkin. Producer Kate Byers

**Synopsis:** A curse, locked in a poem, releases unquiet spirits to claim their next victim in an endless cycle of creation and death.

**Formats available:** ProRes

**Access materials:** None

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## It's Me

**Year of production:** 2020

**Genre:** Drama

**Run time:** 14:35

**Credits:** Writer Anya Beyersdorf. Director Helen Randag. Producer Lee Magiday. Co-producer Russel Curtis

**Synopsis:** It's Me is a dark tale of a game that cannot be sustained.

**Formats available:** ProRes

**Access materials:** None



## Mermaids

**Year of production:** 2021

**Genre:** Comedy

**Run time:** 15:00

**Credits:** Writer-director Yazmin Joy Vigus. Producer Jaz Wasson

**Synopsis:** Former childhood best friends Celeste and Margo haven't seen each other for eight years... the same time it's taken for them to both screw up their lives.

**Formats available:** ProRes, DCP

**Access materials:** Closed captions



## Reprise

**Year of production:** 2020

**Genre:** Drama

**Run time:** 11:26

**Credits:** Writer-director Isla Ure. Producer Romy Waller

**Synopsis:** Robbie seeks out an old friend to help ease the symptoms of his wife's early onset dementia - but it soon becomes clear he has an ulterior motive. Told in reverse, this is a story about love, responsibility and forgiveness.

**Formats available:** ProRes

**Access materials:** None



## Shiney

**Year of production:** 2020

**Genre:** Comedy-drama

**Run time:** 14:59

**Credits:** Writers Paul Holbrook, Graeme Willetts. Director Paul Holbrook. Producer Camilla Stoppani

**Synopsis:** Two creative but impressionable kids hatch a plan to purchase their first packet of cigarettes, whilst clinging on to their prized possession – a coveted shiny gold football sticker.

**Trailer link:** <https://vimeo.com/472227422>

**Formats available:** ProRes

**Access materials:** None

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## The Thing That Ate the Birds

**Year of production:** 2021

**Genre:** Horror

**Run time:** 11:54

**Credits:** Writer-directors Sophie Mair & Dan Gitsham. Producer Sophie Mair

**Synopsis:** Abel discovers the thing that is eating his Grouse – his blunt and violent response brings the menace back home, shattering his already crumbling marriage.

**Formats available:** ProRes

**Access materials:** Closed Captions

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## Cusp

**Year of production:** 2023

**Genre:** Drama

**Run time:** 5:00

**Credits:** Writer-director Jessie Currie. Producer Tom Stubbs.

**Synopsis:** *Cusp* is a short film-poem capturing a dream and freezing time. A moment of being and connection between two different ages. A lyrical glimpse into childhood intuition and adult inhibition.

**Formats available:** ProRes

**Access materials:** None



## Dog Years

**Year of production:** 2021

**Genre:** Comedy-drama

**Run time:** 15:06

**Credits:** Writer Jake J Mackintosh. Director Natalys Willcox. Producers Laura Giles, Catherine Laine.

**Synopsis:** Grief-stricken Demelza promises to leap from the cliffs of her Cornish village when her elderly dog Lucky dies. Can she find a reason to live before he snuffs it?

**Formats available:** ProRes

**Access materials:** Closed captions, audio description



## Knot

**Year of production:** 2021

**Genre:** Animation

**Run time:** 8:00

**Credits:** Writer-director Marie Lechevallier. Producers Chris Hees, Millie Marsh.

**Synopsis:** Two creatures, Orange and Blue, meet face-to-face on a tightrope. They begin a sensual dance above the abyss, confronting Blue's deepest fear – the dark.

**Formats available:** ProRes

**Access materials:** None



## Pickney

**Year of production:** 2020

**Genre:** Magic-realism

**Run time:** 15:46

**Credits:** Writer-director Michael Jenkins.  
Producer Bex Rose.

**Synopsis:** Leon is a mixed-race Bristol boy whose only connection to his Black side of the family is his Nan. With his Nan gone, Leon must seek out new connections to understand where he belongs by going to a Nine Nights ritual.

**Formats available:** ProRes

**Access materials:** Closed captions

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## Steve Parker

**Year of production:** 2023

**Genre:** Comedy

**Run time:** 9:29

**Credits:** Writer-director Benedict Robinson.  
Producer Tom Stubbs.

**Synopsis:** A morality tale, centred on the grotesque 'puppet-like' figure of Steve Parker. The film trails Parker acting out his job as welfare assessor as he fulfils his dream to rid the world of all Disabled people, only for his psychotic, violent urges to wind-up with karmic repercussions.

**Formats available:** ProRes

**Access materials:** Closed captions,  
audio description



## Sweet Little Despair

**Year of production:** 2022

**Genre:** Drama

**Run time:** 14:44

**Credits:** Writer-director Carolina Petro.  
Producer Nicholas Jones.

**Synopsis:** Suffering from sleep deprivation, Lynsey's day spirals out of control.

**Formats available:** ProRes

**Access materials:** None

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nick@pictureimperfect.co.uk





Photo: DreamMore Films Ltd

## Yummy Mummy

**Year of production:** 2022

**Genre:** Horror

**Run time:** 14:32

**Credits:** Writer-director Gabriela Staniszewska. Lead Producer Jadey Duffield.

**Synopsis:** Heavily pregnant Lilith begins to lose sense of her own identity, leading to physical manifestations. She begins to fall apart...literally.

**Trailer link:** <https://vimeo.com/678153635>

**Photo credit:** DreamMore Films Ltd

**Formats available:** ProRes

**Access materials:** Closed captions, audio description

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## Rita Goes Viral

**Year of production:** 2023

**Genre:** Drama

**Run time:** 12:52

**Credits:** Writer-director Rajinder Kochar. Producer Paul Harry Thomas.

**Synopsis:** When Rita is exposed in a 'sex-tape' scandal, her mother Sonali and grandmother Babisha are forced to confront their own hidden sex lives.

**Formats available:** ProRes, DCP, H264

**Access materials:** Closed captions, audio description

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## Hats

**Year of production:** 2021

**Genre:** Drama

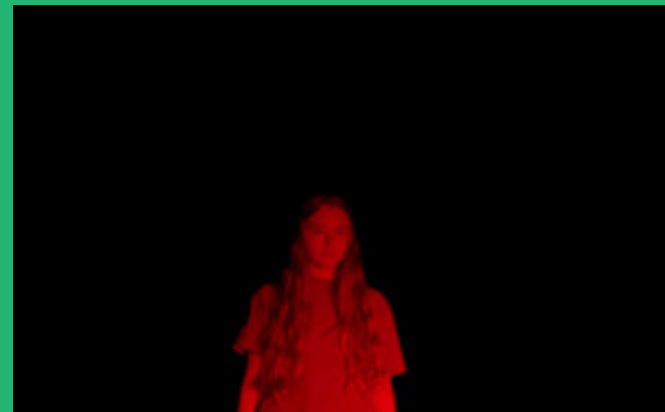
**Run time:** 10:00

**Credits:** Writers Michelle Pascal, Ann-Marie McCormack. Director Michelle Pascal. Producers Euella Jackson, Ann-Marie McCormack.

**Synopsis:** A Black British woman explores her relationship with her ailing mother through an assortment of hats.

**Formats available:** ProRes

**Access materials:** None



## Know The Grass

**Year of production:** 2021

**Genre:** Horror-thriller

**Run time:** 14:54

**Credits:** Writer-director Sophie Littman. Producer Lorine Plagnol.

**Synopsis:** 15-year-old Mattie has vivid, dreamlike premonitions, which she is encouraged to ignore by her older brother Marco. During a trip to an out-of-town community center, Mattie begins to sense that these visions may have more substance than Marco would like to believe, and that his life might be in danger.

**Formats available:** ProRes

**Access materials:** None



## Rapture

**Year of production:** 2023

**Genre:** Comedy

**Run time:** 11:15

**Credits:** Director Em Smith. Writer Lydia Rynne. Producer Laura Jackson.

**Synopsis:** A 16-year-old girl at Catholic Confirmation Camp is struggling to accept her sexuality when a visit from a 16th-century saint teaches her to care less what others think.

**Formats available:** ProRes

**Access materials:** Closed captions



## Seagull

**Year of production:** 2022

**Genre:** Horror

**Run time:** 5:48

**Credits:** Writer-director Dean Puckett. Producers Rebecca Wolff, Simeon Costello.

**Synopsis:** Seagull is a vampire fighting with his addiction to blood and finding his way in transition from petty criminal to immortal nightwalker.

**Formats available:** ProRes

**Access materials:** Closed captions, audio description



Photo: Marta Viti

## Services

**Year of production:** 2021

**Genre:** Drama

**Run time:** 7:06

**Credits:** Director-co-writer Freya Billington. Co-writer Katriel Costello. Producers Molly Denton, Tamsin Wiley-Scott, Freya Billington.

**Synopsis:** Two strangers, Wallace (84) and Josh (15) sit at the window of a service station café narrating the scenes of separated parents swapping over their kids in the carpark.

**Formats available:** ProRes, DCP

**Access materials:** Closed captions

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## Joe Was 'Ere

**Year of production:** 2022

**Genre:** Drama

**Run time:** 12:53

**Credits:** Writer-director Ryan Morris.  
Producer Amir Sam Majlessi.

**Synopsis:** A 13-year-old boy growing up on an estate in Bristol struggles to connect with his heroin-addict mum. After she plays a cruel prank on him, he decides to run away from home.

**Formats available:** ProRes

**Access materials:** Closed captions, audio description



## RE-LIVE

**Year of production:** 2022

**Genre:** Psychological Drama

**Run time:** 14:55

**Credits:** Writer-director Lotus Hannon.  
Producer Kay Loxley.

**Synopsis:** RE-LIVE honours a young woman's journey as she processes the survival of a sexual assault whilst she was out running. Her determination to push past the trauma takes Amy step by step, closer to becoming whole again. How will she learn to heal in order to reclaim her body?

**Formats available:** ProRes, DCP

**Access materials:** Closed captions, audio description

**Trailer link:** <https://vimeo.com/748794840>

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Photo: Bex Rose, Elkie McCrimmon

## Lode

**Year of production:** 2023

**Genre:** Horror

**Run time:** 9:54

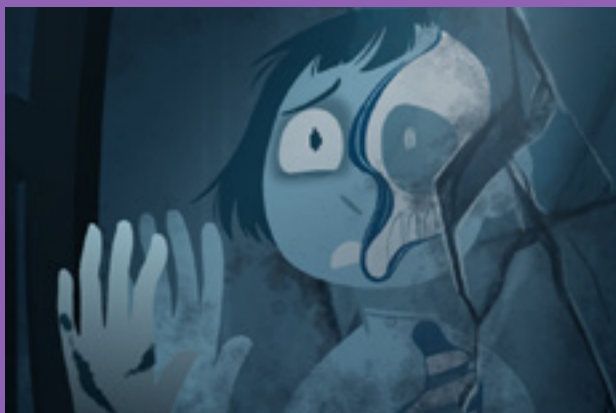
**Credits:** Writer-director Theo Watkins.  
Producers Ben Young, Bex Rose.

**Synopsis:** On the brink of financial ruin, a harried single mother encounters an inter-dimensional demon – and possible salvation – in the wash basket.

**Formats available:** ProRes

**Access materials:** Closed captions,  
audio description

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## Reach

**Year of production:** 2023

**Genre:** Animation

**Run time:** 7:16

**Credits:** Writer-director Kayleigh Gibbons.  
Producer Jonathan Lawrence.

**One-line synopsis:** A girl is trapped in her own 'mind room', and to get out she must look inwards – deeper than ever before.

**Formats available:** DCP, ProRes

**Access materials:** Audio description

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## Same, Same?

**Year of production:** 2023

**Genre:** Drama

**Run time:** 12:05

**Credits:** Writer-director Leah Rustomjee.  
Producers Chi Thai, Shaun Rhodes.

**Synopsis:** Twins Lila and Maya are excited about the prospect of meeting their estranged Parsi family for the first time. When posed with the question 'are you really twins?' for the first time they are forced to confront the duality of their identity.

**Formats available:** DCP, ProRes

**Access materials:** Closed captions,  
audio description



Photo: Teddy Freeman

## Spines

**Year of production:** 2023

**Genre:** Drama

**Run time:** 10:24

**Credits:** Writer-director Joe Inman.  
Producer Lily Woodcock.

**Synopsis:** Shy and introverted Thomas finds a new way to tell stories with the help of sporty and outgoing Agnes.

**Formats available:** DCP, ProRes

**Access materials:** Closed captions,  
audio description



Photo: Elkie McCrimmon

## The Piss Witch

**Year of production:** 2022

**Genre:** Drama

**Run time:** 7:02

**Credits:** Writer-director Jason Barker.  
Producer Bex Rose.

**Synopsis:** Gender, the mess of puberty and the mystery of a rural myth all combine to show the power in witchiness and the strange.

**Formats available:** ProRes, DCP

**Access materials:** Closed captions,  
audio description

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Photo: Micheal Filocamo

## Alo

**Year of production:** 2023

**Genre:** Drama

**Run time:** 9:07

**Credits:** Writers Xenia Glen, Antosh Wojcik.  
Director Xenia Glen. Producer Amy George.

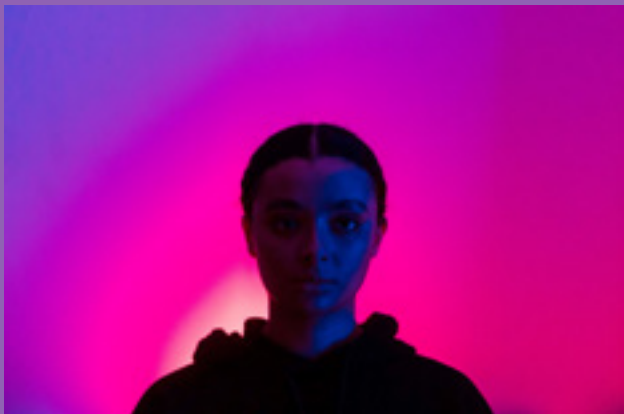
**Synopsis:** Alo, an undocumented overseas Filipino worker, is struck by a seizure which jeopardises his status in the UK.

**Formats available:** ProRes, DCP

**Access materials:** Closed captions,  
audio description

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## What They Left

**Year of production:** 2022

**Genre:** Thriller

**Run time:** 8:33

**Credits:** Writer-director Mevis Birungi.  
Producers Michael Jenkins,  
Euella Jackson.

**Synopsis:** A short story that explores the complexity of loss, demonstrated by Tina's battle through the stages of grief in the aftermath of her friend's suicide.

**Formats available:** ProRes

**Access materials:** Closed captions,  
audio description

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## Beltane

**Year of production:** 2023

**Genre:** Animation

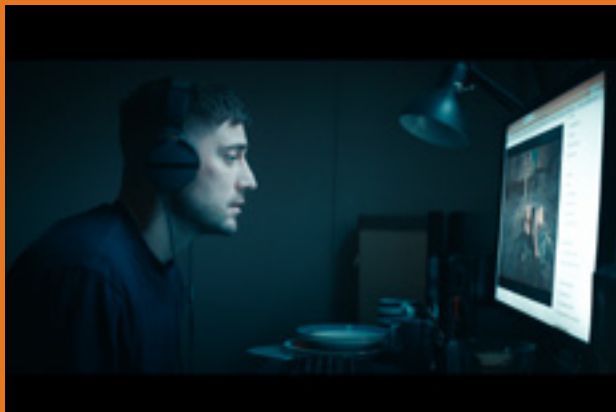
**Run time:** 5:08

**Credits:** Director Helena Haughton, writer Matt Gibbs, producer Yomi Ayeni.

**Synopsis:** A camping trip becomes a nightmare for a troubled couple, kindling the ire of Unseelie Fae. Lured deeper into the woods, the careless Josh is separated from Sarah and given a stark choice; become the Fae Queen's sacrificial consort or perish alone.

**Access materials:** Closed captions, audio description

**Formats available:** ProRes, DCP



## Distressing Images

**Year of production:** 2023

**Genre:** Psychological drama

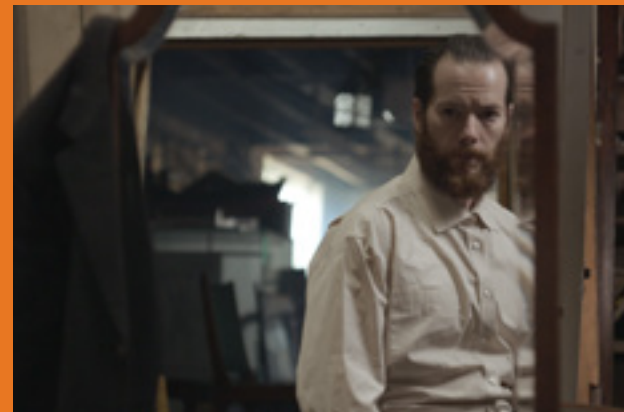
**Run time:** 15:17

**Credits:** Writer-director Sam Dawe, producer Mathew Steggles.

**Synopsis:** A content moderator for a social media site begins to suspect his young son is hiding violent tendencies when their family pet is mysteriously wounded.

**Access materials:** Closed captions, audio description

**Formats available:** ProRes, DCP



## Salvage

**Year of production:** 2023

**Genre:** Drama

**Run time:** 14:09

**Credits:** Director Jonny Dry, writer-exec producer Callum Mitchell, producers Ella Turner, Denzil Monk.

**Synopsis:** A scrap dealer navigates memory and grief as he prepares for a funeral.

**Access materials:** Closed captions, audio description

**Formats available:** DCP, ProRes





## Homegrown

**Year of production:** 2023

**Genre:** Drama

**Run time:** 14:45

**Credits:** Writer-director Corrine Walker, producer Sophie Freeman.

**Synopsis:** On the hottest day of the year, tensions reach boiling point at a fruit farm as Bajan migrant worker Nicole takes matters into her own hands.

**Access materials:** Closed captions, audio description

**Formats available:** ProRes, DCP



## Goodbye Python

**Year of production:** 2023

**Genre:** Sci-fi

**Run time:** 8:48

**Credits:** Writer-director Frankie Fox, producer Milo Beyts.

**Synopsis:** With his grief healing programme terminated, Kai must shut down a conscious AI. Can he let go?

**Access materials:** Closed captions, audio description

**Formats available:** ProRes, DCP



## Slow Burn

**Year of production:** 2023

**Genre:** Horror-drama

**Run time:** 14:24

**Credits:** Writer-director Tommy Gillard, producers Simeon Costello, Arsalan Motavali.

**Synopsis:** After an accident, a 1970s firefighter must extinguish terrifying trauma as he risks everything to reignite his career.

**Access materials:** Closed captions, audio description

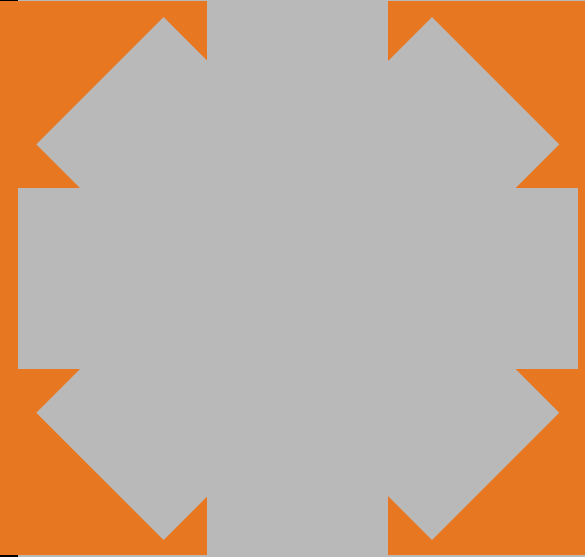
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**CORINNE WALKER**  
*HOMEGROWN*

**“BFI NETWORK have been dream creative partners and really supportive... We feel incredibly lucky and encouraged by the experience. They have offered us so much guidance and their involvement has helped us to entice fantastic cast, crew, and other collaborators to the film, as well as helping us attract interest from festival programmers and press”**

**SOPHIE MAIR & DAN GITSHAM**  
*THE THING THAT ATE THE BIRDS*



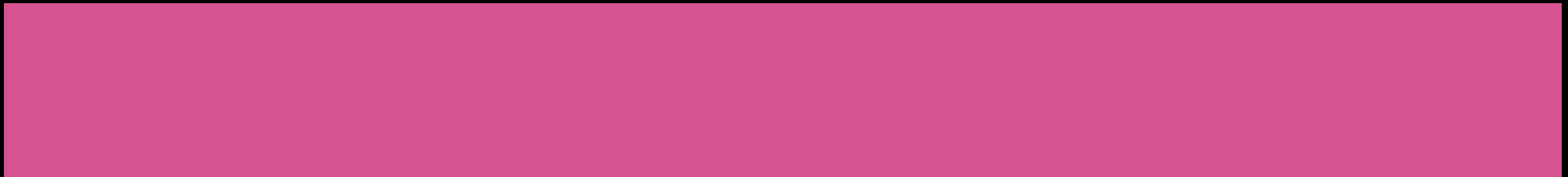
**“BFI NETWORK was hugely helpful with our accessibility costs and made me feel comfortable to present to them what we needed, rather than us trying to fit into any confines laid out by them”**

**LILY WOODCOCK**  
*SPINES*

**“BFI NETWORK were so supportive throughout every step of making our film. Knowing the team were behind us allowed us to push ourselves, and it felt like a real collaboration from beginning to end”**

**TOMMY GILLARD**  
*SLOW BURN*





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