

MAUMEE
FILM FESTIVAL

**20
25**
PROGRAM GUIDE



Maumee
Indoor Theater

September
26 - 28, 2025



ABOUT THE MAUMEE FILM FESTIVAL

The Maumee Film Festival was originally created in 2015 as a celebration of Maumee filmmakers and the local business community. From 2015 to 2020, the festival showcased both short and feature films from local, regional and national film talent. The 48-Hour Film Challenge brought teams of student and professional filmmakers together to create short films, and each year the event grew larger, featuring film industry panels, special guests and networking opportunities. Notable judges and guests included actor and Maumee native Robert Knepper, actress Katie Holmes and writer/producer Eric Kripke.

In 2024, our committee brought the Maumee Film Festival back to the regional film community to great success, and this year we are excited to once again showcase the talent of filmmakers in Maumee, Northwest Ohio and beyond.



The Maumee Indoor Theater was first opened in 1946 as a modern movie house and closed in 1996. The theater was purchased in 2000 by the City of Maumee and underwent restoration from 2001 until the reopening in Spring of 2004. Today it stands as a historic icon in Uptown Maumee.

This restored Art Deco theater has become a center for the visual and performing arts. In addition to daily movies, the theater can be rented for special events. Three unique spaces are available for business and social events and are all ADA accessible.

For more information on public events, showtimes and rentals, please visit maumeeindoor.com.

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FRIDAY THEATER #1



1 hr. 46 min., rated PG-13

6:30PM

Special Screening Event - Dumb and Dumber

A screening of the classic 1994 comedy starring Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels, followed by a Q&A with our special guest, actor **Fred Stoller**.

9:00PM

VIP Networking Event

Join us at Buster Browns Big Dog Lounge for an exclusive VIP event with our special guests **Fred Stoller** and **Robert Carradine**. (VIP tickets required)

Buster Browns Big Dog Lounge

313 Conant St., Maumee, OH 43537

Special thanks to Katie Meyer for hosting our VIP Networking Event!



A big "Thank You" to our 2025 Maumee Film Festival committee, staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication to making this event a success!

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Meet Our VIP Guests and Judges!

Fred Stoller

Dumb & Dumber, Everybody Loves Raymond, Seinfeld



A stand-up comedian, actor, author, writer, and voice artist, Fred literally wrote the book on the TV guest star life, *Maybe We'll Have You Back*, the life of a perennial TV Guest Star. Fred has appeared on countless sitcoms, most notably as Ray's mooney cousin on *Everybody Loves Raymond*, as Elaine's forgetful date on *Seinfeld*, and as Monica's bossy co-worker on *Friends*, along with *Modern Family*, *The Nanny*, *Bones*, *Drake and Josh*, and scores of others. In feature films he was the annoying guy who gets punched through the phone booth in *Dumb & Dumber*, *Austin Powers: Goldmember*, *Little Man*, *Rebound*, and many others.

He's also voiced many animation roles in films and shows including *Bob's Burgers*, *Handy Manny*, *Wordgirl*, *Open Season*, *Rick & Morty*, *Over The Garden Wall*, and *The Super Duper Bunny League*.

In 2012, Stoller published a #1 best-selling e-book titled *My Seinfeld Year*, in which he chronicled his experiences after being hired as a new staff writer.

Stoller uses his stand-up background, (HBO's *Young Comedian's Special*, *The Tonight Show*, MTV) where he tours telling stories from his books about his hilarious adventures.

*Our VIP guests will be available
for autographs & signed photos
Friday - Sunday*

Robert Carradine

Revenge of the Nerds, Lizzie McGuire



Robert Carradine is an American actor and musician. The youngest member of the Carradine family, he made his first appearance on the television western series, *Bonanza* in 1971. Carradine's first film role was in the 1972 film *The Cowboys*, which starred John Wayne and Roscoe Lee Browne. He was also featured in a short-lived television series, of the same name, based on the movie. In 1978, Robert landed a demanding role in Hal Ashby's Oscar-winning Vietnam War drama, *Coming Home*, which starred Jane Fonda and Jon Voight. Carradine's biggest film success to date came in 1984 when he starred in *Revenge of the Nerds* as the lead nerd 'Lewis Skolnick'.

On television, Robert also appeared on his brother David's series, *Kung Fu*, as 'Sunny Jim', the mute companion of 'Serenity Johnson', played by his father, John, in an episode called *Dark Angel* (1972). In 1979, he was alongside Melissa Sue Anderson in *Survival of Dana*. In 1984, Carradine played 'Robert Cohn' in the television mini-series version of Ernest Hemingway's *The Sun Also Rises*. He appeared in the 1987 HBO mini-series, *Conspiracy: The Trial of the Chicago 8*.

Robert played father 'Sam McGuire' on the very popular *Lizzie McGuire* from 2001-2003. He reprised his role as 'Sam' in *The Lizzie McGuire Movie* in 2003 and in the *Lizzie McGuire Reboot* in 2019, developed & shot by Disney but not moved forward to series.

SATURDAY THEATER #1

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12:00PM **Feature - Influenza (1:57:48)** Directed by Ian James Milheim, Justine Hope
A talented photographer on the verge of viral stardom disappears in 2015; two persistent filmmakers attempt to document his career and sudden fall from both notoriety and existence.

2:30PM **Shorts Block #1 - Student Shorts**

To Be Pretty (5:24) Directed by Faith Louise Jackson
A young girl struggles with her self-image after being confronted by her own insecurities. What does it mean to be pretty?

Gambled (5:28) Directed by Matthew Nadrasik
A detective interrogates someone in their apartment until he discovers who the killer really was.

A Party Without Tea (11:50) Directed by Kassidy Pluciniczak-Eyre
A tea party without tea? That's preposterous! Will Sawyer, Cap, or Tortellini ever get to have their perfect tea party?

Cyberskaters (3:56) Directed by Abi Krecic
Extreme sports and video games collide in a neon-soaked roller race, where the only way out is victory on the track. Who will get the high score and who will end up in megabytes?

Echoes, Dust & Rust (8:23) Directed by Andrew James Leonard
Brothers Daniel and Joel Trzcinski are Bliss Nova, a two-piece band living on opposite sides of Ohio. Hoping to find fresh creative direction, they meet to record an album at Dream Louder Studio in Toledo.

The Rogue Runner (12:46) Directed by Brandon Basilio
Wes tries to get back into the running spirit with his friend, David.

The Showstoppers (3:15) Directed by Payton Polak
After years of silence, the toons will make their public debut in The Show. What is The Show? Nobody knows! Opening night, our camera crew is on the scene with exclusive backstage footage...

The Barn is Burning (6:44) Directed by Carter J. Hellwarth
After a devastating fire ravages a milking parlor, a family and its community rally together.

4:00PM **Shorts Block #2 - More Student Shorts**

Silent Paws (2:37) Directed by Taylor Hill
Silent Paws is a 2D animated short film that follows the journey of an individual who adopts a newly rescued kitten, only to realize that the cat is deaf. As the character learns to communicate with the kitten using visual cues and vibrations, they form a deep bond and discover the beauty of embracing differences.

A Super Deluxe Gamepad 74 for Christmas (10:28) Directed by Shankar Sudhakaran
The true spirit of Christmas is heaved upon an impoverished family, as the thoughtless actions of greedy and narrow-minded children further plunge the family into destitution.

Mother and Daughter (20:00) Directed by Thomas Javier Castillo
Cindy, a post-college photographer, returns to her rural Ohio home after getting burned out by the big city and begins to explore her family history. Once home, she sees her parent's relationship in a new light.

Deep Rust (28:00) Directed by Sarah Faith Moss
The story of how two Southern and Appalachian families adapted to living in Detroit during the first half of the 20th Century.

5:30PM Shorts Block #3 - Local Shorts

- Leave (3:37)*** Directed by Michael DeSanto
A mother and son argue about her past and his future.
- Make the Call (3:23)*** Directed by Michael DeSanto
One last call before death.
- Love's Tragedies (9:00)** Directed by Ronnell Isom
A man struggles with sharing the new changes in his love life as well as accepting them himself. He finds himself chasing after love moments before his fatal death.
- Balloon (5:07)** Directed by Opal Allen
A young woman plans to spend her birthday alone in peace—until a mysterious balloon and an unexpected visitor turn her night into something eerily unforgettable.
- Look at Me (19:01)** Directed by Brent Gfell, Digger Pierce, Aaron Gfell
A man tries to buy a mirror at a pawn shop. Things don't exactly go well from there.
- Something is Amiss (14:54)** Directed by Digger Pierce, Aaron Gfell
Dr. Frankenstein has a nosey neighbor.
- Lobster Man vs. Chin Guy (11:00)** Directed by Isaac Martinez
In the midst of a city-wide crime wave, Lobster Man hunts down his arch-nemesis Chin Guy.

7:00PM Shorts Block #4 - More Local Shorts

- Pretty (3:33)*** Directed by Lindsey LaForest
Never tell a woman to smile. She just might.
- The Incredible Life of Ricky Smoltuff (30:10)** Directed by Spencer Stamitoles, Bradley Tumasian
Ricky Smoltuff, actor turned director, writer, producer, camera man and editor embarks on his journey to create his new short film "The Lady Detective".
- He's Just a Friend (19:56)** Directed by Bobby Cullen
Jack and Lily, a seemingly happy couple, are dealing with a new guy friend that shakes things up. Can they find their way through this or has the spark fizzled?
- The Seance Spectre (13:30)*** Directed by Michael DeSanto
Four friends summon the ghost of a TV producer to complain about how he ruined their favorite sci-fi show.



- 8:30PM Feature - Extraction, USA (1:31:00)** Directed by Mike Yonts
Two women from the margins, a single working mom and a wayfaring pool shark, fall in love, take down kingpins, and take back their lives.

* Out of competition, not eligible for award consideration.

SATURDAY COFFEE NETWORKING

Filmmakers, looking to connect one-on-one over coffee, network, or just get caffeinated before the films begin? Join us at **Georgette's Grounds & Gifts** on Saturday from 10AM-12PM for morning coffee networking!



Georgette's Grounds & Gifts
311 Conant St. Suite 209, Maumee, OH 43537

Thank you to Georgette's for supporting the 2025 Maumee Film Festival, and thank you to our visiting filmmakers and guests for supporting Maumee businesses!



As the **regional film commission** for Toledo and Northwest Ohio, FilmToledo provides assistance to film productions of all sizes with location scouting, permit and tax credit information, and connects producers with local government officials, businesses, vendors and crew. These services must be provided at no cost to productions.

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SATURDAY THEATER #2

12:00PM **Feature - The Harbor Men (1:24:49)** Directed by Casey T. Malone
During a waterfront outbreak that drives the infected into madness and hallucination, dockworker Steven Dorre witnesses a bizarre murder, and finds himself in possession of a mysterious case that threatens to unravel everything he thought he knew.



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2:00PM **Feature - Magic of the Old West End (58:50)** Directed by Shane Potgieter
Magic of the Old West End explores the remarkable history of the Old West End of Toledo, a historic neighborhood boasting some of the largest Victorian and Edwardian homes in the USA. Presented by WGTE Public Media.

4:00PM **Actors' Roundtable**
Our VIP guests and local actors lead a discussion about their careers in the film industry.

5:30PM **Shorts Block #5 - Ohio Shorts**

Circles (3:59) Directed by Thomas Moeger
A man in a park writes a letter to his late father as he reflects on their relationship and an important decision he's about to make. Through this quiet moment of introspection, he seeks closure and clarity, reconciling with his father's memory while preparing for the next step in his life.

Confessions to Code (7:32) Directed by Terry D. Coates
When a sensational news report claims a catastrophic AI breach has exposed everyone's private data, chaos erupts across digital and personal lives.

Solitude (11:50) Directed by Johnny K. Wu
Cody has been hating her dad since the passing of her mom (due to cancer). She isolated herself by playing Virtual Reality games and ignored everything else. Eventually she's immersed into the VR world without a way to return.

My Sister's An Alien (3:00) Directed by Heather Bayles
After mysterious noises awaken a young girl, she becomes an alien... sometimes.

Adult Skate (15:00) Directed by Adam Clark
Skateworld is re-opening for their Adult Skate nights following a slew of financial struggles. Martin, the rink's bumbling owner, must work with the staff to do all they can to keep the rink from going under, even if that means teaming up with Mandi, a local roller derby captain who is hellbent on getting her team into shape for the new season.

7:30PM **Shorts Block #6 - More Ohio Shorts**

The Squaller (19:59) Directed by J.W. Cox
When the daughter of a local Bigfoot hunter reports her father missing, the police aren't quick to take his disappearance seriously. Officer Hope Evans takes it upon herself to help young Brooke Garrison find her dad, whom was last seen looking for "The Squaller."

Infernalis (15:33) Directed by Naomi Wildermuth

In a remote 19th-century pioneer village, suspicion spreads when a newborn vanishes under mysterious circumstances. As tensions rise, the townspeople turn their scrutiny toward the local midwife—an outsider whose knowledge runs deeper than they realize. Secrets, superstition, and fear collide in a haunting tale of isolation and accusation.

Stoned (15:34) Directed by J.W. Cox

A Midwestern stoner must decide between being "managerial material" or accepting her role as a gun wielding criminal when a conflict with a co-worker escalates.

Between Seconds (9:00) Directed by Nic White

"Between Seconds" tells the story of Arlo and Eva, two strangers inexplicably trapped in the Infinite Chamber—a mysterious, ever-shifting void that defies time and space. As Arlo and Eva confront their confinement, Arlo must face his inner demons in hopes of finding the inner peace that has eluded him for so long.

In Between the Lines (10:26) Directed by Kira L. Wilson

A reclusive writer retreats to a remote cabin to complete her novel, but her solitude is interrupted when two mysterious hikers arrive seeking help. As the days unfold, their presence becomes increasingly unsettling, forcing her to confront the darkest corners of her mind. A haunting and lyrical exploration of grief, isolation, and the blurred line between reality and the beyond.

8:30PM **Shorts Block #7 - Even More Ohio Shorts**

Texas Hold 'Em (3:19) Directed by Morgan Bean Hall

A game of poker goes south when people can't accept their losses.

Third Wheel (9:28) Directed by Samantha Ryan

Third Wheel takes three friends on a journey of self discovery and change when two of them begin to date, leaving the third friend feeling left out.

Crickets (19:54) Directed by Megan Frieling, Jonathan Tuggy

Facing the reality of grief, two individuals must walk through hard life changes. As they process the new lives they now live, they find strength and connections that wouldn't otherwise exist.

Vejigante (8:47) Directed by James Aponte

Working-class demon exterminators partner up for the first time on a job in the suburbs.

Sometimes I Imagine Your Funeral (11:15) Directed by Vince Dixon

As Max prepares to eulogize his sister Chloe just minutes before her funeral, he wrestles with the anger, frustration, and grief of losing her to an overdose, attempting to understand who Chloe was.

Procrastination (4:19) Directed by Jacob Francis Warling

A man requests the help of his friend to create a computer program to help him stop procrastinating.

Our Hero, Cadet (8:36) Directed by Kam Smith

Cadet, a bright-eyed third-grader, dreams of going to space. While being held inside for detention, she is rescued by two people who want to make her dream come true.

3 Days (8:46) Directed by Heather Bayles

A captive woman tricks her captor into believing she cares for him, using his growing feelings to escape—only to trigger his downfall.

The Boy Toy (12:02) Directed by Chris Harboldt

An aging kept man's life is turned upside down when he's dumped for the pool boy, and he attempts to re-invent himself.

The Weatherman Who Knew Too Much (10:00) Directed by Kaylin Allshouse

Barry keeps making inaccurate weather predictions and could lose his job. He seeks help from a psychic to become the most accurate weatherman but was it worth it?

SATURDAY COMMUNITY ROOM

- 12:00PM** **Headshot Sessions** with Toledo Talent
- 2:30PM** **Workshop #1 - Technical & Personal: Working on Set** with Bob Fredericks
Working on set is all about knowing your gear, the terminology, and how to deal with different personalities. Learn the tech, the lingo, and how to make yourself invaluable on set in order to keep booking film jobs.
- 4:00PM** **Workshop #2 - Casting & Auditions** with NexGen Talent
Self-tape auditions are a vital skill for booking film and commercial jobs in this region. Learn how to perfect your self-tape setup, go over audition dos and don'ts, and what red flags to look out for when looking for auditions and agencies.
- 5:30PM** **Workshop #3 - Improv for Actors** with Charles Wetzel Jr.
Auditions for film are increasingly relying on improvisation to create an impression. Learn basic improv exercises to get creative on camera and apply it to your everyday life.
- 7:00PM** **Workshop #4 - Accounting for Film** with Aaron Cherr, Pease Bell CPA
Learn how to navigate the world of accounting in film, properly registering your film production company, protecting your intellectual property, and applying for the Ohio Motion Picture Tax Credit.



Thank you to Dale's for your continued support of the local film community!



A reminder to **please silence all cell phones** during the film screenings and panels so everyone can enjoy the event.

Outside food and drink are **not permitted** - concessions are available for purchase in the lobby. Thank you for supporting the Maumee Indoor Theater!



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FEATURING

Magic of the Old West End

Saturday, September 27 at 2 p.m.

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Rob Paulsen

Rob Paulsen is an award-winning voice-over artist, coach, and author. With over 2,000 half-hour programs, dozens of films, video games, and other animated media to his credit, Paulsen is one of the industry's hardest-working, most in-demand, and most beloved voice artists, earning a Daytime Emmy, Peabody, and three times the Annie Award.

For over three decades Paulsen has voiced some of the most beloved animated characters of the genre. His body of work remains as relevant today as it was when first produced. Cross generations of fans have shared with Rob how they now enjoy the shows as families in performances such as Pinky from *Pinky and the Brain*, Yakko Warner and Dr. Scratchansniff from *Animaniacs*, Raphael (1987) and Donatello (2012) from *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, Carl Wheezer from *Jimmy Neutron Boy Genius* and Throttle in *Biker Mice From Mars* (1993 and 2006). From the start of his career voicing the character, Snow Job from *G.I. Joe*, to his most current job reprising his characters Yakko, Dr. Scratchansniff and Pinky in *Steven Spielberg Presents Animaniacs*, Paulsen's voice has reached millions of people worldwide.

In his memoir "Voice Lessons: How a Couple of Ninja Turtles, Pinky, and an Animaniac Saved my Life," Paulsen chronicles the biggest fight and win of his life, defeating cancer of the throat after a grueling year of aggressive treatment. Paulsen is proud to be the 2023 Spokesperson for the Head and Neck Cancer Alliance.

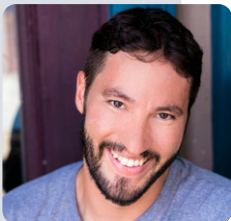


Michaela Starr

Michaela Starr is an Emmy-nominated producer known for Amazon Prime's hit series *The Boys*, and its acclaimed college spin-off, *Gen V*. In addition to serving as an Executive Producer on both shows, Starr helped develop and produce *The Boys Presents: Diabolical*, *Prime Rewind: Inside The Boys* and the recently announced prequel series, *Vought Rising*.

Starr currently serves as Senior Vice President of Development for creator and showrunner Eric Kripke, where she oversees all production and development for Kripke Enterprises Inc.

Starr has worked on a wide range of projects with top entertainment companies including 20th Century Fox Television, Mark Burnett Productions, Harpo Productions, King World Productions and Tribune Broadcasting. Beyond her professional accomplishments, Starr is dedicated to supporting diverse voices and celebrating the power of creative storytelling to inspire, challenge, and entertain.



Joshua Lamboy

Josh Lamboy is a professional actor/stuntman with more than 20 years of experience on stage and screen. With an early martial arts foundation and love for performing, he continued his education in the arts by joining an acting academy then majored in Musical Theatre. The next big jump came when cast as Sinbad at Universal Studios' *The Eighth Voyage of Sinbad* stunt show. Was also part of the opening cast of *The Wizarding World of Harry Potter* as well as being its fight captain. Having felt accomplished when it came to the live show arena the next move was to shoot for his childhood dream of working in TV/Film.

To date his accolades include over 70 TV/Film credits, fight coordinated 2 seasons of *The Walking Dead*, 2 SAG nominations, acted as well as stunted for both Marvel and DC, has worked alongside Kevin Hart, John Travolta, John Lithgow and many more. In addition to his accomplishments his biggest pride is being a husband to Heather (an incredible performer in her own right) and father to their two kids, Lily and Antonio.

Meet Our Judges!



Tony Geftos

Tony Geftos is a 5x regional Emmy award winner, most recently recognized in June 2025 for his work as a Multi-Media Journalist on the weekly segment Dine in the 419. Tony started at WTVG-TV in June of 2000. He co-anchors Action News at 4 PM on 13abc and Action News at 10 PM on CW13, then reports as an MMJ for the 11 PM news.

Tony graduated from Riverview Community High School roughly 40 minutes north of Toledo in downriver Detroit. He's a proud alumnus of Western Michigan University, where he was a four-year member of the Bronco Marching Band and part of the radio evolution at 89.1 FM WIDR, Kalamazoo.

Prior to working in Toledo, Tony was an interpretive ranger at the Silent City of Rocks National Reserve in Idaho, where he contributed to the Times-News in Twin Falls, ID. He transitioned to television as a reporter at KGWC-TV in Casper, WY, where he met his wife while playing opposite leads in a Stage III Community Theatre production of "I Hate Hamlet." His second broadcasting job was at KKFX-TV in Santa Barbara, CA.

As a licensed drone pilot, a former adjunct instructor at The University of Toledo, and a former president of the Ohio Associated Press Media Editors (2018-19), Tony tries to keep busy. Outside of work, he plays alto saxophone in the Polish American Concert Band, serves as an M.C. for various fundraisers, and enjoys everyday adventures with his wife and two children.



Johanna McGinley

Johanna McGinley is a Columbus-based casting director with a strong foundation in film and television. She began her career as an extras casting assistant on major productions like Transformers 4 and Batman v Superman, and later spent five years as a talent agent representing actors across the Midwest.

A proud SAG actress herself, Johanna brings a performer's perspective to her work behind the scenes. Her experience on multiple sides of the industry led her to transition into casting directing, where she now runs her own company, Mime Wolf Inn Casting. Known for her sharp eye, industry insight, and actor-forward approach, Johanna is passionate about pairing the right talent with the right roles to bring stories authentically to life.

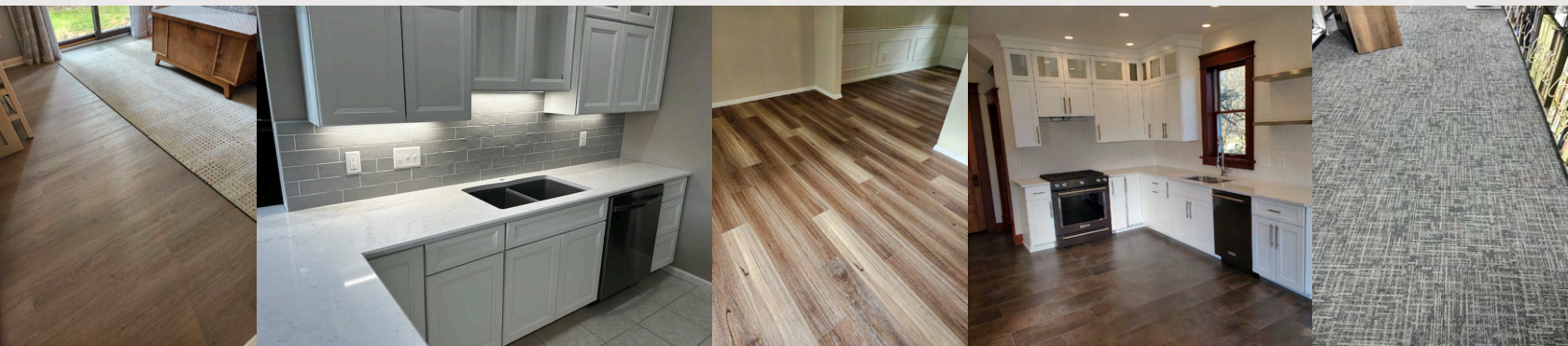


Lucas Ostrowski

An active and curious DIY filmmaker whose cinematic interests focus on horror films and music documentaries. He is heavily influenced by the Midwest and his stories (fiction and non-fiction) reflect both the industrial and rural topography of this region.

Furthermore, his love of music has influenced his work in sound design, sound editing, and sound mixing. He has a wide range of experience in the filmmaking process but prefers analog cameras (16mm, Super 8mm, and VHS) and mixed media to express his narrative, documentary, and experimental creative work which has been screened at regional, national, and international film festivals.

Additionally, Lucas has interests in animation (rotoscope and stop motion techniques), and dabbles in eco-friendly film processing and alternative image gathering methods. His love of genre movies, music, and filmmaking are always on display in his office and creative work as an Associate Professor of Film at Bowling Green State University. He currently serves on the Advisory Council for FilmToledo.



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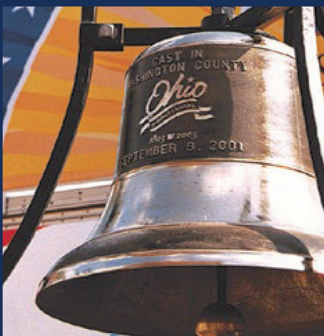
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Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary with an Unprecedented **Ohio Goes to the Movies** Series



Every state in the nation will stage its own America 250 celebration for the United States' 250th anniversary. **One of Ohio's signature events for the celebration will be Ohio Goes to the Movies**, a statewide screening of films that recognize Ohioans' vast contributions in the film industry in front of and behind the camera as well as movies made in Ohio.

This first-of-its-kind of event will **kick off February 11 and run through October 2026**, with 250 days of screenings in **each of Ohio's 88 counties**. More than 200 venues have signed on to host movie events. Venues include drive-ins, historic theaters, art houses and commercial cinemas, as well as community centers, museums, libraries and more. Ohio-centric movies will range from classics to blockbusters to archival/hard-to-find titles...all with an Ohio connection.



More than a movie – a community experience! Every event will be unique, like the communities that host them, and offer special supporting activities like speakers, audience discussions and fun festivities. No two Ohio Goes to the Movies events will be alike.

Not since the 2003 Ohio Bicentennial celebration, when all 88 counties hosted bell casting events, has Ohio planned a statewide celebration with such unanimous and enthusiastic participation.

Plan to join us and invite your family and friends to include Ohio in their travel plans for 2026!



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12:00PM **CommUNITY Film Fest Showcase**

A selection of films from the CommUNITY Film Fest, an annual festival featuring films created by individuals with developmental disabilities. Followed by a Q&A with Lori Balogh of the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

1:15PM **"Finding Festivals" Showcase & Panel with Haylie Robinson**

Join host Haylie Robinson as she showcases an episode of her travel series, "Finding Festivals" and shares a sneak peek at season two.



2:45PM **Feature - Lone Wolves (1:35:03)** Directed by Ryan Cunningham

When a single, pragmatic forty-something recruits the eclectic guy she didn't go to prom with back in high school to be her D-I-Y sperm donor, but learns that he's Autistic and navigating some significant mental health issues, her carefully planned hopes are turned upside down in one crazy weekend in Toledo, Ohio.

5:00PM **48-Hour Film Challenge Films**

About Us (7:40)
Help Wanted (6:49)
June's Christmas in July (5:41)
Frame of Mind (7:59)
Soul Carrier (8:25)
The Cigar Affair (6:02)
The Good, The Bad, The Cuties (3:35)
The Secret Hollow (7:03)
Throw the Book at Them (3:38)

6:30PM **Awards Ceremony / Networking**

7:30PM **Wright Night with Anthony Wright**

Feature - The Ride to Nowhere (57:21) Directed by Anthony Wright
A young man embarks on a road trip to visit an old crush.

Short Film Showcase and Q&A
Talking Tina Strikes Back (5:33)
Talking Tina Strikes Back Again (7:11)



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year's Maumee Film Festival.



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SUNDAY COFFEE NETWORKING

Filmmakers, looking to connect one-on-one over coffee, network, or just get caffeinated before the films begin? Join us at **Levi & Lilac's Coffee Pub** on Sunday from 10AM-12PM for morning coffee networking!



Levi & Lilac's Coffee Pub
301 River Rd., Maumee, OH 43537

Thank you to Levi and Lilac's for supporting the 2025 Maumee Film Festival, and thank you to our visiting filmmakers and guests for supporting Maumee businesses!

Don't forget to vote for your favorite films for our Audience Choice awards!



Best Short Film



Best Feature Film

Scan these QR codes or fill out a paper form located in the theater lobby!

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SUNDAY THEATER #2

12:00PM **Shorts Block #8 - National and International Shorts**

Cowboy Christmas (12:50) Directed by James Bowersock

Dan and Dottie's volatile relationship is put to the test as tensions reach a dangerous tipping point during the precious final hours of Christmas Day. Cowboy justice and a bit of holiday spirit may be all that can restore the couple's strained marriage.

Give Up (16:36) Directed by Jake Alter

A young man crushed by his corporate job must choose between security and happiness.

Fire & Oak (15:00) Directed by Washington Laws

A hardworking sex worker decides to go on a date with a charming but entitled young man. As their paths intertwine, their journey becomes a delicate balance between redemption and self-destruction.

First Time Machine (17:35) Directed by Jay Woelfel

African American scientist, Dr. Grainger gathers his closest friends to show them his new invention: the world's first time machine. However, one of his friends has hidden and dangerous intentions for traveling back in time.

Rock Bottom (6:57) Directed by Ed Castañeda

A film crew documents the historic 100th Annual Stone Skipping Competition held at the Bridgeport Resort featuring the return of the record holder, Darren Wise.

Last Day (11:00) Directed by James Joseph Valiyakulathil

A retiring factory worker and his wife face an uncertain future when he collapses on his retirement day.

1:45PM **Shorts Block #9 - More National and International Shorts**

Stronghold (15:12) Directed by Meghann Artes

When a group home for boys closes and a single mother who has regained custody of her son does not show up on the final day, the house mother must go in search of the boy's mom before heading off to her new life where she hopes to reconcile with her own estranged daughter.

Reminisce (11:36) Directed by Leslie Morris

25 years younger than her husband, a woman's world is turned upside down when her husband's college classmates come to visit.

My Last Martini (14:00) Directed by Rob Christopher

One evening at an elegant cocktail lounge, a frustrated writer impulsively breaks a self-imposed rule and decides to have a third martini. Moments later, he is joined by a mysterious woman (Wendy Robie, TWIN PEAKS) who drifts over from the next booth, looking for a good listener.

A Fair Sister (7:45) Directed by Matt LaCorte

Two sisters meet for lunch and share secrets.

In My Nature (13:39) Directed by Carley Wymer

Two men exploring their new relationship find solace in a nearby park, where the uncertainty of the real world can't seem to reach them.

3:15PM **Shorts Block #10 - Michigan Shorts**

A Place for Us (20:00) Directed by Philip Anjum

Two fourth-year medical students, Asad and Joe, navigate the trials of medical school, reflecting on their personal growth and the challenge of preserving their humanity as they brace for the demanding world of medical residency.

Down Safe (7:54) Directed by Fédor Benton

When 10-year-old Fédor discovers a locked safe buried in his backyard, his world transforms into a thrilling quest to uncover its secrets.

What We Become (15:21) Directed by Lauren Donatoni

Two friends, thinking they deserve more than they have, spiral into a life of theft, but when one begins to question if they have crossed the line, their bond is tested, and they both must determine how far is too far.

27 (14:05) Directed by Nino Pace

The stresses of everyday life and uncertainty start to affect Max mentally. When an unexpected surprise comes he decides to explore the wrong path in order to do right by his family.

Where Impact Lands: The X Games Intern Experience (23:36) Directed by Ellen Dziubek

What happens when your classroom is at 10,000 feet and your homework is to help run one of the biggest sporting events in the world? Follow two Ferris State University students to the top of Buttermilk Mountain and into the X Games Aspen internship experience.

Scatterbrain (10:40) Directed by Kincaid D. Hopkins

An unorganized writer named Levi convinces himself that there is a mysterious man living inside of his home, watching him. An unhealthy obsession begins as the man manifests into Levi's work, all the while Levi struggles to prove that this stranger is real.

5:30PM **Filmmakers' Roundtable** Panelists TBA

Our guest panelists discuss the current state of filmmaking in our region and how to adapt to a changing industry.



SUNDAY COMMUNITY ROOM

12:00PM **Headshot Sessions** with Toledo Talent

2:00PM **Workshop #5 - Table Reads** with the Glass City Screenwriters
Join the GCSW for a live table read of a half-hour sitcom script, performed by local actors, followed by a discussion of the local screenwriting scene.

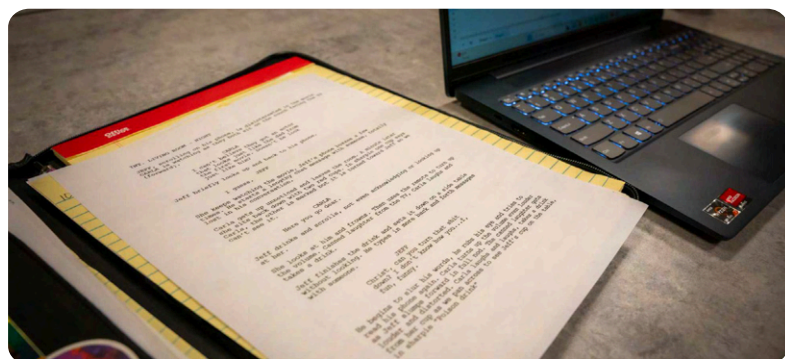
3:30PM **Workshop #6 - Business of Film** with FilmToledo
Join FilmToledo to discuss the current state of the regional film scene, recent projects that have filmed in the area and their impact on our economy.

5:00PM **Workshop #7 - Everyone's a Critic: Developing Your Inner Cinephile**
with Maddwolf
Hope Madden and George Wolfington are hosts, critics, and cinephiles. Learn how they built their film careers, and how to help grow our local film lovers' scene.



**CommUNITY
Film Fest**

*Thank you to the Lucas County Board of DD
for showcasing local filmmakers of all abilities!*



Food trucks will be open outside the theater on Saturday and Sunday during the event. Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase inside the theater. Alcoholic beverages can only be consumed within the designated DORA zone, please drink responsibly.



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Founded in 2018, FilmToledo is the regional non-profit film commission covering the Toledo and Northwest Ohio area. FilmToledo works to attract film production companies who are interested in filming in our region, and to provide film industry education and training.

FilmToledo provides assistance with location scouting, permits and street closures, and works with business and property owners to make film productions possible and bring economic benefits to the region.

FilmToledo also works with area filmmakers and organizations, sponsoring and hosting events that celebrate and help grow the Northwest Ohio film community. For more information, please visit **filmtoledo.com**.



The Maumee Uptown Business Association (MUBA) was formed in 1975 to attract new business, create increased awareness of retail opportunities, and stimulate interest in historic Uptown Maumee.

Uptown Maumee offers a variety of professional, commercial, retail and government services in an attractive revitalized historic district. With over 50 local business members, MUBA supports and promotes the businesses, special events and festivals that make Maumee a lively and interesting place to visit, shop, work and live. For more information about MUBA's services and member directory, please visit **maumeeuptown.com**.



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