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Fifth Annual

815SHORTS

Film Festival

NOV. 12-14, 2026 | CITY STAGE STUDIOS | ROCKFORD, IL, USA

A FilmFreeway GOLD FILM FESTIVAL

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THU., NOV. 12, 2026

6 p.m. - Opening Night Reception

7 p.m. - FEATURE PREVIEW SCREENING: *COUNTERFEIT*
Written + Directed by Nick Snow, Produced by Don Hatton
Followed Immediately by Post-Screening Panel + Q&A!

FRI., NOV. 13, 2026

5 p.m. - 5HORT Reception

5:30 p.m. - ILLINOIS FILM OFFICE SHORTCUTS BLOCK
Bad Fischback (Written + Directed by Carson McFadden, Produced by Parker Delagrange) | ***They Beyond the Moon*** (Written + Directed by Elias Polansky, Produced by Milton Beal + Logan Davis) | ***Between Life and Death*** (Written by Bee Sinclair, Directed by Diego Madrigal + Abigahil Loredo Sauceda, Produced by Nicole Vandewalker) | ***Moving Forward*** (Directed by Nickolas David Schrock + Ciara Hull) | ***Midwestern*** (Written by Lucca Marcello + Tristan Mount, Directed by Lucca Marcello)

7 p.m. - 2026 SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL SHORT FILM TOUR
A curated collection of six standout short films from this year's Sundance Film Festival (including three Festival Award–winning titles), this 96-minute program offers a mix of stories of bold perspectives by next-gen storytellers.

SAT., NOV. 14, 2026

8:30 a.m. - Doors Open

9 a.m. - LIVE ACTION SHORT FILMS BLOCK
Yogi Blues (Written, Directed + Produced by Quoc Tan Ly) | ***Broken Perspectives*** (Written + Produced by Antonio Zamudio + Ingrid Franklin Diaz, Directed by Antonio Zamudio) | ***Jam Boy*** (Written + Directed by Sriram Emani, Produced by Sriram Emani + Liz Eng) | ***The Girl, The Guy & The Gilded Goat*** (Written by Brittany Severance + Deb LeClair, Directed by Brittany Severance, Produced by Brittany Severance + Eric Nichols) | ***The Knot Job*** (Written by Jules Reid, Directed by Afrim Zenuni, Produced by Jules Reid, Tommy Martin + Afrim Zenuni) | ***Papa Panov's Special Christmas*** (Written, Directed + Produced by John Snowden) | ***Continued on next page...***

This Ghost Wants a Friend (Written + Directed by Yanely Castellanos, Produced by Andres Aurelio + Salvador Salazar) | ***What's Remembered*** (Written + Directed by Isaac Harrison, Produced by Isaac Harrison + Abigail Harrison)

11 a.m. - Momentum of Downstate Illinois Panel + Q&A
Featuring Stacy Barton (Augustana College + 815HORTS Emcee), Don Hatton (Rockford Film Office) + Holly Sparkman (Quad Cities Film Office)

12 p.m. - Lunch Break

1 p.m. - FEATURE FILM SCREENING: *SUM FUNCTION*
Directed by Noah Currier, Co-Directed by Nick Cavalier
Followed Immediately by Post-Screening Panel + Q&A!

3:30 p.m. - ANIMATED SHORT FILMS BLOCK
Closet Combat (Written by Augustus Hinton + Chris Sewell, Directed by Augustus Hinton) | ***Dobrina*** (Written, Directed + Produced by Hannes Rall) | ***Life Letter*** (Written by Michael Bell, Directed by Rachel McMillian, Produced by Michael Bell + Rachel McMillian) | ***The Trash Thief*** (Directed + Animated by Taylor Smith, Composed by Blayne Pummel)

4:30 p.m. - DOCUMENTARY SHORT FILMS BLOCK
The City League; A Decade of Impact (Directed by Natasha Joy Glenn) | ***Stolen School*** (Executive Produced by Dr. Kihana Miraya Ross + Dr. Shannon Paige Clark, Directed by Raphael Nash, Produced by Laurice Bell + Dino Robinson) | ***An Eternal Sound*** (Directed by Ryan Broussard + Andrew Meriwether) | ***Flyboy*** (Directed by Elia Mast, Produced by Robert Greene + Sebastian Martinez Valdivia) | ***Zastava Brothers*** (Directed by Pep Stojanovic)

7 p.m. - CLOSING NIGHT FEATURE FILM SCREENING: *TRIBECA 25*
Directed by Matt Tyrnauer, Produced by Matt Tyrnauer, Jenny Ewig + Dan Crane, Executive Produced by Berry Welsh, Co-Executive Produced by Keelin Ryan

8 p.m. - Tribeca Film Festival at 25 Insider's Panel + Q&A
Featuring Ben Thompson (Tribeca Film Festival) + Stacy Barton (Augustana College + 815HORTS Emcee)

8:30 p.m. - The 5HORT Awards
Best Animated Short Film | Best Documentary Short Film | Best Live Action Short Film | 815HORTS Distinction Award | Best 5HORT (Best in Show)

Thank You!

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