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Here is a selection of our critically acclaimed new titles.

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We will be at the festival from 14th-16th of February 2010. We look forward to meeting with you.



The Philosopher Kings

70 mins from Transcendental Media

In search of wisdom found in unlikely places, *The Philosopher Kings* takes us on a journey through the halls of the most prestigious colleges and universities in America. We learn from the staff members who see it all and have been through it all: the janitors. This thought-provoking documentary interweaves the untold stories of triumph and tragedy from members of society who are often disregarded and ignored.

*** Winner - Best Feature Documentary:**
Camden International Film Festival, 2009

*** Winner - Special Judge's Mention:**
Newburyport Documentary Film Festival, 2009

*** Nominated - Best Documentary:**
SILVERDOCS, 2009

*** Nominated - Best Documentary:**
Raintance Film Festival, 2009



The Street Stops Here

83 mins from TeamWorks Media

A stunning portrait of Bob Hurley, America's most successful high school basketball coach. Bob's 35 year struggle to inspire disadvantaged youths to achieve is set against the backdrop of a poor inner-city school struggling for funding in order to survive. *"Beautifully made and completely compelling"* - Steve James Director of *Hoop Dreams*.

***Official Selection:**

New Jersey Film Festival, 2009



Antoine

52 and 82 mins from EyeSteelFilm

A sensitive portrait both real and imaginary of Antoine, a precocious five year-old boy. Antoine is also blind, but completely integrated into the mainstream education system. Laura Bari's debut feature is a magical and playful film about the joys of childhood.

*** Winner - The Lindalee Tracey Award:**
Hot Docs Awards, 2009

*** Winner - Best Experiential Documentary:**
Docupolis Festival, 2009

*** Winner - Talent Dove Award:**
Leipzig DOK, 2009

*** Winner - Special Jury Mention:**
RIDM, 2008



See You at the Eiffel Tower

96 mins from Agitprop

Following World War II, distinguished filmmakers Joris Ivens and Marion Michelle travelled through Eastern Europe making a film about life, hope and people. 60 years later, Bulgarian filmmaker Valentin Valchev follows in their footsteps and delivers the new film to 93 year old Michelle in an attempt to help her reconnect with people from all the places she originally visited. This enigmatic treat explores the role of filmmaking in today's European society.

***Official Selection:**

IDFA 2008, Leipzig, 2009



Loose Change 9/11: An American Coup

**99 mins from Microcinema
International**

The 2009 follow up to the original *Loose Change*, this million dollar film reignites the debate surrounding what really happened on 9/11. Presenting dramatic new evidence, testimony from Washington insiders and previously unseen footage, director Dylan Avery's mature analysis proves that the official story of 9/11 is at best incomplete and at worst, a criminal deception of seismic proportions.



Africa Utd

52 and 85 mins from Masnomis/SRK

As South Africa prepares to host this year's World Cup, a team of filmmakers investigate the journey young Africans make in their quest to achieve football stardom. The film exposes how their ambition can lead to exploitation by traffickers but shows that for a very few, genuine success with European teams is possible. Shot in South Africa, Cameroon, Egypt, Kenya, France and Holland, *Africa Utd* is a treat for fans of the beautiful game - but will be difficult viewing for football agents.

***Release:**

May 2010, promo screener available now



The Trial

52 and 72 mins from Headland Pictures

Ramush Haradinaj was a prominent commander in the Kosovo Liberation Army, a guerilla group which fought for independence from Milosevic's Serbia. In 2004, he was elected Prime Minister, but only 100 days into his term he was indicted by a war crimes tribunal for an alleged massacre in 1998. The film follows the events of the unfolding trial as seen through the eyes of lawyer Michael O'Reilly, who assembles an international team determined to rebut what they see as an unjust indictment. This is an extremely well put-together documentary, detailing a hugely troubling time in world history.

***Official Selection:**

Galway Film Fleadh, Dokufest, 2009



Haynesville

60 and 72 mins from
Three Penny Productions

Set in the backwoods of Louisiana, *Haynesville* follows the historic discovery of the United States' largest natural gas field. This outstanding documentary exposes the effect of the energy boom on three lives caught in the middle of the fervour as they struggle to keep their rights and land intact in the face of interest from big business. Fundamentally however, *Haynesville* offers a penetrating analysis of the world energy market and what a discovery the size of the Haynesville Shale - 170 trillion cubic feet or the equivalent of 28 billion barrels of oil - could mean to the world's energy picture.

***Official Selection:**
Sheffield Doc/ Fest, 2009



American Radical

84 mins from Ridgen Film/Baraka
Productions

This is a probing, definitive documentary about American academic Norman Finkelstein, a devoted son of holocaust survivors and ardent critic of US and Israeli Middle-Eastern policy. Finkelstein impresses as a thoughtful and charismatic figure but his polarising views have caused public outrage, landing him at the centre of several controversies and massively damaging his public image. Finkelstein's conviction is matched by his doggedness as he navigates the globe on a speaking tour, encountering fierce support and hysterical derision in equal measure. *American Radical* is a nuanced and deeply compelling portrait of a man who is prepared to go to the brink of ruin simply for the sake of his beliefs.

*** Winner - Audience Choice Award:**
Chicago Underground Film Festival, 2009

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