

# THINGY SHORT FILM CLUB

22nd October 2020

1) **'Stuck By The Sea' (01:02)**

Directed by: Guste Sakalauskaite

'Stuck By The Sea' is a short film presenting adventures and road trips in New Zealand after the first lockdown. The director is usually based in London, but currently during covid got stuck in New Zealand. The film shows that despite the fact it's been truly a strange year and sometimes hard to believe that things turned out the way they did it, we can still take joy from little moments of happiness. There is nothing better than the sea and people to calm your slightly anxious heart.

2) **'Capital' (03:28)**

Directed by: Simon O'Brien

A man sits in his flat, passing the time before an impending job interview. How will he choose to fill the hours waiting and what will be the consequent effects for his future employment prospects? Will the interviewer appreciate the skills, traits and experiences the interviewee would bring to the company? As the tale unfolds through surreal visual language and an explosive soundtrack we stare into the void of contemporary society.

3) **'May... I Have This Dance?' (03:42)**

Directed by: Matt Maude

The Backstory of the Original Dancing Queen... as told by Sir John Standing.

4) **'I Don't Find Any Of This Very Peaceful' (14:48)**

Directed by: Sam O'Mahony

Following the disappearance of her abusive partner during lockdown, Katharine begins to unravel. When an unexpected visitor invades her home, she is forced to reckon with her demons and face her new reality. 'I Don't Find Any Of This Very Peaceful' is a low-key psychological thriller about the darkness we must embrace before we can truly accept who we are.

5) **'Distance' (02:41)**

Directed by: Marc Hardman

'Distance' is a short black and white dystopian sci-fi horror film presenting the journey of two young boys on their first trip after lockdown to visit their grandparents. Turns out dystopian sci-fi nightmares aren't as bad as the reality of 2020...

6) **'Hold On' (02:12)**

Directed by: Steph Beeston & Tom Price

'Hold On' is a short film about leaving quarantine and heading out for the first hug since lockdown.

7) **'Son Of The Root' (3 parts: 04:42, 05:21, 06:20)**

Directed by: Rachel Adeline Holmes

'Son of the Root' is an animation named after an Amerindian myth recorded in Story of Lynx by Levi Strauss, about a woman who gets impregnated by flower roots while digging in soil, conceiving the first man. This story shows how we have descended from nature, and that the elusive "roots" we search for, are actually in our relationship with the environment.

8) **'Beat COVID: Can we ease suffering through beats music, video and spirituality?' (13:52)**

Directed by: Lee Arromba

Beat COVID is a presentation showcasing 3 beats music videos to help us feel spiritual ideas that may aid in dealing with COVID. The pandemic has produced a unique opportunity to create meaningful, conscious content from projects collaborated on by audio and visual artists from over the world.

9) **'Gare de Lyon' (01:15)**

Directed by: Gaïa de Crécy

'Gare de Lyon' is a short film that presents the joy of simple pleasures, like being in the moment and observing the surroundings at the train station. Sometimes we all do (or used to do) everyday, but not giving it enough attention maybe? Parents struggling with their kids and luggages, couples kissing goodbye, people reuniting, this guy who's doing the same journey every week, this girl with big dreams with her suitcase bigger than herself moving to a new city... There is so much to see, so much inspiration all around, a mix of people that you can't find anywhere else...