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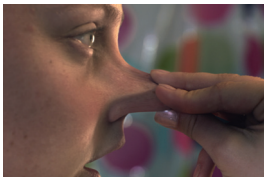
## 2009/ 2010 LUNAFEST Film Winners



### **A SUMMER RAIN** / 16.5 minutes

A young Israeli immigrant struggles with her transition to American life.

- ★ **Director:** Ela Thier, New York, NY
  - ★ **Screenings:** Nashville Film Festival, San Diego International Children's Film Festival, Vietnamese International Film Festival – CA, Women's International Film Festival – FL
- National Letter Writing Week takes place from January 8<sup>th</sup>–15<sup>th</sup> each year and June 1<sup>st</sup> is National Pen Pal Day.**



### **PLASTIC** / 7.5 minutes

A young woman redefines her self-image moments before a first date.

- ★ **Director:** Sandy Widyanata, Bondi Beach, Australia
  - ★ **Screenings:** Cleveland International Film Festival, Flickerfest International Short Film Festival – Sydney, Australia, Omaha Film Festival, International Film Schools Festival – Poitiers, France
- 31% of U.S. women would consider cosmetic surgery for themselves, now or in the future.**



### **ROZ (AND JOSHUA)** / 3 minutes

Separated from her son, Roz lives for the time when they will reunite permanently.

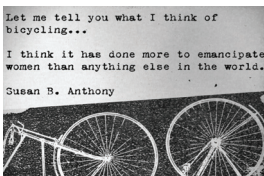
- ★ **Director:** Charlene Music, Palo Alto, CA
  - ★ **Screenings:** Angelus Student Film Festival – CA, Documenta Madrid, Silverdocs Documentary Film Festival – Washington, D.C., True/False Film Fest – MO
- 77% of women in U.S. prisons are single mothers.**



### **MONDAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING** / 19 minutes

Through a chance encounter, a single woman learns that the life she lives is exactly what she wants.

- ★ **Director:** Courteney Cox, West Hollywood, CA
  - ★ **Screenings:** Premiere of Glamour Reel Moments – CA, Nashville Film Festival, Palm Springs International Short Film Festival, Los Angeles United Film Festival
- Almost half of all U.S. residents, 18 and older, were unmarried in 2008.**



### **DIY: EMANCIPATION 101** / 1 minute

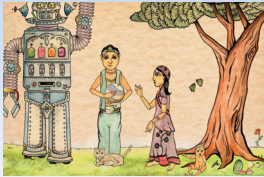
A playful animation about women and bicycling.

- ★ **Director:** Lynn Robinson, Lyndeborough, NH
- ★ **Screenings:** Bicycle Film Festival – NY, Boston Bike Film Festival – MA, Filmed by Bike Film Festival – OR, Image Union – IL

**In 2008, 18.5 million bikes were sold in the U.S., which is almost one-fifth of all the bikes sold worldwide.**

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## THE KINDA SUTRA / 8.5 minutes

How are babies made?

- ★ **Director:** Jessica Yu, Santa Monica, CA
  - ★ **Screenings:** Aspen Filmfest, Sundance Film Festival – UT, Telluride Film Festival – CO
- Storks can have a wing span up to 10.5 feet wide.**



## A VIDA POLITICA / 3 minutes

A Brazilian hairstylist explains how beauty can be a form of activism.

- ★ **Director:** Kat Mansoor, Brighton, England
- ★ **Screenings:** Birds Eye View Film Festival – London, England, Davis Feminist Film Festival – CA, SXSW – TX

**Hair is the second fastest growing tissue in the body – only bone marrow grows faster.**



## ANJALI / 14.5 minutes

When Anjali becomes witness to her father's betrayal, she must decide if she will share her secret and risk devastating her family.

- ★ **Director:** Maya Anand, New York, NY
- ★ **Screenings:** Columbia University Film Festival – NY, Next Gen Film Festival – CA

**The Sanskrit word Anjali means gift or offering.**

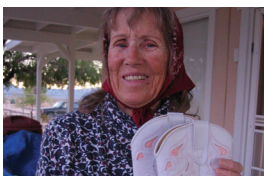


## OMELETTE / 7 minutes

A mother battles with the challenges of inflation.

- ★ **Director:** Nadejda Koseva, Sofia, Bulgaria
- ★ **Screenings:** Huesca Film Festival – Spain, Pamplona Film Festival – Spain, Sarajevo Film Festival – Bosnia, Sundance Film Festival – UT

**In 1996, the Bulgarian economy collapsed, which led to an inflation rate of 311% and the devaluation of the lev (Bulgarian currency).**



## THE MCCOMBIE WAY / 6.5 minutes

Words of wisdom from a mystic in the middle of the Mojave Desert.

- ★ **Director:** Kristina & Nick Higgins, Los Angeles, CA
- ★ **Screenings:** AFI Fest – CA, ITVS Online Shorts Festival, Palm Springs International ShortFest – CA

**Wonder Valley was started in the 1930s by homesteaders. The U.S. government gave five acres of land to anyone who would build there.**

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