



BLACKBIRD

FILM + ARTS FESTIVAL

FAST FACTS

EVENT:

Blackbird Film + Arts Festival

WHEN:

June 17th to June 20th
Event times vary each day

LOCATION:

Greek Peak Mountain Resort
1856 NY-392, Cortland, NY

FEATURING:

- 100+ Short / Feature Films
- Outdoor Film Screenings
- Nightly Drive-In Movies
- Artisan Craft Fair
- Live Music & Performers
- Craft Beer & Wine
- Parties, Trivia + More
- Family Fun Activities
- Bonfires + S'mores
- Fathers Day BBQ

COST:

Free Admission

WEBSITE / INSTAGRAM:

www.Blackbirdfilmfest.com
[@Blackbirdfilmfest](https://www.instagram.com/Blackbirdfilmfest)

FILMS, MUSIC, ART + FOOD • JUNE 17TH - 20TH

After a long year of quarantine, it's time to get out and enjoy a weekend packed full of **Outdoor Socially Safe Activities** at the 2021 Blackbird Film + Arts Festival! The festival includes **Outdoor Tented Screenings** of over 100 Independent Films from around the world as well as nightly **Drive-In Movies** and **S'more Firepits!** On Saturday and Sunday, be sure to check out our curated **Artisan Craft Fair** featuring 20+ **Local Artists** and **Live Music** along with **Craft Beer and Wine Tasting** as well as an assortment of **Family Fun Activities!** Additionally, Blackbird and Greek Peak have partnered to host a special **Father's Day BBQ** on Sunday, June 20th! **LEARN MORE** →



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ABOUT BLACKBIRD

The Blackbird Film Festival is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in central New York state that celebrates and supports independent filmmakers from around the world while also attempting to counter gender inequality by ensuring at least 50% of the films featured each season are made by women.

Founded in 2015, Blackbird strives to curate an inclusive festival atmosphere - an environment where experienced professionals and first time filmmakers can strike up conversation and perhaps take something away from one another. At its core, Blackbird is largely a student-run event through which the festival supports over 40 interns each academic year as they work to bring the festival weekend to life!

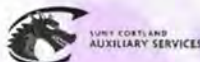
Whether you're a filmmaker or just a film enthusiast, we hope you will join us this year and experience what makes the Blackbird Film Festival one of the "Top 100 Best Reviewed" festivals according to FilmFreeway - the world's leading film festival submission platform.

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2021 BLACKBIRD FILM + ARTS FESTIVAL



FILM SCREENINGS

Friday, June 18th - Sunday, June 20th • Q&A with Filmmakers to Follow



ARTISAN CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, June 19th - Sunday, June 20th • 10am to 5pm Both Days



DRIVE-IN MOVIES

Thursday, June 17th - Sunday, June 20th • Screenings Start at 8:30pm



2021 KICKOFF PARTY

Friday, June 18th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm • TRAX Pub & Grill

JUNE 17TH-JUNE 20TH - CORTLAND, NY



LIVE MUSIC + SHOWS

Saturday, June 19th - Sunday, June 20th • Various Musicians from 10am to 9pm

FILM TRIVIA LUNCHEON

Friday, June 18th from 11am to 1pm • TRAX Pub & Grill

CRAFT BEER + WINE

Saturday, June 19th - Sunday, June 20th • Serving from 10am to 6pm

FATHERS DAY BBQ

Saturday, June 19th - Sunday, June 20th • 12pm to 5pm

DRIVE-IN MOVIES

SCREEN A - 2000 NY-392, Cortland, NY 13045
SCREEN B - 1856 NY-392, Cortland, NY 13045

THURSDAY, JUNE 17TH

SCREEN A



A collection of short films themed around the music of life followed by the feature presentation of Takeshi Kushida's feature film, *Woman of the Photographs*.
RATED - PG • Parental Guidance Suggested

SCREEN B



A collection of short films themed around mysterious happenings followed by the feature presentation of Jillian Acreman's film, *Queen of the Andes*.
RATED - PG13 • Parents Strongly Cautioned

FRIDAY, JUNE 18TH

SCREEN A



A collection of short films themed around the turbulence of finding love, making new friends and discovering your true self.
RATED - PG13 • Parents Strongly Cautioned

SCREEN B



A collection of short films themed around the challenges of parenthood followed by the feature presentation of Stacey Maltin's film, *Triple Threat*.
RATED - R • Contains Adult Material Not for Kids

FULL SCHEDULE

Arrive by 8:30pm - Drive-In Screenings Start at 9pm
Simply Park Your Car, Tune Your Radio and Enjoy*

SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH

SCREEN A



A collection of wacky, bizarre, comical and unsettling short films themed around death, deception and the throws of insanity.

RATED - R • Contains Adult Material Not for Kids

SCREEN B



A mix of scary and fun, this collection of short films has something for everyone - so long as that someone isn't afraid of the dark . . .

RATED - PG13 • Parents Strongly Cautioned

SUNDAY, JUNE 20TH

SCREEN A



A diverse mix of films focused on the struggles of fatherhood as well as stories from underrepresented voices in film.

RATED - PG13 • Parents Strongly Cautioned

SCREEN B



A collection of short films themed around kind strangers and new beginnings followed by Chelsea McEvoy's documentary, Re-Inventing the Wheel.

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*Guests are not permitted to bring alcohol to drivein screenings. Beer + wine is available for purchase at the concession booth. Must be 21+ years old to purchase alcohol - valid ID required.



MEMORIES OF THE MISSING

Friday, June 18th at 1:30pm (TENT A)

A dramatically haunting collection of films remembering those long lost souls who are no longer with us - this block will bring a bit of mystery to your life. **RATED PG13**



TRUE BEAUTY

Saturday, June 19th at 10:00am (TENT A)

A wonderful collection of short films about characters who break the mold, follow their dreams and become the beautiful people they were meant to be. **RATED PG13**



BLACK STORIES, BLACK VOICES

Saturday, June 19th at 12:00pm (TENT A)

A collection of short films by BIPOC writers and directors focused on modern and historical injustices that effect us all and highlight the need for change. **RATED PG13**



MOTHER & CHILD

Saturday, June 19th at 5:00pm (TENT A)

Becoming a mother is complicated - this collection of short films focuses on the many aspects of motherhood from good, bad and everything in between. **RATED R**



THE MUSIC OF LIFE

Friday, June 18th at 3:00pm (TENT B)

This incredibly heartfelt mix of short films explores the many ways music shapes our lives and connects our souls - for good or for bad - Don't Miss This One! **RATED PG**



MAKING FRIENDS

Saturday, June 19th at 10:00am (TENT B)

Finding friends isn't always easy - these short films present a number of ways in which people are struggling to make connections these days. **RATED PG13**



HELLO, KIND STRANGER

Saturday, June 19th at 3:00pm (TENT A)

This heartwarming mix of short films featuring stories of strangers helping strangers and is sure to leave you feeling optimistic about the future. **RATED PG13**



DYSTOPIC BLISS

Saturday, June 19th at 7:00pm (TENT A)

From alternative realities, abstract storytelling and apocalyptic futures, the block of short films will take you for a ride and make you wonder what lies ahead. **RATED PG13**



VIEW ONLINE



HURDLES OF THE HEART

Saturday, June 19th at 7:00pm (TENT B)

From finding love to losing love - this beautiful collection of short films will put your heart through a lot as characters navigate complicated relationships. **RATED PG13**



INSANE IN THE MEMBRANE

Sunday, June 20th at 11:00am (TENT A)

Not gonna lie, you'll probably feel a little weird after watching this mix of unsettling films featuring characters who don't quite have their heads on right... **RATED R**



ON THE FRONTLINE

Sunday, June 20th at 12:00pm (TENT B)

This powerful collection of short films highlights those who serve on the frontlines - doctors, teachers, scientists, etc - and the important role they play. **RATED PG13**



TRICKSTERS

Sunday, June 20th at 1:00pm (TENT A)

Don't be fooled, all of these short films are out to get you! A fun and funky mix of stories featuring that twist ending we all love so much and never saw coming. **RATED PG13**



LAST WISH

Sunday, June 20th at 2:00pm (TENT B)

These films will make you want to laugh but you'll feel strange letting out a chuckle as they all take a very light hearted approach to death and dying... **RATED PG13**



LITTLE TROUBLE MAKERS

Sunday, June 20th at 3:00pm (TENT A)

The title of this block pretty much sums it up - this mix of superfun, coming-of-age, films features stories of mischievous young people getting into trouble! **RATED R**



THE GOOD DAD

Sunday, June 20th at 4:00pm (TENT B)

Being a "good" dad ain't easy as the fathers in these short films will demonstrate as they struggle to figure out how to connect with their kids and family... **RATED PG13**



INNER DEMONS

Sunday, June 20th at 7:00pm (TENT A)

All the characters in these short films are haunted by something dark and mysterious. Definitely a great block for those who enjoy a little scare in their life. **RATED R**

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WOMAN OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS

Thursday, June 17th at 8:30pm (Screen A)
Dir. Takeshi Kushida • 88 mins • Japan (Subtitled)

A misogynic photographer discovers for the first time in his life the joys of loving a woman, this one confused about her self-identity and self-esteem, by helping her in her perceptions of herself with his photographic retouching skills. **RATED PG13**



QUEEN OF THE ANDES

Thursday, June 17th at 8:30pm (Screen B)
Dir. Jillian Acreman • 96 mins • Canada

Pillar has been drafted against her will on a one-way tour to colonize Mars. Queen of the Andes follows her last days on earth. She quietly tries to find a way out, while simultaneously navigating the final moments with loved ones. **RATED PG13**



INVISIBLE HAND

Friday, June 18th at 4:30pm (Tent A)
Dir. Joshua Boaz Pribanic, Melissa A. Troutman • 85 mins

INVISIBLE HAND is a "paradigm shifting" documentary about the creation of 'Rights of Nature.' The defining battle of our times where nature, democracy and capitalism face off against Nature's Rights. **RATED PG13**



TRIPLE THREAT

Friday, June 18th at 8:30pm (Screen B)
Saturday, June 19th at 4:30pm (Tent B)

Dir. Stacey Maltin • 99 mins • USA

A relationship between three best friends-on the verge of their Broadway debut-is put to the test when diverging dreams meet the realities of adulthood.. **RATED PG13**



THE ART OF DISSENT

Saturday, June 19th at 2:00pm (Tent B)
Dir. James Dean Le Sueur • 105 mins • USA

"The Art of Dissent" is a feature documentary celebrating the resilience and power of artistic engagement in Czechoslovakia before and after the 1968 Soviet-led invasion. **RATED PG**



BECOMING A GUIDE

Saturday, June 19th at 12:00pm (Tent B)
Dir. Alexander Hick • 88 mins • Germany (Subtitles)

Two people, one goal: to become a state-certified Mountain Guide. The film follows Bianca and Finn, the two main characters, as they come to grips with the various skills required for mountain guiding and the challenges they present. **RATED PG**



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THE CELINE ARCHIVE

Sunday, June 20th at 10:00am (Tent B)

Dir. Celine Parreñas Shimizu • 69 mins • USA

Adulteress, traitor, heroine, or prey? In 1932, Celine Navarro was buried alive by her community in Northern California. This gripping documentary digs up her story. **RATED PG**



¡BOZA!

Sunday, June 20th at 5:00pm (Tent A)

Dir. Sydney Bowie Linden • 70 mins • Spain / Morocco

Three migrants leave home in their teens to embark on a years-long journey to Spain. Their ambitious dreams keep their hope alive in this remarkable and inspiring story of resilience. **RATED PG13**



CELESTE

Sunday, June 20th at 6:30pm (Tent B)

Dir. Ben Hackworth • 106 mins • Australia

When retired singer Celeste asks stepson Jack back to his family property for an impossible favor, the secrets that drove them apart explode back into rhapsodic life.

RATED PG13



RE-INVENTING THE WHEEL

Sunday, June 20th at 8:30pm (Screen B)

Dir. Chelsea McEvoy • 59 mins • Canada

This is not your average peer support group or a typical 'inspirational' film... Follow along as this tribe of wheelies band together and aid a newly injured member through his first year of life in a wheelchair. **RATED PG13**

ATTEND BLACKBIRD VIRTUALLY

Enjoy all Blackbird has to offer from the comfort of your favorite couch from June 21st to June 30th

**2021
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PORTAL OPEN JUNE 21ST TO JUNE 30TH

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FAMILY-FUN ACTIVITIES

All Festival Activities Are Located at 1856 NY-392, Cortland, NY 13045




**BONFIRES
& S'MORES**
/ SATURDAY & SUNDAY EVENINGS



**SPLATTER
PAINTING**
Help Blackbird Decorate the 2021 Mural
Saturday & Sunday, 10am - 5pm



**BLACKBIRD
EGGHUNT**
FIND A GOLDEN EGG + WIN A PRIZE!
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 10AM - 5PM



**TIE-DYE
T-SHIRTS**
Make Your Own Tie-Dye T-Shirt
Saturday & Sunday, 11:30am & 3:30pm
Price - \$10 per shirt



**GROUP
PAINTING
CLASS**
Saturday & Sunday, 1pm & 5pm
Price - \$10 per person



ZZ ENTERTAINMENT

Friday, June 18th • 6:30pm @ TRAX
Jazz, Soul, Pop and Hip-Hop



JAKE + MIKE ACOUSTIC ROCK

Saturday, June 19th • 10am - 11am
Classic Rock, Outlaw Country, Pop, Folk and Blues



JASPEROO

Saturday • 11:30am & Sunday • 10am
Americana, Folk to Old-time, Bluegrass to Classic Country



LISA ANN WRIGHT

Saturday, June 19th • 1pm - 2pm
Contemporary Folk + Indie



KIPANI

Saturday, June 19th • 2:30pm - 4pm
Indie Pop, Melodic/Upbeat Originals



TERAPLAINE

Saturday, June 19th • 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Americana, Indie, Folk



PAPA MUSE

Saturday, June 19th • 7pm - 8:30pm
Indie World



COSMIC GROAN

Sunday, Jun 20th • 1pm - 3pm
Indie, Folk Rock, Blues, Energetic, Original



THE HONEY BADGERS

Sunday, June 20th • 3:30pm - 5:30pm
The 60s to the Present - Beatles, Fleetwood Mac, etc.



THE MIX

Sunday, June 20th • 7pm - 8:30pm
Acoustic Rock

Enjoy Live Music All Weekend Long at Arts Village and TRAX Pub & Grill

LIVE MUSIC LINE-UP



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