

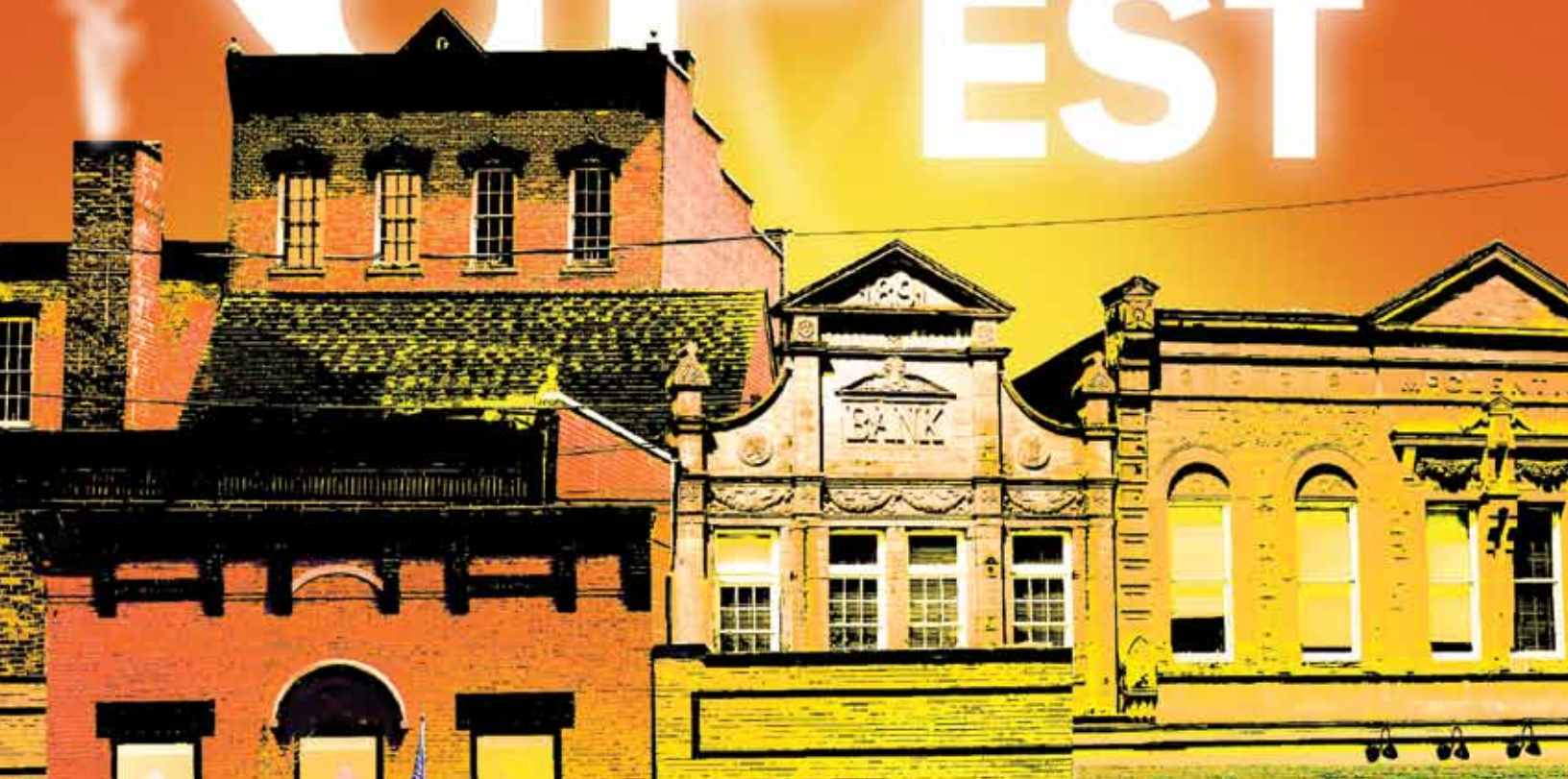
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# Welcome to the 2018 Chagrin Documentary Film Festival

Celebrate. Explore. Ignite. with us at the 9th Annual Chagrin Documentary Film Festival!

We're excited to celebrate the 89 remarkable documentary films from around the globe, explore the power of the human spirit and ignite your imagination with the compelling stories they tell. On behalf of the hundreds of people who have made this Festival a reality, a heartfelt welcome to what we believe will be an unforgettable five days.

With the inspiration of our son David, the founding vision of the Festival has been to honor the unstoppable passion of the documentary filmmaker and to give a voice to their unique stories. We are proud that the Festival has stayed true to this mission and has impacted so many. I hope that you'll have the chance to meet some of the filmmakers during the Festival and join me in thanking them for inspiring us with these compelling films.

A special thanks to the Festival sponsors, volunteers, supporters and the entire community for all you have done to make this vision a reality.

In sincere appreciation,

*Mary Ann Quinn Ponce*

Founder and Director, Chagrin Documentary Film Festival

## Inspired by the filmmaking spirit of David Ponce

### *The Inspiration . . . "what the human spirit is capable of"*

Filmmaker and Chagrin Falls High School alumnus David Ponce wrote this letter about his documentary "The Lost Sparrows of Roodepoort" even as he faced his own battle with leukemia. He succumbed six weeks later at the age of 20. It was David's drive to share with the world "just what the human spirit is capable of" that inspires us to bring this festival to his hometown.

#### **An excerpt from David's letter to the director of Sparrow Village, Roodepoort, South Africa...July 27, 2006**



*"Nothing is as important to me as producing a work that is true to Sparrow and showing those who have not visited, just what the human spirit is capable of when faced with something immensely dark and frightening. And to this, I forever owe gratitude and have sworn to myself to produce something substantial in propagating the idea of hope and joy in the face of something so ugly."*

This Festival is dedicated to the unique spirit of the talented filmmakers who share their stories with us.

Chagrin Documentary Film Fest has been named "Top 50 Film Fests Worth the Entry Fee" 6 years running, by MovieMaker Magazine



# Chagrin Documentary Film Festival

# Special Events

In addition to thought-provoking documentaries, don't miss these special events all around Chagrin Falls!

## FILM FEST 5K RACE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 - 9 AM

Chagrin Falls High School  
400 E. Washington St.

To benefit LifExtraordinary  
Kick off the 2018 CDFF with a 5K race through Chagrin Falls for a great cause!  
*Presented by Peppertree Capital.*

## FILM FEST LIGHTS THE FALLS!

NIGHTLY, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2 through  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

The 9th Anniversary Festival spotlight is on Chagrin Falls as the upper falls are lit nightly!

*Sponsored by First Federal Lakewood*

## INTERNATIONAL THEME DINNER & FILM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

South Franklin Circle  
Radius Restaurant  
16575 S. Franklin St.

DINNER reservations beginning at 5:30 PM  
Call Radius for reservations (440) 247-1334  
FILM at 7:30 PM

Film: *Tripped Up* (78 minutes)

Film tickets and dinner reservations are sold separately.



## CELEBRATION OF THE CHAGRIN VALLEY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Riverside Park (Rain location: Chagrin Falls Township Hall)

Celebrate the community that makes this inspiring event happen as we kick off an unforgettable five days.

Get a taste of the festival with a fun-filled evening, family-friendly short films and One

Minute Doc Contest entries.

ENTERTAINMENT - 6:00 PM

Fevered Dreams Band

PREVIEW and FILMS - 7:00 PM

Bring your chair or blanket

*Sponsored by the Chagrin Valley Chamber of Commerce*

## FESTIVAL OPENING NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Chagrin Valley Little Theatre  
40 River Street

RED CARPET - 6:30 PM



OPENING AND FILM - 7:15 PM

Celebrate the 9th Annual Festival Opening with champagne, popcorn and a much

anticipated documentary.

Film: *Love, Gilda* (86 minutes)

\$20 - included with Festival Membership

*Sponsored by Cohen & Company*

## DOCS & DONUTS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 8:30 AM

St Joan of Arc Church  
496 E. Washington St.

Join us for donuts, coffee, and docs!

Film: A selection of short films from the

2018 Festival

\$10 - Included with Festival Membership

## SALAD LUNCHEON AND FILMS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 11:30 AM

St Joan of Arc Church  
496 E. Washington St.

Enjoy a wonderful salad lunch and a selection of 2018 Festival short films.

*Hosted by the St. Joan of Arc Women's Committee*

\$20 - Included with Festival Membership  
Advance tickets only

## WHISKEY TASTING HAPPY HOUR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 5:30 PM

Chagrin Falls Township Hall  
83 N. Main St.

Celebrating the igniters in the regional spirit industry as we taste the whiskey they craft

FILMS: *Rust Belt Renaissance* (6 minutes)  
*#CLE4DLC* (4 minutes)

*The Curators* (12 minutes)

Tasting with Cleveland Whiskey and Tom's Foolery Distillery, Food provided by M Italian  
\$35/Included with Igniter Level Membership and above

Advance tickets required; limited seating  
*Sponsored by M Italian and Superior Beverage*



**EXPLORING THE BLOCKCHAIN PHENOMENON**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 11:00 AM

Chagrin Valley Little Theatre  
40 River Street

Film: *The Blockchain and Us* (30 minutes)  
Followed by a panel with the innovators in the NEO blockchain forefront: Bernie Moreno, David Gilbert, Steve McHale and Steve Santamaria  
Light lunch following in the CVLT lobby  
\$22 - included with Festival Membership  
\$10 - film only  
*Sponsored by the Bernie Moreno Companies*



**AFTERNOON TEA**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 3:00 PM

Chagrin Falls Historical Society  
87 E. Washington St.

Afternoon tea and Film: *The Hello Girls: The Army's Special Weapon in World War I* (56 minutes)  
\$15 - Included with Festival Membership  
*Hosted by Best Food Friends*

**WHEN TOMMY MET SALLY**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Chagrin Documentary Film Festival  
49 W. Orange Street

Raise a glass, make a toast and celebrate lifetime partnerships and one special 50th wedding anniversary.  
Open to Festival Members, Pass Holders and special guests.

**FESTIVAL CLOSING**  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 6:00 PM  
Chagrin Valley Little Theatre  
40 River Street  
Celebrate another unforgettable CDFF 2018 with *Fiddlin'* film subject Presley Barker in a rousing bluegrass performance.  
\$15 - Included with Festival Membership



**POETRY READING WITH CHRISTINE HOWEY**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 5:30 PM TO 6:30 PM

Valley Art Center  
155 Bell St.

Tour the VAC galleries and meet the subject of the film *Exact Change* for a poetry reading. Wine and cheese reception – *free and open to the public.*

**FESTIVAL AWARDS CEREMONY**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 8:00 PM

Chagrin Valley Little Theatre  
40 River Street

Red Carpet - 7:00 pm  
The night sparkles with guest directors and film enthusiasts as the 2018 Festival Awards and \$15,000 in prize funds are presented. *Free and open to the public.*

**FESTIVAL CLOSING**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 6:00 PM

Chagrin Valley Little Theatre  
40 River Street

Celebrate another unforgettable CDFF with *Fiddlin'* film subject Presley Barker in a rousing bluegrass performance.  
\$15 - Included with Festival Membership


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# Welcome

to the 2018 Chagrin Documentary Film Festival! This overview includes times, film locations and special events

Schedule is subject to change: Please check the festival website for changes and updates. Detailed film listing begins on page 14.

## Tuesday October 2

### Preview Night

#### Riverside Park

Celebration of the Chagrin Valley

7:00 pm Festival Preview  
Front Yard Players (4 mins.)  
pg. 40  
Lotte that Silhouette Girl  
(10 mins.) pg. 42  
The School of Honk (12 mins.)  
pg. 44  
tomnoddy (12 mins.) pg. 44  
The Kaleidoscope Guy at the  
Market (21 mins.) pg. 42  
One Minute Doc Contest  
Finalists (20 mins.)

#### South Franklin Circle

5:00 pm Human Spirit Shorts  
My Grandfather's Memory  
Book (4 mins.) pg. 43  
Glass Bubble Project (7 mins.)  
pg. 40  
M1-KØ (8 mins.) pg. 42  
Zebrafish: Practically People  
(10 mins.) pg. 45  
Washed Away (16 mins.) pg. 45

International Theme Dinner

5:30-6:30 pm Dinner

7:30 pm Film: Tripped Up (78 mins.)  
pg. 36

**Detailed film listings  
begin on page 14**



Family friendly



Not suggested for  
younger viewers

## Wednesday October 3

### Cohen & Company Day

#### Chagrin Valley Little Theatre

11:30 am Human Spirit Shorts  
Prince's Tale (16 mins.) pg. 44  
The Enlightenment Project (19 mins.)  
pg. 39  
Mr. Connolly Has ALS (32 mins.) pg. 42  
1:00 pm Above The Drowning Sea (93 mins.)  
3:00 pm When Lambs Become Lions (76 mins.)  
5:15 pm Death Metal Grandma (13 mins.) pg. 39  
Becoming Marilyn Monroe  
(62 mins.)  
7:15 pm Festival Opening Night  
Love, Gilda (86 mins.)

#### Chagrin Falls Township Hall

12:00 pm Mrs. Schneider (10 mins.) pg. 43  
Thriving with Cerebral Palsy (42 mins.)  
1:30 pm Alone in the Game (95 mins.)  
3:30 pm Badass Beauty Queen (66 mins.)  
5:10 pm The Light (7 mins.) pg. 42  
Enough (7 mins.) pg. 39  
Elephant Path / Njaia Njoku (52 mins.)  
6:40 pm A Murder In Mansfield (88 mins.)

### Festival Tickets, Passes and Special Events

**Online:** [www.chagrinfilmfest.org](http://www.chagrinfilmfest.org)

**In Person:** Film Festival Headquarters  
Starting Sept. 8  
49 W. Orange Street  
M-F 3-6 pm

**At the Door:** Subject to availability

**By Phone:** (440)247-1591

**Doc Lovers Pass** (8 films +  
weekday matinees access) \$80

**Festival Opening Night** \$20

**Individual Block Ticket** \$10

	Chagrin Valley Little Theatre	Chagrin Falls Township Hall
11 AM		
12 PM	Human Spirit Shorts	Thriving with Cerebral Palsy (p.34)
1 PM	Above The Drowning Sea (p.32)	Alone in the Game (p.22)
2 PM		
3 PM	When Lambs Become Lions (p.22)	Badass Beauty Queen (p.32)
4 PM		
5 PM		
6 PM	Becoming Marilyn Monroe (p.16)	Elephant Path / Njaia Njoku (p.20)
7 PM		A Murder In Mansfield (p.36)
8 PM	Festival Opening Night Love, Gilda (p.14)	



# Thursday October 4

## Presented by Jones Day

### Chagrin Valley Little Theatre

- 11:30 am The Superfood Chain (66 mins.)
- 1:00 pm Environmental Shorts  
Ghosts of the Arctic (6 mins.) pg. 40  
Drowning in Sand (31 mins.) pg. 18  
Aghanashini (41 mins.) pg. 26
- 3:00 pm Bird of Prey (95 mins.)
- 5:15 pm Coby (78 mins.)
- 7:30 pm Tripped Up (78 mins.)

### Chagrin Falls Township Hall

- 11:30 am My Country No More (70 mins.)
- 1:30 pm Lots of Kids, a Monkey and a Castle (91 mins.)
- 3:30 pm Social Awareness Shorts  
Baby Boy A (5 mins.) pg. 38  
Hoan Alone (9 mins.) pg. 41  
Lotte that Silhouette Girl (10 mins.) pg. 42  
Beneath the Ink (13 mins.) pg. 38  
From Harlem to Harlem (19 mins.) pg. 40  
Prince's Tale (16 mins.) pg. 44
- 5:30 pm Whiskey Tasting Happy Hour  
#CLE4DRC (4 mins.) pg. 37  
Rust Belt Renaissance (6 mins.) pg. 44  
The Curators (12 min.) pg. 38
- 7:30 pm The Tree Prophet (29 mins.) pg. 30  
Aghanashini (41 mins.)

### Chagrin Cinemas A

- 1:30 pm Lane 0 (70 mins.)
- 3:30 pm The Light (7 mins.) pg. 42  
Enough (7 mins.) pg. 39  
Elephant Path / Njaia Njoku (52 mins.)
- 5:15 pm Manry at Sea (93 mins.)
- 7:30 pm California's Forgotten Children (92 mins.)

### Chagrin Cinemas B

- 2:00 pm The Interpreters (81 mins.)
- 3:45 pm The Journey (2 mins.) pg. 41  
New and Improved (61 mins.)
- 5:30 pm Above The Drowning Sea (93 mins.)
- 7:40 pm Letter from Masanjia (76 mins.)

#### St. Joan of Arc Church

- 8:30 am Docs and Donuts  
The School of Honk (12 mins.) pg. 44  
tomnoddy (12 mins.) pg. 44  
Spraying Under the Stars (20 mins.) pg. 44  
The Kaleidoscope Guy at the Market (21 mins.) pg. 42
- 11:30 am Salad Luncheon  
Journey (2 mins.) pg. 41  
My Grandfather's Memory Book (4 mins.) pg. 43  
Front Yard Players (4 mins.) pg. 40  
Mrs. Schneider (10 mins.) pg. 43  
Washed Away (16 mins.) pg. 45

	Chagrin Valley Little Theatre	Chagrin Falls Township Hall	Chagrin Cinemas A	Chagrin Cinemas B
10 AM				
11 AM				
12 PM	The Superfood Chain (p.30)	My Country No More (p.25)		
1 PM	Environmental Shorts			
2 PM		Lots of Kids, a Monkey and a Castle (p.21)	Lane 0 (p.33)	The Interpreters (p.20)
3 PM	Bird of Prey (p.26)			
4 PM		Social Awareness Shorts	Elephant Path / Njaia Njoku (p.20)	New and Improved (p.28)
5 PM				
6 PM	Coby (p.34)	Whiskey Tasting Happy Hour	Manry at Sea (p.36)	Above The Drowning Sea (p.32)
7 PM				
8 PM	Tripped Up (p.36)	Aghanashini (p.26)	California's Forgotten Children (p.24)	Letter from Masanjia (p.20)
9 PM				

#### The Federated Church

- 5:15 pm Celebrating the Champions of Healing  
Defining Hope (78 mins.) pg. 32
- 7:30 pm Hoan Alone (9 mins.) pg. 41  
My Country No More (70 mins.) pg. 25

# Friday October 5

## Sequoia Financial Day

### Chagrin Valley Little Theatre

- 11:00 am Exploring Blockchain  
The Blockchain and Us (30 mins.)  
Panel discussion and lunch
- 1:15 pm Badass Beauty Queen (66 mins.)
- 3:15 pm Moving Stories (85 mins.)
- 5:15 pm Sammy Davis, Jr.: I've Gotta Be Me (100 mins.)
- 7:30 pm Foreclosing on Faith (51 mins.)
- 9:00 pm Silicone Soul (71 mins.)

### Chagrin Falls Township Hall

- 12:00 pm Zebrafish: Practically People,  
Transforming the Study of Disease (10 mins.) pg. 45  
The Superfood Chain (66 mins.)
- 1:45 pm New and Improved (61 mins.)
- 3:15 pm California's Forgotten Children (92 mins.)
- 5:15 pm Honoring CV Innovators  
Rust Belt Renaissance (6 mins.) pg. 44  
Enough White Teacups (60 mins.)
- 7:00 pm Saving the Dark (55 mins.)
- 8:30 pm When Lambs Become Lions (76 mins.)

### Chagrin Cinemas A

- 9:00 am to 2:30 pm Illuminate Film Trip (students only)
- 3:00 pm Modified (87 mins.)
- 5:15 pm Roll Red Roll (80 mins.)
- 7:30 pm A Murder In Mansfield (88 mins.)

### Chagrin Cinemas B

- 9:00 am to 2:30 pm Illuminate Film Trip (students only)
- 2:45 pm From Haarlem to Harlem (19 mins.)  
pg. 40  
Thriving with Cerebral Palsy: The Cordell Brown Story (42 mins.)
- 5:00 pm Bathtubs Over Broadway (87 mins.)
- 7:00 pm Exact Change (80 mins.)
- 9:00 pm Enough White Teacups (60 mins.)

**Chagrin Falls Historical Society**  
3:00 pm Afternoon Tea  
The Hello Girls: The Army's Special Weapon in World War I (56 mins.) pg. 33

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**F** Family friendly

**M** Not suggested for younger viewers

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10 AM			Illuminate Film Trip (students only)	Illuminate Film Trip (students only)
11 AM	The Blockchain and Us (p.38) Panel discussion and lunch			
12 PM		The Superfood Chain (p.30)		
1 PM				
2 PM	Badass Beauty Queen (p.32)	New and Improved (p.28)		
3 PM			Modified (p.26)	Thriving with Cerebral Palsy: The Cordell Brown Story (p.34)
4 PM	Moving Stories (p.24)	California's Forgotten Children (p.24)		
5 PM				
6 PM	Sammy Davis, Jr.: I've Gotta Be Me (p.16)	Enough White Teacups (p.17)	Roll Red Roll (p.36)	Bathtubs Over Broadway (p.16)
7 PM		Saving the Dark (p.28)		Exact Change (p.34)
8 PM	Foreclosing on Faith (p.35)		A Murder In Mansfield (p.36)	
9 PM		When Lambs Become Lions (p.22)		Enough White Teacups (p.17)
10 PM	Silicone Soul (p.26)			
11 PM				

# Saturday October 6

## Miller Canfield Day

### Chagrin Valley Little Theatre

- 11:00 am Overdosed (80 mins.)
- 1:15 pm Special Focus: Heroes of the Syrian Refugee Crisis  
Transit (21 mins.) pg. 21  
Minden Replying (37 mins.)
- 3:15 pm Breaking the Bee (96 mins.)
- 5:30 pm Behind the Lens: Filmmaker Panel
- 7:00 pm Red Carpet
- 8:00 pm Festival Awards

### Chagrin Falls Township Hall

- 10:20 am Adventure Shorts  
Break Boundaries (3 mins.) pg. 38  
M1-KØ (8 mins.) pg. 42  
The Curators (12 mins.) pg. 38  
The High Sierra Trail (39 mins.) pg. 41
- 12:00 pm Five Mayors of Chagrin Falls (58 mins.)
- 1:45 pm Special Focus: The Ukrainian Genocide  
Holodomor: Voices of Survivors (29 mins.)
- 3:15 pm Live the Stream (93 mins.)
- 5:30 pm Alone in the Game (95 mins.)
- 7:40 pm Wow Signal (88 mins.)

### Chagrin Cinemas A

- 10:30 am Bird of Prey (95 mins.)
- 12:40 pm Eva (118 mins.)
- 3:10 pm Manry At Sea (93 mins.)
- 5:20 pm The Secret of Byron Preiss (68 mins.)
- 7:00 pm On Her Shoulders (95 mins.)
- 9:00 pm Mr. Fish: Cartooning From The Deep End (70 mins.)

### Chagrin Cinemas B

- 11:00 am Break Boundaries (3 Mins.) pg. 38  
Lane 0 (70 mins.)
- 12:45 pm The Hello Girls: The Army's Special Weapon in World War I (56 mins.)
- 2:20 pm One Minute Doc Films (20 mins.)  
Saving the Dark (55 mins.)
- 4:15 pm Roll Red Roll (80 mins.)  
Discussion
- 6:30 pm Beneath the Ink (13 mins.) pg. 38  
Silicone Soul (71 mins.)
- 8:30 pm Minding the Gap (96 mins.)

### South Franklin Circle

- 11 :00 am Henry's Barn (15 mins.) pg. 33  
Farmsteaders (60 mins.) pg. 34
- 12:30 pm When the Smoke Clears (70 mins.)
- 2:20 pm The Interpreters (81 mins.) pg. 20
- 4:15 pm Overdosed (80 mins.) pg. 25

	Chagrin Valley Little Theatre	Chagrin Falls Township Hall	Chagrin Cinemas A	Chagrin Cinemas B
10 AM				
		Adventure Shorts	Bird of Prey (p.26)	
11 AM	Overdosed (p.25) Panel			Lane 0 (p.33)
12 PM		Five Mayors of Chagrin Falls (p.35)		
1 PM			Eva (p.32)	The Hello Girls (p.33)
2 PM	Minden Replying (p.21) Panel	Holodomor (p.20) Q&A		Saving the Dark (p.28)
3 PM				
4 PM	Breaking the Bee (p.17) Panel	Live the Stream (p.18)	Manry At Sea (p.36)	Roll Red Roll (p.36) Discussion
5 PM				
6 PM	Behind the Lens: Filmmaker Panel	Alone in the Game (p.22)	The Secret of Byron Preiss (p.18)	Silicone Soul (p.26)
7 PM	Red Carpet		On Her Shoulders (p.14)	
8 PM	Festival Awards	Wow Signal (p.37)		Minding the Gap (p.24)
9 PM			Mr. Fish: Cartooning From The Deep End (p.24)	
10 PM				
11 PM				

# Sunday October 7

## Chagrin Valley Little Theatre

- 11:00 am Bathtubs Over Broadway (87 mins.)
- 1:00 pm Festival Award Winner
- 3:00 pm Special Focus: Aging Out of Foster Care  
21 and Done (53 mins.)  
Panel event
- 6:00 pm Festival closing

## Chagrin Falls Township Hall

- 11:15 am Henry's Barn (15 mins.) pg. 40  
Farmsteaders (60 mins.)
- 1:00 pm Becoming Marilyn Monroe (62 mins.)
- 2:30 pm Celebrating Four Legged Friends  
A New Chance (11 mins.) pg. 44  
My Paintbrush Bites (16 mins.) pg. 43  
Connection in Crisis (24 mins.) pg. 38
- 4:00 pm Fiddlin' (90 mins.)

## South Franklin Circle

- 11:15 am Explore the Environment  
Ghosts of the Arctic (6 mins.) pg. 40  
For the Love of the Reef (7 mins.) pg. 40  
Aloha for This Place (8 mins.) pg. 37  
Drowning in Sand (31 mins.) pg. 18
- 1:00 pm Letter from Masanjia (76 mins.)
- 3:00 pm Breaking the Bee (96 mins.)
- 5:15 pm 2018 Short Winner, and  
The Secret of Byron Preiss (68 mins.)

## The Federated Church

- 1:45 pm Transit (21 mins.) pg. 21  
Minden Replying (37 mins.)
- 3:30 pm When the Smoke Clears (70 mins.)
- 5:30 pm Lots of Kids, a Monkey and a Castle  
(91 mins.)

### Screen by the Falls – 24/5

Catch One Minute Docs, Trailers and Sponsor Thank You's throughout the festival.

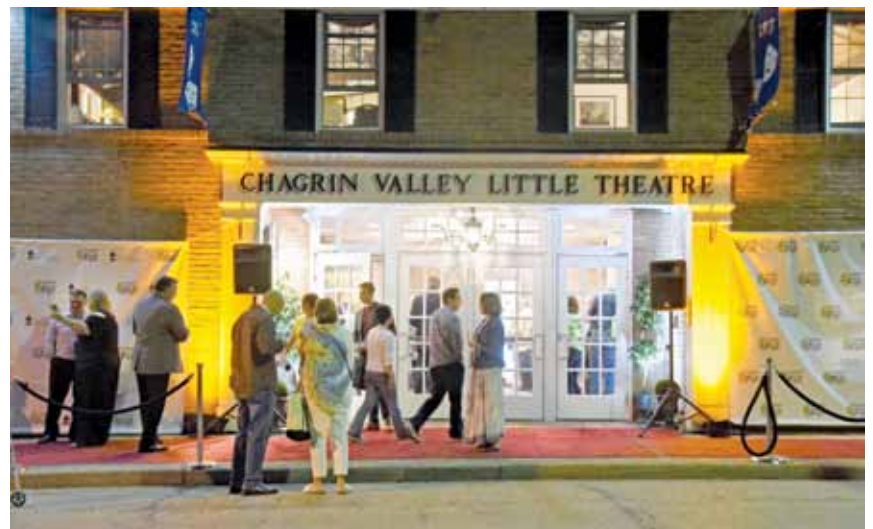
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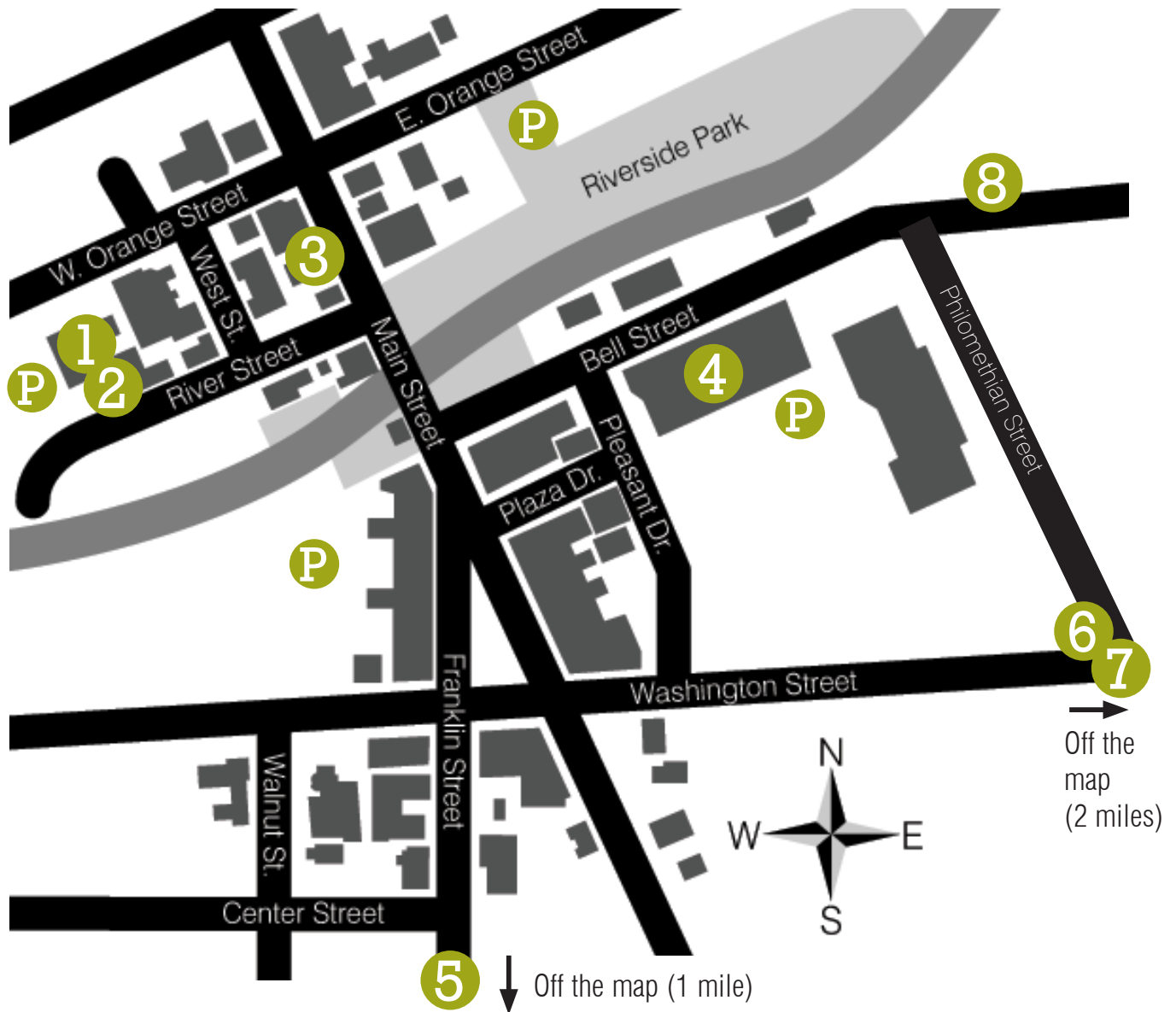
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	Chagrin Valley Little Theatre	Chagrin Falls Township Hall	South Franklin Circle	Federated Church
10 AM				
11 AM	Bathtubs Over Broadway (p.16)	Farmsteaders (p.34)	Explore the Environment	
12 PM				
1 PM	Festival Award Winner	Becoming Marilyn Monroe (p.16)	Letter from Masanjia (p.20)	
2 PM				Minden Replying (p.21)
3 PM	21 and Done (p.22) Panel event	Celebrating Four Legged Friends	Breaking the Bee (p.17)	
4 PM		Fiddlin' (p.18)		When the Smoke Clears (p.22)
5 PM				
6 PM	Festival closing		2018 Short Winner and The Secret of Byron Preiss (p.18)	Lots of Kids, a Monkey and a Castle (p.21)
7 PM				



# Film Festival Venues



**1** **CDFF Filmmaker's Lounge**  
49 W. Orange St.  
Phone: (440)247-1591

**2** **Chagrin Valley Little Theatre**  
40 River St.  
Phone: (440)247-8955

**3** **Chagrin Falls Township Hall**  
83 N. Main St.  
Phone: 440-247-8422

**4** **Federated Church**  
76 Bell St.  
Phone: (440)247-6490

**5** **South Franklin Circle**  
16575 S. Franklin St.  
Phone: (440)247-1300

**6** **St. Joan of Arc Church**  
496 E. Washington St.  
Phone: (440)247-7183

**7** **Chagrin Cinemas A&B**  
8200 E. Washington St.  
Phone: (440)543-2022

**8** **Valley Art Center**  
155 Bell St.  
Phone: (440)247-7507

## Filmmaker Lounge

**Sponsored by Elk & Elk**

49 W. Orange St.

(Chagrin Documentary Film Fest World Headquarters)

The lounge is open Thursday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm. We're here to answer all of your Festival questions. Festival Members are invited to stop in for refreshments, meet the visiting filmmakers and plan your festival experience.

# 2018 Films

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## SPECIAL PRESENTATION DOCUMENTARIES



*Love, Gilda*

### **Love, Gilda Midwest Festival Premiere**

**Directed by Lisa D'Apolito**

United States, 86 minutes

In her own words, comedienne Gilda Radner reflects on her life and career. *Love, Gilda* opens up a unique window into the honest and whimsical world of a beloved performer whose greatest role was sharing her story.

*Sponsored by Cohen & Company*

**WE 10/3, 7:15 PM | Chagrin Valley Little Theatre**



*On Her Shoulders*

### **On Her Shoulders**

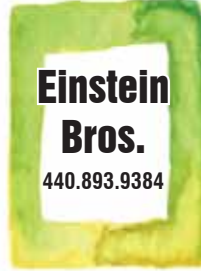
**Directed by Alexandria Bombach**

United States, 95 minutes

What were you doing when you were 23? Nadia Murad survived the massacre of her Yazidi clan and torture as a sex slave at the hands of ISIS. At 23, she is touring the world, meeting heads of state and enduring intense interviews, all to free her people from the clutches of ISIS.

*Sponsored by Miller Canfield*

**SA 10/6, 7:00 PM | Chagrin Cinemas A**



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Sammy Davis, Jr.: I've Gotta Be Me

## Sammy Davis, Jr.: I've Gotta Be Me

**Directed by Samuel D. Pollard**

United States, 100 minutes



Sammy Davis, Jr.'s career was legendary. And yet, his life was complex and contradictory. Davis strove to achieve the American Dream in a time of racial prejudice and political change. He often struggled with the bigotry of white America and the distaste of black America. As the most public black figure to embrace Judaism, he joined another persecuted minority.

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## CELEBRATE THE POWER OF STORY: FEATURE DOCUMENTARIES



Bathtubs Over Broadway

## Bathtubs Over Broadway

**Ohio Premiere**

**Directed by Dava Whisenant**

United States, 87 minutes

Have you ever heard a musical about a dishwasher? In the 1950s and 1960s, corporations produced massive musicals for their employees. A disaffected comedy writer accidentally stumbles on this hidden history of bizarre corporate musicals and finds unexpected beauty in the mundanity of corporate art.

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**FR 10/5, 5:00 PM | Chagrin Cinemas B**  
**SU 10/7, 11:00 AM | Chagrin Valley Little Theatre**



Becoming Marilyn Monroe

## Becoming Marilyn Monroe

**Ohio Premiere**

**Directed by Tammy Plimmer**

United States, 62 minutes

In 1952, a 10-year-old boy fell in love with a picture of Marilyn Monroe on the cover of a magazine. Who knew that 47 years later, a woman with a striking resemblance to that picture would become his soulmate? The story of a theatrical playwright-producer who discovers the right girl to tell Marilyn Monroe's story, and brings Hollywood's most famous star back to life. Scheduled to appear: Tammy Plimmer, Sunny Thompson and Greg Thompson

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**SU 10/7, 1:00 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**

*“What excites me most about the Chagrin Documentary Film Festival is the fusion of entertainment, education and awareness. Real world challenges, opportunities and bright spots are receiving exposure through film to the thousands of visitors we draw each year. We’re making an impact.” — John Gadd, CEO of Hotcards, Inc. and Fevered Dreams Board Member*





*Breaking the Bee*

## Breaking the Bee

**Directed by Sam Rega**

United States, 96 minutes

Since 1999, all but four winners of the Scripps National Spelling Bee have been Indian-American. Watch as four second-generation Indian-American children train to reach the 2017 Scripps National Spelling Bee and become a champion. After years of tireless devotion, who will be standing on stage as the confetti rains down?

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**SA 10/6, 3:15 PM | Chagrin Valley Little Theatre**

**SU 10/7, 3:00 PM | South Franklin Circle**



*Enough White Teacups*

## Enough White Teacups

**Midwest Premiere**

**Directed by Michelle Bauer Carpenter**

Afghanistan, Denmark, Malawi, Netherlands, Norway, Rwanda, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States, 60 minutes

Can we build it better? Danish design firm INDEX's central focus is providing the world with sustainable projects to make the world a better place. *Enough White Teacups* examines solutions for global problems. Designers are challenged to shift their focus and pour their creativity into generating solutions for pressing global issues, not more white tea cups. Scheduled to appear: Michelle Carpenter

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**FR 10/5, 5:15 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**

**FR 10/5, 9:00 PM | Chagrin Cinema B**

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*Fiddlin'*

## **Fiddlin' Midwest Premiere**

**Directed by Julie Simone**

United States, 90 minutes

A renowned fiddler's friendship with an 11 year old guitar prodigy is a testament to the power of music. *Fiddlin'* gives us a unique window into the passion of fiddlers of all ages. Appalachian musicians proclaim they will pass the music on and play till the day they die! Scheduled to appear: Presley Barker and Vicki Vlastic

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**SU 10/7, 4:00 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**



*Live The Stream: The Story of Joe Humphreys*

## **Live The Stream: The Story of Joe Humphreys Midwest Premiere**

**Directed by Lucas Bell, Meigan Bell**

United States, 93 minutes

What happens when you follow your passion? Joe Humphreys knows. Educated as a teacher but a fisherman by choice, 86 year old Joe Humphreys has dedicated his life to his calling: fly-fishing. He's inspired novices and pros alike to discover new fly techniques and the restorative powers of the sport. Trout streams seem to be the fountains of youth for this patient and tenacious man. After decades of devotion, will he find his 20-lb. brown?

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**SA 10/6, 3:15 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**



*The Secret of Byron Preiss*

## **The Secret of Byron Preiss World Premiere**

**Directed by James Renner**

United States, 68 minutes

It's a modern-day treasure hunt wrapped in a mystery. When author and journalist James Renner follows the clues from Byron Preiss' enigmatic 1982 book *The Secret*, his cross-country search for buried treasure uncovers even deeper secrets.

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**SU 10/7, 5:15 PM | South Franklin Circle**

## **EXPLORE THE WORLD: INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTARIES**



*Drowning in Sand*

## **Drowning in Sand Ohio Premiere**

**Directed by Lucy Provan**

Sudan, 31 minutes

Despite international sanctions and a failing economy, two Sudanese inventors are determined to stop the desert from swallowing their country's scarce farmland by building Sudan's first robot farmer. This is a story of how the perseverance and creativity of two men really can change the world. Scheduled to appear: Lucy Provan

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*Elephant Path / Njaia Njoku*

## **Elephant Path / Njaia Njoku** **Midwest Premiere**

**Directed by Todd McGrain**

Central African Republic, United States, 52 minutes

As their lives converge, an American biologist, a Bayaka tracker, and a Bantu eco-guard form an unlikely alliance while studying and protecting the last wild herd of forest elephants in the Central African Republic. Fueled by political unrest, poverty and greed, poaching threatens the herd's very existence. Despite the hardships and realities of war, the three remain stalwart advocates for these majestic animals.

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**TH 10/4, 3:30 PM | Chagrin Cinemas A**



*Holodomor: Voices of Survivors*

## **Holodomor: Voices of Survivors** **Ohio Premiere**

**Ariadna Ochrymovych**

Ukraine, Canada, 29 minutes

Survivors recount their stories of enduring the genocide of the Ukrainian people by the Stalin regime. Under the ruse of collectivization, Soviets confiscated Ukrainian livestock, grains and basic foods, ruthlessly starving a nation's people (Holodomor). As Soviets exploited Ukraine's products, millions perished. Shockingly, the world stayed silent. Scheduled to appear: Ariadna

**M** Ochrymovych

**SA 10/6, 1:45 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**



*The Interpreters*

## **The Interpreters** **Midwest Premiere**

**Directed by Andres Caballero, Sofian Khan**

USA, Turkey, Iraq, Afghanistan, 81 minutes

Iraqi and Afghan interpreters bravely partnered with American soldiers during and after the Persian Gulf conflict. Now left with the aftermath of war, these interpreters face the threat of death, even in their own communities. Although eligible for a special US visa, processing delays force them to seek asylum in Europe as refugees, their only hope of finding safety.

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**TH 10/4, 2:00 PM | Chagrin Cinemas B**  
**SA 10/6, 2:20 PM | South Franklin Circle**



*Letter from Masanjia*

## **Letter from Masanjia** **Ohio Premiere**

**Directed by Leon Lee**

Indonesia, China, Canada, 76 minutes

Chinese political prisoner Sun Yi hides an SOS letter in a Halloween decoration box which is discovered two years later by a mom in Oregon. The discovery sets the wheels in motion to expose the cruelties of China's labor camp system. After being discreetly tracked down, Sun Yi risks his life and safety to secretly film the atrocious labor camp. After all is said and done, the term "power of the pen" has a new meaning. Scheduled to appear: Leon Lee

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**TH 10/4, 7:40 PM | Chagrin Cinemas B**  
**SU 10/7, 1:00 PM | South Franklin Circle**



*Lots of Kids, a Monkey and a Castle*

## **Lots of Kids, a Monkey and a Castle**

**Directed by Gustavo Salmerón**

Spain, 91 minutes

Julita had only three dreams when she got married: have a bunch of kids, get a monkey, and live in a castle. Despite falling on hard times, all three wishes come true. This is the hilarious and unforgettable story of an eccentric matriarch and her family.

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**TH 10/4, 1:30 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**

**SU 10/7, 5:30 PM | The Federated Church**



*Minden Replaying*

## **Minden Replaying** **Midwest Premiere**

**Directed by Maik Lüdemann**

Germany, Malta, 37 minutes

A voyage across the central Mediterranean Sea is one of the most deadly routes for refugees seeking a better life. In a place where people drown every day in their attempt to find a better life, the lifoat Minden and its crew of volunteer rescuers set an example against indifference. Scheduled to appear: Maik Lüdemann

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**SA 10/6, 1:15 PM | Chagrin Valley Little Theatre**

**SU 10/7, 1:45 PM | The Federated Church**



*Transit*

## **Transit**

**Directed by Mariam El Marakeshy**

Turkey, Greece, 21 minutes

This groundbreaking documentary brings powerful and intimate stories of young refugees who risk their lives crossing the Aegean sea to Europe, only to get trapped for years on the Greek island of Lesbos. With no future and closed borders, what was supposed to be their "transit" stop is possibly where their journey ends.

**SA 10/6, 1:15 PM | Chagrin Valley Little Theatre**

**SU 10/7, 1:45 PM | The Federated Church**

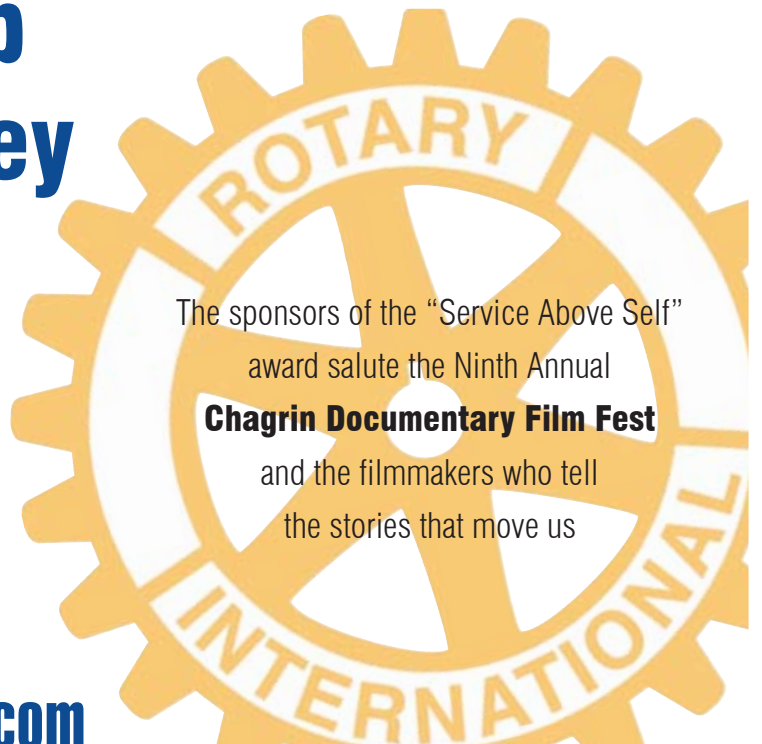
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When Lambs Become Lions

## When Lambs Become Lions

**Directed by Jon Kasbe**

Kenya, 76 minutes

In the Kenyan bush, a small-time ivory dealer fights to stay on top while forces mobilize to destroy his trade. When he turns to his younger cousin, a conflicted wildlife ranger who has not been paid in months, they both see a possible lifeline.

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**WE 10/3, 3:00 PM | Chagrin Valley Little Theatre**  
**FR 10/5, 8:30 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**



When the Smoke Clears: A Story of Brotherhood, Resilience

## When the Smoke Clears: A Story of Brotherhood, Resilience

**Ohio Premiere**

**Directed by Rebecca Shore**

Israel, United States, 70 minutes

Three young Israeli war veterans seek the strength to overcome unthinkable experiences in order to reach the lives of those in need. A powerful story of how adversity and pain led these war heroes to reshape their identities and rebuild their lives.

Sponsored by Cleveland Jewish Federation-Israel Arts Connection

**SA 10/6, 12:30 PM | South Franklin Circle**  
**SU 10/7, 3:30 PM | The Federated Church**

# IGNITE SOCIAL AWARENESS: SOCIAL ISSUE DOCUMENTARIES



21 and Done

## 21 and Done **Midwest Premiere**

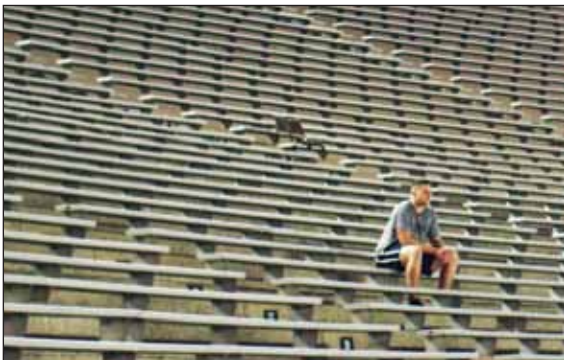
**Directed by Kiara C. Jones, Jocelyn Scott**

United States, 53 minutes

When most people turn 21, they relish the new freedom of adulthood. This isn't the case for most young adults aging out of the foster system. These kids struggle with unresolved mental health issues, homelessness, and joblessness with no system to support them. What is a countdown to freedom for most people becomes a countdown to danger for these kids. Scheduled to appear: Sandra Evers-Manly.

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**SU 10/7, 3:00 PM | Chagrin Valley Little Theatre**



Alone in the Game

## Alone in the Game **Ohio Premiere**

**A film by David McFarland**

**Directed by Natalie Metzger, Michael Rohrbaugh**

United States, 95 minutes

Despite the growing acceptance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans, the sports world continues to be an unsettling environment for many and one of the final frontiers for LGBTQ equality. In the five major North American professional leagues, where statistically we would expect hundreds of gay athletes, not a single openly gay male professional athlete currently competes.

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California's Forgotten Children

## California's Forgotten Children Midwest Premiere

**Directed by Melody C. Miller**

United States, 92 minutes

Adult content

Child sex trafficking has a devastating and lifelong impact on its victims. *California's Forgotten Children* recounts stories of girls and boys who were commercially sexually exploited and are now survivors and courageous leaders fighting for the rights of victims worldwide. The survivors' stories show that any child can be exploited, regardless of ethnicity or socioeconomic background. The film highlights the heroic stories from advocates who work to put an end to this epidemic. Scheduled to appear: Melody C. Miller

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**TH 10/4, 7:30 PM | Chagrin Cinemas A**

**FR 10/5, 3:15 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**



Minding the Gap

## Minding the Gap

**Directed by Bing Liu**

United States, 96 minutes

Three young men bond together to escape volatile families in their Rust Belt hometown of Rockford, Illinois. Absent of traditional childhoods in a disadvantaged community, how do they face adult challenges and responsibilities? Can they emerge from the path set before them? In this modernized coming-of-age film, unexpected revelations threaten their decade-long friendship and raise the question of the masculine role.

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**SA 10/6, 8:30 PM | Chagrin Cinemas B**



Moving Stories

## Moving Stories Ohio Premiere

**A film by Rob Fruchtmann, Cornelia Ravenal, Mikael Södersten, Wendy Sax**

India, Iraq, Jordan, Korea, Republic of Romania, United States, 85 minutes

Six professional dancers from Battery Dance travel the world to work with at-risk youth who have experienced war, poverty, sexual exploitation, extreme prejudice, and severe trauma. With only a week of rehearsal, the dancers help these youth put on a powerful performance for their communities. More importantly, they transform their lives through the power of movement and creativity. Scheduled to appear: Wendy Sax

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**FR 10/5, 3:15 PM | Chagrin Valley Little Theatre**



Mr. Fish: Cartooning From The Deep End

## Mr. Fish: Cartooning From The Deep End Ohio Premiere

**Directed by Pablo Bryant**

United States, 70 minutes

Radical, defiant, and a family man: all words that describe Mr. Fish, a prolific editorial cartoonist unafraid to challenge people. What happens to such artists in our hyper-polarized world that attacks uncomfortable opinions? Can Mr. Fish continue to elevate an art form constantly under attack from all sides?



**SA 10/6, 9:00 PM | Chagrin Cinemas A**





*My Country No More*

## **My Country No More** **Ohio Premiere**

Directed by Rita Baghdadi, Jeremiah Hammerling  
United States, 70 minutes

Following the rise and fall of the new American oil boom, *My Country No More* paints an intimate portrait of a rural community in crisis forced to confront what “progress” really means as they fight for a disappearing way of life. Scheduled to appear: Rita Baghdadi

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**TH 10/4, 11:30 AM | Chagrin Falls Town Hall**  
**TH 10/4, 7:30 PM | The Federated Church**

## **Overdosed** **World Premiere**

Directed by Mary Sue Connolly

Ireland, United States, 80 minutes

The opioid epidemic has decimated West Virginia, with some of the highest addiction rates in the country. This dynamic is brought to the forefront when a small town shuns a reformed heroin dealer when she returns home from prison. Scheduled to appear: Mary Sue Connolly and film subject.

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**SA 10/6, 11:00 AM | Chagrin Valley Little Theatre**  
**SA 10/6, 4:15 PM | South Franklin Circle**



*Overdosed*

*“I don’t know what truth is. Truth is something unattainable. We can’t think we’re creating truth with a camera. But what we can do, is reveal something to viewers that allows them to discover their own truth.” — Michel Brault*

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*Silicone Soul*

## **Silicone Soul** Ohio Premiere

**Directed by Melody Gilbert**

United States, 71 minutes

What if you could build your very own soulmate? Explore the world of synthetic romantic partners. People form full-fledged relationships with silicone mannequins to fulfill the desire for connection that is missing in their lives. In a world increasingly tolerant of one's private life, who are we to judge? Scheduled to appear: Melody Gilbert



**FR 10/5, 9:00 PM | Chagrin Valley Little Theatre**  
**SA 10/6, 6:30PM | Chagrin Cinemas B**

## **EXPLORE THE PLANET: ENVIRONMENTAL FILMS**



*Aghanashini*

## **Aghanashini** Midwest Premiere

**Directed by Ashwini Kumar Bhat**

India, 41 minutes

Aghanashini, a river of the Western Ghats of India, still flows its natural course absent of man's influences of dams or industries alongside to pollute its water. Take a ride down this silent river and witness how it holds onto its ground and nurtures the land, the forest, and the hundreds of thousands who live along its banks.

Scheduled to appear: Ashwini Kumar Bhat

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**TH 10/4, 1:00 PM | Chagrin Valley Little Theatre**  
**TH 10/4, 7:30 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**



*Bird of Prey*

## **Bird of Prey** Ohio Premiere

**Directed by Eric Liner**

United States, Philippines, 95 minutes

Renowned photographer Neil Rettig returns to the Philippine jungle to capture the last views of the country's majestic Eagle. With the decline in habitat from deforestation, the eagle risks becoming extinct. Despite difficult conditions, Neil refuses to let these wondrous animals go quietly into the night. Journey through the magnificent forests with Neil's small crew and watch the fledglings take flight.

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**TH 10/4, 3:00 PM | Chagrin Valley Little Theatre**  
**SA 10/6, 10:30 AM | Chagrin Cinemas A**



*Modified*

## **Modified** Ohio Premiere

**Directed by Aube Giroux**

Canada, 87 minutes

Why are genetically modified organisms not labeled on food products in the US and Canada when they are labeled in 64 countries around the world? Sharing her love of food, blogger and organic farmer Aube Giroux and her mother embark on an investigative journey to unveil industry influence to control our food policies.

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**FR 10/5, 3:00 PM | Chagrin Cinemas A**

*In documentary, we deal with the actual, and in one sense with the real. But the really real, if I may use that phrase, is something deeper than that. The only reality which counts in the end is the interpretation which is profound. — John Grierson*

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**Directed by Matt Heitman**

United States, 61 minutes

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**TH 10/4, 3:45 PM | Chagrin Cinemas B**

**FR 10/5, 1:45 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**

## **Saving the Dark** **Midwest Premiere**

**Directed by Sriram Murali**

United States, 55 minutes

What do we lose when we lose sight of the stars? Excessive and improper lighting robs us of our night skies, disrupts our sleep patterns, and endangers nocturnal habitats. *Saving the Dark* explores the need to preserve night skies and what we can all do to combat light pollution. Scheduled to appear: Sriram Murali *In loving memory and honor of Dr. Michael Weaver*



*Saving the Dark*

**F FR 10/5, 7:00 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**  
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*The Superfood Chain*

## **The Superfood Chain** **World Premiere**

**Directed by Ann Shin**

Canada, 66 minutes

A while ago, it was quinoa, now it's avocado toast. Every year, a new superfood trend explodes on social media and becomes the next big fad. What impact do these trends have on the farmers forced to keep up with these ever changing tastes? *The Superfood Chain* follows four farming families across the globe and shares the impact on their lives. So, what are you having for lunch?

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**TH 10/4, 11:30 AM | Chagrin Valley Little Theatre**

**FR 10/5, 12:00 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**

## **The Tree Prophet** **Midwest Premiere**

**Directed by Tucker Marder, Christian Scheider**

United States, 29 minutes

Meet the self-identified tree prophet David Milarch. This beautiful film chronicles his mission to negate the effects of climate change by repopulating the world's decimated old-growth forests with Champion Trees. This man from Northern Michigan gets a second chance at life and as he decides to save the world from global warming by cloning the world's oldest and largest trees.

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**TH 10/4, 7:30 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**



*The Tree Prophet*

*"I've always argued that true stories are more fascinating. True stories are more fascinating when you hear them from the people that lived them—there's an extreme power in that." — Colin Hanks*


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# IGNITE THE POWER OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT



*Above The Drowning Sea*

## **Above The Drowning Sea** **Midwest Premiere**

**Directed by Rene Balcer, Nicola Zavaglia**  
Canada, 93 minutes

On the eve of World War II, tens of thousands of Jews were trapped in Vienna. One courageous Chinese diplomat defies the Nazi Gestapo and the refugees are brought to China. Filmed in six countries over four continents, the film vividly celebrates the heroism and humanity of ordinary people caught in extraordinary circumstances.

*Sponsored by Cleveland Jewish Federation-Israel Arts Connection*

**WE 10/3, 1:00 PM | Chagrin Valley Little Theatre**  
**TH 10/4, 5:30 PM | Chagrin Cinemas B**



*Badass Beauty Queen*

## **Badass Beauty Queen** **Ohio Premiere**

**Directed by Theresa Kowall-Shipp**  
Canada, 66 minutes

How far would you go to fight tyranny? When a Chinese-born Canadian model is denied entry to her former homeland to compete in the Miss Universe competition because of her outspoken views, she decides to circumvent the authorities and compete anyway.

*Sponsored by Thomas and Louise Brick*

**WE 10/3, 3:30 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**  
**FR 10/5, 1:15 PM | Chagrin Valley Little Theatre**



*Defining Hope*

## **Defining Hope**

**Directed by Carolyn Jones**  
United States, 78 minutes

What does “quality of life” really mean? *Defining Hope* weaves the stories of patients with life-threatening illnesses and the nurses who guide them. They make choices about how they want to live, what they hope for, and how that hope evolves. Scheduled to appear: Carolyn Jones and Lisa Frank.

*In loving memory and honor of Dr. Sheldon Artz*

**TH 10/4, 5:15 PM | The Federated Church**



*Eva*

## **Eva** **Midwest Premiere**

**Directed by Ted Green, Mika Brown**  
United States, 118 minutes

At only 10 years old, Eva Kor and her twin sister were subjected to inhumane medical treatments by Joseph Mengele, the “Angel of Death,” at Auschwitz. After escaping to America, Eva launched a world-wide manhunt to find Mengele. Now late in life, she travels the world bringing her message of forgiveness. Scheduled to appear: Ted Green.

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**SA 10/6, 12:40 PM | Chagrin Cinemas A**

*“The spirit of Sparrow has touched me personally as a beacon of light in my own fight for life. And to this I forever owe gratitude and have sworn to myself to produce something substantial in propagating the idea of hope and joy in the face of something so ugly.” — David Ponce*





*The Hello Girls: The Army's Special Weapon in World War I*

## **The Hello Girls: The Army's Special Weapon in World War I**

**Directed by James Theres**

United States, 56 minutes

Though many women served their country as telephone operators during World War I as enlisted military, they returned home from their service without recognition and told that they were not veterans. This film celebrates these forgotten women and unveils the unknown story of the 223 American women who served as telephone operators during WWI. Scheduled to appear: James Theres.

*Sponsored by the Umberto & Maryellen Fedeli Foundation*

**FR 10/5, 3:00 PM | Chagrin Falls Historical Society**

**SA 10/6, 12:45 PM | Chagrin Cinemas B**



*Lane 0*

## **Lane 0 Ohio Premiere**

**Directed by Manuel Tera**

Spain, 70 minutes

A group of swimmers from developing nations train hard at a sports center in Thailand. Working for the first time with proper facilities and under the guidance of a world-class coach, they are making amazing progress and improving on their personal best each time. They have one year left in order to qualify for the Olympics.

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**TH 10/4, 1:30 PM | Chagrin Cinemas A**

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*Thriving with Cerebral Palsy: The Cordell Brown Story*

## **Thriving with Cerebral Palsy: The Cordell Brown Story** Ohio Premiere

**Directed by Tina Johns**  
United States, 42 minutes

Born with cerebral palsy at a time when people with disabilities were shunned, Cordell Brown refused to be put in a corner. Despite the odds stacked against him, Cordell strove to be an active member of his community and a family man. Scheduled to appear: Tina Johns and Cordell Brown.

**WE 10/3, 12:00 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**  
**FR 10/5, 2:45 PM | Chagrin Cinemas B**

## **KEEP IT LOCAL: HIGHLIGHTING OHIO STORIES**



*Coby*

### **Coby**

**Directed by Christian Sonderegger**  
United States, France, 78 minutes

*Coby* is a story of change and transformation. Born Suzanna in the small town of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, she begins the process of transitioning into a man at age 23. *Coby* (the name used during transition) shares the intimate story of his emotional and physical transition, and the ensuing metamorphosis of his family's acceptance. Ultimately, Coby's new life forces his family to modify their own perspectives and understanding of their identities. Scheduled to appear: Christian Sonderegger

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**TH 10/4, 5:15 PM | Chagrin Valley Little Theatre**



*Exact Change*

### **Exact Change** World Festival Premiere

**Directed by Scott Plate**  
United States, 80 minutes

One could call it the role of a lifetime. *Exact Change* is a moving and often hilarious film about finding your voice and championing your identity. This is the powerful and personal story of noted Cleveland actor, theater critic and poet Christine Howey (formerly Dick Howey). Before transitioning in 1990, she was a celebrated stage actor in Cleveland. Scheduled to appear: Director Scott Plate and subject Christine Howey

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**FR 10/5, 7:00 PM | Chagrin Cinemas B**



*Farmsteaders*

### **Farmsteaders**

**Directed by Shaena Mallett**  
United States, 60 minutes

Having abandoned a career as a food processing engineer at General Mills, Nick returns to his Ohio home, the prodigal son. He and wife Celeste and their young family resurrect his late grandfather's dairy farm. Can they hold onto the dogged optimism needed to sustain themselves among the hardships of small farmsteads? Scheduled to appear: Chad and Shaena Mallett

*Sponsored by Bob and Jo Royer*

**SA 10/6, 11:00 AM | South Franklin Circle**  
**SU 10/7, 11:15 AM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**



Five Mayors of Chagrin Falls

## Five Mayors of Chagrin Falls World Premiere

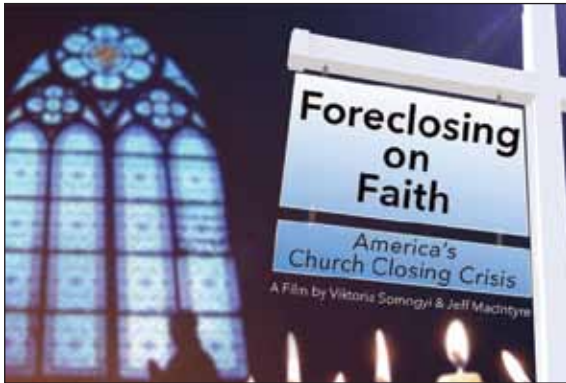
**Directed by Skip Church**

United States, 58 minutes

You've read the news reports in the *Chagrin Valley Times* over the years, now hear it straight from the source. In a series of interviews and historical photos, learn what the five living former mayors have to say about their tenures as stewards of Chagrin Falls Village.

Sponsored by the Chagrin Falls Historical Society

**SA 10/6, 12:00 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**



Foreclosing on Faith

## Foreclosing on Faith Ohio Premiere

**Directed by Jeff MacIntyre, Viktoria Somogyi**

Hungary, USA 51 minutes

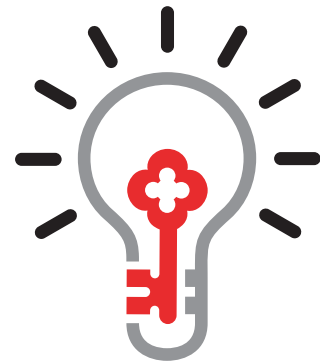
There seems to be a national crisis of faith as Catholic churches around the country are closing. Despite the official story that there is a lack of funding, priests, and engagement by the community, some congregants suggest a much more complex explanation. See this struggle between local Catholics fighting for their churches against the all powerful Diocese. Scheduled to appear: Jeff MacIntyre, Mike Wendt, Viktoria Somogyi.

Sponsored by the NEO Hungarian organizations; George and Sandy Pogan

**FR 10/5, 7:30 PM | Chagrin Valley Little Theatre**

*“ I have only one request for each of you. Each morning as you arise from your bed, do a mental toast – raise that glass and say “L’Chaim!” To life! Appreciate it, enjoy it, love others, forgive, do what gives you peace, and never – never give up. And above all – Pass It On!” — Mary Lerner , 2016*

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*A Murder in Mansfield*

## **A Murder in Mansfield**

**Directed by Barbara Kopple**

United States, 88 minutes

At only 12 years old, Collier stepped onto the witness stand and bravely accused his father in the murder of his mother. Twenty-six years later, Collier returns home to heal the lingering trauma associated with the crime and confront his imprisoned father who continues to proclaim his innocence.

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**WE 10/3, 6:40 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**  
**FR 10/5, 7:30 PM | Chagrin Cinemas A**

## **Manry At Sea ~ In the Wake of a Dream**

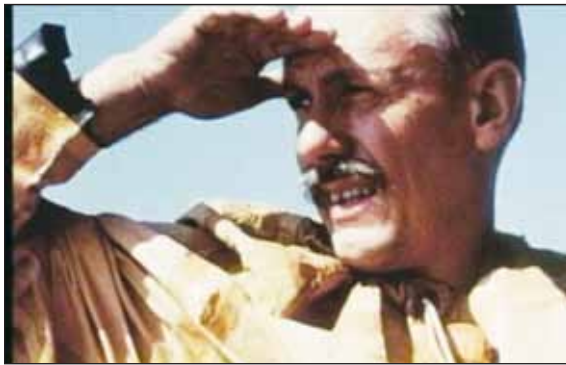
**Directed by Steve Wystrach**

United States, 93 minutes

In 1965, newspaper editor Robert Manry had it all; wife, kids, a good job. The only thing left was to set sail on a solo voyage across the Atlantic in his 13½-foot sloop. By the time his 78-day odyssey ended, Manry had become a hero to his countrymen. Scheduled to appear: Steve Wystrach and Manry family

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**TH 10/4, 5:15 PM | Chagrin Cinemas A**  
**SA 10/6, 3:10 PM | Chagrin Cinemas A**



*Manry At Sea ~ In the Wake of a Dream*

## **Roll Red Roll Ohio Premiere**

**Directed by Nancy Schwartzman**

United States, 80 minutes

After a teenage girl is sexually assaulted and humiliated by high school football players, the town of Steubenville goes on the defensive to protect a local institution. As questions about the cover up of the crime pop up, issues surrounding our society's willingness to "let boys be boys" comes to light. Scheduled to appear: Alex Goddard, Rachel Dissel.

*Sponsored by Chagrin Valley Times*

**M FR 10/5, 5:15 PM | Chagrin Cinemas A**  
**SA 10/6, 4:15 PM | Chagrin Cinemas B**



*Roll Red Roll*

## **Tripped Up**

**Directed by Laura Watilo Blake**

United States, 78 minutes

Have you ever yearned to see the world? Many international travelers prefer a comfortably predictable itinerary of museums and sightseeing. Not so for Cleveland native Steve Belkin. An explorer by nature, Belkin founded his company, Competitours, to engage travelers looking for a different adventure. Watch as participants travel across Europe and complete challenges to finish this 'Amazing Race' for ordinary people. Scheduled to appear: Laura Watilo Blake, Steve Belkin and Fran Belkin.

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**TU 10/2, 7:30 PM | South Franklin Circle**  
**TH 10/4, 7:30 PM | Chagrin Valley Little Theatre**



*Tripped Up*

*"The inspiring story behind the festival and its intent is what makes it such a unique and fulfilling experience for the filmmakers. Chagrin Falls is lucky to have this festival that brings the world to its doorstep." — Muhammad Ali Ijaz, Afghanistan*



*Wow Signal*

## **Wow Signal**

**Directed by Bob Dawson**

United States, 88 minutes

Are we alone in the universe? Mankind has spent centuries looking to the heavens trying to answer this question. In 1977, one astronomer came close to finding out when Ohio State's Big Ear Transmitter picked up an unidentifiable signal. To this day, no one can quite agree on who or what sent it or what it means. *Wow Signal* takes us into the wonders of the universe and the search for life beyond our earthly bonds. Scheduled to appear: Bob Dawson and Michael Shaw.

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**SA 10/6, 7:40 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**

## **KEEP IT BRIEF: SHORT DOCUMENTARIES**



*#CLE4DRC*

## **#CLE4DRC**

**Directed by Mike Ramsdell**

United States, 4 minutes

A Cleveland businessman lights up the Terminal Tower to show solidarity for a Congolese opposition group. Scheduled to appear: Justin Bastian

**TH 10/4, 5:30 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**



*Aloha For This Place*

## **Aloha For This Place**

**Directed by David Jackel**

United States, 8 minutes

Follow the lives of three fish farmers living on the Big Island of Hawaii.

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*Baby Boy A*

## **Baby Boy A** World Premiere

**Directed by Pete O'Hare**

United States, 5 minutes

An expectant couple encounters the unexpected when their twin boys are born extremely premature at 23 weeks. This wrenching story of love and loss explores themes of suffering and sacrifice.

**TH 10/4, 3:30 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**



*Beneath the Ink*

## **Beneath the Ink**

**Directed by Cy Dodson**

United States, 13 minutes

What compels former white supremacists to seek out a tattoo artist to cover up their former lives of hate? *Beneath the Ink* is a timely look at hate and racism in the foothills of Ohio's Appalachian region that reveals heartfelt stories of change and redemption. Scheduled to appear: Cy Dodson

**TH 10/4, 3:30 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**

**SA 10/6, 6:30 PM | Chagrin Cinemas B**



*The Blockchain and Us*

## **The Blockchain and Us** US Premiere

**Directed by Manuel Stagers**

Switzerland, 30 minutes

This compelling film explores the impact that blockchain technology could have on our global economy. *The Blockchain and Us* makes the fascinating yet complex concept accessible to even the least tech-savvy minds. Go beyond the concept of bitcoin and e-commerce to learn what the future challenges and opportunities could hold with blockchain technology.

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**FR 10/5, 11:00 AM | Chagrin Valley Little Theatre**



*Break Boundaries*

## **Break Boundaries**

**Directed by Egon Feiner**

United States, 3 minutes

Breaking boundaries requires stepping beyond your comfort zone. No one ever got anywhere by just cruising. In order to see your full potential you need to go that bit further.

**SA 10/6, 10:20 AM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**

**SA 10/6, 11:00 AM | Chagrin Cinemas B**



*Connection in Crisis*

## **Connection in Crisis**

**Directed by Dennis Zaidi**

United States, 24 minutes

Born in the aftermath of the school shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary, this remarkable team of psychological first aid trauma dogs, the K9 First Responders, are called upon after America's worst tragedies.

**SU 10/7, 2:30 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**



*The Curators*

## **The Curators**

**Directed by Stefan Matis**

United States, 12 minutes

Car lovers unite. Five vintage car collectors and the stories that brought them to their passion for collecting vintage vehicles.

**TH 10/4, 5:30 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**

**SA 10/6, 10:20 AM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**



Death Metal Grandma

## Death Metal Grandma **Ohio Premiere**

**Directed by Leah Galant**

United States, 13 minutes

Inge Ginsberg, a 96-year-old Swiss poet, finds meaning late in life as the singer in a heavy metal band.

**WE 10/3, 5:15 PM | Chagrin Valley Little Theatre**



Enough: The Empowered Women of Korogocho

## Enough: The Empowered Women of Korogocho

**Directed by Brent Foster**

Canada, 7 minutes

A while back, men in the community started to attack the “grandmothers” of Korogocho at night because they saw them as vulnerable. One strong woman decided that enough was enough.

**M WE 10/3, 5:10 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**  
**TH 10/4, 3:30 PM | Chagrin Cinemas A**



The Enlightenment Project

## The Enlightenment Project

**Directed by D'Angelo McCornell, Martel McCornell**

Ghana, United States, 19 minutes

All it takes is one person. After reading about a grieving mother's fight to protect and empower children after her own daughter was raped and murdered, a young man from Ghana makes the campaign international by raising awareness and empowering the youth in his own community. Scheduled to appear: D'Angelo and Martel McCornell

**WE 10/3, 11:30 AM | Chagrin Valley Little Theatre**  
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*For the Love of the Reef*

## For the Love of the Reef

**Directed by Alan E. Franks**

Australia, United States, 7 minutes

Acclaimed author and historian, Liam McCalman, shares his love for the Great Barrier Reef in the hope that his passion will spur others to care about protecting the reef.

**SU 10/7, 11:15 AM | South Franklin Circle**



*Front Yard Players*

## Front Yard Players **World Premiere**

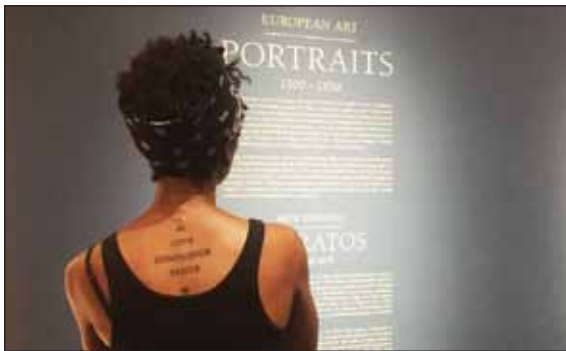
Directed by Cooper Young

United States, 4 minutes

Experience the charm and excitement of live performance as young local actors perform in a summertime front yard play. Scheduled to appear: Cooper Young and several Front Yard Players

**TU 10/2, 7:00 PM | Riverside Park**

**TH 10/4, 11:30 AM | Saint Joan of Arc Church**



*From Haarlem to Harlem*

## From Haarlem to Harlem

**Midwest Premiere**

Directed by Barbarella Fokos, David Fokos

United States, 19 minutes

Fatigued by incessant images of black people being brutalized by white cops, a dedicated artist creates a body of work to portray black people as she knows them. Scheduled to appear: Barbarella and David Fokos

**TH 10/4, 3:30 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**

**FR 10/5, 2:45 PM | Chagrin Cinemas B**

**FR 10/5 | Illuminate Student Film Trip (not open to the public)**



*Ghosts of the Arctic*

## Ghosts of the Arctic

**Directed by Abraham Joffe**

Australia, 6 minutes

A photographer sets out to find the majestic polar bear on foot despite the dangers of the Arctic.

**TH 10/4, 1:00 PM | Chagrin Valley Little Theatre**

**SU 10/7, 11:15 AM | South Franklin Circle**



*Glass Bubble Project*

## Glass Bubble Project

**Directed by Fernando Lopez**

United States, 7 minutes

A small glassblowing shop fights to keep a traditional art form alive. Scheduled to appear: Fernando Lopez

**TU 10/2, 5:00 PM | South Franklin Circle**



*Henry's Barn*

## Henry's Barn

**Directed by Thaddeus Barnette**

United States, 15 minutes

Focusing on the transformation of a 1886 timber frame structure into a new multi-purpose facility, the film reflects on the life and times of the people who built and used it. One of these people was Henry Thomas, who was born into slavery, sold twice as a young child and lived until 1945. Scheduled to appear: Thaddeus Barnette

**SA 10/6, 11:00 AM | South Franklin Circle**

**SU 10/7, 11:15 AM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**





The High Sierra Trail

## The High Sierra Trail **Ohio Premiere**

**Directed by Chris Smead**

United States, 39 minutes

With humor and camaraderie, Chris and John embark on a hike of the High Sierra Trail. Together, they brave lightning, fatigue and altitude sickness while climbing the highest mountain in the continental United States. Scheduled to appear: Chris Smead

*In honor of Brian Kastner*

**SA 10/6, 10:20 AM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**



Hoan Alone

## Hoan Alone **Ohio Premiere**

**Directed by Aaron Johnson**

United States, 9 minutes

Milwaukee's Daniel Hoan Memorial Bridge is one of the city's most recognizable landmarks, but it's also a common site for suicides. Scheduled to appear: Aaron Johnson

**TH 10/4, 3:30 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**

**TH 10/4, 7:30 PM | The Federated Church**



The Journey

## The Journey

**Directed by Launa Buettell**

United States, 2 minutes

Experience the impact of film firsthand. What can be communicated in two minutes? Be ready to give pause and reflect. The film is a reminder to embrace our humanity and lift others along our journey!

**TH 10/4, 11:30 AM | Saint Joan of Arc Church**

**TH 10/4, 3:45 PM | Chagrin Cinemas B**

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*The Kaleidoscope Guy at the Market*

## The Kaleidoscope Guy at the Market

**Directed by Russell Brown**

United States, 21 minutes

Artist Michael Shaw - also known as "The Kaleidoscope Guy at the Market" - has been selling his unique stained-glass creations at Pike's Place Market in Seattle for 25 years.

**TU 10/2, 7:00 PM | Riverside Park**

**TH 10/4, 8:30 AM | Saint Joan of Arc Church**



*The Light*

## The Light

**Directed by Tracy Pion, Michael Blum**

United States, 7 minutes

The Pablove Foundation seeks to enrich the lives of children living with cancer while also funding the development of cutting-edge pediatric cancer therapies.

**WE 10/3, 5:10 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**

**TH 10/4, 3:30 PM | Chagrin Cinemas A**

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*Lotte that Silhouette Girl*

## Lotte that Silhouette Girl

**Ohio Premiere**

**Directed by Elizabeth Beecherl, Carla Patullo**

United States, 10 minutes

Before Walt Disney, there was a trailblazing woman at the vanguard of animation. Influenced by folktales and legends, Lotte Reiniger used a simple pair of scissors, light, and paper to construct a tour de force of creativity and innovation. Scheduled to appear: Elizabeth Beecherl and Carla Patullo

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**TU 10/2, 7:00 PM | Riverside Park**

**TH 10/4, 3:30PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**

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*M1-KØ*

## M1-KØ

**Directed by Fahad Shaikh**

United Arab Emirates, 8 minutes

Mikolaj Zenliski, a Polish software engineer, trains in the middle of the desert for the next stage of the Mars One project.

**TU 10/2, 5:00 PM | South Franklin Circle**

**SA 10/6, 10:20 AM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**



*Mr. Connolly Has ALS*

## Mr. Connolly Has ALS

**Directed by Dan Habib**

United States, 32 minutes

Principal Gene Connolly, known for his non-stop energy, love of music, and passionate engagement with his students, became known for something very different; the rapid loss of his ability to walk and speak due to the debilitating effects of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.

**WE 10/3, 11:30 AM | Chagrin Valley Little Theatre**

**FR 10/5 | Illuminate Student Film Trip (not open to the public)**

*"I began to feel that the drama of the truth that is in the moment and in the past is richer and more interesting than the drama of Hollywood movies. So I began looking at documentary films."*

— Ken Burns



Mrs. Schneider

## Mrs. Schneider **Midwest Premiere**

**Directed by Michael Matheson Miller**

United States, 10 minutes

A Catholic priest recounts the moment that set him on a path to advocate for the dignity of mankind. Scheduled to appear: Jasmine Florentino, Producer

**WE 10/3, 12:00 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**  
**TH 10/4, 11:30 AM | Saint Joan of Arc Church**



My Grandfather's Memory Book

## My Grandfather's Memory Book **Ohio Premiere**

**Directed by Colin Levy**

United States, 4 minutes

A personal reflection about an unusual sketchbook that captures a lifetime of memories and connects three generations through drawings and writings.

**TU 10/2, 5:00 PM | South Franklin Circle**  
**TH 10/4, 11:30 AM | Saint Joan of Arc Church**  
**FR 10/5 Illuminate Student Film Trip (not open to the public)**



My Paintbrush Bites

## My Paintbrush Bites **Ohio Premiere**

**Directed by Joe Egender, Joel Pincosy**

United States, 16 minutes

When injuries send a successful but quirky horse to the slaughterhouse after years of racing, a reclusive man with no equine experience saves him from the brink of death. Who saves whom in this unexpected story?

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*A New Chance*

## **A New Chance**

**Directed by Sophia Silverman**

United States, 11 minutes

A severely injured dog is adopted from a high-kill shelter by a loving family.

**SU 10/7, 2:30 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**



*Prince's Tale*

## **Prince's Tale** **Ohio Premiere**

**Directed by Jamie Miller**

United States, 16 minutes

After surviving an electrical fire that results in the amputation of his arms, a young actor named Prince must come to terms with being "differently-abled."

**WE 10/3, 11:30 AM | Chagrin Valley Little Theatre**

**TH 10/4, 3:30 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**



*Rust Belt Renaissance*

## **Rust Belt Renaissance**

**Directed by Mike Ramsdell**

United States, 6 minutes

No longer the mistake on the lake, Cleveland is booming as young entrepreneurs work to change the economy and the world.

Scheduled to appear: Justin Bastian

**TH 10/4, 5:30 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**

**FR 10/5, 5:15 PM | Chagrin Falls Township Hall**



*The School of Honk*

## **The School of Honk** **Ohio Premiere**

**Directed by Patrick Johnson**

United States, 12 minutes

The School of Honk gives a musical platform for a diverse group of people to express themselves and play music together.

**TU 10/2, 7:00 PM | Riverside Park**

**TH 10/4, 8:30 AM | Saint Joan of Arc Church**

**FR 10/5 Illuminate Student Film Trip (not open to the public)**



*Spraying Under the Stars*

## **Spraying Under the Stars**

**World Premiere**

**Directed by Claire Cai**

United States, 20 minutes

Teachr and MegZany are two graffiti activists who are based in LA.

When they witness the injustice around them, they choose to use graffiti to express their frustration.

**TH 10/4, 8:30 AM | Saint Joan of Arc Church**



*tomnoddy*

## **tomnoddy** **Ohio Premiere**

**Directed by Charles Poekel**

United States, 12 minutes

We all played with bubbles as a kid, but Tom Noddy took it that extra step. Tom has made his name as a professional "bubble magician."

From television to kids birthday parties, come see the dazzling tricks he has spent a lifetime creating. Scheduled to appear: Tom Noddy

**TU 10/2, 7:00 PM | Riverside Park**

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Washed Away

## Washed Away **Ohio Premiere**

**Directed by Dana Nachman**

United States, 16 minutes

On the few days Brandon Anderton can get out of bed he creates sand mosaic masterpieces, only to see them enveloped by the tides hours later.

**F** TU 10/2, 5:00 PM | South Franklin Circle  
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*I think, the best part of the festival for me, other than the films themselves, is watching and listening to the reactions from the audience. Having one's conventions expanded is powerful. That's exactly what this festival does. — H. Kenneth Douthit, III, Chagrin Valley Times Publisher*



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# Who's in Town?

The Festival is honored welcome more than 75 directors, producers and film subjects to Chagrin Falls this year. Here are just a few with unforgettable filmmakers you'll want to meet:



## Melody Miller, California

**Director:** *California's Forgotten Children*

Melody is a cinematographer and a dedicated creative storyteller, who works to make a positive impact in the world by making narrative films and documentaries. An advocate for women's and children's rights, Melody is dedicated to making films that amplify the voices and stories of causes she cares about. She has gone above and beyond to not only create empowering films, but creating a movement of change. A wildlife photographer, she has worked to save the wolves in California, to adventuring into the wilderness to find the endangered Red Panda in China.

In between filming projects, Melody released her first feature documentary *California's Forgotten Children*, following the stories of six survivors of child trafficking and their path to freedom. The film won Best Documentary at the Soho International Film Festival 2018 and has been changing lives at numerous notable film festivals around the world.

*"Who knew that just south of Cleveland, over some hills and through the trees lives that dream audience that you thought only existed in the back of your mind."* — **Jesse Nesser (Director of Walk with Me: The Trials of Damon J. Keith)**



## Mary Sue Connolly, New York

**Director:** *Overdosed*

Born in Ireland, Mary Sue Connolly now lives in New York City. She has been a professional editor/producer for television since 2004, working for CNN, CBS & CBS Television Distribution. She has made two feature length documentaries as well as numerous short docs. Her first film, *Glenafooka*, was screened at the first annual Chagrin Film Festival and is now distributed by Icarus Films.. Mary Sue put her life on hold to create *Overdosed*, a documentary about the opioid crisis, that has hit very close to home after the loss of her nephew to addiction.

"It wasn't even a conscious decision to do this in the beginning. But the more I learned about the heroin and opioid problem, I just knew I had to start recording what people were sharing," she said. Their stories are true, but heartbreaking."

## Maik Lüdemann, Germany

**Director:** *Minden Replying*



"*Minden Replying* is one of the most important films I've ever made. I will never forget the scenes I've seen on the lifeboat. The project changed my mind about migration politics and my view on the work of the European Union. In my opinion, everybody needs to know what is going on, right in front of our safe countries. Everyone needs to know that

the scenes you see in the film are still happening right now! I hope I can help even a few people to understand the situation in the Mediterranean."

What drove Maik to tell this story? "I came along on the "Minden's journey because I wanted to find out what's really going on in the Mediterranean. During the stay on the ship, I decided that other people need to know how dramatic the situation is. I wanted to explain the conditions under which these rescues take place. In addition, my goal was to show people that the EU is failing massively in dealing with the refugee flow.



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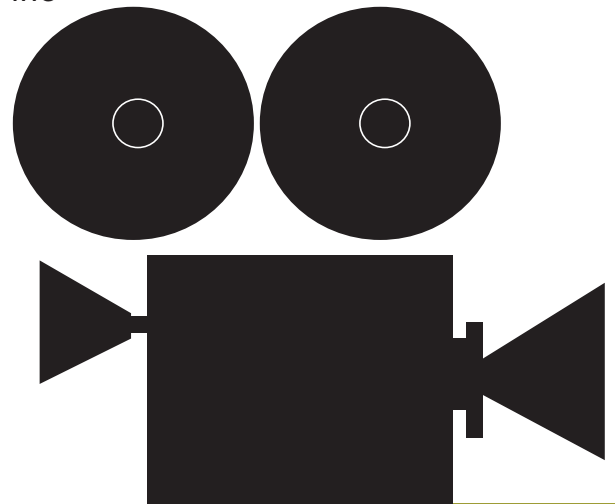
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# LET'S TALK ABOUT IT:

## Panel Discussions and Film Events

### **The Impact of Superfood Trends**

Chagrin Valley Little Theatre  
Thursday, October 4 | 11:30 am  
Film: *Superfood Chain*

Discussion with the film's director and super food tasting to follow at Heinen's, 20 Plaza Dr, Chagrin Falls.

Tasting is free and open to the public following the film.

### **Celebrating Champions of Healing**

The Federated Church  
Thursday, October 4 | 5:15 pm  
Film: *Defining Hope*

Q&A to follow with the film director and producer.

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### **Exploring the Night Sky**

Chagrin Falls Township Hall and Riverside Park  
Friday, October 5 | 7:00 pm  
Film: *Saving the Dark*

What do we lose when we lose sight of the stars? Join us for stargazing immediately following the film with the film director and the Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society in Riverside Park.

### **Celebrating the Hungarian Community**

Chagrin Valley Little Theatre  
Friday, October 5 | 7:30 pm  
Film: *Foreclosing on Faith*

Reception following with Hungarian food and music.

### **Opioid Crisis**

Chagrin Valley Little Theatre  
Saturday, October 6 | 11:00 am  
Film: *Overdosed*

A discussion of the regional opioid epidemic with the director, subject of the film, and representatives from Hope for Kids.

### **Focus on Syrian Refugee Crisis**

Chagrin Valley Little Theatre  
Saturday, October 6 | 1:15 pm  
Film: *Minden Replying*

Is there any solution to the tragedy that is the Syrian refugee situation? Meet a courageous crew member at the epicenter of the crisis on the Aegean Sea on the rescue boat "The Minden" and director of *Minden Replying*.



### **Spotlight on the Ukrainian Genocide**

Chagrin Falls Township Hall  
Saturday, October 6 | 1:45 pm  
Film: *Holodomor: Voices of Survivors*

An estimated 5 million people perished in the famine known as the Ukrainian genocide. Learn about the history and the impact of this terrible episode in Ukrainian history.

Discussion and Q&A with the filmmaker.

### **Igniting the Media and Exploring Social Justice**

Chagrin Cinemas B  
Saturday, October 6 | 4:15 pm  
Film: *Roll Red Roll*

Explore the impact that one person can have on the media and a community in denial. Q&A following the film featuring subject Alex Goddard, a crime blogger that brought the Steubenville High School rape case to international scrutiny.

### **Behind the Lens: The Making of a Documentary**

Chagrin Valley Little Theatre  
Saturday, October 6 | 5:30 pm

A panel of visiting filmmakers discusses the techniques and experiences unique to the making of documentary film. Free and open to the public.

### **Special Focus: Aging Out of Foster Care**

In Partnership with the National Council of Jewish Women / Cleveland  
Chagrin Valley Little Theatre  
Sunday, October 7 | 3:00pm  
Film: *21 and Done*

Discussion Panel: Sonia Emerson, Jenniffer Deckard, Amber Donovan and Kathy Harris. Moderated by Rick Jackson of ideastream.

## One Minute Doc Contest

Chagrin Cinemas B  
Saturday, October 6 | 2:20 pm

The Second Annual One Minute Doc Contest is a unique opportunity for filmmakers of all skill sets to share their stories at the Chagrin Documentary Film Festival. A selection of entries will be screened in Riverside Park throughout the Fest. One finalist will be chosen by judges as the grand prize winner and will receive \$500 with special recognition at the festival awards ceremony!



# 2018 Awards

The Festival award winning films will be announced on Saturday, October 6 at 8:00 pm during the Festival Awards Ceremony at the Chagrin Valley Little Theatre. *The Awards Ceremony is free and open to the public (p.5).*

- David Ponce Best of the Festival Award**
- Emerging Filmmaker Award**
- Feature Documentary Award**
- International Documentary Award**
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As Film Selection Chair, she watched hundreds of hours of films every year. To honor Mary's memory, the Festival and Automated Packaging Systems will present the Mary Lerner Spirit Award to a film that exemplifies the power and beauty of the human spirit.

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