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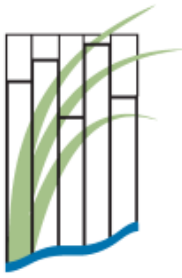
Website link: <https://www.loutitlibrary.org/manhattan-short-film-festival-2026-you-be-the-judge/>

Discover your inner film critic by casting your vote for Best Film and Best Actor in the 29th Annual MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival at the Loutit District Library. You'll join film lovers in over 500 venues across the globe gathering to see the Ten Finalists in this year's event. With past finalists garnering Oscar nominations and short films continuing to move into the Hollywood mainstream, come see this entertaining program featuring the best short films in the world today!

The best part? You get to be the judge! Ballots will be supplied upon entry to vote for your favorite films. Each screening will be 2.5 hours long, include a brief intermission, and show all Ten Finalists for the 2026 festival. [Click here to view all showtimes on the library calendar](#), including special showtimes at Central Park Place! Registering for a showtime guarantees you a spot and sends a reminder email so you don't miss out!

Dates & Times:

- [Thursday, September 24, 5:00 PM](#)
- [Friday, September 25, 2:00 PM](#)
- [Friday, September 25, 6:00 PM](#)
- [Saturday, September 26, 7:00 PM at Central Park Place](#)



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- [Thursday, October 1, 5:00 PM](#)
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- [Saturday, October 3, 7:00 PM at Central Park Place](#)

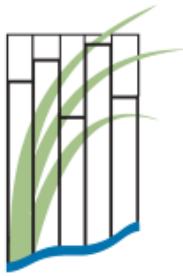
More Info:

For the first time in its history, MANHATTAN SHORT has selected ten films from ten countries, with films from the USA, Ireland, Australia, South Africa, the United Kingdom, Moldova, Russia, Cuba, Georgia, and Mexico making up MANHATTAN SHORT 2026.

The MANHATTAN SHORT Final Ten are:

Small Talk (USA), ***Mary is Missing*** (Ireland), ***Candy Bar*** (Australia), ***Vultures*** (South Africa), ***Life Goes On*** (United Kingdom), ***Hai Davai*** (Moldova), ***Pickup*** (Russia), ***Norheimsund*** (Cuba), ***When the Sea was Calm*** (Georgia), ***Never Give Up*** (Mexico).

MANHATTAN SHORT does a full week advertised run in a cinema in the county of Los Angeles. This theatre booking means every film selected as a Finalist in the 2026 MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival will be eligible to enter the Academy Awards in 2027.



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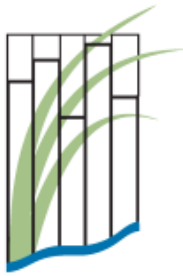
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