



# MANHATTAN SHORT



**Be among the  
100,000+  
fellow film  
lovers in more  
than 400  
venues around  
the world  
participating in  
MANHATTAN  
SHORT's 25th  
Annual Film  
Festival!**

**September 22 to October 2**

On behalf of the team at MANHATTAN SHORT, I would like to welcome you to our 25th Annual Film Festival. We have carefully chosen 10 short films out of 868 submissions to create a riveting theatrical experience. This lineup of films will screen in over 400 venues across 6 continents from Sept 22 - Oct 2, 2022.

If this is your first time attending MANHATTAN SHORT, here's the drill.

**YOU BE THE JUDGE!**

Here's your chance to join the global film critic's circle. On entry to each venue, audiences will be handed a voting card. At the conclusion of the show, each audience member will be asked to vote for the ONE film and ONE actor/actress they think was the best. Votes will be sent to MANHATTAN SHORT Headquarters and the winner will be announced at [ManhattanShort.com](http://ManhattanShort.com) on Monday October 3rd at 10am EST.

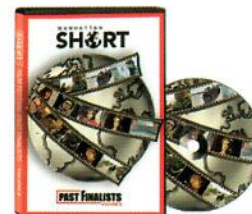


**All films are qualified to enter the Oscars of 2023!**

MANHATTAN SHORT is screened in venues all around the world. One of those venues is the Arena CineLounge in Hollywood. This specific screening qualifies each of our selected short films for consideration for the 2023 Academy Awards. If you are viewing the show at one of the 400+ venues worldwide and you're a voting member of the Academy, please keep these films in mind for 2023.

**Past Finalists Vol. 8 DVD & Blu-ray Released.**

We are proud to announce the sponsor for this year's Festival is MANHATTAN SHORT's Past Finalist Volume 8, a selection of award - winning films from MANHATTAN SHORT 2020 and 2021 Festivals. Purchase your copies at [ManhattanShort.com](http://ManhattanShort.com)



**And a HUGE 25th Anniversary Thank You!**

After 25 years and time being the only priceless commodity, I want to say a big thank you to those involved, the Selection Committee starting with my good mate, Mr. Frank Vizard who has advised and directed MANHATTAN SHORT for over 20 years, Jocelyn Shaffer and the newly appointed T.J Faddis. To all the cinemas owners and managers who have bought such a great energy and have become great friends, and most of all YOU, the person reading this, who support these venues and this event. Here is to another 25 years!

*Nicholas Mason*  
Founding Director

**THE WORLD'S FIRST GLOBAL FILM FESTIVAL**



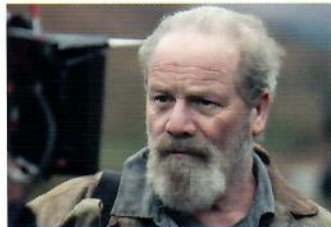


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## DON VS LIGHTNING

**Director:** Big Red Button  
**Country:** Scotland  
**Running Time:** 11:30  
**Synopsis:** Don desires a quiet life in the rural Scottish Highlands. Unfortunately, the Universe has more electrifying plans in store for him.



## FETISH

**Director:** Rhian Williams  
**Country:** USA  
**Running Time:** 13:00  
**Synopsis:** An Asian American woman's one night stand takes an unsexy turn when breakfast the morning after comes with a side of fetishism.



## LOVE, DAD

**Director:** Diana Cam Van Nguyen  
**Country:** Czech Republic & Slovakia  
**Running Time:** 12:46  
**Synopsis:** A woman rediscovers letters her father wrote to her from prison. She then decides to write to him, putting on paper what couldn't be said.



## FREEDOM SWIMMER

**Director:** Olivia Martin McGuire  
**Country:** Australia/France  
**Running Time:** 15:00  
**Synopsis:** A man's perilous swim from China to Hong Kong parallels his granddaughter's desire for freedom beyond a city once viewed as a refuge.



## SAVE THE BEES

**Director:** Charlie Schwan  
**Country:** USA  
**Running Time:** 10:50  
**Synopsis:** When a gruesome accident makes a messy break up even messier, a couple decides to set aside their differences to save themselves.



## THE BLANKET

**Director:** Teppo Airaksinen  
**Country:** Finland  
**Running Time:** 14:57  
**Synopsis:** Winter, 1939 Finland. A 10-year-old girl is sent to fetch milk for her baby brother. There are hazards more dangerous than thin ice.



## THE TREATMENT

**Director:** Alvaro Carmona  
**Country:** Spain  
**Running Time:** 9:00  
**Synopsis:** A clinic offers bald men a full-proof way to restore hair... as long as you're okay with one controversial but related side effect.



## WARSHA

**Director:** Dania Bdaïr  
**Country:** France / Lebanon  
**Running Time:** 15:12  
**Synopsis:** A Beirut construction worker volunteers for dangerous job at work. Away from everyone's eyes, a secret passion takes flight.



## FREEFALL

**Director:** Emmanuel Tenenbaum  
**Country:** France  
**Running Time:** 19:28  
**Synopsis:** A London stockbroker with a bad track record makes the bet of his life when New York's World Trade Center is attacked on 9/11. Inspired by a true story.



## THE BIG GREEN

**Director:** Lorenzo Massoni  
**Country:** France  
**Running Time:** 18:00  
**Synopsis:** The owner of a logging camp suddenly finds herself stuck up a tree without a ladder and no signal on her mobile phone. The only way out is up.



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