

JUDGES



JOSHUA COURTAIDE — Joshua is a prolific filmmaker, actor, and instructor from Grand Rapids, Michigan. He has written, directed, and produced dozens of short films and several independent features. He currently teaches at Compass College of Cinematic Arts.



PETER JOHNSON — Peter is a Producer with ddm Marketing in Grand Rapids. As a freelance filmmaker, he has worked on the camera team. Well-acquainted with what makes a good movie, Peter co-wrote a feature script that won second place in the Emerging Screenwriters 2012 Screenplay Competition. He received his film training at Compass College of Cinematic Arts, as well as through classes led by Robert McKee and the producers of *Napoleon Dynamite*.



ELIZABETH "LIZ" MERRIMAN — Elizabeth is a multi-talented media maven and skilled coordinator of chaos who has over a decade of experience in the film industry as a Producer, Production Manager and Costume Designer. She is passionate about the arts, serving her community as a Prop Designer at Actors' Theatre and Circle Community Theatre. She loves working with and mentoring the next generation of filmmakers. Elizabeth is great under pressure—literally. Before entering the creative industries, she trained to be an underwater welder.



ANAL SHAH — Anal is an Indian filmmaker and photographer. As someone who straddles multiple cultures between his academic and creative practice, Anal's work explores issues of identity, migration, and other things that are usually "lost in translation." His work has been shown at numerous festivals including premieres at the Vienna International Film Festival, the Ann Arbor Film Festival and Detroit Docs to name just a few. Anal received both his undergraduate as well as graduate education at the California Institute of the Arts. Anal teaches film production at Grand Valley State University.



SARAH NAWROCKI — Sarah is a community-minded film enthusiast and a *Jurassic Park* super fan. She is the Director of Wealthy Theatre, a professor of screenwriting and film studies, and the founder of *Cinema Lab*. She received her Bachelors (BA) in Film & Video Production from Grand Valley State University and her Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Screenwriting at Hollins University in Virginia.

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Virtual Festival
SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 27, 2021
10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

This year's Festival
will be online at
kdl.org/livestream

PART I SHOWING



VIEW FROM PLASTICVILLE
Director / Editor / Actor:
Sarah Komejan



SHOWER THOUGHTS
Director / Editor / Actor:
Alayna Arms



ASCENDING ECHOES
Director / Editor:
Morgan Weststrate
Actors: Mikayla Weststrate,
Milind Mulki, Alayna Arms,
Cyanna Nicolia, Frank Nguyen



THE CURE
Director: Reese Wollney
Editor: Drew Woods
Actors: Libbie Montroy, Bella
Roy



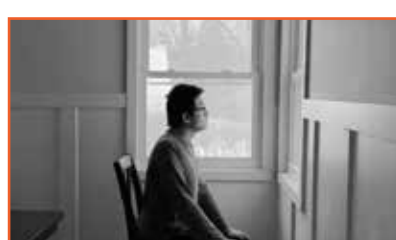
THE INVESTIGATION
Director:
Lexi Heavner
Editor: Zoe Hazlewood
Actors: Zoe Hazlewood, Lexi
Heavner, Moses Bosscher,
Morgan Colegrove, Hannah
DeBraber, Rian Fayhee
Eastern Blair



SUMMER DAYS
Director / Editor:
Ethan Gough
Actors: Ethan Gough, Jon
Haagsma, Hayden Gough



DAY JOB
Director / Editor: Joshua Poot
Actors: Jacob Peck, Luke
Nichols, Bridger Peck



PANDEMIC
Director / Editor / Actor:
Xiangyu Chen



KILLER RAM
Director: Hayley Butzer
Editor: Lauren Lewis
Actors: Hayley Butzer, Anna
Carpenter, Ella Beach, Isaac
Gould, Blake Hill

PART II SHOWING



SHADOWS
Director / Editor:
Hayden Gough



OBJECTS IN MIRROR
Director / Editor / Actor:
Alayna Arms



NEW ABNORMAL
Director / Editor: Morgan
Weststrate
Actors:
Mikayla Weststrate, Angela
Weststrate, Patrick Nally



HENRY'S ROOM
Director / Editor:
Ethan Gough
Actors: Hayden Gough, Ethan
Gough, Tuesday Gough



ALWAYS THOUGHT
Directors: Hannah Butzer
Editor: Megan Hart
Actors: Caden Hyink, Teegan
Emerson, Marley Hawberle,
Macie Dionne, Hannah Butzer



FALSE AWAKENING
Director / Editor:
Tori Shannon
Actors: Tom Shannon, Lexy
Shannon



THE UNREST
Director / Editor:
Elijah Ashby
Actors: Austin Piecuch, Isaiah
Ashby, Connor O'Donohue,
Sarah Miller, Brendan
O'Donohue



POSSIBILITY OF SUCCESS
Director / Writer: Xiangyu
Chen
Actors: Xiangyu Chen, Li Xiang



UP NORTH
Director / Editor: Celeste
Frank