



Mayhem Film Festival 2024: Short Film Showcase #1

Mayhem Film Festival is delighted to present the first of two Short Film Showcases for the 2024 edition of the festival.

Mayhem initially started as a single selection of shorts 20 years ago, and to mark the occasion, the festival this year features not one, but two Short Film Showcases. Our 20th edition's shorts line-up includes filmmakers making their first appearance at the festival, as well as long-time friends of Mayhem.

The films featuring in our Short Film Showcase #1 line-up are:

We Joined A Cult

Dir. Chris McInroy, US, 4m10

The story of two friends who just wanted to play kickball.

She Talks in Her Sleep

Dir. Paul Taylor, UK, 8m44

Dan and Faye appear to be like any other couple, but when Faye starts sleep-talking, her eerie, unconscious messages lead Dan to believe that something sinister is coming for them...

Matta and Matto

Dirs. Bianca Caderas & Kerstin Zemp, Switzerland, 10m16

In a dystopian world where touch is forbidden, Matta and Matto offer refuge to the lonely at Hotel Vaip. In the deceptive labyrinth of mind-bending rooms at their transient hotel, deepest desires are fulfilled and surpassed, but this comes at a price.

The Thaw [UK Premiere]

Dir. Sean Temple & Sarah Wisner, US, 16m31

In 19th-century Vermont, a young woman's parents drink sleeping tea to survive the harsh winter, but an early thaw leads to horrifying results.

Transylvanie

Dir. Rodrigue Huart, France, 15m, with English subtitles

Ewa is a 10-year-old girl living in a high building in a quiet town. She's an odd, lonely child and for good reason: she's convinced of being a vampire.

Make Me a Pizza

Dir. Talia Shea Levin, US, 12m25

BORED HOUSEWIFE seduces HOT PIZZA GUY for free pizza, but is desire worth \$29.99?

Off Cuts

Dir. Ben Steiner, UK, 3m55

Returning home to his pregnant partner, a man brings an unwelcome presence with him.

Shé (Snake)

Dir. Renee Zhan, US, 15m30, partly subtitled

When pressures mount on a tightly wound violinist in a London youth orchestra, her internal monsters take external form.

The Visitor [UK Premiere]

Dir. Tony Morales, Spain, 10m, with English subtitles

Alone in her home overnight, a young influencer's solitude is interrupted by an unexpected visitor.

