

INDULGE IN THE WORLD OF OSCARS® AS SHORTSTV BRINGS THIS YEAR'S SHORT FILM NOMINATIONS ON BOOKMYSHOW STREAM

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~Cinema-lovers will be able to rent these films at a nominal cost of INR 149/- per category~

Mumbai, April 9, 2021: After the much-awaited announcement of Oscar® 2021 nominations last month, film enthusiasts in India can now watch this year's Academy Award Nominations for Short Films from the comfort of their homes. [ShortsTV](#), the first and only global channel dedicated to short films, has collaborated with [BookMyShow Stream](#), India's largest homegrown Transactional Video-On-Demand (TVOD) platform, to present these films **exclusively** to Indian audiences. The partnership will bring this year's most spectacular short films under the *Live Action & Animation* category starting April 16th, 2021.

This year, for the first time, the **Oscar-Nominated Short Films will have a virtual cinema release through BookMyShow Stream in India**, allowing audiences to watch these films before the Academy Awards® ceremony on Sunday, April 25th, 2021. These films will be available as compilations under the Live Action and Animation category, and can be accessed on rent at INR 149/- per category.

To learn more about how to rent these 2021 Oscar-Nominated Short film compilations, please visit <https://in.bookmyshow.com/explore/c/stream>. Users will be able to pre-book these films on *BookMyShow Stream*, starting today.

"Last year's Oscar® Nominated Short Films were some of the last great movies many of our audiences saw in theatres before the pandemic. Now, as we emerge from these challenging times, we are thrilled to bring the joy of great cinema to our Indian audiences through the beloved Oscar® Nominated Short Films releases, which will be available to audiences through the virtual release. We are providing them a medium to enjoy their favorite shorts even at the comfort of their home. This year's films are breathtaking and compelling – our audiences are gonna love 'em!" said, **ShortsTV CEO and Founder, Carter Pilcher.** "

Tarun Sawhney, President - Asia, ShortsTV, added, *"We are proud to be presenting the incredible Oscar® Nominated Short Films exclusively to Indian audiences yet again this year. Short films have surged in popularity in India over the last couple of years & what is better than bringing Oscar nominated Shorts straight to your living room courtesy our partner BookMyShow Stream. Film buffs this year would be able to stream world's best short film directly on their screen without the hassle of traveling to a theatre."*

Commenting on the partnership, Ashish Saxena, COO – Cinemas, BookMyShow said, *"BookMyShow Stream has successfully brought the magic of world cinema to the screens of Indian audiences with a thoughtfully curated content library from across the globe, making it the most diverse, richly curated TVOD platform at scale in India. On the back of compelling and long-term partnerships with global, local production houses, independent distributors and top film festivals globally, our aim has been to showcase*

the best of world cinema to millions of movie-lovers in the country. Our partnership with ShortsTV is a step forward in enriching this content experience for users, as we get ready to showcase this year's spectacular line-up of Oscar-nominated short films and share the excitement around one of the most-awaited award cinema ceremonies in the world with millions of movie fans in the country."

Coinciding with the theatrical and virtual releases, ShortsTV also launched "The ShortsTV Podcast - Award Season" and is releasing weekly episodes leading up to the awards ceremony. Guests include Academy members, industry insiders, this year's nominees, previous winners and more. The podcast is currently available to stream on [Spotify](#), [Google Podcast](#) and [iTunes](#).

Nominations for the 93rd Academy Awards® were announced on March 15th, 2021. For more information, please visit <http://shorts.tv/theoscarshorts/>.

Please find the complete list of this year's nominated short films below:

ANIMATED SHORT FILM NOMINEES

GENIUS LOCI

Director: Adrien Merigeau

Synopsis: One night, Reine, a young loner, sees among the urban chaos a moving oneness that seems alive, like some sort of guide.

Country of Origin: France

TRT: 16 minutes

Language: French

IF ANYTHING HAPPENS I LOVE YOU

Director: Michael Govier, Will McCormack

Synopsis: In the aftermath of tragedy, two grieving parents' journey through an emotional void as they mourn the loss of a child.

Country of Origin: USA

TRT: 12 minutes

Language: English

OPERA

Director: Erick Oh

Synopsis: "Opera" is a massive 8K size animation installation project which portrays our society and history, which is filled with beauty and absurdity. Erick enables viewers to experience the range of in-depth emotions through this epic reflection of human life.

Country of Origin: USA/South Korea

TRT: 9 minutes

Language: Non-Dialogue

YES-PEOPLE

Director: Gísli Darri Halldórsson

Synopsis: One morning, an eclectic mix of people face the everyday battle - such as work, school and dish-washing. As the day progresses, their relationships are tested and ultimately their capacity to cope.

Country of Origin: Iceland

TRT: 8 minutes

Language: Icelandic

LIVE ACTION SHORT FILM NOMINEES**FEELING THROUGH**

Director: Doug Roland

Synopsis: A late-night encounter on a New York City street leads to a profound connection between a teen in need and a Deaf-Blind man.

Country of Origin: USA

TRT: 19 minutes

Language: English

THE LETTER ROOM

Director: Elvira Lind

Synopsis: "The Letter Room" is a dark prison comedy about the secret life of a correctional officer who gets transferred to a job in the letter room, where a new world suddenly opens to him ways to find solace and spirituality afterwards.

Country of Origin: USA

TRT: 33 minutes

Language: English

THE PRESENT

Director: Farah Nabulsi

Synopsis: On his wedding anniversary, Yusef and his young daughter set out in the West Bank to buy his wife a gift. Between soldiers, segregated roads and checkpoints, how easy would it be to go shopping?

Country of Origin: Palestine

TRT: 25 minutes

Language: Arabic/English

TWO DISTANT STRANGERS

Director: Travon Free, Martin Desmond Roe

Synopsis: In "Two Distant Strangers," cartoonist Carter James' repeated attempts to get home to his dog are thwarted by a recurring deadly encounter that forces him to relive the same awful day over and over again. Starring Joey Bada\$\$, Andrew Howard and Zaria Simone.

Country of Origin: USA

TRT: 29 minutes

Language: English

WHITE EYE

Director: Tomer Shushan

Synopsis: A man finds his stolen bicycle, which now belongs to a stranger. While attempting to retrieve it, he struggles to remain human.

Country of Origin: Israel

TRT: 21 minutes

Language: Hebrew

ABOUT SHORTSTV:

ShortsTV is the first and only 24/7, linear and OTT HD TV channel dedicated to short form video entertainment, including movies and series. With over 13,000 titles globally, ShortsTV has the largest catalogue of quality short form video & is the global home of Shorts.

The ShortsTV India film catalogue features Academy Award winners and nominees, International festival winners & nominees (Cannes, BAFTA, etc), high quality CGI animation as well as cinematic gems from international independent filmmakers & local Indian filmmakers. The catalogue includes 1000+ hours of content across English, foreign, and local Indian languages including Hindi, Bengali, Marathi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam.

Distributed globally, the channel is available in 100 million homes across the US, India, Latin America, the Netherlands, Belgium, and Eastern Europe. It is available across India on Tata Sky as Tata Sky ShortsTV (channel no 113), Dish TV as ShortsTV Active (channel 135) and on Airtel Digital TV as 'Airtel ShortsTV' (channel 259). It is also available across the US on DirecTV (channel 573), AT&T U-Verse (channel 1789), AT&T TV (Channel 573), AT&T TV NOW, Frontier Communications (channel 789) Google Fiber (channel 603) and Hotwire (channel 560). ShortsTV is also available in the UK, Netherlands, Italy, and Spain on Amazon Prime Video Channels and on demand through iTunes in 92 countries, Amazon Instant Video (UK, US, and Germany), Google Play (US and Canada), and Verizon and Frontier (US).

Since 2006, ShortsTV has exclusively presented the 'Oscar Nominated Short Films' theatrical release in cinemas across the US and Canada, South America, Europe, India, Australia and South Africa.

ShortsTV is operated by Shorts International and is headquartered in London, England with offices in Los Angeles, Amsterdam, and Mumbai. The company is led by Carter Pilcher, Chief Executive, and is owned by Shorts Entertainment Holdings, with AMC Networks as a significant minority shareholder.

About BookMyShow

Launched in 2007, BookMyShow, owned and operated by Big Tree Entertainment Pvt Ltd (founded in 1999), is India's leading entertainment destination with global operations and the one-stop shop for every entertainment need. The firm is present in over 650 towns and cities in India and works with partners across the industry to provide unmatched entertainment experiences to millions of customers. Over the years, the company has evolved from a purely online ticketing platform for movies across 6,000 plus screens, to end-to-end management of live entertainment events including music concerts, live performances, theatricals, sports and more, all accomplished at par with global standards. Some of the key properties that BookMyShow has brought to its markets over the past few years include U2's The Joshua Tree Tour, NBA's debut games in India, Disney's Aladdin, Cirque du Soleil BAZZAR as also international artists such as Coldplay, Ed Sheeran, Justin Bieber to name a few.

BookMyShow has also built India's largest organic reviews and ratings engine for movies and has driven technology innovations, such as the m-ticket and Movie Mode, impacting tens of millions of users and the industry at large. With

continued support from investors including TPG Growth, Stripes Group, Elevation Capital (Formerly SAIF Partners), Accel and Network18, BookMyShow is invested in providing the best user experience, whether on-ground or online. Demonstrating category leadership, BookMyShow has grown beyond India with operations in UAE, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Singapore amongst others. The Mumbai-headquartered company counts Ticket Green, Eventifier, Masti Tickets and Townscript amongst its key investments in the sector. BookMyShow is also committed to society at large, by way of its charity initiative BookASmile, which provides entertainment experiences to the underprivileged. For more information, please visit www.bookmyshow.com

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