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**ARMENIAN FILMS  
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SEE THEM IN PERSON



**THE DESIRE TO LIVE | New York Premiere—DOCUMENTARY FILM—IN PERSON**  
Mariam Avetisyan | Artsakh | 2021 | 90 mins

Stories of the indigenous people of Artsakh, after the recent 44 day war with Azerbaijan and suffering a devastating loss of lives and land. The desire to live is really a right to live on their lands and be protected by the threat of war, genocide and crimes against their humanity.

**Screens on Sunday, March 20, 5:00pm (plays with Lazy People) at Cinema Village 22 E. 12th St, NYC**



**LAZY PEOPLE | New York Premiere—NARRATIVE SHORT FILM—IN PERSON**  
Jacqueline Postajian, Kathryn Ferentchak | USA | 2021 | 20 mins

The stories of loss and persistent survival are just under the surface in the community of an all-Armenian apartment complex. When the adults are at work, seven-year old Khatchig's disastrous attempts to impress his neighborhood crush will have far-reaching repercussions.

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**HEAR US SWEET FREEDOM— US Premiere—DOCUMENTARY SHORT FILM—IN PERSON**  
Helen Ispirian | Germany | 2021 | 11:29 mins

A poetic, socio-politically relevant, anti-genre fairy tale. We're in the future. Art & culture has died out as a result of the corona pandemic. Solidarosa, Creativia & Financietta are descendants of the so-called "artists". Only with united forces they might be able to resurrect culture if the Gods of arts are gracious.

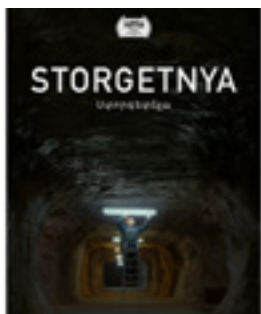
**Screens on Sunday, March 20, 1:00pm at Cinema Village 22 E. 12th St, NYC**



**MY NAME IS—DOCUMENTARY SHORT FILM—IN PERSON**  
Tony Giroux | United Kingdom | 2021 | 13:07 mins

A short documentary into experiences of individuals with non-western first names, its link to their identity, and how it correlates to pressures of conforming to westernized English norms.

**Screens on Saturday, March 19, 12:00pm at Cinema Village 22 E. 12th St, NYC**



**STORGETNYA | New York Premiere—DOCUMENTARY SHORT FILM—IN PERSON**  
Hovig Hagopian | Armenia | 2021 | 20 mins

March 2020, Yerevan, capital of Armenia. 230 meters underground, in the Avan salt mine, men and women walk to breathe easier. Physical activities and medical consultations set the rhythm of the timeless world of this underground clinic, where lives intersect and stories are told.

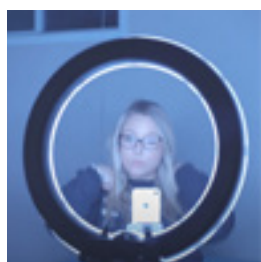
**Screens on Friday, March 18, 3:00pm at Cinema Village 22 E. 12th St, NYC**

WATCH THEM ONLINE



**AN ARMENIAN TRIPTYCH: RETRACING OUR STEPS—DOCUMENTARY SHORT FILM—ONLINE**  
Kevork Mourad, Alan Semerdjian, Aram Bajakian | USA | 2021 | 10:58 mins

Three grandchildren of Armenian Genocide survivors respond to its haunting legacy and issues of Armenian identity. Guitarist Aram Bajakian, painter Kevork Mourad, and writer Alan Semerdjian present individual compositions in their respective disciplines that come together in this animated short film highlighting the power of artistic collaboration as a meaning-making tool in response to intergenerational trauma and the refusal of a people to be erased from history.



**LOOK UP—DOCUMENTARY SHORT FILM—ONLINE**  
Chanel Tossounian | Canada | 2021 | 7 mins

Today's Society is obsessed with Social Media. Look Up, highlights how much of it can lead to psychological distress through two young women's stories.

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