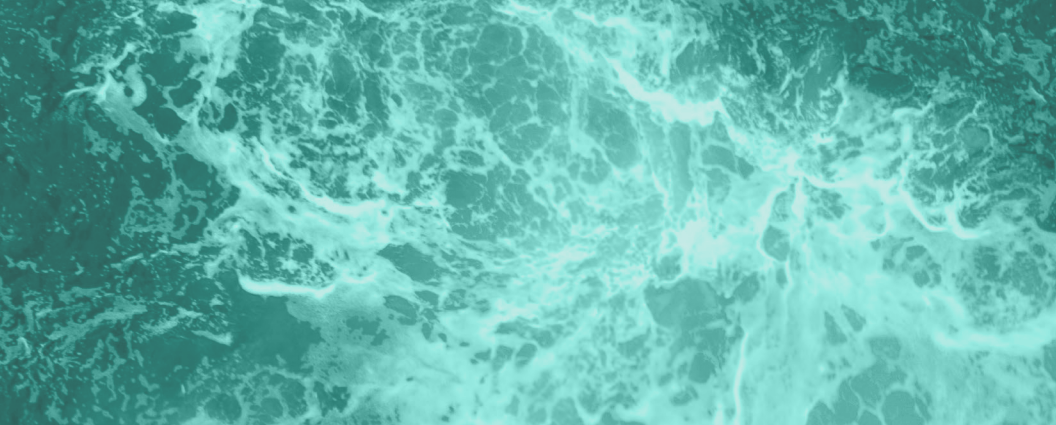


THE SECOND ANNUAL  
KEY BISCAYNE FILM FESTIVAL 2025  
JAN 30-FEB 2, 2025









## **WELCOME TO THE 2025 KEY BISCAYNE FILM FESTIVAL**

The Key Biscayne Film Festival celebrates all forms of content: from the short film and episodic content to feature-length films, the Key Biscayne Film Festival welcomes the constantly evolving formats of the audiovisual art form.

Given its unique location and topography—an island village bordered by two government protected parks—the Festival aims to raise awareness of our fragile ecosystem through the arts, by showcasing work that elaborates on our global situation, as well as inviting festival goers to experience a multiple day festival event.

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# THURSDAY

*at Paradise Park, Village of Key Biscayne*

- 5:00 PM** *Check-In*
- 5:30 PM** IN THE WHALE (81 min)
- 7:00 PM** **Q&A:** Dir. David Abel & Michael Packard
- 7:15 PM** RECEPTION UNTIL 9:00 pm

# FRIDAY

*at Key Biscayne Community Center | Island Room*

- 3:00 PM** *Check-In*
- 3:30 PM** THE ICE CREAM MAN (35 min)
- 4:00 PM** **Q&A:** Dir. Robert Moniot
- 4:30 PM** A Conversation with Natalie Martinez  
(Apple TV's *Bad Monkey*) & Alexis Garcia
- 5:00 PM** *Check-In*
- 5:30 PM** THE BLIND SEA (93 MIN)
- 7:00 PM** *Reception*



# SATURDAY

*at Key Biscayne Community Center | Island Room*

- 10:00 AM** STUDENT SHORT FILMS
- 10:30 AM** *Break*
- 11:00 AM** **PANELISTS:** Producers Sean Wolfington & John Devaney
- 12:00 PM** THE GREEN FLASH
- 1:30 PM** **Q&A:** Directors Ethan Payne & Jodi Cash
- 3:00 PM** UNION DE REYES (30 min)
- 3:30 PM** **Q&A:** Danny Pino & Eric Gaunaud
- 4:00 PM** The Impossible Dream with Deborah Mellon

## ***Venue Change: Paradise Park***

- 5:30 PM** *Welcome Drink*
- 6:00 PM** *Closing Remarks & Awards Ceremony*
- 6:30 PM** IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE (5 min), A SWIM LESSON (20 min), SAVAGE WATERS (90 min)
- 8:15PM** *Reception*

# SUNDAY

*at Key Biscayne Community Center | Island Room*

- 11:00 AM** FROM RUSSIA WITH LEV (92 min)
- 12:30 PM** **Q&A:** Dir. Billy Corben, Producers Alfred Spellman & Nicole Pritchett
- 1:00 PM** The Shorts Block: THE END OF THE WORLD (30 min), YELLOWTAIL SNAPPER (17 min), AN OCEAN IN BLOOM (23 min), URGENT SEA (8 min)
- 2:30 PM** HENRI, THE LAST PIRATE (93 min)
- 4:00 PM** MELGES: THE WIZARD OF ZENDA (83 min)
- 5:30 PM** **Q&A:** Dir. Mark Honer

An aerial photograph of a river delta, showing a complex network of water channels and land. The water is a deep teal color, and the land is a lighter, sandy brown. The word "FILMS" is overlaid in the center in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

# FILMS



# ISLANDS & OCEANS FEATURES

## THE GREEN FLASH

FLORIDA | Documentary by Jodi Cash & Ethan Payne  
99 min. (Sunscreen Festival 2024)

Fifty years after the bust that made him famous, ex-drug runner Steve Lamb refuses to let his own legend fade. As he hustles his memoir around St. Pete Beach, FL, we witness what it's like for a pirate to grow old.



## THE BLIND SEA

AUSTRALIA | Documentary by Matt Formston & Dylan Longbottom  
93 min. (Sydney Film Festival 2024)

Australian blind surfer Matt Formston's mettle is pushed to the limits in this thrilling documentary. With only 3% vision, the 3x World Champion attempts his most fearsome and dangerous challenge yet, surfing the monster waves of Nazaré.

Awarded a world record for largest wave surfed by a vision impaired male. 15.48m (50.79ft)



## IN THE WHALE

USA | Documentary by David Abel  
86 min. (New Hampshire Film Festival 2024)

IN THE WHALE is an award-winning feature-length film about arguably the greatest fish story ever told, though this one is true. It's the account of a man who survived to tell the tale of being swallowed by a whale, and what happened after he escaped.

## SAVAGE WATERS

UK/France | Documentary by Mikey Corker  
93 min.

How far would you go searching for something that may not exist? A 19th century treasure-hunter's journal inspires a captivating journey to seek out and surf a mythical, never-riden wave in some of the most remote and dangerous waters of the Atlantic Ocean. For renowned skipper, Matt Knight, sailing to unpredictable and uncharted regions is impossible to resist.

## MELGES

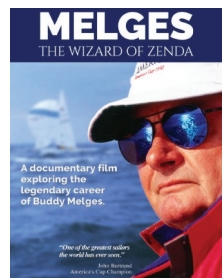
USA | Documentary by Mark Honer  
85 min.

A documentary film exploring the life of sailing legend Buddy Melges. He won Olympic medals and world championships. But sailing's biggest prize eluded him, the America's Cup. Follow Buddy's extraordinary journey as seen through interviews with some of sailing's biggest stars and unprecedented access to over 100 hours of archival footage.

## HENRI: THE LAST PIRATE

CHILE | Documentary by Julian Fernandez  
93 min. (Tribeca Film Festival Lab 2023)

Narrated with impudence, full of twists and turns, passing from Jacques Cousteau's Calypso, to Polynesia and then to the then to the top of a volcano in the middle of a desert. The director's real treasure is the material he has in his hands and not that of his pirate Henri, the hypnotic protagonist.



# ISLANDS & OCEANS SHORTS

## UNION DE REYES

FLORIDA | Short Film by Danny Pino  
22 min. (Miami Film Festival 2024)

Standing vigil over his father's hospital bed, David is faced with secrets from his family's past and blood-ties back to his father's homeland, Cuba.



## URGENT SEA

FLORIDA | Short Film by Karlyn Hoon  
8 min. (Key West Film Festival 2024)

Members of Reef Renewal USA, a nonprofit based in the Florida Keys, are shocked when the summer of 2023 brings the hottest ocean temperatures ever recorded. As they race to save their coral nurseries from bleaching, these researchers uncover knowledge that is essential for the future of Florida's reef recovery.





## **A SWIM LESSON**

**USA | Short Film by Rashida Jones  
22 min. (Telluride Film Festival 2024,  
Oscar Shortlist Nomination)**

A Swim Lesson is an ode to an everyday hero: Bill Marsh, a swim teacher who helps children manage their fears and discover their own power.



# SPOTLIGHT ON THE KEY

## THE ICE CREAM MAN

**NETHERLANDS | Short Film By Robert Moniot**  
34 min. (Telluride Film Festival 2023,  
Oscar Shortlist Nomination)

Shortly after the Nazi invasion of the Netherlands, a popular ice cream shop owner, Ernst Cahn, finds himself targeted by the infamous "Butcher of Lyon," Klaus Barbie. As his world crumbles, "The Ice Cream Man" must choose between resistance and death, a choice that will reverberate throughout the country. Based on actual events.



## FROM RUSSIA WITH LEV

**FLORIDA | DOCUMENTARY BY BILLY CORBEN**  
92 min.

When the President of the United States has a secret ultimatum for the President of Ukraine, he turns to... an immigrant former mobster turned Miami hustler? The amazingly true misadventures of Lev Parnas, the man Donald Trump sent to dig up dirt on Joe Biden, and how his opportunity of a lifetime led to a political farce of impeachment, prison time, and a globetrotting scandal spanning a war and two American elections.



# SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH

**IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE**  
by Gaby Mesa

**THE BOY AND THE OTTER**  
by Sasha Estefan Coppola

**THE RECYCLED OCESTRA**  
by Chiara Bergonzi

**THE ISLAND LIFEGUARDS**  
by Valentina Felpeto





# FESTIVAL PANELISTS

## **NATALIE MARTINEZ**

Natalie Martinez is an actress known for *Bad Monkey* (2024). She has appeared in the 2008 film *Death Race*, the NBC drama *Ordinary Joe* (2021), and series such as *Detroit 1-8-7*, *CSI: NY*, *Kingdom*, and *The I-Land* (2019). She also featured in several music videos and telenovelas earlier in her career.

## **JOHN DEVANEY**

John Devaney is the CEO of United Capital Markets (UCM) and United Real Estate Ventures (UREV). Devaney expanded into the film industry, founding Manor House Films, with a mission is to craft compelling stories that ignite conversation and inspire change. He is the majority investor and producer in both *City of Dreams* (2023) and *The Prince* (2025).

## **SEAN WOLFINGTON**

Sean Wolfington is a technology entrepreneur with businesses in the automotive, ad-tech and film industries. Wolfington is the founder and chairman of CarSaver, a mobile auto buying platform that is Walmart's exclusive partner for auto sales, finance and insurance. Beyond automotive, Wolfington has produced several major motion pictures including *Bella*, *the Mighty Macs*, *Self-Medicating*, *Little Boy*, and *Sound of Freedom*.

## **BILLY CORBEN**

Billy Corben is the Emmy, Peabody, and Edward R. Murrow Award-winning co-founder of Miami Beach-based production company rakontur, and director of such documentaries as *Cocaine Cowboys: The Kings of Miami* on Netflix (2021), *God Forbid: The Sex Scandal That Brought Down a Dynasty* (2022), and *Square Grouper: The Godfathers of Ganja* (2011).

## **ALFRED SPELLMAN**

Alfred Spellman is a producer and director, known for *Raw Deal: A Question of Consent* (2001), *Cocaine Cowboys: The Kings of Miami* (2021) and *The Tanning of America* (2014).

## **DANNY PINO**

Danny Pino is the director of *Union de Reyes*. He is also known for his roles as Detective Scotty Valens on *Cold Case* (2003–2010), Detective Nick Amaro on *Law & Order: SVU* (2011–2015), and Miguel Galindo on *Mayans M.C.* He has also appeared on stage in London's West End and in TV projects such as *Gone* and *Lucy*.

## **ROBERT MONIOT**

Robert Moniot is known for *The Ice Cream Man* (2024), *Pearl Harbor II: Pearlmeddodon* (2001) and *Into the Fire* (2003). He has also directed and produced a range of projects across film and television, showcasing his unique storytelling and visual style.

## **DAVID ABEL**

An award-winning reporter and documentary filmmaker, David Abel has covered war in the Balkans, unrest in Latin America, national security issues in Washington D.C., terrorism in New York and Boston, and climate change and poverty throughout New England.

## **DEBORAH MELLEN**

Deborah Mellen, an accomplished businesswoman, paraplegic, and sailing volunteer at Shake-A-Leg Miami, founded the non-profit Impossible Dream Inc. She now travels the world creating access to the water for thousands of people with disabilities.

## **MARK HONER**

Over the past two decades, Mark has created television programs, short films, and videos for clients around the world. His documentaries include the award winning 'Town Teams: Bigger than Baseball' released in 2016. His film 'Combined' is on the film festival circuit, and was recently honored with 'Best Story' award at the Sunset Film Festival in Los Angeles. He has two other documentary films in production.



# THE WELL

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2024

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Drama/Thriller

Inspired by a true story, *City of Dreams* chronicles the journey of a Mexican boy whose dreams of becoming a soccer star are shattered when he's smuggled across the border and sold to a sweatshop in downtown Los Angeles.

STARRING:  
Ari Lopez  
Diego Calva  
Alfredo Castro  
Renata Vaca  
Jason Patric

PRODUCED BY:  
Sean Wolfington  
Jon Graham  
Matt Diezel  
Rufus Parker

DIRECTED BY:  
Mohit Ramchandani



## The Prince

COMING SOON

2025

DRAMA

*The Prince* chronicles an addict's tumultuous odyssey through the high-stakes world of power, pleasure, and pain on a transformative journey toward recovery.

STARRING:  
Scott Haze  
Nicolas Cage  
J.K. Simmons  
Giancarlo  
Esposito  
Andy Garcia

PRODUCED BY:  
John Devaney  
Scott Haze  
Jo Henriquez  
CJ Kirvan  
David Mamet

Cameron Van Hoy  
Sean Wolfington  
Jose Luis Zapata

DIRECTED BY:  
Cameron Van Hoy

WRITTEN BY:  
David Mamet



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