

Pioneers (Dir. Charles Fairbanks)

“Viewers are in for a treat”

Film Streams' Local Filmmakers Showcase Starts Friday

Film Stream's first [Local Filmmakers Showcase](#) kicks off this Friday, August 6, with an opening night premiere (7:30pm) and post-party with the filmmakers. A limited number of tickets remain and can be purchased at the box office inside Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater (1340 Mike Fahey St.) or online at www.filmstreams.org.

On Saturday, August 7, Film Streams' Local Filmmakers Showcase will be part of the neighborhood celebration [North Downtown Day](#). That day, tickets for all showtimes of the Local Filmmakers Showcase will be just \$5. The Showcase will continue to screen daily through Thursday, August 12. Regular ticket prices are \$9 general, \$7 for seniors, students, teachers, and military, and \$4.50 for Film Streams Members. More information is available [here](#).

What the Jurors Are Saying

Featuring 14 films by 13 area filmmakers, the Local Filmmakers Showcase presents a fantastic diversity of style and form, including music video, drama, comedy, documentary, animation, and experimental short. The two-hour program was curated by jurors Sara Adkisson Joyner, Jody and Roger duRand, Mark Hoeger, Peggy Jones, Maggie and Bob Mundy, and Derek Pressnall.

See the following page for what they have to say about the process of curating Film Streams' first Local Filmmakers Showcase and the featured films.

“It was fascinating and fun to see the range of subject matter and style of the filmmakers who submitted their work for the Local Filmmakers Showcase. Viewers are in for a treat. This venue for area filmmakers is one more example of how important Film Streams has become in the cultural landscape of Omaha.”

--Maggie and Bob Mundy

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“It is important to provide this very well-deserved recognition and exposure to emerging and lesser-known artists under the respected aegis of Film Streams. I think that the annual Filmmakers Showcase will be one of the most highly anticipated and energizing events for our creative community and film lovers throughout the region!”

--Roger duRand



Azure Ray – We are Mice (Dir. Nik Fackler)

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“Film Streams is giving the Omaha community a chance to engage in a dialogue that previously did not exist. I'm not saying that there weren't any film buffs out there exploring the humane realm of great cinema, but now we all have a common jumping off point. This showcase includes people in the conversation. It invites them to be playful and explore their own ideas through film. I believe that by highlighting the work that is being done in the region, it will only encourage and expand the scope of what is possible.”

--Sara Adkisson Joyner

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“From the beginning the digital revolution promised to deliver the means of video production to everyone. That vision is now a reality. Today, the art form of the moving image is freed from the need for cash and limited only by imagination and skill. It took a while for us to get used to the idea that important and popular music can be made in Omaha. You will be equally surprised that great indie film making is going on in the heartland.”

--Mark Hoeger

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“I was humbled by the amount of thought, focus, effort and passion that went into every single film, whether it was two minutes or two hours long. I have nothing but respect for the filmmakers who dive into film projects that are fraught with challenges, consuming time and soul yet enriching and nourishing in ways only known to the filmmaker.”

--Jody duRand

For more information about Film Streams' Local Filmmakers Showcase, visit http://filmstreams.org/filmstreams_calendar.aspx?SeriesID=48.

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