# INTERNATIONAL URANJUAN URANJUAN FILM FESTIVAL

# LAS VEGAS (NV) The Beverly Theater April 30 & May 1

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In memory of Klee Benally (RIP). Navajo / Diné artist, activist and filmmaker, author of the 2023 book No Spiritual Surrender: Indigenous anarchy in defense of the sacred. We are honored that he created the poster and t-shirt designs of the International Uranium Film Festival tours in USA in 2018 and 2024.

## INTERNATIONAL URANIUM FILM FESTIVAL LAS VEGAS

April 30 & May 1, 2024 3 pm to 10 pm The Beverly Theater www.thebeverlytheater.com

Presented by

Principal Man Ian Zabarte, Secretary of State Western Shoshone National Council of the Western Bands of the Shoshone Nation of Indians This event benefits Pooha-Bah and is hosted by the Native Community Action Council (Nevada is Not a Wasteland).



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#### INSIDER STORIES AND RARE ARCHIVAL FOOTAGE FROM A KEY US NUCLEAR BOMB FACTORY

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#### **FILM PROGRAM**

#### April 30, 2024

#### 3 pm

#### **BUILDING BOMBS (4 K RESTORATION)**

USA, 1990, Directors and Producers; Mark Mori and Susan J. Robinson, 55 min, Documentary.

Oscar nominated Building Bombs, in a 2024 Academy Film Archive film restoration, revisits the glory days of the atomic age, its legacy of nuclear weapons waste, and its troubling questions still unanswered. Insider stories and rare archival footage reveal the inner workings of one of the world's largest nuclear bomb plants and its toll on the environment and human hearts. Of historical interest, the film sparked a movement by



ordinary people and rock stars that changed U.S. national policy. With the abandonment of nuclear treaties by the world's superpowers and call for the use of nuclear weapons, Building Bombs provides key insights and impetus to tackle these issues for audiences today. Restoration Producers: Kirsten Larvick and Robert Judson.

**Mark Mori and Susan J. Robinson** are Academy Award nominated documentary filmmakers. Mark is an Emmy Award winning television producer, President of Single Spark Pictures, and past Chair of the Documentary Committee of the Producers Guild of America. He has written and directed documentaries, reality series, and specials for broadcast and cable channels including Fox TV, HBO, BBC, PBS, Frontline, Discovery, A&E, MSNBC, National Geographic, and others.

Susan has produced, directed, and written for broadcast, cable, and government media and is an expert in public health, risk communication, and community engagement. She specializes in long- and short-form environmental and social issue documentaries, in traditional and digital media forms.











# DEMON MINERAL

Heavy Metal. Radiation. Reclamation.

#### A FILM BY HADLEY AUSTIN

CO-WRITTEN BY DR. TOMMY ROCK PRODUCED BY NEVO SHINAAR & EMMA ROBBINS CINEWATCORAPHY BY YONI GOLDSTEIN SDINING BY TIMOTHY FRYETT SDUND BY JULIAN FLAVIN A FORMIDABLE ENTITIES PRODUCTION 2024



#### 4 pm

#### **DEMON MINERAL**

USA, 2022, Director: Hadley Austin, Producer: Nevo Shinaar. Cinematographer: Yoni Goldstein, Impact Producer: Emma Robbins, Co-Writer: Tommy Rock, Documentary, 95 mins. English, Navajo.

DEMON MINERAL is a film about life in the radioactive desert of the Navajo Reservation in the American Southwest. Spanning a landscape perforated by uranium mines, the film follows a group of indigenous scientists, engineers, and activists as they work to secure a vital living space in the Navajo Nation. It is an anti-Western exploring the legacy of uranium mining in Diné Bikeyah, the sacred homelands of the Navajo.



There, 523 unremediated mines scatter across an area the size of West Virginia. Water, air, traditions, and livelihoods have been threatened by contamination for the last four generations. Some Diné adhere to the tenets in the following origin story: there is a demon who lives in the earth. He is content enough there, and will bother no-one unless disturbed, having been laid there by a formidable warrior. Uranium, for millions of years to come, is perhaps this demon made real. 'Demon Mineral' won the Audience Award for Best Documentary at Slamdance Film Festival 2024. Film info: https://www.redfordcenter.org/films/demon-mineral/

Director Hadley Austin is a writer, filmmaker, photographer, researcher, and producer. She is, alongside Yoni Goldstein, one half of Formidable Entities. Hadley's work as a writer, documentarian and artist is rooted in historical research, social justice, and the natural world. Everything from dogsled races to dance performances. www.hadleyaustin.com

# HONEYMOON In Oak Ridge

a film by JDE TRIPICIAN

#### HONEYMOON IN OAK RIDGE

USA, 2023, Director and Producer: Joe Tripician, Documentary, 20 min, English

A filmmaker journeys with his parents to the secret city in East Tennessee where they were employed to help create the first atomic bombs - with rarely seen historical footage. Throughout the war, Oak Ridge was protected by guarded gates, and workers at the plants were sworn to secrecy. Few people in town were aware that the military was pursuing an atomic bomb onsite; they only knew information relevant to their specific job duties. Under orders from General Groves, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers purchased 59,000 acres of land along the Clinch River. Originally known as Site X or Clinton Engineer Works, the nuclear site was eventually renamed Oak Ridge. With its promise of jobs, the new city drew in tens of thousands of families, becoming the fifth-largest city in Tennessee.

#### **SILENT FALLOUT**

USA/Japan, 2023, Director: Hideaki Ito, Narrator: Alec Baldwin, Producer: Rieko Tomomatsu, Naomi Sakai, Sachiko Kamakura, Chieko Watanabe, Documentary, English, 86 minutes

In 2001, baby teeth were found in the Tyson Valley in St. Louis. They were part of 320,000 baby teeth collected for a project half-a-century earlier. Few people now know that the continental US is radioactive.



The US has conducted more than 100 atmospheric nuclear tests at home and more than 100 in the Pacific. Ironically, vast amounts of radioactive material generated by the nuclear tests ended up on U.S. soil. The enormous amount of radioactive material produced by the nuclear explosions was carried by the wind across the continent, where it fell to the ground in rain and snow, contaminating pastures, vegetables and water. Everywhere, there were reports of radioactive contamination. Milk was a special source of concern, given that it was considered an essential source of nutrition for children. Infants, in particular, are extremely susceptible to radiation. Milk from cows feeding on contaminated pastures contained plentiful amounts of Strontium 90. The strontium entered children's bodies, stayed in their bones, and emitted radiation that attacked their cells. The film tells the story of the unknown radioactive contamination of the United States. Written, directed, filmed, edited and produced by Hideaki Ito with the support of a grant from the Agency for Cultural Affairs, Government of Japan.

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#### Narrated By MARTIN SHEEN

#### From Executive Producer MATTHEW MODINE

928 NUCLEAR DETONATIONS ON AMERICAN SOIL

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#### DOWNWIND

USA, 2022, Directed by Mark Shapiro and Douglas Brian Miller. Executive Producers Matthew Modine and Adam Rackoff. Written by Warren Etheredge and Mark Shapiro. Featuring Martin Sheen, Claudia Peterson, Ian Zabarte, Patrick Wayne, Mary Dickson, Lewis Black, Joseph Musso and **Michael Douglas**. Documentary, 95 min.



Hiroshima. Nagasaki. Mercury, Nevada? The latter was the site for the testing of 928 largescale nuclear weapons from 1951 to 1992. The Nevada Test Site is located in Mercury, 65 miles from Las Vegas. Over the 41 years of testing at the Nevada Test Site, 100 atomic bombs were detonated above ground from airplanes, towers, cannons and balloons; 828 tests were conducted underground. Downwind of the test site in the 1950s, a number of Hollywood blockbusters were filmed, including the Howard Hughes epic "The Conqueror"

with John Wayne and Susan Hayward. Although "The Conqueror" location site, in St. George, Utah, was more than 100 miles away, the radiation levels there were so high that when Wayne tested them with a Geiger counter he thought the equipment was broken. "Downwind" tells the stories of people harmed by the radioactive fallout from the Nevada Test Site. www.backlotdocs.com WITH PRESENCE OF DIRECTOR MARK SHAPIRO



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# THE FORGOTTEN NUCLEAR VICTIMS

#### A FILM BY SULIANE FAVENNEC

A FILM WRITTEN AND DRECTEDIEV SULANE FAVENNEC / PRODUCED BY VALÉRIE MONTMARTIN - LITTLE BIG STORY / ASSOCIATE PRODUCER RAPHAËL PELISSOU / CO-PRODUCED BY CATHERINE MARCONNET & LAURENT JACQUEMIN - ARCHIPE, PRODUCTION/ MARRATOR SULIANE BRAHM / EDITING EMMANUEL LEJEUNE / ARCHIVES RESEARCH AND DOCUMENTATION LOUISE MONDAIN-MONVAL / PHOTOCRAPHY DENIS PINSON - LAURENT FENART / SCI ND RAIMANA LOUSSAN - HEMANA FLOHR / SOLIND MIX AMÉLIE CANINI / COLOR GRADING ERIC SALLERON / PRODUCTION COORDINATORS ROMAIN GAUSSENS - NATHALIE GAVILLON / ORIGINAL SCORE LUDOVIC SAGNIER PUBLISHER LOMÉDITIONS, WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF FRANCE TELEMISIONS / WITH THE SUPPORT OF DIC OF PROCIREP- SOCIETE DES PRODUCTEUR AND OF ANIGOA / WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF FONDS IMAGES DE LA DIVERSITÉ - ACENCE NATIONALE DE LA COHÉSION DES TERRITOIRES - CENTRE NATIONAL DU CINEMA ET DE L'IMAGE ANIMÉE / WITH THE SUPPORT OF POLYNÉSIE FRANCAISE.

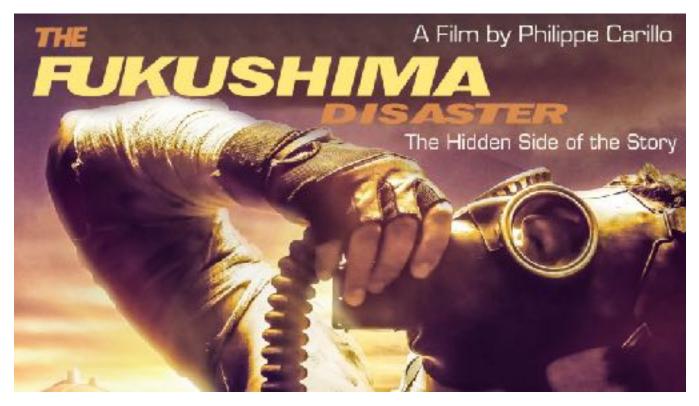
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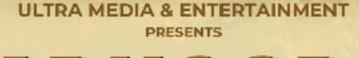
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#### THE FUKUSHIMA DISASTER - THE HIDDEN SIDE OF THE STORY

USA/Vanuatu, 2023, Director Philippe Carillo, Documentary, 52 min, English.

Unveiling the Truth: The Untold Story of the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster and the terrible facts about nuclear energy exposed. Prepare to witness the untold story behind the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster and its catastrophic impact on Japan and the world. In this compelling film directed by award-winning filmmaker, Philippe Carillo. It delves deep into the hidden horrors and long-lasting consequences of this preventable environmental tragedy, and exposes the vital information deliberately suppressed by the media and the Japanese government. The journey uncovers a web of deceit and negligence that have been kept under wraps from society at large. However, through the relentless efforts of dedicated whistle-blowers, scientists and medical experts, the film director brings to light the crucial facts that have remained concealed for far too long. This powerful and hardhitting documentary presents a mosaic of narratives, blending first-hand accounts from witnesses with insights from experts who understand nuclear radiation and its dangers. Featuring: Nobel Prize Nominee Dr. Helen Calicott, Nuclear Engineer Arnie Gundersen, Former Japan Time Journalist Yoichi Shimatsu, Former Nuclear Industry Spokesperson Maggie Gundersen, Professor John Keane, Dr. Dan Harper, Former NASA Nuclear Scientist Randall Mielke, Yumi Kikuchi, Former Japan Prime Minister Naoto Kan, Member of Parliament of Vanuatu Honorable Andrew Napuat.





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## JADUGODA THE LAND OF MAGIC

#### PRODUCED BY RAJAT AGRAWAL DIRECTED BY SATISH MUNDA

STARRING HARISH KHANNA | CHANDA MEHRA | SANTOSH MRIDULA

STORY ASHWINI KUMAR PANKAJ

SCREENPLAY & DIALOGUES RUPESH KUMAR | SATISH MUNDA CREATIVE PRODUCER ARKAA SHARMA EXECUTIVE PRODUCER MOHIT PANCHBHAI DOP KARTIK KUMAR BHAGAT DI COLOURIST PRASHANT RAWAT EDITOR OMKAR PARDESHI SOUND DESIGNER & RE-RECORDING MIXER NILESH JATWA BGM ANKUSH BORADKAR ART SUMANGAL NAG | SANTOSH HAZAM COSTUME SUMANGAL NAG MAKE UP & HAIR BHASKAR SEN | AMIT BHATIA POST PRODUCTION ULTRA DIGITAL STUDIO SYNC SOUND RECORDIST SATISH TIRIYA

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#### **JADUGODA - THE LAND OF MAGIC**

India, 2023, Director SATISH MUNDA, Producer, RAJAT AGRAWAL, Key Cast, HARISH KHANNA, CHANDA MEHRA, Short fiction, 20 minutes , Hindi, English subtitles

In 1998, the town of Jadugoda also called the Land of Magic, is at India's forefront for mining Uranium. The economic boost in India is catalyzing the nation's dream to establish its name in the list of the world's most powerful nuclear forces. However, due to this, Jadugoda is being continuously poisoned by the uranium mining dump. Aloof from the desire for nuclear power and geo-political warfare, the innocent and poor tribals in the town who aim to live a simple livelihood are suffering from these radiations daily. Men are getting scarred and crippled while women are giving birth to stillborn and disabled children. Many women are suffering from infertility too. As a result of this, families from nearby towns and villages are not willing to get their kids married to any person in this village, especially that to women. Dama, a 45-year-old farmer dreams of getting his only daughter, Rupni married.

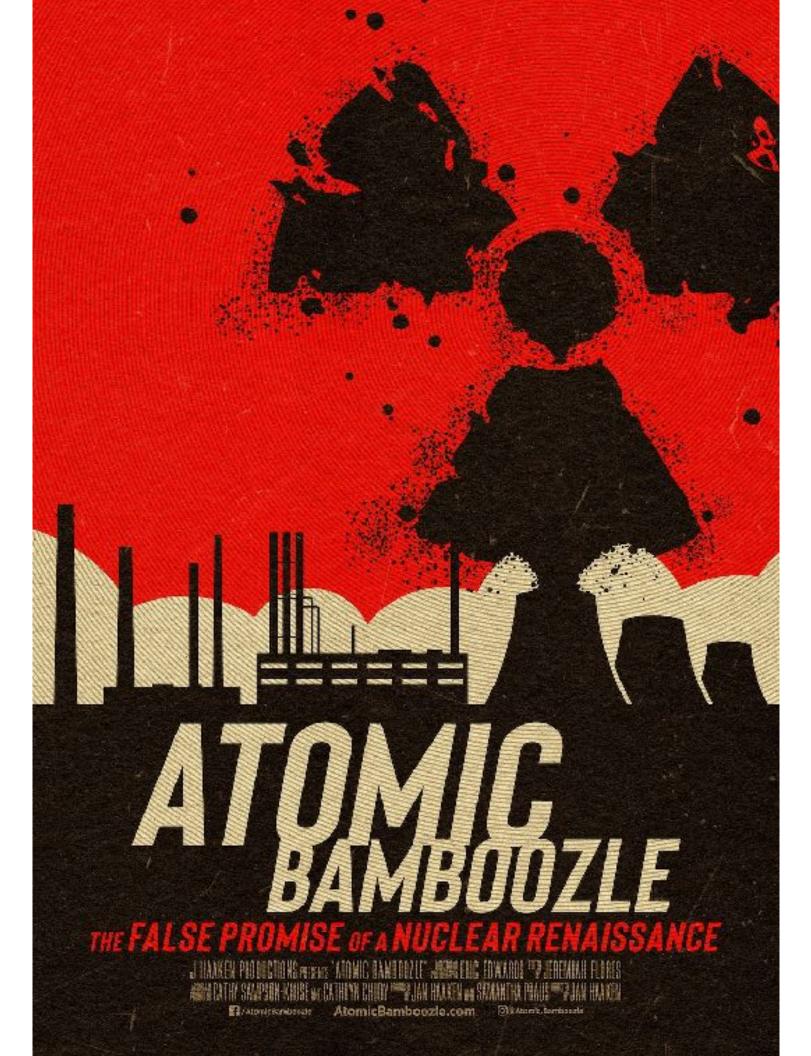
#### THE FORGOTTEN NUCLEAR VICTIMS (LES OUBLIÉS DE L'ATOME)

France/French Polynesia, 2023, Director Suliane Favennec, Producer Valérie Montmartin, Documentary, 56 min, Original Language: French, Tahitian with English subtitles.

From 1950 to 1990, France, the United-States and the United



Kingdom dropped hundreds of nuclear bombs on the Pacific islands. At the cost of sacrificing the local populations. Each country plays the clock and hopes for the silent disappearance of the victims of the first generation. But the atom leaves more traces than expected. Genetic abnormalities and pathologies appear in new generations. They fight back and take their destiny in hand. When will the effects of the bombing stop? What is the future for the new generations? Are the major nuclear countries ready to pay? Driven by their conviction and helped by political and scientific personalities, children and grandchildren of the atom respond against these great nations.



#### 5:30 pm

#### ATOMIC BAMBOOZLE: THE FALSE PROMISE OF A NUCLEAR RENAISSANCE

USA, 2023, Director Jan Haaken, Documentary, 47 min. www.atomicbamboozle.com

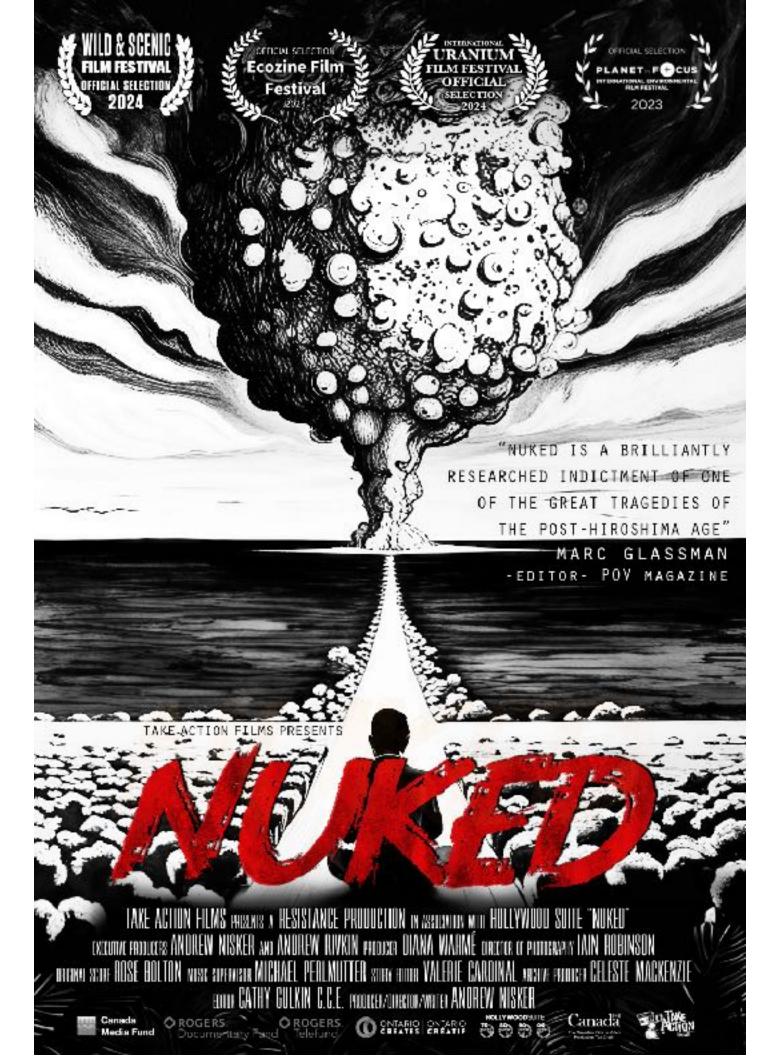
As pressure mounts in the US to meet net zero carbon goals, the nuclear power industry makes its case for a nuclear " renaissance" to solve the climate crisis. In place of the highly costly reactors that have been shut down across many regions of the country, investors began in the early 21st century to promote small modular nuclear reactors (SMRs) as a technological solution. The film follows anti-nuclear activist Lloyd Marbet and attorneys Greg Kafoury and Lauren Goldberg as they draw lessons from the decades-long fight to shut down the Trojan Nuclear Power plant in Oregon and expose current campaigns to revive the industry. Climate activist Cathy Sampson-Kruse (Wallulapum member of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation) points to the buried legacy of atomic weapons production and nuclear power generation at Hanford Nuclear Reservation in Washington State and to its devastating impacts on tribal communities.

#### 6:30 pm

#### NUKED



Canada, 2023, Director and producer: Andrew Nisker, Documentary, 90 min.



The US detonated 67 nuclear weapons over the Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands during the Cold War, the consequences of which still reverberate down four generations to today. "NUKED," is a timely new feature documentary focussing on the human victims of the Cold War Era nuclear arms race, tracing the displaced Bikinian's ongoing struggle for justice and survival even as climate change poses a new existential threat. Using carefully restored archival footage to resurrect contemporaneous islanders' voices and juxtaposing these with the full, awesome fury of the nuclear detonations, NUKED starkly contrasts the official record with the lived experience of the Bikinians themselves, serving as an important counterpoint to this summer's Oppenheimer.

#### With the presence director Andrew Nisker

#### 8:30 pm

#### ATOMIC GODS: CREATION MYTHS OF THE BOMB

USA, 2023, Director Adam Jonas Horowitz, mockumentary, 54 min.

ATOMIC GODS is a black-comedy, pseudodocumentary film that reveals for the first time the secret, unknown (and perhaps even forbidden), 'Creation Myths of the Bomb'. It centers on the story of J. Robert Oppenheimer and the birth of the Atomic Bomb; and also features God (in a special guest appearance), Adam and Eve, Prometheus, King Kong, Charleton Heston, and Moby Dick. The film also reveals previously unknown footage of the 'Atomic Gods' themselves in a daring prison escape from Alcatraz. The film navigates a dream world between Fact and Myth; combining the Real, with the Unreal, the Surreal, and the Hyperreal; along with new cartoons, and extremely



rare, previously unseen, "Actual Footage." A biting satire that is at once both historical and futuristic, this dark and hilarious story serves as a post-nuclear fairy tale.

With the presence of Adam Jonas Horowitz. He is a sculptor, performer, public installation artist and filmmaker of fiction and documentary films, unified by their effort to confront and contemplate spicy dilemmas of human rights and the environment in fresh, challenging ways.

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#### **ABOUT THE FESTIVAL**

For 13 years, the International Uranium Film Festval (IUFF) has presented cutting edge films on nuclear issues around the world, including Brazil, Germany, India, Canada and United States. Founded in 2010 by the Brazilian social scientist Márcia Gomes de Oliveira and the German environmental journalist Norbert G. Suchanek, the International Uranium Film Festival (IUFF) is dedicated to all nuclear topics and the entire nuclear fuel chain, from uranium mining to nuclear waste, from nuclear war to nuclear accidents. Since 2016, when the International Uranium Film Festival was hosted at the famous Raleigh Studios for the first time in Hollywood it is also known as Atomic Age Cinema Fest. The next IUFF in Rio de Janeiro at the Modern Art Museum (MAM Rio) Cinema is scheduled for May 25 to June 1, 2024.

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