



# Cinema St. Louis And St. Louis Public Radio Present Best Of Shorts On Twitch On July 31

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ST. LOUIS - Cinema St. Louis and St. Louis Public Radio are proud to co-present Best of Shorts, a virtual screening of a selection of the award-winning short films from the 2019 Whitaker St. Louis International Film Festival (SLIFF) and 2019 Whitaker St. Louis Filmmakers Showcase. In addition to the films, the event will feature an interview with Marshall Curry, director of "The Neighbor's Window," which won this year's Academy Award for Best Live Action Short.

The program will be streamed for free at 7 pm Friday, July 31, on St. Louis Public Radio's [Twitch](#) channel. Register for the event at [stlpublicradio.org/events/](http://stlpublicradio.org/events/).

Twitch is a live-stream video platform owned by Amazon. It's like YouTube, but all the videos are live, so the experience is different at any given time. Twitch's popularity started with video gamers and e-sports players, but many people join Twitch to chat or to live stream events.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has long sanctioned SLIFF's shorts competition as a pre-screening event for the Academy Awards. The winners in four categories of SLIFF's juried shorts programming (Best of Fest, Best Animation, Best Live Action, and Best Documentary) are eligible to submit their films directly to the Academy for Oscar consideration.

St. Louis Public Radio is an award-winning news organization and NPR member station, providing in-depth news, insightful discussion, and entertaining programs to more than a half-million people per month on-air and online. With a large, St. Louis-based newsroom and reporters stationed in Jefferson City and Rolla, Mo., and Belleville, Ill., the station's journalists find and tell important stories about communities

across the region and help people to become deeply informed about the issues that affect their lives. Broadcasting on 90.7 KWMU FM in St. Louis, 90.3 WQUB in Quincy, Ill., 88.5 KMST in Rolla, and 96.3 K242AN in Lebanon, Mo., and sharing news and music online at [stlpublicradio.org](http://stlpublicradio.org), St. Louis Public Radio is a member-supported service of the [University of Missouri-St. Louis](http://University of Missouri-St. Louis).

The following short films will be screened during this event:

### **Bodies Like Oceans**

KC Cory, U.S., 2019, 13 min., documentary, adult content (language and nudity)

A dreamy portrait of photographer Shoog McDaniel, a self-described queer fat freak, whose work with fat bodies in nature transgresses reality. **Best Documentary Less Than 20 Minutes at the 2019 Showcase.**

### **Charon**

Cullen Parr, U.S., 2019, 12 min., documentary

A profile of Myron Dyal, a California artist with temporal-lobe epilepsy who creates striking paintings, drawings, and sculptures inspired by the visions he has during his seizures. **Best Documentary Short at the 2019 SLIFF.**

### **Grab My Hand: A Letter to My Dad**

Camrus Johnson & Pedro Piccinini, U.S., 2019, 5 min., animated narrative

A touching and personal exploration of the relationship between the filmmaker's father and his best friend. **Best Short Short at the 2019 SLIFF.**

### **Miller & Son**

Asher Jelinsky, U.S., 2018, 21 min., live-action narrative

A transwoman mechanic runs her family's auto shop during the day and expresses her femininity at night, but an unforeseen event threatens the balance of her compartmentalized life. **Best Live Action Short at the 2019 SLIFF.**

### **The Neighbors' Window**

Marshall Curry, U.S., 2019, 20 min., live-action narrative, adult content (language and brief nudity)

A middle-aged woman with small children has her life shaken up when two free-spirited twentysomethings move in across the street. **Academy Award winner as Best Live Action Short and Best of Fest Short at 2019 SLIFF.**

### **St. Louis Superman**

Sami Khan & Smriti Mundhra, U.S., 2019, 28 min., documentary, adult content (strong language)

A profile of Bruce Franks Jr., the 34-year-old battle rapper, Ferguson activist, and former Missouri state representative. **Academy Award nominee as Best Documentary Short and Best Local Short at 2019 SLIFF.**

### **Two**

Emre Okten, U.S., 2019, 6 min., animated narrative

Two robots discover the value of their friendship as a decades-long mission to the sun comes to an end. **Best Animated Short at 2019 SLIFF.**