

FESTIVALS & DISTRIBUTION NEWSLETTER

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Film Independent Doc Lab Fellows 2020

- *Manzanar, Diverted* produced by Jin Yoo-Kim. (USC Alum).

Annapolis Short Film Challenge

- Winner of the Pitching Competition: *Everybody's Watching* by Omar Aldakheel (USC Alum).

Caucus Foundation Grantees

- Damon Laguna
- Mel Orpen
- Katherine Boyd-Batstone

Sundance Ignite 2020

- Natalie Chao
- Sean Wang

SXSW 2020

- *I'll Meet You There* written & directed by Iran Praveen Bilal (Alumni Feature)
- *Nine Days* written & directed by Edson Oda and produced by Jason Berman (Alumni Feature)

- *Charm City King* co-written by Chris Boyd and Kirk Sullivan (Alumni Feature)



- *Miss Juneteenth* directed and written by Channing Godfrey Peoples and produced by Neil Creque Williams (Debut Alumni Feature)

- Texas Shorts: *Just Hold On* directed by Sam Davis & Rayka Zehtabchi (Alumni Doc Short)

- Episodic Pilot Competition: *Everyone Together* Executive Producer and Co-Created by Jessica Kaye (Alumni TV Pilot)

- Midnighters: *Dembanger* Directed and co-written by John Berardo (Alumni Feature)

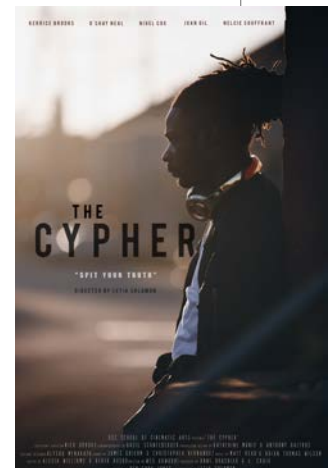
Slamdance 2020

- Audience Award, Best Actor, Grand Jury Honorable Mention, *Residue* directed and written by Alumni Merawi Gerima (Debut Feature)

Tribeca Film Festival 2020

- *The Cypher* directed by Letia Solomon (USC Short)

- Cinema360: *Upstander* created by Van Phan



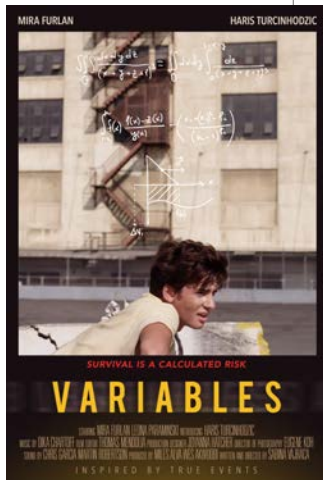
HBOAccess Directing Fellowship 2020

Top 25 Semi-Finalists:

- Tiffany Kontoyiannis Guillen (USC Alumni).
- Sabina Vajrača (USC Alumni).

Women's Weekend Film Challenge

- Camila Prisco Paraiso selected to participate as a gaffer during film challenge event.



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(Alumni - World Premiere VR)

Rotterdam Film Festival 2020

- Tiger Award Winner 2020 *The Cloud in Her Room* directed by Zheng Lu Xinyuan - (Debut Feature)

Moebius CAA 2020 Showcase

- *Milk Teeth* directed by Felipe Vargas (USC Short).
- *Mr. Thisforthat* directed by Thomas Mendolia (USC Short).
- *The Cypher* directed by Letia Solomon (USC Short).



Student BAFTA 2020

- Live Action Finalist *Variables* directed by Sabina Vajrača (USC Short)

Fantasia Film Festival 2020

- *The Green Sea* directed by Steven Alexander Robbins (USC Short).
- *Mr. Thisforthat* directed by Thomas Mendolia (USC Short).

Florida Film Festival 2020

- *My Body, Its Choice* directed by McKenzi Vanderberg (USC Short).
- *Wyrn* directed by Christopher Winterbauer (Alumni Debut Feature)

2020 Telly Awards

- Gold Winner - Social Video: *La Ruta* directed by Star Victoria (USC Short).



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• **Bronze Winner - Social Video:** *Lessons Lived* directed by Mark Vinzant (USC Thesis Short).

• **Silver Winner - Local TV:** *WHRO TV SPOT (Rhythm Going - Gershwin)* directed by Simon Fink, executive produced by Jeff Fine (USC Alumni).

People's Voice Webby - Video: Best Editing

• *That's My Jazz!* edited by Federico Conforti (Alumni Company Breakwater Studios, Ben Proudfoot).

FIRST LOOK 2020

First Look is the yearly USC School of Cinematic Arts showcase for advanced projects run by the Industry Relations Office. This year's edition was a little different due to COVID-19 and took place online. You can click [here](#) for more information, press and awards.

