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“Drive-In”

Happy Wednesday – special thanks

Rik Swartzwelder

A struggling stand-up comic exploits an innocent person in his life for laughs and finds success; but he pays a big price. Based on a true-life experience of Rik Swartzwelder. 12 minutes

Paul McCall

Rik Swartzwelder, producer

A shy second-grade boy must survive the school bullies and his own imagination in order to safely get an important note from his teacher home to his mom. Produced while Rik Swartzwelder was a graduate student at FSU. Winner of the “Student Emmy” and numerous other awards. 13 minutes

Art Appreciation

Rik Swartzwelder, director

Two 20-something hipsters explore an art museum in search of a richer understanding of the human experience. 5 minutes

Loaded

Rik Swartzwelder, writer, director

In this atmospheric, experimental film, a detached and lonely man loads a gun and then goes about his day. Eventually, unavoidably, he pulls the trigger – but in an unexpected way. 12 minutes

Michigan Sky

Rik Swartzwelder, director

Two former lovers pass on opposing escalators. Winner of an “audience award” at the Waterfront Film Festival. 8 minutes

A Swamp with a View

Jeffrey Fullgraf, writer, director

In the soggy town of Swampwater, FL, a documentary filmmaker quickly runs into Swampwater’s side-winding mayor and, with each crazy citizen he meets, he discovers that in Florida’s backwater. It’s not just the heat, it’s the stupidity.

The Least of These

Rik Swartzwelder, writer, director, producer

The fading, isolated life of a diner owner and the dull routine of his late night crowd are forever changed by the unusual proposition of a stranger. Based on a true story. Winner of 32 awards and an “official selection” at 65+ film festivals worldwide. 20 minutes

War Prayer

Rik Swartzwelder, writer

Through thick clouds of choking gas, a Hero plants land mines; an Enemy pursues. When their paths collide, who will be left standing? Inspired by a Mark Twain short story. Winner at the Beverly Hills, Rebel Planet Hollywood, and Santa Cruz film festivals. 16 minutes

Interspersed are animated short films from Ringling School of Art & Design.