

# Via Zoom: Jim Vendiola on His Short Film 'Pretty Pickle' at CUFF 29

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CHICAGO – The 29th Chicago Underground Film Festival (CUFF) highlights many short films in several programs, and local filmmaker Jim Vendiola will screen his latest "Pretty Pickle" on July 28th, 2022 in SHORTS 2. For ticket information, click PICKLE JIM [16].

It's the story of Sam and Sam – Samuel and his new girlfriend, Samantha – during the "honeymoon phase" of their relationship. As Samuel sinks further down an Othello-like spiral while privately dwelling on one of Samantha's persisting quirks, he is led to a nightmarish discovery. Part horror, part comedy of manners, part romance, "Pretty Pickle" is a provocative probe of 21st Century dating paranoias and insecurity, and the timeless unpredictability of human secrecy.



'Pretty Pickle,' Written & Directed by Jim Vendiola (inset) Photo credit: 29th CUFF

Jim Vendiola is an award-winning Filipino-American filmmaker, who has been named one of Chicago Newcity Magazine's FILM 50 of 2016, 2018, and 2020. "Pretty Pickle" is his latest of seven film credits as writer and director.

The 29th edition of CUFF, the longest running underground film festival in the world, teams up with OnlyFans, Unstoppable Domains, and The Visible Project to bring back five days of film/five nights of screenings at Chicago's Logan Theater from July 27-31st, 2022, as well as their famous afterparties. A ticket to CUFF doesn't just get you access to more than 100 films and video artworks, it's an admission to a subculture.

Additional programming at CUFF includes four world premieres, three regional premieres, panel discussions examining crypto and DAO (click <u>CUFF Decentralized Autonomous Organization (DAO)</u> [17]), in addition to after-party experiences.



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In an interview via Zoom with Patrick McDonald of HollywoodChicago.com, writer/director Jim Vendiola of "Pretty Pickle" talks the film themes of romance, horror and sex ...

#### Trailer for CUFF 29 ...

"Pretty Pickle" is part of the SHORTS 2 (July 28, 9pm) program at the 29th Chicago Underground Film Festival (CUFF), which takes place from July 28th through the 31st, 2022. Screenings are at the Logan Theater, 2646 North Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago. For all information, click CUFF 29 [18].



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