

# SCINEMA

## INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE FILM FESTIVAL 2019

### UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL PROGRAM

**RUN TIME 2 hours 7 minutes**

**THE FACE OF A STRANGER** (Canada)

**50 minutes**

**Best Film**

*French (English subtitles)*

**Directed by** Geneviève Turcotte

**Produced by** Découverte, Radio-Canada

**Written by** Danny Lemieux

After a 2011 hunting accident, this Quebec man thought he'd live forever with half a face. Then a confident young surgeon made an extraordinary offer. Face of Stranger takes us on a medical journey of epic proportions – where the odds of success are less than ideal. That didn't bother the prospective patient, 65-year-old Maurice Desjardins, who desperately needed a facial transplant operation.

**Jury comment:** *Story telling at its best with layers of brilliant cinematography, amazing human connections; emotionally charged and totally engaging.*

**PROFESSOR FAKE: WHEN SCIENTISTS**

**CHEAT** (Germany) **58:39 minutes**

*German (English subtitles)*

**Directed and Written by** Peter Onneken

**Produced by** Wolfram Giese

Today many scientists avoid the lengthy formal review processes associated with scientific journals by publishing their research results in open access magazines, criticised for printing studies without quality control. Peter Onneken, author and filmmaker wants to know exactly how this system works, so he launches a project of his own. He publishes a fake paper claiming that ordinary chia seeds make people smarter. His "scientific theory" makes it into respected journals and research at conferences. This film shows how bad research can become a game of life and death.

**THE RAREST DRUG ON EARTH 10 minutes**

This short film highlights TRIUMF's (Canada's particle physics laboratory) efforts to produce a special radioactive isotope nicknamed the "rarest drug on Earth" which can deliver devastating amounts of energy to single cancer cells without harming nearby tissue, and could revolutionise the way we treat cancer.

**WHY THIS SKATEBOARDING TRICK SHOULD**

**BE IMPOSSIBLE** (United States) **9 minutes**

**Festival Entry**

**Directed, produced and written by**

Dianna Cowern

Skateboarding legend Rodney Mullen teams up with Physics Girl to explain the unusual physics behind skateboard tricks.

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