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# Film festival's focus is women

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LunaFest, says local film producer/director Linda Spalazzi, is that rare festival featuring short films "by women, for women, about women's issues."

This year's 10-film, 90-minute, international lineup ranges from an 80-second animated short to a 21-minute family drama in Icelandic, with English subtitles.

Two-thirds of the filmmakers are under 30, and their films are from Africa, Central and South America, France, Iceland, Ireland, Japan and the U.S.

**ADVERTISEMENT** LunaFest unreels Tuesday and Wednesday at the Cincinnati Art Museum, presented by Cincinnati World Cinema and the YWCA.

Spalazzi, whose "Empty Chairs and Painful Windows" was inspired by artwork with a theme of domestic violence, will be a discussion leader.

She previewed the films and says the topics are universal, and the films, selected from more than 200, get better each year.

This year's line-up includes:

- "Make a Wish," a 12-minute, wryly funny film about an 11-year old Palestinian girl who will do whatever it takes to buy a birthday cake. The Filmmaker is University of Cincinnati grad Cherien

### If you go

**What:** LunaFest Film Festival

**When:** 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday

**Where:** Cincinnati World Cinema, Cincinnati Art Museum Fath Auditorium, Eden Park

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Dabis. In Arabic with English subtitles.

- "Family Reunion," about a woman with a secret returning to her native Iceland. In Icelandic and English, with subtitles.
- "My Other Mother," from South Africa, about grieving and the acceptance of loss.
- "The Guarantee," 11-minute, animated film about body image.
- "Empty Chairs and Painful Windows," directed by Linda Spalazzi, interviews kids and family members who have felt the impact of domestic violence.



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An image from Colombian director Marlon Vásquez Silva's short, animated film, which will be screened at LunaFest Tuesday.

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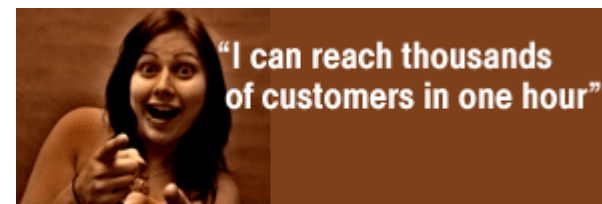
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