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Cincinnati World Cinema (CWC) continues its nurturing of the short film format with its eighth annual screening of Academy Award nominated live-action and animated short films. Contrary to the often bloated and formulaic long-form product being churned out by studios right now, this collection of shorts offers unique, consistently compelling work via a variety of styles and subject matter.

Among the best of the five live-action features is Swiss director Reto Caffe's *On the Line* (pictured), a perceptive, melancholic drama about a department store security guard who longs to connect with a female clerk, and Oscar winner *Toyland*, Jochen Alexander Freydank's deftly rendered story of a young mother's search for her missing son in Nazi Germany.

Of the five animated shorts, Japanese filmmaker Kunio Kato's Oscar-winning *La Maison En Petits Cubes* is a poignant, evocative look at one man's memories of a city now nearly fully engulfed in water.

CWC presents the shorts in two different programs (A and B), each of which runs about 90 minutes.

Program A runs 4 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Program B runs 7:30 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday, April 1. All screenings will be at The Redmoor (3187 Linwood Ave., Mount Lookout). \$10 each screening.

Get details, times and tickets [here](#).
