

SHELLFISH - A Coming-of-Age Indie Comedy with a Stop Motion Twist

See *SHELLFISH* at Brenden Theatres in the Palms Casino Resort, Las Vegas, Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday, September 16, 17, 18 & 19th, 2022

LAS VEGAS, NV, USA, September 14, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Public Theatrical Debut of Shellfish

"I've just completed the final touches on my first feature film, Shellfish, which fortunately had a very successful festival run," said Filmmaker Hunter

Hopewell. "We're thrilled that Shellfish will enjoy its public theatrical debut, this weekend through Monday at the awesomely upgraded Brenden Theaters in the Palms, Las Vegas."

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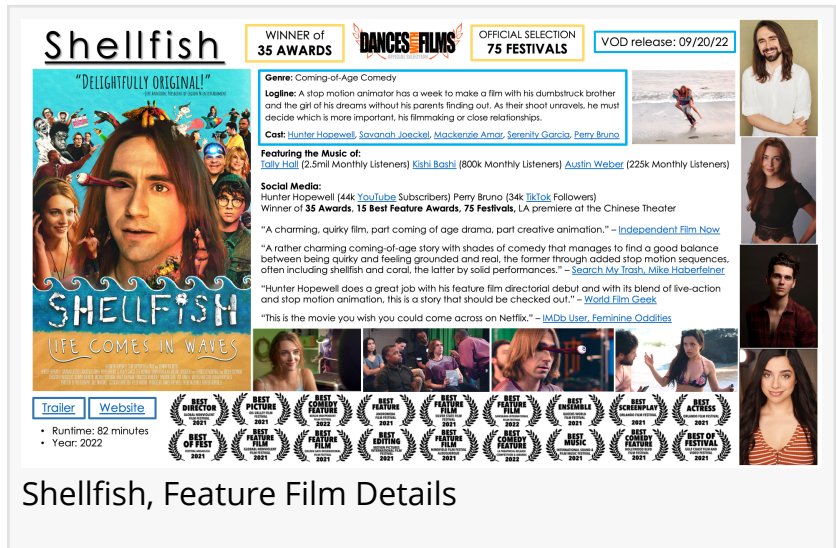
Delightfully Original!"

Jeff Annison, President of
Legion M Entertainment

"We're excited to have audiences experience our coming-of-age movie that started with a \$25K grant from Johnny Brenden, awarded by UNLV, followed by lots of continued support from friends & family and 4+ years of bringing together the inspired work of the many contributors I was fortunate to have on our team."

The PLACE: Brenden Theatres at Palms Casino Resort makes your cinematic adventure comfortably memorable with new luxury leather electric recliners including personal tables, reserved seating, and unparalleled A/V presentation quality.

SHOWTIMES & Pricing: Friday-Monday, September 16-19th: 2:25pm, 5:05pm, 7:45pm & 10:25pm - Tickets range from \$11.50 to \$9.50 for Seniors/Children/Military and \$8 for UNLV students. Note: on Monday ALL tix are just \$5 - Click here to reserve your recliners >



Shellfish

"DELIGHTFULLY ORIGINAL!"

WINNER of 35 AWARDS

DANCES FILMS

OFFICIAL SELECTION 75 FESTIVALS

VOD release: 09/20/22

Genre: Coming-of-Age Comedy

Logline: A stop motion animator has a week to make a film with his dumbstruck brother and the girl of his dreams without his parents finding out. As their shoot unravels, he must decide which is more important, his filmmaking or close relationships.

Cast: Hunter Hopewell, Savannah Joeckel, Mackenzie Amor, Serenity Garcia, Perry Bruno

Featuring the Music of: Tally Hall (2.5mil Monthly Listeners) Kishi Bashi (800k Monthly Listeners) Austin Weber (225k Monthly Listeners)

Social Media: Hunter Hopewell (44k YouTube Subscribers) Perry Bruno (34k TikTok Followers)

Winner of 35 Awards, 15 Best Feature Awards, 75 Festivals, LA premiere at the Chinese Theater

"A charming, quirky film, part coming of age drama, part creative animation." - Independent Film Now

"A rather charming coming-of-age story with shades of comedy that manages to find a good balance between being quirky and feeling grounded and real, the former through added stop motion sequences, often including shellfish and coral, the latter by solid performances." - Search My Trash, Mike Haberfelner

"Hunter Hopewell does a great job with his feature film directorial debut and with its blend of live-action and stop motion animation, this is a story that should be checked out." - World Film Geek

"This is the movie you wish you could come across on Netflix." - IMDb User, Feminine Oddities

Trailer Website

- Runtime: 82 minutes
- Year: 2022

Best Picture, Best Feature, Best Screenplay, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Music, Best Editing, Best Production Design, Best Cinematography, Best Sound, Best Visual Effects, Best Costume Design, Best Hair and Makeup, Best Production Office, Best Post-Production, Best Marketing, Best Distribution, Best Festival, Best Audience Award, Best Critical Award, Best Overall Award

Shellfish, Feature Film Details

The STORY: A stop-motion animator has a week to make a film with his dumbstruck brother and the girl of his dreams without his parents finding out. As their shoot unravels, he must face his own selfishness and decide which is more important, his filmmaking or close relationships.

<https://tinyurl.com/ShellfishTix>

"I'll be there," said Hunter, "along with members of the Cast & Crew, creating sort of a film festival atmosphere, dropping in to introduce ourselves and get the film rolling, field questions, and sign movie posters for audience members at random screenings each day."

"I was so fortunate to win the Johnny Brenden Filmmakers Grant from UNLV to produce my first feature film. While writing, I kept thinking that if my script wins, what will make our micro-budget feature stand out?

First, to be genuine, Shellfish needed to be about something I was very familiar with – the many funny and tragic things that could go wrong during the production of a low-budget film made with friends. Second, when I was nine, the first video I ever made was a stop motion animation, and I'm delighted that audiences have embraced the unique mix of stop motion in Shellfish. I think it's truly made our indie film look and feel bigger than its budget.

I've been a Producer at Disney for five years, I aspire to direct a Disney feature, and as Walt said, 'It takes people to make the dream a reality.'

I was blessed to work with an exceptionally talented group of students/alumni and received a remarkable amount of un-shellfish support from UNLV staff, friends, and family. There are nearly 200 names in the credits, each one representing significant contributions. So many standout performances from up-and-comers in our cast who I'm proud to call my friends and a crew who gave it their all to ensure every shot looks cinematic.

I'm grateful and appreciative to have had this wonderful opportunity. I plan on a lifetime of making movies, as a writer, director, actor, and composer, intent on helping others with similar passions by paying it forward. We hope you enjoy our film."

Learn more @ HunterHopewell.com/Shellfish

Shellfish 35 AWARDS to date include:



Filming Shellfish on Malibu Beach



Hunter Hopewell, Shellfish Director

- The Johnny Brenden Filmmakers Award
- Best Comedy Feature - Berlin Independent Film Festival 2022
- Best Feature Film - Samskara International Film Festival 2022
- Best Comedy Feature - Los Angeles Theatrical Release Competition & Awards 2022
- Best First Feature Film – Ramsgate International Film Festival 2021
- Best Ensemble - Queens World Film Festival 2021
- Best Feature Film - Mindfield Film Festival Albuquerque 2021
- Best Director & Best Feature Film - Global Nonviolent Film Festival 2021
- Best of Festival - Gulf Coast Film and Video Festival 2021
- Best Music - International Sound & Film Music Festival 2021
- Best Feature Film - Golden Gate International Film Festival 2021
- Best Picture - Oil Valley Film Festival 2021
- Best Actress - Marina Del Rey Film Festival 2021
- Best Screenplay & Outstanding Achievement in Lead Acting – Orlando Film Festival 2021
- Best Screenplay - Fade In Awards 2021
- Best of Fest - Festival Angaelica 2021
- Best Editing - Motion Pictures International Film Festival 2021
- Best Feature Film, Audience Award - Silver State Film Festival 2021
- Best First Time Filmmaker - ReelHeART International Film & Screenplay Festival 2021
- Best Student Film & Best Visual Effects – Canadian Diversity Film Festival 2021
- Best Feature - Andromeda Film Festival 2021
- Best Student Feature Film – Mile High International Film Festival 2021
- Best Student Film & Audience Choice Award - Albuquerque Film & Music Experience 2021

ABOUT BRENDEN THEATRES

Established in 1990, Brenden Theatres operates nearly 100 screens at seven locations in Nevada, California, Arizona, and Colorado. Brenden provides the ultimate cinematic experience for moviegoers with amenities including luxury, leather reclining chairs, state-of-the-art visual and audio equipment, and reserved seating.

Johnny Brenden is the Owner and Chairman of the Brenden Theatre Corporation. His family has a long history in Motion Picture Exhibition. His grandfather, Ted Mann, was a pioneer of the industry. He built and operated the former Mann Theatre Corporation which included the famous Mann Chinese Theatre in Hollywood.

Among its many accolades, Brenden Theatres and IMAX at Palms Casino Resort is a four-time recipient of the Review-Journal's "Best Theater" Award

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