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Slamdance Unveils Competition Lineup (EXCLUSIVE)



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The [Slamdance](http://variety.com/t/slamdance/) Film Festival, launched two decades ago as an alternative to Sundance, has unveiled 18 titles for its narrative and documentary feature film competition programs.

The lineup — which includes 11 world premieres, four North American premieres, and one U.S. premiere — was selected from more than 5,000 submissions. All competition films are feature film directorial debuts with budgets of less than \$1 million and without U.S. distribution.

The 20th iteration of the festival will take place Jan. 17-23 in Park City, Utah at the Treasure Mountain Inn.

The fest has included showings of such notable titles as [Oren Peli](http://variety.com/t/oren-peli/)'s "Paranormal Activity," Marilyn Argrelo's "Mad Hot Ballroom" and Seth Gordon's "The King of Kong: A Fistful of Quarters." Slamdance alumni include Christopher Nolan, Marc Forster, Jared Hess, Lena Dunham, Benh Zeitlin and Lynn Shelton.

The narrative lineup includes Mark Raso's "Copenhagen"; Oren Carmi's "Goldberg & Eisenberg"; Jay Alvarez's "I Play With The Phrase Each Other"; Dane Clark and Linsey Stewart's "I Put a Hit on You"; Pete Brunner's "My Blind Heart"; Mario Kyprainou's "The Republic of Rick"; Fernando Frias de la Parra's "Rezeta"; Tony Bland's "Rover"; Blake Robbins' "The Sublime and Beautiful": and Metal Man's "Wizard's Way."

The documentary lineup Matthew Bauckman and Jaret Belliveau's "Elliot," Allan Luebke's "Glena"; Chris Furbee's "Huntington's Dance"; Kate S. Logan's "Kidnapped for Christ"; Theo Love's "Little Hope Was Arson"; David McMahon's "Skanks"; Aneta Popiel-Machnicka's "Sometimes I Dream I'm Flying"; and Nailah Jefferson's "Vanishing Pearls: The Oystermen of Pointe a la Hache."

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