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Step Into The Light: **RAINDANCE IMMERSIVE** marks a decade of immersive art and innovation

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Celebrating a decade of championing independent XR creators, Raindance Immersive's vanguard programme continues to define the future of storytelling with a dynamic array of 32 projects, including World Premieres and first-look previews. Notably, 27 projects are showcased on immersive social VR platforms like VRChat, Resonite, and Orion Drift, underscoring the growing power of these social spaces for both creation and play.

For its 10th edition, Raindance Immersive invites you to **"Step Into The Light"** and experience immersive artworks that ignite your senses and illuminate your soul, emphasizing art's healing power to navigate darkness and foster connection under the theme **"Through Art We Heal."** The visionary curation team of **Mária Rakušanová, Joe Hunting, Joanna Leigh, Mary Lee Desmond** and **Jiyue Hu** present Raindance Immersive's standout selections. Among their top VR game picks are the gripping dark fantasy claymation adventure **THE MIDNIGHT WALK (creators: Moonhood Games)**, the blockbuster puzzle sensation **GHOST TOWN (creators: Fireproof Games)**, the thrilling e-sports contender **ORION DRIFT (creators: Another Axiom)**, and iconic VRChat masterpiece **BULLET TIME AGENT (creator: Lakuza**).

Beyond gaming, Raindance Immersive extends into VRChat and Resonite, where attendees can embark on unique guided tours of fully hand-crafted art worlds led by their visionary world builders. **HOMMAGE (creators: Nanotopia and Rixx)** is an art world in Resonite, a love letter to Jean "Moebius" Giraud's visionary legacy, paying tribute to his seminal collaborations with Alejandro Jodorowsky, René Laloux, and the revolutionary spirit of Metal Hurlant. **NATURA'S QUEENDOM (creators: Anders Fray and Starheart**) invites you to awaken as Natura, Mother Nature's daughter, in her hand-crafted Queendom in VRChat. Embark on an enchanting journey through her lush gardens, whimsical forests, and luminous waters. **THE CONTINUOUS PRESENT (creators: ReVerse Butcher and Kylie Supski)** is an art experience in VRChat that blends virtual sculpture, poetry and music to explore the complexities of love, duality, gender, consciousness, and embodiment through evocative environments and layered narratives. **WHAT IS VIRTUAL ART: VOLUME 1 (creator: Jessien Huang; featured artists: Zheng Chen, Polaris, Li Tiangzi and ReVerseButcher)** is an art exhibition in VRChat that showcases the groundbreaking creations of four artists who reimagine traditional forms like shadow play, theatrical scenery, pop-up books, and collage to inspire interdisciplinary exploration.

The programme electrifies with vibrant live performances, from music and theatre to captivating dance, spoken word, and insightful spiritual sessions led by meditation guides, crystal healers, and tarot card readers. **BLUE RONDO: STRATOS (creators: EMN Records)** invites you to board the Stratos space elevator in VRChat where a live musical performance underscores your ascent through the softening grip of Earth, evoking emotions of home, thrill, and anticipation as you journey towards the cosmos.

CINEMATIC NEON CLUB: MONA LISA OVERDRIVE (creators: Cinematic Neon Club) is a live music show in VRChat set within a vibrant, cyberpunk-inspired world, where a pulsating neon light show electrifies the atmosphere. **TONEVOK: SONIC SKY JOURNEY (creators: Tonevok)** is a real-time audiovisual performance in VRChat, where improvised hardware synth sounds dynamically ignite reactive visuals within a surreal Japanese archipelago, transforming music into vibrant landscapes. **TORCHLIGHT (creator: Kinu)** is a music show in VRChat where Kinu's emotions and imagination manifest as music, spoken words, performance, and a palpable atmosphere, igniting a shared sense of illumination. **RHYTHMIC ROOT (creators: Maru-17, Az, DJ Favisama)** invites you to experience the illuminating fusion of DJ Favisama's Afro House with Maru-17's djembe and Az's soulful vocals, brought to life by electrifying dancers, powerfully expressing humanity's shared origin in a boundary-transcending musical odyssey. **CATHEDRAL OF WITCHES (creator: Play Moana madeHexe.exe)** is a live performance in the moonlit depths of an abandoned cathedral in VRChat, experience six ethereal live performances blending dance, music, and ritual to explore spiritual and metaphysical themes, evoke profound emotions through a live synth score, and invite deep reflection on self, cosmos, and community. **OBSERVA PRESENTS: LUXIAN LUNACY! (creators: Luxe Nova)** Observa Theater's traveling circus takes a hilariously dark turn as a mysterious new Jester wreaks havoc in Luxe Nova's "Luxian Lunacy," a live performance in VRChat brimming with characters, riotous acts, and meme-fueled comedic chaos.

Furthermore, this year's narrative category strongly emphasizes VR for impact documentaries, underscoring XR's powerful potential to drive social justice. Having been presented at COP29 in Baku, **BREAK THE SILENCE (creators: Dnipro NGO, Mriya Production)** illustrates the environmental catastrophe unfolding in Ukraine as the fourth year of the full-scale invasion progresses**.** Journey to Tanzania in **SANDS OF TIME (creator: Dopay)** to learn about the devastating costs of unchecked sand mining. A deeply personal interactive mixed-media piece, **THE TIME BEFORE (creator: Leo Metcalf**) delves into the elusive nature of childhood, glimpsing fractured memories of an abusive father and a mother lost in the haze of the past. And **ANCESTRAL SECRET VR (creators: Francisca Silva, María José Díaz)** is an immersive glimpse into the living traditions of the Q'ero community of Peru, the last inheritors of Inca culture.

For the third year, Raindance proudly spotlights emerging talent with a dedicated showcase of short films from the burgeoning VRChat filmmaking community. The selection of short films created within VRChat is curated by **Joe Hunting**, the acclaimed filmmaker whose Sundance-nominated documentaries *We Met in Virtual Reality* and *The Reality of Hope* were groundbreaking for being filmed entirely in VRChat. This programme includes **A DUTCHMAN IN VIRTUAL JAPAN (creator: Madame Kana, cast: Kaerun), BROKEN PAST (creator: SlapNap), OUR PRECIOUS AUTUMN (creator: Penrose Studios), STARCROSS COAST (creator: Danny Grey).**

This year's **Raindance Immersive Showcase will run in London from June 19th to 22nd at Vue Piccadilly,** including the annual Immersive Summit on June 20th. The virtual festival will run from **June 6th to 29th within VRChat**, with additional events in Resonite and Orion Drift. The nominated immersive experiences will compete for 8 awards: *Best Narrative for Impact, Best Game, Best Art World, Best Art Experience, Best Music Show, Best Live Performance, Best Immersive Theatre* and *Best Short Film of VR*.
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2025 RAINDANCE IMMERSIVE NOMINATIONS:

1. **Best Narrative for Impact**
    - Ancestral Secret VR
    - Break The Silence
    - Sands of Time VR
    - The Time Before

2. **Best Game**
    - Bullet Time Agent
    - Ghost Town

- Orion Drift
- The Midnight Walk

3. Best Art World
- Celestia Nimbus: Guardians of the Six Realms
- Goa: The Planet of the Snails
- Hommage
- Natura's Queendom

4. Best Art Experience
- Hommage
- Natura's Queendom
- The Continuous Present
- What Is Virtual Art: Volume 1

5. Best Music Show
- Blue Rondo: Stratos
- Cinematic Neon Club:
- Mona Lisa Overdrive
- Tonevok: Sonic Sky Journey
- Torchlight

6. Best Live Performance
- Cathedral of Witches
- Observa Presents: Luxian Lunacy!
- Rhythmic Root
- Silhouettes of Memories

7. Best Immersive Theatre
- A Christmas Carol VR
- Scarecrow: Rekindle
- Symbiosis/\Dysbiosis: Sentience
- Uncanny Alley: A New Day

8. Best Short Film of VR
- A Dutch In Virtual Japan
- Broken Past
- Our Precious Autumn
- Starcross Coast

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- The Architect Across Realities
- The Reality of Hope

2025 SELECTION:

>> NARRATIVES FOR SOCIAL IMPACT

Ancestral Secret VR (creators: Francisca Silva, María José Díaz). There is an ancient Inca prophecy, which says that in the planet's difficult times, harmony will return when the condor and the eagle fly together again. The condor represents the indigenous peoples and the eagle represents what we know today as the globalized world. Step into the living traditions of the Q'ero community of Peru, the last inheritors of Inca culture, in an immersive VR experience that redefines our connection to Mother Earth.

The prophecy is unfolding: the voices of indigenous peoples are gaining unprecedented resonance. Ancestral Secret serves as a vital conduit, empowering the Q'ero to share their timeless knowledge and guide us towards a harmonious coexistence with our planet, ensuring their invaluable legacy endures.

Break The Silence (creators: Dnipro NGO, Mriya Production). As the fourth year of the full-scale invasion progresses, a troubling reality emerges: the world risks becoming numb to the ongoing crisis in Ukraine. Facts and numbers, once stark reminders of the human cost, now struggle to elicit the necessary response. In this context, how can we effectively draw attention to the ravaged environment? How can we make the world truly hear the silent victim of this horrific tragedy? At SaveDnipro NGO, we understood the urgent need for a transformative approach and collaborated with the immersive communications developer Mriya Productions. We believe that Virtual Reality provides an unparalleled opportunity to bridge this emotional chasm. By placing the viewer directly within the experience of a protagonist at the center of events, our 360 film generates the profound emotional intensity required to truly understand the environmental catastrophe unfolding in Ukraine.

Sands of Time (creator: Dopay). Journey into Dar es Salaam in Tanzania to learn about the hidden and devastating costs of unchecked sand mining. Blending the echoes of the past with the harsh realities of the present and a chilling vision of the future, this powerful experience unravels the profound impact of environmental exploitation—threatening communities, reshaping landscapes, and pushing our planet towards an irreversible dystopia. The fate of the world rests in your hands! You have 25 minutes to navigate treacherous obstacle courses and collect precious stones. These stones hold the key to revealing hidden secrets, piecing together the truth, and ultimately healing the world before time runs out.

The Time Before (creator: Leo Metcalf). Haunted by unanswered questions about himself, Olly journeys through his past. His story unfolds in two starkly contrasting realms: the raw simplicity of his childhood, captured in his own drawings, and the fluid, surreal world of his dreams. We glimpse the fractured memories of his early years: an abusive father, a mother lost in the haze of the past, and his sister Sally, a beacon who urged him to find escape and control within his own imagination, transforming nightmares into refuges from reality. This deeply personal, 13-minute interactive mixed media piece delves into the elusive nature of childhood and its profound impact on who we become. A lot of what defines us comes from moments in our childhood we cannot remember, let alone understand. The distant past can feel like a fuzzy dream we awoke from years ago.

>> GAMES

Bullet Time Agent (creator: Lakuza). Gather your crew and dive into over 8 hours of time-bending adventure. Master intense bullet hell combat, unleash powerful punches in robot battles, and conquer intricate platforming challenges – all fueled by unique time control abilities. Solve mind-bending puzzles and face epic boss battles that will truly test your skills as a team. Enjoy the freedom to save your progress and play at your own pace, then unlock exhilarating New Game+ modes for even more action-packed challenges. Favorite this world and join the fight to control time itself!

Ghost Town (creators: Fireproof Games). Life has been going well for Edith. The paranormal detective agency she runs with her flatmate has never been busier, she's almost up-to-date with her rent and the ghosts in her bathroom mirror have been less demanding than usual. But Edith's world is turned upside down when her brother goes missing and a mysterious new lead promises to reveal clues of his whereabouts. Edith's journey begins with a visit to a remote Scottish island in the hope that a gifted clairvoyant can provide some much-needed answers.

Orion Drift (creators: Another Axiom). The minds behind Gorilla Tag and Echo Arena deliver a new era of social VR! Voyage on the Orion Array: You and your fellow robots were once Earth's premier athletes. Now forge a destiny among the stars together! Explore like never before: Run, jump, climb, skate, and fly through seamless space stations with up to 75 players, packed with activities. Join the community: Gather for games and events, explore and complete challenges, or use your heart-ball to play with friends anywhere.

The Midnight Walk (creators: Moonhood Games). A Stunning Claymation Adventure of Darkness and Light. Traverse the winding path of The Midnight Walk in this dark fantasy first-person adventure that's hand-crafted with real clay. Become The Burnt One, befriend a lost lantern creature named Potboy, and

use his flame to illuminate your way through a conflicting world of wonder and horror. Survive and outsmart the many monsters eager to devour your little friend's flame as you experience five tales of fire and darkness, featuring an incredible cast of odd characters.

>> ART WORLDS & ART EXPERIENCES

Celestia Nimbus: Guardians of the Six Realms (creator: Kudo Albus). Journey to the ethereal heights of Celestia Nimbus, a sky-borne sanctuary woven from ancient myth. Here, inspired by the legendary Shan Hai Jing's Classic of Mountains and Seas, six formidable guardians maintain the delicate harmony of six vital realms: ecology, technology, peace, mental well-being, culture, and hope. When the human world teeters on the brink of imbalance, their mythic powers stir, becoming potent omens. Bai Hu's crystallizing axe stills the echoes of conflict; Qilin's precise touch recalibrates the volatile currents of rogue algorithms; and Jiu Wei Hu's resonant chime dispels the oppressive haze of anxiety. As a "Cloud Wanderer," navigate a breathtaking tapestry of fluid ink-wash visions and tangible holographic echoes, your path illuminated by hand-crafted environments, seeking the ancient wisdom that can mend our modern fractures.

Goa: Planet of the Lumen Snails (creators: MetaMorphosiVR, Nicola Buttari, Andrea Serrapiglio). Journey into Goa, an enchanted bioluminescent sanctuary, lovingly handcrafted in virtual reality, where nature reveals itself in a captivating symphony of light and sound. Transform into a graceful Lumen Snail and explore this vibrant landscape, formed by organic curves and soothing rhythms. Discover the luminous secrets of Goa's flora and the vital connections woven by the enchanting Lumen Snails. Immerse yourself in an ethereal soundscape and let the environment guide you on a journey of quiet discovery, deep contemplation, and the simple joy of being present. Goa is a sanctuary to slow down, observe the delicate balance, and simply be.

Hommage (creators: Nanotopia and Rixx). A love letter to Jean "Moebius" Giraud's visionary legacy. An immersive VR experience that reimagines his surreal, expansive universes through a contemporary lens. This work pays tribute to Moebius and his seminal collaborations with Alejandro Jodorowsky, René Laloux, and the revolutionary spirit of Metal Hurlant. Drawing from the dreamscapes of Arzach, Time Masters, The Long Tomorrow, and The Incal, Hommage distills the psychedelic DNA of these worlds. It breathes new life into them as a living, explorable dimension. Inspirations like Fantastic Planet, Holy Mountain, and the cult classic Heavy Metal (1981) serve as spiritual guides—touchstones of the mind-expanding aesthetics and themes woven throughout the piece. Built as a hybrid art world and game space, Hommage invites participants into an unfolding visual poem—a speculative terrain where colour, form, and sound echo the nonlinear storytelling Moebius so masterfully evoked. Our intention is to make visible the invisible threads of influence Jean Giraud cast across popular culture, from sci-fi cinema to concept art and beyond. Through Hommage, we aim to introduce Moebius's fantastical visions to a new generation. To those who may not know his name but have unknowingly seen his fingerprints everywhere. This is not simply nostalgia; it's an invocation, a transformation, and a celebration of imagination without borders.

Natura's Queendom (creator: Anders Fray and Starheart). Fall asleep in a cosy tree trunk and awaken as Natura, daughter of Mother Nature, within her hand-crafted Queendom. Embark on an enchanting journey guided by her dreams, wandering through lush gardens, a whimsical mushroom forest, and the vibrant waters of her glacier lake. Traverse magnificent biomes, pausing at breathtaking vistas to admire the surreal, wonder-filled world hand-painted by Ders' intricate brush strokes and brought to life by Starheart's whimsical music. Discover your inner Queen! Transform into Natura's avatar, styling her dress, hair, and makeup. With your eyes filled with wonder and your mind brimming with imagination, you're ready to explore her living Queendom!

The Continuous Present (creators: ReVerseButcher and Kylie Supski). Step into The Continuous Present, an immersive VR art experience that blends virtual sculpture, original poetry and music to explore the profound complexities of human existence. Created by ReVerse Butcher and Kylie Supski, this unique experience invites you to navigate a dreamlike series of thematic multimedia artworks that delve into love, duality, gender, consciousness, & embodiment. Presented in its intended full VR format for the first time, The Continuous Present unfolds across four interconnected yet standalone worlds—each a deeply immersive, visually striking space where poetry and sculpture merge in new dimensions. Throughout the

experience, you'll engage with evocative virtual environments, uncover layered narratives and witness the seamless interplay of text, sound and form.

What Is Virtual Art: Volume 1 (creator: Jessien Huang, featured artists: Zheng Chen, Polaris, Li Tiangzi and ReVerseButcher). This captivating art exhibition and narrative explore the vibrant realm of virtual art through the groundbreaking work of four visionary artists: Zeng Chen (reimagining Shadow Play), Polaris (transforming Theatrical Scenery), Li Tianzhi (reinventing the Pop-Up Book), and ReVerse Butcher (deconstructing Collage). Drawing inspiration from diverse traditional art forms, they unveil their exquisite virtual creations, offering a glimpse into their creative processes and inspiring broader interdisciplinary exploration.

>> MUSIC SHOWS

Blue Rondo: Stratos (creators: EMN Records). In the near future, the world has come together in unity to reach for the stars once more. Rising from the equatorial seas stands the world's first space elevator, a slender thread connecting Earth to the cosmos. With a one-way ticket as your passport to outer space, you pass through the gate and step aboard the elevator pod. Inside the vehicle, a unique live music performance awaits to set the stage for your journey. You feel the familiar grip of Earth soften as the pod ascends towards the stratosphere. The music permeates the space around you, and a tapestry of emotions unfolds: a tender echo of home, the thrill of the unknown, and profound anticipation of what awaits. Welcome onboard Stratos.

Cinematic Neon Club: Mona Lisa Overdrive (creators: Cinematic Neon Club). Enter a cyberpunk-inspired world for a unique live music show. Cinematic Neon Club masterfully architects a sensory symphony, seamlessly weaving intricate, reactive visuals with a meticulously crafted immersive stage design and the captivating energy of real-time vocal artistry. Witness the power of pure creative synergy as just three live performers take the reins, handling every facet of this electrifying show. Prepare as Techno's driving rhythms collide with the infectious grooves of House and the breakneck energy of Drum & Bass, all elevated by the spontaneous artistry of live vocals. More than just a music show, it's an invitation to feel the pulse, embrace the glitch, and become one with the cinematic neon current.

Tonevok: Sonic Sky Journey (creators: Tonevok). Experience an extraordinary immersive musical adventure, the brainchild of VoxelKei and R.Tone, the real-time audiovisual performance unit known as ToneVok. Witness the captivating synergy as R.Tone improvises intricate sounds on hardware synthesizers, instantly igniting VoxelKei's dynamic, reactive visual effects within a vibrant VRChat world. Together, they craft immersive, unrepeatable experiences where every sound and visual is generated live, perfectly synchronized. More than a live music show, Sonic Sky Journey is a breathtaking transformation where music paints vibrant landscapes, light sculpts the ethereal environment, and the topography of a dreamlike world pulse with life. Ascend to an awe-inspiring "God view" and journey high above a surreal Japanese archipelago. Feel the energy shift as you glide from the electric hum of neon-drenched Tokyo to the majestic serenity of snow-capped Mount Fuji. Witness the world reborn before your eyes as sound manifests into tangible space, exhaling with radiant light, and elevating your senses as you become one with ToneVok's sonic sky journey.

Torchlight (creator: Kinu). There are times when facing the busy, chaotic world can feel overwhelming. But even in those moments, I find that creativity is always right beside me. Once I start working with my hands, the fire in my heart is reignited, and that energy propels me forward. Lately, I've been thinking a lot about how that fire helps me burn away everything that clings to me and how it can light up the future. My goal is to do my best and perform with all my might, so that I can be a spark for someone else too! Experience Torchlight, a music show in VRChat where Kinu's emotions and imagination fill the virtual space—music, words, performance, audience, venue, and atmosphere—to ignite a torchlight, creating a shared experience of illumination.

>> LIVE PERFORMANCES

Cathedral of Witches (creator: Hexe.exe). In the moonlit caverns of an abandoned cathedral, encounter six live performances by dancers, musicians, and ritual makers. The looming shadows come alive with ethereal lights. Each performance explores a unique facet of spiritual or metaphysical life, offering a

creative and generous space for deep reflection. Through a live synth score, experience the unseen and evoke profound emotions. Through dance, witness the awakening of higher selves and shared expression. Engage with a tarot ritual to explore personal agency within the chaotic universe. Finally, connect with the invisible threads of community and cosmic awareness through meditation.

Observa Presents: Luxian Lunacy! (creators: Luxe Nova). Observa Theater's traveling circus takes a hilariously dark turn this All Fools' Eve. A mysterious new Jester is wreaking havoc – but who hides behind the painted smile, and what chaos will he unleash? Luxe Nova's Observa Theater plunges you into Luxian Lunacy, a live performance guaranteed to immerse you from instance load to the final bow! Brace yourself for custom-crafted characters, riotous stage acts, and a narrative brimming with surprises. Inspired by the spirit of April Fools', this groundbreaking show unveils our first recurring in-lore character alongside a delightfully devilish troublemaker. Expect a wild and wonderful blend of carnival chaos, circus silliness, and meme/comedy music madness, all designed to deliver a special, engaging show bursting with fun, enjoyment, intrigue, grandness, and pure happiness!

Rhythmic Root (creators: Maru-17, Az, DJ Favisama). Feel the electrifying fusion of African sounds as diverse musical styles ignite, powerfully expressing the unity of humanity rooted in our shared origin. DJ Favisama, a devoted champion of West African Afro House, takes the stage alongside the captivating rhythms of Maru-17's live djembe drumming and the soulful vocals of Az, all brought to life by electrifying dancers. Prepare for a musical odyssey that transcends boundaries.

Silhouttes of Memories (creator: Honey WeeWee). Silhouettes of Memories is a 90-minute VRChat experience paying tribute to ODESZA's The Last Goodbye, brought to life by a cast of choreographed VR performers. Featuring entirely hand keyframed animation and immersive particle effects, the show unfolds across the world without the use of AudioLink, focusing instead on tightly synced visuals and expressive movement. It’s a cinematic journey packed with breathtaking visuals from start to finish.

>> IMMERSIVE THEATRE

Uncanny Alley: A New Day (creators: Ferryman Collective, Rick Treweek). Prepare to be plunged into a gripping dystopian future, choked by digital surveillance and iron-fisted rule. This electrifying new chapter delves into the ever-shifting landscape of the Metaverse and the relentless pursuit of freedom and authenticity. A cyberpunk computer-whiz named Gh0st races against the clock to lead a group of escaped detainees and her increasingly sentient service bot, Atom, to freedom through a hacked portal before the fascistic corporation that controls Uncanny Alley can erase their memories using experimental radio frequency technology. As the story unfolds around you, you and the gang will become key players in the rebellion against corporate overlords. You must evade capture and decide whether to leave your beloved digital city and start a new Metaverse or stay, and fight for your freedom, and your home.

Symbiosis/\Dysbiosis: Sentience (creators: Nanotopia, Rixx). Enter a breathtaking virtual Old-Growth forest on a critical mission: locate rare fungi threatened by devastating forest fires and logging. As you venture deeper into the woods, prepare for an extraordinary transformation – you and your fellow hikers will find yourselves growing smaller and smaller, encountering the forest's old-growth forest-dwelling creatures. One of these creatures will guide your collaborative journey to find the Mycelial Entity, an ancient power at the heart of the vital Wood Wide Web. Only by working together, forging a connection with the forest's intricate network, and finding the golden Spore can you succeed. Failure leads to Dysbiosis: the tragic burning of the forest and your shared environment, reduced to ash.

A Christmas Carol (creators: Agile Lens). Experience Dickens' timeless classic like never before in this groundbreaking VR adaptation, blending full-body motion capture, real-time theatrical storytelling, and an interactive audience experience. Step into a richly detailed virtual world where actors seamlessly embody multiple roles, shifting perspectives between Scrooge, Dickens, and the spirits of Christmas past, present, and future. This is live theatrical storytelling redefined.

Scarecrow: Rekindle (creator: Sngmoo Lee, Ark Park and Apple Blossom). The tranquil town has been ravaged! Malevolent Firebirds have descended, devouring every villager’s heart. For centuries, a lone Scarecrow has stood sentinel, patiently awaiting heroes. Now, the call to adventure echoes: join forces with fellow players! Forge a bond with the Scarecrow, break the wicked curse, and restore the stolen hearts to the villagers in this enchanting and spellbinding quest.

>> SHORT FILMS MADE IN VRCHAT

A Dutchman in Virtual Japan (creator: Madame Kana, cast: Kaerun). Within the vibrant and diverse cultural landscape of the immersive platform VRChat, the Japanese scene stands out as particularly rich – a virtual home to world creators, musicians, dancers, language teachers, cultural ambassadors, and so much more! Yet, even in this borderless virtual realm, language often presents a significant hurdle. This didn't deter Kaerun, a Dutch virtual photographer and enthusiast of Japanese culture. Through years of dedication and his virtual lens, he has become deeply integrated into the Japanese VRChat community, forging friendships with the creators and artists he admires. Join us as we follow Kaerun's journey through Virtual Japan, from lively events to intimate gatherings.

Broken Past (creator: SlapNap). Follow Max, a young man perpetually haunted by the shadows of a troubled and precarious past. As he strives to build a new, peaceful life, a haunting question hangs heavy in the air: can he truly break free from what he once was, or will his past return to shatter the fragile future he's so desperately trying to create?

Our Precious Autumn (creator: Penrose Studios). For manga artist Ami, the demanding rhythm of her work has become a suffocating cycle of burnout and overwork. After several sleep-deprived nights, she collapses upon returning home and awakens in a surreal dreamscape. Here, three significant encounters unfold, each a subtle yet profound catalyst guiding her towards the realization that her life demands a fundamental shift. The film is an emotional dive into the struggles of an artist, written by a collaborative team of diverse creatives, including filmmakers, artists, musicians, and writers.

Starcross Coast (creator: Danny Grey). Quincey, an arctic fox grappling with the scars of past relationships and a near-fatal accident, receives an unexpected invitation from his best friend Kane for a beach vacation. Seeking solace but hesitant, Quincey joins the trip, reuniting with friends Olly, Ross, and Jean—whom he last saw in The Monarch's Respite. As memories resurface of meeting Scy and his first encounter with Diego at that same retreat, Quincey must confront his haunted past while new connections spark on the sunlit shores. Starcross Coast is a six-episode VRChat web series that delves into themes of friendship, healing, and self-discovery through detailed character acting and compelling storytelling. This premiere episode sets the stage for Quincey and Diego's evolving relationship, drawing viewers into an emotional journey with a talented cast, released bi-monthly as a heartfelt short film series.

>> OUT OF COMPETITION:

The Architect Across Realities (creator: Jiyue Human). Meet Oji Chang, a visionary architect who doesn't just design buildings in the physical world – he sculpts entire realities within the immersive platform of VRChat. This captivating documentary offers an intimate look into Oji Chang's creative process as he translates his boundless imagination into breathtaking 3D spaces, blurring the boundaries between the digital and the physical. Follow his personal journey from his current Tokyo life to his childhood home in Kyoto, a path that ultimately converges at "Metro Kyoto," a unique clubbing phenomenon where VRChat participants and a live Kyoto audience collide in a dynamic showcase of virtual & real-world performance.

The Reality of Hope (creator: Joe Hunting). Chronicling a remarkable story of friendship across realities, this documentary short was filmed inside VRChat and physically in Sweden. It portrays VR creator Hiyu facing kidney failure, and his online friend Photographotter's selfless journey from New York City to Stockholm to become his live donor. Through poetic real-time VR montages and intimate interviews, rooted in the expressive VR furry community, the film reveals the profound sincerity of kindness between friends, a bond that exists as powerfully online as it does in the physical world.

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