

Valentin Noujaïm: Out of Time

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Pacific Club

2023

colour, sound, 16 min 30 s

In 1979, the Pacific Club was opened in the basement of La Défense, the business district of Paris. It was the first nightclub for Arabs from the suburbs; a parallel world of dance, sweat, young loves, and one-night utopias. Azedine, 17 years old at the time, tells us the forgotten story of this club and of this generation who dreamed of integrating into France but who soon came face to face with racism, the AIDS epidemic, and heroin.



To Exist Under Permanent Suspicion

2024

colour, sound, 14 min 29 s

Claire (Kayije Kagame), a businesswoman promoting a new skyscraper in La Défense, faces increasing scrutiny and isolation. The cold, grey offices amplify her loneliness, driving vivid dreams of setting the tower ablaze. Drawing inspiration from the rich history of cinema, particularly inspired by the realm of film noir and Brian de Palma's works, the film delves into the psychosis of a character on the verge of a nervous breakdown.



Demons to Diamonds

2025

colour, sound, 29 min 35 s

In the towering labyrinth that is La Défense, where CCTV watches every shadow, a wave of suicides exposes the cracks of a society in freefall. Strangers wander the streets as paranoia lingers like an unspoken curse. Claire (Kayije Kagame), Catherine (Alexandra Stewart) and Madame Solange (Loubna Abidar) grapple with their inner demons. Beneath the city's surface, a mysterious figure (Denis Lavant) lurks, an oracle of the catastrophe yet to come. As the city crumbles, destruction becomes the only possibility of rebirth.

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