

APPENDIX B

Film Synopsis

Details of the films are as follows:

Roller Dreams

Dir. Kate Hickey, USA, 2017, 1hr22m

It's 1975 and Venice Beach, CA is on the verge of a pop culture explosion. Young African Americans seeking refuge from the turmoil of inner city Los Angeles flock to the eclectic ocean community and create a brand new phenomenon: roller dancing! Their vibrant personalities and talent draw massive crowds and influence trends in TV and movies. Yet just as roller dancing flourishes, politics, money and gentrification conspire to take their dreams away. Roller Dreams is a vibrant, crowd pleasing film with a fantastic nostalgic soundtrack.

Recommended 15 due to strong language and scenes of (real life) violence.

Minding The Gap

Dir. Bing Liu, USA, 2018, 1hr33m

First-time filmmaker Bing Liu's documentary Minding the Gap is a coming-of-age saga of three skateboarding friends in their Rust Belt hometown hit hard by decades of recession. While navigating a complex relationship between his camera and his friends, Bing explores the gap between fathers and sons, between discipline and domestic abuse, and ultimately that precarious chasm between childhood and becoming an adult. Minding the Gap is a stunning documentary that won the Special Jury Prize for Breakthrough Filmmaking at the 2018 Sundance Film Festival, the Audience Award at Sheffield Doc Fest and has garnered a further 28 award recognitions this year.

Recommended 15 due to strong language and references to drug taking.