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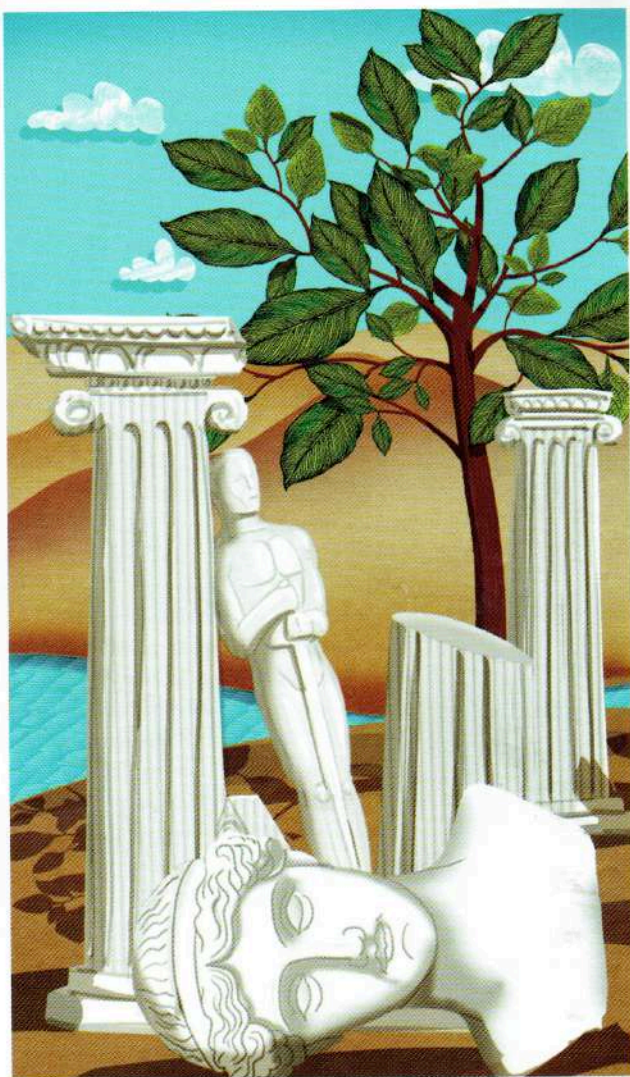
"One life is an absurdly small allowance"

FREYA STARK



From the bracing heights of the Colorado Rockies to the heat of the eastern Mediterranean, AOIFE O'RIORDAIN tracks down 2018's best film festivals

PAPHOS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL, JUNE 15-17



WHY?

Small is beautiful in the Mediterranean port of Paphos in Cyprus. Its annual film festival, held in June, is dedicated to short films and is gaining traction as the place to spot emerging talent. Selection here for low- and no-budget films offers a valuable launchpad for both local and international filmmakers.

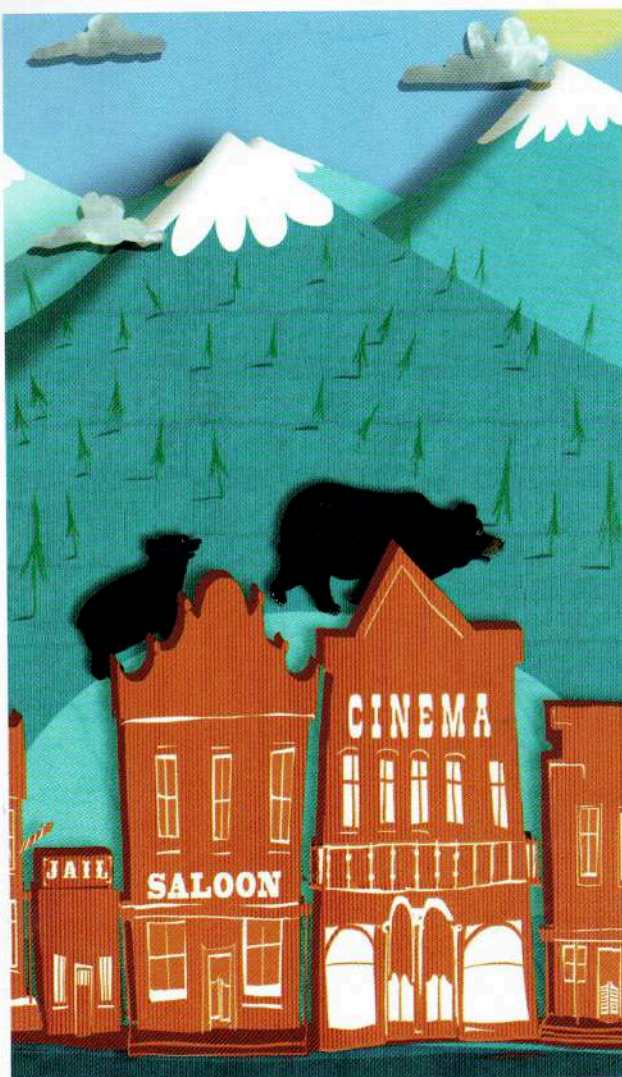
WHERE?

Cyprus upped its cultural credibility with Paphos's tenure as 2017 European Capital of Culture. The Unesco World Heritage-listed city is abundant with ancient ruins, fringed by lapping waters of the Med.

BED DOWN:

The Almyra (almyra.com) has undergone a minimalist nautical makeover with a new lap pool, just up from Paphos Castle. During the festival, the hotel showcases films in the lobby by the art gallery.

TELLURIDE FILM FESTIVAL, AUG 31- SEPT 3



WHY?

Passes to this four-day festival high in the Colorado Rockies are predictably like gold dust—an invite to screen here can often end in Oscar glory. Taking place in September before the ski bunnies arrive, its relative remoteness means this is only for the lucky few. A gown-free zone, expect the likes of Emma Stone wandering around in her hiking boots.

WHERE?

Channel your pioneer spirit at this erstwhile Gold Rush outpost-turned ski resort oozing way-out-west charm and set in a box canyon surrounded by the toothy peaks of the San Juan range.

BED DOWN:

Check in to the bijoux, five-bedroom Dunton Townhouse (duntontownhouse.com) on South Oak Street, owned by magnate Christoph Henkel and his gallerist wife Katrin Bellinger.