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### Abstract

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**Slamdance 2020**  
**By Filmmakers, For Filmmakers**

The mountains are covered with snow, the streets are crowded with celebrities, and Anarchy has returned to Utah in the 26th year of the Slamdance Film Festival. This year's films cover a wide range of topics related to religion in many different ways. Some films focus on redemption, some are concerned with religious freedom. Others deal with the meaning of God, and some deal with the nature of a higher love. Some of the movies make you laugh and some make you cry. Some are just quirky, while others will break your heart.

This year's reviewers include Laurie Barry, William L. Blizek, and Jacob Phillips, all of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and Rubina Ramji of Cape Breton University.

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