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Experimental, freaky films

Indie Film Underground screening on Thursday night

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THE INDIE FILM UNDERGROUND will feature a collection of avant-garde films.

Fans of traditional, predictable films should stay far away from the Indie Film Underground screening.

But for those who enjoy weird, cutting-edge movies, head over to the UbiSububi Room in the basement of

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the St. Mark's Coffee House on Thursday to catch the event. The screening features short local films that defy easy description or categorization.

“It will step way outside of the mainstream, and that's what we're trying to do,” said John Hartman, the event's main organizer.

Hartman decided to stage the Indie Film Underground event after becoming fed up with a lack of experimental film screenings in Denver. He wanted to give avant-garde filmmakers a chance to show their works, and give audiences a chance to see something different.

“There's a lot of different filmmaking camps in Denver — the Denver Film Society, the Bug Theatre and the Emerging Filmmakers Project... — but the actual underground, experimental avant-garde stuff doesn't really have much of an outlet,” he said.

The short films being screened are “experimental, underground and freaky,” and have no discernable beginning, middle or end. Hartman hopes that Thursday's screening will be successful enough to warrant similar future events.

“This will be a pilot show,” he said. “I think it will probably work out.”

Hartman hopes the event will be a good way to galvanize the Denver Filmmakers Coop, the collaborative effort that strives to “connect filmmakers in the community through exhibition and the sharing of resources.” The Denver Filmmakers Coop, which has grown to include almost 100 people, occasionally holds screenings and has been on the rise since forming last year.

Where: UbiSububi Room in St. Mark's Coffee House

When: Thursday, 8 p.m.

Cost: Free

Information: IndieFilmUnderground.com

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