



Film

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Best of the Tribeca Film Festival 2009

Ten must-see movies, as picked by our critics.

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The Exploding Girl



What it is

Clever-backstory alert: Director Bradley Rust Gray is married to So Yong Kim, whose much-admired 2006 debut, *In Between Days*, takes its name from a Cure single. Gray's film is titled after the B-side. Set during a sweltering Brooklyn summer, *The Exploding Girl* stars sad-eyed film royalty Zoe Kazan as a university student home for vacation and working through doldrums.

Why we're psyched

The emotional precision is rare, and the overall vibe one of quiet desperation. Less hipstery, more existential.

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