



Santa Fe Independent Film Festival: October 19-23, 2011

Over 100 films! Five venues. Oscar Winners and Nominees. Comedies. Drama. Documentaries. A Tribute to the Spirit of Independent Filmmaking.

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The much praised, adventurous and often delightful 3rd annual Santa Fe Independent Film Festival will offer 27 feature films and 87 shorts between Wednesday, Oct. 19 and Sunday, Oct. 23.

There will be many seldom-seen independent films, plus workshops and discussions (including one on comedy writing by the creator of Laugh-In), evening celebrations (meaning parties) in the heart of Santa Fe, according to Jacques Paisner, Santa Fe IFF Executive Director and Co-Founder.

The films cover a wide variety of topics and genres including Drama, Comedy, Musical, Green Earth, Social Justice, Health Awareness, Indigenous People, Veteran Awareness, Youth, Family, Arts, Spanish, and New Mexico films.

The films will be screened at The Lensic Performing Arts Center, Warehouse 21, New Mexico History Museum, Center for Progress and El Museo Cultural de Santa Fe. Films to be seen include Academy Award nominated Kirby Dick's *This Film Is Not Yet Rated*, Award-winning *Bombay Beach*, and *White Knight* starring Stacy Keach and Tom Sizemore.

Daily highlights include:

Wednesday, Oct. 19: Opening Night, New Mexico History Museum Auditorium, 5:00pm. New Mexico shorts and the iconic film *Ace in the Hole* (1951) starring Kirk Douglas, filmed in New Mexico and produced/directed by Billy Wilder.

Opening Night Party at 9:00pm in the Santa Fe IFF Filmmakers Lounge (former Corazon) at 401 South Guadalupe Street.

Thursday, Oct. 20: The program will include shorts plus *Run to the East*, *Power of Two* and *Cultures of Resistance* at Warehouse 21. Evening celebration at Vanessie at 9:00 pm

Friday, Oct. 21: The 7:00 pm screening of This Film Is Not Yet Rated by Kirby Dick at the Lensic Performing Arts Center. Kirby Dick will be present for Q & A following the screening. RIZE Nightclub will be hosting the evening party at 10:00pm.

Saturday, October 22: 7:00pm, Lensic Performing Arts Center, Aviva Farber and Jon Hendry will present Santa Fe IFF's American Filmmaker Award to Oscar nominated documentarian Kirby Dick, plus the Outstanding New Mexico Filmmaker Award to Oscar Winner Tony Mark, New Mexico Lifetime Achievement Award to Alton Walpole and New Filmmaker Award to Alma H'arel. Following the ceremony will be the screening of the Award-winning Bombay Beach by Alma H'arel.

Then Wes and Maura Studi will present the Santa Fe IFF Jury Awards at the San Francisco Street Bar and Grill VIP Party starting at 9:00 pm.

Santa Fe IFF Awards include Best Feature, Best Short, Best Animated, Best International and Best Documentary.

Santa Fe IFF Awards will be chosen by an audience vote online at www.santafeiff.com. David Horowitz's Media Literacy Award and New Mexico Film Award will be presented by Marilyn Horowitz.

Warehouse 21 will host the Blinddryve concert at 9:00 pm.

Sunday, Oct. 23: The Encore of Tony Duran at 7:00 pm in Warehouse 21 will close the Santa Fe IFF 2011 film screenings.

The Closing Party at 9:00pm will be hosted at the Santa Fe Filmmaker's Lounge by Walter Burke Catering (Passholders only).

Workshops and Discussions includes panels on Raising Funds for Your Film, Production, Kirby Dick on his documentary process and Digby Wolfe on Comedy Writing. A Casting & Audition workshop with Sheryl Roberts and Valerie Santagto includes professional head-shots and acclaimed Navajo filmmaker Norman Patrick Brown will present a program on filmmaking.

"We are grateful for all the sponsorship, volunteer and community partnership support we have received to make the 2011 Santa Fe IFF a great success!" says Paisner.

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