



New Santa Fe Film Festival Director

**Festival celebrates 12th year with appointment of Brent Kliever;
September kickoff party and a special 2011 program honoring local
filmmakers**

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July 22, 2011, SANTA FE, NM– The Santa Fe Film Festival announced today the appointment of Brent Kliever as its new Director of Programming. The renowned film curator will be working alongside the festival’s recently appointed Executive Director, Diane Schneier Perrin, in bringing top caliber films to the state in 2011.

“Brent is a world-class film curator bringing his encyclopedic knowledge of and passion for international and independent cinema to the Santa Fe Film Festival. He knows Santa Fe audiences and has the vision to create an extraordinary program for the 2011 festival,” said Perrin.

Kliever has been programming films for Santa Feans since 1982. An internationally known film curator, he founded the Jean Cocteau theatre in 1983 and in 1986 began a decade of building the film program at the Center for Contemporary Arts. His extensive knowledge of the history of world cinema and contemporary works led to a ten-year run as film critic at the Santa Fe New Mexican and five years as an adjunct professor in critical studies in the Moving Image Arts Department at the College of Santa Fe.

In the late nineties, Kliever was instrumental in the fundraising for and design of The Screen, where he continues to serve as the Director of Film Programming.

“For more than a quarter of a century I have enjoyed a special rapport with film-going audiences in Santa Fe. We've viewed thousands of films together. Santa Fe stands as one of the great centers for film enthusiasts in the world,” said Kliever. “In this new role, I look forward to expanded opportunities to create that intimate communal experience that is movie going and that film festivals embody through seeing new work, talking about the work, celebrating the classics and engaging with new languages of technology and artistic expression.”

The Santa Fe Film Festival will kick off the 2011 season with a free, pre-festival outdoor screening in the Railyard on Friday, September 16th, in partnership with the Santa Fe

Railyard Community Corporation and Heath Productions. More details will be announced soon.

The 2011 festival will run October 20-23 as a signature event of the Santa Fe Arts Festival. The program will include 12-15 features, 20-25 shorts and a tribute to a world-renowned film artist. One feature slot and a program of shorts will spotlight films produced this past year in New Mexico by New Mexicans. NM Filmmakers can receive more information about submitting their film and receiving this discount by e-mailing a request to info@santafefilmfestival.com.

Submissions to the 12th Annual Santa Fe Film Festival can be made online at www.santafefilmfestival.com by clicking on the "Without a Box" link. Submissions are being accepted in the following categories: Feature Narrative, Feature Documentary and Shorts (all types). The regular deadline for submissions is July 29th and the extended deadline is August 19th. Filmmakers will be notified of acceptance by September 15th. For more information call 505.988.7414 .

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