

Wednesday, October 4

## 'Fountain,' 'Empire' set for AFI

By Gregg Kilday

Darren Aronofsky's "The Fountain" and David Lynch's "Inland Empire" will be featured as Centerpiece Galas at AFI Fest 2006. In addition, the fest said Tuesday, it will present An Evening With Ed Zwick, with the director showing footage from his upcoming film, "Blood Diamond."

AFI Fest, which opens with Emilio Estevez's "Bobby," runs



Zwick

Nov. 1-12 at the ArcLight Cinemas in Hollywood. "Empire," starring Laura Dern in a dual role, will screen Nov. 3. "Fountain," a time-travel love story, will screen Nov. 11 at Hollywood's Grauman's Chinese The-

atre. As previously announced, Pedro Almodovar's "Volver" also will receive a gala screening Nov. 2. Zwick will speak about his career Nov. 8.

In addition to the previously announced Special Presentations (HR 9/29), the fest lineup includes:

International Feature Competition: "2:37/Two Thirty Seven," directed by Murali K. Thalluri; "The Art of Crying," Peter Schonau; "Cashback," Sean Ellis; "Drama/Mex," Gerardo Naranjo; "Falkenberg Farewell," Jesper Ganslandt; "Fissures," Alante Kavite; "Frozen Days," Danny Lerner; "Glue," Alexis Dos Santos; "Grbavica," Jasmila Zbanic; "Secret Life of Happy People," Stephane Lapointe; "Under the Ice," Aelrun Goette; and "Who Loves the Sun," Matt Bissonnette.

International Documentary Competition: "Back Home," J.B. Rutagarama; "Blindsight," Lucy Walker; "Buddha's Lost Children," Mark Verkerk; "Girl 27," David Stenn; "Kurt Cobain:

About a Son," AJ Schnack; "Motherland Afghanistan," Sedika Mojadidi; "Next: A Primer on Urban Painting," Pablo Aravena; "No Sweat," Amie Williams; "Screamers," Carla Garapedian; "Searching for Orson," Jakob and Dominik Sedlar; "Shame," Mohammed Naqvi; and "The Traveling Cinema," Marcin Sauter.

American Directions: "Big Dreams Little Tokyo," David Boyle; "Comic Evangelists," Daniel Jones and Dahn Sytsma; "Disappearances," Jay Craven; "Forgiven," Paul Fitzgerald; "Full Grown Men," David Munro; "Life After Tomorrow," Julie Stevens, Gil Cates Jr.; "Somebodies," Hadji; "Special," Jeremy Passmore and Hal Haberman; "Stephanie Daley," Hilary Brougher; and "Wristcutters: A Love Story," Goran Dukic.

In addition, the festival lineup includes such special sections as World Cinema, Asian New Classics, Latin Cinema Series, African Voices, Dark Horizons and the International Shorts Competition, comprising four programs devoted to short films. ■