

NEWS RELEASE



**AFI FEST 2007 PRESENTED BY AUDI
ANNOUNCES COMPLETE FESTIVAL LINEUP**

**PROGRAMMING INCLUDES LIVE TRIBUTES TO
CATHERINE DENEUVE AND LAURA LINNEY**

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MORE THAN 30 AFI FEST TITLES ALSO REPRESENTED AT AFM

Los Angeles, CA October 8, 2007—AFI FEST 2007 presented by Audi: AFI Los Angeles International Film Festival announces that iconic French actress Catherine Deneuve as well as respected American thespian Laura Linney, will each receive Tributes at this year's Festival. Both tribute events will precede screenings of their work in films previously announced to screen at AFI FEST—Sony Pictures Classics' PERSEPOLIS, which features Deneuve's voice work and Fox Searchlight's THE SAVAGES, which stars Linney.

Also announced is the complete schedule for AFI FEST. In its 21st year, the Festival's diverse programming from around the world includes a selection of films that reflect recent worldwide political upheaval, a surge in films coming from Latin filmmakers and the Middle East, a renewed focus on experimental works, international filmmaking icons, independent and iconographic directors, as well as a salute to exemplary artists who passed during the past calendar year. In addition, more than 30 of the features in official selection at AFI FEST will be represented by distributors at the American Film Market, unfolding concurrently with AFI FEST from October 31 – November 7.

Commenting on this year's lineup, Associate Director of Programming Shaz Bennett said, "The International line up of both master filmmakers and new talent reflects not only the diversity of Los Angeles, but an opportunity to see ourselves reflected in the films from around the world. This year throughout all the programming, the films and filmmakers were pushing the boundaries of cinema, experimenting with style, form and content. And it's always interesting to see what the collective consciousness of filmmakers around the world are doing especially where they overlap, this year there were recurring themes throughout the programs, most notably with political issues but also women's roles, immigration, family and a general longing for deeper connection.

Each film echoing others and yet all of them with their own style and point of view.”

Artistic Director Rose Kuo adds, “This has been an exciting year of transition for AFI FEST. We were given tremendous support to take risks so that we could make bold selections such as showcasing experimental work in our main sections, foregrounding hot-button political issues, and not limiting ourselves to choosing films based on fulfilling preordained categories or achieving premiere “quotas”. We focused on selecting the best films and the most important films regardless of whether the films had premiered elsewhere so that we could present an overview of the best work of the year.”

The Tribute to Laura Linney will take place at ArLight Hollywood on Friday, November 9, 2007. This tribute to and discussion of the Oscar® nominated actor’s accomplished career will precede the screening of Tamara Jenkins’ *THE SAVAGES*, an acclaimed drama focusing on a sister and brother (played by Linney and Philip Seymour Hoffman) who must face the realities of familial responsibility as they begin to care for their ailing father.

Linney's film career began in the early 1990s with roles in *LORENZO'S OIL* (1992) and *DAVE* (1993). Following notable roles in *PRIMAL FEAR* (1996), *ABSOLUTE POWER* (1997) and *THE TRUMAN SHOW* (1998), Linney truly came into her own with her Academy Award® nominated performance in *YOU CAN COUNT ON ME* (2000). Linney’s work has continued to shine in *MYSTIC RIVER* (2003), her second Academy Award nominated performance in *KINSEY* (2004) and *THE SQUID AND THE WHALE* (2005).

The Tribute to Catherine Deneuve will take place at ArLight Hollywood on Saturday, November 10, 2007. *PERSEPOLIS*, which was recently announced as France’s official entry for the Academy Awards, will screen immediately following the tribute. The animated French/Iranian production, directed by Marjane Satrapi and Vincent Paronnaud, is a poignant story of a precocious and outspoken young Iranian girl who comes of age during the Islamic Revolution.

Universally hailed as one of the Grand Dames of French cinema, Deneuve’s career in film has spanned forty years since her debut in 1957. After her breakthrough in Jacques Demy’s musical *THE UMBRELLAS OF CHERBOURG*, this elegant and radiant beauty graced the screen in many unforgettable performances, including Roman Polanski’s *REPULSION* (1965), Luis Bunuel’s *BELLE DE JOUR* (1967), Francois Truffaut’s *MISSISSIPPI MERMAID* (1969) and *THE LAST METRO* (1980), an Academy Award® nominated turn in *INDOCHINE* (1992), Regis Wargnier’s *EAST WEST* (1999), and Lars Von Trier’s *DANCER IN THE DARK* (2000).

“From both sides of the Atlantic, Catherine Deneuve and Laura Linney have each made extraordinary contributions to international cinema. Each embody, through the complexity and nuance of their extraordinary individual talents, the raw promise of a fine performance,” noted Festival Director Christian Gaines. “It’s a thrill to honor at AFI FEST the astonishing accomplishments of these remarkable women.”

Seven films will be making their world premieres at AFI FEST 2007. Those films include: 1000 JOURNALS; CYRANO FERNANDEZ; IT'S BETTER IF GABRIELA DOESN'T DIE; MANUELA Y MANUEL; POP SKULL; PUBLIC ENEMY - WELCOME TO THE TERRORDOME; and SPINE TINGLER! THE WILLIAM CASTLE STORY.

Seventeen films will make their North American premieres. That group includes: AFGHAN MUSCLES; THE ART OF NEGATIVE THINKING; AUTUMN BALL; ECHO; ELVIS PELVIS; FUNUKE SHOW SOME LOVE YOU LOSERS; LIONS FOR LAMBS; LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA; LUCKY MILES; LYNCH; THE MUGGER; NEVER APOLOGIZE: A PERSONAL VISIT WITH LINDSAY ANDERSON; NOISE; NOSALTRES; PRINCE OF THE HIMALAYAS; SEARCHERS 2.0; and THE YEAR OF THE NAIL.

Eighteen films will make their U.S. premieres Those films are: THE AERIAL; ATENCO, CRIME OF STATE; BODY OF WAR; CHOP SHOP; CONTINENTAL, A FILM WITHOUT GUNS; THE DUCHESS OF LANGEAIS; HAPPY DESERT; THE LAST MISTRESS; MAD DETECTIVE; MUNYURANGABO; NIGHT TRAIN; OPERATION FILMMAKER; THE QUEST FOR THE MISSING PIECE; SILENT LIGHT; SOLOS; THE TRACEY FRAGMENTS; USED PARTS; and WITH YOUR PERMISSION.

Continuing its unique and successful association with the American Film Market, the following films will both participate in the market as well as screen at the festival; 4 MONTHS, 3 WEEKS AND 2 DAYS, ALEXANDRA, THE ART OF NEGATIVE THINKING, THE BAND'S VISIT, BIG RIG, BLIND MOUNTAIN, CAMEL, DEFICIT, DOGHEAD, ECHO, EXPIRED, FARO – GODDESS OF THE WATERS, FLIGHT OF THE RED BALLOON, HONEYDRIPPER, IRINA PALM, JELLYFISH, LAST MISTRESS, LUCKY MILES, MAD DETECTIVE, MARGOT AT THE WEDDING, NIGHT TRAIN, NOISE, PERSEPOLIS, SECRET SUNSHINE, SILENT LIGHT, SMILEY FACE, STEEP, and WITH YOUR PERMISSION.

This year's AFI FEST will include films with AFI Conservatory alumni filmmakers such as; AMERICAN FORK (DP Doug Chamberlin), CONTINENTAL, A FILM WITHOUT GUNS (DP Sara Mishara), DIVING BELL AND THE BUTTERFLY (DP Janusz Kaminski), EXPIRED (WRT/DIR Cecilia Miniucchi, CO-PROD Melitta Fitzer, DP Zoran Popovic), HOLLYWOOD CHINESE (WRT/DIR/PROD/ED Arthur Dong, DP Hiroki Miyano), IN SEARCH OF A MIDNIGHT KISS (PROD Seth Caplan, ED Frank Reynolds), MY BIODEGRADABLE HEART (PROD Tamar Simon), PSYCHO HILLBILLY CABIN MASSACRE! (DIR Robert Cosnahan, PROD/SCR Doug Howell, SCR Wendy Wegner, DP Rob Toth), SEARCHERS 2.0 (DP Steven Fierberg) and WITH YOUR PERMISSION (EXEC PROD Kim Magnusson).

AFI FEST 2007's overall lineup will showcase a total of 97 features (69 narrative, 28 documentary) and 51 shorts (43 narrative, 8 documentary) and 8 video art works for a total of 148 films from 37 different countries.

The breakdown by section is Galas (3), Special Presentations (11), International Feature Competition (11), International Documentary Competition (12), Documentary Showcase (9), World Cinema (18), African Showcase (4), American Showcase (9), Latin Showcase (8), Dark Horizons (5), Milestones (5), International Shorts Competition (44), and Video Art on the Roof (7).

The FEST is headquartered at Arclight Hollywood, where most of the international Festival's activities will take place. Additional special screenings and events will take place at the Linwood Dunn Theatre in Hollywood.

AFI FEST will run November 1-11, 2007. Passes are now on sale, and individual film and event tickets go on sale on October 12. To order passes, tickets and for more information visit www.AFI.com/AFIFEST, or call 1.866.AFI.FEST.

The best way to guarantee admission to the Tributes to Laura Linney and Catherine Deneuve—as well as the previously announced Opening Night Gala LIONS FOR LAMBS, Centerpiece Gala JUNO and Closing Night Gala LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA, or to assure a seat at any of the 148 narrative, documentary and short films screening at the ten day festival—is to buy a pass.

AFI FEST 2007 presented by Audi's complete lineup follows:

GALAS

Opening Night Gala – LIONS FOR LAMBS (North American Premiere) Cast: Tom Cruise, Meryl Streep, Robert Redford, Peter Berg, Michael Pena, Derek Luke. DIR Robert Redford PROD Daniel Lupi, Robert Redford, Andrew Hauptman, Tracy Falco, Matthew Michael Carnahan. USA

Centerpiece Gala – JUNO Cast: Ellen Page, Michael Cera, Jennifer Garner, Jason Bateman, Allison Janney, J.K. Simmons, Rainn Wilson. DIR Jason Reitman PROD Lianne Halfan, John Malkovich, Russell Smith, Mason Novick, Matthew Michael Carnahan. USA

Closing Night Gala – LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA (North American Premiere) Cast: Javier Bardem, Benjamin Bratt, Liev Schreiber, Laura Harring, Catalina Sandino Moreno. DIR Mike Newell PROD Scott Steindorff. USA

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A showcase for high profile films boasting acclaimed actors and directors. Special Presentations feature highly anticipated films from around the world.

THE DIVING BELL AND THE BUTTERFLY (LE SCAPHANDRE ET LE PAPILLON) Cast: Max Von Sydow, Mathieu Amalric, Emmanuelle Seigner, Anne Consigny, Emma De Caunes. DIR: Julian Schnabel PROD: Kathleen Kennedy, Jon Klik. EXEC PROD: Pierre Grunstein, Jim Lemley. USA

HOLLYWOOD CHINESE (Documentary) Featuring: Turhan Bey, Joan Chen, Tsai Chin DIR: Arthur Dong PROD: Arthur Dong. USA

HONEYDRIPPER Cast: Danny Glover, Lisa Gay Hamilton, Yaya DaCosta, Charles S. Dutton, Vondie Curtis-Hall, Gary Clark Jr.. DIR: John Sayles PROD: Maggie Renzi. USA

LIGHT WORK MOOD DISORDER & HE WALKED AWAY DIR: Jennifer Reeves PROD: Jennifer Reeves *USA*

MARGOT AT THE WEDDING Cast: Nicole Kidman, Jennifer Jason Leigh, John Turturro, Jack Black, Ciaran Hinds, Zane Pais. DIR: Noah Baumbach PROD: Scott Rudin. *USA*

MR. WARMTH (Documentary) Featuring: Don Rickles, Robert DeNiro, Clint Eastwood, Martin Scorsese, Robin Williams, Sidney Poitier, Chris Rock. DIR: John Landis PROD: Larry Rickles, Mike Richardson, John Landis, Robert E Engelman. *USA*

PERSEPOLIS Voices: Catherine Deneuve, Chiara Mastroianni, Danielle Darrieux DIR: Marjane Satrapi, Vincent Paroun. PROD: Marck-Antoine Robert, Xavier Rigault, Kathleen Kennedy. *France*

PRINCESS OF NEBRASKA Cast: Ling Li, Pamelyn Chee, Brian Danforth, Patrice Binaisa. DIR: Wayne Wang PROD: Yukie Kito, Donald Young. EXEC PROD: Yasushi Kotani, Taizo Son, Stephen Gong. *USA*

THE SAVAGES Cast: Laura Linney, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Philip Bosco. DIR: Tamara Jenkins PROD: Ted Hope, Anne Carey, Erica Westheimer. EXEC PROD: Alexander Payne, Jim Taylor, Jim Burke, Anthony Bregman, Fred Westheimer. *USA*

SOUTHLAND TALES Cast: Dwayne Johnson, Seann William Scott, Sarah Michelle Gellar, Mandy Moore, Cheri Oteri, Kevin Smith, Miranda Richardson, Will Sasso, Jon Lovitz. DIR: Richard Kelly PROD: Bo Hyde, Sean McKittrick, Kendall Morgan, Matthew Rhodes. EXEC PROD: Oliver Hengst, Katarina Hyde, Bill Johnson, Ernst August Schneider, Jim Seibel, Judd Payne. *USA*

A THOUSAND YEARS OF GOOD PRAYERS Cast: Henry O, Faye Yu, Vida Ghahremani, Pasha Lychnikoff. DIR: Wayne Wang PROD: Yukie Kito, Patrick Lindenmaier, Rich Cowan. EXEC PROD: Yasushi Katami, Taizo Su, Jooick Lee. *USA*

INTERNATIONAL FEATURE COMPETITION

This category includes first and second time filmmakers making their World, North American or U.S. premiere.

THE ART OF NEGATIVE THINKING (KUNSTEN A TENKE NEGATIVT) Cast: Fridtjov Såheim, Kjersti Holmen, Henrik Mestad DIR: Bard Breien PROD: Dag Alveberg. *Norway*

AUTUMN BALL Cast: Rain Tolk, Taavi Eeimaa, Sulevi Peitola DIR: Vieko Ounpuu PROD: Katrin Kissa. *Estonia*

CHOP SHOP Cast: Alejandro Polanco, Isamar Gonzales, Rob Sowulski DIR: Ramin Bahrani PROD: Lisa Muskat, Marc Turtletaub, Jeb Brody. *USA*

CONTINENTAL, A FILM WITHOUT GUNS (CONTINENTAL, UN FILM SANS FUSIL)
Cast: Réal Bossé, Marie-Ginette Guay, Fanny Mallette DIR: Stéphane Lafleur PROD:
Kim McCraw, Luc Dery. *Canada*

ELVIS PELVIS Cast: Geoffrey Burton, Tony Cealy, Laura Crowe DIR: Kevin Aduaka
PROD: Kevin Aduaka, Nadja Romain. *France/UK*

FUNUKE SHOW SOME LOVE, YOU LOSERS (FUNUKEDOMO, KANASHIMI NO AI
WO MISERO) Cast: Erikio Sato, Aimi Satsukawa, Hiromi Nagasaku DIR: Daihachi
Yoshida PROD: Shuji Kakimoto. *Japan*

THE MUGGER (EL ASALTANTE) Cast: Guillermo Arengo, Germán de Silva, Arturo
Goetz DIR: Pablo Fendrik EXEC PROD: Juan Pablo Gugliotta. *Argentina*

MUNYURANGABO Cast: Jeff Rutagengwa, Eric Ndorunkundiye, Jean Marie Vianney
Nkurikiyinka DIR: Lee Isaac Chung PROD: Lee Isaac Chung EXEC PROD Han Gil
Chung, Robert Liang, Alex Hsiong Chu. *Rwanda/USA*

SOLOS Cast: Loo Zihan, Goh Guat Kian, Lim Yu-Beng DIR: Loo Zihan, Kan Lume
PROD: Gerald Herman, Florence Ang EXEC PROD Ricardo Uncilla. *Singapore*

USED PARTS (PARTES USADAS) Cast: Eduardo Granados, Alan Chavez, Carlos Ceja
DIR: Aaron Fernandez PROD: Aaron Fernandez, Martezu Mohammadi.
Mexico/France

WITH YOUR PERMISSION (TIL DODEN OS SKILLER) Cast: Lars Brygmann, Sidse
Babett, Knudsen, Rasmus Bjerg DIR: Paprika Steen PROD: Leila Vestgaard, Thomas
Heinesen EXEC PROD Kim Magnusson, Tivi Magnussori. *Denmark*

INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTARY COMPETITION

Best and brightest of challenging, thrilling documentary filmmaking from around the
world, as chosen by the AFI FEST Programming Staff.

1000 JOURNALS DIR: Andrea Kreuzhage PROD: Andrea Kreuzhage *USA/Germany*

AFGHAN MUSCLES DIR: Andreas Mol Dalsgaard PROD: Jesper Morthorst, Michael
Haslund-Christensen. *Denmark*

ATENCO, A CRIME OF STATE (ATENCO, UN CRIMEN DE ESTADO) DIR: Klamve
Colectivo *Mexico*

CHRIS & DON. A LOVE STORY Cast: DIR: Guido Santi, Tina Macara PROD: Julia
Scott, Tina Mascara, Guido Santi, James White. *USA*

HECKLER Featuring: Jamie Kennedy, Louie Anderson, Bill Maher, Jewel Kilcher, Patton
Oswalt, Eli Roth, David Cross, George Lucas, Mke Ditka, Rob Zombie. DIR: Michael
Addis PROD: Michael Addis, Jamie Kennedy. *USA*

OPERATION FILMMAKER Featuring: Liev Schreiber, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson DIR: Nina Davenport PROD: Nina Davenport, David Schisgall. *USA*

ORANGE REVOLUTION DIR: Steve York PROD: Steve York EXEC PROD Peter Ackerman. *USA*

PLEASE VOTE FOR ME DIR: Weijun Chen PROD: Don Edkins. *China*

PUBLIC ENEMY: WELCOME TO THE TERRORDOME Featuring: Chuck D, Flavor Flav, Professor Griff, The Beastie Boys, Tom Morello, Henry Rollins DIR: Robert Patton-Spruill PROD: Walter Leaphart Jr, Lathan Hodge. *USA*

THE QUEST FOR THE MISSING PIECE (BEHIKVOT AHATIHA AHASERA) DIR: Oded Lotan PROD: Claudia Levin. *Israel*

SIGUR ROS – HEIMA DIR: Dean de Blois PROD: Dean O'Connor, John Best. *Iceland*

THE UNFORESEEN DIR: Laura Dunn PROD: Laura Dunn, Douglas Sewell, Jef Sewell, William Warren. *USA*

DOCUMENTARY SHOWCASE

This documentary section includes highly anticipated films from established masters and new faces.

BIG RIG DIR: Doug Pray PROD: Brad Blondheim *USA*

BODY OF WAR DIR: Ellen Spiro, Phil Donahue EXEC PROD: Phil Donahue CO-PROD: Karen Bernstein *USA*

CONFESSIONS OF A SUPERHERO DIR: Matthew Ogens PROD: Matthew Ogens, Jamie Patricof, Charles Gruet *USA*

LYNCH Featuring: David Lynch DIR: blackANDwhite EXEC PROD: Rips Penderis, Ole Johan Roska, Matt Semi PROD: Soren Larsen, Brynn McQuade, Jon Nguyen, Jason S. *USA*

THE MAN IN THE SHADOWS: VAL LEWTON DIR/SCR: Kent Jones PROD: Martin Scorsese, Margaret Bodde EXEC PROD: TNT Tom Brown *USA*

NEVER APOLOGIZE: A PERSONAL VISIT WITH LINDSAY ANDERSON Featuring: Malcolm McDowell DIR: Mike Kaplan PROD: Mike Kaplan, Malcolm McDowell, Peter Crane *USA*

PIERRE RISSIENT: MAN OF CINEMA Featuring: Clint Eastwood, Quentin Tarantino, Werner Herzog, Abbas Kiarostami, Bertrand Tavernier, ou Hsiao-Hsien, Claude Chabrol DIR/PROD: Todd McCarthy *USA*

SPINE TINGLER! THE WILLIAM CASTLE STORY Featuring: John Waters, John Landis, Joe Dante DIR: Jeffrey Schwartz PROD: Jeffrey Schwartz. *USA*

STEEP DIR/SCR: Mark Obenhaus EXEC PROD: J. Stuart Horsfall, Mark Obenhaus, Tom Yellin PROD: Jordan Kronick, Gabrielle Tenenbaum *USA*

WORLD CINEMA

This section presents new works by the world's most established and renowned filmmakers. While it often features work from prominent European filmmakers, it also includes important new films from less-recognized filmmaking communities.

4 MONTHS, 3 WEEKS AND 2 DAYS (4 LUNI 3 SAPTAMINI SI 2 ZILE) DIR: Cristian Mungiu PROD: Oleg Mutu, Mihaela Poenaru EXEC PROD: Florentina Onea. *Romania*

ALEXANDRA DIR: NICHOLAS KAISER PROD: ANDREJ SIGLE *Russia*

THE BAND'S VISIT (BIKUR KATIZMORET) DIR: Eran Kolirin PROD: Eilon Ratzkovsky, Ehud Bleiberg, Yossi Uzrad, Koby Gal-Raday, Guy Jacoel. *Israel*

BLIND MOUNTAIN (MANG SHAN) DIR: Li Yang PROD: Li Yang EXEC PROD: Alexandra Sun, Li Shan, Li Hua *China*

CARAMEL Cast: Nadine Labaki, Yasmine Al Masri, Joanna Moukarzel, Gisele Aouad, Adel Karam, Sihame Haddad, Aziza Semaan, Fatme Safa, Dimtri Stancofski, Fadia Stella, Ismail Antar DIR: Nadine Labaki PROD: Anne-Dominique Toussant. *Lebanon/France*

THE COUNTERFEITERS (DIE FALSCHERS) Cast: Karl Markovics, Auust Diehl, Devid Striesow, Martin Brambach, August Zirner DIR: Stefan Ruzowitzky PROD: Josef Aichholzer, Nina Bohlmann, Babette Schroder. *Austria/Germany*

DOGHEAD (CABEZA DE PERRO) DIR: Santi Amodeo PROD: Santi Amodeo. *Spain*

THE DUCHESS OF LANGEAIS DIR: Jacques Rivette PROD: Martine Marignac, Maurice Tinchant. *France*

THE FLIGHT OF THE RED BALLOON (LE VOYAGE DU BALLOON ROUGE) Cast: Juliette Binoche, Simon Iteanu, Song Fang, Hippolyte Girardot, Louise Margolin. DIR: Hou Hsiao-Hsien PROD: François Margolin, Kristina Larsen. *Taiwan/France*

IRINA PALM Cast: Marianne Faithfull, Jenny Agutter, Miki Manojlovic, Kevin Bishop, Sioghan Hewlett, Dorka Gryllus. DIR: Sam Garbarski PROD: Sebastien Dellove. *USA*

JELLYFISH (MEDUZOT) Cast: Sarah Adler, Nikol Leidman, Gera Sandler, Noa Knoller, Ma-nenita De Latorre, ilanit Ben Yaakov, Zharira Charifai DIR: Etgar Keret, Shira Geffen PROD: Amir Harel, Avelet Kuit, Yael Fogiel, Laetitia Gonzalez. *Israel*

THE LAST MISTRESS (UNE VIEILLE MAITRESSE) Cast: Asia Argento, Fu'ad Ait Aattou, Roxane Mesquida, Claude Sarraute, Yolande Moreau DIR: Catherine Breillat PROD: Jean-François Lepetit. *France*

LUCKY MILES Cast: Kenneth Moraleda, Rodney Afif, Srisacd Sacdpraseuth, Glenn Shea, Sean Mununggurr, Sawung Jabo, Arif Hidayat, Don Hany DIR: Michael James Rowland PROD: Jo Dyer, Lesley Dyer, Geoff Burton EXEC PROD: Michael Bouchier. *Australia*

MAD DETECTIVE Cast: Lau Ching-wan, Andy On, Lee Kwon Lun, Lam Ka Tung DIR: Johnnie To PROD: Ka-Fai Wai *Hong Kong/China*

NIGHT TRAIN Cast: Liu Dan, Qi Dao, Xu Wei, Wu Yuxi, Wang Zhenijia, Mena Haivan DIR: Yinan Diao PROD: Vivian Qu, Steve Chow CO PROD Natacha Devillers, Julien Fayre, Luca Matrondola, Pascal Vaguelsy EXEC PROD: Shu Yao, Yinghua Lu, Sean Chen. *China*

PRINCE OF THE HIMALAYAS Cast: Purba Royal, Zomskvid, Dobrgyal, Sonamdolgar, Trashy, Lobzangchopel DIR: Sherwood Hu EXEC PROD: Xu Penge, Dong Suming, Deng Hong, Caizhi PROD Sherwood Hu, Yin Jianhua. *China*

SECRET SUNSHINE (MILYANG) Cast: Jeon Do-yeon, Song Kang-ho, Seon Jeong-yeob DIR: Chang Dong Lee PROD: Yong-kyou Cho EXEC PROD: Kim In-su, Lee Chang-dong. *South Korea*

THE TRACEY FRAGMENTS Cast: Ellen Page, Ari Cohen DIR: Bruce McDonald PROD: Sarah Timmins EXEC PROD Paul Barkin. *Canada*

AFRICAN SHOWCASE

The best new feature films from contemporary African filmmakers. This often-overlooked part of the cinematic world is home to a vibrant, diverse and thriving film community. Films in this section are known for their unique storytelling styles.

CLOUDS OVER CONAKRY (IL VA PLEUVOIR SUR CONAKRY) Cast: Alex Ogou, Moussa Keita, Tella Kpomahou DIR: Cheick Fantamady Camara PROD: Annabel Thomas Majama Camera. *Guinea, France*

FARO – GODDESS OF THE WATERS (FARO – LA REINE DES EAUX) Cast: Sotigui Kouvate, Fili Traore, Michel Mpambara DIR: Salif Traore PROD: Philippe Quinsac, Daniel Morin, Barbel Mucch, Salif Traore, Ismael Oueadrog *Mali, France, Canada, Germany, Burkina Faso*

NOSALTRES (Documentary) DIR: Moussa Toure. *Senegal*

WELCOME TO NOLLYWOOD (Documentary) DIR: Jamie Meltzer PROD: Cayce Lindner, Henry S. Rosenthal. *USA, Nigeria*

AMERICAN SHOWCASE

This section is a window into the current state of American independent cinema. Often featuring world premieres of films with distinct perspectives and original voices, these movies have yet to receive the attention they deserve.

AMERICAN FORK Cast: Hubbel Palmer, Mary Lynn Rajs kub, William Baldwin, Kathleen Quinlan DIR: Chris Bowman PROD: Derek Beumer, Maya Browne, Jeremy Coon, Shannon Gardner EXEC PROD: Derek Ferguson *USA*

EXPIRED Cast: Samantha Morton, Jason Patric, Teri Garr, Illeana Douglas DIR: Cecilia Miniucchi PROD: Jeffrey Coulter, Fred Roos EXEC PROD: Alex Shing, Antoni Stutz, Lawrence Wang *USA*

IN SEARCH OF A MIDNIGHT KISS Cast: Scoot McNairy, Sara Simmonds, Brian McGuire, Katy Luong, Twink Caplan, Nic Harcourt DIR: Alex Holdridge PROD: Seth Caplan, Scoot McNairy EXEC PROD: Anne Walker-McBay *USA*

THE LIVING WAKE Cast: Mike O'Connell, Jesse Eisenberg, Jim Gaffigan DIR: Sol Tryon PROD: Ami Ankin, Chadwick Clough, Peter Kline, Mike O'Connell, Sol Tryon EXEC PROD: Robert Bethge *USA*

LOOK Cast: Jamie McShane, Spencer Redford, Hayes McArthur, Nichelle Hines, Ben Weber, Paul Schackman DIR: Adam Rifkin PROD: Barry Schuler, Brad Wyman EXEC PROD: Richard Bishop, Donald Kushner *USA*

NOISE Cast: Tim Robbins, Bridget Moynahan, William Hurt DIR: Henry Bean PROD: Henry Bean, Susan Hoffman, Meike Kornrumpf EXEC PROD: Paul de Souza, Daniel Diamond *USA*

ON THE ROAD WITH JUDAS Cast: Aaron Ruell, Kevin Corrigan, Eddie Kaye Thomas DIR: J.. Lask PROD: Ronan P. Nagle, Amy Slotnick *USA*

SEARCHERS 2.0 Cast: Del Zamora, Ed Pansullo, Jaclyn Jonet, Sy Richardson DIR: Alex Cox PROD: Jon Davison, Darren Hicks, Simon Tams. *USA*

SMILEY FACE Cast: Anna Faris, Adam Brody, John Krasinski, Danny Masterson, John Cho, Jane Lynch, Marion Ross, Danny Trejo DIR: Gregg Araki PROD: Gregg Araki, Steve Golin, Alix Madigin, Kevin Turen, Henry Winterstern EXEC PROD: Thomas Becker, H. Jason Beck, Stuart Burkin, Jors Westerkamp. *USA*

LATIN SHOWCASE

One of the most popular and powerful sections of the Festival, Latin Showcase has produced stories from Central and South America that have galvanized AFI FEST audiences with their bold and arresting visions and unique, daring points of view.

THE AERIAL (LA ANTENA) Cast: Rafael Ferro, Florencia Raggi, Alejandro Urdapilleta DIR: Esteban Sapir ASST PROD: Juan Aguirre, Frederico Rotstein. *Argentina*

CYRANO FERNANDEZ Cast: Edgar Ramirez DIR: Alberto Arvelo *Venezuela, Spain*

DEFICIT Cast: Gael Garcia Bernal, Luz Cipriota, Tenouch Huerta Mejia, Camila Sodi
DIR: Gael Garcia Bernal PROD: Pablo Cruz, Gael Garcia Bernal, Diego Luna, Luciana
Kaplan. *Mexico*

HAPPY DESERT (DESERTO FELIZ) Cast: Nash Laila, Peter Ketnath, Hermila Guedes
DIR: Paulo Caldas PROD: Germano Coelho EXEC PROD: Fernando Zagallo. *Brazil,
Germany*

IT'S BETTER IF GABRIELA DOESN'T DIE (MEJOR ES QUE GABRIELA NO SE MUERA)
Cast: Mauricio Isaac, Dagoberto Gama, Gabriela Roel DIR: Sergio Umansky EXEC
PROD: Maite Arguellas, Carlos Morales. *Mexico*

MANUELA Y MANUEL Cast: Humbert Busta, Elena Iguina, Luz Maria Rondon DIR:
Raul Marchand PROD: Frances Luusell Diaz. *Puerto Rico*

SILENT LIGHT (STELLET LICHT) Cast: Cornelio Well Fehr, Miriam Toews, Maria
Pankratz DIR: Carlos Reygadas PROD: Jaime Romandia, Carlos Reygadas. *Mexico,
France*

THE YEAR OF THE NAIL (ANO UNA) Cast: Diego Catana, Eireann Harper, Salvador
Elizondo Michele Alban DIR: Jonas Cuaron PROD: Alfonso Cuaron, Jonas Cuaron,
Eireann Harper, Frida Torresblanco. *Mexico*

DARK HORIZONS

From horror and thrills to experimental works, this section seeks to raise the pulse and open the eyes of the audience. The films in Dark Horizons attempt to push the boundaries of technology, culture and cinema itself; they revel in the explosive power of film to plumb society's anxieties or to explore the ecstatic heights of a truly transcendent artistic experience.

ECHO (EKKO) Cast: Kim Bodnia, Villads Milthers Fritsche, Stine Fischer Christensen
DIR: Andres Morgenthaler PROD: Sarita Christensen CO PROD: Louise Vesth, Marie
Gade. *Denmark*

POP SKULL Cast: Lane Hughes, Brandon Carrol, Hanna Hughes, Maggie Henry, L.C.
Holt DIR: Adam Wingard PROD: Adam Wingard, E.L. Katz, Lane Hughes. *USA*

SAKURAN Cast: Anna Tsuchiya, Kippei Shina, Hiroki Narimiya, Yoshino Kimura DIR:
Mika Ninagawa PROD: Masao Teshima, Mitsuru Uda, Yoshinori Fujita. *Japan*

STRANGE CULTURE (Documentary) Cast: Tilda Swinton Peter Coyote. DIR: Lynn
Hershman Leeson PROD: Lynn Hershman Leeson, Lise Swenson, Steven Beer. *USA*

VIVA Cast: Anna Biller, Jared Sanford, Bridget Brno, Chad England DIR: Anna Biller
PROD: Anna Biller. *USA*

MILESTONES

In the past year, the worldwide cinematic community had lost some of its best loved members. The filmmakers represented in this section were all pioneers who advanced the art of cinema while producing truly remarkable work.

FAAT KINE (2000) (Ousmane Sembene MILESTONE)

THE PASSENGER (1975) (Michaelangelo Antonioni MILESTONE)

SHAME (SKAMMEN) (1968) (Ingmar Bergman MILESTONE)

TERRORIZER (KONGBU FENZI) (1986) (Ed Yang MILESTONE)

TORN FROM THE FLAG (A LYUKAS ZASZLO) (2007) (Laszlo Kovacs MILESTONE)
(Documentary) DIR: Klaudia Kovacs, Endre Hules

INTERNATIONAL SHORTS COMPETITION

Comprised of short documentary, experimental, animated and narrative films, these screenings are often some of the most dynamic and unexpectedly challenging films presented.

Shorts Program One:

DEAR BILL GATES DIR: Sarah J. Christman *USA*

GOD PROVIDES (Documentary) DIR: Brian M. Cassidy *USA, Canada*

KIDS + MONEY (Documentary) DIR: Lauren Greenfield *USA*

NAKED (NAAKT) DIR: Albert Jan van Rees *Holland*

ONE DAY ACROSS THE VALLEY DIR: Andrea Giacomini *USA*

OUSMANE DIR: Gaye Dyana *Senegal, France*

ROCK POCKETS DIR: Trevor Anderson *Canada*

SURGERY (CIRUGOA) DIR: Alberto Gonzalez *Spain*

Shorts Program Two:

AFTERMATH ON MEADOWLARK LANE DIR: David and Nathan Zellner *USA*

EMERGENCY NEEDS DIR: Kevin Everson *USA*

LIFE AND TIMES OF ROBERT KENNEDY STARRING GARY COOPER DIR: Aaron Valdez *USA*

SALIVA DIR: Esmir Filho *Brazil*

SOUTH CENTRAL FARM: OASIS IN A CONCRETE DESERT (Documentary) Featuring: Daryl Hannah, Martin Sheen, Jamie Cromwell. DIR: Sheila Laffey *USA*

THE TRAGIC STORY OF NLING DIR: Jeffrey St. Jules *Canada*

UNTITLED #2 DIR: Valerie Brewer *USA*

WHITE MAN IN A BLACK BOX (HOMME BLANC DANS UNE BOITE NOIRE) DIR: Jerome Jourlait *Namibia-France*

Shorts Program Three:

BABY DIR: Hester Scheurwater *Netherlands*

BITCH DIR: Lilah Vandenburg *USA*

H.R. GIGER'S SANCTUARY (Documentary) Featuring: H.R. Giger. DIR: Nick Brandestini, Steve Ellington *Switzerland*

THE HUNTER Cast: Larry Fessenden. DIR: Benjamin Gray *USA*

MACHINE (MAQUINA) DIR: Gabe Ibanez *Spain*

THE MARK DIR: Thomas Barndt *USA*

MOMENT DE GLOIRE DIR: Hendrik Moonen *Belgium*

SPIDER DIR: Nash Edgerton *Australia*

Shorts Program Four:

ALICE SEES THE LIGHT DIR: Ariana Gerstein *USA*

BLACK AND WHITE TRYPPS NUMBER THREE DIR: Ben Russell *USA*

FEATHERS TO THE SKY DIR: Leonardo Ricagni *Uruguay*

GLASS, CONCRETE AND STONE (Documentary) DIR: Douglas Nicholas *USA*

METALOSIS MALIGNA DIR: Floris Kaayk

OLDEASTSIDE DIR: Khavn *Philippines*

PSYCHO HILLBILLY CABIN MASSACRE! DIR: Robert Cosnahan *USA*

WATCHING IT RAIN (VER LLOVER) DIR: Elisa Miller *Mexico*

Shorts Program Animation:

DESTINY MANIFESTO DIR: Martha Colburn *USA*

EVERYTHING WILL BE OK DIR: Don Hertzfeldt *USA*

FOR THE LOVE OF GOD Voices: Ian McKellen, Steve Coogan. DIR: Joe Tucker *UK*

I MET THE WALRUS DIR: Josh Raskin *Canada*

KEY LIME PIE DIR: Trevor Jimenez *Canada*

M'APPELLE DIR: Javier Mrad *Argentina*

MY BIODEGRADABLE HEART DIR: Dana Adam Shapiro *USA*

ONE DEVIL AND HIS DOG DIR: Tony Clarke

SHUTEYE HOTEL DIR: Bill Plympton *USA*

t.o.m. DIR: Tom Brown, Daniel Gray *UK*

TOWER BAWHER DIR: Theodore Ushev *Canada*

YOURS TRULY DIR: Osbert Parker *UK*

Video Art On The Roof:

AFTER THE FUNERAL DIR: Gorav Kalyan *USA*

BLISS DIR: Robert Todd *USA*

DOWNHILL SKIING IN SUMMER (LAUBERHORNRENNEN IM SOMMER) DIR: Daniel Zimmermann *Switzerland*

FROM HERE TO BREATH DIR: Nazanian Arandi *USA*

GAZE DIR: Nazanian Arandi *USA*

MESSAGE FOR THE NEIGHBOURS (SINUM NAABRITELE) DIR: Priit Tender *Estonia*

METAMORPHOSIS DIR: Clare Langan

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