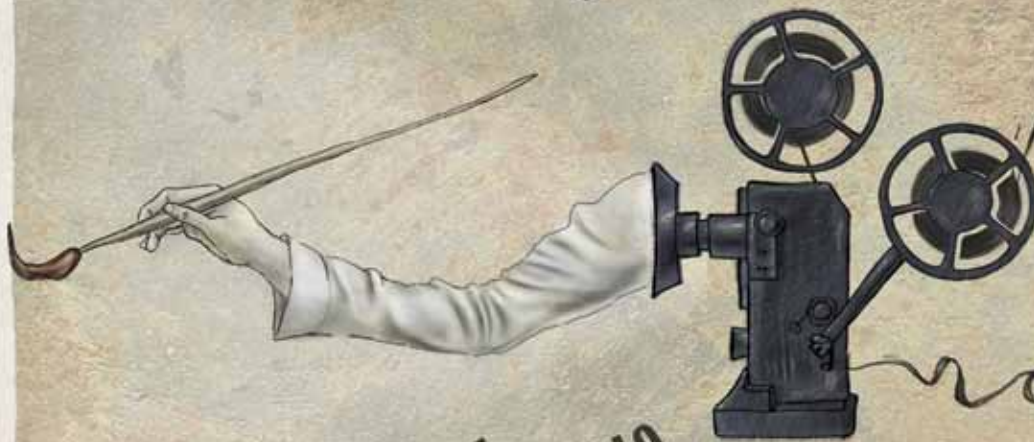


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WELCOME



Pat Rasberry
Festival Director

Welcome to the 8th Annual Tupelo Film Festival! We have an exciting three-day event planned for you

Thursday-Saturday. But to help kick off the event, on Wednesday night May 11th, we will have a special screening of films that spotlight Mississippi filmmakers and Mississippi artists. On Thursday, May 12th through May 14th, prepare yourself for a marathon film screening. Genres include features, documentaries, shorts, students, animations and music videos - over 60 films to experience.

Each day will offer great music events, workshops for children and adults, special film screenings, kick-off party, the addition of new screening venues, and Films, Films, Films! Films that will pull on your heartstrings, make you laugh, provide educational angles, keep you on the edge of your seat... so many to see and choose from!

Come out and support the filmmakers who work diligently to provide you great Indie entertainment! Mark your calendar and prepare yourself for one heck of a week!!! A cultural event for all to enjoy! Relax and make plans to have a great time at the 8th Annual Tupelo Film Festival! See you there!



Joe McKinney - President - Lee County Board of Supervisors

The Lee County Board of Supervisors proudly supports the 8th Annual Tupelo Film Festival. We are happy to be a partner with the Tupelo Film Festival providing the venue for the Thursday night screening on the lawn of our beautiful 106 year old courthouse along with a new screening venue at our Justice Center this year. It is our pleasure to welcome filmmakers, special guests, visitors and community to this great event and a relaxing evening in our historic downtown district.



Mayor Jack Reed, Jr. - City of Tupelo

Welcome to our City and the 8th Annual Tupelo Film Festival held at the Lyric Theatre in Downtown Tupelo. The City of Tupelo invites you to join us for a wonderful weekend filled with great independent films, special events and more. So take a moment to slow down from the hectic pace of everyday activities and enjoy the art of the filmmaker and the hospitality of Tupelo.



Neal McCoy - Director - Tupelo Convention & Visitors Bureau

The Tupelo Film Commission, under the umbrella of the Tupelo Convention & Visitors Bureau, is pleased to present the 8th Annual Tupelo Film Festival. Cited as one of America's Top 10 Small Film Festivals in the country by Livability.com, the festival offers great films and special events. While you are here visit our one of a kind attractions, taste the great cuisine from our many restaurants and shop 'til you drop at our unique retail shops.



Debbie Brangenberg - Director - Downtown Main Street Association

The Downtown Tupelo Main Street Association welcomes you to our downtown district and the 8th Annual Tupelo Film Festival. This wonderful event gives us an opportunity to come together and celebrate the art of filmmaking. We hope you will enjoy all the great activities throughout the weekend and encourage you to take some time to explore the heart of our community. Join us in supporting these creative filmmakers.



Tom Booth - Director - Tupelo Community Theatre

The Tupelo Community Theatre is very proud to host the 8th Annual Tupelo Film Festival. Built in 1912, the Lyric Theatre served as a movie house for over 50 years and provides an excellent venue for screening independent films. In addition the theatre offers guests the experience of seeing independent films in a historic and unique facility. So enjoy the films, enjoy the atmosphere and come back and visit us soon in our lovely Downtown Tupelo!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Awards

Mr. Reely thanks our "Category Sponsors"
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MUSIC VIDEO

1st Place

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Audience Award

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Wednesday, May 11

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Special Preliminary Screenings
Lyric Theatre

"The Purple Hat"

Written and Directed by
Gregory Doucette
15 minutes

"DayDreaming on My Cotton Sack"

Produced by John W. Campbell
45 minutes

"Where I Begin"

Director, Screenwriter, Producer -
Thomas L. Phillips
Screenwriter, Producer
Melanie Addington
1 hour, 40 minutes

Thursday, May 12

Noon - 6:30 p.m.
Film Screenings • Lyric Theatre

6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Kickoff Party

Music by **Cucho & Los Papis**
South American Cuisine
by **Romie's Barbecue**
\$8.00 a plate - while it lasts!

Music Video Competition Screenings

Outdoor Screening

Academy Award® Nominee for
Best Documentary
"Waste Land"
Lee County Courthouse Lawn
(Lyric Theatre - If Raining)

10:00 p.m. - Midnight
Gathering at Nautical Whimsey
Music by **Bonfire Orchestra**

Friday, May 13

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
American Costume Co.
Exhibit by Luster Bayless
The Gumtree Museum of Art
(Exhibit Open Friday & Saturday)

Noon - 5:30 p.m.
Films Screenings • Lyric Theatre

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Dine Around Town

7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Films Screenings • Lyric Theatre

8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Horror Block Films Screenings
Goodlett Manor

10:00 p.m. - Midnight
After Party
Music by **Astrocasket**
Goodlett Manor

Saturday, May 14

8:30 a.m. - Noon
Lyric Theatre
"To Do & What Not To Do"
Workshop for Children Grades 1-5
Film Screening: "Rainbow Town"
with Special Exhibit: **Ghana Goods**
12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Mississippi High School Film
Competition Screenings
1:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
Film Screenings

9:00 a.m. - Noon
The Gumtree Museum of Art
"Special Effect Makeup Workshop"
Ages 15 and up - \$10

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Lee County Justice Center
Criminal Block Film Screenings

8:45 p.m. - Midnight
Awards Ceremony - Lyric Theatre
After Party - Romie's Barbecue
Music by **The Soul Revivalists**

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of Ron Tibbett who helped launch the Tupelo Film
Festival in 2004*

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Sponsored by his fellow class-
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Class of '72

Tickets

Day Pass

\$15 day
\$7.50 Student Pass with ID
\$7.50 Senior Pass with ID

Horror Block Party - \$5
For non-ticket holders

All Access Pass

\$30
(Includes all Screening Venues &
Horror Block Party)

Advance tickets available:
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399 East Main Street
Tupelo, MS 38804
Tickets Day of available:
Lyric Theatre
201 North Broadway

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CLIP & SAVE MOVIE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, MAY 12		FRIDAY, MAY 13		SATURDAY, MAY 12	
8:30					
9am					
9:30					
10am					
10:30					
11am					
11:30					
Noon					
12:30	Documentary: Red Horse 12-12:45 p.m. • Lyric Theatre • Page 16	Documentary: Way of Morris 12-1:05 p.m. • Lyric Theatre Page 19			
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3:30					
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6:30					
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10pm					
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11pm					
11:30					
Midnight					

- Workshops/Exhibits
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- Short Film Blocks
- Parties/Social Events
- Animations
- Documentaries

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Awards Ceremony
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Awards After Party
with music by The Soul Revivalists
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Romie's Barbeque
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LORETTA MILES

Salem, OR

Loretta Miles is a 28-year veteran film exhibitor from Salem, Oregon. Salem Cinema, her independently owned art house theater opened in 1982 as a single screen theater specializing in the exhibition of art, foreign and independent film. In addition, her dream of nearly 30 years was realized in 2009 with the opening of her beautiful new art deco 3 screen venue. She books her own films, meticulously hand selecting everything to light her 4 screens and is known for selecting quality over potential box office draw.

Loretta passionately believes the magic of movies begins the moment you sit down in a darkened theater. The room becomes hushed and you give yourself over to the filmmaker who is about to have his or her way with you. Every single time she watches a movie she waits in anticipation, hoping for one perfect film that will take her breath away, whether star studded and directed by an internationally acclaimed director or a 1st timer at the helm with no budget and a completely unknown cast. Loretta is one of the original founders of Salem Film Festival and remains Director and Lead Programmer of the annual 10-day event. Her all time favorite toy remains a 1948 35mm Motiograph projector still in operation at one of her theaters.



KATHIE FONG YONEDA

Fresno, CA

With over 30 years of industry experience, Kathie Fong Yoneda has worked for such prestigious studios as Paramount, Columbia, MGM, Universal, 20th Century Fox, and Disney, specializing in story analysis and development of both live action and animated film and television projects. Her career includes executive positions with Walt Disney, Touchstone, Island Pictures and Walt Disney TV Animation.

Kathie has given over 180 workshops and seminars throughout the US, Canada, Europe (Germany, Austria, France, Ireland, England, Spain) Asia (Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand) and Australia. She was a guest of The Soviet Peace Committee for a ground-breaking 10-day media symposium in Moscow and was also a Keynote Speaker for Asian-Pacific Heritage Month at The Smithsonian Institute.

In addition to her solo workshops, Kathie team teaches with noted script consultant/author Dr. Linda Seger, Pamela Wallace (writer-producer, co-writer of Oscar-winning WITNESS), Pamela Jaye Smith (writer-producer-mythology specialist) and Deborah Todd (animation, author and game writer).

She is also an independent script consultant whose clientele includes several award-winning writers. She is the author of The Script Selling Game: A Hollywood Insider's Look At Getting Your Script Sold and Produced. Kathie also co-executive produced the cable series Beyond the Break for The N Network, a division of Noggin.

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CHRIS STROMPOLOS

Los Angeles, CA

Chris Strompolos was born in Arlington Heights Illinois in March of 1971. He was raised in the deep south in Biloxi, Mississippi and attended the Christ Episcopal Day School on the MS Gulf Coast where he met Eric Zala, his best friend, writing and business partner of 30 years.

On the Mississippi Gulf Coast from 1982 - 1989 while remaking "Raiders of the Lost Ark" in the summers, Chris developed a passion for acting and producing.

During the school year however, Chris attended a boarding academy for six years on the north shore of Long Island, New York. He then went on to complete his degree in Theater and Production at The College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio – Class of 93.

As a classically trained singer and actor, he came to Los Angeles in 1994 to pursue the common creative dream of being an entertainer, producer and writer. Chris successfully learned the ins and outs of multiple entertainment industries; the video game industry, the music industry and the film business.

After working in various facets of DVD and Blu-Ray- from quality assurance to production, he is working as a writer and an independent film producer and also works on the lot with Sony Pictures Entertainment in Culver City, CA. The discovery of a childhood project, "Raiders of the Lost Ark: The Adaptation," has served as a momentous and fascinating stepping stone.

Recently, Eric and Chris founded an independent film company with aptly called "Rolling Boulder Films." Both will reprise their familiar roles: Chris, as producer, will work out of Los Angeles. Eric, as director, will work out of Ocean Springs, Mississippi. They are currently writing and developing a number of projects including a new adventure film set in the South. Eric and Chris plan to shoot most of their projects in Mississippi.

Chris lives in Los Angeles, California with his wife Monica. They have one daughter, Diana Phoenix. Chris loves coming home.

This year's artwork is designed by Aaron Hughes.



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A very special thanks to all our festival volunteers.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11th • Special Preliminary Screenings

Stories from Mississippi Filmmakers and Mississippi Legends Historic Lyric Theatre • 6:30 pm



DESERT LIGHT PRODUCTIONS
presents

THE PURPLE HAT

With James Eckhouse and Keliher Walsh
Produced by April Adams
Written and Directed by Gregory Doucette



THE PURPLE HAT - Van Nuys, CA

Written and Directed by Gregory Doucette • 6:30 - 6:45 p.m.

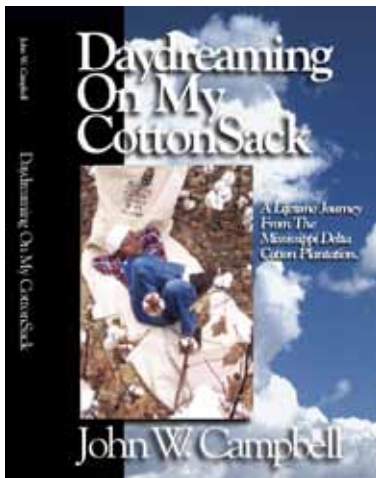
Based on the short story by Eudora Welty

1938. It's raining as THE MAN walks into a bar in New Orleans' French Quarter and tells the story of THE LADY – The Lady with the Purple Hat. He thinks she is a ghost. He has seen her murdered twice. Each time by a different young man...

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DAYDREAMING ON MY COTTON SACK - Starkville, MS

Produced by John W. Campbell • 6:45 - 7:30 p.m.

A Lifetime Journey from the Mississippi Cotton Plantation

Daydreaming On My Cotton Sack relives the life of a black Mississippi inventor, growing up in the impoverished Mississippi Delta. As John Campbell takes us through his life story, we learn a lot about the culture of the 1960's and 1970's in Mississippi.

John W. Campbell will be in attendance.



WHERE I BEGIN - Oxford, MS

Director, Screenwriter, Producer - Thomas L. Phillips • 7:50 - 9:30 p.m.

Screenwriter, Producer - Melanie Addington



R - Violence & Language

A decade after a tragic event, Jacob decides to return home to his small southern roots, only to find that the past is not really the past and that people may change but they never forget. His unexpected homecoming once again intertwines him with the family, friends and the town he left in his wake. Jacob searches for his way back home, but can you ever really go home? *Melanie Addington, Johnny McPhail and Lauren Warner will be in attendance.*



Welcome to Tupelo, Mississippi

Tupelo offers a variety of great restaurants
from the best burgers in the state to fine rooftop dining.

Enjoy your stay and most importantly, enjoy your food.
We are pleased to serve you!

Tupelo Restaurant Association
2011 Sponsor of the Tupelo Film Festival
Kick-Off Event

THURSDAY, MAY 12th • Kick Off Event

Film and Music Sponsored
by Tupelo Restaurant Association



Live Music & Food followed by Music Video Competition • 6:30 p.m.

Music by Cucho and Los Papis

South American Cuisine by Romie's Barbeque

Special Outside Screening "Waste Land" • 8:30 p.m.

Lee County Courthouse Lawn

Cucho and Los Papis

"Cucho and Los Papis has been an intricate part of the Jackson music scene for 3 years. After playing percussion and drums, Cucho decided to bring his heritage to Mississippi. Combing all Latin genres gives this group its infectious groove."



**Put a little South in ya' mouth!
South American Style!**

Arrive early and arrive hungry...
plates are \$8 while they last!



Waste Land

Producers: Angus Aynsley and Hank Levine
Academy Award® Nominee for Best Documentary

Filmed over nearly three years, WASTE LAND follows renowned artist Vik Muniz as he journeys from his home base in Brooklyn to his native Brazil and the world's largest garbage dump, Jardim Gramacho, located on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro. There he photographs an eclectic band of "catadores"—self-designated pickers of recyclable materials. Muniz's initial objective was to "paint" the catadores with garbage. However, his collaboration with these inspiring characters as they recreate photographic images of themselves out of garbage reveals both the dignity and despair of the catadores as they begin to re-imagine their lives.

Director Lucy Walker (DEVIL'S PLAYGROUND, BLINDSIGHT and COUNTDOWN TO ZERO) and co-directors João Jardim and Karen Harley have great access to the entire process and, in the end, offer stirring evidence of the transformative power of art and the alchemy of the human spirit.



AUDIENCE AWARD: Music Videos will be judged by audience applause.



4 minutes 17 seconds
Spring, TX

The One Who Sees Me

Director, Writer: Joseph Clark

When lost in the world, what will it take for you to find your faith again?



4 minutes 5 seconds
Tupelo, MS

Ride de Bus

Director, Writer : Allen Pegues

Hip Hop artist singing about his crush on a little girl who rides his school bus. *Allen Pegues will attend.*



3 minutes
Australia

Rachel & Henry Climb a Hill

Producer: Kate Jones

Director: Samantha Warne
Young West Australian band presents themselves and their songs in an endearing and imaginative way.



2 minutes
Blue Springs, MS

976 Evil

Producer: Ash Williams

Director: Daniel Lee

MS horror-punk band, Astro-casket. A young man makes a phone call to a sex line that may be his last. *Daniel Lee and Ash Williams will attend.*



4 minutes
Jackson, MS

No Surrender

Director: Daniel Guaqueta

Writer: Phred Harley
High energy music video by Storage 24 blending the musical genres of hip-hop, rock and heavy metal. *Daniel Guaqueta and Amile Wison will attend.*



Gathering at Nautical Whimsey with The Bonfire Orchestra • 10 p.m.

"The Bonfire Orchestra is truly a 'band for all occasions'. The group feels at home in a variety of settings, from bars and lounges to coffee houses and college campuses - an experienced band playing private engagements and touring the festival circuit.

This folk powerhouse permeates musical boundaries with Rock, Indie, Soul & Roots Americana. The duo is often joined by a litany of other musicians, all of whom bring their own unique contribution to the piece. This ever changing line-up, grounded by the core combination of Michael Thomas and Dayton Cooper presents a constantly forward thinking interpretation of original music and a deep catalog of cover material.

At it's heart this music is really about the lines that run through us all and where they meet."

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, May 13th -14th • Special Exhibit



American Costume Co. Exhibit by Luster Bayless • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily The Gumtree Museum of Art

The life of Luster Bayless has got to be a pure slice of Americana from a shotgun house on the Mississippi Delta to the glitz and glamor of Hollywood. After high school and a stint in the Navy, Luster went to work at Western Costume, staying long enough to learn the basics of this trade and to get his Costumes Union card. Soon he left to freelance in Hollywood.

His first film to costume was "Hitler", starring Richard Basehart, and then "Cheyenne Autumn" with John Ford. Next he costumed for Glen Ford in "Advance To The Rear", which George Marshall directed in 1963. After that it was on to Disney Studios where he costumed for "Mary Poppins". As he progressed a costumer friend of his Frank Beetson contacted him and asked him to help with "True Grit", which starred John Wayne. The new job led to a lasting relationship with Wayne in which Mr. Bayless became the Duke's personal costumer for more than a dozen films.



In 1978, and with the support of John Wayne who loaned him his own costumes to help get him started, Mr. Bayless opened his own business, American Costume Co. His staff numbers grew to more than 25 skilled costumers and designers, that included cutters and fitters handling the necessary workload to outfit the steady stream of motion picture and television "names". Mr. Bayless is most proud of the tremendous stock he offers in which has become the third most important costume house this side of London.



SATURDAY, MAY 14th • Workshop by Brandon "Scott" Murphree

Special Effects Makeup Workshop 9:00 a.m. - Noon • The Gumtree Museum of Art Ages 15 & Up • \$10

Brandon Murphree attended the Douglas Education Center in Monessen, PA, completing the Tom Savini Special Makeup Effects Program. He received an Associate Degree in the craft. Training under Tom Savini, Brandon earned a Certificate of Excellence Degree. Some of Tom's works includes Friday the 13th; Night of the Living Dead; Dawn of the Dead, Texas Chainsaw Massacre and Creepshow. Brandon also trained with Dick Smith (works include: The Exorcist, The Godfather, Amedaus – Oscar-Winning film) who INVENTED the art of special makeup effects. Brandon has been working in his craft for almost six years, four professionally. Special effects artists create effects for film using makeup which is everything from the gorgeous to the hideous, the pretty to the scary and the beautiful to the strange. **Limit to 25 people. Call 662.841.6521 for reservations.**



Workshop Includes:

- A Special Makeup Effects Demonstration
- Demonstrating Fun and Easy Makeup Effect Techniques
- Provides a small Make-up Effects Starter Kit
- Includes a take home "How-To -Guide" booklet

SATURDAY, MAY 14th • Special Workshops & Screening



Pied Pipers "To Do and What Not to Do" • 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Film Screening "Rainbow Town" with

Special Exhibit "Ghana Goods" • 10:30 - Noon

West African Fair Trade - Items will be available for purchase.

Mississippi High School Film Competition • 12:15 - 1:00 p.m.

Lyric Theatre



"To Do and What Not to Do" Auditioning and Acting in Film

This workshop will cover the following:

Free Admission

- The difference of stage and film acting
- Auditioning for film and basic acting techniques
- Participants will work with film scenes in auditioning and acting

The Pied Piper Playhouse is the only full-time children and youth theatre organization in Mississippi. Organized in 1991, the Pied Piper Playhouse season includes four productions – one for our younger actors, one for children of all ages, and one for older youth. The Auditions are open to young people from all over the area. Free school performances are offered during production week to any area school. The invitation extends to all school districts, private schools and home schooled children.



In partnership with Tupelo High School Thespian Troupe, the Pied Piper Playhouse also conducts a summer theatre camp for grades K through 8th grade. The Pied Piper Playhouse utilizes volunteer board members, as well as community and parent volunteers. Monetary support comes from patrons.



RAINBOW TOWN

Producer, Director, Writer

Lauren Selmon Roberts

Student Documentary

1 hour, 15 minutes

Norman, OK • Mississippi Premier

In a country torn by war, over 100 orphaned and abandoned children were left to die. But, one courageous woman wanted them to live. This is the true story of one Liberian orphanage. *Lauren Selmon Roberts will be in attendance.*



Special Exhibit "Ghana Goods"

Ghana Goods, headquartered in Tupelo, MS, specializes in handmade handicrafts made from Ghana, West Africa. This trade fair business cultivates environmental stewardship as well as helping producers maintain their cultural identity. A purchase empowers Ghana women such as seamstress Amanda Farouk and painter Yaw O. Kutin. Their collaboration with owner Margaret Buell creates handmade purses, bags and clothing sold through trade shows, private home parties and select boutiques.



SATURDAY, MAY 14th • Mississippi High School Competition

Winning Finalists • Lyric Theatre • 12:15 p.m.

The MS High School Film Competition pre-screening was held on Saturday, April 23 in the Black Box Theatre at the Link Centre. This competition has been created to promote the art of filmmaking to Mississippi High School students involved in film and television classes, film groups or individual filmmaking.

JUDGES



Don Tingle
Workshop Director,
Alabama
Filmmakers Co-Op

Huntsville, AL



Phillip Gentile
Instructor of Film
Studies in Mass
Communication/
Journalism
University of Southern

Hattiesburg, MS



Max Shores
Producer/Director,
University of Alabama
Center for Public
Television & Radio

Tuscaloosa, AL



Caught
Ryan Frazier

Three criminals take a hostage. The hostage has his own agenda. Blue Mountain, MS • 3 min, 31 sec



Dem Southern Boys A Rockumentary
Jake Hughes

A film about "Dem Southern Boy", a fictional band. The film chronicles the life and times of the band. Fulton, MS
9 min, 58 sec



Ruby Resurrected
Ruby Courtney
Lesley

Ruby is just an average teenager in a small town in Mississippi until fate falls into her lap making her anything but average. She is infected with a foreign virus and chaos ensues as it spreads. Fulton, MS
6 min, 8 sec



Unkown Enemy: Yellow Fever
Isabella Kinder

A documentary that explores the yellow fever epidemic in Mississippi. Primary sources and interviews with tourism director are used in video. Grenada, MS 5 min



Mississippi Flood: Misery to Many Blessings
Katrina Kinder

A documentary about the 1927 flood in Mississippi. Using primary sources, and interviews with a government official. Grenada, MS • 5 mins



Bob or Joe?
Gulshan Jubaed
Prince

A short film regarding a public service announcement on healthy eating. Tupelo, MS
43 sec



No Refill
Solomon Ring

This short intense film shows just how serious things can get. Let's just say, always follow the rules. Fulton, MS
3 min, 54 sec

Titles in Red were the winning entries and will be screened at the festival.

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HORROR BLOCK & AFTER PARTY

Friday, May 13th • 8:30 to Midnight
Goodlett Manor • \$5 non-ticket holder

Screening the following:
Elixir, Blackout, Andre, Trick or Eat, Clemency, and
Lukos (See pages 22-23)

Music by Astrocasket

Astrocasket is a punk band based in Tupelo, MS - the cradle of rock-n-roll. Dounded as a side-project by Rockabilly Vampires veteran



Daniel Lee Perea, they fuse the raw energy and undeniable catchiness of The Ranones, with the b-movie inspiration of the Misfits. With songs about everything from love and loss to becoming a teenage werewolf, Astrocasket are poised to conquer the musical world.



CRIMINAL BLOCK

Saturday, May 14th 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
Lee County Justice Center

Screening the following:
Blood Feud, Spin, Murderabelia, Trader, and I Know
(See pages. 26-27)



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RED HORSE: A CAHABA RIVER TRADITION

Producer – David Rice
Director, Writer – Josh Crute

Six Samford University student filmmakers explore the Alabama fishing tradition of roping the river Redhorse, a bottom feeding fish that is found in the scenic Cahaba River in central Alabama. This is an educational and informational road trip that documents the uncommon tradition of roping — catching, but not hooking — the old fashioned way. Join these filmmakers as they learn the tradition from Alabama folklorists, environmentalists and Alabamians.



12 - 12:45 p.m.
Student- 44 minutes
Birmingham, AL • World Premier

Shorts Block 1

LONG STORY SHORT

Producers – Nora Kirkpatrick, Ryan Darst, Whit Hertford
Directors - Ryan Darst
Writer - Whit Hertford

While bombing at an improv comedy audition, diminutive and self-loathing Fisher (Whit Hertford) falls hard for Georgia (Nora Kirkpatrick), a charming and statuesque free spirit. Despite their physical differences and emotional hesitations they share a memorable and revealing night of first impressions.

Parental Guidance



12:45 - 1:05 p.m.
Short - 19 minutes
Los Angeles, CA • Mississippi Premier

HITOMI

Producer – Rebert Evenepoel
Director, Writer – Manu De Smet

Tom is a young man who has a strong connection with the Japanese culture. Samurai, Jiu Jitsu, calligraphy; not a day goes by without it. When a young Asian lady enters his life he sees his knowledge of the culture as the perfect way to attract her.

Parental Guidance



1:05 - 1:25 p.m.
Short - 20 minutes
Belgium • Mississippi Premier

SAND MOUNTAIN

Executive Producer - Kerry Richardson
Producer, Director – kathryn McCool

A journey to meet the SawMill Man, hard luck musician JD Cast King, takes director kathryn McCool through the South she thought she already knew. Sand Mountain is both an essay and roadmovie about a strange homecoming through personal territory to the Old Sand Mountain of Alabama.



1:30 - 2:05 p.m.
Documentary -34 minutes
Australia • Mississippi Premier

THE MOMENT OF TRUTH

Director, Writer – Steven Crowley

Andy Meyers, the subject of the film, has decided he wants to end his life in front of a camera for the world to see much like his idol Bud Dwyer. His depression and array of ailments from his bout with diabetes have driven him to the edge. Andy recruited his counselor turned filmmaker to document the suicide and also the events of his final days. The hired crew decides, at the last minute they cannot be part of Andy's suicide but instead try to talk him out of it. The director is left with no crew and a confused Andy. Does the film go on? Does Andy Meyers kill himself in front of the cameras? *Ken Farrington (DP) will be in attendance. Adult Content. Disturbing.*

Shorts Block 2

THE BAG

Producers - Marlyn Mason, Ray Robison

Directors - Ray Robison

Writer - Marlyn Mason

Based on actual conversations the writer, Marlyn Mason, had with her parents. It is the story of Hildy, a women who has discovered her mother has been hoarding pills in order to kill herself and that her father has agreed to a suicide pact with her mother. *Marlyn Mason will be in attendance. Parental Guidance.*

TELAPATHETIC

Writer, Producer, Director - David Rice

A lovestruck college kid trying to work up the nerve to ask out his crush finds that the power to read people's minds does not help him at all. *Parental Guidance.*

M-POWER

Producer – John Wee

Director – Johnston Thomason

Writers – April Wren, Casey Parnell, Chris Counts

On New Year's Eve, a systems analyst by the name of Jordan Gordon must save her company's clients from Y2K as well as her crooked boss. *Dave Kilgo and Johnston Thomason will be in attendance. Parental Guidance*



2:05 - 3:35 p.m.
Feature - 1 hour, 30 minutes
AK • Mississippi Premier



3:45 - 4:10 p.m.
Short - 24 minutes, 30 seconds
Medford, OR • Mississippi Premier



4:15 - 4:25 p.m.
Student- 10 minutes, 45 seconds
Tupelo, MS • World Premier



4:25 - 4:35 p.m.
Student- 8 minutes, 7 seconds
Tuscaloosa, AL • Mississippi Premier

THE TRIALS OF KENNETH

Producers – Bruce Brown and Meng Wang
 Director, Writer - Will Brown Hernández

All his life Kenneth Hsu has wanted to give back to China, his native country. And now he has the chance: translating the negotiations to rebuild Sichuan after a massive earthquake. Problem is, he isn't 'Chinese enough' for the diplomat from the People's Republic. How far will Kenneth and his girlfriend Marge go to get him the job of his dreams – and to change the world? *Will Brown Hernández will be in attendance.*



4:35 - 5 p.m.
 Student- 22 minutes, 41 seconds
 Portland, OR • World Premier

KITCHEN HAMLET

Producers – Jeffrey Pence
 Director, Writer - Daniel Elihu Kramer

Hamlet, sworn to revenge by the ghost of his murdered father, struggles to cut himself off from those he loves in order to keep his promise. This contemporary telling of Shakespeare's play finds poetry and tragedy in the everyday setting of an isolated country house.



5:10 - 6:30 p.m.
 Feature - 1 hour, 17 minutes
 North Hampton, MA • Mississippi Premier

SPECIAL AWARDS



THE RON TIBBETT AWARD (BEST OF SHOW)

Dr. Charlotte Magnussen will be in attendance.
 Ron Tibbet was born in Chicago in 1941. He graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in English. He served in the US Marines. He met his wife Charlotte Magnussen in Montreal and was married in 1978. He and his family (Charlotte and daughter Christine) moved to West Point, MS in 1994. He always had an active interest in film and shot his first film "Swept Off My Feet"

in West Point. Because there were no festivals in Mississippi to screen the film, he started the Magnolia Independent Film Festival, the first of its kind in Mississippi. He loved sharing his craft, enthusiasm and love of film with all but especially young minds. He encouraged many to follow their dreams in film. We miss him dearly.

The Ron Tibbett Award is presented each year in memory of Ron Tibbett who helped launch the Tupelo Film Festival in 2004. Sponsored by Ruff Business Systems, Inc. DBA KFC



THE ELVIN WHITESIDES DIRECTOR'S AWARD

Samara Whitesides will be in attendance.
 Elvin Whitesides, a native of Tupelo, came to his love of film as a boy, sitting beside his father in the projection booth of the Lyric Theatre, screening years of first-run

Hollywood features. That formative experience led to a BFA in Theatre from the University of Southern Mississippi, professional training in both New York and Los Angeles, and managing the Bing Theatre at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art for over 20 years. Throughout his career, Elvin continued to make films, writing, performing, producing, directing, until his untimely death in May 2010. A two-time judge at the Tupelo Film Festival, 2011 marks the inaugural of the Elvin Whitesides Director Award, a tribute to his talent for guiding and inspiring countless casts and crews toward a common creative goal through the magic of movies.

The Elvin Whitesides Award is presented this year in memory of Elvin Whitesides who served as a mentor to the festival as well as a judge. Sponsored by his fellow classmates of Tupelo High School Class of '72

WAY OF THE MORRIS

Producers - Colin Teague, Tim Plester
 Director, Writer – Tim Plester

A heartfelt ode to his agrarian roots, WAY OF THE MORRIS follows filmmaker Tim Plester on a journey from the English village green to the killing fields of The Somme, in search of a connection with the much-maligned native dance traditions that run deep in his blood.



12 - 1:05 p.m.
 Documentary - 1 hour, 4 minutes
 London, UK • Mississippi Premier

Shorts Block 3

WAVES

Producer – Max Tromba
 Director – Emily Harrold

Newly graduated with no job prospects. What's a girl to do but return home? It can't be that bad, right? Wrong! In an attempt to re-create the past, Norah Winslow returns to her home in Cape Cod. She hopes to find refuge in her old house, old job, and old boyfriend. But she quickly learns things grow old for a reason. *Parental Guidance*



1:05 - 1:25 p.m.
 Student- 19 minutes, 10 seconds
 Orangeburg, SC • Mississippi Premier

THE REST OF FOREVER

Producer, Writer, Director – Dave Kilgo

Mr. Malevolent wants to blow up the moon to destroy the earth. There's just one problem, the economy. *Dave Kilgo will be in attendance.*



1:25 - 1:30 p.m.
 Short - 4 minutes, 17 seconds
 Tuscaloosa, AL • Mississippi Premier

THE FILMMAKER

Producer, Director, Writer - Marcello Fabrizi

Mark has been making films for over 25 years. Jess is the girl of his dreams, but she thinks he's an idiot. She might be right. *Parental Guidance.*



1:30 - 1:50 p.m.
 Short - 16 minutes, 57 seconds
 Australia

FLUORESCENT GRAY

Producer - Cary Becker
Director - Leo Age
Writer - Julianne Ortale

Something bad is happening in the house of marriage. They promised not to know.
Parental Guidance.



1:50 - 2 p.m.
Short - 8 minutes, 15 seconds
Beverly Hills, CA

THE TEST

Producer - Adrienne Latham
Director - Gary Strieker

An entire Kenyan community of 50,000 participate in an HIV testing and counseling campaign and are provided with a CarePack of products to prevent malaria, HIV and diarrheal diseases as encouragement to take an HIV test. Attitudes towards HIV+ people are confronted and overcome. The Film shows how lives of five people change over the course of one year.



2 - 2:50 p.m.
Documentary - 51 minutes, 3 seconds
New York, NY • World Premier

THE SHEPERD BOY AND THE WOLF- A STOP MOTION ADAPTION

Director - Producer, Writer - Timothy Schultz

This film is a stop-motion animated adaptation of Aesop's classic fable, 'The Shepherd boy and the Wolf,' also widely known as 'The Boy Who Cried Wolf.' Although many people are familiar with the traditional moral tale, which demonstrates the consequences of lying, this adaptation follows Aesop's story with a less-than-traditional approach. Not only is the character of the boy brought to life through his humorous antics, the entire film is enhanced through unique artistry that combines 10,000 still photographs with modern graphics.
Timothy Schultz will be in attendance. Parental Guidance



2:50 - 3 p.m.
Animation - 10 minutes, 56 seconds
Denver, CO • Mississippi Premier

I BECOME GILGAMESH

Producers - Chad Windham, Juan Francisco de la Guardia and Danny Nguyen

In a dim, cluttered laboratory, Dr. Michael Sieggombe, a single father and professor of biology, lectures his class on cancer and cell aging. The mood has been somber lately since his students learned of their professor's condition -- he is being consumed by the very disease he has spent the latter part of his life studying. But soon two mysterious and contradicting characters will emerge to turn his world upside down and he will be shown a path that will not only allow him to beat the cancer, but cheat death itself. *Danny Nguyen will be in attendance. Parental Guidance.*



3 - 4:30 p.m.
Feature - 1 hour, 23 minutes
Dallas, TX

Documentary Block

DEFYING DELETION: THE FIGHT OVER IRAQ'S NINEVAH PLAINS

Producer - Alda Benjamen

Producer, Director, Writer - André N. Anton

Since the U.S. led invasion in 2003, Assyrian Christians have experienced tremendous persecution and suffering. Forced to flee Iraq and take refuge in unwelcoming countries like Syria, Jordan and Turkey, they are experiencing one of the world's largest humanitarian crises. Defying Deletion sheds light on the systematic ethnic cleansing, cultural genocide and religious-based targeting the Assyrians have endured hundreds of years before Iraq's inception. *André N. Anton will be in attendance. Parental Guidance.*

MR. JIMMY'S BIRTHDAY CHALLENGE

Director, Producer - Samantha Davidson Green

For his 80th birthday, Mr. Jimmy Moore challenges himself to run 80 kilometers. His small town in Mississippi gets behind him to see if they too can 'run their age' -- from age 8 to 80. Mr. Jimmy's quest reveals how a retired railroad man-turned extreme athlete struggles with the death of his wife and the limitations of his aging body as he 'just keeps running.' *Samantha Davidson Green will be in attendance.*

WAKING SLEEPING BEAUTY

Producers - Don Hahn, Connie Thompson, Don Hahan

Director - Don Hahan

By the mid-1980s, the fabled animation studios of Walt Disney had fallen on hard times. The artists were polarized between newcomers hungry to innovate and old timers not yet ready to relinquish control. These conditions produced a series of box-office flops and pessimistic forecasts: maybe the best days of animation were over. Only a miracle or a magic spell could produce a happy ending. Waking Sleeping Beauty is no fairy tale. It's the true story of how Disney regained its magic with a staggering output of hits - "Little Mermaid," "Beauty and the Beast," "Aladdin," "The Lion King," and more - over a 10-year period.

Shorts Block 4

CONTROLLED BURN

Director, Producer, Writer - Dan Van Wert

When Olivia Browning's husband, Hugh, is ravaged by Alzheimer's Disease, she must make a decisive choice regarding his right to die.

Adult Content



4:30 - 4:55 p.m.
Documentary - 20 minutes, 47 seconds
Westbloomfield, MI • Mississippi Premier



4:55 - 5:30 p.m.
Documentary - 26 minutes
Brooklyn, NY • Mississippi Premier



7 - 8:30 p.m.
Documentary - 1 hour, 26 minutes
Los Angeles, CA



8:30 - 8:55 p.m.
Student - 21 minutes, 25 seconds
Philadelphia, PA • Mississippi Premier

**HORROR
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THE SECRET FRIEND

Producers - Fernando Pinheiro, Nicholas Eisenberg, Raina Oberlin
Director, Producer, Writer - Flavio Alves

A reclusive, elderly widow, Anna Marshall (Harris), lives in quiet desperation following her husband's death until she begins receiving daily phone calls from a silent stranger. At first Anna finds the calls intrusive, but as the calls continue unabated Anna finds herself waiting for her phone to ring with growing anticipation prompting her to reach out to her silent prankster. An odd and mysterious friendship evolves between the two as Anna shares her life experiences with startling honesty. Empty days are given new hope, but when the calls abruptly end a devastated Anna is compelled to surprising action to fill the unbearable void.



8:55 - 9:10 p.m.
Short - 15 minutes
Forest Hills, NY

THE DESPERATE

Director, Producer, Writer – Ben Hur Sepehr

On a rainy night in a concentration camp a fearsome Nazi general is forced to plead with a condemned Jewish doctor to save his dying only son. *Adult Content.*



9:10 - 9:45p.m.
Short - 33 minutes, 32 seconds
Reseda, CA • World Premier

ELIXIR

Producer, Director, Writer - Jason Palmer

The story of retired science/biology teacher, Mrs Moran, who gets around on a power chair. She has a hefty inheritance that her greedy son Richard can't wait to get his hands on. Richard and his son Kyle are hoping she won't live much longer. Mrs Moran has other plans.
Jason and Ann Palmer will be in attendance.



8:30 - 9 p.m.
Short - 17 minutes, 5 seconds
Tupelo, MS

BLACKOUT

Producer, Director, Writer – Glenn Payne

Stacy and Mitch are having trouble with their relationship. A nice Halloween party seems to be just what they need to get back into sync with one another. As they argue they are surrounded by creatures who desire to feed. A horrifying thunder storm threatens to show them how truly petty their problems really are. When the lights go down the living dead come up and the young couple find themselves in a fight for their lives.
Glenn Payne and Casey Dillard will be in attendance.
Parental Guidance



9 - 9:15 p.m.
Short - 14 minutes, 43 seconds
Blue Springs, MS

**HORROR
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ANDRE

Producer - Eric Rowe
Director, Writer – Christopher Fernandez

After a workplace affair, Andre has fallen in love with his boss, Lynne. When Lynne recommits herself to her husband Andre is left emotionally damaged. His attempts to win Lynne back fail and he is further hurt and alienated when she has him fired. He goes into work emotionally distraught and determined to exact his revenge on Lynne. *Adult Content*

TREAT OR EAT

Producer, Writer – April Wren
Directors - Joshua Hollis and April Wren

After being told a story about a child eater who eats kids on Halloween, Katy is afraid that her first time trick-r-treating might also be her last. *April Wren will be in attendance. Parental Guidance.*

CLEMENCY

Producer – Doug Thagard
Director – Joseph Albanese
Writers - Charlie Frazier, Chris Frazier, Joseph Albanese
Arthur Poe is a sadistic killer who likes to torture his victims. In 1993 he was captured and subsequently convicted by the state of Virginia for several gruesome murders. Poe received a sentence of death years later and days before his execution, the newly elected governor granted Poe clemency providing an act of leniency which outraged many.. *Joseph Albanese will be in attendance. Adult Content.*

LUKOS

Producer, Director, Writer - Micheal Williams

Lukos, overwhelmed with guilt and anxiety, tries to cope with what is inevitably about to happen, however, Laura, the sole person who knows his secret, is willing to take the risk to do what she can to help. *Michael Williams will be in attendance. Parental Guidance.*



9:15 - 9:26
Short - 11 minutes
Jessup, MD • Mississippi Premier



9:27 - 9:33 p.m.
Student - 6 minutes, 30 seconds
Fulton, MS



9:33 - 9:52 p.m.
Student - 18 minutes, 6 seconds
Los Angeles, CA • Mississippi Premier



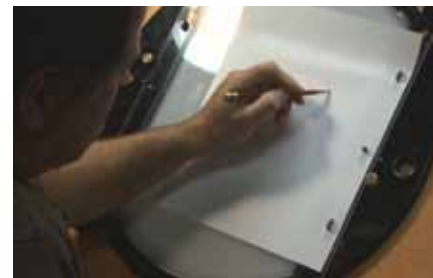
9:52 - 10:05 p.m.
Short - 13 minutes
West Point, MS

Animation Block

ANIMATION: A PALETTE OF POSSIBILITIES

Producer, Director, Writer – Angela Hinton

This short film is a fascinating collection of stories, anecdotes, and insights from some of the best animators in the world today. Mary Poppins, Petes Dragon, The Black Hole, Sleeping Beauty, Roger Rabbit, Mulan, and The Princess and the Frog, are just some of the animated films they have helped bring to the screen. Academy Award nominee Joe Hale, versatile artist Ron Dias, and others talk about their life work and give advice and encouragement to children thinking about a career in hand drawn animation.



1:00 - 1:18 p.m.
Documentary- 15 minutes, 37 seconds
Cary, NC

HOMELESS CONDUCTOR

Director - Dony Chiang

This film is about a homeless character who used to be a great conductor of a famous orchestra. But no one cares about him anymore and he could just lie in a corner of a cold and silent city. One night, he tried to fight against this loneliness and he picked up the old baton, takes a breath and starts to whip it, and suddenly, a miracle happens...



1:18 - 1:23 p.m.
Animation - 3 minutes, 5 seconds
Taiwan • Mississippi Premier

WITHOUT WINGS

Director, Producer – Jo Meuris

Without Wings is a celebration of the human body in motion. The movements of dancers, traceurs, and acrobats are woven together in a symphony of animated figures that rejoices in the ability to defy gravity.



1:23 - 1:28 p.m.
Student - 3 minutes, 40 seconds
Canada • Mississippi Premier

SURVIVING HUNGER

Producer - Balgum Song

This is a short film animation produced only by Balgum Song. The animation is placed on desert-like landscape where there is sand and dry air. The film has two characters. A big frog-looking character who wanders around for food, the other is a cute little character that comes towards the big character to use himself as a bait. The story is a conflict between these two characters.



1:28 - 1:30 p.m.
Student - 2 minutes, 30 seconds
Los Angeles, CA • Mississippi Premier

SATURDAY, MAY 14th Continued

KIDNAP

Director, Writer - sija lu

A little chicken is late to school, but her excuse is too wild to believe: getting kidnapped on the way to school. You believe not not, this chicken is a really good actress and Kung fu master! After her explanation, you have to believe that her adventure is so true. She was kidnapped by chickens first, then gunmen, then aliens and finally Jesus saved her life and sent her to school.



1:30 - 1:35 p.m.
Animation - 3 minutes, 55 seconds
Los Angeles, CA • Mississippi Premier

BAIT

Director, Writer - Michael Moore

A group of worms wake up one morning to find themselves trapped in a young boy's bait bucket. *Michael Moore will be in attendance.*



1:35 - 1:45 p.m.
Student - 10 minutes
AK • Mississippi Premier

Shorts Block 5

A COMMON BOND

Producers – Alan Partin, Marilyn Partin, Phil Partin, Rae Horlamus
Director, Writer - David Partin

A 64 year old man returns home to gather and clean out his deceased father's house. The man comes across his father's WW2 trunk filled with memorabilia and old personal items. One of these items will forever change the man's life and his image of who his father was. *David Partin will be in attendance. Parental Guidance.*



2 - 2:20 p.m.
Student Short - 14 minutes
Baltimore, MD • Mississippi Premier

BRIGHT

Producer, Director, Writer - Benjamin Busch

A surprisingly contemplative drama centered on a blind man (Robert Wisdom) who must guide a quirky young man (Eric Nenninger) through a desperate fear. This carefully crafted film is rich with imagery, cryptic dialog, and a superb cast chosen from *The Wire* and *Generation Kill* to include Robert Wisdom, Eric Nenninger, Glynn Turman, Andre Royo, Marc Menchaca, David Barrera, Rich McDonald, and Benjamin Busch. *BRIGHT* pulls us into its world, demands our fascination, and keeps us in wonder. It is a truly artful experience. *Benjamin Busch will be in attendance. . Parental Guidance.*



2:20 - 3:05 p.m.
Short - 40 minutes
Reed City, MI • Mississippi Premier

YOGURT CUPS

Director, Writer - Kamila Ticha'
 Producer - Kate Ulrichova'

Yogurt Cups is a closely observed film about a relationship between a retired widower and his spirited caretaker. Mr. Kolar lives on a farm in a rural area of the Czech Republic. When his aid suggests an alternative method of treatment to subside his tremors caused by Parkinson's, he grumpily refuses until a chain of events makes him change his mind. *Kamila Ticha' and Kate Ulrichova' will be in attendance. Parental Guidance.*



3:05 - 3:15 p.m.
 Short - 12 minutes
 New York, AK • Mississippi Premier

SPLATTER: LOVE, HONOR, AND PAINTBALL

Producers - Cynthia Schuyler, Phillip Manke
 Writer - Lonnie Schuyler

Jack Reynolds, a lovable loser learns what he really wants out of life is the love of his ex-wife and the respect of his son. He sets out to win them back in this quirky comedy by entering a local paintball tournament that has been dominated by a real estate tycoon Elgin Saunders, a man who just happens to be Deb's, (Jack's ex-wife's) new boss. Hilarity ensues as he enlists the aid of friends and an ex-vet named, Two Finger Hank, who reluctantly takes on the task of training the pack of hapless losers. It's a true underdog story about redemption and life lessons, and proves winning isn't everything. *Lonnie Schuyler will be in attendance. Adult Content*



3:20 - 5:20 p.m.
 Feature - 1 hour, 50 minutes
 Burlington, IA • Mississippi Premier

CRIMINAL BLOCK

Justice Center

BLOOD FEUD

Director, Producer, Writer - Johnston Thomasson

Wes James is a young man from El Paso. His father is a DEA agent investigating the powerful Navarro Cartel. When Wes's father is killed by one of the Navarro drug princes, Wes takes justice into his own hands and goes on the offensive against the Navaros. He quickly gets in over his head and must fight for survival. *Johnston Thomasson will be in attendance. Parental Guidance.*



4 - 4:18 p.m.
 Short - 16 minutes, 58 seconds
 MS State, MS

SPIN

Producer, Director, - Bret Hall, James Hall
 Writer - Bret Hall, James Hall

A high stakes poker player accidentally stumbles across a game of Russian roulette. Once the game has begun, all bets are off and there is only one way out... To spin the barrel of the gun and test fate. *James Hall will be in attendance. Parental Guidance*



4:18 - 4:24 p.m.
 Short - 4 minutes, 53 seconds
 North Hollywood, CA • Mississippi Premier

SATURDAY, MAY 14th Continued

CRIMINAL
BLOCK
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Justice Center

MURDERABILIA

Producers - Michael Usry, Ryan Roy and David Matthews

Writer – Ryan Roy

Murderabilia is a dark, psychological drama that follows a collector of murder-related artifacts as he endeavors to acquire a belt that was involved in the brutal killing of a young woman. *Ryan Roy, Michael Usry and David Matthews will be in attendance. Adult Content.*



4:24 - 4:55 p.m.
Short - 29 minutes, 46 seconds
Flowood, MS

THE TRADER

Producers - Casey Spradling, John Wee, Brandon Murphree

Director – John Wee

Three murderers seem to be connected to one person. Will we find out the truth about the rill killer?

John Wee, Brandon Murphree, Casey Spradling and Roy Turner will be in attendance. Parental Guidance.



4:55 - 5:15 p.m.
Short - 16 minutes
Tupelo, MS • Mississippi Premier

I KNOW

Director, Producer, Writer - Alex Raskin

Beautiful young girl. What really happened to her? Frightening man. What has he done? An off-beat take on David Lynch's song I Know. Horror?

Murder? Exploitation? Watch and discover what YOU make of it!

Rated R for nudity and general trippiness.

Adult Content



5:15 - 5:20 p.m.
Short - 4 min, 6 seconds minutes
Union City, NJ • Mississippi Premier

Shorts Block 6

SHUDDER HOUSE

Producer, Director, Writer - Joey Dello Russo

On a rural estate in 1951, a boy named Robby trudges through a meaningless childhood. Training on classical piano is his only chore dictated by unloving parents. But when a Southern farmhand named Emma returns to the farm with a guitar in hand, Robby faces his only opportunity to grow and feel beyond his boyish blues. *Parental Guidance*



5:20 - 5:15 p.m.
Student - 15 minutes
Portland, OR • Mississippi Premier

SATURDAY, MAY 14th Continued

LEKA MED DOCKER

Director, Writer - Hans Montelius

Hanna plays out the relationship between her and her boyfriend with dolls. Dolls that her boyfriend wants her to play with to spice up their love life. When her boy friend comes back, she's ready for him and the game takes a serious turn.

Adult Content



5:15 - 5:26 p.m.
Short - 11 minutes, 12 seconds
Sweden • Mississippi Premier

FLOWERS FOR A FUNERAL

Director, Producer, Writer - Deborah Hiestand

Pills, lots and lots of pills. Iris intends to swallow them and end her bleak life. With camera in hand, she exits her sleazy motel room in order to mark her last day on earth. In her travels, she meets Lily, an eccentric older woman. Iris is drawn into Lily's dark world, learning some lessons along the way. *Parental Guidance.*



5:27 - 5:43 p.m.
Short - 14 minutes, 51 seconds
Denver, CO • Mississippi Premier

JOYRIDE

Producers, Directors, Writers - Alex Petrovitch, Katherine Randolph

A down on their luck couple from South Georgia go on the run to get the money to repay a gambling debt and decide to film their escapade, in hopes of selling their 'reality movie' to Hollywood for a quick buck. However, the danger becomes very real when their misguided foray into drug dealing does not go as planned, and they quickly find out they are in over their heads. *Alex Petrovitch and Katherine Randolph will be in attendance.*

Adult Content



6 - 7:40 p.m.
Feature - 1 hour, 30 minutes
West Hollywood, CA • Mississippi Premier

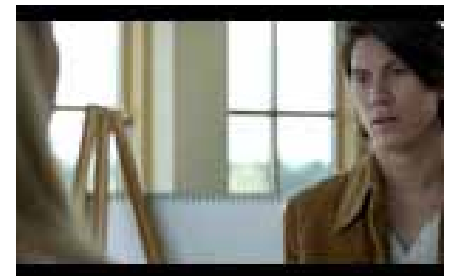
Shorts Block 7

SKETCH

Director, Producer, Writer - Christian Remde

Producer - Matt Ryan

Ellen's painting career has been derailed, but she is finally attempting to pick up the brush again. Victor, a young good-looking model has arrived to sit for her. She wants him to inspire her and he wants her to make him famous...will either of them get what they want? *Christian Remde will be in attendance. Adult Content.*



7:40 - 8 p.m.
Short - 18 minutes, 30 seconds
Austin, TX • Mississippi Premier

SATURDAY, MAY 14th Continued

MISSILE CRISIS

Director, Writer - Jaye Davidson

South Florida. 1962. While the Cuban Missile Crisis threatens to incinerate America, divorce looms over the Shaw family. Thirteen-year-old Miles Shaw must protect his little brother, Danny, from the fallout, and he has it all figured it. The mission? To blow up the Soviet Missiles. The weapon? Model Rockets. There are always casualties in War-even the cold ones. *Jaye Davidson will be in attendance.*



8 - 8:20 p.m.
Short - 15 minutes, 21 seconds
Florida State University, FL
Mississippi Premier



8:20 - 8:32 p.m.
Short - 10 minutes, 58 seconds
Venice, CA • Mississippi Premier

TOUCH

Producer - Emile Hanton, Jamie Robinson, Philip Lott

Director - Jen McGowan

Writer - Colin Pink

Sometimes, the most personal connection in your life occurs with a complete stranger.



Welcome Filmmakers!

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MAY 14, 2011 - 8:30 A.M.
ONE MISSISSIPPI PLAZA

SATURDAY, MAY 14TH 9:45 P.M. - 11:45 P.M.

Awards After Party



AWARDS AFTER PARTY • Romie's Barbeque Live Music by The Soul Revivalists

Following the awards ceremony at the Lyric, the party will move to Romie's Barbeque located on Troy Street in Downtown Tupelo. Come and enjoy great fun and live music by The Soul Revivalists.

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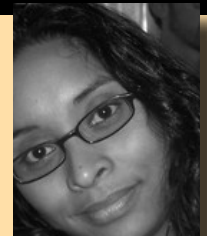
The Tupelo Film Festival is honored to have one of our judges, Loretta Mims, join us for the festival events. Loretta will MC the Awards Ceremony which will be held on Saturday night, May 14th at the Lyric Theatre.



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Chris Counts, Mr. Reely

Special Toast... to all who helped with the Tupelo Film Festival Commercial!

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