

SFI Film Festival Isn't Slowing Down at 45

Kevin Spacey and Warren Beatty Honored at Festival where 120 full-length films, documentaries and short films will be shown.

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At 45, the San Francisco International Film Festival isn't slowing down or showing its age.

The 120 full-length films, documentaries, and short films from around the world will spotlight this year's festivals, running Apr. 18 through May 2, at the AMC Kabuki 8 Theatres, Castro Theatre, Pacific Film Archive, and the Landmark's Park Theatre.

But the feast of this festival will be when Kevin Spacey (*The Usual Suspects*, *Seven*) receives the Peter J. Owens award for acting and Warren Beatty (*Bulworth*, *Reds*) gets the Akira Kurosawa award for directing on Apr. 25 at the Film Society Awards Night at the San Francisco Argenta Hotel.

The opening film will be *Thirteen Conversations about One Thing*, and will be shown at the Castro Theatre, starring Matthew McConaughey, John Turturro, and Alan Arkin, written and directed by Jill Sprecher. The closer of this year's film festival has yet to be picked,

despite what the program guide says.

Many of this year's films are not well known, but the few that are have already started press tours.

Dreamworks' animated adventure *Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron* is about a stallion's adventure across the untamed frontier.

The other known film is the documentary *Journeys with George*, by former NBC news producer Alexandra Pelosi. Filmed during George W. Bush's 2000 campaign for the presidency, it's an inside look at the president and his dealings with the press. By the way, Pelosi is the daughter of San Francisco's U.S. Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi.

First-time directors did most of the films in the festival. While there are some veteran directors, they're better known overseas. Director Martin Scorsese is pretty known everywhere in the world. His film, *My Voyage to Italy*, is more or less a teaching film on cinema.

New for this year's film festival are seminars. The first seminar "Digital and New Technologies: How They



Warren Beatty will join Clint Eastwood, Arthur Penn, and Robert Bresson as a recipient of the Akira Kurosawa Award for Directing at this year's Film Festival.

Affect the Filmmaking and the Filmgoer," will be held Apr. 20 at 11 a.m. at the AMC Kabuki 8 Theatre. The seminars cost \$15 each to the

public and are free for San Francisco Film Society Members (ticket required for admission).

The second, "Filmmaking in a Hostile World," will be held on Apr. 27 at 11 a.m. at the AMC Kabuki 8 Theatre. Because this is a film festival, it is costly. For students the cost may be lower, but still may take a bite out of the pocket book. The cost for students is \$5 for matinees (films shown up to 5 p.m.), \$7.50 for regular programs and \$18 for special programs. But the real hit is the price for the opening and closing parties -- each cost \$70 a person.

Find out more at the Film Festivals website www.sffs.com.

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Iranian Film Showing

Hagoon (1990) starring Khosro Shakibai, Ezzatollah, Hossein Sarshar, Bita Farahi, Turan Mehrzad and Jalal Maghaddam will be shown on Apr. 18 at 12 p.m. in Rosenberg 305. The movie runs 130 min. and is free.

Gabbeh (1996) starring Shaghayegh Djodat, Roghieh Moharami and Hossein Moharami will be shown on May 2 at 12 p.m. in Rosenberg Library Room 305. The movie runs 75 min. and is free.

Theatre 2002 Season

Joe Turner's Come and Gone, by August Wilson, directed by Gloria Weinstock, will play at the Diego Rivera Theatre at the main campus (50 Phelan Ave.) on Apr. 19, 20 at 8 p.m. and Apr. 21 at 2 p.m.

Night of the Iguana, by Tennessee Williams, directed by Susan Jackson Collins, will be play at the Diego Rivera Theatre at the main (50 Phelan Ave.) campus on May 10, 11, 17, 18 at 8 p.m. and May 19 at 2 p.m.

Call (415) 2393-100 for information. Cost is \$10 for General, \$5 for students and seniors. Tickets are available from Bass and tickets.com.

Fashion Show

"Bipolar", showing in the student cafeteria at the main campus on Apr. 23, 12-12:30 p.m., will have the latest in Spring Fashion. Call Diane Green at 239-3224.

"Spring Revival", showing in the student cafeteria at the main campus on Apr. 30, 12-12:30 p.m., will be an informal show. Call Diane Green at 239-3224.

"Color Revolution and Romance", showing May 2, 12-12:30, will be a formal show. Call Diane Green at 239-3224.

Spring Jazz Concert

The Cyrus Chestnut Trio will play on April 22, at 8 p.m., in the Diego Rivera Theater. This event is free to the public. Call (415) 239-3580 of your a group.

Poetry Month

Poet Michael McClure will be at the Rosenberg Library, in Room 305 on April 26 at 11 a.m., to read some of his work, which spans some fifty years. This event is free to the public.

Documentary Filmmaker Talks

Les Blank, a documentary filmmaker will be in Rosenberg Library, Room 305 on May 1 at 7 p.m., and will speak on his career. This event is free to the public. City College Documentary instructor David L. Brown will host.



Kevin Spacey, the two-time Academy Award winning actor, joins Sean Penn, Nicholas Cage, and Winona Ryder as recipients of the Peter J. Owens Award for acting this year.