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Guest Director

Volker Schlöndorff

Volker Schlöndorff is by any measure one of Germany’s greatest directors, but he’ll admit that he spent much of his youth dreaming of becoming French. Still a teenager when his family relocated from Wiesbaden to Paris, he went on to study philosophy at the Sorbonne and filmmaking at the legendary film school IDHEC. It was there that he befriended a classmate, Louis Malle, who hired Schlöndorff as assistant director on ZAZIE IN THE METRO (1960), the start of a prolific career as an assistant that included gigs for Alain Resnais (on LAST YEAR AT MARIENBAD) and Jean-Pierre Melville.

Then, with Malle as his producer, Schlöndorff returned to Germany and made his debut feature, YOUNG TÖRLESS (1966), from Robert Musil’s novella about fascistic bullying in an Austro-Hungarian boarding school. It was a chilling, psychologically acute film that anticipated by several decades Michael Haneke’s THE WHITE RIBBON, and it announced Schlöndorff as the latest in the wave of young filmmakers who would come to comprise the New German Cinema. Among the others were Herzog, Kluge, Wenders, and of course Fassbinder, who in 1970 starred for Schlöndorff in a brilliant modern adaptation of Bertolt Brecht’s BAAL.

It could not be denied that Schlöndorff had fully reconnected with his roots, and his best films have time and again returned to the subject of his country’s great and terrible journey through the 20th century. They include THE LOST HONOR OF KATHARINA BLUM (1975), a blistering portrait of an innocent woman undone by a lethal cocktail of state power, radical politics and tabloid sensationalism, made in partnership with Schlöndorff’s then wife, Margarethe von Trotta; COUP DE GRÂCE (1976), a magnificently doomed romance set against the German involvement in the Russian Civil War; and THE TIN DRUM (1979), from Günter Grass’ phantasmagorical novel of Germany before, during and after World War II. Many said that book could not, should not be filmed, but Schlöndorff’s movie is a masterpiece that captures Grass’ tale in all of its horrific, mordantly funny and oddly touching multitudes, with the singular child actor David Bennent as the boy who rails against an inhuman world by refusing to grow.

In the decades since, Schlöndorff has been very much a man of the world, working in Europe and America, always with impeccable taste in source material. Few directors could seem as comfortable handling Musil, Proust, Arthur Miller (the TV version of DEATH OF A SALESMAN, with Dustin Hoffman) and the British pulp novelist James Hadley Chase. For a few years in the ’90s, he even became a studio executive, helping to rehabilitate Germany’s famed Studio Babelsberg. And since discovering the magic of cinema, as a child after the end of World War II, he has established himself not only as one of its great practitioners, but also as a remarkably astute and deeply knowledgeable cinephile. Billy Wilder used to call Schlöndorff to talk about movies, and, perhaps more than any other living director, Schlöndorff understands the power of the moving image to shape our understanding of the world. His selections are a predictably unpredictable, provocative and impassioned group of masterpieces, each a necessity for any film lover to experience. –Scott Foundas

In a scene early on in Gus Van Sant's TO DIE FOR, Casey Affleck is in a junkyard, talking to his friends about the hot-to-trot newscaster they've just seen waltzing around their school. He stands on top of a car, jumping on the hood and bashing the windshield with a baseball bat; at one point, he oinks like a pig. Watching his dirtbag schemer talk trash and plot a get-rich-quick plan, you don't think of Ben Affleck's little brother or Matt Damon's buddy. You see a young actor with an undeniable sense of presence. There's more than meets the eye to this juvenile delinquent. When the camera drifts over to his costars, you don't want to take your eyes off of him.

For the last 20 years, that's been the one constant in Casey Affleck's performances. Whether playing a blue-collar Boston yahoo (in GOOD WILL HUNTING, 1997), a literal lost soul stuck in a sandy limbo (GERRY, 2002) or a casino-robbing Mormon in Steven Soderbergh's OCEAN'S ELEVEN series, he keeps you riveted every time he shows up onscreen. You wonder, what will he do next? When Affleck transitioned from scene-stealing supporting parts to lead roles—the pitch-perfect pulp-mystery GONE BABY GONE, Michael Winterbottom's take-no-prisoners adaptation of Jim Thompson's THE KILLER INSIDE ME, the lyrical outlaw-on-the-lam tale AIN'T THEM BODIES SAINTS—he revealed his ability to suggest an inner life and a soul (even, in KILLER'S case, a severely tainted one) that turn his heroes, antiheroes and villains into complicated, often cursed men.

Affleck channels his talent and intensity to feed into his fellow performers' work. Brad Pitt's livewire performance as the mythic gunfighter Jesse James in THE ASSASSINATION OF JESSE JAMES BY THE COWARD ROBERT FORD (2007) gains purchase thanks to Affleck's recessive, slowly curdling take on the fanboy who'll eventually put a bullet in his hero's back. In OUT OF THE FURNACE (2013), Affleck's violent, unhinged take on a PTSD-suffering veteran who exorcises his demons via underground bare-knuckle fights sets up Christian Bale's coiled, slowburning steel worker as the more stable of the two brothers. You don't get their great work without Affleck's unrivaled team-player assists.

All of which seems to have been leading up to the star's work in MANCHESTER BY THE SEA, Kenneth Lonergan's masterpiece about a New England handyman dealing with the death of his brother, the unexpected guardianship of his teenage nephew and a guilt-ridden past that won't let him go. It's the sort of part that lets performers play the scales, and Affleck turns in his richest, most emotionally resonant work to date—the sort of devastating turn that doubles as a flag planted in the ground: Here stands one of the greatest actors of his generation. Attention must be paid. –David Fear

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In person: Kenneth Lonergan, Casey Affleck

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Lee Chandler (Casey Affleck) lives in silent isolation, working a dead end job in a Boston suburb. When his older brother suddenly dies he must return to his hometown and confront a family history that contains both everyday joy and overwhelming disaster. Writer-director Kenneth Lonergan (MARGARET, YOU CAN COUNT ON ME) gracefully uncovers, beneath the surface of Manchester's busy ordinariness, an intricate labyrinth of lies, secrets, misunderstandings and mysteries. Affleck's beautifully modulated performance is supported by a superlative ensemble including Kyle Chandler, Michelle Williams, Gretchen Mol, Tate Donovan, C.J. Wilson and most memorably, Lucas Hedges as Patrick, Lee's appealing, unpredictable teenage nephew. Lonergan achieves an atmosphere of dispassionate calm dotted with bursts of sardonic humor, creating a world where everybody has their reasons. This is his most fully realized and satisfying cinematic accomplishment to date. –LG (U.S., 2016, 137m)

In person: Kenneth Lonergan, Casey Affleck

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L.A.'s morning rush hour: An army of exuberant commuters leap out of their cars to sing and dance a pedal-to-the-metal celebration of hopefulness and perpetual sunny skies. Writer-director Damien Chazelle revives the all-singing, all-dancing MGM musical, and pays homage to Martin Scorsese's neglected NEW YORK, NEW YORK. The moody Sebastian (Ryan Gosling), a devotee of classical jazz, and ambitious Mia (Emma Stone), a waitress-actress, meet cute, initially resist one another, then quickly see the light. Of course, the path to true love is never smooth. Gosling and Stone—who can actually sing and dance!—are buoyed by the lovely songs of composer Justin Hurwitz and lyricists Benj Pasek and Justin Paul. The choreography is by Chazelle who, after the relentless intensity of the Oscar-nominated WHIPLASH, has created an airy and light confection; his virtuosity suggests the arrival of a major American filmmaker. –LG (U.S., 2016, 128m) Preceded by INNER WORKINGS (d. Leo Matsuda, U.S., 2016, 6m). In person: Damien Chazelle, Emma Stone, Leo Matsuda
3 Fire at Sea

Samuele, a twelve-year-old boy, climbs trees and shoots his slingshot on Lampedusa, a remote island situated between Africa and Sicily and an epicenter of Europe’s acute and growing immigration crisis. Award-winning documentarian Gianfranco Rosi (SACRO GRA, EL SICARIO, ROOM 164) is a poet who largely works alone, spending months or years with his subjects, operating his own camera and capturing sound. With FIRE AT SEA, winner of the top prize at Berlin, he honors both the sheer otherness and beauty of the island’s physical landscape and the complexities of human experience that unfold in front of his unobtrusive lens. Contrasting images of Samuele’s charmingly normal growing-up rituals with the disturbing chaos of immigrant experience, including shocking scenes of tragedy, Rosi uses a tiny vantage point to craft a compelling portrait of a worldwide dilemma that seems a universe away from any resolution. —LG (Italy/France, 2016, 108m) Preceded by ESTATE (d. Ronny Trocker, France/Belgium, 2016, 7m). In person: Gianfranco Rosi

5 The Pagnol Trilogy

French writer-director Marcel Pagnol’s famed and timeless Marseilles trilogy—MARÍUS (d. Alexander Korda, France, 1931, 120m), FANNY (d. Marc Allégret, France, 1932, 127m), and CÉSAR (d. Marcel Pagnol, France, 1936, 141m)—follows the star-crossed romance of a barman’s son with the girl who sells shellfish in front of the bar. Marius runs off to sea, unknowingly leaving Fanny pregnant, bereft and in desperate need of a husband. The tight-knit waterfront community surrounding them includes the bar-owner César (incarnated by the matchless Raimu) and his card-playing buddies, including Panisse, the aging well-to-do ship’s chandler who marries Fanny. In addition to numerous remakes, the trilogy (shown in a brilliant new 4K restoration) inspired Alice Waters’ seminal and iconic Berkeley restaurant Chez Panisse. After Telluride co-founder Tom Luddy showed Waters the trilogy in the 1970s, she said, “I wanted to live in those films.” DCP restorations courtesy of Janus Films. —MB

4 Graduation

Romeo (Adrian Titieni), a decent, conscientious doctor, has dedicated himself to helping his daughter Eliza (Maria-Victoria Drăguș) finish high school. Her degree will enable her to study overseas, offering her the opportunities denied to Romeo and his wife Magda (Lia Bugnar). A single arbitrary moment of violence threatens these efforts, and each of Romeo’s potential solutions violate the principles he has strived to teach his daughter. Using fastidious long takes, Palme d’Or-winning writer-director Cristian Mungiu (4 MONTHS, 3 WEEKS, 2 DAYS; BEYOND THE HILLS) plunges us into this ambiguous moral labyrinth with Romeo, our souls at risk with his. Mungiu has crafted another Romanian New Wave masterwork, a compelling, disciplined and moving investigation of Romania’s conflicted, corrupted soul in the post-Ceaușescu years. —LG (Romania/France/Belgium, 2016, 127m) In person: Cristian Mungiu

6 Maudie

Stunted early on in childhood by the effects of acute arthritis and a repressed, poverty-stricken family, Maud Lewis somehow taught herself to become one of Canada’s most beloved folk artists. After only a few moments of screen time, Sally Hawkins has convinced us of Maud’s tenacity, eccentricity and singular humor. Ethan Hawke employs his trademark charm as Everett Lewis, a gruff, inarticulate fish peddler with severe anger-management issues. After Everett inadvertently enables Maud to leave her stultifying family home, he begins supporting her in what grows into a curious, tender love story born of desperation, need and luck. Director Aisling Walsh and screenwriter Sherry White tell the story with fitting simplicity, using minimal locations and characters and transforming the bleak landscapes of Nova Scotia, Canada (beautifully shot here by Guy Godfree) as windows into Maud’s imaginative world, as she continues her always-challenging process of self-discovery. —LG (Canada/Ireland, 2016, 116m) In person: Aisling Walsh
**A Tribute to Amy Adams**

Amy Adams has come a long way from doing dinner theater in Minnesota, where she was discovered and cast in the cult-classic DROP DEAD GORGEOUS (1999), which was filming in the state. After that moment, this middle child of seven, who grew up in Colorado, decided that it was time to make the pilgrimage to Hollywood and follow her dream.

After several small television roles, Adams never looked back, thanks to her breakout performance opposite Leonardo DiCaprio in Steven Spielberg’s CATCH ME IF YOU CAN (2002). In 2005 she received an Oscar nomination, in the best supporting actress category, for her title performance in JUNEBUG (2005), as a naïve southern girl obsessively enamored with her sophisticated, European sister-in-law. “It was pretty surreal,” she told me in an interview for Vanity Fair, describing her sudden fame, “bringing my couture Carolina Herrera dress into my apartment and not wanting it to touch any of my grubby stuff. I felt like the little kid that was allowed to sit at the big kids’ table on Thanksgiving.”

Adams next starred as Princess Giselle in the Disney fantasy ENCHANTED (2007) and famously sang two nominated songs that year at the Oscars ceremony. She starred alongside Tom Hanks as his devoted political aide in Mike Nichols’ CHARLIE WILSON’S WAR (2007). In 2008, Adams’s powerful turn as Sister James opposite Meryl Streep and Philip Seymour Hoffman in John Patrick Shanley’s adaptation of his Pulitzer-prize winning play DOUBT earned her a second best supporting actress Oscar nomination. The following year, Adams teamed up with Streep again in JULIE & JULIA, portraying a determined blogger inspired by Julia Child. In 2010, she earned a third Oscar nomination, and her first in the Best Actress category. She won her first award for her title performance in THE MASTER (2012) resulted in a fourth Oscar nomination. In 2013, Adams appeared in the futuristic romance HER and 70s-set crime caper AMERICAN HUSTLE, with her starring role as con artist Sydney Prosser gaining her a fifth Oscar nomination, and her first in the Best Actress category. She won consecutive Golden Globes for her performances in this film and in Tim Burton’s art world drama BIG EYES (2014). Three years ago, Adams joined the DC Comics family, appearing as the iconic Lois Lane in BATMAN VS. SUPERMAN, as well as the upcoming JUSTICE LEAGUE. Like cinema’s other famous redheads—Katharine Hepburn, Shirley MacLaine, Rita Hayworth, Maureen O’Hara—Adams demonstrates the rare ability to effortlessly shift between comedy and drama. And, as a linguist in ARRIVAL, screening here, she stretches still further, this time into the unknown realm of a strange alien culture. It is more evidence that Adams is one of the greatest actors of her generation, possessing a range that seems truly limitless. –Krista Smith

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**Arrival**

Government agents drag a linguist (the superb Amy Adams) to a secret site where one of 12 alien crafts has landed, and instruct her to communicate with the Others. The wordless anxiety of trying to cope with the unknown, or perhaps unknowable, turns out to be far more compelling, not to mention believable, than Hollywood’s usual sci-fi, in which the aliens just aren’t alien enough. Director Denis Villeneuve (INCENDIES, PRISONERS, SICARIO) works from Eric Heisserer’s fiendishly intelligent adaptation of Ted Chiang’s story, and masterfully employs silence, ambiguity, intellectual sophistication and a minimization of overt violence to tell the story. Jeremy Renner, Forest Whitaker and Michael Stuhlbarg offer solid support, as a physicist, a military specialist and CIA spook respectively; and cinematographer Bradford Young and production designer Patrice Vermette create a mysterious, just-barely-recognizable world of uncertain colors and shifting, uncanny geometries. This is science fiction that takes science fiction seriously. –LG (U.S., 2016, 116m) In person: Amy Adams

**Toni Erdmann**

Winfried (Peter Simonischek), a divorced, retired German septuagenarian piano teacher, makes an unannounced visit to his daughter Ines (Sandra Hüller, known for REQUIEM), a tightly wound corporate hotshot working in Romania. He hopes to reconnect with her; she is mortified by his wig and fake teeth. Writer-director Maren Ade’s startlingly original Cannes award winner and critics’ favorite combines sly melancholic observation with the crudest, most vulgar slapstick comedy. Winfried is addicted to playing pranks, and Ade uses that twist in completely and continually unpredictable ways (think Andy Kaufman, but German). Along the way, she explores inequities in the global economy, sexism in corporate boardrooms and the eternal misunderstandings between fathers and daughters. When Ines belts out her karaoke version of “The Greatest Love of All,” you’ll be in bliss. –LG (Germany/Austria, 2016, 162m) In person: Maren Ade, Peter Simonischek
Over the course of a decade, Pablo Larraín has become Chile’s preeminent artistic voice. Beginning with the 2006 thriller FUGA, Larraín has built an astonishing filmmography that explores his country’s complex national identity. He has become a central figure in Chile’s resurgent cinema, producing, with his brother Juan de Dios, films from Sebastián Lelio and Sebastián Silva. And his own latest, NERUDA, makes clear his career is still on the ascent.

The child of two prominent politicians—his father, a senator, and his mother, the former Minister of Housing and Urbanism—Larraín achieves his own civic duty by poeticizing Chile’s past and present. His devious satire TONY MANERO (2007)—the first in a trilogy of films confronting Chile’s dark years under the grip of the Pinochet dictatorship—followed a Saturday Night Fever-obsessed psychopath (hauntingly portrayed by Larraín perennial Alfredo Castro) willing to kill as a means of advancing in an outrageous dance competition. The eerie tale, set in the late 70s, provided a keen allegory for the unseemly contrast between America’s bright popular culture and sense of grim entrapment percolating through Chilean society at the time.

The unnerving POST MORTEM (2010) follows a somber mower worker who loses his mind in the aftermath of the military coup that unseated Salvador Allende. Larraín concluded his trilogy with the semblance of hope: 2012’s Oscar-nominated NO tracks the efforts of the activist group (headed by Gael García Bernal in a career-best performance) responsible for the propaganda campaign that successfully unseated Pinochet in 1989. Shot in the grimy video of the era, the film is a clever anti-thriller that encapsulates both the paranoia of the time and one group’s ability to push beyond it.

Having exorcised the demons of the Pinochet years, Larraín flashed forward to the present for EL CLUB (2015), a haunting minimalist portrait of disgraced priests living together in exile on the Chilean coast. Once again, Larraín combined a pitch-black comedic sensibility with astute observations of a distinct societal problem, alongside his radical ability to sympathize with deeply flawed people.

Larraín now proves a perfect fit for exploring the legacy of another Pablo—the seminal poet, senator and expert raconteur Pablo Neruda. Luis Gnecco delivers a vivid (and accurate) performance as the titular figure in the energizing NERUDA, which plays out less like a biopic than a Neruda poem itself. The story finds its unique angle in the cunning police investigator Óscar Bustamante Peluchonneau (Bernal again) tasked with following the poet’s trail, creating a cat-and-mouse dynamic that becomes a more intimate affair. Already one of the most exciting and unpredictable filmmakers working today, Larraín salutes one of his country’s greatest storytellers by matching his talents. –Eric Kohn

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**11 Amazing Grace**

In 1972, Aretha Franklin arrived at the New Temple Missionary Baptist Church in Los Angeles to record an album of the gospel music she’d heard—and sung—as a girl growing up in her father’s church in Detroit. A film crew directed by Sydney Pollack was on hand to document the making of what would go on to become her biggest-selling album. But technical problems relating to the synching of sound meant the film was never completed. Until now. Thanks to the rescue efforts of producer Alan Elliott we are taken back in time, with no talking heads to break the spell, to a moment of sustained and increasingly ecstatic creation. (The specialness of the occasion can be gauged by a cameo shot of Mick Jagger in the audience—an audience that is an essential part of the performance.) And we don’t stop at 1972: We are witnessing nothing less than the living roots of American music. –GD (U.S., 1972/2015, 97m) In person: Alan Elliott

**12 Lost in Paris**

Fiona (Fiona Gordon), a shy and nerdy librarian, visits Paris for the first time to assist her myopic octogenarian Aunt Martha (Emmanuelle Riva). All manner of comic catastrophes ensue, mainly involving Dom (Dominique Abel), a gently anarchic homeless man who has yet to have an emotion or thought he was afraid of expressing, or an appetite he hasn’t tried to immediately satisfy. Gordon and Abel, the writer-directors of cult classics L’ICEBERG and THE FAIRY, and contemporary heirs apparent to Keaton and Tati, again construct a quietly dizzying succession of chance meetings, mistaken identities, impossible coincidences and elaborate stunts and gags. In their eccentric alternate universe, a backpack, old photos and some stray bottles of champagne somehow become magical erotic talismans. And you won’t want to miss the film’s main theme song, written by Loudon Wainwright III and sung by Kate and Anna McGarrigle. –LG (France/Belgium, 2016, 85m) In person: Fiona Gordon, Dominique Abel

**13 Una**

A brittle woman (Rooney Mara), a victim of early-adolescent sexual abuse, has unfinished emotional business she intends to work out with Ray (Ben Mendelsohn), the painfully ordinary middle-aged guy she can’t stop thinking about. As images of their catastrophic history haunt them, anger, guilt and desire bubble to the surface: a doomed, devastating love story. In his film directing debut, Australian theater virtuoso Benedict Andrews, working from David Harrower’s adaptation of his own play, orchestrates this darkly passionate folie à deux, with its luminous cinematography from Thimios Bakatakis and an ominous, propulsive score by Jed Kurzel. Mara provides a riveting combination of fury and fragility, which collides powerfully with Mendelsohn’s mix of tenderness, confusion and passivity. And the heartbreaking, nearly wordless appearance of the 13-year-old Una (Ruby Stokes) will haunt you long after you leave the theater. –LG (U.K., 2016, 94m) Preceded by GHOST CELL (d. Antoine Delacharlery, France, 2016, 6m). In person: Benedict Andrews, Rooney Mara

**14 The End of Eden**

In July 2014, the world saw, for the first time, brief video evidence of a hitherto uncontacted primitive tribe that, living in the most remote part of the Brazilian jungle, had never before encountered modern culture. Veteran documentary filmmaker Angus Macqueen accompanies veteran anthropologist José Carlos Meirelles and his team to study the effects of that first contact. The 35 people of the Sapanahua tribe are adjusting, tentatively allowing doctors to treat them, and sampling elements of modern life, including the clothing. But other tribes haven’t fared as well. Macqueen journeys over the nearby border to Peru, discovering the government’s flailing attempts to mediate between rival tribes, due in no small part to the genocidal history the understandably skeptical indigenous people have suffered. In this age of rapid change, will modern society provide the key to the tribes’ survival, or the final step toward their extinction? –LG (U.K., 2016, 83m) In person: Angus Macqueen
Though Norman (Richard Gere), an aging New York business “consultant,” claims access to the city’s elite investor class, he’s mainly a compulsive liar and fantasist. By befriending Michal (Lior Ashkenazi), an idealistic, rising Israeli politician, he sees a way both to make money and do good for the Jewish homeland. Israeli writer-director Joseph Cedar’s astonishing tragicomic fable views money, power, corruption and dreams through the ironic prism of Jewish identity, weaving social satire, political analysis and character studies into one fluent and buoyant story. Michael Sheen, Josh Charles, Steve Buscemi, Isaach De Bankolé, Harris Yulin, Hank Azaria and Charlotte Gainsbourg provide a superb gallery of supporting characters, and Richard Gere’s Norman is unstoppably chatty, big-hearted and incurably vain. It’s a performance that, like the film itself, moves effortlessly from agile comedy to heartbreaking poignancy. He’s the soul of a film unlike any you’ve seen before. –LG (U.S./Israel, 2016, 118m)

In person: Joseph Cedar, Richard Gere

Anna (Paula Beer) is frozen in grief for her dead fiancée Frantz; so are his aging parents (Marie Gruber and Ernst Stötzner), with whom she lives. And then Adrien (Pierre Niney), a fragile and mysterious stranger from France, puts flowers on Frantz’ grave, and tells stories of a pre-war friendship in the artistically vibrant Paris. Three mourners feel themselves coming back to life—but the gift inevitably proves to be a complicated one: war wounds are fresh still, and tensions between nations cast a deep shadow over everyday life. Writer-director François Ozon (SWIMMING POOL) creates a singular war drama, unfolding events with a near-total absence of violence, yet evoking an atmosphere of passionate intensity and unspoken emotion. FRANTZ becomes a timeless investigation of the inescapable complicity between love and death. –LG (France, 2016, 113m)

Silent cinema generally treated circus life as a privileged place for stories of unbridled passion, revenge, danger, death and unlikely redemption. Within the first ten minutes of E.A. Dupont’s rendition of the eternal love triangle, a difference leaps out of the screen through the arresting performances of Emil Jannings in the role of a doomed impresario, and Hungarian-born Lya de Putti as an exotic femme fatale responsible for wreaking havoc among men. The other key ingredient is the extroverted camerawork by Karl Freund, engaged in a breathtaking tour de force of visual invention in partnership with one of the greatest film directors of the Weimar era. It’s a perfect mix for the Alloy Orchestra, and an example of film art at the peak of its possibilities. DCP restoration courtesy of Murnau Stiftung. –PCU (d. Ewald André Dupont, Germany, 1925, 95m)

Live accompaniment by the Alloy Orchestra; presented by Paolo Cherchi Usai

This story begins as boxer Vinny Pazienza, a world lightweight champion, suffers a humiliating defeat at the hands of Roger Mayweather and faces the possibility that his career is over. Writer-director Ben Younger (BOILER ROOM) tells, with tremendous assurance and vitality, an amazing true tale of the setbacks and increasingly fantastical comebacks that follow. Miles Teller (WHIPLASH) effortlessly commands the screen, clearly intending to enter the cinematic Hall of Fame of actor-boxers. The superb supporting cast includes Ciarán Hinds as Vinny’s domineering father, Katey Sagal as his silent, prayerful mother and Ted Levine as his sly manipulative manager. But the unforeseeable revelation is supplied by Aaron Eckhart, who fully inhabits the role of Kevin Rooney, Vinny’s alcoholic trainer; his quietly anguish hunger for redemption matches Vinny’s nearly suicidal will-to-win. It’s as potent as RAGING BULL. –LG (U.S., 2016, 116m)

In person: Ben Younger, Miles Teller, Aaron Eckhart
Werner Herzog is one of cinema’s greatest adventurers, in both the aesthetic and the literal physical sense. He regularly seeks out the most radical spiritual experiences of which human beings are capable, and the most challenging and risky environments, even when that means risking his own skin. INTO THE INFERNO continues Herzog’s amazing odyssey, as he travels to Indonesia, Iceland and Ethiopia, following volcanologist and co-creator Clive Oppenheimer, who hopes to minimize the volcanoes’ destructive impact, and paleontologist Tim White, who studies their residue in the hottest place on earth. Herzog’s quest? To gain an image of our origins and nature as a species. He finds that the volcano—mysterious, violent, and rapturously beautiful—instructs us that, “there is no single one that is not connected to a belief system.” His masterful weave of science, adventure and lyrical speculation make this yet another invaluable, indelible work. –LG

(U.K./ Austria, 2016, 104m) In person: Werner Herzog, Clive Oppenheimer

On January 15, 2009, just moments after takeoff, US Airways Flight 1549 made a forced water landing in New York City’s icy cold Hudson River. The poise and skill of Captain Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger ensured the safety of all 155 passengers and crew. Shortly after, investigators used computer simulations to charge Sullenberger and his co-pilot with having put the passengers and the plane needlessly at risk. Clint Eastwood, working from a superbly structured script by Todd Komarnicki, tells the story of Sullenberger’s multiple ordeals with economy and precision, achieving a tone that echoes his protagonist’s grace under pressure. In 40 years of cinematic storytelling, Eastwood has been obsessed with the mysterious coexistence of the heroic and the ordinary. In Tom Hanks, he has found the perfect performing partner—sober, self-deprecating, self-effacing—to embody that theme. Excellent support comes from Aaron Eckhart, Laura Linney, Jamey Sheridan, Mike O’Malley and Anna Gunn. –LG (U.S., 2016, 96m) In person: Clint Eastwood, Tom Hanks, Aaron Eckhart, Laura Linney
Shows

H/Fri 10PM - C/Sat 6:30PM - P/Sun 3:45PM Q&A - G/Mon 9AM

23 Wakefield

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At the end of just another working day, Wakefield (Bryan Cranston), a middle-aged businessman, makes a bizarre life-altering choice. He walks out of his life of routines, obligations and jealousies, only to find himself secretly, compulsively spying on his beautiful wife (Jennifer Garner, in one of her best performances). He discovers hitherto unknown dimensions in himself and in the lives of those he loves. What starts as a familiar story of suburban, bourgeois marital angst out of Updike or Carver gradually morphs into a perversely fascinating comedy of re-marriage and an authentic tragicomic vision of obsessive love. Best known as a screenwriter, Robin Swicord (THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON) adapts E.L. Doctorow's short story and elegantly directs. Cranston reveals Wakefield's wit, intelligence, cruelty and unsuspected longing. It's the most intricate, demanding role of his career, and he delightedly and passionately meets the challenge. –LG (U.S., 2016, 109m) In person: Robin Swicord, Bryan Cranston, Jennifer Garner

24 My Journey Through French Cinema

We've known Bertrand Tavernier for the past 40 years as one of France's finest filmmakers. Here, he also proves to be a world-class cinephile. This survey begins with films by Jacques Becker, Marcel Carné and Jean Renoir that inspired both Tavernier's understanding of film technique and of cinema's moral and political passions, and continues through the immense creative contributions of actor-stars like Jean Gabin and Eddie Constantine, screenwriter Jacques Prévert, composers Maurice Jaubert and Joseph Kosma and lesser-known directors including John Berry and Edmond Gréville. After World War II, Tavernier served an apprenticeship with crime-film maestro Jean-Pierre Melville, as press agent to New Wave iconoclasts Jean-Luc Godard and Claude Chabrol, and as an admiring peer of writer-director Claude Sautet, allowing him to inject himself into this history, resulting in an elegant fusion of autobiography and meticulous historical analysis. –LG (France, 2016, 192m) In person: Bertrand Tavernier

25 The B-Side: Elsa Dorfman’s Portrait Photography

Elsa Dorfman’s generosity, openness and deep love for her fellow humans make her a fantastic photographer, and a fitting subject for Errol Morris, who, in films including THE THIN BLUE LINE, THE UNKNOWN KNOWN and the Oscar-winning FOG OF WAR, has proven to be one of our most sophisticated portraitists. Born in 1937, Dorfman began making outsized photos with her large-format Polaroid camera—one of only six in existence; her 1974 book Elsa's Housebook features counter-culture heroes including Ferlinghetti, Ginsberg, Gary Snyder, Gregory Corso, and Robert Creeley. But Morris tempers Elsa’s joyful, playful images, and her buoyant spirit, with a strong current of loss and nostalgia. The oversized 20x24 Polaroid camera she uses approaches obsolescence (the company went bankrupt; the film is no longer manufactured). Many of Elsa’s friends and heroes have passed. What is left is her art: indelible, locked forever in a moment of connection. It’s permanent evidence in a world moving too fast to track. –JS (U.S., 2016, 76m) In person: Errol Morris, Elsa Dorfman

26 The Ivory Game

In order to cash in on China’s lucrative illegal ivory market, poachers are slaughtering African elephants at a rate that guarantees the species’ extinction. Richard Ladkani and Kief Davidson’s film, produced by Leonardo DiCaprio, depicts conservationists trying to protect against the threat; an idealistic young Chinese activist; and determined members of African governments conducting the dangerous hunt for the heavily armed poachers. The landscapes are extraordinary, the images of murdered elephant carcasses are heartbreaking, and the tremendous courage and dedication of the good guys is exhilarating. With the action hopping breathlessly from Tanzania to Hong Kong to Vietnam to Kenya to mainland China, we sense that the very balance between humanity and nature is at risk: “Soon we’re going to have an empty world full of people,” one activist says, “and nothing wild.” –LG (Austria/U.S., 2016, 112m) In person: Kief Davidson, Richard Ladkani

S/Sun 8:30AM Q&A - L/Mon 9AM
**Men: A Love Story**

After spending a decade investigating the darkest aspects of mankind in her devastating exposé of the sex trade, THE PRICE OF SEX, Mimi Chakarova gave herself a new challenge: to make a film about men loving women. She sets off on a road trip across the exuberant landscapes of the U.S.—from cosmopolitan centers through the Midwest to the Deep South—asking the questions few would ask of a stranger. The result is a beautiful and candid exploration of the ways in which ordinary men grapple with the most unfathomable of experiences: love. Men of all walks of life—their faces hardened by time, heartbreak and habit—become instantly animated as they tap into their hearts. Chakarova, in these serendipitous encounters, demonstrates the deep beauty of tuning into the stories hidden in everyday life. –MF (U.S., 2016, 79m) *In person: Mimi Chakarova, Ethan Emery*

**Through the Wall**

Exhausted by single life, the thirtysomething Michal (Noa Koler) tells a hilariously nasty matchmaker that she’s desperate to be married to fulfill herself and her obligations to Orthodox Judaism. A wedding date is set, but Michal is missing her groom. Still certain that it’s God’s will that she find a mate for life—both her painfully neurotic obsession and a serious expression of her faith—Michal embarks on the most bizarre series of first dates in recent romantic-comedy history. Keller, a drop-dead double for Julia Louis-Dreyfus, is a wonderfully angry, intelligent, crazed screwball-comedy heroine. Amos Tamam offers droll support as her perplexed wedding-planner. Israeli writer-director Rama Burshtein (FILL THE VOID) continues her filmic investigation of the experience of Orthodox Jewish women, combining laughter and pathos with a true sense of spiritual wonder. –LG (U.S./Israel, 2016, 110m) *In person: Assaf Amir, Amos Tamam*

**Finding Oscar**

In 1982, a Guatemalan military dictatorship, enthusiastically supported by the Reagan administration, came to power in a coup and dedicated itself to eradicating a leftist insurgency. In the ensuing civil war, the army massacred an estimated 200,000 peasants. Ryan Suffern’s documentary, produced by Frank Marshall, begins at the remarkable discovery of a witness to one horrific massacre, a discovery that makes it possible for civil rights activists to seek a modicum of justice. In telling this astonishing story, Suffern focuses on the meticulous forensic detective work that was crucial to establishing that the atrocity had occurred, and the relentless work by activists and lawyers, who patiently worked to build a case and bring the perpetrators to justice. In his ironic turn of events, even the American government plays a role in doing what is right. This is a film that is both harrowingly painful and tremendously inspiring. –LG (U.S., 2016, 95m) *In person: Ryan Suffern, Frank Marshall*
In this magnificent filmic essay, director-photographer-editor Doug Nichol explores the mythology attached to the endangered typewriter, starting with a brilliant reconstruction of a 1966 work of art by renowned artist Ed Ruscha, in which a typewriter is “murdered” on a California highway. Nichol includes testimony from David McCullough, Tom Hanks and John Mayer, who rely on typewriters for their creative work, as well as cultural historians, collectors and various obsessives who celebrate the physicality of the typewriter both as object and as a means of concretizing the creative process. “You can see the ink flying onto the surface of the paper,” says Sam Shepard (who also prefers horses to cars). Can anything keep typewriters from drifting toward obsolescence? Can we imagine the cult of typewriter-users growing in number and importance? Nichol's fascinating combination of history and aesthetic analysis plunges us into the mysterious, bittersweet moment in which a beloved technology faces extinction. –LG (U.S., 2016, 103m) In person: Doug Nichol and special guests

Human life hangs in the balance in this timely selection of compelling nonfiction films from three of cinema’s most accomplished documentarians. In EXTREMIS (U.S., 2016, 24m), director Dan Krauss (THE KILL TEAM) follows a seasoned doctor in an Oakland hospital struggling to help patients and families through the complex decision-making process in urgent end-of-life cases. REFUGEE (U.S., 2016, 28m), by Joyce Chen & Emily Moore, tells the heart-wrenching yet uplifting story of an African war refugee in New York who demonstrates remarkable stoicism and warmth in the face of continuing hardship. In THE WHITE HELMETS (U.K., 2016, 40m), Oscar-nominated director Orlando von Einsiedel (VIRUNGA) provides a gripping portrait of a volunteer force of Syrian first responders who race to the scene of air strikes. –BJ (Total run time: 92 minutes) In person: Dan Krauss, Joyce Chen, Emily Moore and Orlando von Einsiedel

Rock-star and philanthropist Bob Geldof wrote and stars in this highly personal celebration of the life and career of William Butler Yeats, the 20th-century’s greatest English-language poet. Geldof demonstrates how Yeats helped shape his homeland’s modern identity by fusing love for Celtic mythology with passionate political commitment to Irish home-rule; he even finds time to cover Yeats’ obsession with mystical learning and his long unrequited love for activist-actress Maud Gonne. Having Liam Neeson, Colin Farrell, Damien Lewis, Edna O’Brien, Sting and Bono on board to read the poetry makes this an unforgettable experience. –LG (d. Gerry Hoban, Ireland, 2016, 100m) In person: Alexis Bloom, Fisher Stevens, Carrie Fisher, Todd Fisher

In between the great cinematic comedians of the golden age of Hollywood and the modern era sits one giant figure who, at age 90, is still somewhat taken for granted: Jerry Lewis. Filmmaker Gregory Monro seeks to remedy that situation with this thorough documentary built around a recent interview with the star, well-chosen (and imaginatively edited) clips from his movies, kinescopes of television shows, newsreels, vintage interviews, rare nightclub performance footage, behind-the-scenes material and a variety of cogent “talking heads,” including Lewis critics and scholars, French performer and filmmaker Pierre Étaix and (wait for it) Jean-Luc Godard! From the opening moments of the film Monro shows, rather than tells, why we should care about Jerry Lewis: because he is both thoughtful and irresistibly funny. –LM (France, 2016, 61m) In person: Gregory Monro
Films. –VS (France, 1963, 108m)
settled on Maurice Ronet, whom he directed with the extreme rigor of an
casting friends Jeanne Moreau and Alexandra Stewart. For his alter ego he
the subject on himself, using his books, paintings and clothes on set, and
the sound of Miles Davis. Malle dropped his own story and adapted
where the young renegades of Malle's film ELEVATOR TO THE GALLOWS raced
becomes more a thing of human nature than a military heroism.” –VS
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plays the main role and was a very young man in the war, remembered
end of the war. His friend, the great cinematographer Peter Todorovsky,
Robert Flaherty, Jean Vigo, Boris Barnet, Roberto Rossellini, Yasujirō
Ozu film. There are few filmmakers who can do it so naturally, so organically:
here the sense of happiness, the most difficult to convey, during half a
European cinema. It is practically unknown in the U.S. … Khutsiev kept
home wearing a Soviet uniform, preparing to fight his former fatherland,
which could become his own again … or not. For years, we young
filmmakers in West Germany considered this to be the best film to come
from the East, despite the interference from DEFA, the state production
company, which supervised the script, casting, shooting and editing. DCP
courtesy of DEFA Film Library. –VS (East Germany, 1968, 119m)

Konrad Wolf's father, a medical doctor, took him to Moscow when Hitler seized
power. He stayed from age 9 to 19, enrolling in the Red Army, with his brother
Markus (who later became head of the Stasi). The film, written with Wolfgang
Kohlhaase, is partly based on Konrad's diary, in which a young German returns

Marlen Khutsiev's film tells the same story as I WAS NINETEEN—the Red
Army's invasion of Germany, with the same locations and characters, but quite
a different perspective. I have little to add to Naum Kleiman, who just wrote me
a letter: “Khutsiev's film is really one of the masterpieces of Soviet and (I'm sure)
European cinema. It is practically unknown in the U.S. … Khutsiev kept
here the sense of happiness, the most difficult to convey, during half a
film. There are few filmmakers who can do it so naturally, so organically:
Robert Flaherty, Jean Vigo, Boris Barnet, Roberto Rossellini, Yasujirō Ozu
and Mikio Naruse … Khutsiev succeeded in bringing us the feeling of the end of
the war. His friend, the great cinematographer Peter Todorovsky, plays the main
role and was a very young man in the war, remembered
his own feelings so exactly and so simply, that the victory over the Nazis
becomes more a thing of human nature than a military heroism.” –VS
(U.S.S.R., 1970, 109m)

By age 31, Louis Malle had already known major artistic and financial ups and
downs, but suffered from a perceived lack of recognition as an auteur within the
Nouvelle Vague. So he set out to write an autobiographical screenplay. Then
his friend, novelist Roger Nimier, killed himself on the highway near the spot

Fritz Lang helped invent all kinds of genres: science fiction (WOMAN IN THE
MOON and METROPOLIS), epic adventures (DIE NIBELUNGEN), arthouse (DER MÜDE
TOD), and TV serials. And James Bond is the spawn of his 1928 SPIES, with its
sex, sin and a supervillain, as well as its technical gimmicks. UFA had lost so
much money on METROPOLIS that Lang wanted to prove he could make a
commercial movie on a low budget. Gerda Maurus, straight out of Vienna,
was the "virgin actress" who became a star thanks to Lang's attention and
care. And SPIES indeed came in on schedule and was a popular success.
Critics may have expected more of a "class" movie, but the unpretentious
fun proves Lang's resourcefulness, his curiosity for Roaring Twenties
nightlife in Berlin, and, in every shot, his love for his heroine. DCP
restoration courtesy of Murnau Stiftung. –VS (Germany, 1928, 143m)

I can’t wait to see Joseph Mankiewicz’s film on a big screen again. I was 16 when
I first saw it in my hometown Wiesbaden and it caused a fight with my best friend.
He loved it and I thought it was total kitsch. Kitsch or not, Ava Gardner, with
her shoes off, haunted me into my 30s, and Humphrey Bogart’s portrait of a
director may well have been my role model. I certainly followed his rule
never to get involved with the leading lady, and to always go to bed early
when directing. Only now, 60 years later, did I dare make a movie just to
celebrate a woman, Nina Hoss, barefoot on a beach. 35mm preservation
print courtesy of the UCLA Film & Television Archive. Preservation funding
provided by The Film Forum. –VS (U.S., 1954, 128m)

A literary adaptation by Jean-Pierre Melville? With no gangsters involved?
Yes, indeed, his first film, which I saw the same year as CONTESSA, and indelible for
his heroine, played by Nicole Stéphane. (Five years later, on LÉON MORIN, PRIEST,
he made me “associate director” because according to union rules I was too young
to be an assistant.) Melville shot the entire film, adapted from Jean
Cocoteau’s 1929 novel, by night (though in the studio)—even then he
hated to get up early in the morning—to achieve the morbid, late-past-
midnight atmosphere that this desperate love story, a triangle between a
young sister, brother and friend, needed. Love could only end in disaster,
Melville advised me, better to stay away from it—as he did in life and in his
movies. –VS (France, 1950, 106m)
Passes
Passholders must wear their passes at all times to all Festival events. Passholders are admitted to the theaters first. Please read the back of your pass for information on what your pass does and does not provide.

TBAs
The Telluride Film Festival schedule has been designed to accommodate all passholders at all programs, but not at all screenings. Programs that do not have sufficient seating at scheduled showings often will be repeated in the TBA slots, making it possible for all passholders to see the programs they wish to see during the course of the Festival. The list of TBAs will be available the night before on the Festival website and mobile app.

Individual Tickets
Open seats remaining in the theaters after passholders have been seated will be sold just before showtime on a first-come, first-served basis for $30 each, credit card only.

The Late Show
The Late Show Ticket ($75) provides entry to the final shows Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday at both Chuck Jones’ Cinema and the Palm. Tickets may be purchased at the Nugget Theatre or at either venue’s box office. Late Show Ticket holders will be admitted to their shows with general passholders.

Free Shows
This icon ☀ designates a show that is free and open to the public. Passholders are admitted first to indoor shows. The Backlot is always free on a first-come, first-admitted basis.

QS
Except for Chuck Jones’ Cinema (see below), all theater venues use a system of “QS” to ensure fairness and uphold the first-come, first-served policy of the Festival. Laminated QSs are distributed at each venue to better control entry and determine as quickly as possible when a show is expected to sell out. Only one Q per passholder present will be issued. Holders of QSs are not guaranteed entry. QSs are distributed ONE HOUR BEFORE SHOWTIME.

Chuck Jones’ Cinema
Sponsored by EY
Because of its location in Mountain Village, a 12-minute gondola ride from Telluride, Chuck Jones’ Cinema (CJC) uses the Wabbit Weservation, or W2, system for entry as an alternative to the QSs distributed at other venues. The W2 guarantees an unassigned seat for passholders for a specific show at CJC for those who arrive 15 minutes prior to showtime. W2s are available at the ACME booths between 90 and 30 minutes prior to each show:

1. At the Acme Booth located near Brigadoon at the gondola base.
2. At the Acme Booth next to Chuck Jones’ Cinema in the Mountain Village plaza.

W2s are distributed to all passholders (Acmes excepted), who are advised to secure one for the show they plan on attending. Any available seats after all passholders have been seated will be sold at $30 each. Passholders should plan on allowing no less than 30 minutes travel time from the base of the gondola to ensure entry into Chuck Jones’ Cinema.

Telluride Film Festival App
The Telluride Film Festival app has full program listings, panel information, TBAs, live Q updates and festivities at your fingertips. With features like SHOWSeats, Goodie Bag, and push notifications, this is an invaluable tool to enhance your Festival experience. Visit telluridefilmfestival.org for download details.

Festival Box Office
Located in Gondola Plaza directly across from Brigadoon Hospitality Center
Hours: Wed 12PM-5PM; Thurs 10AM-10PM; Fri 8AM-6PM; Sat 9AM-3PM; Sun 9AM-3PM; Mon 9AM-12PM
Stop by for all pass-related questions.

Brigadoon Hospitality Center
Brigadoon Plaza (next to the gondola station)
Hours: Thurs 12PM-5PM; Fri 8AM-6PM; Sat 9AM-5PM; Sun 9AM-5PM; Mon 9AM-5PM
Our magical meeting place appears out of Telluride’s mist each Festival eve. And then it disappears for another year. Visit while you can!!

This one-stop Festival headquarters includes:
• Information Desk: where you’ll find Festival programs, pass lanyards, copies of The Film Watch, and goodies provided by the Festival’s sponsors. Film Festival staff members can answer all of your Festival-related questions.
• Digital Lounge: Enjoy free access to the Internet, check live theater “Q” ticket info, and access the Festival schedule. Powered by Spectrum with additional support from DELL
• SHOWShop: the place to purchase Festival garb, posters and logo wear, along with a variety of treasures from Telluride Film Festivals past.

Elks Park
The intersection of Colorado Avenue and Oak Street (SW corner)
Telluride’s central location is a convenient place to rendezvous. It’s also the venue for the evening outdoor screenings and the Saturday and Sunday Noon Seminars. See page 42 for Seminar details.

County Courthouse
The intersection of Colorado Avenue (the main street) and Oak Street (NW corner)
The historic San Miguel County Courthouse hosts the Conversations series. See page 42 for details.

Festival Kiosks
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Look for the little black tents throughout town, where real-time information on available seats and start times is provided. Make informed decisions about the next movie you want to see.

Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences’ Exhibit
The Academy’s Film Archive, dedicated to the preservation and restoration of motion pictures, is home to one of the world’s most diverse and extensive film collections, including the Telluride Film Festival archive.

See selections in the lobby of the Werner Herzog Theater, featuring rare photos of Herzog at work.

Elsa Dorfman Gallery
Friday-Sunday
The Gallery at Sheridan Opera House, free and open to the public
Gorgeous large-format Polaroid photographic portraits by the legendary Cambridge artist, along with the famed camera that captured them.
Schedule
Friday, September 2

**Palm (P) [650 seats]**

**Galaxy (G) [500 seats]**

**Chuck Jones' Cinema (C) [500 seats]**

**Werner Herzog Theatre (H) [650 seats]**

**Sheridan Opera House (S) [230 seats]**

**Nugget Theatre (N) [165 seats]**

**Masons Hall Cinema (M) [150 seats]**

**Le Pierre (L) [140 seats]**

**Backlot (B) [50 seats]**

**Elks Park & Elsewhere (O)**

### Show

- **4a** Festivity
- **4b** Free Show
- **5a** Discussion follows screening
- **5b** To Be Announced

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**Schedule**

**Friday, September 2**

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   - Q & A

2. **19** Moonlight

3. **22** Sully

4. **23** Wakefield

5. **25** The B-Side: Elsa Dorfman’s Portrait Photography
   - Q & A

6. **28** Through the Wall

7. **29** California Typewriter
   - Q & A

8. **31** The End of Eden
   - Q & A

9. **35** The Fire Within
   - Q & A

10. **10** Lost in Paris

11. **12** The Eagles

12. **14** The Ivory Game
   - Q & A

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43. **23** Wakefield

Opening Night Feed on Colorado Avenue
The Rules

All Festival Passes are absolutely non-transferable.

The saving of seats or places in line is not permitted.

There is no seating after the performance begins.

The theaters will be cleared after each performance.

The use of cell phones, electronic recording or communication devices is not permitted in the theatres.
Filmmakers of Tomorrow
Sponsored by Américas Film Conservancy

39 Student Prints

In its 23rd year, this program celebrates the best in student-produced work from around the world. Curated and introduced by Gregory Nava, followed by a Q&A with the filmmakers.

UN ÉTAT D’URGENCE (STATE OF EMERGENCY) *
(d. Tarek Roehlinger, Germany, 2016, 12m, Filmakademie Baden-Württemberg) An unattended suitcase in a quiet Parisian street collapses the sanctuary of the ordinary.

AND THE WHOLE SKY FIT IN THE DEAD COW’S EYE*
(d. Francisca Alegria, Chile, 2016, 18m, Columbia University) After a family in rural Chile wakes up to a pile of dead cows, a strange visitor shows up unannounced.

TEAR OF THE PEONY*
(d. Yuxi Li, U.S., 2016, 15m, Columbia University) Unrequited love bookended by a sword fight and a peony in bloom.

NOCTURNE IN BLACK*
(d. Jimmy Keyrouz, Lebanon, 2016, 23m, Columbia University) Even in war-torn Syria, a piano trumps guns.

EDMOND
(d. Nina Gantz, U.K., 2016, 9m, National Film and Television School) Intimacy issues? Cannibalize your way back to the womb.

ICEBOX*
(d. Daniel Sawka, U.S., 2016, 27m, American Film Institute) A young boy, trapped between the U.S. border patrol and gang life in Honduras, struggles to control his destiny.

Total run time: 104m
*denotes filmmaker in person

40 Calling Cards

Exceptional new works from promising filmmakers. Curated and presented by Barry Jenkins, followed by a Q&A.

RHONNA AND DONNA (d. Daina Oniunas-Pusić, 2016, U.K., 16m) A sisterly romp about having each other’s back. And then some.

A COAT MADE DARK (d. Jack O’Shea, Ireland, 2015, 10m) Man’s best friend has a nose for dark places.

LITTLE BULLETS*
(d. Alphan Eseli, Turkey, 2016, 14m) A bedtime story.

FAIS LE MORT
(d. William Laboury, France, 2016, 9m) When all else fails…play dead?

THE LAST LEATHERMAN OF THE VALE OF CASHMERE*
(d. Greg Loser, U.S., 2016, 15m) In the northeast corner of Prospect Park, the last leatherman lives to tell the tale.

ASUNDER*
(d. Nathalie Álvarez Mesén, Sweden, 2015, 18m) While on holiday with extended family, Linnea finds herself living a Nabokov kind of life.

4.1 MILES*

Total run time: 104m
*denotes filmmaker in person

41 Great Expectations

A trio of exceptional takes on mystery genres that explore primal fears à la The Twilight Zone, each giving new meaning to being six feet under. Curated and introduced by Barry Jenkins, followed by a Q&A.

DIRT*

THE GAMBLER
(d. Karim Lakzadeh, Iran, 2015, 21m) An old man reluctantly helps a stranger on a snowy mountain road in a deliciously morbid lesson in risk and greed worthy of Maupassant.

LE GOUFFRE
(d. Vincent Le Port, France, 2016, 52m) A missing person at a deserted holiday camp sets the stage for a perfectly balanced story of almost unbearable tension, told with restraint and artistry.

Total run time: 80m
*denotes filmmaker in person
These short masterpieces play before feature films.

**INNER WORKINGS** (d. Leo Matsuda, U.S., 2016, 6m) With a little heart and a splash of sea, our brain can dance free from its routine. Precedes 2 LA LA LAND

**ESTATE** (d. Ronny Trocker, France/Belgium, 2016, 7m) Here is your better life, frozen in time. Precedes 3 FIRE AT SEA

**PLEIN ÉTÉ** (d. Josselin Facon, France, 2016, 6m) On a warm summer’s day, a mother becomes a woman. Precedes 10 THINGS TO COME

**GHOST CELL** (d. Antoine Delacharlery, France, 2016, 7m) Even in the pulses of a nervous system, we'll always have Paris. Precedes 13 UNA

### Student Programs

**Student Symposium**
Celebrating its 28th year, this program provides 50 graduate and undergraduate students with a weekend-long immersion in cinema. Participants watch films and discuss movies with Festival guests and Symposium faculty.

**City Lights Project**
Now in its 17th year, this program builds on the success of the Student Symposium, expanding the personal and professional horizons of 15 high school students and five teachers from three schools. City Lights participants experience the Festival through screenings and intensive discussions with Telluride’s special guests.

**University Seminars**
University professors travel with students to the Festival each year to participate in special programming and to attend screenings throughout the weekend.

**FilmLAB**
Now in its sixth year, this highly successful master-class program for ten outstanding UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television graduate filmmaking students provides an exceptional itinerary and the opportunity to learn from world-renowned filmmakers in a workshop/lab setting, with partial support from Founding Sponsor Frank Marshall.

**FilmSCHOLAR**
With thanks to sponsors George and Pam Hamel, this program is designed to encourage a new generation of film writers. Created in conjunction with the University of Wisconsin, young film scholars and aspiring critics participate in a weekend-long immersion in cinema and have the opportunity to learn from some of the finest voices in the field.

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### Behind-the-scenes movies and portraits of artists, musicians and filmmakers. Located at Telluride’s Wilkinson Library. All screenings are free and open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

**B/Fri 8PM Q&A - B/Sun 9AM Q&A**

**D** **Beauties of the Night**

During the 1970s and 80s, showgirls reigned over Mexico’s bustling nightlife and movie screens, hailing in the “era of uncovering” that witnessed a wave of hugely successful sex comedies and musicals. Forty years later, filmmaker María José Cuevas tracks them down. The rollercoaster of fame, the passage of time, and life’s share of tribulations sent each one on a different path. Older and wiser, the women are still dancing, this time to the beat of their own drum. They readily don their costumes and high heels to stomp through prejudices about age, sexuality and beauty, demonstrating the power of resilience, freedom, and reinvention. –MF (Mexico, 2016, 91m) In person: María José Cuevas

**B/Sat 9AM Q&A - B/Sun 3PM Q&A**

**E** **Bernadette Lafont, and God Created the Free Woman**

French actress Bernadette Lafont is best known for her collaborations with New Wave directors Truffaut, Rivette, Chabrol and her indelible performance in Jean Eustache’s THE MOTHER AND THE WHORE. Less a muse of the Nouvelle Vague than someone who embodied its spirit, she emanated a vitality, independence, and a feisty sensuality that pushed the horizons for women onscreen and off-screen. “Freedom is not a given, you have to seize it,” she claimed in an interview. Esther Hoffenberg uses clips from some of her 100+ films, and interviews, to celebrate her ebullient personality and illustrious career—her Protestant upbringing in Nîmes, her unfettered passion for acting (at 73 delivered she one of her most memorable roles as a drug-dealer granny in PAULETTE), and long-time championing of women’s rights. –MF (France, 2016, 66m) In person: Esther Hoffenberg

**B/Fri 6PM Q&A - B/Sat 9AM - B/Sun 6:45PM Q&A**

**F** **Cool Cats**

When American jazz fell on hard times, several of the most distinguished players took academic jobs or joined bands. Or they packed up for Europe, where they were greeted as first-class artists and treated like first-class citizens. Countless performance films and recordings came out of Europe, especially Denmark, but Janus Køster-Rasmussen’s COOL CATS is something dramatically different: an intimate, even blunt, but loving portrait of two immortal tenor saxophonists, Ben Webster and Dexter Gordon. It’s a film that makes jazz lovers cry with joy, much as (in one of the film’s most unforgettable moments) Webster cries while crafting an ardent solo on “Old Folks”; and laugh in amazement, as when a Danish drummer describes how Gordon taught him to heat up his playing. The narrative—they transform Copenhagen as Copenhagen transforms them—is matched measure for measure by superb music. –GG (Denmark, 2016, 84m) In person: Janus Køster-Rasmussen
**G The Family Whistle**

Michele Salfi Russo’s sometimes wistful and often humorous film mines the memories of many of the wildly talented array of musicians, artists, mechanical engineers, composers, actors and entrepreneurs that make up five generations of the Coppola clan as they trace their origins back to Bernalda, a hill town in the province of Basilicata in southern Italy, from which Agostino Coppola set forth in 1904 to emigrate to America. But the long arm of memory cannot quite recapture Agostino’s beloved Bernaldabella; Francis Coppola’s uncles (Agostino’s children) speak a broken, awkward version of the supple, pliable Italian their father gradually forgot. As Agostino becomes, over a lifetime, the revered patriarch of a clan, their identification with their distant roots inevitably and sadly fades away. (U.S.-Italy, 2016, 64m)

**H Gulag**

During a brief post-Perestroika period of Russian openness, prior to the full arrival of Putin-style nationalism, Angus Macqueen seized the moment and set off to investigate the Soviet-era gulags. His astonishing, epic and yet intimate portrait of Stalin’s forced labor camps—in which millions toiled and perished—includes a remarkable testimony from survivors, camp wardens, KGB agents and informers. Macqueen contextualizes them using rare archival footage from Soviet propaganda feature films, which justified Stalin’s violence against his own people as inevitable. Going beyond anything we’ve learned from Solzhenitsyn, GULAG serves both as an invaluable testament and an eerily prescient warning about the direction of modern Russia and, indeed, our own divided world. –MS (U.K., 2000, 190m) In person: Angus Macqueen

**I I Called Him Morgan**

On a snowbound Saturday night in February, 1972, a 46-year-old woman entered a New York jazz club, pulled a gun from her handbag, and killed the headliner—the great trumpet virtuoso Lee Morgan, whose album *The Sidewinder* had been a defining jazz recording of the previous decade. He was 33 and the loss was deeply felt, yet hardly anyone knew anything about the woman (his common-law wife), or the circumstances, even after she recorded an astonishingly candid testimony before her death 20 years ago. Kasper Collin’s *I Called Him Morgan* accomplishes the impossible. It renders the story as a Greek tragedy, in which everyone not only has reasons, but spells them out: Morgan, his wife, and the “other woman,” accompanied by a chorus of witnesses like Wayne Shorter and Bennie Maupin. This is one of the most unconventional, spellbinding music-related documentaries ever made. –GG (Sweden-U.S., 2016, 91m) In Person: Kasper Collin

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Festival guests gather to discuss cinema, art and life. Moderated by Annette Insdorf. *Saturday and Sunday panels are free and open to the public; Monday panel is open to all Festival passholders. Participants will be announced the prior evening.*

a. **“A sense of place”: What does home mean in movies of 2016?**
   Saturday, Noon, Elks Park

b. **How do the films of 2016 redefine the American hero?**
   Sunday, Noon, Elks Park

c. **Word, musical note, or image? Are today’s films still anchored primarily in screenplays?**
   Monday, Noon, Town Park

**Conversations**
Sponsored by Universal Studios
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Join an intimate dialogue about the movies and whatever else is on the minds of the Festival’s guests.

d. **Volker Schlöndorff** and **Michael Barker**
   Saturday 10AM

e. **Kenneth Lonergan** and **Laura Linney**
   Saturday 4PM

f. **Errol Morris, Werner Herzog, Gianfranco Rosi** and **Orlando von Einsiedel**
   Abel Gance Open Air Cinema/
   Sunday 10AM

g. **Barry Jenkins, the MOONLIGHT Team** and **Annette Insdorf**
   Abel Gance Open Air Cinema/
   Sunday 2PM

h. **Bertrand Tavernier, Pierre Rissient** and **Todd McCarthy**
   Sunday 4PM

i. **Mia Hansen-Løve** and **Isabelle Huppert**
   Monday 1:30PM

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**Poster Signing at Brigadoon**

**Yann Legendre**
Sunday 11AM
Yann has developed a devoted following both in the U.S. and Europe, making illustrations, designing books and furniture and creating iconic images, including the one you see on this year’s keepsake poster.

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**Opening Night Feed**
Colorado Avenue/Friday 5:00PM–6:30PM
Glide on down to the party designed to launch the weekend with style.
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**The Eagle Huntress**
Abel Gance Open Air Cinema/Friday 8:30PM
For centuries, Mongolian nomads have used helpers—pet eagles—as they’ve scratched out a hard existence in the forbiddingly cold Altai mountains. But the capturing and training of eagles, largely to assist in hunting foxes for their indispensable fur, had been the exclusive domain of men. Then, a father, with nowhere else to turn, entrusts a daughter. We are the privileged viewers as Aisholpan, a smiling 13-year-old eagle huntress, captures a baby eagle, competes against 80 men in a regional eagle festival and journeys into the frozen mountains to bring back a fox. Cameraman Simon Niblett’s swooping crane moves and rapid tracking shots and director Otto Bell’s canny use of slow motion and unashamedly dramatic editing patterns make this an exceptionally entertaining female empowerment story from an entirely unexpected place. –LG (U.K.-Mongolia-U.S., 2016, 87m) *In person: Otto Bell, Aisholpan Nurgaiv*

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**Labor Day Picnic**
Town Park/Monday 11AM–1PM
Join us at the world’s loveliest picnic area: Telluride’s Town Park. A hearty meal topped off with ice cream, our final Seminar and a chance to debate your new best friends about the favorites of the Festival.
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**Pagnol Celebration**
Werner Herzog Theatre/Friday 11AM–6:45PM
It is fast becoming a Telluride tradition: an epic afternoon of classic cinema, interspersed by world-class food. This year, watch a triple-feature of wonderful films written by Marcel Pagnol, and starring the irrepressible Raimu, and feast on treats fit for an afternoon in Provence. We guarantee: there is no better way to start your weekend.

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