

FILM FEST TUCSON

The 3rd annual edition of Film Fest Tucson will take place October 11-13

(August 1, 2018, Tucson, Arizona, for immediate release)

Film Fest Tucson is back for its third installment on October 11-13 in various venues around downtown Tucson. This authentic, Southern Arizona film festival has expanded each year and includes new and Arizona Premiere screenings of nearly 40 short and feature-length narrative and documentary films. The films are presented in unique venues and include panels, parties and partnerships with Tucson's most iconic experiences and brands.

- Three Venues (Scottish Rite Cathedral, AC Marriott Hotel & Fox Tucson Theatre)
- Nearly 40 Films to be screened (Arizona & Southern Arizona Premieres)
- Four FREE outdoor screenings
- 1922 Silent Film with live musical accompaniment
- New "Tribute" program
- Visiting filmmakers & industry professionals

This year the festival's four, free outdoor screenings will include the new documentary ***Science Fair***, which follows students competing in the national science fair; ***Agave: Spirit of a Nation*** about the Agave tequila industry; ***Chef Flynn***, which follows a young chef; and ***Brewmaster***, which looks at the world of craft brewing and one man's attempt to pass the Master Cicerone exam.

The festival will also debut a new "***Artist Tribute***" program which will shine a light on industry professionals who are continuing to use film as a powerful storytelling medium. Honorees will come from in front of the camera, as well as behind, and will be present for special Q & A's. This year's honorees will be announced soon for the event, set to take place at the Fox Tucson Theatre on Saturday, October 13.

Desert Pitch, the festival's annual film and television pitch competition will this year take place at the AC Marriott, on Thursday, October 11. The competition invites content creators to pitch their best ideas for film & TV with the winner walking away with a \$1,000 check. This year's jurors include New York based producer Debi Wisch, and veteran producer Scott Manville.

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This year's **Film Program** includes 26 feature-length films and 12 shorts. Among the feature films are 16 documentaries and 10 narrative titles. With one film from China (*Angels Wear White*) and another from Austria (*Mademoiselle Paradis*), the festival is excited to be bringing international voices again to this year's program. Other narrative titles include; *Summer '03*; *The House of Tomorrow*; *Woman Walks Ahead*; *Little Pink House*; *Sadie*; and *Operation Finale*. Documentary films include; *Pressing On*; *Dawson City: Frozen Time*; *Witkin & Witkin*; *Love, Cecil*; *Beuys*; *Up to Snuff*; *306 Hollywood* and *El Mar La Mar*.

For the third year in a row, Film Fest Tucson will also present a period **silent film with live musical accompaniment** from pianist Jeff Haskell. This year's film is the 1922 Tom Mix Western *Sky High*, which was filmed largely in the Grand Canyon.

Many of the festival screenings will be followed by special Q&A's with visiting filmmakers, and other special guests. Check the festival website (filmfesttucson.org) or our program, which will be available in the October issue of Zocalo Magazine. The full schedule of film screenings will be available online in the coming weeks

Tickets for individual screenings are \$10 each, and festival passes are available for \$45 with access to all screenings. A limited number of VIP passes are available with added access to the VIP lounge, Artistic Excellence Tribute event and Desert Pitch. There are also Industry and Student discounts available. All will be available August 15.

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