

YEAR-ROUND & ANNUAL PROGRAMS

Please visit the GUESTS section of the site for photos of recent and past visiting artists for KidFilm and the Spring Festival, as well as our other year-round programs.

All programs are open to the public. Members receive additional and free screenings throughout the year.

We have 48 years of program archives; We display only a few samples of programs on our site.

The Festival also has working partnerships with hundreds of local and area organizations (cultural, social service, health, film/video, etc.) to present our year-round programs. Contact us for additional information at any time.

We're a 50-Day Film Festival!

SPRING FESTIVAL (48 YEARS RUNNING)

Annual curated showcase featuring an eclectic line-up of the best new American films and foreign works (shorts and features), Tributes to Master Artists, presentations by filmmakers (in attendance for all films), and the 40th Annual International Short Film & Video Competition. Filmmakers receive travel and lodging to present their films. Filmmaker guests include master artists, mid-career artists and emerging talents.

48th Annual USA Film Festival, April 2018

Recent programs can be viewed below. To request a schedule of events for an upcoming program, send an email request marked "spring fest schedule" to: usafilmfest@aol.com

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Studio films that have premiered or previewed at KidFilm include THE LEGO MOVIE, THE SECRET WORLD OF ARRIETTY, ICE AGE, NANNY MCPHEE, CURIOUS GEORGE, A WRINKLE IN TIME, THE SECRET OF KELLS, AKEELAH AND THE BEE, CASTLE IN THE SKY, MILLIONS, and many more!

KIDFILM® FESTIVAL (34 YEARS RUNNING)

[Click here to see Lisa Loeb talking about KidFilm 2016 on "Good Morning Texas."](#)

Annual free-admission weekend public program featuring films (features and shorts) for audiences of all ages. Includes Tributes to filmmakers, leaders in media arts for children, and children's book authors with FREE books for all families!

The Festival's weekday KidFilm outreach programs serve over 5,000 DISD teachers and students each year.

34th Annual KidFilm Festival, January 20-21, 2018

To request a schedule of events, send us an email marked "KidFilm Schedule" to usafilmfest@aol.com

Teachers who would like to book an arts-in-education field trip in February 2018 or Summer for your camp, organization, class or entire school (Grades K-5),

contact the Festival any time of year at 214-821-6300.

Printed KidFilm flyers will be available for pick up at the Angelika Film Center Dallas.

To view a PDF of a past year's schedule, click below:

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SCI-FI SUMMER MOVIE SERIES

August 8 - 29, 2017

Presented with the Angelika Film Center Dallas

August 8th -- VILLAGE OF THE DAMNED

August 15th -- LOGAN'S RUN

August 22nd -- DARK CITY

August 29th -- ATTACK THE BLOCK

All screenings at 7:00pm

Advance tickets on sale now at www.angelikafilmcenter.com

TRIBUTES TO MASTER ARTISTS

Periodically throughout the year, the Festival honors artists who have made outstanding individual contributions to the film arts. For a listing of selected Tributes, please see the TRIBUTES section of the site for directors, actors, writers, cinematographers, editors, composers, etc. honored in recent years.

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"MEET THE FILMMAKERS" SCREENINGS

Throughout the year, the Festival hosts screenings of new narrative, animated and documentary films, with filmmakers in attendance to speak with our audiences. Sample screenings have included: *THE HELP* with director Tate Taylor and actress Octavia Spencer in attendance; *50/50* with actress Anna Kendrick in attendance; *DRIVE* with writer/director Nicolas Winding Refn in attendance; *THE WALK* with writer/director Emilio Estevez and actor Martin Sheen in attendance; *PEOPLE LIKE US* with writer/director Alex Kurtzman and actor Chris Pine in attendance; *HITCHCOCK* with writer Stephen Rebello in attendance; *42* with actor Chadwick Boseman in attendance; *ONE DIRECTION: THIS IS US* with director Morgan Spurlock in attendance; *IN A WORLD...* with writer/director/actor Lake Bell in attendance; *LA BARE* with director Joe Manganiello in attendance, *KINGDOM OF SHADOWS* with director Bernardo Ruiz in attendance; *MISTRESS AMERICA* with Greta Gerwig in attendance; *INSIDE OUT* with writer/director Pete Docter and producer Jonas Rivera in attendance; *THE BIG SHORT* with John Magaro in attendance, *MAGGIE'S PLAN* with Rebecca Miller in attendance; *EQUITY* with director Meera Menon and actor/producer Alysia Reiner in attendance; *FLORENCE FOSTER JENKINS* with Simon Helberg in attendance. For a selected list of other screenings, please see the "MEMBERSHIP" section of the site.

RESTORED PRINTS / CLASSIC FILMS

Featured presentations include historical and contemporary classics, cult favorites, animated classics, creature features and restored prints and reissues presented on the BIG SCREEN, frequently with filmmaker guests in attendance. Recent year's screenings have included *Journey to the Center of the Earth* (with Arlene Dahl, Pat Boone and Diane Baker in attendance), *Creature From the Black Lagoon* (60th anniversary with Julie Adams in attendance), *The Princess Bride* (25th anniversary with Rob Reiner in attendance), *Rosemary's Baby* (40th anniversary with William Fraker in attendance), *The Stepford Wives* (with Paula Prentiss and Owen Roizman in attendance), *Bonnie and Clyde* (with Arthur Penn and Dede Allen in attendance), *In Cold Blood* (with Quincy Jones and Scott Wilson in attendance), *In the Heat of the Night* (with Quincy Jones and Norman Jewison in attendance), *The Magnificent Seven* (with Elmer Bernstein in attendance), *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *The Sting* (with Henry Bumstead in attendance), *They Live* (with Meg Foster in attendance), *Susan Slade* (presented by John Waters with Connie Stevens in attendance), *Imitation of Life* (50th anniversary with Juanita Moore in attendance), *Metropolitan* (25th Anniversary with Whit Stillman in attendance); Orson Welles' *Othello*, *Made in U.S.A.*, *Il Sorpasso*, *Children of Paradise* (Les enfants du paradis), *Safety Last!*, and many more.

STUDIO GHIBLI SUMMER FESTIVAL

June 7 - August 17, 2017

at the Angelika Film Center Dallas.

To view a full schedule of films, please visit www.angelikafilmcenter.com

HITCHCOCK-TOBER Film Series

October 5 - 31, 2017

at the Angelika Film Center Dallas
Ticket info at www.angelikafilmcenter.com

October 5th -- NORTH BY NORTHWEST

October 12th -- NOTORIOUS

October 19th -- VERTIGO

October 26th -- REBECCA

October 31st -- PSYCHO

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SHORT FILMS

For over four decades the USA Film Festival has celebrated and supported filmmakers working in the short format. From first-time filmmakers, to mid-career and master artists, we screen short film works throughout the year during our KidFilm Festival, TexFest program, Spring Festival and our long-running, prestigious Short Film Competition. To date, over \$350,000 in cash awards have been distributed and every year over 100 filmmakers receive a free DCP conversion of their work to keep.

Filmmakers who have received recognition early in their careers via the Competition include John Lasseter (Tin Toy), Bob Rogers (Ballet Robotique), Mark Osborne (More), Michael Almereyda (Another Girl, Another Planet), Chel White (Choreography for Copy Machine), Billy Bob Thornton (Some Folks Call It a Sling Blade), Don Hertzfeldt (Lily and Jim), Alexander Payne (The Passion of Martin), Wes Anderson (Bottle Rocket), Todd Haynes (Superstar), Alan Taylor (That Burning Question), Danny Leiner (Time Expired), Jessica Yu (Breathing Lessons), Arthur Dong (Forbidden City, U.S.A.), Marlon Riggs (Tongues Untied), Bill Plympton (One of Those Days), and many others. Stephen Tobolowsky and Peri Gilpin hosted the Showcase Shorts program in 2015; In 2016 Linda Gray hosted the program with Bruce Davison and Kelly Lynch.

DINNER FUNDRAISER

Hopefully, you are!

The title of one of our favorite films from the 1960s inspired our super-fun annual fundraiser.

USAFF Board member and restaurateur Abraham Salum hosts the annual private gathering every April at his eponymous restaurant for 100 lucky guests.

The festive evening can take place at any time of year and includes a fabulous multi-course dinner with wine pairings prepared by a guest chef flown to Dallas especially for the event. Past star chefs and experts have included legendary wine sommelier Charlie Arturaola, Chef Makoto Suzuki, sake expert Tiffany Dawn Soto, among others. Our guest chef for 2016 was Vivian Howard, star of the PBS series "A Chef's Life" and proprietor (with husband Benjamin Knight) of Chef & The Farmer restaurant in Eastern North Carolina. Sommelier Michael Flynn selected the wine pairings and joined us for the event! Tickets are \$150 per person (limited availability).

Proceeds from the event benefit the year-round operations of the Festival, a 501c3 nonprofit organization.

To be added to the invitation list, send us an email request at usafilmfest@aol.com and we will send ticket info!

MEMBER SCREENINGS AND PREMIERES

Every month, the Festival hosts premieres and previews of new films, frequently with filmmakers in attendance. See the "MEMBERSHIP" and "HOME" sections of the site for a list of films and filmmaker guests.

For recent events and screenings, please visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/usafilmfestival

TEXTFEST and TEXAS FILMMAKERS SHOWCASE

Showcase featuring films and filmmakers with connections to the Lone Star State.

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AUTHORS AND BOOK EVENTS AT THE FESTIVAL

Throughout the year, the Festival brings authors with their books to Dallas for screenings, discussion and book-signings (100-500 books per session).

A short list of our author guests includes:

James Ellroy, *Perfidia*

Stephen Rebello, *Alfred Hitchcock and the Making of Psycho*

Stephen Tobolowsky, *The Dangerous Animals Club*

Jennifer Grant, *Good Stuff: A Reminiscence of My Father*, Cary Grant

Piper Laurie, *Learning to Live Out Loud*

John Grisham, *Bleachers*

James Earl Jones, *Voices and Silences*

Henry Bromell, *Panic*

Howard A. Rodman, *Savage Grace*

Fay Wray, *On the Other Hand*

Betty Comden, *Off Stage*

Budd Boetticher, *When in Disgrace*

Michael Powell, *A Life in Movies*

Frank Thomas and Ollie Johnston, *Too Funny For Words*

Stephen Rebello and Edward Margulies, *Bad Movies We Love*

John Waters, *Trash Trilogy and The Obsessions of John Waters*

Louis Sacher, *Holes*

Leonard Maltin, *Leonard Maltin's Movie & Video Guide*

Richard Condon, *The Manchurian Candidate*

Jack Palance, *The Forest of Love*

Roger Ebert, *Ebert's Little Movie Glossary*

Terry Jones, *Nicobobinus and The Fly-By-Night*

Bernie Brillstein, *The Little Stuff Matters Most*

Mia Farrow, *What Falls Away*

Andre Dubus III, *House of Sand and Fog*

John Boyne, *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*

Dennis Hopper, *Out of the Sixties*

James Stewart, *Jimmy Stewart and His Poems*

Mark Frost, *The Greatest Game Ever Played*

Sam Staggs, *Born to be Hurt: The Untold Story of Imitation of Life*

Children's book authors at KIDFILM have included:

Anna Kang & Christopher Weyant

Beth Kelly

Tom Lichtenheld

Katherine Paterson

Kate McMullan & Jim McMullan

Shane Evans & Taye Diggs

Alison McGhee

Kathi Appelt

Ed Emberley & Rebecca Emberley

Mo Willems

Laurie Keller

Rosemary Wells

Dan Yaccarino

Kimberly Willis Holt

Peter Brown

Peter H. Reynolds

Betsy Lewin & Doreen Cronin

Cari Best

Bob Barner

Mike Thaler & Jared Lee

Trevor Romain