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Roger Ebert's Film Festival THE COLLEGE OF MEDIA AT ILLINOIS PRESENTS...

ROGER EBERT'S FILM FESTIVAL ebertfest 2013

APRIL 17-21, 2013

ROGER EBERT, Programmer and Host

CHAZ EBERT, Executive Producer

NATE KOHN, Festival Director

MARY SUSAN BRITT, Associate Director

More information about the festival can be found at www.ebertfest.com

MISSION

Roger Ebert, 1964 University of Illinois Journalism graduate and Pulitzer Prize-winning film critic, comes to Urbana-Champaign each spring to host Ebertfest.

The mission of Roger Ebert's Film Festival is to praise films, genres and formats that have been overlooked by audiences, critics and distributors.

Each year, Mr. Ebert selects 12 films representing a cross-section of important cinematic works. They include films without distributors, independent and studio films that did not win wide audiences, formats such as 70mm, silent films, and overlooked genres like the documentary. The films are screened in the 1,500-seat Virginia Theatre, a restored movie palace built in the 1920s.

Festival guests who help showcase the features include producers, writers, actors and directors. Following each screening, Mr. Ebert leads discussions with the filmmakers for general audiences, distributors and critics from around the world. There are also a number of campus wide panel discussions featuring Mr. Ebert, festival guests and academic scholars.

We work to keep the festival small enough so that a sense of community can develop among the audience, filmmakers, guests, students and scholars. The festival is a non-profit event of the College of Media at Illinois.

OPPORTUNITIES

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Filmmakers, scholars, journalists and the public gather for panel discussions on topics related to the film industry. The intent of the panels is to bring together practitioners and theorists in lively debate in order to reexamine and spotlight such issue-related areas as film directing, distribution strategies, the state of film criticism, technology, ethnicity and gender.

VOLUNTEERS

The festival would not exist without the help of many dedicated volunteers. Volunteer opportunities include:

HOST

A host is assigned to a festival guest (director, writer, producer, actor) to provide transportation during the festival.

THEATRE TEAM—VIRGINIA THEATRE

Ushering, working concessions, pass holder and registration, VIP/press registration and check in, crowd control and merchandise sales.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Help with distribution of posters, running errands, stuffing envelopes, copying, etc.

If you would like to become a volunteer or need additional information, please contact:

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A SPONSOR

The community of festival sponsors is vital to the success of Roger Ebert's Film Festival. Sponsor contributions account for approximately 50 percent of the festival's operating budget. The festival is a non-profit 501(c)(3) event of the College of Media at the University of Illinois.

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FILM CIRCLE \$25,000+

Sponsor of one film Photo with Roger Ebert Up to 8 VIP passes to all screenings Invitation to Gala Opening Invitation to Post-Festival Reception Lunch & dinner in Green Room with Roger and film guests Reserved seating in Virginia Theatre Logo projected at all screenings Name on poster Name in program Name on website Logo on website Name in local newspaper ads Display inside Virginia Theatre 1 full page ad in Festival program Logo in Festival program

DIAMOND CIRCLE \$10,000+

Up to 8 VIP passes to all screenings
Invitation to Gala Opening
Invitation to Post-Festival Reception
Lunch & dinner in Green Room with Roger and film guests
Reserved seating in Virginia Theatre
Logo projected at all screenings
Name on poster
Name in program
Name on website
Logo on website
Name in local newspaper ads
Display inside Virginia Theatre
1 full page ad in Festival program

Logo in Festival program PLATINUM \$5,000+ Up to 4 VIP passes to all screenings

Logo in Festival program

Invitation to Gala Opening
Invitation to Post-Festival Reception
Lunch & dinner in Green Room with Roger and film guests
Reserved seating in Virginia Theatre
Logo projected at all screenings
Name on poster
Name in program
Name on website
Logo on website
Name in local newspaper ads
Display inside Virginia Theatre
1 full page ad in Festival program

GOLD \$2,500+

Invitation to Post-Festival Reception
Lunch & dinner in Green Room with Roger and film guests
Reserved seating in Virginia Theatre
Logo projected at all screenings
Name on poster
Name in program
Name on website
Logo on website
Name in local newspaper ads
1/2 page ad in Festival program

Up to 3 VIP passes to all screenings

Invitation to Gala Opening

SILVER \$1,500+ Up to 2 VIP passes to all screenings

Logo in Festival program

Invitation to Gala Opening

Invitation to Post-Festival Reception
Lunch & dinner in Green Room with Roger and film guests
Reserved seating in Virginia Theatre
Logo projected at all screenings
Name on poster
Name in program

Name on website Logo on website Name in local newspaper ads 1/4 page ad in Festival program Logo in Festival program

PATRON \$750+

Up to 2 Festival passes to all screenings Invitation to Gala Opening Invitation to Post-Festival Reception Name on poster Name in program

Name in program
Name on website
Name in local newspaper ads

Friend \$500+

 1 Festival pass to all screenings Name on poster
 Name in program
 Name on website
 Name in local newspaper ads

Associate \$250+

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GIFTS IN KIND

Name on poster Name in program Name on website Name in local newspaper ads

Tebertfest Guests





Carolyn Briggs





















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Ishmael Ntihabose

Jana Monji

Jeffrey Lerner

Deatra Harris



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Werner Herzog

Tim Reid



Nate Kohn

Mark Dornford-May

Jay Rosenstein







Matt Mulhern

Kimberly Roberts





Michael Gilio









Gebertfest Guests

Seema Biswas

Scott Jordan Harris

Robert Siegel

Tom Dark



ebertfest Guests

Kevin B. Lee



As film exhibition in North America crowds itself ever more narrowly into predictable commercial fodder for an undemanding audience, we applaud those brave, free spirits who still hold faith with the unlimited potential of the cinema.

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- Roger Ebert

Michael Shannon

ROGER EBERT

Roger Ebert has been the film critic of the Chicago Sun-Times since 1967 and his reviews are syndicated in more than 200 newspapers around the world. He won the Pulitzer Prize for criticism in 1975.

The following year, Roger and Gene Siskel began a long run of reviewing movies on TV with "Sneak Previews," which was followed by At the Movies" and "Siskel & Ebert." After Siskel's death in 1999, he was joined by Richard Roeper on "Ebert & Roeper" until illness deprived him of the ability to speak. He and his wife Chaz now produce "Ebert Presents at the Movies," which is syndicated on PBS stations nationwide.

Ebert is the author of more than 20 books, including the 2002 best-seller "The Great Movies," "The Great Movies II," "The Great Movies III," "Awake in the Dark: The Best of Roger Ebert," annual volumes of "Roger Ebert's Movie Yearbook," "Scorsese by Ebert," "I Hated, Hated, HATED This Movie," the Norton anthology "Roger Ebert's Book of Film," the best-selling "Ebert's Bigger Little Movie Glossary, and "The Pot and How to Use It: The Mystery and Romance of the Rice Cooker." In 2011, he released "Life Itself: A Memoir."

For years he has attended film festivals around the world – as a critic and as a juror – and launched his own "Roger Ebert's Overlooked Film Festival" (now known simply as "EbertFest") in 1999, an annual event presented every April in the historic Virginia Theatre in his hometown of Champaign-Urbana, IL.

You will find Ebert's shot-by-shot DVD commentary tracks on such titles as "Citizen Kane," "Casablanca," "Dark City," and "Floating Weeds."

Ebert is the only film critic honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. He lives with his wife, Chaz Hammelsmith Ebert, in Chicago.

Previous Films

EBERTFEST 1999

Dance Me to My Song A Tale of Autumn Surrender Dorothy Hamsun Maborosi Battleship Potemkin Household Saints Shiloh Thirteen Tron

EBERTFEST 2000

Sidewalk Stories
Grave of the Fireflies
American Movie
Legacy
The Terrorist
The Castle
A Woman's Tale
Children of Heaven
The Last Laugh
Dark City
Oklahoma
Deja Vu

EBERTFEST 2001

Everyone Says I Love You
Girl On the Bridge
Jesus' Son
The King of Masks
Maryam
Nosferatu
On the Ropes
Panic
Songs from the Second Floor
A Simple Plan
Such A Long Journey
3 Women
2001: A Space Odyssey
Stanley Kubrick: A Life in Pictures

EBERTFEST 2002

Patton
Innocence
Grand Canyon
Diamond Men
Paperhouse
Hyenes
A Soldier's Daughter Never Cries
Kwik Stop
Metropolis
Two Women
George Washington
Say Amen, Somebody
Wonder Boys

EBERTFEST 2003

The Right Stuff
Stone Reader
The Grey Automobile
Your Friends and Neighbors
Blood and Wine
Medium Cool
What's Cooking?
The Black Pirate
L.627
The Golden Age of Silent Comedy
Shall We Dance?

Charlotte Sometimes 13 Conversations About One Thing Singin' in the Rain

EBERTFEST 2004

Lawrence of Arabia
Tarnation
The Son
Once Upon a Time...When
We Were Colored
Tully
The General
The Scapegoat
El Norte
My Dog Skip
Gates of Heaven
People I Know
Invincible
Louie Bluie
Sweet Old Song

EBERTFEST 2005

Playtime
Murderball
The Saddest Music in the World
with the Heart of the World
After Dark, My Sweet
Yesterday
The Phantom of the Opera
Baadasssss!
The Secret of Roan Inish
Primer
Map of the Human Heart
Me and You and Everyone We Know
Taal

EBERTFEST 2006

My Fair Lady
Man Push Cart
Duane Hopwood
Spartan
Somebodies
The Eagle
Ripley's Game
Millions
Claire Dolan
Junebug
Bad Santa
U-Carmen eKhayelitsha

EBERTFEST 2007

Gattaca
The Weather Man
Moolaade
Perfume: The Story of a Murderer
Sadie Thompson
Come Early Morning
La Dolce Vita
Freddie Mercury, the Untold Story
Holes
Man of Flowers
Stroszek
Searching for the Wrong-Eyed Jesus
Beyond the Valley of the Dolls

EBERTFEST 2008

Hamlet Delirious Yes Canvas
Citizen Cohl: The Untold Story
Shotgun Stories
Underworld
The Real Dirt on Farmer John
Mishima: A Life in Four Chapters
Hulk
The Band's Visit
Housekeeping
The Cell
Romance and Cigarettes

EBERTFEST 2009

Woodstock
My Winnipeg
Chop Shop
Trouble the Water
Begging Naked
The Last Command
Frozen River
The Fall
Sita Sings the Blues
Nothing But the Truth
Let the Right One In
Baraka

EBERTFEST 2010

Pink Floyd The Wall You, the Living Munyurangabo The New Age Apocalypse Now Redux Departures Man with a Movie Camera Synecdoche, New York I Capture the Castle Vincent: A Life in Color Trucker Barfly Song Sung Blue

EBERTFEST 2011

Metropolis
Natural Selection
Umberto D
My Dog Tulip
Tiny Furniture
45365
Me and Orson Welles
Only You
A Small Act
Life, Above All
Leaves of Grass
I Am Love
Louder Than a Bomb

EBERTFEST 2012

Joe Versus the Volcano
The Truth About Beauty & Blogs
Phunny Business: A Black Comedy
Big Fan
Kinyarwanda
Terri
On Borrowed Time
Wild and Weird
A Separation
Higher Ground
Patang (The Kite)
Take Shelter
Citizen Kane

