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Rahway International Film Festival Announces Opening Night Lineup and Celebration

Rahway, NJ - The Rahway International Film Festival will open its fourth annual celebration on Friday, October 21, 2016 at the UC PAC's Hamilton Stage for the Performing Arts in Rahway, NJ with a complimentary cocktail hour for all of the evening's attendees. Cocktail Hour will begin at 6:30pm, followed at 8pm by the night's film presentations.

The feature film "The Wedding Invitation," written, directed and produced by Rainy Kerwin will be celebrated as the Opening Night Feature. "The Wedding Invitation" is a female-driven comedy shot by an ENTIRELY FEMALE CREW. This is a rare feat in the world of filmmaking and RIFF is proud to present this film. It is RIFF's mission is to present an equal ratio of films created by male and female filmmakers from around the world.

The feature will be preceded by the short films “Small Fry” a local student production, “Dear Susie” a brief romance from Italy, and the world premier of “Frame of Reference” the latest romantic comedy by festival director Gina Marie Rodriguez.

Filmmaker Rainy Kerwin will be joining all the way from California to discuss her hilarious comedy, “The Wedding Invitation.” Filmmakers Gina Marie Rodriguez, Steven Hayet and Ian J. Keeney, the writers and director of the short film “Frame of Reference” respectively, will be present for a Q&A Session following the film screenings.

Moderated by local artist, entrepreneur and founder of [Just Be You Performing Arts](#), [Mahogany Reynolds](#), RIFF’s Q&A sessions have always proven to be enlightening.

Patria Latin Bistro, located at 169 Main Street in Rahway, will host the night’s after party offering \$5 drink specials and a complimentary buffet, included with the evening’s ticket price.

The Fourth Annual Rahway International Film Festival will take place **Friday, October 21st through Sunday, October 23rd, 2016** at the **Hamilton Stage for the Performing Arts** in Rahway, NJ.

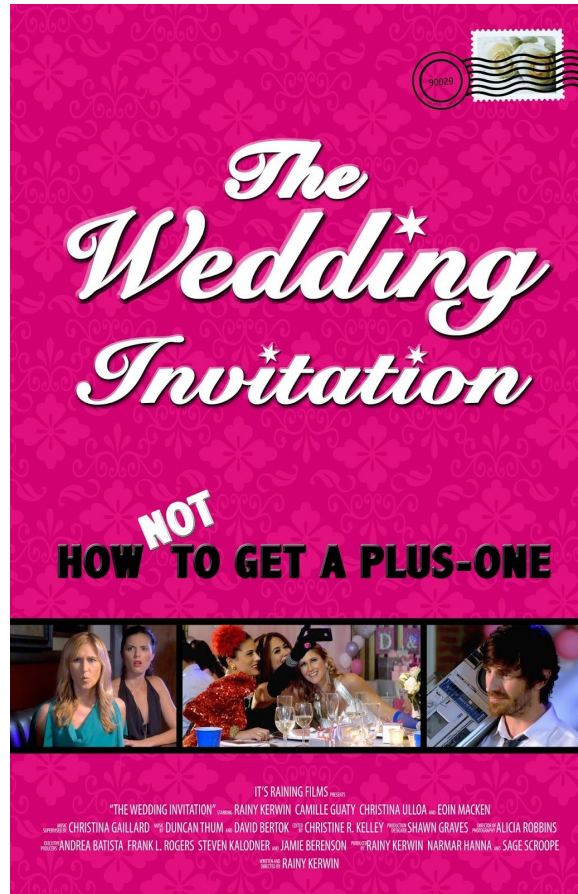
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Rahway International Film Festival’s platinum sponsors are the [Union County Performing Arts Center](#), [Patria Latin Bistro](#), [Just Be You Performing Arts](#), [Wizdom Media](#), and [Hudson River Studios](#).

Rahway International Film festival is always accepting support. If you are interested in becoming a RIFF sponsor, please visit their webpage at www.rahwayfilmfest.com

For the full lineup, more information, and synopses and trailers for each film, please visit www.rahwayfilmfest.com. Connect with Rahway International Film Festival on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) for regular updates.

For a selection of pictures and synopses, please see the next page.



"The Wedding Invitation"

Feature Narrative | Runtime: 1:30:00

Country of Origin: California, USA

Language: English

Genre: Romantic Comedy

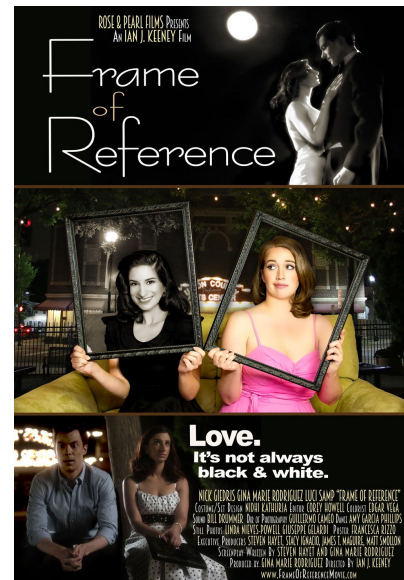
Synopsis: Three best friends are on a mission to get dates for the wedding of a lifetime. They have one week to track down their men and turn them into plusones. Their mission, splattered with drunken-dry-heaving, walk-of-shame moments will require them to break all of the dating rules to find love.

Director | Writer | Producer: Rainy Kerwin

(in attendance)

Rainy is an award-winning writer-director-producer. She was born in Los Angeles and grew up in Winnipeg, Canada. Rainy started acting at a young age. Fed up with the lack of funny roles for women, she penned "The Wedding Invitation" and went on to shoot the film with an all-female crew to make a small dent in the low numbers of women

Website: www.weddinginvmovie.com



Synopsis: "Small Fry" follows the life of one very "small" man and his journey to find love

Director: Corinne Antonelli

Corinne Antonelli is 17 years old from Washington, New Jersey. She has created two animated shorts that have screened in festivals around the globe! She hopes to complete a third film next year.

"Dear Susie"

Short Narrative | Runtime: 3:00

Country of Origin: Italy

Language: English

Genre: Romantic Comedy

Synopsis: When Leo meets Susie, is love at first sight. But the guy is too shy to even introduce himself. To fight against his shyness, he decides to go for the old-fashioned manners: writing her a lovely letter.

Director | Writer | Producer | DP | Actor:

Leopoldo Caggiano

Graduated in Milan as a Graphic Designer first and Director of Photography right after, Leopoldo Caggiano chose filmmaking as his medium to grow into as a storyteller and an artist. He started training in photography and directing by producing his own short movies, while working professionally on documentaries as well as commercials for Nespresso, Google+, Ferrero, Mulino Bianco, Ferragamo, Rolling Stones, till becoming an independent filmmaker and DP. Nowadays, his work as a director is strongly bound to his love and constant exploration of human behaviors and society, and inspired by Woody Allen's comedies and Italian Neorealism.

"Frame of Reference"

World Premiere Special Presentation

(not to be included in Film Competition)

Short Narrative | Runtime: 16:00

Country of Origin: New Jersey, USA

Language: English

Genre: Romantic Comedy

Synopsis: Alex and her best friend, Lauren, are recounting Alex's latest failed relationship. But are they even talking about the same thing? Alex tends to wear a

romanticized 1940s filter on her memories and Lauren, well, Lauren doesn't remember it quite so nicely. Who's right and who's wrong? It all depends on your frame of reference.

Director: Ian J. Keeney (*in attendance*)

Ian J. Keeney is an award-winning filmmaker, screenwriter and author. His latest novel won Best Science Fiction in the Los Angeles Book Festival. He has made four feature films, several shorts and television shows and his band, Wolves in Clothing, is working on their first full album.

www.ianjkeeney.com

Producer | Co-Writer | Actor: Gina Marie Rodriguez (*in attendance*)

Gina Marie Rodriguez is a producer, writer, actress and model hailing from New Jersey. She is also the founder and director of the Rahway International Film Festival (*and she would like to assure you that her films are never screened in competition at RIFF!*).

Co-Writer: Steven Hayet (*in attendance*)

Steven Hayet is honored to have his first screenplay premiere at the Rahway International Film Festival. His play *Stage Mom* debuted this summer at the Midtown International Theatre Festival in New York City.

Website: www.frameofreferencemovie.com

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