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# RAHWAY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES ITS FOURTH ANNUAL CELEBRATION AND LINEUP - OCTOBER 21-23, 2016

**Rahway, NJ -** The Rahway International Film Festival is returning to the UC PAC's Hamilton Stage for the Performing Arts in Rahway, NJ on Friday, October 21, 2016 through Sunday, October 23, 2016.

The annual event, now in its fourth year, boasts:

- "Brunch and Learn" seminars for aspiring and experienced filmmakers,
- Networking Opportunities for ALL
- 12 feature length and 50 short films from all across the globe.
- Q&A Sessions with visiting filmmakers and actors from as far as Germany and the Phillippines

The event will kick off on Friday, October 21st with a complimentary cocktail hour beginning at 6:30pm. The Opening Night Films will commence at 8pm to be immediately followed by a special Q&A with the attending filmmakers, moderated by local actress and entrepreneur Mahogany Reynolds.

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.

Filmmakers are travelling in from across the US as far as California and from overseas to participate in RIFF Q&A sessions. Rainy Kerwin, writer/director/star of the Opening Night Feature "The Wedding Invitation" will be flying in from California. Directors Andrew Saunderson of the short film "Birthday Boy" and Mu Sun, director of short films "City by the Sea" and "Sing for Your Supper" will join us from California as well. Director Ellen Marfil of the Filipino Foreign Feature Film, "Journey to Love (Lakbay 2 Love)" will be making the arduous trip all the way from the Phillippines and actors, Alexandra Grant and Lars Doppler, of the foreign film, "Hear the Silence (Höre die Stille)" will be joining from Germany.

Over the course of the weekend, RIFF will be offering excellent Q&A sessions with these filmmakers and screening 50 short films in addition to these 12 amazing feature films:

• The Wedding Invitation directed by Rainy Kerwin

\*Opening Night Feature Film\* (US Romantic Comedy)

• Life is Too Short directed by Antoine Allen

(US Drama)

• The Farmer and I directed by Irja von Bernstorff

(Foreign Documentary)

• Mignon 'Mossie' Van Wyk directed by Darrell Roodt

(Foreign Romance, Drama)

• **Daddy Don't Go** directed by Milena Velis

(US Documentary)

• Journey to Love (Lakbay 2 Love) directed by Ellen Ongkeko-Marfil

(Foreign Romance, Environmental)

• The Dark Tapes directed by Michael McQuown

(US Horror)

• Hear the Silence (Höre Die Stille) directed by Ed Ehrenberg

(Foreign Drama, War)

• The Ability Exchange directed by Bing Wang

(US Documentary)

• Living with the Dead directed by Christine Vartoughian

(US Drama)

• His Dying Wish directed by Larry Rosen

(US Drama)

• Antarctic Edge: 70° South directed by Dena Seidel

(US Documentary)

# TICKETS:

**Opening Night:** \$35 (Includes Cocktail Hour and Entry to Opening Night After Party)

Individual Film Block: \$12 Filmmaking Seminar: \$15

Senior/Student Discount: \$10

Day Pass: \$40

Tickets can be bought at the UCPAC box office, in person or by calling 732-499-8226. Tickets are also available online at <a href="http://www.rahwayfilmfest.com">http://www.rahwayfilmfest.com</a>.

# About Our Director, Gina Marie Rodriguez:

Gina Rodriguez is a New Jersey based actress and filmmaker. Her most recent film, "Frame of Reference" will make its world premier at the Fourth Annual Rahway International Film Festival on October 21st.

She first founded the Rahway International Film Festival as a way to further support the arts in her community, "Film is such an inspirational medium and I hope that we can inspire our audiences to see and feel something new." says Rodriguez. "Our films are bold, entertaining and enlightening. At Rahway International Film Festival, we seek to celebrate our filmmakers as much as we do their art form."

#### **About Our Mission**

Our mission is to provide an opportunity for artists worldwide to showcase works that educate, and inspire equality, empathy and awareness through film.

We believe that film can reach the mind and soul in ways nothing else can. For this reason, we present films that strive to promote equality, champion the oppressed and promote open-mindedness.

In keeping with equality, we seek to present an equal ratio of films created by male and female filmmakers from around the world.

### **About Our Sponsors:**

Rahway International Film Festival's platinum sponsors are the <u>Union County Performing Arts Center</u>, <u>Patria Latin Bistro</u>, <u>Wizdom Media</u>, and <u>Hudson River Studios</u>.

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 More Information

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

For the full lineup, more information, and synopses and trailers for each film, please visit <a href="https://www.rahwayfilmfest.com">www.rahwayfilmfest.com</a>. Connect with Rahway International Film Festival on <a href="https://www.rahwayfilmfest.com">Facebook</a>, <a href="https://www.rahwayfilmfest.com">Instagram</a>, and <a href="https://www.rahwayfilmfest.com">Twitter</a> for regular updates.

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