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10th RAINIER INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES OFFICIAL LINE-UP

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ASHFORD, WA – Rainier Independent Film Festival (May 13-15) announces its official line-up, including 40+ dynamic films spanning a variety of genres and topics. In its 10th year, the Rainier Independent Film Festival is known amongst filmmakers and attendees as a personable weekend where attendees enjoy screening new movies, talking with filmmakers, mingling with old friends and new, and attending workshops. Complete with international, national, and regional film selections, the festival is a unique experience.

RIFF organizers look forward to welcoming several filmmakers to the festival, including returning RIFF filmmaker Gary Lundgren. Lundgren's film "Calvin Marshall" won Best Audience Award in 2010. This year Lundgren is back with a futuristic thriller, "Black Road," playing Sunday, 5:45PM, at the Lions' Theater. Friday's opening night event includes a short film with breathtaking scenery from the Pacific Northwest, "Muir Song" followed by the intriguing character driven feature "The Great & The Small," with actor Melanie Lynskey, directed by Dusty Bias who will be in attendance. The evening concludes with the opening night Gala. Another sure to be favorite is Sunday's documentary block at 2P in the Lions' Theater with Northwest adventure thrill team in the film "Why We Fly." See the program for the complete line up and filmmakers who will be in attendance.

This is the sixth year RIFF has combined efforts with the guest curator, Warren Etheredge. Look for Warren's films on Saturday, May 14th, at the Mt. Rainier Lions Theater from 11AM -9PM, and on Sunday from 11AM – 12PM.

In addition to bringing choice films to RIFF, Warren Etheredge will lead a workshop on Sunday, May 15th, at 12:15PM at the Mt. Rainier Lions Theater in Ashford titled, "Scene Stealing." A wealth of knowledge, an inspiring speaker, and an entertaining presenter, Warren examines a handful of scenes from unexpected and under-rated classics, breaking down what makes them work. Warren's workshop is always a favorite part of the festival for those in attendance. For movie or workshop tickets go online to rainier.film, or in person at the Whittaker's Motel in Ashford.

New this Year

This year the festival has a new look with an updated website and some new sponsors. Be sure to look at the new website: rainier.film. There will be giveaways throughout the weekend from North Face, Outdoor Research, and Miir.

For more information and the full festival schedule visit rainier.film.

About Rainier Independent Film Festival

The Rainier Independent Film Festival is dedicated to providing true Independent Filmmakers a venue to have their films screened in the tranquil area surrounding Mount Rainier. Mixing films, workshops and the laid-back setting of the area, this festival is set apart in the fact that it is a great opportunity to meet and mingle with film industry people outside of the hustle and bustle typically associated with the business.

Located in the shadow of Mount Rainier, the Ashford Valley provides the perfect setting for this festival. Our screening venues include the Mt. Rainier Lions Theater and the Cine-Yurt at Wellspring. All projection is shown in the latest digital technology.

NOTE TO MEDIA: To request a media pass to the festival, please contact Andrea Edmondson at info@rainierfilmfest.com .

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