



Fact Sheet

- The Stony Brook Film Festival (SBFF) is a highly competitive, highly selective festival presenting an international selection of new independent features, documentaries and shorts over ten evenings. **The 20th Annual Stony Brook Film Festival presented by Island Federal Credit Union will be held July 16-25, 2015.**
- The Stony Brook Film Festival is produced by Staller Center for the Arts, Stony Brook University. All films at SBFF are screened once in the 1,000-seat Main Stage Theatre. Directors and actors attend many of the screenings and Q&As.
- SBFF charges **no entry fee** for filmmakers to submit their film thanks to support from sponsors. SBFF receives hundreds of entries a year from across the country and around the world for its film competition.
- An \$85 film pass gains entry to all films over ten days. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$8 for senior citizens, and \$5 for students and go on sale ten days before the festival's opening. \$225 Gold Passes are available and include reserved seating in the Filmmakers' section of the theatre and Opening and Closing Night party tickets.
- Film passes and selected events of the Festival have sold out for the past several years. The theatre seats 1,000 people so "sold out" means a large audience. Approximately 14,000 passes and tickets are sold over the course of the Festival.
- Sponsors for past festivals have included Applied DNA Sciences-James A. Hayward; Campolo, Middleton & McCormick LLP; HBO; Suffolk County; Teachers Federal Credit Union; The Village Voice; and WALK 97.5 Radio.
- The entry deadline is May 1 each year. Entry forms become available after December 1 at www.stonybrookfilmfestival.com.

Guests of the **Stony Brook Film Festival** have included Alan Alda, David Arquette, Stephen Baldwin, Steve Buscemi, Dana Delany, Stephen Dorff, Sylvia Hoeks, Ralph Macchio, Jena Malone, Mary Stuart Masterson, Michael Nathanson, Tim Blake Nelson, Joe Pantoliano, Christopher Plummer, Cliff Robertson, Campbell Scott, Leelee Sobieski, Rod Steiger, David Strathairn, Tilda Swinton, Christine Vachon, Eli Wallach, M. Emmet Walsh, Ray Wise, and many others.

Film Festival Statistics/Films/Guests

In the past 19 years the Stony Brook Film Festival has shown over 850 films and shorts.

420 features

More than 380 shorts

45 documentaries

with 200 New York Premieres, 98 East Coast Premieres, 48 US Premieres and 41 World Premieres.

These include films from over 53 different countries, including 595 produced or co-produced in the United States, and more than 190 of them have been directed by women. During this time the Festival has given over 130 awards and has hosted more than 300 special guests.

Included in the many premiere's of the SBFF over the past 19 years are the New York premiere of the Abbie Hoffman biopic **Steal This Movie** (2000) starring Vincent D'Onofrio and Janeane Garofalo, the East Coast premiere of Terry Green's **Almost Salinas** (2001) starring John Mahoney and Virginia Madsen, the East Coast premiere of Alan Rudolph's **The Secret Lives of Dentists** (2002) starring Campbell Scott and Hope Davis, the East Coast premiere of writer, director and star Zach Braff's **Garden State** (2004) which also featured Natalie Portman and Peter Sarsgaard, the New York premiere of director Daniel Barnz's (*Won't Back Down, Cake*) first film **Phoebe in Wonderland** (2008) starring Elle Fanning, Patricia Clarkson, Felicity Huffman and Bill Pullman, the New York Premiere of **Lightbulb** (2009) with Dallas Roberts and Jeremy Renner, the East Coast premiere of Bruce Beresford's **Mao's Last Dancer** (2010) with Bruce Greenwood and Kyle MacLachlan, the New York premiere of Andrew Bowler Oscar-nominated short **Time Freak** (2011) starring Michael Nathanson, and the New York premiere of the award-winning documentary **Blackfish** (2013) which details the controversial captivity of killer whales at SeaWorld. **The Cake Eaters** (2008) directed by Mary Stuart Masterson with Kristen Stewart, Aaron Stanford, Bruce Dern, Elizabeth Ashley, Jayce Bartok and Melissa Leo introduced Stony Brook audiences to known actors as well as actors beginning their careers.

Other highlights from past Festivals at Stony Brook include *Zaytoun*, *Two Lives* (Liv Ullman), *AKA Doc Pomus*, *The Blitz*, *Aurora Borealis* (Donald Sutherland), *Children of Glory*, *The Deep End*, *Emotional Arithmetic* (Susan Sarandon), *The Grey Zone* (Harvey Keitel), *Heavens Fall* (Timothy Hutton), *Late Bloomers* (Isabella Rossellini), *The Little Traitor* (Alfred Molina), *Off the Map* (Joan Allen), *Resistance* (Julia Ormond), *The Rocket Post*, *Sonny Boy*, *Swimming Upstream* (Geoffrey Rush), *Tickling Leo*, *For My Father*, *Mozart's Sister* and *Almanya*.

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