

FORTISSIMOFILMS CANNES 2011

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OFFICIAL SELECTION

CORMAN'S WORLD: EXPLOITS OF A HOLLYWOOD REBEL by Alex Stapleton



USA, 2011, 95', English, Documentary

Featuring: Roger Corman, Robert De Niro, Jack Nicholson, Martin Scorsese, Ron Howard, Jonathan Demme, Bruce Dern, Quentin Tarantino, Paul W. S. Anderson, Peter Fonda, Todd McCarthy and many others

Synopsis: CORMAN'S WORLD: EXPLOITS OF A HOLLYWOOD REBEL tracks the triumphant rise of Hollywood's most prolific writer-director producer, the true "godfather" of independent filmmaking. While known for working fast—some of his films were made in two days—and wallowing in the B-movie world of monsters, bad special effects, schlocky acting, and plentiful nudity, Corman is also a respected rebel of cinema. He dealt with hot-button social topics like race and feminism. He created his own production and distribution company, tagging it "America's Biggest Independent." And he taught the next generation of film greats, including Scorsese, Demme, Coppola, Cameron, even Ron Howard. From Corman's first feature in 1955 to the set of his new film, DINOSHARK, this entertaining documentary has all the blood and guts of Corman's lurid and fascinating career, with essential insights from contemporaries and students. Learn the roots of indie filmmaking, laced with boobs, violence, guns and creatures!

Screenings:

Monday, May 16 at 12:00pm at GRAY 1 (Private, by invitation only)

Tuesday, May 17 at 4:00pm at PALAIS C (Private, by invitation only)

Cannes Classics Gala Premiere - May 18 (details to be announced)

MARCHÉ DU FILM

CAIRO 678 by Mohamed Diab



Egypt, 2010, 100', Arabic, Drama

Cast: Nelly Karim, Bushra, Maged El Kedwany

Synopsis: It may be a taboo subject but the simple fact is that incidences of sexual harassment in Egypt are on the rise. In this groundbreaking and bold film, we experience different perspectives on the matter, through the eyes of three women drawn from Cairo's complex social hierarchy. Fayza is a traditionally-minded mother, in search of justice; Seba is a wealthy jewelry designer, recovering from a vicious gang assault.; Nelly is an aspiring stand-up comic who draws national outrage for daring to file a sexual harassment lawsuit. The film follows this trio as, frustrated by the lack of any response by the authorities, they decide to take the law into their own hands.

Screenings:

Thursday, May 12 at 4:00pm at PALAIS K

Sunday, May 15 at 2:00pm at GRAY 1

COME RAIN, COME SHINE by LEE Yoon-ki



VIEW TRAILER

Korea, 2011, 105', Korean, Romantic Drama
Featuring: LIM Soo-jung, HYUN Bin

Cast: While driving to the airport one day, a young woman tells her husband that she wants to leave him for another man. The husband responds with muted acknowledgement and drives on. On the day she is to move out, a massive storm strikes seemingly stranding her and forcing them to spend another day together. A lot can happen in one day, as their soon to be new reality sinks in.

Screenings:

Thursday, May 12 at 12:00pm at OLY 3

Sunday, May 15 at 12:00pm at OLY 4

JIRO DREAMS OF SUSHI by David Gelb



VIEW TRAILER

USA, 2011, 83', Japanese, Documentary
Featuring: Jiro Ono, Yoshikazu Ono, Takashi Ono, Masuhiro Yamamoto

Synopsis: In the basement of a Tokyo office building, 85 year old sushi master Jiro Ono works tirelessly in his world renowned restaurant, Sukiyaabashi Jiro. As his son Yoshikazu faces the pressures of stepping into his father's shoes and taking over the legendary restaurant, Jiro-san relentlessly pursues his lifelong quest to create the perfect piece of sushi.

Screenings:

Saturday, May 14 at 12:00pm at GRAY 1

Wednesday, May 18 at 11:30am at PALAIS J

LAST ROMANCE by Yonfan

Digitally Remastered and Restored



Hong Kong, 1988, 101', Mandarin
Cast: Maggie Cheung, Cherie Chung, Shingo Tsurumi

Synopsis: In this Hong Kong classic, Yonfan's '80s aesthetic reaches its peak in LAST ROMANCE, a touching but light-hearted coming of age drama perfectly complemented by two of the decade's most intriguing screen beauties, Cherie Chung and Maggie Cheung. Firmly grounded in the realities of Hong Kong, LAST ROMANCE tells the uncertainties facing best friends So-so (Cherie), who does what she must to survive on her own luxurious terms, and Nancy (Maggie), more naïve perhaps but nonetheless love-struck by the same handsome Japanese boy who, alas, cannot fulfill both girls' destinies. An opulent time capsule of a pivotal moment in both the girls' lives and the magical place called Hong Kong.

Screenings:

Friday, May 13 at 12:00pm OLY 7

Tuesday, May 17 at 10:00am at OLY 5

THE MAGIC TRIP: KEN KESEY'S SEARCH FOR A KOOL PLACE

by Alex Gibney and Alison Ellwood



USA, 2011, 90', Color & B/W, English, Documentary

Synopsis: Ever wonder what it's like to drop acid? Look no further. In 1964, Ken Kesey, celebrated author of *One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest*, took a mythic excursion across America from the West to the East Coast. Fueled by massive doses of LSD, Kesey and his band of Merry Pranksters embarked on the ultimate road trip. Their destination: Tomorrowland at the New York World's Fair. Forty-plus years later, Academy Award-winning filmmaker Alex Gibney (*TAXI TO THE DARK SIDE*) and codirector Alison Ellwood unearthed Kesey's footage, audio recordings, and photographs and created a fully immersive cinematic experience. This *Magic Trip* is guaranteed to blow your mind.

Screenings:

Wednesday, May 11 at 4:00pm at PALAIS I

Sunday, May 15 at 4:00pm at PALAIS C

MAMA AFRICA by Mika Kaurismäki



Germany / South Africa/ Finland, 2011, 90', English & French, Documentary

Featuring: Miriam Makeba

Synopsis: A documentary about the late, incredibly talented and charismatic South African musical icon, Miriam Makeba, who traveled the world with her powerful voice speaking a message against racism and poverty and for equality and peace. *MAMA AFRICA* is an homage to this extraordinary and impressive artist who incarnates the voice and the hope of Africa.

Screenings:

Sunday, May 15 at 6:00pm at PALAIS I

Wednesday, May 18 at 9:30am at PALAIS J

SILENT SONATA by Janez Burger



Slovenia, 2010, 75', Drama

Awards: winner of 8 awards at the Slovenian Film Festival 2010, including Best Film and Best Director

Cast: Leon Lučev, Rene Bazinet, Pauliina Räsänen, Ravil Sultanov

Synopsis: When the deafening rattle of war dies away, Stevo wanders the field where traces of warfare can be seen and his house, badly damaged, still stands. He is left alone with his son and daughter; his wife having been hit by a grenade. Just when it seems that the worst is over, a terrible rumble can be heard in the distance, drawing ever closer to the house. But the vehicle which stops in front of the house is not another killing machine, but rather a wandering caravan called the Circus Fantasticus, containing a group of bizarre yet utterly human characters...

Screenings:

Saturday, May 14 at 6:00pm at OLY 7



VAMPIRE by IWAI Shunji

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SUNDANCE
FILM FESTIVAL



USA / Canada, 2011, 120', English, Romantic Thriller

Cast: Kevin Zegers, Rachael Leigh Cook, Amanda Plummer, Keisha Castle-Hughes, Adelaide Clemens and Kristin Kreuk

Synopsis: Simon seems like a fairly normal, average young man who's devoted to his teaching job and ailing mother. Underneath the surface, however, things are not what they seem. Simon hunts through online chat rooms and message boards, searching for the perfect girl: beautiful, shy and suicidal. Simon has a particular condition: he is compelled to drink blood.

Screenings:

Friday, May 13 at 6:00pm at GRAY 1

Tuesday, May 17 at 6:00pm at PALAIS C

UPCOMING TITLES

ISZTAMBUL by Török Ferenc



Hungary, 2011, 99', Hungarian/English/Turkish, Drama

55 year-old Katalin flees her dysfunctional marriage and family and finds herself in Istanbul where newfound love ensures her emotions are liberated and a return to her old life is not possible.

MARLEY by Kevin MacDonal



USA, English, Documentary, Preview Footage available, in Post-production

The ultimate, authorized documentary on the life, legacy and global impact of Bob Marley, one of the most influential singers, songwriters, musicians and activists in history.

TORMENTED...THE RABBIT HORROR by Takashi Shimizu



Japan, Japanese, 3D thriller, Promo available, in Post-production
Cinematography: Christopher Doyle

TORMENTED... RABBIT HORROR centers on a young boy whose family seems to be falling apart around him. The situation gets worse when he manifests a growing and dangerous friendship and reliance on a stuffed toy rabbit that comes to life. Is he crazy; is his sister alive or dead; is their father going insane or are they all delusional?

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