



FILM LINEUP

Chicago United is proud to present an amazing list of Feature-Length Narratives and Documentaries. All films will be Chicago Premieres and will be preceded by a few Award-Winning Short Films.

**All film screenings are \$10, All Access Passes are \$70 & Mini Passes are \$35.
For more information, please visit the official festival website: www.theunitedfest.com

Friday September 10th, 2010 - "Opening Night"

"Free Short Film Block" 5:30pm
(Check the website for details)

"Special When Lit" (92 min) Chicago Premiere 7:00pm
This masterful documentary rediscovers the lure of a lost pop icon – pinball. The phenomenon that once swept the world is now a nostalgic footnote...but for some it defines life itself.
www.specialwhenlitmovie.com

"Jeffie Was Here" (109 min) Chicago Premiere 9:30pm
A couple's life takes an unpredictable turn when an apparent stranger accompanies them on a road trip.
Starring: Peter Bedgood, Alexis Raben, Cristine Rose, Todd Edwards, and Ken Marino
www.jeffiewashere.com

"Ferris Bueller's Day Off" (103 min) Midnight
Matthew Broderick embodies teen rebellion in John Hughes' classic comedy of ditching school, borrowing your best friends' dad's Ferrari, and taking Chicago by storm.
Starring: Matthew Broderick, Alan Ruck, Mia Sara, Jeffrey Jones, Jennifer Grey, Charlie Sheen, Ben Stein
<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0091042/>

Saturday, September 11th, 2010 - "The Quest"

"The Street Stops Here" (95 min) Chicago Premiere 2:00pm
A portrait of the nation's best high school basketball coach, Bob Hurley, Sr., and his lifelong commitment to save the lives of inner city kids and the poor Catholic school that gives them hope.
www.thestreetstopshermovie.com

"Beyond The Pole" (87 min) Chicago Premiere 4:30pm
Follows a hilarious film crew on the first carbon neutral, organic, vegetarian expedition ever to attempt the North Pole.
Starring: Stephen Mangan, Rhys Thomas, Helen Baxendale, Alexander Skarsgard, Mark Benton, and Lars Arentz Hansen.
www.beyondthepole.com

"Ballhawks" (74 min) Chicago Premiere 7:00pm
The story of the group of men who have been chasing baseballs and dreams just outside the ivy-covered walls of Wrigley Field, for the last one-hundred years.
www.ballhawksmovie.com/

"Official Rejection" (107 min) Chicago Premiere 9:30pm

A group of filmmakers take their independent feature along the film festival circuit only to come up against the politics, pitfalls, triumphs and comic tragedies of indie film.
www.officialrejectiondocumentary.com/MAIN.html

“Predator” (107 min) Midnight

Deep in the jungle where nothing that lives is safe, an elite rescue squad is up against the ultimate enemy. It kills for pleasure, it hunts for sport. But this time, it picked the wrong man to hunt.

Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Carl Weathers, Elpidia Carrillo, Bill Duke, Jesse Ventura, Sonny Landham
www.imdb.com/title/tt0093773

Sunday, September 12th, 2010 - "Behind the Scenes"

“Divorcing God” (64 min) Chicago Premiere 1:00pm

Following the story of a young Christian couple who fall in love and get married, but divorce after nine months, this documentary examines the difficulties Christians face trying to live by the bible's standards, and the emotional and spiritual turmoil of falling short.

www.divorcinggod.org

“HouseQuake” (93 min) Chicago Premiere 3:00pm

A political documentary that uncovers how the Democrats took back Congress and changed the direction of American politics in 2006, revealing an intimate view of the American political process rarely revealed in the media.

www.housequakethefilm.com/Home.html

“Pontiac’s Rebellion” (96 min) Chicago Premiere 5:30pm

The documentary centers around the decision to close the Pontiac Correctional Center in Pontiac, IL the number two employer in Pontiac, the hardships surrounding the impending closure, and the community's struggle to keep it open.

www.imdb.com/title/tt1527702/

“The Things We Carry” (77 min) Chicago Premiere 8:00pm

When her drug-addicted mother dies, Emmie returns home looking for a package her mother has left behind, reconnecting with her estranged sister, Eve, along the way.

Starring: Alyssa Lobit, Catherine Kresge, Alexis Rhee, Daniel Zacapa, Ilene Graff, Rob Moran, Jennifer Blanc, Frank Merino

www.thethingswecarry.com

Monday, June 13th, 2010 - "Summer Tales"

"Free Short Film Block" 5:30pm

(Check the website for details)

“Gabi on the Roof in July” (99 min) Chicago Premiere 7:00pm

A young woman, Gabi, heads to New York City to spend the summer with her older brother, Sam in the wake of their parents’ divorce. When she finds Sam too busy to give her the guidance she needs, Gabi seduces her brother’s free-loving, freeloading college buddy, only to find she's in over her head.

Starring: Lawrence Michael Levine, Sophia Takal, Brooke Bloom, Louis Cancelmi, Kate Lyrn Sheil, Amy Seimetz

www.gabiontheroofinjuly.com

“RiffRaff” (106 min) Chicago Premiere 9:30pm

A coming-of-age comedy about lifeguards on Chicago's North Avenue Beach, where lifeguards handle the beach humidity by day and the wrath of regrettable hookups with the ladyguards by night.

Starring: Robert Belushi, Kate O'Hagan, Chrissy Whitehead, Ben Wells

www.riffraffthemovie.com

Tuesday, September 14th, 2010 - "Animal Rights"

"Free Short Film Block" 5:30pm

(Check the website for details)

"The Elephant in the Living Room" (104 min) *Chicago Premiere* 7:00pm

A documentary film about the controversial world of raising deadly, exotic animals as household pets, centered on an Ohio police officer charged with protecting these animals, and a big-hearted man struggling to keep two pet African lions that he loves like his own family.

www.theelephantinthelivingroom.com

"Beneath the Blue" (95 min) *Chicago Premiere* 9:30pm

A tight-knit family of dolphin researchers confront the U.S. Navy over sonar testing, uncovering a treacherous web of espionage, conspiracy, and kidnapping.

Starring: Caitlin Wachs, Paul Wesley, Ivana Milicevic, David Keith, Michael Ironside, Christine Adams, Samantha Jade, George Harris

www.beneaththeblue.net

Wednesday, September 15th, 2010 - "Closing Night"

"Free Short Film Block" 5:30pm

(Check the website for details)

"Eat the Sun" (79 min) *Chicago Premiere* 7:00pm

Is it possible to stare into the sun and not eat? This documentary follows a young man's journey into the little known world of sungazing – an ancient practice of staring at the sun for long periods of time.

www.eatthesunmovie.com/home_splash.html

"Biker Fox" (86 min) *Chicago Premiere* 9:30pm

The story of a misunderstood motivational bicyclist, nature conservationist and muscle car guru known as Biker Fox. The documentary navigates the uneasy relationships he has with his home city of Tulsa and himself, as his character's intentions of spirited goodwill sometimes neglect certain boundaries.

<http://www.bikerfoxmovie.com/>