



FILM LINEUP

Chicago United is proud to present an amazing list of Feature-Length Narratives and Documentaries. All films will be Chicago Premieres or Special Engagement Screenings 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 18th, 2009 - "Opening Night"

"Free Short Film Block" 5:30pm

(Check the website for details)

"Like Dandelion Dust" (105 min) *Chicago Premiere* 7:00pm

Based on the best-selling novel by Karen Kingsbury, *Like Dandelion Dust* is a story of a family whose lives change when their adopted son's biological father is released from prison and discovers a loophole in the adoption papers.

**Starring Mira Sorvino, Barry Pepper and Cole Hauser*

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

"Airplay: The Rise and Fall of Rock Radio" (95 min) *Chicago Premiere* 9:30pm

A documentary about the 50 year struggle between rock pioneers and powerful business/government interests for the soul of music radio, told by America's favorite deejays and the artists they made rock stars.

www.travisty.tv/Airplay-2008.html

"Jaws" (124 min) - Midnight

See Steven Spielberg's classic on the big screen and witness how movie making was forever changed. It'll prepare you for "The Shark is Still Working," uncovering the Impact and Legacy of Jaws.

www.jaws25.com

Saturday, September 19th, 2009 - "Behind the Scenes"

"Fowl Play: The Untold Story of the Incredible Edible Egg" *Chicago Premiere* 2:30pm

A group of animal advocates discuss humanity's relationship with animals as they work to expose the hidden cruelty of the American egg industry.

<http://fowlplaymovie.com/>

"Blue Gold: World Water Wars" (90 min) *Chicago Premiere* 4:30pm

Global Warming is an issue of "how" we live. The water crisis is an issue of "if" we live.

www.bluegold-worldwaterwars.com

"Facing the Fat" (94 min) *Chicago Premiere* 7:00pm

At 315 pounds and 53% body fat, Director Kenny Saylor is morbidly obese. Kenny embarks on a world record breaking 55 day, doctor supervised water only fast to discover the affects of this ancient practice and determine if healing properties truly do exist within our own bodies. Find out what really happens when someone stops eating for 55 days.

<http://facingthefat.com/>



“The Shark is Still Working: The Impact and Legacy of Jaws” (100 min) *Chicago Premiere* 9:30pm
After three decades, Jaws continues to intrigue, thrill and frighten viewers. This documentary focuses on the many ways Jaws has helped to shape common elements of pop culture.
**Appearances by Steven Spielberg, Richard Dreyfuss, Kevin Smith, Bryan Singer and M. Night Shyamalan, featuring and narrated by Roy Scheider.*
www.sharkisstillworking.com

“The Shark is Still Working: The Impact and Legacy of Jaws” *Encore Screening* Midnight

Sunday, September 20th, 2009 - "Chicago Roots"

“The Shark is Still Working: The Impact and Legacy of Jaws” *Encore Screening* 1:00pm

"Bleacher Boys" (72 min) *World Premiere* 3:30pm
Bleacher Boys is the story of six men who shared a common dream as boys, the dream of growing up and playing major league baseball. Six men, each of whose dream was dashed at an early age due to blindness - as if the stadium lights suddenly went dark.
<http://www.hamzehmystiquefilms.com/bleacherboys/>

“The Providence Effect” (92 min) *World Premiere* 6:00pm

The Providence Effect is the story of an individual man, the inner city Chicago school he founded, and the student lives the school has changed and saved. The school, Providence St. Mel, has a 30 year, 100% college placement record: with an 'old school' approach to learning --- 'Do the work.' --- and a dedicated corps of teachers and administrators. Providence St. Mel can serve as a model for revamping American education.
<http://www.theprovidenceeffect.com/>

“I Am Hip Hop: The Chicago Hip Hop Documentary” (92 min) *Chicago Premiere* 8:30pm
I Am Hip Hop: The Chicago Hip Hop Documentary is about street music. It's about the underground, where hoop dreams are formed and the hardest MCs come to play. This film is about the rappers that live, breathe, sleep and eat hip hop, who have a one in a million shot and know it. this is their story.
<http://www.passimproductions.com>

Monday, September 21st, 2009 - "Lost Love"

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

"The Lost Coast" (74min) 9:30pm
Mark, Jasper and Lily, a cynical and bitter trio barely connected by their past highschool friendship, reunite for the annual public Halloween celebration in San Francisco's Castro district. When the huge crowds of costumed revelers fail to entertain them, they begin a quest to find an elusive acquaintance who might provide them with some ecstasy.
<http://www.gabrielfleming.com/TLC/index.html>



"Complacent" (105 min) *Chicago Premiere* 9:30pm

Two close sisters struggle with their differences in life. When their lives are shaken to the core by a tragedy, they must decide whether to continue to coast through their complacent lives or to strive for more.

**Starring Cerina Vincent, Kerri Green, and Joey Kern*

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

Tuesday, September 22nd, 2009 - "Inside Hollywood"

"Free Short Film Block" 5:30pm

(Check the website for details)

"Strictly Background" (84 min) *Chicago Premiere* 7:00pm

A heartfelt film that explores the charm and determination behind some of Hollywood's hardest working actors, professional "extras". Following ten background actors, the film examines life on and off set as they attempt to make a living as a face in a crowd.

www.strictlybackground.com

"Monsters From the Id" (70 min) *Chicago Premiere* 9:30pm

Monsters From The Id weaves the intersecting themes of over thirty classic films in order to tell the untold story of the Modern Scientist and his role in inspiring a nation. The film continues to explore the psychological and cultural impact of 1950's Sci-Fi cinema in America and asks, "where is science inspiration found today?"

www.monstersfromtheid.net

Wednesday, September 23rd, 2009 - "The Quest"

"Free Short Film Block" 5:30pm

(Check the website for details)

"The Rock-a-fire Explosion" (70 min) *Chicago Premiere* 7:00pm

The documentary about a small-town disc jockey, a struggling inventor, and an animatronic rock band, that quickly becomes an eccentric portrait of childhood memories, broken dreams, and the resilience of the human spirit.

**Recently appeared on the Carson Daily show.*

www.rockafiremovie.com

"Last Cup: Road to the World Series of Beer Pong" (84 min) *Chicago Premiere* 9:30pm

This documentary covers the fascinating and fast growing underground sport of beer pong.

www.lastcupmovie.com



Thursday, September 24th, 2009 - "Closing Night"

"Free Short Film Block" 5:30pm

(Check the website for details)

"Etienne!" (87 min) Chicago Premiere 7:00pm

After Richard's best and only friend, a dwarf hamster named Etienne, is diagnosed with terminal cancer, he decides to take him on a bicycle road trip up the California coast to show him the world before he must put him to sleep.

www.hamstermovie.com

"All's Faire in Love" (106 min) Chicago Premiere 9:30pm

After years of performing together, a rag-tag theatre troupe is about to lose its prime gig at Ye Olde Times Renaissance Faire when the Faire's owner threatens to hand over their stage to a rival troupe of conceited, classically-trained Shakespearean actors. The group must find help from an unexpected source - their two new backstage hands, a young actor and actress who must overcome all opposition to prove their worth, win the day, and - perhaps - fall in love.

**Starring Christina Ricci, Ann-Margaret, Owen Benjamin, Matthew Lillard, and Cedric the Entertainer.*

www.allsfaireinlovefilm.com/