

SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL USA

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SUNDANCE INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES FILMS SELECTED TO SCREEN AS PART OF INAUGURAL *SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL USA*

Eight Filmmakers Dispatched from Park City to Bring their Films to Eight Cities

PARK CITY, UTAH -- Sundance Institute today announced eight films from the 2010 Sundance Film Festival scheduled to screen in eight different cities nationwide on the night of Thursday, January 28, 2010. The screenings are part of the inaugural *Sundance Film Festival USA*, a ground-breaking initiative designed to take the Festival experience to local art house audiences who support independent film throughout the year, and to stimulate conversation about the art of filmmaking. The Sundance Film Festival opens January 21 and runs through January 31, 2010.

Courtesy of Official Airline Sponsor Southwest Airlines, filmmakers will be dispatched from the Sundance Film Festival in Park City to cities across America, where they will introduce and screen their original films and engage in Q&As with local audiences. In each city an introduction video featuring highlights from the Festival will precede the screenings. **Tickets for the January 28 screenings are available through each individual theater's box office.**

Films screening as part of *Sundance Film Festival USA* are:

***Cyrus* -- Ann Arbor, MI -- Michigan Theater www.michtheater.org**

Directors and screenwriters: Jay Duplass and Mark Duplass —A recently divorced guy meets a new lady. Then he meets her son who is, well...interesting. *Cast: John C. Reilly, Marisa Tomei, Jonah Hill, Catherine Keener. World Premiere*

***The Company Men* -- Brookline, MA -- Coolidge Corner Theatre www.coolidge.org**

Director and screenwriter John Wells will screen his drama -- filmed on location in North Boston -- about three company men attempting to survive a round of corporate downsizing while trying to fend off its effects on their families and their identities. *Cast: Ben Affleck, Kevin Costner, Maria Bello, Tommy Lee Jones, Chris Cooper, Rosemarie DeWitt. World Premiere*

***Daddy Longlegs* -- Brooklyn, NY -- BAM www.bam.org**

Directors, screenwriters, brothers and Native New Yorkers Benny Safdie and Josh Safdie will bring to New York their latest film—A swan song to excuses and responsibilities, to fatherhood and self-created experiences, and to what it's like to be truly torn between being a child and being an adult. *Cast: Ronald Bronstein, Sage Rinaldo, Frey Rinaldo. North American Premiere*

Jack Goes Boating -- Chicago, IL -- Music Box Theatre www.musicboxtheatre.com

Director: Philip Seymour Hoffman; Screenwriter: Bob Glaudini, both well know to Chicago film and theatre lovers. – A limo driver's blind date sparks a tale of love, betrayal, friendship, and grace centered around two working-class New York City couples. *Cast: Philip Seymour Hoffman, Amy Ryan, John Ortiz, Daphne Rubin-Vega, Tom McCarthy.*

Teenage Paparazzo -- Los Angeles, CA -- Downtown Independent www.downtownindependent.com

Where better than Los Angeles to explore the effects of celebrity on culture? Director Adrian Grenier's documentary does exactly that. A 13-year-old paparazzi boy snaps a photo of Grenier, leading the actor/director to explore the effects of celebrity on culture.

The Runaways -- Madison, WI -- Sundance Cinemas Madison www.sundancecinemas.com

Director and screenwriter: Floria Sigismondi—In 1970s LA, a tough teenager named Joan Jett connects with an eccentric producer to form an all-girl band that would launch her career and make rock history. *Cast: Kristen Stewart, Dakota Fanning, Scout Taylor-Compton, Michael Shannon, Alia Shawkat, Tatum O'Neal.*

The Extra Man -- Nashville, TN -- The Belcourt Theatre www.belcourt.org

Directors: Shari Springer Berman and Robert Pulcini; Screenwriters: Robert Pulcini, Jonathan Ames, Shari Springer Berman, based on the novel by Jonathan Ames -- A down-and-out playwright who escorts wealthy widows in Manhattan's Upper East Side takes a young aspiring writer under his wing. *Cast: Kevin Kline, Paul Dano, John C. Reilly, and Katie Holmes.*

Howl -- San Francisco, CA -- Sundance Kabuki Cinemas www.sundancecinemas.com

Directors and screenwriters: Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman, both local San Franciscans, will be on hand to screen their nonfiction drama about the young Allen Ginsberg finding his voice, the creation of his groundbreaking poem HOWL, and the landmark obscenity trial that followed. *Cast: James Franco, David Strathairn, Jon Hamm, Mary-Louise Parker, Jeff Daniels.*

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About Sundance Institute

Founded by Robert Redford in 1981, Sundance Institute is a not-for-profit organization that fosters the development of original storytelling in film and theatre. Internationally recognized for its artistic development programs for directors, screenwriters, producers, film composers, playwrights and theatre artists, Sundance Institute has nurtured such projects as *Angels in America*, *Spring Awakening*, *Boys Don't Cry* and *Born into Brothels*.

For a sneak peek at the 2010 Sundance Festival visit www.sundance.org/festival

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