

The 2009 Beaufort International Film Festival is right around the corner, with all its attendant hoopla! Here's what attendees can look forward to... Movie Screenings

With more than 100 entries from more than 24 countries worldwide ranging from Cambodia to Russia, 21 film finalists have been chosen for competition in the 2009 Beaufort International Film Festival.

"This is definitely the best slate of finalists we have ever had, I am very proud of the offerings. Our finalists represent the finest in filmmaking talent" says Film Festival Director Ron Tucker.

The Beaufort International Film Festival features up-and-coming filmmakers. For a list of specific showing times, film details and trailers, go to www.beaufortfilmfestival.com. The schedule for film showings are as follows:

- Friday - 9:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. at Lady's Island Cinema
- Saturday – 10:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at Lady's Island Cinema

Prices for movies are \$5 a day or \$20 for a weekend screening pass. Tickets can be purchased in advance at www.beaufortfilmfestival.com or by calling 843-525-8500.

Awards Gala

The Awards Gala will feature the awards presentation to the winners of the feature, short, documentary, student and screenwriting films. Following the award for best pictures, there will be a special presentation of the Ribaut Excellence in Acting Award to special guest honoree Tom Berenger. Music will be provided by Donald Lehman.

The awards gala will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Ballroom (2225 Boundary Street). Tickets for this event are \$35 and can be purchased at www.beaufortfilmfestival.com or 843-525-8500.

"Masters Behind the Movie Magic" Panel Discussion

Behind-the-scenes experts make what you see on the screen possible. Come join this accomplished group of local residents for a panel discussion on how they make the magic happen. Panel discussion will include a Q&A session.

Jim Passanante – set construction coordinator "New Daughter," and "The Last Brickmaker." He first came to Beaufort when working on "Forrest Gump" & "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil."

Suzanna Glattly – scenic artist, "Wedding Crashers," "Syrianna," and "Runaway Bride."

Mike Hudson – Special Effects, "Idlewild" and "Strike the Tent."

Brooke Brunson – set director, "John Adams," "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest," "Army Wives"

Lillian Heyward – graphic designer, “the Notebook,” “Forces of Nature,” “Death Sentence,” “Dear John,” and sign writer on “Talladega Nights”.

The panel discussion will be held at the Lady’s Island Cinema on Saturday, March 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at www.beaufortfilmfestival.com or by calling 843.525.8500.

Animation Screening and Workshop with Larry Lauria

Larry Lauria brings his expertise to one of the most delightful area of the film industry – animation. Lauria has had a career in animation and direction spanning more than 24 years and includes features, commercial television, industrial and interactive projects. Lauria has garnered over 40 national and international awards.

The workshop will take place at ARTworks (2117 Boundary Street). Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at either www.beaufortfilmfestival.com or by calling 843-379-2787.

Concert

Renowned Jazz Artist MaryLouise and Pianist Doug Carn will be playing on Friday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. at ARTworks (2117 Boundary Street). Born in New York City, MaryLouise started singing at the age of 5 and made her debut at Carnegie Hall at the age of 10. Embarking upon her professional singing career at the age of 12, she joined the female group “The Hearts”. She is currently working with Doug Carn and his Big Band and also with Skip Pearson and his band out of Columbia, S.C. Tickets are \$15. Information for purchasing tickets is available at www.beaufortcountyarts.com or by calling 843-379-2787.

Guild of the Beaufort Galleries

Featuring 12 downtown galleries, Enjoy the original work of more than 500 artists, all within walking distance of historic Beaufort.

Hours open include:

Thursday, March 5 – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday, March 6 – 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 7 – 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday March 8 – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A special Open House presentation of ART WALK is

scheduled on Saturday, March 7 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The event features special openings and exhibits, artists’ talks, street performers, and more. This is free of charge.

Beaufort Film Site Tours

Local film expert Ginnie Kozak will provide tours of downtown movie sites where famous films like “The Big Chill” and “The Prince of Tides” and many others have been shot.

Tour hours include:

Saturday, March 7 – 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Sunday March 8 – 11:30 a.m.

All tours originate at the front of the Beaufort Performing Arts Center (801 Carteret Street) and will take approximately 45 minutes. Tickets are \$10 per person and must be purchased in advance at www.beaufortfilmfestival.org or by calling 843-525-8500.

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