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**Boise Co-op presents the  
2005 IDAHO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**

**Tickets on Sale and Free Workshop Registration Open**

Boise, ID (September 19, 2005):

The 3rd annual *Idaho International Film Festival* takes place from September 29 to October 2, 2005 in downtown Boise with film screenings at the historic *Egyptian Theatre*, *The Flicks* and *The Boise Centre on the Grove*, free workshops at *The Funny Bone*, and Gala Parties at *Bardenay Restaurant and Distillery*, *Reef* and *Red Feather*, Official Host lounge for the weekend is *Mai Thai*.

In 4 short days, the Festival will present more than 50 films from 11 countries. The wide-ranging selection of narrative, documentary and shorts ensures that films for every taste are represented, and the Festival is honored to host a number of World and US premieres as well.

The complete schedule of films and events is online at [www.idahofilmfestival.org](http://www.idahofilmfestival.org).

Advance tickets and Passes are available in person at *The Egyptian Theatre* box office, KNIN television in downtown Boise, or online at [www.idahofilmfestival.org](http://www.idahofilmfestival.org)

**Hurricane Katrina benefit screening:** Jim McBride's *The Big Easy* with Dennis Quaid and Ellen Barkin plays at the Egyptian Theatre: Thursday September 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30pm. All proceeds will go to the American Red Cross.

**Free KidFlick**

On Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 10am, join us at the Boise Centre on the Grove for a free screening of *The Butterfly Lovers*, an animated version of the classic Chinese legend. This kid-friendly presentation will be dubbed in English.

**4 free workshops (and a coffee klatch) at *The Funny Bone*.**

Register online at [www.idahofilmfestival.org](http://www.idahofilmfestival.org).

**1. Women in Film Coffee Klatch**

On Friday September 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm, drop in for a lively chat (in a relaxed and informal setting) with talented local and international filmmakers.

**2. Instant Animation Workshop**

On Saturday, October 1st from noon to 4pm, a small group will write a script, create characters and shoot a short clay animation film in one session under the direction of renowned filmmaker and animator Brian Stockton.

**3. Acting For The Camera Workshop**

On Sunday, October 2nd at 11:00am, Drew Ebersole & Michael Denney, of the New Heritage Theatre Company will explore physicality as it relates to camera work, and the differences between acting for stage and acting for the camera.

**4. Directing Film and Actors**

On Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00pm, Farideh Fardjam's workshop is designed for practicing (or aspiring) film directors and stage and screen actors, or anyone interested in the work of the actor.

#### **5. Government Grants for Idaho filmmakers: Following the Money Trail**

Barbara Robinson, the Artist Services Director for the *Idaho Commission on the Arts*, will schedule appointments during the Festival to talk about the Grant and Award opportunities that are currently available for artists, filmmakers and videographers in Idaho.

**All workshops are free of charge.** Registration is now open and space is limited. For further information and workshop registration visit [www.idahofilmfestival.org](http://www.idahofilmfestival.org).

High resolution **graphics** and media **pre-screeners** are available for most of the films.

**Interviews with the filmmakers** are available upon request.

Some of the **filmmakers** presenting their work at the Festival are:

Drew Barnhardt - *Herbie!*

Michael Chang - *The Listener*

Josh Czmowski - *Surface Tension*

Farideh Fardjam - *Until Death Do Us Part & Much Love... Maria*

Brandon L. Hull - *Operation Thanksgiving*

Elza Kephart - *Graveyard Alive: A Zombie Nurse in Love*

Justin Lutsky - *Bon Appetit*

Chris Metzler - *Plagues and Pleasures on the Salton Sea*

Peter Moody - *Olive or Twist & Cocktails in Movies*

Aaron James Sorenson - *Hank Williams First Nation*

Brian Stockton - *Landscape with Plasticine*

Robert Taicher - *Rush to War*

Blake Van de Graaf - *Sidekick*

Vladimir Vitkin - *X,Y*

Jake West - *Evil Aliens & Razor Blade Smile*

Lila Yomtoob - *High Life*

The *Idaho International Film Festival*:

- showcases the work of local and regional film and video makers in the 'Made in Idaho' Panorama section of the Festival Program;
- nurtures the local and regional filmmaking community with free seminars and workshops designed to help develop their craft;
- creates an entertaining, dynamic and unforgettable 'Film Festival Village' in the heart of downtown Boise.

The 2005 *Idaho International Film Festival* is presented by *Boise Co-op* and produced by *KNIN Television*.

#### **Festival Sponsors include:**

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