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Idaho International Film Festival

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The four-day Boise festival is the last weekend in September.

Why it's cool: The opening- and closing-night galas, visiting film directors, producers, actors and writers who inhabit the IIFF village make it an interactive event. Hear the filmmakers introduce their movies and answer questions afterward.

Programmer Bruce Fletcher shows some of the biggest hits from the Sundance, Toronto, Los Angeles and San Francisco festivals, along with a selection of global cinema. The fare ranges from lost "Godzilla" films to weird camp-horror flick "Tokyo Gore Police" to riveting documentaries.

How to get there: Films are shown at Flicks, 646 Fulton St., the Egyptian Theatre, 700 W. Main St., and other venues.

Cost: The 2009 prices have not been decided. Last year, passes and packages ranged from \$25 to \$100, with individual tickets at \$8 for films only. Gala and party tickets were \$25 to \$40.

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