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Named one of the top ten
film festivals by *Moviemaker*,
Film Threat and *Film Festival Today*

"The Woodstock Film Festival is quite a draw, and its solid line-up attracts a broad spectrum of the New York film community to the enclave that one participant called "the world's most famous small town." (Indiewire)

"...Woodstock is becoming one of the most distinctive festivals on the circuit." (Stephen Garrett, *Time Out New York*)

"The films here are wonderful, it's a great place." (Lili Taylor)

"Woodstock is a film spa where you come away refreshed and inspired!" (Ron Mann, director, *Tales of the Rat Fink*)



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ABOUT WOODSTOCK FILM FESTIVAL

The Woodstock Film Festival celebrates new and established voices in independent film with screenings, seminars, workshops and concerts throughout the mid-Hudson Valley.

Founded by filmmakers Meira Blaustein and Laurent Rejto, the festival is centered in the historic arts colony of Woodstock, New York, with additional events and screenings taking place in the nearby towns of Rhinebeck, Hunter and Rosendale.

As a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, our mission is to present an annual program and year-round schedule of film, music and art-related activities that promote artists, culture and inspires learning and diversity. The Hudson Valley Film Commission promotes sustainable economic development by attracting and supporting film, video and media production.

Every fall, film and music lovers from around the world gather here for an exhilarating variety of films, concerts, celebrity-led seminars, workshops, an awards ceremony and superlative parties. Visitors find themselves in a relaxed, receptive atmosphere surrounded by some of the most beautiful landscapes in the world.

More than 125 films are screening, including feature films, documentaries and shorts, many of which are premieres from the U.S. and abroad. Many of the filmmakers follow-up screenings with Q&As. Specific programs include the Feature Showcase, In Competition Narratives and Documentaries, Shorts, Youth Initiative, Focus on Music, Exposure and more.

The festival has drawn rave reviews nationwide from filmmakers, industry members, film lovers and the media. In its yearly "Top Ten Film Festival Getaways," *Film Festival Reporter* wrote, "Sure, you've heard about the historic rock shows, but film is the reason to come to Woodstock." The festival is also proud to be listed in the travel guide, *1,000 Places to See Before You Die*.

"One might think that New York City was where all the film action was happening in this state, but since its introduction, the Woodstock Film Festival is proving that isn't true. Since its founding, the event has made fast friends in members of the press and the film industry. It has also built a reputation as a festival with impeccable taste..."

Jennifer M. Wood, *MovieMaker*

YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMMING

As part of its year-round programming, the Woodstock Film Festival presents year-round screenings, including *Woodstock in the City* (sponsored by Indiepix.com), *Independent Film on the Air* (a co-presentation with WAMC-NorthEast Public Radio) and other special screenings. In 2007, the festival will feature a travel series and a special summer series of family films. **Stay tuned.**



Year-round screenings in 2006 featured *The Thing About My Folks*, *Boxers and Ballerinas*, *Our Brand Is Crisis*, *Can Mr. Smith Still Get to Washington*, *Crossing Arizona*, *The Last Western*, *Little Miss Sunshine*, *The Illusionist*, and *Sherrybaby*.



ABOUT WFFF

ABOUT HUDSON VALLEY FILM COMMISSION



Join us October 11-15, 2006, then come back to shoot your next film in the beautiful Hudson Valley/Catskills.

The Hudson Valley Film Commission (HVFC) acts as a conduit for pre-production, production and post-production for the film industry in the Hudson Valley and Catskill region. Support (including permits, locations, casting calls and crew referrals) is provided throughout the year to studio and independent features, print media, short films and TV projects. Many equipment needs are supported by local retailers and wholesalers including Markertek Video Supply. Attend the *Indiewood on the Hudson* panel Sunday, October 15, 2pm at Utopia Studios for more info about local film production.



On location with *The Cake Eaters* and producer Jesse Scolaro, director Mary Stuart Masterson and actor Elizabeth Ashley

The hudsonvalleyfilmcommission.org website provides a free online production guide listing of businesses and local residents that can cater to the film/video industry. The website also includes select location pictures and a message board for up-to-date work opportunities.

In addition, HVFC provides promotional and networking opportunities through its vast contacts and monthly newsletters to over 10,000 industry members throughout the world.



On location in *Accord* with Nicole Quinn's *Racing Daylight*, starring David Strathairn and Melissa Leo



Director Ramon Bloomberg on location for *Fine Art Video*, inspired by the famous Hudson River School

Production has seen a steady increase in recent years, largely due to press relations on behalf of the HVFC and tax incentives recently passed in New York State.

Past projects include:

- **The Cake Eaters** (directed by Mary Stuart Masterson)
- **Racing Daylight** (directed by Nicole Quinn)
- **The Northern Kingdom** (directed by Dorothy Lyman)
- **Lonely Man of Faith** (Second Look Productions)
- **The Night Listener** (directed by Patrick Stettner)
- **The White Countess** (extras ADR, directed by James Ivory)
- **War of the Worlds** (directed by Steven Spielberg)
- **Before It Had a Name** (starring Willem Dafoe)
- **The Thing About My Folks** (starring Paul Reiser and Peter Falk)
- **Down to the Bone** (winner of two prizes at 2004 Sundance film Festival)
- **Personal Velocity** (Grand Jury Prize at Sundance 2002)
- Other locally shot films include **Transamerica** (NY & Arizona) and **Runaway** (Saugerties, Athens)



On the set in Athens, NY with *War of the Worlds*, directed by Steven Spielberg and starring Tom Cruise

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www.hudsonvalleyfilmcommission.org**

