



ASTORIA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

October 16, 17 & 18, 2015

@ The Liberty Theater in historic downtown Astoria, Oregon

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PRESS RELEASE



"The French Trio" (Voyagers Without Trace) were among the record-setting audiences that enjoyed this year's Astoria International Film Festival.

Astoria International Film Festival 2015: It's A Wrap!

The 9TH Astoria International Film Festival screened some of the world's finest films in the culturally and historically robust small town of Astoria on the northern Oregon Coast, where the Columbia River meets the Pacific Ocean.

RECORD ATTENDANCE @ ASTORIA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2015

Billed as “10 Smart, Intriguing & Stimulating Films from Around the World” **AIFF 2015** (October 16, 17 & 18) enjoyed the greatest audience attendance in the film festival’s nine year history.

THANK YOU Astoria for your support, your sponsorship and your love.

Beyond the record attendance, our major coups, well they turned out to be major coups for any film festival, and super major for a film festival of AIFF’s intimate size.

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS



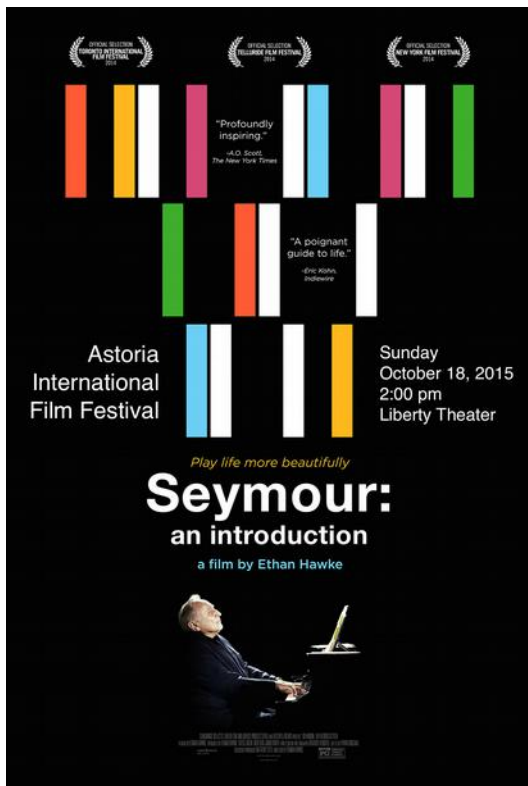
INGRID BERGMAN: IN HER OWN WORDS (Jag är Ingrid)

Sweden | Director: Stig Bjorkman

AIFF’s Centerpiece film -- a love letter to Astoria to pay tribute to Astoria’s Scandinavian heritage -- **we had the deep honor of being only the third film festival in the U.S. to screen this highly anticipated, beautiful Swedish documentary.** To put this coup in perspective, even Italy had to wait. Ingrid did not screen in Rome until two days after Astoria. Ingrid has been winning Special Citation Awards and Audience awards around the world. Sweden has named

Ingrid their submission to the 2016 Academy Awards. Ingrid will have only limited theatrical release in New York and Los Angeles (to make it eligible for the Academy Awards).

If you saw Ingrid in Astoria you enjoyed a very rare opportunity to see this beautiful film.



SEYMOUR (BERNSTEIN): AN INTRODUCTION

U.S. | Director: Ethan Hawke

Seymour: An Introduction — AIFFF’s tribute to the stellar work and achievements of the Astoria Music Festival — was another highly acclaimed, compelling and beautiful documentary. A major coup for AIFF, this uplifting and inspiring documentary has **screened at all of the major film festivals around the world** – Toronto, Telluride, New York . . . and Astoria!

A cinema treat for those who joined us for this “not-to-be-missed” screening.



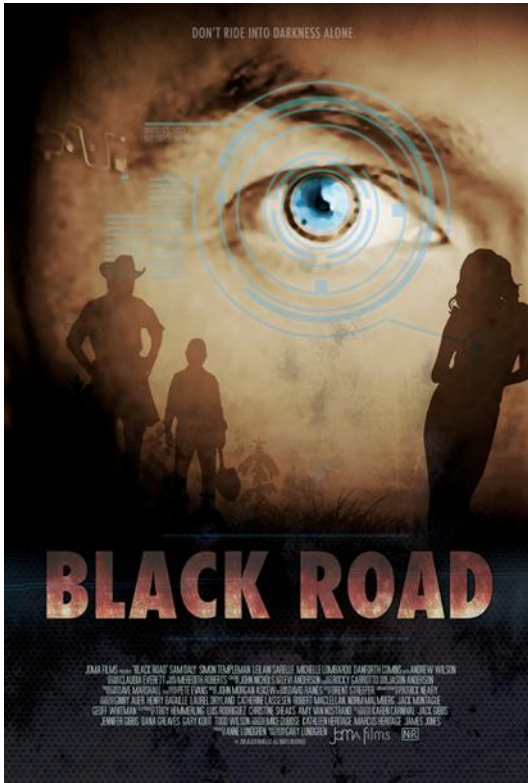
Antoine de Seynes, Genevieve de Colmont and Bernard de Colmont navigated the Green and Colorado rivers in kayaks in 1938. Portland documentary filmmaker Ian McCluskey became fascinated with their journey and attempted to re-create it in "Voyagers Without Trace."

VOYAGERS WITHOUT TRACE (Les Voyageurs Sans Trace)

U.S. | Oregon Filmmaker | Director: Ian McCluskey

AIFF was honored and thrilled to be the **World Premiere** for this amazing documentary by Oregon filmmaker Ian McCluskey. The week after Voyagers' headliner screenings in Astoria, Voyagers screened to a sold-out crowd of 500 in Portland, as well as a second encore screening (to accommodate the high level of audience interest). Next

up for Voyagers will be the Banff Mountain Film Festival in Banff, Alberta, Canada, and the National Geographic Theater in Washington, DC; both screenings are in November.



BLACK ROAD

U.S. | Oregon Filmmaker | Director: Gary Lundgren

AIFF was honored and thrilled to be the **Northwest Premiere** of Black Road – just two days after their World Premiere in Beverly Hills, CA — for this stunning dramatic by Oregon filmmaker Gary Lundgren; with final scenes filmed on the Oregon Coast. The week after Black Road’s screening in Astoria, Black Road screened to sold-out crowds in Ashland, OR.

AUDIENCE AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Cynthia Baker Craig Humanitarian Award

VOYAGERS WITHOUT TRACE (Les Voyageurs Sans Trace)

Directed by Ian McCluskey

Audience Award: World Cinema Documentary

INGRID BERGMAN: IN HER OWN WORDS

Directed by Stig Bjorkman

Audience Award: U.S. Documentary

VOYAGERS WITHOUT TRACE (Les Voyageurs Sans Trace)

Directed by Ian McCluskey

Audience Award: U.S. Dramatic

BLACK ROAD

Directed by Gary Lundgren

Audience Award: Short Film: U.S. Fiction

THE RADIO

Directed by Michael Boylan

Audience Award: Short Film: U.S. Animation

THE LONELIEST STOPLIGHT

Directed by Bill Plympton

Congratulations to all of the winners.

“To Astoria with love.” We hope that you enjoyed.

We invite you to join us again next year.

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