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Cinetopia International Film Festival
scheduled for June 4-8 in Detroit, Ann Arbor
More days, venues, screenings, and programs on tap for 2014

Ann Arbor, Mich. – After a successful expanded run in Detroit this past June, the Michigan Theater and Detroit Film Theatre announced today that the Cinetopia International Film Festival will be even bigger in 2014. The festival will grow to five days (June 4-8), add more Detroit venues, create new special programs, and bring in additional filmmakers for pre- and post-film events. The festival is expected to draw more than 20,000 attendees this year.

Cinetopia 2014 will feature more than 100 screenings of 45+ films, split evenly between venues in Detroit and Ann Arbor. Besides the Detroit Film Theatre, additional Detroit venues include the College for Creative Studies, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Cinema Detroit, and Michigan Science Center. In addition to the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor venues include the State Theater, the University of Michigan Modern Languages Building, and a rooftop theater.

The newly launched Detroit Voices filmmaking competition, a partnership with Allied Media Project, will seek short films from metro Detroit filmmakers that reflect unique perspectives from the nation’s most unique city. The top winner will receive a $5,000 prize and have his/her film screened at Cinetopia.

The first-ever Cinema Circus program will bring a series of free outdoor movie screenings, music, and entertainment to public spaces around Detroit during the weeks leading up to Cinetopia. Venues include Eastern Market, the Ford Resource and Engagement Center, and New Center Park, among others.

The University of Michigan’s John Sayles Symposium on June 3-4 will honor maverick director John Sayles, who will be in attendance with several of his collaborators. Cinetopia will screen Sayles films and host post-film discussions in conjunction with the symposium.

The Cinetopia Film Festival is able to increase its scope thanks to a $50,000 grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation’s Knight Arts Challenge, which funds innovative projects that engage and enrich Detroit. The support of presenting sponsors AT&T Michigan, Toyota, and MASCO Corporation Foundation is also critical to this expansion.

Cinetopia tickets will go on sale on Friday, May 9. Individual tickets are $12 for the general public and $9 for DIA, DFT, Wright Museum, and Michigan Theater members. Ticket booklets and festival passes will also be available.

An additional press event in May will announce the full line-up of Cinetopia films.

About Cinetopia International Film Festival: Created for the people of southeastern Michigan, the Cinetopia International Film Festival features the best feature-length dramas, comedies, and documentaries from the world’s best film festivals, including Sundance, Cannes, Venice, and Toronto. Visit cinetopiafestival.org for more information.

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