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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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