

Ballston Spa Film Festival

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Aardman Animation's *The Pearce Sisters* took three top prizes in BSFF 2008.

Abigail May: from Boston to Ballston, world premiered at BSFF 2008.

Mark Kines' film *Portrait of a Pensive Woman*, world premiered at BSFF 2008

Ten For Grandpa by Doug Karr

G. Gordon Liddy in *The Rehearsal* by Silvana Jakick

The Day the Robots Woke Up by Ed Hartwell. US premiere 2010 BSFF

Alexa Davalos

Ray Liotta actor

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The Ballston Spa Film Festival (BSFF) is a rapidly growing festival that has earned an international reputation. The festival caters to both filmmakers and film lovers with free admission screenings, films judged by Hollywood professionals, live entertainment, workshops, discussion panels, after parties, networking & more!

The judges are all working professionals, many from NYC or LA, with a list of credits that includes movies and shows

such as *Doc Hollywood*, *Any Given Sunday*, *O, Illusion, Medium*, *Law & Order*, *True Lies*, *Mystic Pizza*, *Silence of the Lambs*, *Manchurian Candidate*, and *Star Trek: The Next Generation*.

Winners from past festivals have gone on to win many other honors. The BSFF 2009's winner of best animated film, "French Roast," by Fabrice Joubert had its east coast premiere with us and went on to receive an Academy Award nomination that year.

The BSFF is put on by the Ballston Spa Business & Professional Association – a non-profit community organization committed to making the Village of Ballston Spa a better place to live and work, as well as to bringing quality arts and entertainment events for all ages to the community. The festival is a family-friendly, creative, community arts event with an international reach.

The national and international promotional partnerships, along with BSFF's growing reputation within the industry are exponentially raising not only the professionalism and quality of the entries, but the attendance numbers as well – currently reaching into the thousands.

Short films have been entered from such varied places around the world as Kyrgystan, Hollywood, Turkey, Ireland, Australia, Tajikistan, Indonesia, Spain, Papua New Guinea, and England, as well as local entries from right here in the Capital District of New York State. With categories for both students and professionals, amateurs have had their movies screened right alongside new short films by such industry veterans as Serguei Kouchnerov (*Madagascar*, *The Lion King*, *Shrek 2*, *Bee Movie*).

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"Small town not small time." - Vince Gallagher YNN

The BSFF is made possible by the generous donations of both regional and national businesses, grants, and the support of the local residents and filmmakers. For several years, BSFF has received grant funds from the Saratoga Program for Arts Funding (SPAF), part of the Decentralization Regrant Program of the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA), administered by the Saratoga County Arts Council. Our current and past sponsors can be seen online at <http://www.bspsafilm.com/sponsors.html>

If you are interested in learning more about entering a film, becoming a sponsor, or about the festival in general, please visit our website at <http://www.bspsafilm.com/> or contact Daniel DeFabio daniel@bspsafilm.com. We look forward to including you in the many exciting accomplishments that await us!

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The BSFF committee is excited by the impressive exposure and the annual growth we have received so far. It is our intention to continue to grow this event in order to offer quality, affordable, family-oriented entertainment as well as provide professional opportunities for local students with a passion for film and television production and put Ballston Spa and the surrounding area 'on the map' as one of the places to be for those interested in the film industry and for potential tourists and visitors in general.

OUR JUDGES TO DATE HAVE INCLUDED:

Daniel Pyne, screenwriter of the films *Fracture*, *Manchurian Candidate*, *The Sum of All Fears*, *Any Given Sunday*, *White Sands*, and *Doc Hollywood*.

Daniel Fried, producer of *O* with Josh Hartnett and Julia Stiles and *Illusion* starring Kirk Douglas.

Aaron Lipstadt, director of numerous episodes of *Medium*, *Law and Order*. Lipstadt also wrote and directed the feature *City Limits*, one of Kim Cattrall's first films.

Julia Gibson, visual FX producer of several films including: *True Lies*, *RoboCop3*, *The Abyss* and *Terminator 3D the Ride*.

Larry Jackson, former Executive VP at Miramax Films and Executive in Charge of Production for *Mystic Pizza* and *Silence of the Lambs*. He directed *Bugs Bunny Superstar*, and helped plan Robert Redford's Sundance Institute.

Nick Sagan, writer for *Star Trek: The Next Generation* and *Star Trek: Voyager*. His novels include *Idlewild*, *Everfree* and *Edenborn*.

Anne Marie Lizzi, editor and co-producer of *Dorian Blues* and *The Skeptic* (starring Tim Daly-- *Private Practice*, *Wings*, and Zoe Saldana --*Avatar*, *Star Trek*). Both films were shot in part in Ballston Spa and released domestically and internationally.

Marcus Fuller, writer-director-producer *One Fall*, actor in *All My Children* and *As The World Turns*.

Jim Jermanok, writer, director and producer of independent films including *Passionada*, *Em* (which won the Grand Jury Prize at the Seattle Intl. Film Festival) and *Agganis*.

"I thought you put on a terrific event for the community-and for the filmmakers-where you were well organized and your choice of films was really, really good in quality, variety and reach. Ballston Spa is certainly a place we'd love to see again."



Larry Jackson
Former Exec VP Miramax,
Discovered Julia Roberts.



"What I liked about the Ballston Spa Film Festival was its location (gorgeous and quiet), and the sense that here, there's a community that appreciates good film for film's sake. Congratulations to the Ballston Spa Film Festival for its fairly consistent selection of quality short films, and for continuing to act in the spirit of independence."

Charlie Lyons PhD
Director, Screenwriter, Professor,
Journalist for Variety and NY Times



"What great venues and events and the gift bag was the best I've gotten. It is one of the better attended festivals I've been too. It was an honor to be shown among so many great short films."

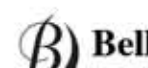
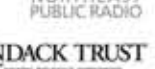
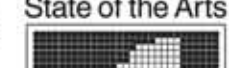
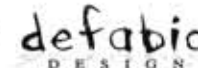
Dan Masucci
Writer/Director "Beneath The Same Sky"
World Premiered at BSFF 2010

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The Best of the Ballston Spa Film Festival screened at Saratoga Springs' First Night celebration 12/31/10 to enthusiastic standing room only crowds. This further extended the visibility of our event and our sponsors. Our Best Of will likely screen again in other area venues.



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