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Announcing the First Annual Milton Film Festival

Milton, Ontario (October 1st, 2013): A world of film will be coming to town for the first annual Milton Film Festival, to be held January 11th and 12th, 2014 at the Milton Centre for the Arts.

Inspired by the success of the monthly Film Forum program at the MCA, the Milton Film Festival will bring the best of local, Canadian, and International films to the beautiful Mattamy Theatre.

Love the idea of attending the Toronto International Film Festival but hate the idea of the travel, the lines and the crowds? Problem solved – MFF will feature films from TIFF and other major festivals 'right around the corner' in our own town.

"One of the biggest complaints I hear at the film festivals I attend is how difficult it is to see these extraordinary films outside of large cities", says Festival Committee Chair Jennifer Smith. "Having a festival like this in Milton will allow local residents to see these films the way they were meant to be seen – in a theatre, in the company of other movie lovers."

In addition to eight critically acclaimed feature films from Canada and around the world, the Festival will also be showing a selection of short films by local and regional film makers. Submissions are being accepted until November 15th.

The Festival will be hosted by local author and former Toronto Star movie critic Ron Base, who will be discussing the films with the film makers and other guests in attendance, and moderating question and answer sessions with the audience.

Milton native Steve Belford will be a special guest of the Festival. After featuring in several television series including 'Degrassi: The Next Generation', 'Radio Fee Roscoe', and 'G-Spot', Steve has recently expanded his successful acting career into film making, and will be presenting his new documentary short film, 'A Star on Hollywood Boulevard'.

Other films and guests will be announced starting in November.

A limited number of weekend Festival passes are available now through the Chudleigh Box Office at the Milton Centre for the Arts. Passes include admission to all eight screenings, plus the Gala Reception on Saturday, January 11th. Tickets for individual films will be made available once the full schedule is announced in November.

Make your January more entertaining! Visit the Milton Film Festival website at miltonfilmfest.com, or call 905-299-5551 for more information.

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