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APRIL 6TH-9TH and APRIL 13TH, 2017 RICHMOND, VA

#### JAMES DIVED FILM FESTIVAL GUESTS 1994-2016

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#### ADDIL 6, THURSDAY

#### SELECTION OF SHORT FILMS FROM THE JAMES RIVER FILM SOCIETY ARCHIVES

1 pm, Richmond Main Public Library, Admission Free

A program of animated, experimental, narrative and documentary works from previous festival and Flicker guests. Sure to satisfy your indie film needs! 95 minutes

#### SALT OF THE EARTH (1954)

954) Director: Herbert Biberman 3 p.m., Main Library, Richmond Public Library, Free



3 p.m., Main Library, Richmond Public Library, Free Made by "blacklisted" Hollywood producers and actors with actual miners, *Salt of the Earth* was denounced by politicians and banned in many states. It is now a cinematic treasure, selected in 1991 by the Library of Congress for the National Film Registry, due to its depiction of labor, race, and gender relations. Ahead of its time! 95 minutes

#### 24TH JAMES RIVER FILM FESTIVAL RECEPTION

5:30-7 pm, Visual Arts Center, Schaberg Commons, Admission Free

Meet the staff, volunteers and guests, enjoy light fare from popular RVA eateries, and listen to contemporary African rhythms spun by guest DJ/ musician/musicologist Jim Thomson. Cash bar available.

#### THE VERY BEST OF RURAL ROUTE 2016-2017:

With Alan Webber,

"Taking The Road Less Traveled co-found

co-founder/ curator, Rural Route Tour

Over 7 Continents" 7:30 pm, Grace Street Theater, Admission \$8

With Alan Webber, co-founder/curator, Rural Route Tour Life outside the mainstream is the stuff of this recent, refreshing touring collection—it sold out the VMFA last year. This year the tour—animation, documentary, experimental and short narrative—



r the tour—animation, documentary, experimental and short narrative--includes films from Netherlands, Iceland, Georgia, Hungary and several states in the U.S. For the complete program, visit: ruralroutefilms.com/tour. 85 minutes

RAIN THE COLOR OF BLUE WITH A LITTLE RED IN IT Director: Chris Kirkley (Akounak Tedalat Taha Tazoughai) (2015)

9:30 p.m., Grace Street Theater, Admission \$8

Praised as the "African Purple Rain", Kirley's film features hot "desert blues"



guitarist - pop icon Mdou Moctar - in a Prince-like role, following the African guitarist's rise to global stardom via social media and the vinyl explosion. This is the first film in Tuareg dialect, which has no word for "purple", thus the title. Guest musician/ethnomusicologist Jim Thomson, director of Multiflora Productions. 75 minutes

#### ADDIL 7, FDIDAY

#### MORE SELECTIONS FROM THE JAMES RIVER FILM SOCIETY ARCHIVES

1 p.m., Main Library, Richmond Public Library, Free

 $\boldsymbol{A}$  bit of a theme here: film as protest, as witness, and as interrogator.

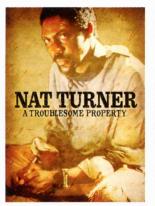
Mexican Jail Footage (1980) Gordon Ball reports on his incarceration in the 1960s.

**Confrontation at Kent State** (1970) Richard Myers, et al, Faculty and students made this film after the Kent State massacre.

**Buffalo Creek Revisited** (1985) Mimi Pickering, A look back a decade after a failed coal waste dam resulted in over 120 deaths.

Biograph Theatre Handbill Rally (1985) Richmond rally in support of to posting handbills addresses 1st amendment issues. (Courtesy of Appalshop and filmmakers) 100 minutes

NAT TURNER: A TROUBLESOME PROPERTY Director: Charles Burnett (2002) 3 p.m., Main Library, Richmond Public Library, Free



An earlier film on Turner's slave revolt is this docudrama by famed African American filmmaker Charles Burnett (*Killer of Sheep, To Sleep with Anger*). Shot on Virginia locations, it explores Turner through multiperspectives, including jailer Thomas Gray's recorded' Turner confession, black historians and actors, and fictional portraits by Stowe and Styron (from his best selling novel). Narrated by Alfre Woodard, with Carl Lumbly, Tommy Hicks, and Ossie Davis. Frank Christopher and Kenneth Greenberg, producers. 60 minutes

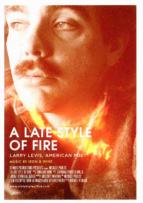
#### VIDEO FAN DVD AND BOOKSIGNING WITH GUEST FILMMAKER GUY MADDIN

6-7 p.m., Video Fan, Free



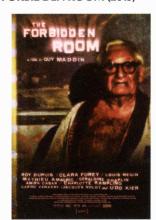
Meet festival guest filmmaker Guy Maddin at RVA's favorite video store and select DVDs and the director's books available for purchase and autograph. Browse Video Fan's 20,000 titles and sample light fare from a RVA eatery. Hosted by Video Fan and Chop Suey Books.

### A LATE STYLE OF FIRE: with guest flimmaker Michele Poulos LARRY LEVIS, AMERICAN POET (2015) 7 p.m., Visual Arts Center, Dominion Room, Admission \$5



Poulos' dream inspired her to make this documentary of hard-living poet Larry. A critically acclaimed writer and VCU English faculty, Levis died in 1996, a victim of talent and excess at age forty-nine. Her film asks, "is self-destruction required for a life in the creative arts?" and traces Levis' life through marriages, friendships and words. With poets Philip Levine, Charles Wright. Producer: Greg Donovan. Score by Iron and Wine. Cash bar available. 92 minutes

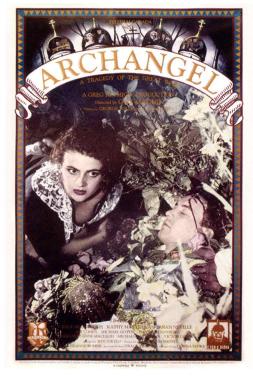
#### **FORBIDDEN ROOM (2015)**



with guest filmmaker Guy Maddin 9:30 p.m., Byrd Theatre, Admission \$10

Co-directed with Evan Johnson, this mindblowing kaleidoscope of a film follows a woodsman who mysteriously appears on a doomed submarine, finding the crew frantically devouring fluffy flapjacks for oxygen, and flows from one scenario to another like psychedelic nesting eggs. A journey film like no other! "A wild, demented cinephiliac feast!:--Variety With Geraldine Chaplin, Charlotte Rampling. 125 minutes ARCHANGEL (1991)

with guest flilmmaker Guy Maddin Midnight, Byrd Theatre, Admission \$10



One of the director's early classics, with plenty of mad love, campy drama, a couple of amnesiac pilots, Bolsheviks, White Russians and German Huns converging in the Arctic village of Archangel during World War I. Imagine *Dr. Zhivago* in the hands of F. W. Murnau or David Lynch. 90 minutes

#### ADDIL 8, SATURDAY

#### SLAPSTICK AND DONUTS

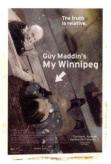


10:30 a.m., Bijou Film Center, Admission \$5

Primitive era slapstick shorts and more presented "old school" on 16 mm from the JRFS archives. Enjoy free coffee and donuts with special guest filmmaker Guy Maddin! 75 minutes.

#### MY WINNIPEG (2007)

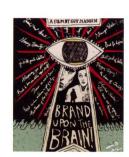




Maddin describes this films as a "docufantasia" framed as a goodbye letter, that blends "personal history, civic tragedy and mystical hypothesizing". An oneiric ode to his hometown, and part of his "Me-Trilogy". The "finest, funniest, saddest film I've seen..." Richard Corliss *Time* Dialogue by George Toles, with Ann Savage (star of the B-noir *Detour*), Darcy Fehr, Louis Negin. 80 minutes

#### **BRAND UPON THE BRAIN! (2006)**

with guest Guy Maddin 3:30 p.m., Byrd Theatre, Admission \$10



The second segment of the "trilogy" about Madden's life in Winnipeg, was originally mounted as a theatrical event. Young Maddin (played by two actors) returns to a childhood haunt, Black Notch Island, to paint the lighthouse where he once lived and now an orphanage run by his parents. Genrebending as usual—sci fi, comedy, melodrama, biography—from one of cinema's true originals. Shot in Seattle in two weeks for \$40,000. Coscripted by George Toles. 99 minutes

#### THE JEWISH MARLBORO MAN

#### with guest filmmaker Stefan Osdene 7:30 p.m., Grace Street Theater, Free



Filmmaker and ex-Richmonder Stefen Osdene premieres his work-in-progress about his father, Thomas Osdene, a Holocaust survivor and Philip Morris chemist who defied federal inquiries into the tobacco industry, while denying his Jewish heritage. "Part Ken Burns, part Ken Anger, part Eraserhead," says the director of his film. His father also consorted with a pack of colorful RVA personalities who appear in the film! Additional credits: Dan Ollman, Sam Villanueva. 40 minutes

#### SILENT/ MUSIC REVIVAL: RECLUSE RACCOON LIVE TO ZERO FOR CONDUCT

with guest Guy Maddin

8:30 pm, Grace Street Theatre, Admission \$10



Guest filmmaker Guy Maddin introduces a personal favorite--lean Vigo's classic schoolboy revolt film, Zero for Conduct (1931), screened with live sound courtesy of Recluse Raccoon. Maddin will also screen his Cowards Bend the Knee (aka The Blue Hands) (2003), the first in his "trilogy" and shot on Super 8 for \$30,000, comprised of ten short films set between 1930-1960. It's

adapted from a ten part peephole exhibition and recalls Fritz Lang's Dr. Mabuse series. Plus, Heart of the World (2000), containing over 500 shots in its five minute length, and winner of a Genie for "Best Short Film". 120 minutes SUBURBIA (aka The Wild Side) (1984)

Director: Penelope Spheeris Midnight, Byrd Theatre, Admission \$8



From the director of *The Decline of Western Civilization*, a punk version of Rebel without a Cause. Spheeris hired her actors (musicians and punks) off the LA streets, for a realism that's hard to replicate. Originally test-marketed in RVA's Biograph Theatre in '84! Appearances by TSOL, DI & The Vandals. (co-sponsored by Vinyl Conflict) 100 minutes



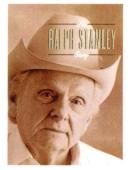


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#### ADDIL 9, SUIDAY

#### THE RALPH STANLEY STORY (2000)

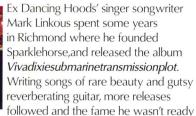
with guest filmmaker Herb E. Smith 1:30 p.m., Byrd Theatre, Admission \$8



Plenty of that "high lonesome" sound featuring over 20 songs by the Stanley Brothers and appearances by Dwight Yoakum, Patty Loveless, Junior Brown, Ricky Skaggs, Clinch Mountain Boys and more! Follows the early days and Ralph's decision to carry on after his brother's death. Powerful and uplifting! Bonus footage of songs performed at his funeral. (an Appalshop production) (co-sponsored by Deep Groove Records) 85 minutes

THE SAD AND BEAUTIFUL WORLD OF SPARKLEHORSE (2015)

Directors: Alex Crowton, Bobby Dass With Screenwriter Angela Faye Martin 3:30 p.m., Byrd Theatre, Admission \$8



for found him. Juggling personal issues and creative juices, he retreated into the Smokies of North Carolina. A haunting portrait of a talented, beautiful soul. Appearances by David Lowery (Cracker), Adrian Utley (Portishead), Gemma Hayes, and screenwriter/narrator Angela Faye Martin. Also screening Jem Cohen's *Nice Evening, Transmission Down* and *Hi, How Are You?* (animated short by Daniel Johnston). (co-sponsored by Plan 9 Records) 130 minutes

LEHORSE

BETWEEN DOG AND WOLF - The New Model Army Story (2014)

Director: Matt Reid



6 p.m, Bijou Film Center, Admission \$8

Influential UK post-punk band New Model Army was one of the loudest voices of protest in British music during the Reagan/Thatcher '80's. 36 years later they are still going strong! This is the story of Justin Sullivan and company and their

dedicated fans as they push their way through the political turmoil that never seems to fade. Cash bar available. (co-sponsored by Wax Moon Records) 92 minutes

#### SILENT/MUSIC REVIVAL

The Richmond Avant Improv Collective Accompanies Surreal Classics



8:30 p.m., Bijou Film Center, Admission \$5 Richmond Avant Improvisational Collective (RAIC) will perform live spontaneous soundtracts to surreal and irreverent Dada classics. *Ballet Mechanique* (1924) Fernand Leger, and *Seashell* and *The Clergyman* (1928) Germaine Dulac with scenario by Antonin Artaud. RVA musician Jameson Price (Lobo

Marino) has hosted and organized Silent Music Revival film screening events for over 10 years. Cash bar available! 75 minutes

#### ADDIL 13, THURSDAY

HITCHCOCK/TRUFFAUNT(2015)

Director: Kent Jones

6:30 pm, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Admission \$8 (VMFA/JRFS members \$5) In 1962, French New Waver Francois Truffaut sat down with director Alfred Hitchcock to record a conversation that would last three years and culminate in a ground-breaking book on the master's mise-en-scene, and a life-long friendship. At Hitchcock's, Truffaut remarked that "almost all of the new American cineastes were Hitchcock's children", and probably included himself as well. Introduction and Q&A with Trent Nicholas and Michael Jones, Film Studies instructors, VCUarts Art History. 100 minutes

#### ABOUT THE 2017 FESTIVAL GUESTS:

D.W. Griffith to George Pabst, the German Expressionists to the Surrealists, Luis Bunuel and David Lynch, with a measure of B-movie, say Ed Wood or Roger Corman tossed in. Coming to film after several other occupations, he joined the Winnipeg Film Group. His 1985 cult-hit *Tales of Gimli Hospital* became a midnight staple in art-house theatres world-wide. Maddin has since produced over eleven award-winning features, including his autobiographical "Me-Trilogy", prolifically shooting on micro-budgets with super 8 and 16mm film stocks, casting local actors. He has also produced numerous short films, gallery installations, books, and been honored and screened at major festivals including Toronto and Berlin. In 2012, Mr. Maddin was honored with the Order of Canada for artistic contribution. He will screen *My Winnipeg, Archangel, Forbidden Room, Brand Upon the Brain!, Cowards Bend the Knee*, and *Heart of the World* on Friday and Saturday, April 7 & 8, at the Byrd Theatre and Grace Street Theater.

**GUY MADDIN:** Hailing from Winnipeg, Canada, Guy Maddin is a major world cinema artist, whose films constitute a universe as rare, nostalgic and diverse as the history of moving pictures—from

**ANGELA FAYE MARTIN:** Ms. Martin resides in Cowee, NC is a singer/songwriter/artist/screenwriter, and scripted the haunting film, *The Sad and Beautiful World of Sparklehorse*, (dir: Alex Crowton, Bobby Dass) based on the life of musician/songwriter Mark Linkous who died in 2010. She has released two LPs, "Pictures from Home" (produced by Linkous) and "Anniversary," recorded here at RVA's Sound of Music. Ms. Martin also narrates and appears in the film. She will join us at the screening on Sunday, April 9, 3:30 p.m. at the Byrd Theatre.

(see schedule for showtimes)

**STEFAN OSDENE:** Mr. Osdene hails from Richmond, earned a PHD in Art History, Univ. of Madison -Wisconsin, where he teaches and publishes, deals antiques and oversees one of the world's largest collections of antique electric appliances. He worked with Matthew Barney on the Cremaster Cycle, met Guy Maddin, and was inspired to make his own film. He returns to premiere his work-in-progress, *The Jewish Marlboro Man*, about his father Thomas Osdene, on Saturday, April 8, 7:30 p.m. at Grace St. Theater.

MICHELE POULOS: The director of *A Late Style of Fire: Larry Levis, American Poet*, is herself a poet, with two recent books, Black Laurel and A Disturbance in the Air. She was inspired to make for her documentary on poet Larry Levis in a dream; and the film has been lauded wherever it has screened. Ms. Poulos has also acted (The Builder), and teaches creative writing at VCU. She earned a filmmaking degree at NYU and a MFA in poetry at Arizona State. She will screen her film on Friday, April 7,7 p.m. at the Visual Arts Center.

HERB E. SMITH: A co-founder of Appalshop in 1969, Mr Smith has since produced over 90 films about Appalachian people and culture, and is one of our great, native documentarians. Appalshop is internationally recognized for its cultural/community outreach and indigenous archival efforts. He has screened at numerous festivals including

the James River Film Fest in 2001, and will screen *The Ralph Stanley Story* (at long last again!) at the Byrd Theatre on Sunday, April 9, 1:30 p.m. **ALAN WEBBER:** As a child, Mr. Webber shot VHS movies in Iowa, and later attended the New School in NY where he earned an MA in Media Studies. He has produced rock videos (Japanther, Federation-X) and assisted iconic indic director Hall Hartley. In 2008-2009 be visited all seven continents in pursuit of the road less traveled, and is the co-founder and creative director of Rural Route Films.

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JIM THOMSON: Mr. Thomson is a musician and musicologist currently in Washington, DC, where he operates the boutique label, Electric Cowbell Records and Multiflora Productions, specializing in the promotion of roots-to-the-future music. Previously a longtime Richmonder, he has been a drummer for GWAR, Bio Ritmo, CSC Funk Band, Tulsa Drone and presently, Time is Fire. He is booking the upcoming tour of African desert blues guitarist, Mdou Moctar, who stars in Rain the Color of Blue with a Little Red In It. He joins us to DJ the JRFF Reception, Thursday, April 6, 5:30-7 p.m., at Visual Arts Center, and to introduce the film which screens that night, 9:30 p.m. at Grace Street Theater.

**RICHMOND AVANT IMPROVISATIONAL COLLECTIVE (RAIC):** Comprised of Samuel Goff, Abdul Hakim Bilal, Erik Schroeder, Zoe Olivia Kinney, Tim Harding, Hannah Marie Standiford, and Tony Nowotarski, RAIC will play live to as part of Silent Music Revival, Sunday, April 9, 8:30 p.m. at Bijou Film Center.

**RECLUSE RACCOON:** Comprised of Timmy Peele and Austin Tekamp, they released an EP, "Horse", last year and will perform live to Jean Vigo's surreal-revolt classic, *Zero for Conduct* (one of Guy Maddin's all-time faves!) on Saturday April 8, 8:30 p.m. at Grace Street Theater.

#### **LOCATIONS**

Byrd Theatre, 2908 W. Cary Street Grace Street Theater, 934 W. Grace Street (VCU) Richmond Public Library, Main Branch, 101 E. Franklin Street Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, 200 N. Boulevard Visual Arts Center, 1812 W. Main Street Bijou Film Center, 304 E. Broad Street Video Fan, 403 Strawberry Street

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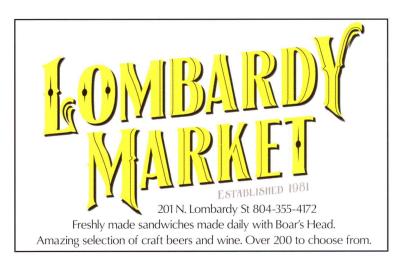
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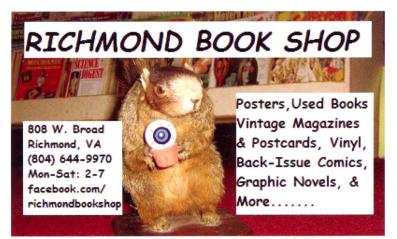
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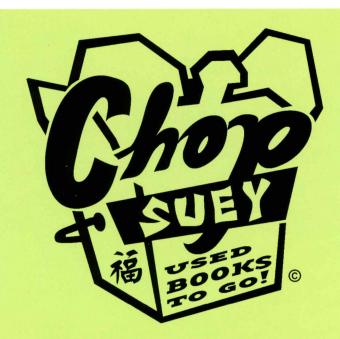


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