MARCH 2-6  2011

6TH ANNUAL
OMAHA FILM FESTIVAL

WWW.OMAHAFILMFESTIVAL.ORG
SHANE BLACK – WRITER OF LETHAL WEAPON AND DIRECTOR OF KISS KISS, BANG BANG, SHANE WAS JUST TAPPED TO SUIT UP AS THE DIRECTOR OF IRON MAN 3.

TED GRIFFIN – WRITER OF OCEANS 11 AND MATCHSTICK MEN AND PRODUCER OF UP IN THE AIR, TED CO-WROTE THE BEN STILLER-EDDIE MURPHY COMEDY TOWER HEIST, DUE OUT IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR.

MAURO FIORE – ACADEMY AWARD WINNING CINEMATOGRAPHER FOR AVATAR, MAURO IS A BOARD MEMBER WITH THE OMAHA FILM FESTIVAL. HIS MOST RECENT VENTURE, REAL STEEL STARRING HUGH JACKMAN, WILL BE RELEASED THIS FALL.


SATURDAY, MARCH 5
9:00AM – 10:30AM
ATTENDING (NON-NEBRASKA) FILMMAKER’S Q&A PANEL

10:45AM – 12:00PM
SO, I HAVE AN IDEA FOR A MOVIE
MAURO FIORE, TED GRIFFIN, TOM ELKINS

1:00PM – 2:30PM
CREATING THE PERFECT ACTION FILM
SHANE BLACK, MAURO FIORE

2:45PM – 4:00PM
WRITING FOR THE BIG SCREEN
SHANE BLACK, TED GRIFFIN

SUNDAY, MARCH 6
10:00AM – 11:00AM
TELL YOUR STORY
A DISCUSSION AND Q&A WITH TOM ELKINS

11:15AM – 12:15PM
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A DISCUSSION AND Q&A WITH TED GRIFFIN

1:15PM – 2:15PM
TELL YOUR STORY
A DISCUSSION AND Q&A WITH MAURO FIORE

2:30PM – 3:30PM
TELL YOUR STORY
A DISCUSSION AND Q&A WITH SHANE BLACK
SPECIAL SCREENINGS

CEREMONY – 89 MINUTES – USA
OPENING NIGHT FILM - SCREENS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2 AT 6:30PM
WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY MAX WINKLER
STARRING UMA THURMAN, MICHAEL ANGARANO, LEE PACE, REBECCA MADER, REECE THOMPSON
WWW.CEREMONYFILM.COM

SAM DAVIS (MICHAEL ANGARANO) CONVINCES HIS FORMER BEST FRIEND TO SPEND A WEEKEND WITH HIM TO REKINDLE THEIR FRIENDSHIP AT AN ELEGANT BEACHSIDE ESTATE OWNED BY A FAMOUS DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKER (LEE PACE). BUT IT SOON BECOMES CLEAR THAT SAM IS SECRETLY INFATUATED WITH THE FILMMAKER’S FIANCEÉ, ZOE (UMA THURMAN), AND THAT HIS TRUE INTENTION IS TO THWART THEIR IMPENDING NUPHTIALS. AS SAM'S PLAN BEGINS TO UNRAVEL, HE IS FORCED TO REALIZE HOW COMPLICATED LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP CAN BE.

THE LAST LIONS – 88 MINUTES – USA/BOTSWANA
SCREENS THURSDAY, MARCH 3 AT 8:05PM
DIRECTED BY DERECK AND BEVERLY JOUBERT
NARRATED BY JEREMY IRONS
MOVIES.NATIONALGEOGRAPHIC.COM/MOVIES/LAST-LIONS

FROM THE LUSH WETLANDS OF BOTSWANA'S OKAVANGO DELTA COMES THE SUSPENSE-FILLED TALE OF A DETERMINED LIONESS READY TO TRY ANYTHING – AND WILLING TO RISK EVERYTHING – TO KEEP HER FAMILY ALIVE. FILMMAKERS DERECK AND BEVERLY JOUBERT FOLLOW THE EPIC JOURNEY OF THE LIONESS NAMED MA DI TAU (“MOTHER OF LIONS”) AS SHE BATTLES TO PROTECT HER CUBS AGAINST THE DAUNTING ONSLAUGHT OF ENEMIES TO ENSURE THEIR SURVIVAL.

EVERYBODY NEEDS SOMEBODY – 112 MINUTES – USA
A “WORK IN PROGRESS” SCREENING
WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY KENTON BARTLETT
STARRING MELORA WALTERS, MARK BOONE JUNIOR

THIS IS A MULTI-PLOT STORY INVOLVING THE THREE CHARACTERS’ DAY-TO-DAY LIVES AND THE KIDNAPPING SPECTACLE THAT UNITES THEM. AS THE STORY UNFOLDS WE LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CHARACTERS AND THE MOTIVES BEHIND THE KIDNAPPING.

TROUBADOURS – 91 MINUTES – USA
SCREENS FRIDAY, MARCH 4 AT 6:00PM
DIRECTED BY MORGAN NEVILLE


QUEEN OF THE LOT – 116 MINUTES – USA
SCREENS SATURDAY, MARCH 5 AT 8:50PM
WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY HENRY JAGLOM
STARRING TANNA FREDERICK, NOAH WYLE,
WWW.QUEENOFTHELOT.COM

AN ELECTRONIC ANKLE BRACELET AND BEING UNDER HOUSE ARREST AREN’T ABOUT TO STOP UP-AND-COMING ACTRESS MAGGIE CHASE (TANNA FREDERICK) FROM THE TWO THINGS SHE CRAVES THE MOST REAL FAME AND TRUE LOVE. WITH MORE “GOOGLE POINTS” THAN HER IOWA HOMETOWN, BUT FAR LESS THAN ANGELINA JOLIE, MAGGIE IS DESPERATE TO CLAW HER WAY OFF THE B-LIST OF ACTION/ADVENTURE PICTURES AND INTO MAJOR MOVIE STARDOM.

THE LONG HOME RUN – OMAHA AND THE COLLEGE WORLD SERIES – 47 MINUTES – USA
SCREENS SUNDAY, MARCH 6 AT 12:45PM
DIRECTED BY DAVE MEYER
NARRATED BY KEVIN COSTNER
WWW.THELONGHOMERUN.COM

THE LONG HOME RUN – OMAHA AND THE COLLEGE WORLD SERIES CELEBRATES THE PLACES, PEOPLE AND PURITY OF THE GAME. NARRATED BY ACADEMY AWARD WINNER KEVIN COSTNER, THIS DOCUMENTARY FEATURES INTERVIEWS WITH THE GREATEST NAMES IN COLLEGE BASEBALL AND PAY HOMAGE TO THE FINAL SEASON AT OMAHA’S HISTORIC ROSENBATT STADIUM.

QUEEN TO PLAY – 96 MINUTES – FRANCE
SCREENS SUNDAY, MARCH 6 AT 2:15PM
WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY CAROLINE BATTARO
STARRING SANDRINE BONNAIRE, KEVIN KLINE, JENNIFER BEALS
WWW.JOUETUSELEFFILM.COM

SANDRINE BONNAIRE AND KEVIN KLINE (IN HIS FIRST FRENCH-SPEAKING ROLE) SHINE IN THIS SOPHISTICATED FEEL-GOOD COMEDY SET IN IDYLLIC CORSICA. MIDDLE-AGED CHAMBERMAID HÉLÈNE’S NEWFOUND OBSESSION WITH THE GAME OF CHESS LEADS HER TO SEEK THE TUTELAGE OF A RECLUSE AMERICAN EXPAT, TRANSFORMING BOTH OF THEIR HO-HUM LIVES IN THE PROCESS.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2
6:30PM OPENING NIGHT FILM – CEREMONY (FEATURE FILM)
9:00PM OPENING NIGHT PARTY – NORTH SEA FILM/OMAHA FILM FESTIVAL OFFICES – 2626 HARNEY STREET – FOOD BY THE PIZZA SHOPPE

THURSDAY, MARCH 3
6:00PM STRIKING A CHORD & NEBRASKA SHORTS (DOCUMENTARIES)
6:15PM THE LAKE EFFECT (FEATURE FILM)
8:05PM THE LAST LIONS (SPECIAL SCREENING - DOCUMENTARY)
8:15PM SHORTS - DRAMA
8:30PM REMOVAL (OFF THE EDGE FEATURE FILM)
9:00PM THURSDAY NIGHT PARTY – JAKES CIGARS & SPIRITS – 6206 MAPLE STREET

FRIDAY, MARCH 4
5:45PM SHORTS - ACTION
6:00PM TROUBADOURS (SPECIAL SCREENING - DOCUMENTARY)
6:15PM SOMEPLACE WITH A MOUNTAIN (DOCUMENTARY)
6:30PM TRAIL OF BLOOD (OFF THE EDGE FEATURE FILM)
7:30PM MY KIDNAPPER (DOCUMENTARY)
8:00PM SHORTS – NEBRASKA #1
8:00PM THE 5TH QUARTER (FEATURE FILM)
8:15PM PLAYING HOUSE (OFF THE EDGE FEATURE FILM)
9:30PM FRIDAY NIGHT PARTY – JULIO’S – 2820 SOUTH 123RD COURT – TACO BAR AND BELL RINGING!

SATURDAY, MARCH 5
12:00PM KNOCKOUT (FEATURE FILM)
12:15PM SPLATTER: LOVE, HONOR AND PAINTBALL (FEATURE FILM)
12:30PM LEAVE THEM LAUGHING (DOCUMENTARY)
2:00PM SOPHIE (FEATURE FILM)
2:30PM REPARANDO (DOCUMENTARY)
2:30PM DANACH (AFTERWARDS) (FEATURE FILM)
4:15PM EVERYBODY NEEDS SOMEBODY (SPECIAL SCREENING - FEATURE FILM)
4:15PM LITTLE ROCK (FEATURE FILM)
5:15PM SHORTS - ANIMATED
6:00PM THE RIVER WHY (FEATURE FILM)
6:15PM A LITTLE HELP (FEATURE FILM)
6:30PM RISEN (FEATURE FILM)
7:15PM SHORTS - COMEDY
8:30PM MIDNIGHT SON (OFF THE EDGE FEATURE FILM)
8:45PM SHORTS - NEBRASKA #2
8:50PM QUEEN OF THE LOT (SPECIAL SCREENING – FEATURE FILM)
9:30PM DOWN THE SHORE (FEATURE FILM)
10:00PM SATURDAY NIGHT PARTY - HILTON GARDEN INN – 17879 CHICAGO STREET – PRIVATE ROOM - CASH BAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 6
12:15PM MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS (DOCUMENTARY)
12:45PM THE LONG HOME RUN (SPECIAL SCREENING - DOCUMENTARY)
2:15PM QUEEN TO PLAY (SPECIAL SCREENING – FEATURE FILM)
2:30PM PATHWAYS (DOCUMENTARY)
4:15PM AWARDS CEREMONY
5:00PM AUDIENCE CHOICE DOCUMENTARY
5:05PM AUDIENCE CHOICE FEATURE FILM
8:00PM CLOSING NIGHT PARTY – LUCKY BUCKET BREWING COMPANY – 11941 CENTENNIAL ROAD – FOOD BY LE VOLTAIRE