



North Fork Premiere Indie Showcase Launches

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The North Fork gets its own independent film series with the arrival of the North Fork Premiere Indie Showcase. The series launches tonight with the documentary “Letters to Jackie: Remembering President Kennedy”. The series will host two more films over the next two months.

The screenings of the “art house” cinema all take place at Peconic Landing auditorium in Greenport. Films will be shown in Peconic Landing’s auditorium. Tickets are \$10 per film.

Films are courtesy of Emerging Pictures, an all-digital specialty film and alternative content theater network. “North Fork Premiere Indie Showcase” is co-presented by East End Arts of Riverhead and Peconic Landing of Greenport.

“The North Fork Premiere Indie Showcase fills a cultural niche in the North Fork by establishing the only art house film offering of its kind in the area,” said Dominic Antignano, Peconic Landing cultural arts coordinator. “The showcase will bring films to the North Fork that can only be seen in a few, select art house theaters in places like New York City and San Francisco, and we’re proud to bring this level of cinema to our residents and the community.”

The first film to screen is “Letters to Jackie: Remembering President Kennedy”. It will be screened tonight (Oct. 19) at 7:30 p.m.

“Letters to Jackie” focuses on the deeply personal letters of heartfelt condolences flooding in from all over the country to comfort President John F. Kennedy’s widow, Jacqueline Kennedy, following the president’s assassination in 1963. Letters are read by 20 top actors including Jessica Chastain, Chris Cooper, Viola Davis, Zooey Deschanel, Kirsten Dunst, Anne Hathaway, Laura Linney, Frances McDormand, Mark Ruffalo, Octavia Spencer, Channing Tatum, Betty White and Michelle Williams.

Directed by Bill Couturie, “Letters to Jackie” unfolds before a treasure trove of archival footage taken during the Kennedy era.



Film still from “Letters to Jackie.”

Next on tap is “The Hunt”. Directed and co-written by Thomas Vinterberg, the film is a disturbing depiction of how a lie becomes the truth when gossip, doubt and malice are allowed to flourish and ignite a witch-hunt that soon threatens to destroy an innocent man’s life.

Mads Mikkelsen won the Best Actor Award at the 2012 Cannes Film Festival for his penetrating portrayal of Lucas, a former school teacher who has been forced to start over having overcome a tough divorce and the loss of his job. Just as things begin to go his way, Lucas’s life is shattered when an untruthful remark throws his small community into a collective state of hysteria. As the lie spreads, the former school teacher is forced to fight a lonely fight for his life and dignity.

The film will be shown in Peconic Landing’s auditorium Saturday, Nov. 23, at 7:30 p.m.



Film still from “The Hunt.”

The series final screening is “Midnight’s Children”, an an epic film from Oscar-nominated director Deepa Mehta, based on the Booker Prize winning novel by Salman Rushdie.

At the stroke of midnight on Aug. 15, 1947, as India proclaims independence from Great Britain, two newborn babies are switched by a nurse in a Bombay hospital. Saleem Sinai, the illegitimate son of a poor woman, and Shiva, the offspring of a wealthy couple, are fated to live the destiny meant for each other.

Their lives become mysteriously intertwined and are inextricably linked to India’s whirlwind journey of triumphs and disasters. From the unlikely romance of Saleem’s grandparents to the birth of his own son, Midnight’s Children is a journey at once sweeping in scope and yet intimate in tone. Hopeful, comic and magical, the film conjures images and characters as rich and unforgettable as India herself.

“Midnight’s Children” will screen on Saturday, Dec. 21, at 7:30pm.



Film still from “Midnight’s Children.”

The new series joins other arts and cultural programming offered by Peconic Landing. These include art workshops, lectures and an outdoor sculpture park that’s enjoyed by residences and the public.

“The Indie Showcase is part of our ongoing drive to bring the very best in arts programming – opera, ballet, theater and now film – to the North Fork,” said Antignano.

East End Arts is a frequent collaborator with Peconic Landing in the ongoing effort to bring arts to the North Fork.

“East End Arts is pleased to support the efforts of Peconic Landing to bring high quality unique cultural programming to the North Fork,” said Patricia Snyder, executive director of East End Arts. “Our partnership reflects a shared belief that the arts are vital to ensuring our quality of life.”

BASIC FACTS: “Letters to Jackie” screens on Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m. “The Hunt” screens on Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m. “Midnight’s Children” screens on Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Admission to each film is \$10. Peconic Landing is located at 1500 Brecknock Road, Greenport, NY 11944. www.PeconicLanding.org.

Tickets are available by calling 631-477-BLUE or visiting <http://peconiclanding.ticketleap.com>. For information on arts programming offered by East End Arts, visit www.eastendarts.org.

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