



“Artists Love Movies” Film & Artist Talk Series Launches Sag Harbor Cinema Arts Center’s Summer

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Sag Harbor Cinema Arts Center (SHCAC) launches its summer programming with the “Artists Love Movies” series. Part film screening and part artist talk, the first event takes place on July 1, 2018 with the series continuing through September.

“Artists Love Movies” offers a diverse selection of films that were either chosen by artists, made by artists or are about artists, according to SHCAC. Films range from Buster Keaton to contemporary U.S. independents to Japanese cartoons and Glasnost satire. The series will also include rare footage of Auguste Renoir, Claude Monet, Edgar Degas and Jean-Michel Basquiat. A special screening for Leonard Bernstein’s centennial’s will conclude the series on September 16, 2018.

“More and more artists are venturing into filmmaking, with strong creative ideas, while film history and its language-fueled by new technologies-find their way into art galleries and museums all over the world,” stated Guilia D’Agnolo Vallan, film curator and head of SHCAC Programming Committee, in the series announcement. “Very often, behind a painter hides a fervent cinephile. And painters have long been an object of fascination for filmmakers. The cross-pollination between these different art forms is very exciting. And we want to give our audiences the opportunity to explore it.”

Each screening is followed by an in-depth conversation with an acclaimed artist or filmmaker. The artist line up includes Eric Fischl, Robert Wilson, Laurie Simmons, Sara Driver, David Salle, April Gornik, Alex Israel, Maria Bacardi and others. [Click here](#) for the schedule.

The series kicks off on Sunday, July 1, 2018 at 6 p.m. with artist Eric Fischl leading a post-film discussion of the rarely screened Glasnost-era satire OBLAKO-RAY (1990, Russian with English subtitles, 1 hour, 19 minutes). The [award-winning film](#) is directed by Nicolai Dostal. The screening will be held at Pierson High School Auditorium, 200 Jermain Avenue, Sag Harbor, NY.



Film still from “Oblako-Ray,” Andrei Zhigaglov. Courtesy of Sag Harbor Cinema Arts Center.

The rare Soviet Union film was discovered by Eric Fischl years ago while he was judging the Locarno Film Festival and left an indelible impression on him, according to SHCAC. The comedy-drama has won acclaim by Soviet film critics and garnered international recognition, [according to MUBI](#).

“Movies transport me deeply and meaningfully into the world while taking me briefly out of mine,” Fischl stated.



Eric Fischl. Photo: Ralph Gibson. Courtesy of Sag Harbor Cinema Arts Center.

The next artist is David Salle, who hosts the screening of John Huston’s masterful western “THE MISFITS.” The film stars Marilyn Monroe, Clark Gable, Eli Wallach and Montgomery Clift. The 1961 drama, directed by John Huston with screenplay by Arthur Miller, tells the tale of a business scheme to capture wild horses for profit, set in the sweeping landscapes of Nevada. The screening takes place on Sunday, July 15, 2018, at 6 p.m. at Pierson High School, 200 Jermain Street, Sag Harbor, NY.



David Salle. Photo: Robert Wright. Courtesy of Sag Harbor Cinema Arts Center.

“Artists Love Movies” is the second film series to be presented by Sag Harbor Cinema Art Center. The inaugural series “American Values” premiered December 2017 through March 2018. Screenings for “Artists Love Movies” will be held at Pierson High School in Sag Harbor, the Ross School in East Hampton, NY, and the Southampton Arts Center in Southampton, NY. Admission is a suggested donation of \$10 for each film.

Construction has begun on renovating SHCAC’s permanent home on Sag Harbor’s Main Street. [Click here](#) for details. Fundraising to complete the project continues. For details and updates, visit www.sagharborcinema.org.

BASIC FACTS: “Artists Love Movies” takes place from July 1 to September 16, 2018 at various spots in The Hamptons. [Click here](#) for the full line up. Admittance for each screening is a suggested donation of \$10.

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