

# **HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**

## **THE HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES THE KICK-OFF OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL SummerDocs SERIES**

**Series kicks off on June 15<sup>th</sup> with  
TWENTY FEET FROM STARDOM,  
Dick Cavett moderating**

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GASLAND PART II**

**East Hampton, NY (May 23, 2013)** – The Hamptons International Film Festival (HIFF) 5<sup>th</sup> Annual four-part SummerDocs series, which presents East End audiences the best in documentary filmmaking well ahead of their march toward the Oscars, kicks off with a screening of Morgan Neville's TWENTY FEET FROM STARDOM, on Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30pm at Guild Hall in East Hampton. The audience will be treated to a performance from Rock and Roll Hall of Famer, Darlene Love, who is featured in the film and a conversation with legendary, Dick Cavett.

Presenter of the series, Alec Baldwin returns on July 5th for Academy Award nominee Josh Fox's GASLAND PART II. Two additional films in the series will be announced at a later date.

"We are delighted to continue to bring exciting and groundbreaking documentaries to the Hamptons each summer," said Hamptons International Film Festival Executive Director Anne Chaisson. "Because of the popularity of our series, we are going to partner with the Southampton Center for the Arts in July to continue our reach across the East End this Summer."

The Wall Street Journal will sponsor the screening of the RADiUs-TWC film TWENTY FEET FROM STARDOM. The documentary pays tribute to the unsung, yet unmistakable voices of the backup singers who brought shape and style to popular music over the years. Three gifted artists spanning a range of manner, genres and eras, are featured sharing their uniquely fascinating and personal stories of life spent in the shadows of superstardom.

GASLAND PART II, presented by HBO Documentary Films, is the provocative follow-up to director Josh Fox's 2011 Academy Award-nominated documentary, GASLAND. The second part examines even further the method

of extracting natural gas and oil known as hydraulic fracturing, or 'fracking,' one of the most controversial environmental issues facing our country today.

"From Morgan Neville's moving portrait of the singers that provide the backbone for much of our beloved music, to Josh Fox's searing exploration of a topic so important to our planet's future, we continue to highlight the breadth of subject and style in contemporary documentary film," said David Nugent, Artistic Director of The Hamptons International Film Festival.

HIFF greatly appreciates the continued support from Altour International, American Airlines, and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and our new partnership with Modern Luxury's newest edition, *Beach Magazine*.

Tickets for the screenings are available for purchase at [www.guildhall.org](http://www.guildhall.org) or at the Guild Hall Box Office.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Hamptons International Film Festival will be held over Columbus Day Weekend, October 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 2013.

## **ABOUT THE HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**

The Hamptons International Film Festival was founded in 1993 to celebrate independent film- long, short, fiction and documentary - and to introduce a unique, varied spectrum of international films and filmmakers to the public. The Festival is committed to exhibiting films that express fresh voices and differing global perspectives, with the hope that these programs will enlighten audiences, provide invaluable exposure for filmmakers and present inspired entertainment for all. Taking place among the charming seaside historic villages of Long Island's East End, the Hamptons International Film Festival's intimate, informal atmosphere makes the festival an ideal destination for cinephiles. For more information about the Festival, visit our website at [www.hamptonsfilmfest.org](http://www.hamptonsfilmfest.org).

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