

# **HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**

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**THE 21<sup>ST</sup> HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES  
OPENING, SUNDAY CENTERPIECE AND MONDAY CLOSING NIGHT FILMS**

**KILL YOUR DARLINGS; NEBRASKA; & 12 YEARS A SLAVE**

**EAST HAMPTON, NY (SEPTEMBER 10th, 2013)** - The 21<sup>st</sup> Hamptons International Film Festival proudly announces that KILL YOUR DARLINGS will be the Opening Night film at Guild Hall in East Hampton on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Director and Co-Writer John Krokidas along with actor Dane DeHaan will be in attendance for the premiere. Based on true events, KILL YOUR DARLINGS recounts the pivotal year that changed Allen Ginsberg's life forever and provided the spark for him to start his creative revolution. The Sony Pictures Classics film will open in theaters October 16, 2013.

Alexander Payne's NEBRASKA, starring Bruce Dern and Will Forte, is the Festival's Sunday Centerpiece film, playing at Guild Hall. After receiving a sweepstakes letter in the mail, a cantankerous father (Dern) thinks he's struck it rich, and wrangles his son (Forte) into taking a road trip to claim the fortune. Shot in black and white across four states, Nebraska tells the stories of family life in the heartland of America. Paramount Vantage will be releasing the film on November 22, 2013.

12 YEARS A SLAVE is HIFF's Closing Night Film premiering Monday evening. Directed by Steve McQueen, the film is based on an incredible true story of one man's fight for survival and freedom. In the pre-Civil War United States, Solomon Northup (Chiwetel Ejiofor), a free black man from upstate New York, is abducted and sold into slavery. Facing cruelty as well as unexpected kindnesses, Solomon struggles not only to stay alive, but to retain his dignity. In the twelfth year of his unforgettable odyssey, Solomon's chance meeting with a Canadian abolitionist, played by Brad Pitt, forever alters his life. The film will play at Guild Hall and FOX Searchlight Pictures will release it theatrically on October 18, 2013.

"We are thrilled to welcome such gifted filmmaking artists and their equally incredible films as part of our 21st edition. This will be a banner year in film and we are privileged to share with our loyal audiences out East," said Executive Director Anne Chaisson.

"Each of these 3 films presents an insightful look at America, both contemporaneously and historically, as well as urban and rural. These artists

have each made unique films that we are so proud to share with our audiences in the Hamptons,” adds David Nugent, Artistic Director.

The Hamptons International Film Festival appreciates the support from their corporate sponsors including American Airlines/Altour International, Capital One, The Wall Street Journal, Silvercup Studios and A&E Indie Films.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Hamptons International Film Festival will take place this year from October 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. For more information about the Festival please visit our website at [www.hamptonsfilmfest.org](http://www.hamptonsfilmfest.org).

### **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 on the Festival, visit [www.hamptonsfilmfest.org](http://www.hamptonsfilmfest.org).

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