

THE HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL CELEBRATES 25 YEARS WITH 25 YEARS: 25 FILMS

Festival Will Host 24 Screenings Around the U.S.
Leading Up to the Final Screening at the
25th Annual Hamptons International Film Festival

NEW YORK, NY (February 9, 2017) – The Hamptons International Film Festival (HIFF) celebrates its 25th anniversary with 25 Years: 25 Films, screening one film from each year of the festival. 24 screenings throughout The Hamptons, Palm Beach, New York City, and Los Angeles will lead up to one final screening and Lifetime Achievement Award presentation before the annual October Festival. The 25 Years: 25 Films series will kick off on February 17th at Guild Hall in East Hampton with THE PIANO from HIFF 1993, and then head to Palm Beach on February 23rd for BLACK SWAN from HIFF 2010. Notable friends of HIFF, filmmakers, and special guests will participate in exclusive conversations at many of these events.

"We thought this would be a great opportunity to bring some of the best films of the last 25 years to moviegoers around the country," said HIFF Executive Director Anne Chaisson. "While our hearts are in the Hamptons, our mission is to share great narratives and documentaries with our film-loving supporters everywhere."

The films in the 25 Years: 25 Films series have all previously screened with HIFF. These include Oscar®-winning films such as the aforementioned THE PIANO and BLACK SWAN, SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE, STILL ALICE, THE ARTIST, THE COVE, SEARCHING FOR SUGARMAN, Oscar®-nominated films such as THE DIVING BELL AND THE BUTTERFLY, EMBRACE OF THE SERPENT, I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO, and other critically acclaimed films such as OPEN WATER and HEAVENLY CREATURES. Dates and locations for each screening will be announced soon.

"The festival has seen 25 years of unforgettable films from both first-time directors, as well as recognized masters," said HIFF Artistic Director David Nugent. "To look back on the works that made the festival so enticing is to recognize a quarter-century of incredible cinema."

The 25th Annual Hamptons International Film Festival will take place over Columbus Day Weekend: October 5 – 9, 2017.

Full list of films below:

WINTER

- 1993 | *The Piano* The Hamptons
- 2010 | **Black Swan** Palm Beach Presented by The Norton Museum of Art and The Breakers Palm Beach
- 2016 | I Am Not Your Negro The Hamptons
- 1997 | Winter Guest The Hamptons
- 1996 | *Gray's Anatomy* The Hamptons

SPRING

- 1998 | The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg The Hamptons
- 1994 | Heavenly Creatures NYC
- 1999 | Judy Berlin The Hamptons
- 2002 | Nowhere in Africa The Hamptons
- 2004 | Kinsey The Hamptons
- 2001 | **No Man's Land** The Hamptons
- 2014 | Still Alice The Hamptons
- 1995 | Last Summer in the Hamptons The Hamptons

SUMMER

- 2012 | Searching for Sugarman NYC
- 2013 | 20 Feet from Stardom LA
- 2009 | The Cove The Hamptons
- 2015 | **Embrace of the Serpent** The Hamptons
- 2007 | The Diving Bell and the Butterfly NYC
- 2008 | **Slumdog Millionaire** The Hamptons
- 2005 | Boynton Beach Club The Hamptons
- 2006 | The Fountain The Hamptons
- 2003 | Open Water The Hamptons
- 2011 | *The Artist* The Hamptons
- 2000 | Pollock The Hamptons

ABOUT THE HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

The Hamptons International Film Festival (HIFF) is a year-round 501(c)3 non-profit organization with events, screenings, film workshops, comprehensive summer programs and an annual film festival each October. The Festival is the premiere film event on New York State's east end, and is an intimate showcase of some of the year's best offerings in contemporary cinema from around the world. With cash and in-kind prizes handed out totaling more than \$200,000, HIFF continues to attract some of the best films of the year. Selections from all of our programs continue to play an important role during awards season. 2015 marked the 7th time in the last 8 years that a film at the Festival has become the eventual Best Picture winner at the Oscars, making HIFF the only Festival on the East Coast with such a distinction.