

Cinemaphiles, Socialites and Stars Align for the 38th Annual Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival

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[/EINPresswire.com/](https://EINPresswire.com/) -- The city of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is once again gearing up for one of the most anticipated events on its cultural calendar: the [Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival](https://www.fliiff.com/) (FLIFF) this November 3 through 16. With its long-standing tradition of celebrating cinema and storytelling, this year's FLIFF festivities promise to captivate film enthusiasts and artists from around the world.



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For film enthusiasts, artists, and anyone who appreciates the power of movies, FLIFF 2023 is a cinematic experience

that should not be missed.

Here are some key highlights exemplifying why this year's FLIFF is generating so much buzz and excitement:

- The event will showcase nearly 200 films from 40 countries, featuring eight world premieres and six U.S. premieres. The festival includes features, documentaries and short film programs,

along with Filmed in Broward, a showcase of 21 films by South Florida filmmakers, all filmed in Broward County.

- Screenings throughout the festival take place at Savor Cinema, Cinema Paradiso, NSU Art Museum, Lauderdale Performing Arts Center, Gateway Theatre, AutoNation IMAX and Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.

- An exciting array of parties and special events take place throughout the festival. Some of the most popular events of the week are the Opening Night Film, Red Carpet & Party on Friday, November 3, Gatsby Party at the luxurious Villa de Palma on November 4, Centerpiece Film & Party on November 9, and Intracoastal Elegance, a memorable evening under the stars at a private estate on November 11.

- Opening night events: The 38th Annual Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival (FLIFF) Opening Night at Hard Rock Live at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood kicks off with a glamorous star-studded red carpet, followed by an award ceremony and screening of THE GOOD HALF. Featuring an all-star ensemble cast, the dramedy follows Renn (Nick Jonas), an emotionally distant writer who returns home for his mother's funeral (Elizabeth Shue) and forges new relationships while healing old ones. Following the film, trip the light fantastic at the Opening Night party featuring live music by The Wolfepak Band, open bar and great food.

- Centerpiece Event: The Senior makes its world premiere on Thursday, November 9th at Savor Cinema, followed by a lively street party. Directed by Rod Lurie and starring Emmy and Golden Globe-winning actor Michael Chiklis. The Senior is based on the true story of Mike Flynt, a flawed



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everyman who overcomes his age, his mental demons and the preconceptions of his teammates 40 years his junior, proving that it's never too late to tackle your dreams. Rod Lurie, Michael Chiklis, producer Mark Ciardi and Mike & Eileen Flynt, subjects of the film, will be in attendance. Prior to the screening, FLIFF will present Michael Chiklis with the Career Achievement Award.

- Prior to the screening at Savor Cinema on Saturday, November 4, FLIFF will present the Lifetime Achievement award to Charles Martin Smith, who stars in the film THIS TIME. This film recounts the tale of a sheltered teen who inherits her estranged father's journal, uncovering cryptic clues to his secret life. To fulfill her father's dying wish, she races across the country to attempt a long-shot rendezvous with her father's longtime friend Liza Minelli. Also in attendance will be director Robert George Vaughn, and producers Jennifer Louise Gibson and Sahar Whelan. A reception follows the screening. This Time will also be showing at Cinema Paradiso in Hollywood at 1 pm on Monday, November 6.

- On Monday, November 6 at Savor Cinema, FLIFF welcomes Justice Rosalie Abella, former member of the Supreme Court of Canada, for the screening of WITHOUT PRECEDENT: THE SUPREME LIFE OF ROSALIE ABELLA. This documentary is about her life and career. Written and directed by Barry Avrick, the film is a compelling portrait of the woman born to Holocaust survivors in a Displaced Persons Camp in Germany in 1946. Often referred to as "Canada's RBG" (Ruth Bader Ginsburg), she is a tireless champion for the neglected and underserved, Justice Abella will join guests at a reception prior to the screening of the film at 7:30 pm.

FLIFF also continues the 38-year tradition of honoring noteworthy filmmakers and actors during the festival. A video montage of each honoree's career will be shown prior to the award presentations. This year's honorees include

- Robert Schwartzman, director of The Good Half, will receive the Renaissance Award on Opening Night, Friday, November 3 at 7pm at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood.

- David Arquette (Scream), Matt Walsh (The Hangover, VEEP), and Brittany Snow (Hairspray, Pitch Perfect) will each receive the Career Achievement Award on Opening Night on November 3. Parachute, Brittany's directorial debut, screens November 4 at 7pm at Savor Cinema. And Alexandra Shipp (X-Men, BARBIE) will be honored with FLIFF's Star on the Horizon Award. All four have major roles in The Good Half, the Opening Night film.

For so many reasons, FLIFF 2023 is a must-attend event not only for staunch cinemaphiles and filmmakers but also for movie lovers, entertainment buffs and anyone who appreciates the power of storytelling through film. A full schedule, including information on tickets and membership is available online at www.FLIFF.com.

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