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Jeff Friday **FOUNDER**



Greetings and welcome to the 14th annual American Black Film Festival; celebrating the finest that independent cinema has to offer, showcasing films that will inspire, provoke, delight, entertain and enlighten.

Over the years at each festival we have seen the growing significance of film as a universal medium of communication. Our mission to transform the way people view the African American experience has taken root and flourished; evidenced in our film program, which provides multiple viewpoints, addresses complex social issues and strengthens ties between international audiences.

Along with celebrating the next generation of great filmmakers, this year we will also pay homage to a cinema artist who has created some of the most thought provoking films of our generation, Lee Daniels.

This year also marks the 10th anniversary of Film Life, Inc. When I founded Film Life, my goal was to champion the voice of the Black filmmaker and to provide a venue that not only showcased the work of the independent filmmakers, but facilitated relationships and occasions key to business success. Our mantra, "because hollywoodn't", speaks to Film Life's vision of the rewarding business opportunities that exist in the distribution of niche films.

None of this would be possible without the generous support of our Corporate Partners. HBO® is the festival's Founding and Premier Sponsor. Grey Goose and Wachovia, a Wells Fargo Company, are Premier Sponsors. American Airlines and BET Networks are Official Sponsors. CNN, Codeblack Entertainment, Gold Peak Tea, Nickelodeon, The Nielsen Company and Stella Artois are Supporting Sponsors. Our Host Sponsors are the City of Miami Community Redevelopment Agency, Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau, and Miami Beach Visitor and Convention Authority. Fox Searchlight Pictures, Halle Berry Pure Orchid, MTV Networks, SAGIndie and the Writers Guild of America West are Industry Partners. Our Media Sponsors are AOL Black Voices, Black Enterprise, Official Level; Automotive Rhythms, Heart & Soul, MIA, Monarch, Precious Times, Upscale and Uptown magazines, Supporting Level.

We have five very exciting days ahead of us. I encourage you to take advantage of this festival to come together with other filmmakers to create new possibilities, develop tools for success, forge new alliances, network and make new friends among attendees and participants. Meet the Hollywood movers and shakers, get some great pointers on advancing your own entertainment industry career, and learn something new and valuable at this professional, world-class forum.

I look forward to spending the next five days exploring and reflecting as we celebrate the best and emerging African American talent. Have a great festival!

Jeff Friday
Founder & CEO
Film Life, Inc.

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Dear ABFF Participants:
Welcome!

As the founding and premier sponsor of Film Life's 14th Annual American Black Film Festival (ABFF), HBO is celebrating more than a decade of partnership and support and will again have a major presence at this year's event.

Since 1998, we have been committed to the festival and have worked alongside the ABFF in a variety of ways to help call attention to the universality of black cinema. From the sharing of creative resources and visions, to networking opportunities and workshops, we take pride in the ABFF's accomplishment as a celebrated and influential forum

devoted to diversity in film.

For our part, HBO is pleased to present three important events at this year's festival:

On Thursday, June 24th, HBO will host the HBO® Short Film Award, a competition that has been presented as part of the ABFF's competitive film program since it was established in 1998 and honors the writing and directing talents of emerging Black filmmakers. This special screening will showcase the five finalists and their films that were selected for the final round of competition. The winner, who will receive a \$20,000 grand prize, will be announced during the ABFF's Awards presentation on closing night.

On Saturday, June 27th, a panel discussion featuring actors Nelsan Ellis ("Lafayette" on True Blood), Rutina Welsey ("Tara" on True Blood), Victor Razuk ("Cam" on How to Make It in America) and Michael K. Williams (from the upcoming Boardwalk Empire series) will take part in what promises to be a lively chat moderated by television personality, Bevy Smith.

Also on Saturday, Soledad O'Brien, the award-winning CNN anchor and special correspondent, will have a one-on-one conversation with two-time Oscar®-nominated director Spike Lee. Lee will discuss the documentary If God Is Willing and the Creek Don't Rise, his follow-up to the Emmy®-winning HBO documentary When the Levees Broke: A Requiem in Four Acts. The new documentary revisits New Orleans five years after Hurricane Katrina.

As always, we look forward to all the festivities and hope you enjoy the events offered by the ABFF. We also want to extend our warmest congratulations to the festival on its 14th year, with special thanks to Jeff Friday, his staff and sponsors who continue to work tirelessly for the good of the black film community.

Enjoy the festival!

Sincerely,

Olivia Smashum
Executive Vice President, Affiliate Marketing
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RISING

COMING IN AUGUST



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SOLEDAD O'BRIEN
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CHURCHED

COMING IN OCTOBER





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June 11, 2010

Greetings:

As Mayor of the City of Miami, and on behalf of my colleagues on the City Commission, I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to the members of the American Black Film Festival (ABFF) as you gather here for the 14th Annual American Black Film Festival Community Showcase, June 24th – June 27th 2010.

We wish you a successful and memorable meeting and thank you for choosing our city for this event. In doing so, you join the millions of visitors who have come to appreciate Miami's hospitality, comfort and charm. We hope you will find time in your busy schedules to explore and enjoy our many attractions, beautiful beaches and fine restaurants.

The City of Miami is proud to recognize the considerable contributions this important organization provides to this community.

Have a wonderful stay and come back again soon!

Very best wishes,

Tomas P. Regalado
Mayor



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

11:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Festival Registration Center

Pass pick-up and Box Office. Also, visit the CRA, Halle Berry Wild Orchid and Upscale expo tables & enjoy a cold beverage courtesy of Gold Peak Tea.

Ritz Carlton/Salon 2

4:45 PM – 5:45 PM

Cocktail Hour

Exclusively for festival passholders courtesy of Grey Goose

Segafredo Café

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Pre-Seating for Opening Night Film

Sponsors and Prestige passholders only
Colony Theater

5:15 PM – 5:45 PM

Red Carpet Arrivals

Colony Theater

6:00 PM – 8:15 PM

Welcome Remarks & Opening Night Film: TAKERS (screening 1)

Courtesy of Screen Gems
Colony Theater

9:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Opening Night Film: TAKERS (screening 2)

Courtesy of Screen Gems
Colony Theatre

10:30 PM – 3:30 AM

Opening Night Party

Sponsored by BET Networks
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THURSDAY, JUNE 24

8:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Festival Registration Center

Pass pick-up and Box Office. Also, visit the CRA, Halle Berry Wild Orchid and Upscale expo tables & enjoy a cold beverage courtesy of Gold Peak Tea.

Ritz Carlton/Salon 2

9:00 AM – 12 NOON

Master Class on Cinematography led by Cliff Charles

Designed for attendees to learn how to enrich the relationship between Producer/Director and a film's Director of Photography in order to create the best possible film product. Separate ticket required.

Ritz Carlton/Salon 3

10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Film Screenings

Narrative, Documentary and New Vision Sections. Enjoy Gold Peak Tea as you exit the Colony Theater.

Colony Theater & MB Cinematheque

NOON – 6:00 PM

MTVN Recruitment Suite

Interested in joining MTV Networks? Come hear about the opportunities.
Ritz Carlton/2nd Fl, South Pointe

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

A Conversation with Idris Elba

Sponsored by American Airlines
Candid conversation with this talented and charismatic actor.

Ritz Carlton/Salon 3

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

"Inside Nickelodeon" Symposium

Featured Speaker, Janice Burgess, Emmy Award winning Creator and Executive Producer.

Ritz Carlton/Salon 3

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Stella Artois Cutting Room Mixer

The official ABFF mixer exclusively for festival passholders. Bring your business cards.

Maxine's at the Catalina Hotel

7:15 PM – 8:15 PM

Cocktail Hour

Exclusively for festival passholders courtesy of Grey Goose
Segafredo Café

8:30 PM – 10:30 PM

HBO® Short Film Competition

Meet the five finalists who screen their films in hopes of winning the grand prize of \$20,000. Hosted by Tamara Tunie.

Colony Theater

10:30 PM – 3:30 AM

Film Life Party

Film Life Inc. celebrates its 10th anniversary and honors Idris Elba, this year's festival ambassador.

LIV at the Fontainebleau

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

8:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Festival Registration Center

Pass pick-up and Box Office. Also, visit the CRA, Halle Berry Wild Orchid and Upscale expo tables & enjoy a cold beverage courtesy of Gold Peak Tea.

Ritz Carlton/Salon 2

9:00 AM – 12NOON

Master Class on Screenwriting led by Steve Duncan

Designed to provide a comprehensive overview of the screenwriting process. Separate ticket required.

Ritz Carlton/Salon 3

10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Film Screenings

Narrative, Documentary and New Vision Sections. Enjoy Gold Peak Tea as you exit the Colony Theater.

Colony Theater & MB Cinematheque

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

■ NOON – 6:00 PM

MTVN Recruitment Suite

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Ritz Carlton/2nd Fl, South Pointe

■ 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

MTVN Digital Boot Camp: Creative Development and Production for Filmmakers

Sponsored by MTV

Ritz Carlton/Salon 3

■ 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Symposium: Making Movies that Make Money

Sponsored by Nielsen and Black
Enterprise magazine

Ritz Carlton/Salon 3

■ 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Special Screening: THE CONFIDANT

Courtesy of Codeblack
Entertainment

Colony Theater

■ 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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Maxine's at the Catalina Hotel

■ 7:15 PM – 8:15 PM

Cocktail Hour

Exclusively for festival passholders
courtesy of Grey Goose

Segafredo Café

■ 8:00 PM

Red Carpet Arrivals

Colony Theater

■ 8:30 PM – 10:30 PM

Centerpiece Screening STOMP THE YARD: HOMECOMING

Courtesy of Stage 6 Films, RCR
Partners & Rainforest Films
Colony Theater

■ 10:00 PM

Partner Event: Rainforest Films
presents...Black Hollywood/Stomp
the Yard: Homecoming After Party.
Discounted admission at door for
festival passholders

Gemma Lounge

SATURDAY JUNE 26

■ 9:00 AM – 12 NOON

Festival Registration Center

Pass pick-up and Box Office. Also, visit
the CRA, Halle Berry Wild Orchid and
Upscale expo tables & enjoy a cold
beverage courtesy of Gold Peak Tea.

Ritz Carlton/Salon 2

■ 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Master Class on the Art of Filmmaking led by Spike Lee

Separate ticket required.

Ritz Carlton/Salon 3

■ 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Film Screenings

Narrative, Documentary and New
Vision Sections. Enjoy Gold Peak Tea
as you exit the Colony Theater.

*Colony Theater & MB
Cinematheque*

■ 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

CNN Symposium with Soledad O'Brien

Join CNN's Soledad O'Brien for an
inside-look at the new "In America"
documentary unit and a sneak peak
of the upcoming Black In America
documentary: Churched.

Ritz Carlton/Salon 3

■ 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

HBO® Talk Series

4-5 pm: A candid discussion among
artists from popular HBO Shows

5-6 pm: Soledad O'Brien converses with
Spike Lee "Katrina – 5 years after the Storm"

Ritz Carlton/Salon 3

■ 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Pre-Seating for "ABFF Honors" Awards Ceremony

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Lincoln Theater

■ 7:00 PM

Red Carpet Arrivals

Lincoln Theater

■ 7:15 PM – 8:15 PM

Cocktail Hour

Bar courtesy of Grey Goose

Exclusively for festival passholders

Lincoln Theater

■ 8:30 PM – 10:30 PM

"ABFF Honors"

The festival's closing night award
ceremony where the winners of the
Best...Short, Documentary, Actor and
Film awards are announced. The Star
Project winners perform and a Special
Tribute to Lee Daniels.

Lincoln Theater

■ 10:30 PM – 3:30 AM

"ABFF Honors" After Party

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SAGIndie Filmmakers Lounge

A relaxing oasis within the festival for official selection filmmakers to network with industry organizations such as SAGIndie, CNN and the Writers Guild of America, West.

Halle Berry Pure Orchid Sampling

Be sure to collect a sample of Halle Berry's new fragrance "Pure Orchid" available in the ABFF Registration Center compliments of Coty, Inc.

Upscale Magazine Special Promotion

Visit the Upscale table in the ABFF Registration Center to take advantage of special subscription and product offers. Also pick-up and enjoy magazines from Black Enterprise, Automotive Rhythms, Heart & Soul, MIA, Monarch & Precious Times.

Stella Artois Cutting Room Mixer

THURSDAY, JUNE 24 & FRIDAY JUNE 25
FROM 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
MAXINE'S AT THE CATALINA HOTEL

An exclusive ABFF networking event so be sure to bring your business cards. Meet and greet other festivalgoers whilst enjoying a beer compliments of Stella Artois.



A Conversation with... Idris Elba

Sponsored by Film Life

THURSDAY, JUNE 24 1:30 PM–3:00 PM

Meet the 2010 ABFF Ambassador, British actor Idris Elba. Interview by Bevy Smith

“Inside Nickelodeon”

Sponsored by Nickelodeon

THURSDAY, JUNE 24 4:30 PM–6:00 PM

Do you dream of becoming a successful show creator? Join President of Animation Brown Johnson and discover how Emmy Award winner Janice Burgess (*The Backyardigans*) broke into the television industry and paved her way to a successful career in television as a show creator and executive producer. In addition, Sameer Asad (*Modern Family*), Jessica Gao (*The Mighty B!*) and Ron Holsey (*Big Time Rush*) (former Nick Writing Fellows) highlight the benefits of writing for television in celebration of the Writing Fellowship’s 10-year anniversary.

DIGITAL BOOT CAMP: Creative Development and Production for Filmmakers

Sponsored by MTV Networks

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 1:30 PM

RITZ-CARLTON, SALON 3

Join senior-level MTVN executives for a look inside the world of MTV Networks – one of the most powerful brands in entertainment worldwide! Their multi-platform strategy, inclusive of numerous digital platforms and developing virtual worlds, offers a wealth of opportunities for long- and short-form content providers. Join us for an open discussion about the ins and outs of producing digital programming as they offer insight on what the networks seeks and firsthand information on getting in the door

Panelists David Harris, Producer, Creative and Technological Development, MTV New Media | Tina Santomauro Development and Acquisitions Manager/Executive Producer, Atom.com | Sophia Cranshaw Vice President, On Air Promos, MTVU

Making Movies that Make Money

Sponsored by Nielsen & Black Enterprise

FRIDAY, JUNE 25 4:30 PM–6:00 PM

Theatrical revenues only account for about 25% of a film's total revenues, with video (including DVD) taking about 40%; television accounting for 28% and ancillary revenues the final 7%. With that said, filmmakers must devise a sound strategy in the hopes of making a profitable film. This symposium is designed to give independent film producers a game plan on how to exploit theatrical, home entertainment and ancillary distribution rights in order to maximize a film's revenue. This presentation will also include an analysis of film performance trends by Cindi Smith of Nielsen Entertainment.

Moderated by Derek Dingle Senior VP/
Editor-in-Chief, Black Enterprise **Guest**

Speakers Eva Davis, EVP & GM, Warner Premiere | Rob Hardy, Director and Co-Founder, Rainforest Films | Valerie Watts Meraz, VP Content Acquisitions, Showtime | Cindi Smith, Executive Director of Research, Nielsen NRG | Brian Stevenson, SVP Film Distribution & Acquisitions, All Channel Films

CNN Symposium with Soledad O'Brien

Sponsored by CNN

SATURDAY, JUNE 26 1:30 PM–3:00 PM

Join CNN's Soledad O'Brien for an inside-look at the new "In America" documentary unit and a sneak peak of the upcoming Black In America documentary: Churched. Audience Q&A to follow.

HBO Talk Series

Sponsored by HBO

SATURDAY, JUNE 26 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

- 4:00 PM Join actors Nelson Ellis, Victor Razuk, Michael K. Williams from popular HBO shows "True Blood", "How to Make It" and "Boardwalk Empire" for a lively discussion.
- 5:00 PM Soledad O'Brien converses with Spike Lee "Katrina–5 Years After the Storm"



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MASTER CLASS

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Location: Ritz-Carlton, South Beach, 2nd Floor, Salon 3

CINEMATOGRAPHY

with Cliff Charles

Designed to help attendees enrich the relationship between Producer/Director and a film's Director of Photography in order to create the best possible film product.

- THURSDAY, JUNE 24
9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON



SCREENWRITING

with Dean Steve Duncan

Loyola Marymount University - School of Film & Television

Designed to provide a comprehensive overview of the screenwriting process.

- FRIDAY, JUNE 25
9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON



THE ART OF DIRECTING

with Spike Lee

One of America's most dynamic and successful filmmakers gives a tutorial on the craft of filmmaking.

- SATURDAY, JUNE 26
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM



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GALA SCREENINGS

OFFICIAL FILM SECTION

Opening Night Film



TAKERS 2010 USA 107 MIN

Courtesy of Screen Gems

DIR: John Luessenhop **SCR:** John Luessenhop, Gabriel Casseus, Avery Duff, Peter Alle
PROD: Chris Brown, Gabriel Casseus, Morris Chestnut, George Flynn, William Packer
T.J, Jason Geter, Nicolas Stern **CAST:** Zoe Saldana, Idris Elba, Hayden Christenson, Paul
Walker, Matt Dillon, Michael Ealy

► Enter the world of a notorious group of criminals who continue to baffle police by pulling off perfectly executed bank robberies.

- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 6:00 PM
Colony Theater
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 9:00 PM
Colony Theater

Centerpiece Screening



STOMP THE YARD: HOMECOMING 2009 USA 88 MIN

Courtesy of Stage 6 Films, RCR Partners & Rainforest Films

DIR: Rob Hardy **SCR:** Albert Leon, Meena Payne **EXEC. PROD:** Columbus Short, **PROD.:** Will Packer
COPROD: Meena Payne **CAST:** Pooch Hall, Keith Hall, Kiely William

► Chance Harris struggles with the dynamics of balancing life...the biggest event of the year at Truth University. Girlfriend woes, a full-time job, preparing his fraternity for a nationally televised step competition. Making matters worse, Chance is sidetracked by the fact he has an outstanding debt with a street thug whose out for blood.

- FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 8:30PM
Colony Theater
- SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 5PM
Booker T. Washington High School – Local Community Screening

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APPEARANCES BY

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NARRATIVE FILMS

OFFICIAL FILM SECTION

IN COMPETITION

Four films compete for the Grand Jury Prizes for Best Film, sponsored by Wachovia, a Wells Fargo Company, and Best Actor, sponsored by Gold Peak Tea.



EVERYDAY BLACK MAN 2009 USA 110MIN HD

DIR: Carmen Madden **SCR:** Carmen Madden **PROD:** Carmen Madden
CAST: Omari Hardwick, Henry Brown, Tessa Thompson

A small time grocer has to become the man he used to be when his store is taken over by a drug dealer.

- FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2:55 PM
Colony Theater
- SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 1:30 PM
MB Cinematheque



World Premiere

THE INHERITANCE 2009 USA 80MIN HD

DIR: Robert O'Hara **SCR:** Robert O'Hara **PROD:** Effie T. Brown **CAST:** D.B. Woodside, Darrin Dewitt Henson, Andre DeShields, Golden Brooks, Keith David

Friends and family gather for a "Secret Family" reunion. The reunion turns deadly.

- FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 12:40 PM
Colony Theater
- SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 3:45 PM
MB Cinematheque



LEGACY 2010 USA 95MIN HD

DIR: Thomas Ikimi **SCR:** Thomas Ikimi **PROD:** Thomas Ikimi, Idris Elba, Jessica Levick **CAST:** Idris Elba, Eammon Walker, Monique Gabriela Curnen, Clarke Peters

Idris Elba stars as a black operations soldier who returns home after a set of mysterious circumstances botch his mission.

- THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 4:50 PM
Colony Theater
- SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 11:30 AM
MB Cinematheque



NIGHT CATCHES US 2010 USA 88MINS HD

DIR: Tanya Hamilton **SCR:** Tanya Hamilton **PROD:** Sean Costello, Jason Orans, Ron Simons **CAST:** Anthony Mackie, Kerry Washington, Wendell Pierce, Jamie Hector

In 1976 forces are set in motion when a young man returns to the race torn Philadelphia.

- SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 12:50 PM
Colony Theater

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OFFICIAL FILM SECTION

NARRATIVE FILMS

OUT OF COMPETITION



World Premiere

BREAKING UP IS HARD TO DO 2010 USA

108MIN HD

DIR: Tabari Sturdivant **SCR:** Nikki Simpson, Tabari Sturdivant
PROD: Nikki Simpson **CAST:** Demetria McKinney, Kendrick Cross

When what looks like the end of the road could be the beginning of a whole new journey.

- SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 10:15 AM
Colony Theater
- THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 6:15 PM
MB Cinematheque



CONSINSUAL 2009 USA 98MIN HD

DIR: Paul D. Hannah **SCR:** Paul D. Hannah **PROD:** Paul D. Hannah
CAST: Keena Ferguson, Siaka Massaquoi, Kathryn J. Taylor, Leonard Thomas

Walk into this seemingly normal marriage where romance quickly turns lust and morality across the line of corruption.

- FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 10:15 AM
Colony Theater
- THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2:30 PM
MB Cinematheque



World Premiere

JOY ROAD 2009 USA 89MINS 35MM

DIR: Harry A. Davis **SCR:** Harry A. Davis **PROD:** Harry A. Davis
CAST: Wood Harris, N'Bushe Wright, Roger Guenivere Smith, Obba Babtunde, Jamie Hector

Public defender Tony Smalls is called to defend his sisters' boyfriend, a dangerous gang leader.

- SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 5:50 PM
Colony Theater
- FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 11:30 AM
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World Premiere

SUICIDE DOLLS 2010 USA 90 MIN HD

DIR: Keith Shaw **SCR:** Gillian Perdeau and Charissa Gracyk **PROD:** LaQuita Cleare
CAST: Christy Carlson Romano, LaQuita Cleare, Anne Marie Johnson, Steven Bauer, Heather Tom

Two lonely girls plan to commit suicide and decide to film their last 24 hours.

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THE AVON BARKSDALE STORY

2009 USA 72MINS HD

DIR: Bruce Brown **SCR:** Drew Berry, Kenneth Jackson **PROD:** Drew Berry
FEATURING: Nathan Avon Barksdale, Emma Barksdale, Wood Harris

Life of the character played by actor Wood Harris in "The Wire".

- THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 10:15 AM
Colony Theater
- FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 4:45 PM
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ONE NIGHT IN VEGAS

2009 USA 53MIN HD

DIR: Reggie Bythewood **PROD:** Damon Bingham, Chris Connelly, Mitch Wright
FEATURING: Mike Tyson, Tupac Shakur

Director Reggie Bythewood tells the story of the infamous fight night but of the remarkable friendship between Tyson and Tupac.

- THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 3:15 PM
Colony Theater
- FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 1:30 PM
MB Cinematheque



SWEET SCIENCE

2009 USA 118MIN MINI DV

DIR: Chris Howell **PROD:** Chris Howell **FEATURING:** Greg Hatley Jr, Dominic Littleton, Greg Corbin

Documents the progress and price paid by eleven boxers as members of the United States Olympic Boxing team.

- SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 3:05 PM
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- THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 11:30 AM
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World Premiere

THE CYCLE 2009 USA 18MIN HD

DIR: Roy Clovis **SCR:** Roy Clovis **PROD:** Frantz Cayo **CAST:** Sharon Hope, Dennis Johnson, Tanesha Gary, Leopold Lowe

Will the search for a child's bicycle unite a gentrifying community or ignite a conflict that will tear it apart?



World Premiere

IF I LEAP 2010 USA 18MIN 35MM

DIR: Jackie J. Stone **SCR:** Jackie J. Stone **PROD:** Jackie J. Stone
CAST: Adepero Odeyu, Anselm Richardson

Zipporah, temporarily professed into the religious order 'Sisters of Piety', engages in an intimate relationship and is forced to decide whether to remain in the religious life or return to the secular world.



World Premiere

MOTH 2009 USA 15MIN HD

DIR: Hilton Carter **SCR:** Hilton Carter **PROD:** Hilton Carter, Lynn Murphy
CAST: Heaven Murphy, Devon Woods, Susan Mereness, Brandon Lewis

Based on the painting 'The Young Martyr' by Paul Delaroche, Moth tells the story of a beautiful starlet caught up in drugs and stardom.



World Premiere

SAY GRACE BEFORE DROWNING 2010 USA 20MIN HD

DIR: Nikyatu Jusu **SCR:** Nikyatu Jusu **PROD:** Jason Perez **CAST:** Ellie Fombi, Dennise Gregory, Kehinde Koyejo, Ebbe Bassey, Hisham Tawfiq

After meeting her African refugee mother for the first time in six years, 8 year old Hawa is forced to coexist with a woman teetering on the brink of insanity.



World Premiere

STAG & DOE 2009 USA 15MIN HD

DIR: Justin Staley, Daniel Patterson **SCR:** Justin Staley **PROD:** Justin Staley
CAST: Wilzette Borno, Stephen Tyrone Williams

On the eve before their wedding night, a young engaged couple decides to put their relationship to the test at a joint bachelor/bachelorette party.

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World Premiere

LEFT UNSAID 2009 USA 77MIN DIGITAL

DIR: Nelson George **SCR:** Nelson George **PROD:** Nelson George **CAST:** Chyna Layne, Belinda Becker, Bridget Barkan, Donna Maria Augustin, Charisse Woodall

Fifteen women meet via Facebook for Sunday brunch in a Brooklyn brownstone.

- THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 4:40 PM
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- FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 3:00 PM
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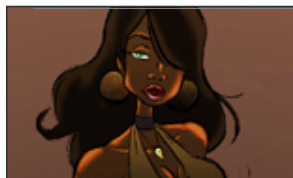


B.U.R.N.S. 2010 USA 45MIN HD

DIR: Phil Reid **PROD:** Phil Reid **FEATURING:** Kenny Burns

The Story Of Kenny Burns' Grind. Showing You Don't Have To Be Somebody's Slave To Make It In The Entertainment Business.

- FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 6:30 PM
MB Cinematheque



World Premiere

GANGS OF LA 1991 2010 USA 65 MIN HD

DIR: Lamothe Moore **SCR:** Lamothe Moore **PROD:** Lamothe Moore

Follows gang activity during the heightened gang warfare in Los Angeles. A true cult classic for lovers of animation.

- SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 6:40PM
MB Cinematheque



SISTERS 2010 USA 13MIN HD

DIR: Monica Mingo **SCR:** Monica Mingo **PROD:** Rich Volin **CAST:** German Rivera, Inci Saymon, Calvin Mingo, Joe Feldman, Pablo Crespin, Allen P. Love, Bryn K. Johnson

Two sisters acknowledge the complexity of their relationship and their struggle to love each other regardless.

- SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 5:45PM
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FESTIVAL MAP

Key Venues

- 1 **Ritz-Carlton**
South Beach
1 Lincoln Road
- 2 **Colony Theater**
1040 Lincoln Road
- 3 **Miami Beach Cinematheq**
512 Espinola Way
- 4 **Maxine's at the Catalina Hotel**
1756 Collins Ave.
- 5 **Lincoln Theater**
541 Lincoln Road
- 6 **Klutch**
136 Collins Ave.
- 7 **LIV at the Fontainebleu Hotel**
4441 Collins Ave.
(Not shown on map.)
- 8 **Gemma Lounge**
529 Lincoln Road
*(*Partner Event/Discounted entry for ABFF passholders.)*
- 9 **Play**
1045 5th Street





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- Opening Night Film (9:00 pm screening only)
- Opening Night Party
- Independent Film Screenings
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- Centerpiece & Special Screenings
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- Additional Prestige Pass benefits includes: one complimentary ticket to each master class, express entry to all evening events, access to VIP registration line and suite. Access to pre-seating for opening and closing night galas.

Master Classes

Master Class on Cinematography led by Cliff Charles..... \$100

- THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 9:00 AM — 12:00 NOON
Ritz-Carlton, South Beach

Master Class on Screenwriting led by Dean Steve Duncan\$100

- FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON
Ritz-Carlton, South Beach

Master Class on the Art of Filmmaking led by Spike Lee..... \$200

- SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Ritz-Carlton, South Beach

Marquee Events

HBO® Short Film Competition \$50

- THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 8:30 PM
Colony Theater, 1040 Lincoln Road

ABFF Honors Awards Ceremony with Special Tribute to Lee Daniels..... \$125

- SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 8:30 PM
New World Symphony Lincoln Theater,
541 Lincoln Road

Admission includes pre-show cocktail hour hosted by Grey Goose



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Hours of Operation:

June 23, 11:00 – 8:00 pm | June 24, 8:30 am – 6:00 pm | June 25, 8:30 am – 6:00 pm | June 26, 9:00 am – 12 noon

Festival Parties

Opening Night Party \$75

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- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 10:30 PM – 3:30 AM
Klutch Nightclub, 136 Collins Ave.

Film Life 10th Anniversary Party \$75

- THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 10:30 PM – 3:30 AM
LIV at the Fontainebleau Hotel, 4441 Collins Ave.

ABFF Honors Awards After Party \$100

Sponsored by Grey Goose

- SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 10:30 PM – 3:30 AM
Play, 1045 5th Street

Panels & Symposiums

A Conversation with Idris Elba (SOLD OUT)

- THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1:30 PM — 3:00 PM
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Inside Nickelodeon \$35

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- SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1:30 PM — 3:00 PM
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- SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 4:00 PM — 6:00 PM
Ritz-Carton, South Beach

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