

2008 ROUTE 66 FILM FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Pre-festival Party, 6:00 p.m. - Midnight

Capital City Bar and Grill, 3149 S. Dirksen Parkway
(Festival Passholders Only)

6:30 *War Eagle, Arkansas*

Robert Milazzo, Little Rock, AR

A gifted baseball player must choose between career and family during the summer of his senior year. Stars Brian Dennehy with Mare Winningham and Mary Kay Place.

8:15 *Yai Wanonabalewa: The Enemy God*

Christopher Bessette, Littleton, CO

A powerful Yanomamo shaman traces his tribes' history in Venezuela over 40 years as they cope with new ideas while trying to maintain their identity.

10:00 *Thicker than Water: The Vampire Diaries Part 1*

Phil Messerer, Hollywood, CA

In this dark comedy, a family must help feed their youngest when she becomes a vampire.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

10:00 a.m. World Travel

Beyond the Call

Adrian Belic, Vallejo, CA

Three modern-day knights travel the world delivering humanitarian aid to civilians in some of the most dangerous, yet beautiful, places on Earth. (Documentary)

e-Dump

Michael Zhao, New York, NY

Ever wonder what happens to recycled electronic gadgets? (Documentary filmed in China)

Kivumvu: Basket Boy

Christopher Redmond, Burundi Film Center

Short film produced by Burundi youth in Africa in a project to teach them filmmaking with the goals to inspire, educate and entertain.

12:00 Noon – Free Show

Abe Lincoln's Life

Abraham Ward, Eureka, MO

The life of Abraham Lincoln through the eyes of a 10-year-old (in four minutes).

D.O.P.E. (Death or Prison Eventually)

Brian Stewart, Mesa, AZ

A look at four legendary world champion skateboarders, Jay Adams from Dogtown's Z Boys, Christian Hosoi, Dennis Martinez and Bruce Logan as they rose to the top, descended into drugs and crime and climbed back to life. Narrated by Danny Trejo.

1:15 Audience Favorite Drama Competition

My Dad Ralph

Nicholas Wong, Ontario, Canada

Ralph has kept his profession a secret until his son's class has a Take-Your-Kid-to-Work Day.

Samara: "Jeff"

Roshan Murthy and Sam Copeland, Peoria, IL

The sun is dying and the world is ending, but hope is coming in less than 8 ½ minutes.

Waking Up Alone

Luke Ewing, Chicago, IL

A would-be messiah is haunted by the need to prove his love for his departed wife.

The Un-Gone

Simon Bovey, Worcester, England

Travel in the future is simple until the transporter's malfunction reveals the dark truth behind the corporate façade.

Final Prayers

Dylan Narang, Orange, AL

A mother tries to convince her son not to commit suicide as his father did.

Crazy Old Woman

Zhou "Joe" Fang, Beijing, China

Stewart's life is turned upside down when his wife's grandma moves in and begins to talk to dead people on her old rotary phone.

Endless Journey

Henry Warnakulasuriya, Nugegoda, Sri Lanka

A mother must leave her small son alone while she cares for a pampered child.

2:50 Audience Favorite Debut Competition

The Lion's Tale

Bunthivy Nou, Fredericton, New Brunswick

A mother confesses to killing the boy who bullied her son.

First and Last

Damien Patrik, Sedona, AZ

A landlord looks for the perfect tenant among many potential, wacky renters.

Square Pegs

Ben Hicks, Downers Grove, IL

A childish mother and her two daughters find themselves in a surreal way station where their choices will bring them together or tear them apart.

Food for the Gods

H. Scott Hughes, Brenham, TX

On a world light years from Earth, a beautiful warrior must choose between her people's future and the life of her astronaut lover.

The Purrfect Girl

Emily W., Chicago, IL

A budding romance is threatened when a dog-lover learns the terrifying truth that his girl is a cat-lady.

The Bath

Boris Wexler, Chicago, IL

Stacy revisits her troubled relationship with her husband as she relaxes in the tub.

The Loneliest Place on Earth

Cody Stokes, St. Louis, MO

A dying man hails a taxi to take a tour of the city so he will not spend his last night alone.

4:30 A Little Romance

Manny

Kyoung “Kay” Park, Brooklyn, NY (South Korea)

Black-and-white, silent-film-style 3-D animation set in 1920’s.

Break-up Date

Collin Souter, Prospect Heights, IL

This documentary explores the modern scene of speed dating, online dating and too much choice.

6:15 Free Show

Stars and Their Guitars - Best Documentary

Kent Hagen, Los Angeles

Four generations of guitar players talk about the instrument they love. Starring Les Paul, B.B. King, Scotty Moore, Bo Diddley, Billy Gibbons, Slash and many more.

8:00 Double Feature of Winners + Shorts

Raccoon and Crawfish

Terrance Frederick, Oneida, NY

Animation based on an Oneida Indian legend.

Yesterday Was a Lie - Best Film Noir

James Kerwin, Hollywood, CA

A girl with a sharp mind and a weakness for bourbon searches for an elusive genius with a sexy lounge singer and a loyal partner as her only allies.

Viola: The Traveling Rooms of a Little Giant

Shih-Ting Hung, West Hollywood, CA

Viola steps outside her own world to search for the true meaning of loneliness.

(Experimental)

The Art of Pain - Best Comedy Feature

Matt Brookens, Chicago, IL

A starving artist working at a movie theater finds inspiration when an amateur ninja sets out to destroy his life.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

10:00 a.m. Audience Favorite Comedy Competition

He's My Dad

Mark and Heath Mensher, Orange, NJ

A young girl tries to rehabilitate her dad, a former serial killer, who has just been released.

Delivery

Sandor Weiner, New York, NY

A man with an unusual delivery method has hungry customers who refuse to pay.

The Kindness of Neighbors

Erik Gernand, Chicago, IL

A couple who moves into a gentrifying neighborhood invites a new neighbor for tea.

Season of the Clown

Brian Wimer, Charlottesville, VA

A film crew captures rare footage of the endangered Mountain Clown at the opening of Clown Season.

Alan & Suja

Todd Tinkham, Chapel Hill, NC

When hometown boy Alan meets the exotic Suja, his whole world turns upside down.

NPW (No Polo Widow)

Blake Mycoskie, Santa Monica, CA

Alicia learns how to entice her polo player husband and avoid being a polo widow. (Filmed in Argentina)

Hard Boiled

Brian Wimer, Charlottesville, VA

Two small-time thugs break “the goods” and have to face the big boss, Mr. B.

Leo

Joseph Reitman, Los Angeles

An African lion moves to LA to become a movie star, but the king of the jungle finds he's just another guy looking for a gig.

11:45 Foreign Documentary and Best Debut Feature

Un dimanche a Pripiat (A Sunday in Pripiat)

Frederic Cousseau and Blandine Huk, Paris, France

An invisible enemy forced 50,000 people from their homes in this model city that has reverted to its natural state. (Documentary filmed in Ukraine)

Left/Right – Best Debut Feature

Matthew and Todd Wolfe, Fayetteville, AR

A big-city yuppie loses his job because of a bogus resume and must return home to face his childhood demons and find the true measure of his worth. (Dark comedy)

2:00 Best Experimental and Best Suspense

Magritte Moment – Best Experimental Film

Ian Fischer, New York, NY

A frustrated painter searching for his muse gets some help from the surreal visions of Rene Magritte.

The Last Round – Best Suspense Film

Dan Masucci, Scotia, NY

Six strangers meet in an abandoned house to play “the game for men with nothing to lose.”

4:00 Sunday Matinee

Mugs (Experimental)

Ronnie Cramer, Denver, CO

One hundred of your favorite celebrity mug shots morph from one to another.

Minotauro - Best Foreign Feature – Mexico

Alejandro Cano, Miami, FL

A woman who can see the future gives birth to twins who fulfill their destiny in spite of her efforts to keep them apart.

6:00 Short Film Winners and Awards

24 Frames – Best Animation

Brad Pattullo, Saegertown, PA

Black comedy mockumentary puppet film about making a puppet film.

The Transient - Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Award

Chris Lukeman, Jacksonville, IL

A homeless vigilante must stop Vampire Abe Lincoln and his gang from kidnapping and sucking the blood of four score and seven virgins.

Berlin – Best Historical Film

Norm Sanders, Camas, WA

In 1940 Berlin, a desperate American woman seeks the help of a former lover to save her husband who’s been shot down behind enemy lines.

Boot Polish – Best Foreign Short

Aneel Ahmad, Manchester, England

A shoe-shine boy becomes emotionally involved with a courtesan. (Filmed in Pakistan)

The Vaudevillian – Best Drama Short

Bryan Nest, Los Angeles

A ventriloquist begins scamming farmers for money, much to his dummy’s dismay.

First Bass – Best Comedy Short

Jonah Ansell, Marina del Rey, CA

A 12-year-old bass prodigy whose true love is baseball discovers the truth about her father when she sneaks off to a Cubs game.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS