

BIG EDDY

FILM FESTIVAL

NARROWSBURG - NEW YORK

FIFTH ANNUAL BIG EDDY FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES OPENING NIGHT SELECTION

***Opening with 'Little Boxes'
Starring Melanie Lynskey & Nelsan Ellis
Co-starring Janeane Garofalo and Christine Taylor***

***At the Tusten Theatre, Narrowsburg, NY
September 16, 2016***

The **Big Eddy Film Festival** is pleased to announce the official opening night selection for its fifth annual event taking place in Narrowsburg, NY September 16 to 18, 2016. The Festival opens on Friday, September 16 at 8 pm with the new dramedy **LITTLE BOXES** about an interracial family who experiences an identity crisis when they move from New York City to a rural town. **LITTLE BOXES** is directed by Rob Meyer, written by Annie J. Howell, and stars Melanie Lynskey, Nelsan Ellis, and newcomer Armani Jackson. The film co-stars Janeane Garofalo, Christine Taylor, and Oona Laurence. **LITTLE BOXES** premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival in April 2016, and will be released in theatres in 2017 by Netflix.

At home in their diverse and creatively vibrant Brooklyn neighborhood, but frustrated with a lack of viable career opportunities and ready for a change of scenery, photographer Gina (Lynskey) accepts a tenure-track college job that requires a cross country move to Washington State. Her husband Mack (Ellis) is a writer struggling to get traction on his second book. Together they move to Washington State with their pre-teen son Clark (Jackson), rallying together to embark on a future promising fresh air, financial stability, and the joys of homeownership.

Although Mack, Gina, and Clark are for the most part embraced by their new suburban neighbors and colleagues, they do not feel understood. And each seems to go their separate ways to find, and define, their new identities. That disconnect begins unravel the bond they share as a family unit.

"This film dives deep into how our we evolve—as parents, as children, as professionals—when our surroundings change," says festival director Tina Spangler. "Melanie Lynskey is one of my favorite actors. I've been following her career since she was in 'Heavenly Creatures' in the mid-1990s, and she was in our opening night film 'Goodbye to All That,' two years ago. She's very relatable, very natural.

"Also, keep your eye out for the Westchester County and Newburgh locations used to stand in for Washington State throughout the film," says Spangler.

Howell's multi-layered script is loosely based on her own family. The film was shot on location in Brooklyn, Westchester County, and throughout the Hudson Valley. The Big Eddy screening is a great opportunity to see the film long before its release date.

Opening night film tickets are \$15. All other individual tickets are \$10. All-Access Festival passes are \$75, and include a guaranteed seat at all screenings, including opening night, admission to a Saturday evening cocktail party, and a complimentary BEFF tee shirt. Six-Packs of tickets are available for \$40 (which does not include opening night, nor the cocktail party).

All screenings take place at the Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge Street in Narrowsburg, NY. For more information and tickets, visit BigEddyFilmFest.com or call 845-252-7576.

About the Big Eddy Film Festival

Produced by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance of Narrowsburg, NY (DVAA), the Big Eddy Film Festival aims to advance the traditional art of storytelling by showing the newest and best independent films from around the world and our own backyard. Visit BigEddyFilmFest.com.

About the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, founded in 1976, serves as Arts Council for Sullivan County, NY. DVAA's mission is to advance the arts in the region through support and encouragement of artists; innovative programs; advocacy; and alliances with arts organizations, business, and government. Visit DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org.

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“Little Boxes” filmmakers and the Big Eddy Film Festival director are available for interviews.

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