



***CELEBRATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF
'THE NIGHT OF THE HUNTER'***

***American Cinematic Classic starring
Robert Mitchum and Shelley Winters***

***At the Tusten Theatre, Narrowsburg, NY
September 19, 2015***

The **Fourth Annual Big Eddy Film Festival** is proud to present a 60th anniversary retrospective screening of the classic American thriller “The Night of the Hunter.”

Released in 1955, “The Night of the Hunter”—the only film the great actor Charles Laughton ever directed—is truly a stand-alone masterpiece. A horror movie with qualities of a Grimm’s fairy tale, it stars a sublimely sinister Robert Mitchum as a traveling preacher named Harry Powell (he of the tattooed knuckles), whose nefarious motives for marrying a fragile widow, played by Shelley Winters, are uncovered by her terrified young children. Graced by images of eerie beauty and a sneaky sense of humor, this ethereal, expressionistic American classic—also featuring the contributions of actress Lillian Gish and writer James Agee—is cinema’s most eccentric rendering of the battle between good and evil.

Roger Ebert wrote about the film: “Charles Laughton’s “The Night of the Hunter” (1955) is one of the greatest of all American films, but has never received the attention it deserves because of its lack of the proper trappings. Many “great movies” are by great directors, but Laughton directed only this one film, which was a critical and commercial failure long overshadowed by his acting career. Many great movies use actors who come draped in respectability and prestige, but Robert Mitchum has always been a raffish outsider. And many great movies

are realistic, but “Night of the Hunter” is an expressionistic oddity, telling its chilling story through visual fantasy. People don't know how to categorize it, so they leave it off their lists. Yet what a compelling, frightening and beautiful film it is!”

“The Night of the Hunter” screens Saturday, September 19 at 9 p.m. at the Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge Street in Narrowsburg, NY. Tickets are \$10.

The Big Eddy Film Festival takes place September 18 – 20, showing two dozen brand new feature films, documentaries, shorts, and videos for kids. All-Access Festival passes are \$100, and include admission to a Saturday evening “Meet the Filmmakers” cocktail party and a guaranteed seat at all screenings, including opening night. Six-Packs of tickets are available for \$40 (which does not include opening night), or Six-Pack Plus for \$75, which includes six films, plus opening night and the Saturday evening cocktail party.

For information of the full schedule of films 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 www.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 www.DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org.

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