

BIG EDDY

FILM FESTIVAL

NARROWSBURG - NEW YORK

THREE NEW DOCUMENTARIES AT THE SIXTH ANNUAL BIG EDDY FILM FESTIVAL

September 15 – 17 in Narrowsburg, NY

The **Big Eddy Film Festival** (September 15 – 17) will showcase three new documentaries at their sixth annual event in Narrowsburg, NY: a profile of the charismatic American writer, best known for his “Tales of the City” novels; a woman’s personal journey to reclaim her health when a little-understood illness renders her bedridden; and a wonderfully nostalgic take on 80s New Wave music and the Long Island radio station that introduced its sound to the US.

“These three distinctive films take us across the country, from Long Island to Boston, North Carolina to San Francisco, to tell three true American stories that will make you think, feel, and want to dance,” says festival director Tina Spangler who selected the films along with a four-person committee of film professionals.

All three of these full-length documentaries are directed by women and are slated for release in 2018.

THE UNTOLD TALES OF ARMISTEAD MAUPIN

Director: Jennifer M. Kroot

Featuring: Laura Linney, Olympia Dukakis, Sir Ian McKellen, Neil Gaiman, and Amy Tan

Screens: Saturday, September 16 at 1 pm

THE UNTOLD TALES OF ARMISTEAD MAUPIN examines the life and work of one of the world’s most beloved storytellers, following his evolution from a conservative son of the Old South into a gay rights pioneer whose novels have inspired millions to claim their own truth. Jennifer Kroot’s documentary about the creator of *Tales Of The City* moves nimbly between playful and poignant and

laugh-out-loud funny. With help from his friends (including Laura Linney, Olympia Dukakis, Sir Ian McKellen, Neil Gaiman, and Amy Tan), Armistead Maupin offers a disarmingly frank look at the journey that took him from the jungles of Vietnam to the bathhouses of 70's San Francisco to the front line of the American culture war.

This screening is sponsored by Catskills Pride.

UNREST

Directors: Jennifer Brea

Screens: Sunday, September 17 at 12 pm

Jennifer Brea is an active Harvard Ph.D. student about to marry the love of her life when suddenly her body starts failing her. Hoping to shed light on her strange symptoms, Jennifer grabs a camera and films the darkest moments unfolding before her eyes as she is derailed by M.E. (commonly known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome), a mysterious illness some still believe is “all in your head.”

In this story of love and loss, newlyweds Jennifer and Omar search for answers as they face unexpected obstacles with great heart. Often confined by her illness to the private space of her bed, Jen is moved to connect with others around the globe. Utilizing Skype, she unlocks a forgotten community with intimate portraits of four other families suffering similarly. UNREST is a vulnerable and eloquent personal documentary that is sure to hit closer to home than many could imagine.

DARE TO BE DIFFERENT – CLOSING NIGHT FILM

Directors: Ellen Goldfarb

Featuring: Duran Duran, Howard Jones, Thompson Twins, Bow Wow Wow, Depeche Mode, Frankie Goes to Hollywood, Joan Jett, Blondie, The B-52s, and many more.

Screens: Sunday, September 17 at 6 pm

New Wave music was introduced to the US from Europe in the 1980s by Long Island's radio station WLIR, which led to the rise of mega-groups like U2, The Police, Duran Duran, Joan Jett and Blondie. Now, 30 years after it went off the air, director Ellen Goldfarb tells the story of the unique rise and fall of this independent cultural institution. Set for release in 2018, this brand new documentary had its world premiere earlier this year at the Tribeca Film Festival. It is chock full of interviews and rare archival footage of a who's who of new wave and punk bands including Thompson Twins, The Cure, Billy Idol, Frankie Goes to Hollywood, Tears for Fears, Depeche Mode, and many others.

Following the film, join us for an 80s music party at the Emerald Ballroom on Main Street in Narrowsburg.

Attend the Festival

Individual film tickets are \$10. Also available are special All-Access Festival Passes for \$100 (a \$60 savings), which include a guaranteed seat at all screenings, including opening night, admission to the Saturday evening Meet the Filmmakers cocktail party, and a complimentary BEFF tote bag. Discounted Six-Pack tickets are available for \$40 (does not include opening night film or Meet the Filmmakers party). Tickets are on sale now.

The sixth annual Big Eddy Film Festival takes place September 15 – 17, showing two dozen brand new narratives, documentaries, shorts, and videos for kids, and a retrospective screening of an underappreciated Disney animated masterpiece.

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 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. DVAA also produces the Tusten Theatre Cultural Series, Alliance Gallery exhibitions, and Riverfest. Visit www.DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org.

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Filmmakers and festival director Tina Spangler available for interviews.

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