

BIG EDDY

FILM FESTIVAL

NARROWSBURG - NEW YORK

LOCAL-THEMED DOUBLE HEADER AT THE SIXTH ANNUAL BIG EDDY FILM FESTIVAL

September 15 – 17 in Narrowsburg, NY

The **Big Eddy Film Festival** (September 15 – 17) will showcase two new dramatic films shot in Sullivan County as a centerpiece event on Saturday, September 16 at the Tusten Theatre in Narrowsburg, NY. **'So B. It,'** directed by Stephen Gyllenhaal and **'Halfway to Zen,'** directed by Toby Poser and John Adams will be presented as a double header on Saturday night.

"Over the past six years, we've noticed more and more movies are being shot in Sullivan County, thanks to our varied landscapes and locations, proximity to New York City, and the New York State Film Tax Credit Program. Last year, Liberty, NY was used as a setting for two exciting narrative feature films, and it's fantastic that they are both ready to premiere in Sullivan County at this year's Big Eddy Film Fest," says festival director Tina Spangler. "We're thrilled that the creative talents behind both films will be in attendance and will conduct Q&As with the audience."

SO B. IT

Director: Stephen Gyllenhaal

Cast: Alfre Woodard, John Heard, Cloris Leachman, and newcomer Talitha Bateman

Screens: Saturday, September 16 at 6:30 pm

"So B. It" follows a 12-year-old girl named Heidi (Bateman) as she embarks on a journey across country to uncover the story of her mother's past and discovers herself along the way.

Directed by Stephen Gyllenhaal, the movie is based on the New York Times best selling book of the same name by Sullivan County-based young adult writer

Sarah Weeks. Filmed in part in and around Liberty, NY, this is a special advance screening. "So B. It" premiered at the 2016 Los Angeles Film Festival and will be released in theaters in October 2017. The film is rated PG-13 and is appropriate for families.

Sarah Weeks will be in attendance for a Q&A following the film.

HALFWAY TO ZEN

Directors: John Adams & Toby Poser

Cast: Zelda Adams, John Adams, Toby Poser, Robert Lund, Claire Denis

Screens: Saturday, September 16 at 9 pm

After release from prison, Nick (John Adams) is trying to walk a straight line, flipping burgers and taking care of his father, Pop, who's forgotten what a terrible dad he once was thanks to the onset of dementia. When Nick is reintroduced his daughter Edie (who announces she's now a boy) and his ex-wife, Vick (Toby Poser), who recently experienced a stroke, this ragtag team of misfits join forces to relearn everything they know about what makes a family. The road to peace is rugged, but the first step will get you halfway there.

John Adams and Toby Poser are Sullivan County residents, and have produced several films in the region through their production company Wonderwheel Productions.

Filmmakers and cast will be in attendance for a Q&A after the film.

Attend the Festival

Individual film tickets are \$10. All-Access Festival passes are \$100 (a \$60 savings), and includes 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. Six-Packs of tickets are available for \$40 (which does not include opening night, nor the cocktail party). Tickets go on sale August 18.

The sixth annual Big Eddy Film Festival takes place September 15 – 17, showing two dozen brand new feature films, documentaries, shorts, and videos for kids.

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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