

BIG EDDY

FILM FESTIVAL

NARROWSBURG - NEW YORK

'THE BOY DOWNSTAIRS' TO OPEN THE SIXTH ANNUAL BIG EDDY FILM FESTIVAL

September 15 – 17 in Narrowsburg, NY

The **Big Eddy Film Festival** (September 15 – 17) will open on Friday, September 15 at 8 pm with the Catskills premiere of the “The Boy Downstairs.”

Autumn in New York is the setting for this fresh romantic comedy from first-time writer director Sophie Brooks. Zosia Mamet (best known for her starring role on HBO’s “Girls”) stars as a single girl looking for an apartment in Brooklyn. She moves into the perfect place, but things turn complicated when she discovers her downstairs neighbor is her ex-boyfriend (Matthew Shear) whose heart she broke years ago. Like a true New Yorker, she keeps the apartment.

Brooks’ smart and snappy script explores, through regular flashbacks, what it means to fall in and out of love, and the nebulous nature of modern relationships. Are we exes? Are we friends? Are we re-uniting?

Brooks is a young filmmaker living in Los Angeles. She graduated with a BFA in Film and TV from NYU Tisch. Her short film “Maple Leaves” premiered at The Palm Spring International Short Film Festival in 2014. “The Boy Downstairs” is her first feature film.

Fresh off its Tribeca Film Festival world premiere earlier this year, “The Boy Downstairs” is slated for release by FilmRise in early 2018.

The film co-stars Deirdre O'Connell, Sarah Ramos, and Diana Irvine. It runs 90 minutes, and is unrated.

Attend the Festival

Opening night tickets are \$15. Other 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 the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) of Narrowsburg, NY, 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

The 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 are available for interviews.

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