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MEDIA ALERT

31st Portland International Film Festival

Visiting Artists

The Northwest Film Center announces visiting filmmaker highlights in this year's 31st Portland International Film Festival. The Festival is proud to announce over a dozen filmmakers, from around the globe or locally, who are confirmed to attend, answer audience questions and shed light on their work at film screenings.

VISITING ARTISTS:

FEATURES

Director Eran Kolirin with THE BAND'S VISIT (ISRAEL) on FEB 7

Director Stefan Ruzowitzky with THE COUNTERFEITERS (AUSTRIA) on FEB 13

Director Peter West with CHIHULY IN THE HOT SHOP (US) on FEB 17

Director Gus Van Sant with PARANOID PARK (US) on FEB 18

Director David Gordon Green with SNOW ANGELS (US) on FEB 21

Director José Luis Guerín with IN THE CITY OF SYLVIA (SPAIN) on FEB 16 and 17

SHORTS:

Director Jason Blalock with AMERICAN/SANDINISTA (US) on FEB 17

Directors Various (US) with the

Short Cuts IV Program: MADE IN OREGON on FEB 16

Director Chel White HARROWDOWN HILL & WIND

Director Arman Bohn RING! RING!

Director Warren Pereira WHO'S GOOD LOOKING

Director Joanna Priestley STREETCAR NAMED PERSPIRE

Director Brian Libby THE DEMOLITION OF THE ROSEFRIEND APARTMENTS

Director Lou Thomas, Jake Ryan Manning LITTLE TERRORS

Director Jeremy Bird SUPER NONPAREILS

Director Andy Blubaugh THE PULL

The Festival opens tonight at the Newmark Theatre at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts with the Israeli film *The Band's Visit*. The Director, Eran Kolirin, will be in attendance, joining the audience for an Opening Night party in the Portland Art Museum's elegant Fields Sunken Ballroom. The Opening Night party is sponsored by Hollywood Video and features music by Portland's The Brothers of the Baladi.

Festival Screening Locations:

Regal Broadway Metroplex, 1000 SW Broadway

Newmark Theatre, 1111 SW Broadway

NW Film Center, Whitsell Auditorium-Portland Art Museum, 1219 SW Park Avenue

Admission Prices:

\$9 General, \$8 Portland Art Museum Members, Students, and Seniors, \$6 NW Film Center Members

Opening Night \$30

Various Festival Passes available.

Festival Schedule:

The full PIFF Program is available online at www.nwfilm.org

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