

Presenter of the St. Louis International Film Festival, St. Louis Filmmakers Showcase, QFest St. Louis, Classic French Film Festival, and Golden Anniversaries

## Dear Educator:

We invite you and your students to experience the art of cinema and all it can provide in the way of educational and creative development. Cinema St. Louis is offering <u>Free Film Programs</u> during the 32nd Annual Whitaker St. Louis International Film Festival, held from Nov. 9-19, as part of our <u>Georgia</u> <u>Frontiere Cinema for Students Program</u>. The film programs are available <u>Nov. 9-19</u>. Full synopses of the films, including targeted grades, can be found in our attachment.

Our goal is to present young people with positive images that challenge stereotypes, inspire critical thinking, and promote understanding and tolerance. The Georgia Frontiere Cinema for Students (CFS) Program does this by presenting a diverse selection of films for grades 1-12. Many films will allow classes the chance to talk with the filmmakers or the subjects of documentaries. The selected films can supplement courses in many areas, including social studies, history, English language arts, science, music, and visual/performing arts.

Due to the success of our virtual presentations in 2021 and 2022, we are continuing to offer screenings for <u>In-School and Remote-Learning Presentation</u>. For in-school presentations, schools will need to be able to screen from a computer using a website link and password, preferably with a digital projector. If students are learning remotely, teachers can either share the film during class through the platform used by the school (e.g., Zoom) or provide the students with the film link and password for viewing on their own.

We are also pleased to announce we are returning to in-person screenings of several films at both the Hi-Pointe Theatre and St. Louis Public Library Central Branch. Hi-Pointe screenings will feature complimentary popcorn!

Unless otherwise noted on the film program description, filmmakers and/or documentary subjects are potentially available for remote Q&As; inquire about availability (provide the date/time requested).

If you have any questions about the festival, please do not hesitate to contact me, **Sandy Reid**. I can be reached at <a href="mailto:CinemaForStudents@cinemastlouis.org">CinemaForStudents@cinemastlouis.org</a> or **314-402-9781**. You may also call Cinema St. Louis operations supervisor **Brian Spath** at **314-200-5684**.

To make film reservations, fill out the online form at our <u>Cinema for Students</u> website. Our CFS documents are also available for download as PDFs on the website.

To thank you for making the program available to your students, we'll provide all participating teachers with a pair of free ticket vouchers for the festival. I look forward to sharing this enlightening and educational experience with you and your students.

Sincerely, Sandy Reid School Outreach Coordinator

Cinema St. Louis engages the St. Louis region through educational programs, cultural connectivity, and curated film exhibitions.

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