

Media release

Riding Mountain National Park Film Festival is back for it's seventh year.

What began as a way for local filmmakers to have their movies shown, has grown into the Riding Mountain National Park Film Festival (RMNPFF), a well-known Manitoban event, screening 15 movies from across Canada and the United States, July 16 to 21.

Celebrating independent film, RMNPFF offers a week of movie-related activities and events, from workshops and screenings, to youth and adult events. Festival Director Steve Langston is pleased to continue to feature films about environmentalism, agriculture, adventure, the local food movement and regionally inspired films.

A partnership with Sunrise Credit Union and the Park Theatre in Wasagaming has ensured the second annual Toonie Screening of Life Of Pets 2 at 7 p.m. in North America's largest log cabin theatre is part of the festival. This is a family friendly event where you can watch a modern, inspiring movie in a log cabin theatre for only \$2.

Also returning is the Assiniboine Community College Digital Media Camp for youth at Wasagaming Community Arts. An incredible opportunity for youth ages nine to 17 to learn from experienced film makers and create a short film over two days, the camp is July 18 and 19. Langston noted there are still a couple spots left, at time of print.

The Taste for Film event, where patrons watch a one-of-a-kind film and dine on a selection of chef-prepared plates relating to the film, is set for July 20. The movie Fermented by chef Edward Lee explores fermentation and how it has changed the way society consumes food.

"A Taste for Film is kind of our signature event. And just a different, really cool movie this year," Langston said, pointing out chef Tim Taylor will prepare a culinary experience featuring a rhubarb and Bohosoul Market Kombucha cocktail, walleye tacos and kimchi potato salad accompanied with fermented salsa,

curtido, and seasonal garnishes, plus cherry sourdough bread pudding with miso caramel and frozen yoghurt.

The festival is rounded out with daily screenings celebrating independent film at the Visitor Center Cinema in beautiful Riding Mountain National Park.

“We're really excited to have a great list of movies for this year’s event,” Langston said, urging Manitobans to check out the schedule at www.rmnpfilmfest.ca.

Reflecting on the 7th annual film festival, Langston noted support for the inspiring event continues to grow.

“For sure more people know about it and more people continue to get involved, so it's great to be a part of it. The venue is obviously great,” he added.

“And you know, sometimes it's only once a year that people are watching independent documentaries, but I know that when they show up, they enjoy them. People come up to me over the course of the year and tell me that the movies really changed their perspective on something and that's what it's all about,” he said.

RMNPFF kicks off with an opening reception featuring four short documentaries and a live musical performance from Dauphin, Manitoba duet Melisa Stefaniw and Marc Clement at the Visitors Centre Cinema, July 16.

About the festival

RMNPFF is an annual event screening films at different venues in RMNP and was created to motivate visitors to connect with their natural environment through the power of film and storytelling. The festival features documentaries focusing on environmentalism, adventure and local interest, plus the Popular Taste for Film event.

Check the RMNPFF website at www.rmnpfilmfest.ca for a movie and activity schedule.

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