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Washington West Film Festival, presented by Boeing, Releases Schedule for Oct. 25-30 Event in Reston, Arlington, and Eastern Loudoun County

Hollywood icon Frank Marshall, Ty Burrell of "Modern Family," and film by record producer Clive Davis headline event that will screen 56 films across Northern Virginia

September 26, 2017; Reston, Virginia – The Washington West Film Festival, presented by Boeing, today released a <u>robust schedule of 56 films</u> that will anchor its six-day, October experience that will bring a substantial presence to Arlington, Virginia for the first time, this to supplement the festival's traditional anchor location of Reston. The full list of films, organized by date, location, and category is available at <u>www.wwfilmfest.com</u>. Ticket bundles and Fest Experience Packages for the Oct. 25-30 event will begin selling on the site on Thursday, Sept. 28.

Frank Marshall, a familiar Hollywood name for films such as the *Sixth Sense* and the *Bourne Identity* and *Indiana Jones* series will introduce a documentary, *What Haunts Us,* which inspects the "haunting" associations between an extended, 35-year series of suicides from the Porter Gaud High School's Class of 1979.

A short film that is sure to attract a lot of attention comes from ESPN Films and Daniele Anastasion, *Run Mama Run*, which chronicles the challenges of Olympic aspirant Sarah Brown who is compelled to deal with an unexpected obstacle as she vies for a spot on the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Team—pregnancy.

Another powerful documentary from HBO chronicles the frustrations of four rape victims navigating a broken criminal justice system. *I Am Evidence* shows some of the ways that rapists elude consequence for their actions, which includes untested rape kits. The film shows what happens when appropriate attention is cast on sexual assault and survivors finally are provided the opportunity to feel some measure of healing and justice.

Actor Ty Burrell from the hit comedy "Modern Family" will attend the festival in 2017 to showcase two films from Kids in the Spotlight, a Los Angeles nonprofit organization that helps youth in foster care and other under-served children to create professional-caliber films. Burrell is closely involved with the charity.

Another noteworthy film that will screen at Washington West is entitled *Clive Davis: The Soundtrack of Our Lives*, which profiles the five-decade career of a legendary music producer. Davis will attend the Frl., Oct. 28 event at Bow Tie Cinemas in Reston.

Washington West has built a national and international reputation among film festivals based not only on its impressive list of films and accompanying special events, but also for its unyielding premise that "Story Can Change the World." As in years past, Washington West will donate 100% of its box-office proceeds to charitable projects and causes that it believes is making a difference. This extends the festival's reach to use the power of story to effect positive change around the world.

"A well-told story captures our imagination, makes us laugh, forces us to reflect, and inspires transformation," said Washington West Founder Brad Russell. "While we are extraordinarily proud of the stories that will be told through our festival, we try to do more than that. We try to channel the power of story to further support and cast attention toward those who are making a difference in our communities." The festival will announce the specific projects and causes its board of directors has selected to support later this week.

Ticket Sales

Ticket sales are expected to be brisk with packages made available to the public beginning on September 27. You can find information on ticket packages as well as a schedule of films at https://wwfilmfest.com/schedule-tickets/.

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