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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

		THE FLOOD GIRLS LIVE SCRIPT READING 12:30 PM	
	TOKYO COWBOY 2:00 PM		
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DEAR FRIEND,

Welcome to the ninth annual Montana Film Festival, presented by the Roxy Theater and the Montana Film Office.

This year, MTFF is embracing a new motto: **BIG SCREEN COUNTRY**. It's a phrase with multiple meanings. It means **abundance**: we're offering our largest lineup of selections in many years—10 features and 19 shorts from seven countries. It means **Montana**: five of our selections were shot here in the Treasure State, with several others made with Montana-based cast and crew. But most importantly, it means **cinema**. It means films which demand the expanse of a big screen, which are great upon the first viewing and greater after the second, which burrow into your memory and refuse to leave. It means bringing the world of filmmaking to Montana, and Montana to the world of filmmaking.

We're certain you'll find something that speaks to you in this year's lineup. On offer this year are dramas and comedies, Westerns and crime stories and formal experiments, movies by some of the most renowned filmmakers of the past half-century and movies by filmmakers who will shape the medium for decades to come. It's our privilege to invite you to join us. Big Screen Country is a vast but welcoming place.

With love,
TEAM MTFF

SPECIAL EVENTS

TWO DAY PA INTENSIVE WITH LYNN-WOOD FIELDS

Thursday, Oct 12TH & Friday, Oct 13TH
Roxy Theater
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Open to registrants

MTFF MONTANA FILM OFFICE PRESENTATION: STATE OF MT FILM WITH MFO COMMISSIONER ALLISON WHITMER

Saturday, Oct 14TH
Roxy Theater
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Open to all MTFF audiences & filmmakers

MTFF HAPPY HOUR

Friday, Oct 13TH
Montgomery Distillery, 129 W Front St
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Open to all MTFF audiences & filmmakers

HIP STRIP SOIRÉE

Saturday, Oct 14TH
Clyde Coffee, 741 S Higgins (across from the Roxy)
9:30 pm - 11:30 pm
Open to all MTFF audiences & filmmakers

THE FLOOD GIRLS LIVE SCRIPT READING

Sunday, Oct 15TH
Roxy Theater
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Open to all MTFF audiences
Free, ticket is required

PASSES & TICKETS

ALL-ACCESS PASS: _____ \$80
SINGLE TICKETS: _____ \$10
STUDENT/SENIOR/MILITARY TICKETS: _____ \$9
STAR & GALAXY MEMBER TICKETS: _____ \$8
COSMIC & SUPERNOVA MEMBER TICKETS: _____ \$6

Purchase tickets at The Roxy Theater box office, TheRoxyTheater.org, or MontanaFilmFestival.org.

The Roxy Theater box office is open a half-hour before showtimes each day.

Montana Film Festival will provide open captioning for the second and third screening of features if available. Please consult TheRoxyTheater.org for more information.

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FEATURE FILM SELECTIONS



**ALL DIRT ROADS
TASTE OF SALT** 92 MIN
Dir. Raven Jackson
Prod. Barry Jenkins

A lyrical, decades-spanning exploration across a Black family's life in Mississippi, the feature debut from award-winning filmmaker Raven Jackson is a haunting and richly layered portrait, a beautiful ode to the generations of people and places that shape us.



BLOOD FOR DUST 117 MIN
Dir. Rod Blackhurst
Prod. Noah Lang, Bobby Campbell, Mark Fasano Petr Jakl, Bernard Kira, Nathan Klingher
Feat. Scoot McNairy, Kit Harrington, Josh Lucas

Desperate to support his struggling family, traveling salesman Cliff agrees to partner with career criminal Ricky and deliver guns and drugs across Montana. But when a simple exchange turns into a bloodbath, Cliff must fight to stay alive.



FANCY DANCE 90 MIN
Dir. Erica Tremblay
Feat. Lily Gladstone

Since her sister's disappearance, Jax has cared for her niece Roki, scraping by on the Seneca-Cayuga Reservation in Oklahoma. When Jax's custody is threatened, the pair hit the road, scouring the backcountry to find Roki's mother in time for an upcoming powwow.



I LIKE MOVIES 99 MIN
Dir. Chandler Levack
Prod. Lindsay Blair Goeldner

Teenage cinephile Lawrence dreams of attending film school at NYU. In order to raise the hefty tuition fee, he takes a job at a video store. Soon he begins alienating the most important people in his life, all while developing a complicated friendship with his older female manager.



STORY AVE 105 MIN
Dir. Aristotle Torres
Prod. Lizzie Shapiro, Datari Turner, Jamie Foxx, Aristotle Torres
Feat. Asante Blackk, Luis Guzmán

Overcome with grief over his brother's death, talented South Bronx teen Kadir escapes into the world of graffiti gangs. He tries to rob MTA conductor Luis on the subway platform, but is caught off guard when Luis agrees to give Kadir the cash if he'll sit down to a meal with him.



THE PEOPLE'S JOKER 92 MIN
Dir. Vera Drew

The People's Joker originated online, with a call for musicians, actors, and filmmakers to contribute to a queer coming-of-age film set within the Batman universe. More than 150 artists responded, and their contributions are woven into this madcap work of comedic resistance.



THE ROYAL HOTEL 91 MIN
Dir. Kitty Green
Prod. Ian Canning, Kath Shelper, Liz Watts
Feat. Julia Gardner, Jessica Henwick, Hugo Weaving

When American backpackers Hanna and Liv run out of money, they are forced to take a temporary live-in job at 'The Royal Hotel', a pub in a remote Outback mining town. Soon the two women find themselves trapped in an unnerving situation growing rapidly out of their control.



THE SWEET EAST 104 MIN
Dir. Sean Price Williams
Feat. Talia Ryder, Ayo Edebiri, Jacob Elordi, Simon Rex

Separated from her schoolmates on a field trip to Washington DC, high school senior Lillian embarks on a fractured fairytale journey into America, encountering the strange factions inhabiting the unreality of contemporary life.



TOKYO COWBOY 99 MIN
Dir. Marc Marriott
Prod. Brigham Taylor, Jeri Rafter

Brash businessman Hideki arrives in Montana, having convinced his Tokyo bosses he can turn a failing cattle ranch into a premiere-performing asset. When his wagyu-beef expert fails him, Hideki is poised to misfire magnificently unless he identifies a missing factor: himself.



UNFORGIVEN IN 35mm 130 MIN
Dir. Clint Eastwood
Prod. Clint Eastwood
Hosted by Ken Turan

When a sex worker is disfigured by a pair of cowboys, her fellow brothel workers post a reward for their murder. Two groups of gunfighters come to collect the reward, clashing with each other and the local sheriff. Winner of four Academy Awards, including Best Picture, *Unforgiven* is widely acknowledged as one of the greatest Westerns of the past 50 years.



OCTOBER 12-15, 2023

BIG SCREEN COUNTRY



PORTRAIT OF A COWBOY
STRANGE WAY OF LIFE
HAYSTACKS

OCTOBER 13 @ 7:00 PM
OCTOBER 15 @ 3:15 PM

STRANGE WAYS OF LIFE:
THREE COWBOY SHORTS



INFORMATION ABOUT THE SHORTS BLOCKS CAN BE FOUND AT
MONTANAFILMFESTIVAL.ORG

THE GLASSES
SHITTY LITTLE
NEO-DOME
THE BICYCLE THIEF
BLUE HOUR
THE DALES
JULIE LAST NAME
Q&A TO FOLLOW

OCTOBER 14 @ 7:45 PM
OCTOBER 15 @ 7:30 PM
92 MINUTES

SHORTS
BLOCK 2

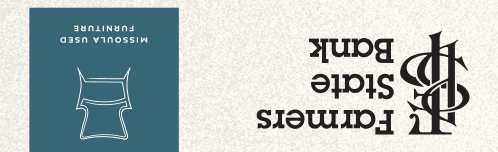
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SUNFLOWER FIELD
LAST CALL
DOUBLE NICKEL
Q&A TO FOLLOW

OCTOBER 12 @ 5:30 PM
OCTOBER 15 @ 5:30 PM
91 MINUTES

SHORTS
BLOCK 1



Betty's Divine • Boyle, Deveny & Meyer • Cambie Taphouse + Coffee
Downtown Missoula Partnership • Garage Tees • Montana Video Production Rentals
Montgomery Distillery • SC Long • Western Cider



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