

OPENING NIGHT

TWO LADIES

Philippe Faucon, France, 73 min.



In Person:
Director Philippe Faucon, Actors Ariane Jacquot & Zohra Mouffok and Producer Yasmina Nini-Faucon

The world could learn a thing or two about getting along from the two ladies in this film about an unlikely friendship. Set in France, the film introduces us to Halima, a Muslim who is asked to help care for Esther, a self-important Jewish retiree. The two charming elderly women get along well, but tensions come to a head when Halima and husband Ali must take in Esther for a month. *Two Ladies* is full of marvelous moments and engaging surprises.

Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 PM
The Historic Lincoln Theatre
Followed by a gala reception \$40.00

PATTI SMITH: DREAM OF LIFE
Steven Sebring, USA, 109 min.

In Person: Patti Smith & Steven Sebring



A hypnotic plunge and breathing collage of legendary musician/poet/painter/activist Patti Smith. Shot

over 11 years, the is layered with mesmerizing recitations, music, and narration. The fluid journey incorporates performances, graveyard pilgrimages and political rallies, archival nuggets, and vérité moments. Winner of the Cinematography Prize at Sundance.

Friday, April 25 at 9:30 PM
The Historic Lincoln Theatre

FILMFEST DC FOR KIDS - FREE



1, 2, 3 LÉON
Various Directors, France, 45 minutes, Color, Dubbed in English

A charming collection of five short movies featuring endearing characters and stories that will charm adults and children alike! Animation. For children 3 years and older. Tickets on first come, first serve basis.

Saturday, April 26 at 2:00 PM
Sunday, April 27 at 1:00 PM
The Avalon Theatre

DIRECTORS' ROUNDTABLE - FREE

Each year, a group of international filmmakers converge at Filmfest DC for screenings of their films and interaction with each other and our audiences. Join the festival's guest directors for an informal discussion of their working styles.

Saturday, April 26 at 4:00 PM
Busboys and Poets 2021 14th Street, NW

SHORT CUTS

HOME (ACASA)

Dir. Paul Negoescu, Romania, 2007, 14 minutes, video This short features conversations between a Bucharest taxi driver and his passenger headed home for the holidays. In Romanian with English

RUN

Dir. Mark Albiston, New Zealand, 2007, 15 minutes, 35mm A brother and sister learn how to confront their fears.

VER LLOVER

Dir. Elisa Miller, Mexico, 2007, 13 minutes, 35mm Two teenagers plan their escape to the big city. This short was a Cannes Palm d'Or winner in 2007. In Spanish with English subtitles

POLSKA ROADMOVIE

Dir. Bartosz Grudziecki, Germany/Poland, 2007, 30 minutes, 35mm This critical and humorous psychodrama about naïveté and prejudice tracks an affluent German couple driving through Poland in search of the woman's former pen pal. In German with English subtitles

THE MOZART OF PICKPOCKETS

Dir. Philippe Pollet-Villard, France, 2006, 31 minutes, 35mm

A pair of unlucky thieves find that their fortune changes when they take in a deaf homeless boy. This film is a 2008 Oscar winner for live-action short. In French with English subtitles

Saturday, April 26 at 4:00 PM
Saturday, May 3 at 4:00 PM
Regal Cinemas Gallery Place

I'LL SHOW YOU THE TOWN - FREE

Dir. Harry Pollard, USA, 1925, 103 mins.

With live musical accompaniment:
Premiere of new score by Dennis James
 English comedic actor Reginald Denny resettled in Hollywood when he was 28 and immediately became a beloved star of many now-forgotten American comedies. In *I'll Show You the Town*, a poor young professor (Denny) is interrupted from his work on a book and becomes caught in a web of scandal and disgrace.

April 26, 4:00 PM National Gallery of Art
 East Building, 4th St. & Constitution Ave.,

SCREENING AND PANEL

THE BREAD WINNER

Sonia Nassery Cole, USA, 23 min.
In Person: Director Sonia Nassery Cole and Marco Vincenzino, founder and director of the Global Strategy Project

Activist and filmmaker Sonia Nassery Cole, in Kabul to coordinate relief efforts on behalf of her Afghanistan World oundation, found her taxi stuck in traffic. As she inched forward, a 9-year-old boy offered to sell her newspapers. Haunted by the purity of the smile she received in return, Cole spent the next 3 days trying to track the youth down.

Saturday April 26 at 5:30 PM
Landmark's E Street Cinema

CINEMA FOR SENIORS - FREE
GREAT AMERICAN ENTERTAINERS

Dir. Michael Chertok, USA, 75 mins., B&W



Great American Entertainers is a tribute to Hollywood and early television, featuring

remarkable performers from the world of music and dance. Featured singers include Ella Fitzgerald, the young Sarah Vaughan, Jimmy Rushing (Mister Five by Five himself), Nat "King" Cole and his trio, Dinah Washington, Helen Humes, and the incomparable Billie Holiday and many more.

Tue., April 29 10:00 AM Avalon Theatre

CLOSING NIGHT

SHALL WE KISS?

Emmanuel Mouret, France, 100 min.
 Co-Presented with the Embassy of France

One day, on a Nantes street corner, local Gabriel bumps into fabric designer Emilie, who's new in town. One thing leads to another, and they have dinner. Nervously asking for a good night kiss, Gabriel is instead regaled with a story. "Before a kiss has been given, nobody knows if it'll be big or small." And therein, as we all know, lies the challenge in this delightful comic romp.



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Sunday, May 4, 4:00 PM
Regal Gallery Place Cinemas
Followed by a party at Bar Louie, \$15.00