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5th Annual Milledgeville Film Festival Expands to Eatonton

The Six-Day Festival will feature screenings in spectacular spots around town

Milledgeville, GA – The annual Milledgeville Film Festival is expanding to the neighboring city of Eatonton. Currently in its 5th year, the festival is considered a Southern Gothic-themed film event and will be held from Tuesday, April 24 through Sunday, April 29th. Over 120 filmmakers are scheduled to attend the festival.

Jeremiah Bennett, the festival’s founder and chairman of the board, says: “Eatonton, similar to Milledgeville, has a rich culture and appreciation for the arts. After a couple years of planning we truly believe a multi-city film festival will benefit everyone.”

The week-long festival will kick off with the opening night screening of the film, “Rich Boy Rich Girl” at the Plaza Arts Center. An outdoor midnight horror film viewing on the grounds of the abandoned Central State Hospital, a red carpet awards show with a Golden Globes style dinner and a Sunday filmmaker’s brunch at Lockerly Arboretum round up just a few of the events taking place during the festival.

Two of the main focuses for the festival include women’s impact in filmmaking and new media. According to San Diego’s Center for the Study of Women in Television and Film, women made up just 7 percent of all directors on the top 250 films in 2016, a two percent decline from 2015. The hot topic of women in film is gaining traction in the country since women make up 52% of the viewing audience, according to the same study. Exploring the surge of new media platforms in film, the festival hopes to highlight how these platforms can create new and exciting possibilities within the industry.

About The Milledgeville Film Festival:

The ME Film Festival (Milledgeville-Eatonton) is an international industry initiative founded in 2013 as the Milledgeville Film Festival. While working in Middle Georgia on the reality show “Here Comes Honey Boo Boo”, producer Jeremiah Bennett and Director BJ Golnick realized Milledgeville was a treasure trove for unique filming sites. Not only is she the antebellum capital of Georgia, she is also home of acclaimed author Flannery O’Connor, whose family farm Andalusia is a world-wide pilgrimage destination. O’Connor’s alma mater “Georgia State College for Women” located in Milledgeville is

now the state's public liberal arts university, known as Georgia College. Other hidden jewels include the Oconee River Greenway, Bartram Forest and the Central State Hospital campus, once the largest mental hospital in the world.

Tickets can be purchased at: <https://filmfreeway.com/MilledgevilleFilmFestival/tickets>

For schedule information: <https://www.milledgevillefilmfest.com/schedule-2018>

Information on Opening Night: <https://plazacenter.org/milledgeville-eatonton-film-fest/>

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