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Filmmakers will be present at their screenings in the John F. Armstrong Wing @ the Blake Library 2351 S.E. Monterey Rd Stuart, FL [www.library.martin.fl.us](http://www.library.martin.fl.us) or call 772-221-1403 for more info



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**STUART**  
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# Southern Circuit Independent Filmmakers

From September through April the Blake Library in Stuart will host the filmmakers and screenings of six films presented by Southern Circuit, the nation's only regional tour of independent filmmakers providing communities with an interactive way of experiencing independent film.

## Sunday **Pants on Fire**

Oct 11 COLIN CAMPBELL Producer/Director

2009  
2 pm

*Pants on Fire* tells the story of Brad Spoofer, a pathological liar on a quest for glory. Brad quit the Feed Barn, Etc. back in Nebraska and moved to L.A. to become a movie star. His Hollywood career, however, has been a dismal failure. To save face, he's been telling his naive friends back home that he's a movie star. Hijinks ensue.

## Sunday **Milking the Rhino**

Nov. 15 DAVID E. SIMPSON

2009  
2 pm

Producer/Director  
A ferocious kill on the Serengeti. Dire warnings about endangered species. These cliches of nature documentaries ignore a key feature of the landscape: villagers just off camera, who navigate the dangers and costs of living with wildlife on a daily basis. *Milking the Rhino* tells a nuanced tale of human-wildlife coexistence in post-colonial Africa.

## Sunday **The Reckoning**

March 14 PACO DE ONIS, Director &

2010  
2 pm

PAMELA YATES, Producer  
The International Criminal Court was created to prosecute individuals for crimes against humanity, war crimes, and genocide. *The Reckoning* follows Prosecutor Luis Moreno Ocampo, Deputy Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda, and Senior Trial Attorney Christine Chung as they issue arrest warrants for the Lord's Resistance Army leaders in Uganda, put Congolese warlords on trial, challenge the UN Security Council to support an arrest warrant for the President of Sudan, and shake up the Colombian justice system.

## Sunday **Dare Not Walk Alone**

Sept. 20 JEREMY DEAN

2009  
2 pm

Producer/Director

On June 18, 1964 a white hotel owner in St. Augustine, Florida, poured acid in a swimming pool filled with black and white youth conducting a civil rights demonstration. With rarely seen news footage and revealing interviews *Dare Not Walk Alone* uncovers the untold story of the St. Augustine movement that led to the Civil Rights Act legislation.

## Sunday **Visual Acoustics: The Modernism of Julius Shulman**

Feb. 14 ERIC BRICKER Producer/Director

2010  
2 pm

Narrated by Dustin Hoffman, *Visual Acoustics* explores the monumental career of 97-year-old architectural photographer, Julius Shulman. An intuitive artist, outspoken critic and utterly fascinating man, Shulman is the living embodiment of the great social vision of modernism.

## Sunday **Bleacher Boys**

April 11 KAREN HUNTER

2010  
2 pm

Producer/Director

*Bleacher Boys* is a story of five men who shared a common dream as boys: the dream of growing up and playing major league baseball. Five men, each of whose dreams were dashed at an early age due to blindness. All are masterful storytellers whose tales become easy for us to identify with and whose perseverance we can admire.

For information about Hotel Packages for your visit to Stuart visit [MartinArts.Org](http://MartinArts.Org) and click on the Visitor Information link.

The 2009-2010 Southern Circuit is a program of the Southern Arts Federation. Southern Circuit screenings are funded in part by a grant from the Southern Arts Federation in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and local partner organizations The Arts Council, Inc., The Friends of the Blake Library in Stuart, Inc. and the Martin County Tourist Development Council. Special support for Southern Circuit was provided by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

[Delray Beach] Most **DBFF** events are held in historic downtown Delray Beach, first settled in 1884. Pretty much everything is within walking distance of the famous Colony Hotel (the 1926-era romantic "old Florida" hotel which serves as Festival headquarters), including the Cornell Museum of Art and History. All DBFF films are screened right in town on Atlantic Avenue, at one of the three Festival screening sites: Old School Square, the Crest Theatre, and the Delray Beach Public Library, which was designated a new venue for 2009.

Artists like Barry Bostwick, Roger Corman and Bill Plympton have all soaked up the DBFF spirit, but filmmaker Carissa Tedesco (WELCOME TO MY LIFE) perhaps sums it up best: "[DBFF] fosters a filmmaker's community [and] generates a lot of excitement, which is unheard of for an emerging festival. I was so moved and happy to attend the festival and will treasure the memory for the rest of my life."

[www.dbff.us](http://www.dbff.us)

[Orlando] The **4th Annual Orlando Film Festival**, running Nov. 4-8, 2009, features events in and around Orlando, where patrons are able to enjoy great films while experiencing Orlando's downtown lifestyle.

[www.orlandofilmfest.com](http://www.orlandofilmfest.com)

[Orlando] The **Florida Film Festival** is a core program of ENZIAN, a nonprofit organization which exists to entertain, educate, inspire, and connect the community through film. 2009 marks the 18th year of the Festival and ENZIAN'S 24th anniversary. Combined, ENZIAN and the Florida Film Festival have served more than 1.5 million guests, premiered

thousands of films and hosted hundreds of celebrities. Legendary attendees of past festivals include Paul Newman, Christopher Walken, Oliver Stone, John Waters, Campbell Scott, James Caan, Ed Burns, Malcolm McDowell, Jason Lee and William H. Macy.

[www.floridafilmfestival.com](http://www.floridafilmfestival.com)

[Orlando] The **Orlando Hispanic Film Festival**, held at Orlando Fashion Square mall, Sept 16-20, 2009, recognizes independent filmmakers from around the world who integrate the Hispanic culture into their work.

[www.ohfilmfestival.com](http://www.ohfilmfestival.com)

[Fort Lauderdale] The **Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival** (FLIFF) is the oldest consecutively running festival in Florida, and the state's top rated film fest (Florida Arts Council). Held annually during October/November, FLIFF reels out over 200 films. Celebrities create an aura of excitement as FLIFF premieres some of the most entertaining new films from the U.S and around the world. There are parties almost every night at Fort Lauderdale's trendiest restaurants, nightclubs and on board yachts. FLIFF also offers several free events including film seminars, films for kids, and outdoor family movies. Past celebrity guests have included Matt Damon, Sir Ben Kingsley, Kim Cattrall, Eli Wallach, Jane Lynch, Richard Chamberlain and many others. Most of the films are presented at FLIFF's year-round art-house theatre, Cinema Paradiso, conveniently located in downtown Fort Lauderdale. In addition, FLIFF extends the festival during the year to venues from Key West to St. Augustine.

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[Sarasota] In July, 1998, international and independent film enthusiasts founded the **Sarasota Film Festival, Inc. (SFF)**. They sought to create a balanced festival of foreign and domestic film complemented by the participation of the film and entertainment industry.

The following January, SFF launched its first festival. The "mini-festival" featured eight independent films, two premiere screenings, two educational symposiums and a gala fundraiser. Since then, SFF has grown in length, (from three to 10 days), attendance (from 2,300 to over 45,000) and scope (from 10 screenings to over 200 films, and adding nationally-recognized education programs, over a dozen special events, and talkbacks and panels with some of the leading voices in film today). Beyond the Festival, SFF has expanded to include year-round activities like the free outdoor Moonlight Movies series in Sarasota, Bradenton, Lakewood Ranch and Venice; Monday Night Movies at the newly-restored Asolo Theater; Screenwriters' Circle; and more. **941-364-9514 | [www.sarasotafilmfestival.com](http://www.sarasotafilmfestival.com)**

[Stuart] From September through April the Blake Library will host the filmmakers and screenings of six films presented by **Southern Circuit**, the nation's only regional tour of independent filmmakers. This is the first time the Southern Circuit Independent Filmmakers are coming to Stuart, Florida.

Featuring screening locations that include Jacksonville and Lakeland, in addition to Stuart, the Southern Circuit Tour takes the audience away from their televisions, DVD players and computers to connect them with visiting independent filmmakers and encourage them to talk with one another about the films and their meanings. Southern

Circuit transforms watching independent films from a solitary experience into a communal one. For details on the films, hotel packages and more, visit **[www.martinarts.org](http://www.martinarts.org)**.

### >>In addition

Hispanic Film Festival of Miami; Marco Island Film Festival; Miami Film Festival; Palm Beach International Film Festival; Palm Beach Jewish Film Festival; Miami Gay and Lesbian Film Festival; Miami Jewish Film Festival; Jacksonville Film Festival; Gasparilla Film Festival (Tampa); Tampa International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival; Tallahassee Film Festival.

### >>Hot Deal!

**Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival (FLIFF)** has an unbeatable offer for visitors. This year's event will be held from October 23 - November 9, 2009. Stay for the entire fest or a long weekend for just \$159 per night plus tax and incidentals, at the newly renovated **Courtyard by Marriott** on Fort Lauderdale Beach. Receive 10 complimentary passes to film screenings and the FLIFF member price for special events during the 2009 film festival - a value of over \$100 in free movie passes and a tremendous savings on events.

To reserve your stay, visit **[www.marriott.com/flco](http://www.marriott.com/flco)** and enter the corporate/promotional rate code "F0Z" to access the Fort Lauderdale Film Festival rate or call The Courtyard Marriott at **800-321-2211** and ask for the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival rate. Then just notify FLIFF, at [info@fliff.com](mailto:info@fliff.com) and your passes to the festival will be at the hotel upon arrival. For details visit **[www.FLIFF.com](http://www.FLIFF.com)** or call **954-525-3456**. \*

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