



Media Alert

WHAT THE FEST!? Genre Film Festival Announces Full Lineup



**Festival Featuring a Devil's Dozen of Eleven Unique Events, with Bizarro World Premieres, Cinematic Oddities and Unforgettable Moments of Onscreen Mayhem to Take Place
March 29th - April 1st at New York's IFC Center**

(New York, NY | March 7, 2018) IFC Center is proud to announce the full slate for the upcoming film festival **What the Fest!?** (www.whatthefestnyc.com), a four-day showcase of outrageous content -- horror, sci-fi, documentary, thrillers, and beyond -- from **March 29th through April 1st**. **What the Fest!?** will feature exciting premieres, including one world premiere, one US premiere, many New York premieres and the world premiere of a new digital restoration of a film never before released in the U.S. **What the Fest!?** also boasts under the radar cinematic finds, film festival hits from Sundance, TIFF, and Rotterdam, as well as buzzworthy talent in-person at screenings and post-screening events.

Opening night of **What the Fest!?** will feature the **New York Premiere** of **Coralie Fargeat's REVENGE**, a thriller about a mistress who exacts "revenge" on her married lover and his friends, turning their annual hunting trip into a decidedly deadlier adventure. The closing night film will be **Jenn Wexler's THE RANGER**, about a group of teen punks on the lam, who hide out from the cops in a remote cabin... only to run into bigger troubles. Wexler will appear with the film, along with producer and co-star **Larry Fessenden** of Glass Eye Pix.

"It's a thrill to celebrate the opening of the festival with a powerhouse film and filmmaker like Coralie Fargeat. Equally exciting is our closing with THE RANGER, the feature debut of producer-director Jenn Wexler," says **Creative Director Maria Reinup**. "And with the diverse, fun, delightfully scary, slightly crazy, and entirely awesome movies that round out the rest of our lineup, we are happy to say that **What The Fest!?** is here to stay. Now join us for a feast for your eyeballs!"

Reinup is a veteran film programmer who has worked in the film industry for the past decade in her native Estonia and around the world. She has served as Director of the Haapsalu Horror and Fantasy Film Festival for seven years; additionally, she programs the Black Nights Film Festival, the only A-list art house festival in Northern Europe. Over the years, she has also worked for several other notable film festivals and has produced and directed short films and music videos.

More **What the Fest!?** programming highlights include the **World Premiere** of **BOILED ANGELS: THE TRIAL OF MIKE DIANA**, a documentary chronicling the obscenity trail of the eponymous comic book artist **Mike Diana**, directed by cult favorite **Frank Henenlotter** (BASKET CASE); Henenlotter and Diana will appear in person. There will also be a sneak peek of an unseen episode from the new **AMC series "The Terror,"** with star **Jared Harris** of "Mad Men" in person for a Q&A, the critically lauded horror film **GHOST STORIES** starring **Martin Freeman**, and the **World Premiere** restoration of the never-before-seen-in-the-U.S., **CURSE OF SNAKES VALLEY**, a.k.a "The Soviet Indiana Jones."

West Village neighborhood bar **Vol de Nuit** ([148 West 4th Street](#)) will serve as a central **What the Fest!?**, bringing together filmmakers, film fans, and everyone in between.

What the Fest!? promises to upend what people think of when they hear "genre films," highlighting films in a new way throughout a can't miss weekend for cinema lovers who are looking for the next cool thing. **Expect anything!**

Below, please find the full WHAT THE FEST!? lineup (all screenings will take place at the IFC Center); for all press and ticket requests, please email Caitlin@CaitlinHughesPR.com.

REVENGE (NY Premiere)
Thursday, March 29th, 7:00PM



Synopsis: In Coralie Fargeat's TIFF and Sundance hit, three wealthy, married men learn the hard way that you should never bring your mistress along on a guys' getaway, especially when there's hunting involved. A Neon release.

Written & Directed by: Coralie Fargeat

Starring: Matilda Anna Ingrid Lutz, Kevin Janssens, Vincent Colombe, & Guillaume Bouchède

TRT: 108 min.

Country: France

Language: English; French (with English subtitles)

VALLEY OF SHADOWS (U.S. Premiere)

Friday, March 30th, 7:00PM



Synopsis: In this mesmerizing Scandinavian Gothic fable shot on 35mm, a small boy sets out into the deep, dark woods in search of a mysterious creature. **Filmmaker Jonas Matzow Gulbrandsen will appear in-person for a post-screening Q&A.**

Directed by: Jonas Matzow Gulbrandsen

Written by: Jonas Matzow Gulbrandsen & Clement Tuffreau

Starring: Adam Ekeli, Kathrine Fagerland, Jørgen Langhelle, Jone Hope Larsen, & Lennard Salamon

TRT: 91 min.

Country: Norway

Language: Norwegian (with English subtitles)

THE ENDLESS

Friday, March 30th, 9:30PM



Synopsis: Two brothers (played by co-directors Justin Benson and Aaron Moorhead, of SPRING and RESOLUTION) return to the cult they fled years ago, only to discover that the group's beliefs may make much more sense than they once thought. A Well Go USA release. **Benson and Moorhead will appear in-person for a post-screening Q&A.**

Directed by: Justin Benson & Aaron Moorhead

Written by: Justin Benson

Starring: Justin Benson, Aaron Moorhead, Tate Ellington, Callie Hernandez, & Lew Temple

TRT: 112 min.

Country: U.S.

Language: English

BLUE MY MIND (NY Premiere)

Saturday, March 31st, 1:15PM



Synopsis: As if adapting to a new town and a new life weren't enough, 15-year-old Mia faces an overwhelming transformation when her body starts to change radically.

Written & Directed by: Lisa Brühlmann

Starring: Luna Wedler, Zoë Pastelle Holthuizen, & Regula Grauwiller

TRT: 97 min.

Country: Switzerland

Language: Swiss German (with English subtitles)

BOILED ANGELS: THE TRIAL OF MIKE DIANA (World Premiere)

Saturday, March 31st, 4:00PM



Synopsis: Jailed for comics?! The true story of Mike Diana, the only American artist ever convicted of obscenity, directed by cult filmmaker Frank Henenlotter (BASKET CASE, BRAIN DAMAGE, FRANKENHOOKER). **Henenlotter and Diana will appear in-person for a post-screening Q&A, along with producers Anthony Sneed and Mike Hunchback.**

Directed by: Frank Henenlotter

Featuring: Mike Diana, George A. Romero, Neil Gaiman, Peter Bagge, Jay Lynch, Stephen Bissette, Peter Kuper, & more

TRT: 105 min.

Country: U.S.

Language: English

GHOST STORIES (NY Premiere)

Saturday, March 31st, 7:00PM



Synopsis: Professional ghost debunker Phillip Goodman embarks upon a terror-filled quest when he stumbles across three long-lost cases of unexplainable “hauntings.” **Filmmakers to appear in-person for post-screening Q&A.**

Written & Directed by: Jeremy Dyson & Andy Nyman

Starring: Martin Freeman, Andy Nyman, Alex Lawther, & Paul Whitehouse

TRT: 98 min.

Country: U.K.

Language: English

SATAN’S SLAVES (NY Premiere)

Saturday, March 31st, 9:45PM



Synopsis: A hit at Rotterdam, acclaimed director Joko Anwar’s (MODUS ANOMALI, A COPY OF MY MIND) remake of a beloved 1982 Indonesian horror classic (reputedly itself inspired by PHANTASM) is a delightfully terrifying haunted house movie -- and the country’s biggest box office smash of 2017.

Written & Directed by: Joko Anwar

Starring: Bront Palarae, Tara Basro, Endy Arfian, & Dimas Aditya

TRT: 106 min.

Country: Indonesia

Language: Indonesian (with English subtitles)

CURSE OF SNAKES VALLEY, a.k.a. "The Soviet Indiana Jones" (World Premiere Restoration)
Sunday, April 1st, 12:30PM



Synopsis: This unseen 1980s Eastern Bloc-buster presents the Soviet answer to Indiana Jones in a tale that combines snakes and jungle traps and the “classic weirdness” of Polish sci-fi! **Never released in the U.S., CURSE OF SNAKES VALLEY screens in a beautiful new digital restoration by the Estonian Film Institute.**

Directed by: Marek Piestrak

Written by: Wojciech Nizynski, Marek Piestrak, & Vladimir Valutskiy

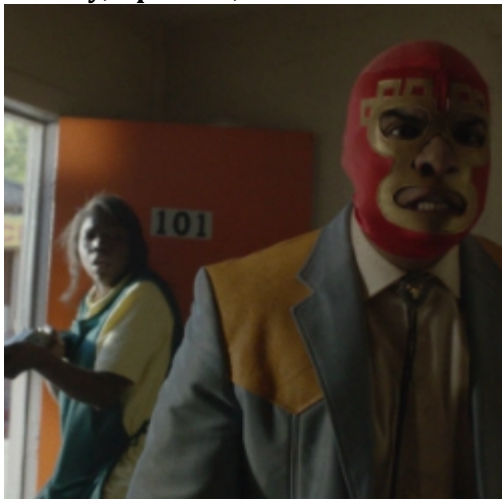
Starring: Krzysztof Kolberger, Roman Wilhelmi, & Ewa Salacka

TRT: 94 min.

Country: Estonia, Poland

Language: Russian (with English subtitles)

LOWLIFE (NY Premiere)
Sunday, April 1st, 3:00PM



Synopsis: The sordid lives of an addict, an ex-con, and a *luchador* collide when an organ harvesting caper goes very, very wrong. An IFC Midnight release. **Director Ryan Prows and co-star Mark Burnham will appear in-person for a post-screening Q&A.**

Directed by: Ryan Prows

Written by: Tim Cairo, Jake Gibson, Shaye Ogbonna, Ryan Prows, & Maxwell Michael Towson

Starring: Jon Oswald, Nicki Micheaux, Mark Burnham, & Ricardo Adam Zarate

TRT: 96 min.

Country: U.S.

Language: English, Spanish (with English subtitles)

"The Terror" (Episode Sneak Preview)

Sunday, April 1st, 5:30PM



Synopsis: Join star Jared Harris for a sneak preview of AMC's new series based on Dan Simmons's 2007 bestseller, the true-life tale of a group of sailors confronting certain death at the frozen ends of the earth. **Jared Harris and Executive Producers Soo Hugh and David Kajganich will appear in-person for a post-screening Q&A.**

Starring: Jared Harris, Ciarán Hinds, & Tobias Menzies

TRT: 144 min (Episodes 1-3 of the first season)

Country: U.S.

Language: English

THE RANGER (NY Premiere)

Sunday, April 1st, 9:00PM



Synopsis: Teen punks on the run from the cops hide out in a remote cabin, only to find out that the forest has its own law. **Writer/director Jenn Wexler and producer/co-star Larry Fessenden will appear in-person for a post-screening Q&A.**

Directed by: Jenn Wexler

Written by: Giaco Furino & Jenn Wexler

Starring: Chloe Levine, Jeremy Holm, & Larry Fessenden

TRT: 80 min.

Country: U.S.

Language: English

Ticket Pricing and Information

Opening night screening of REVENGE - Film and Opening Night Party: \$25 (\$20 IFC Center members), Film only: \$15 (\$10 IFC Center members)

Tickets for all other screenings are \$15 adults, \$10 IFC Center members

Tickets for all screenings are available online at WhatTheFestNYC.com, or in-person at the IFC Center box office, 323 Sixth Avenue (at West 3rd Street), open daily 10:30AM-10:00PM.

About WHAT THE FEST!?

Much of the most innovative and exciting cinema on screens today comes out of the universe of genre films – movies that are entertaining, surprising and sometimes shocking. Fantastic films that upend conventional limitations to help us escape reality and harbor deeper ambitions to thrill smart audiences. **What The Fest!?** is for the creative and curious looking for a community in which to share experiences and have a blast together. From cerebral shockers to singular cinematic experiences to unforgettable special events, **What The Fest!?** is more than just movies, it is an experience.

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