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The Capital Irish Film Festival begins Thursday!

The biggest Irish film festival in the U.S. runs from December 1-10 in Washington DC.



THE FILMS

This year's festival will include the features **PARKED** (directed by Darragh Byrne and featuring Colm Meaney), **AS IF I AM NOT THERE** (Ireland's official entry for the 2012 Oscars, directed by Juanita Wilson), **SENSATION** (directed by Tom Hall and featuring Domhnall Gleeson) and **REWIND**, as well as **ALL GOOD CHILDREN** (official selection Cannes Film Festival 2010), **THE OTHER SIDE OF SLEEP** (official selection Cannes Film Festival 2011) and the U.S. premiere of **MEETING ON THE STAIRS**.

Opening the festival this year is **THE LOTUS EATERS** by first time director Alexandra McGuinness and featuring breakout star, Antonia Campbell-Hughes (who also appears in The Other Side of Sleep).

This year's festival will feature nearly fifty shorts including a programme dedicated to dance on film. Selected titles in the shorts category for CIFF 2011 include **SHOE** (directed by Nick Kelly; shortlisted for an Academy Award 2011), **PAPERMAN** (winner of Best Animation at the Canadian International Film Festival), **THE CHRISTENING** (directed by Oonagh Kearney; official selection Galway Film Fleadh 2011), **THE HEIST** (directed by Thomas Hefferon; official selection Palm Springs International Film Festival 2011) and **SMALL CHANGE** (official selection Sundance Film Festival 2011). Full details of the line up are available on irishfilmdc.org.

THE SCHEDULE

December 1	8.00pm	THE LOTUS EATERS	directed by Alexandra McGuinness	featuring Antonia Campbell-Hughes	E Street Cinema
December 2	7.30pm	THE OTHER SIDE OF SLEEP	directed by Rebecca Daly	featuring Antonia Campbell-Hughes	Goethe Institut
December 3	2.00pm	SHORTS: BRIGHT LIGHTS, BIG CITY	various directors		Goethe Institut
December 3	4.00pm	SHORTS: A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY	various directors		Goethe Institut
December 3	6.30pm	THE PIPE	directed by Risteard O Domhnaill		Goethe Institut
December 3	8.30pm	MEETING ON THE STAIRS	directed by Lorna Fitzsimons		Goethe Institut
December 4	2.30pm	SHORTS: CARTOON HEROES	various directors		Goethe Institut
December 4	4.30pm	ALL GOOD CHILDREN	directed by Alicia Duffy		Goethe Institut
December 5	7.00pm	NORTHERN IRELAND TRIPLE BILL	various directors		E Street Cinema
December 6	7.00pm	THE RUNWAY	directed by Ian Power		E Street Cinema
December 7	7.00pm	REWIND	directed by PJ Dillon	featuring Amy Huberman	E Street Cinema
December 8	7.30pm	PARKED	directed by Darragh Byrne	featuring Colm Meaney	E Street Cinema
December 9	6.15pm	PROMISE AND UNREST	directed by Alan Grossman & Aine O'Brien		Goethe Institut
December 9	8.15pm	AS IF I AM NOT THERE	directed by Juanita Wilson		Goethe Institut
December 10	3.00pm	SHORTS: DIRTY DANCING	various directors		Goethe Institut
December 10	5.30pm	NOTHING PERSONAL	directed by Urszula Antoniak	featuring Stephen Rea	Goethe Institut
December 10	8.00pm	SENSATION	directed by Tom Hall	featuring Domhnall Gleeson	Goethe Institut

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VISITING ARTISTS AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW

The following directors/actors will be in DC during the festival:

Antonia Campbell-Hughes, star of **THE LOTUS EATERS** (opening night film) and **THE OTHER SIDE OF SLEEP** (official selection Cannes 2011).

Thomas Hefferon, director of the short films **THE POOL** and **THE HEIST**.

Vincent Gallagher, director of the animated short, **SIGNS**.

Dave Kilpatrick, director of the documentary short, **STEPHEN BOYD: THE MAN WHO NEVER WAS**.

Juanita Wilson, director of **AS IF I AM NOT THERE** (Ireland's official entry for the foreign language category, Oscars 2012).

Fearghus O Conchuir, choreographer and performer in the short dance film, **MO MHORCHOIR FEIN**.

THE FESTIVAL

Solas Nua has been producing a film festival since its first year of programming in 2005. It was officially named the Capital Irish Film Festival (CIFF) in 2008 and since then has run each December over a ten day period, officially making it the largest Irish film festival in the U.S.

The Capital Irish Film Festival is produced by Solas Nua (which means new light in Irish), a 501(c)3 non-profit and the only contemporary Irish arts organization in the United States. Based in Washington, DC, our mission is to bring the best new artistic talent from Ireland to audiences in America. We achieve this through unique programming which includes a theatre, visual arts, Irish Book Day, Paisean Faisean, the Solas Salon and dance.

WHEN? 1 - 10 December 2011

WHERE? E Street Cinema, 555 11th St. NW, WDC 20004, Goethe Institut, 812 7th St. NW, WDC 20001.

HOW? Tickets are available on irishfilmdc.org or by calling 1800-494-TIXS

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