



PRESS RELEASE

Contact: Meghan Govoni
239-472-9700 ext. 303
mgovoni@bigarts.org

FORT MYERS FILM FESTIVAL TO SCREEN AT BIG ARTS

BIG ARTS will be a multi-day venue for the Fort Myers 14th Annual Film Festival. The festival will screen the three films listed below in BIG ARTS Christensen Performance Hall on the evenings of Thursday, May 23, Friday, May 24 and Saturday, May 25, 2024. Tickets are available for purchase at BIGARTS.ORG/programs/film-series.

ABOUT THE FILMS

Thursday, May 23, 7:00PM

Flamenco Sevilla (60m; Documentary, Spain/US; John Biffar)

The film features flamenco sensation Manuel Jimenez and follows two sisters, both musicians, as they work reinventing the art and music of flamenco with Captiva musician Johnny Jensen. The feature shows how for centuries, thousands of people converge on Seville on Easter week. They celebrate faith, family, and friends. Processions of the Virgin Mary crisscross the streets at all hours, orange blossoms perfume the air, delicious tapas and wine are savored in street-side cafes, and Flamenco dancers dazzle the thousands of visitors that swell this ancient city.

Friday, May 24, 7:00PM

From Laughter to Legacy: Captiva's Jensen Family (60m; Documentary, US; Ken Sneed, Captiva Island Historical Society)

The Jensen brothers are beloved by Island residents and visitors and their Twin Palm Marina & Cottages was an island icon for 40+ years under the family's ownership.

Saturday, May 25, 7:00PM

Women of The Watershed (60m, Documentary; US; Scott Michael Barnett)

A young woman journeys to the source of the Everglades headwaters to better understand the historic challenges of water management and pollution that now threaten this fragile ecosystem. Along the way she will meet a new generation of advocates who are redefining the balance of women in conservation.

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

The 14th annual Fort Myers Film Festival will be celebrated from May 22-26, 2024, in the most beautiful locations Southwest Florida has to offer. The week-long event features private and public parties, panels, and screenings with guests from all over the world.

The Fort Myers Film Festival was founded by Eric Raddatz, accomplished American journalist, filmmaker, and media personality known for his notable contributions in the fields of journalism and entertainment. In 2015, the festival was given the prestigious 2015 Chrysalis Award for Cultural Achievement by the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau and the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce Inc.

For additional information, visit fortmyersfilmfestival.com.

###