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BIG ARTS TO HOST FORT MYERS FILM FESTIVAL MAY 15–17

SANIBEL, FL (May 1, 2025) – BIG ARTS welcomes the Fort Myers Film Festival with three evenings of powerful, independent films May 15–17. Each screening begins at 7 PM in Christensen Performance Hall and will feature a special guest appearance from someone involved with the film.

Thursday, May 15

Opening Reception – 5:45 PM

Sanibel

Directed by Herbert James Winterstern | 1h 6min

A documentary about seashells, grief, and a community devastated by Florida's largest storm.

Documentary | United States

Friday, May 16

Curveballs

Directed by John Biffar | 1h 30min

The inspiring story of America's only amputee baseball team, The Louisville Sluggers.

Feature | Strictly Local | United States | SWFL

Saturday, May 17

A double feature of short films (one ticket includes both):

Journey Back to Alcedo

Directed by Gianna Haro Vallazza | 25 min

Two 70-year-old friends return to the Galápagos Islands to continue their work in conservation, highlighting the need for more women in science.

Short | Environment | Ecuador

Climbing into Life

Directed by Melissa J. Davey | 52 min

The inspiring story of Dierdre Wolownick, the oldest woman to climb El Capitan. Mentored by her son, Alex Honnold of *Free Solo*, she discovered climbing in her 60s.

Documentary | United States

Tickets are available now at [BIGARTS.org](https://bigarts.org) or by calling the box office at 239.395.0900.

About BIG ARTS

Founded in 1979, BIG ARTS is a nonprofit organization that provides an array of quality entertainment, arts, and education programs that enrich and nurture the lives of Sanibel and Captiva residents and visitors. Visit us online at bigarts.org or call us at 239-395-0900 to learn more. BIG ARTS is located at 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel Island.