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Athens natives bringing College Town Film Festival to hometown

Event will feature several members of OHIO faculty, staff

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Athens High School graduates Matthew Jordan and Eric Zudak are bringing their one-of-a-kind touring film festival, dubbed the College Town Film Festival, to their hometown and Ohio University Oct. 2-5.

The College Town Film Festival is designed to bring together working professionals, students and academicians. Its goal is to locate local professors to champion, examine and discuss new films in an academic setting.

Held at the Athena Cinema in uptown Athens, the College Town Film Festival will feature several members of the Ohio University faculty and staff.

Both Jordan and Zudak have connections to the University. Jordan is an associate professor in the Department of Film/Video and Media Studies at Penn State University. His father, Don Jordan, is a professor emeritus of Asian history at OHIO. Zudak is a film producer and founder of the College Town Film Festival. His father, the late Lawrence Zudak, was a professor of economics at OHIO prior to his retirement in 1983.

The College Town Film Festival will include the screening of 10 feature-length films as well as eight short films. Most of the screenings will be followed by panel discussions or question-and-answer sessions featuring the films' actors, directors or producers, as well as members of the OHIO community whose expertise can shed additional light on the films' topics or the filming itself.

Those screenings include:

- "No Horizon Any More," a documentary highlighting the struggles of living in Antarctica, 2 p.m., Oct. 3. This screening will be followed by a panel discussion with film director Keith Reimink and Ryan Fogt, assistant professor of meteorology at OHIO.
- "Tribe Wanted: Sierra Leone," a documentary capturing Hermione Way's experience living with a tribe, 4 p.m., Oct. 3. It will be followed by a panel discussion with film director Jonathan Sarno; Geoff Dabelko, an OHIO professor and director of environmental studies at the Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs; Bruce Martin, assistant professor of recreation and sport pedagogy; and Jeremiah Asaka, president of the Ohio University African Student Union.
- "Karaoke Man," a romantic comedy produced by Zudak, 7 p.m., Oct. 3. It will be followed by a question-and-answer session with Zudak, writer/director Mike Petty, cowriter Kevin Guzowski, and Annie Howell, assistant professor of film at OHIO.
- "Twilight of the Gods," a drama exploring the relationship between composer Richard Wagner and philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche, 1 p.m., Oct. 4. It will be followed by a panel discussion with director Julian Doyle; Dennis Delaney, associate professor of theater/directing at OHIO; and Associate Professor Vladimir Marchenkov and Professor Dora Wilson, both of whom teach in OHIO's School of Interdisciplinary Arts.
- "Too Cold Out There Without You," a documentary about the Rev. Christopher Fike's gender transition and his life as a priest, social worker and single parent. This screening will be followed by a

question-and-answer session with Fike, film director Amy Gattie, and Delfin Bautista, director of OHIO's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Center.

- "That's What She Said," a comedy starring Anne Heche and directed by Carrie Preston who stars in HBO's "True Blood" and who earlier this month won an Emmy for her role on ABC's "The Good Wife." This screening will be followed by a question-and-answer session with Preston and Pearl Gluck, a visiting assistant professor of film at OHIO.

Other highlights of the film festival include:

- "Making Movies with Monty Python," a seminar featuring tales from Julian Doyle, a British filmmaker best known for editing Monty Python's "Life of Brian," 1 p.m., Oct. 5.
- Closing Night Concert Party at Jackie O's, featuring musical act Guiney and Grimes, 10 p.m., Oct. 5. Guiney was the bachelor on season four of ABC's "The Bachelor" and signed a record deal in 1994. Grimes is an actor and singer-songwriter who has had roles in "E.R.," "Party of Five," "Band of Brothers" and "American Dad."

The College Town Film Festival kicks off with an opening night party at 9 p.m. Oct. 2 at Jackie O's.

For a full schedule of events and ticket information, visit <http://collegetownfilmfestival.com/> [<http://collegetownfilmfestival.com/>].

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