



Palm Springs International Film Festival â?? January 7th

## Description

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# OPENING NIGHT OF THE 2017 PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL JANUARY 5, 2017



A packed house on Opening Night saw the World Premiere of â??The Sense of an Endingâ?• starring Jim Broadbent and Charlotte Rampling. The director, Ritesh Batra, was in attendance along with PSIFF Artistic Director, Michael Lerman, PSIFF Chairman of the Board, Harold

**Matzner and Palm Springs Mayor, Robert Moon.**

The screening was followed by a rousing reception at the Palm Springs Art Museum.

## TALKING PICTURES: AQUARIUS



Writer/Director Kleber Mendonça Filho discusses his film *AQUARIUS*, starring Sonia Braga following a screening of the film on Wednesday, January 4.

## FASCINATING FILMS ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

### *WHITE SUN*

Nepal/U.S./Qatar/Netherlands 2016 88 minutes

Director: Deepak Rauniyar  
NEW VOICES/NEW VISIONS  
U.S. Premiere



**A dark comedy about two brothers from each side of the Nepalese civil war brought together after 10 years for their father's funeral. A trenchant, eye-catching parable, this is the best film to come out of Nepal in years. Winner: Interfilm Award, Venice.**

**Sun, Jan 8 10:30 AM Camelot**

**Wed, Jan 11 6:30 PM Rega**

**Director, Deepak Rauniyar and Actors, Dayahang Rai, Rabindra Singh Baniya to attend the January 8 screening. Purchase tickets [HERE](#).**

## ***JEWEL'S CATCH ONE***

U.S. 2016 90 minutes

Director: C. Fitz

TRUE STORIES

North American Premiere



For 40 years the L.A. disco Catch One thrived against all odds as a haven for the black and brown LGBT community, thanks to the tenacity of its remarkable founder, Jewel Thais-Williams, who is celebrated in this vibrant history of the "West Coast Studio 54."

Sun, Jan 8 1:00 PM Regal

Tue, Jan 10 2:15 PM Palm Canyon

Director, C. Fitz to attend.

**Purchase tickets [HERE](#).**

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Souvenir Program Book online.  
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## **24 WEEKS**

Germany 2016 102 minutes  
Director: Anne Zohra Berrached  
WORLD CINEMA NOW



A German woman is told her unborn baby will probably have Down syndrome and must decide whether to abort the pregnancy in this moving drama. A wrenchingly affecting picture! It's an incredible, revealing performance from Jentsch (*Sophie Scholl*). • *Screen*

Sun, Jan 8 1:30 PM Camelot

Wed, Jan 11 4:30 PM Camelot

Sat, Jan 14 4:30 PM Camelot

**Purchase tickets [HERE](#).**

## ***GUN RUNNERS***

Canada 2016 89 minutes

Director: Anjali Nayar

TRUE STORIES



Kenya's Rift Valley produces many of the world's top marathon runners. It's also a place of gun-toting cattle rustlers. In this enthralling documentary, Julius Arile and Robert Matanda trade their AK-47s for running shoes and a dream for a better life.

Sun, Jan 8 1:30 PM Mary Pickford

Sat, Jan 14 5:15 PM Palm Canyon

Sun, Jan 15 11:00 AM Palm Canyon

Director, Anjali Nayar to attend January 8 screening.

**Purchase tickets [HERE](#).**

## **FESTIVAL MERCHANDISE**



A stand-alone Film Festival Store for the Palm Springs International Film Festival is featuring a complete collection of Film Festival Merchandise at Destination PSP. The Festival Store is now open and will be open every day through January 16.

The Festival Store is located in the Regal Cinema Courtyard Plaza, unit 16, just down from the Regal Cinemas and across the courtyard from the Festival Ticket and Information Center.

You can also shop online at Destination PSP by clicking [HERE](#).

## ***THE CONCESSIONAIRES MUST DIE!***

U.S. 2016 88 minutes  
Director: America Young  
WORLD CINEMA NOW  
World Premiere



In another world not entirely unlike this one, the dedicated staff of a single screen repertory theatre put their heads together to keep their beloved picture palace open. This affectionate slacker comedy mixes pop culture trivia with goofy shoestring parodies of Hollywood classics new and old.

Sun, Jan 8 â?? 4:00 PM â?? Mary Pickford

Mon, Jan 9 â?? 6:30 PM â?? Rega

Director, America Young, Actors David Blue, Talia Tabin and John M. Keating to attend.

**Purchase tickets [HERE](#).**

## **PERSONAL SHOPPER**

France â?? 2016 â?? 105 minutes

Director: Olivier Assayas

MODERN MASTERS



Master filmmaker Olivier Assayas and Kristen Stewart re-team after *Clouds of Sils Maria* with another surprising collaboration. *Personal Shopper* is a most unusual and artful ghost story, a tense and eerie tale of a medium trying to reconnect with her recently deceased twin brother. Winner: Best Director, Cannes.

Sun, Jan 8 â?? 4:15 PM â?? PSHS  
Mon, Jan 9 â?? 4:00 PM â?? Camelot  
Thu, Jan 12 â?? 7:30 PM â?? Annenberg  
**Purchase tickets [HERE](#).**

## **ZACMA: BLINDNESS**

Poland â?? 2016 â?? 114 minutes  
Director: Ryszard Bugajski  
FOCUS ON POLAND



An intimate, metaphysical art-house drama, *Blindness* posits a 1962 meeting between a now repentant Julia Prajs Brystygier, aka "Bloody Luna," the former head of Department V in the Stalinist-era Ministry of Information, and Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski, a man whose 1953 arrest she had facilitated.

Sun, Jan 8 7:30 PM Camelot

Mon, Jan 9 7:30 PM Camelot

Wed, Jan 11 5:00 PM Camelot

Director, Ryszard Bugajski; Actor, Maria Mamona to attend.

**Purchase tickets [HERE](#).**

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