

Red Rocket Blasts Into AFI FEST 2021 With A Resounding Q & A To Boot

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Sean Bakerâ??s *Red Rocke*t, a story of a washed up, 20 year veteran performer in the adult film industry who returns home for more of the same, screened last night at the 2021 AFI FEST. *Red*



as he futilely careens in and out of tions of his actions and choices.

Simon Rex as Mikey Saber in Sean Bakerâ??s latest film of a washed up por star returning to his oil refinery hometown, Red Rocket. (Photo from fest.afi.com)

Red Rocket is Sean Baker at his best in the low, low budget film making. Providing a snapshot of Mikey and the socially marginalized characters that are in his orbit, Baker elevates *Red Rocket* with snappy dialogue, carefully executed camera work, and the trust he places in the audience. Rex, Bree Elrod as Lexi, and Suzanna Son as Strawberry, deliver riveting performances with exquisite line execution. Captivating work. Highly Recommended!



(L to R) AFI Programming Director, Sarah Harris, Director Sean BAker, Actor Simon Rex, Actor, Bree Elrod, and Actor Suzanna Son participate in a Q & A following the AFI FEST 2021 screening of RED ROCKET at the Chinese Theatre, November 12, 2021. (Photo by Larry Gleeson/HollywoodGlee)

And, if that wasnâ??t enough (and it was), the Q & A immediately following the screening led by AFI Programming Director Sarah Harris, got a little saucy. Baker and Rex took exception when an audience member, who coincidentally works in the adult film industry and performs in Ninja Thybergâ??s Pleasure, screening tonight, stated his displeasure with a term thrown out at *Red Rocketâ??s* end. Stay tuned!

Simon Rex is a participant in the free Virtual Indie Roundtable today at 1:00 P.M.

The AFI FEST continues through tomorrow night. Visit fest.afi.com for more information including ticketing and film schedule. The Closing Night film is the Will Smith led *King Richard* â?? the story of Richard Williams and his quest to make his daughters, Venus and Serena, the pinnacles of womenâ??s tennis.



Will Smith portrays

Richard Williams in the AFI FEST 2021 Closing Night Premiere, KING RICHARD, the story behind the rise of Venus and Serena Williams to the pinnacle of womenâ??s tennis. (Photo from fest.afi.com)

Until next time, Iâ??ll see you at the moviesâ?¦

*Featured photo of Simon Rex as Mikey Saber in Sean Bakerâ??s *Red Rocket*. (from AFI.com)

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