


# 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 â?? 2016 â?? 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 fatherâ??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 â?? 10:30 AM â?? Camelot**
**Wed, Jan 11 â?? 6:30 PM â?? Rega**
**Director, Deepak Rauniyar and Actors, Dayahang Rai, Rabindra Singh Baniya to attend the January 8 screening. Purchase tickets HERE.**

## *JEWELâ??S CATCH ONE*

U.S. â?? 2016 â?? 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 â??West Coast Studio 54.â?•

Sun, Jan 8 â?? 1:00 PM â?? Regal
Tue, Jan 10 â?? 2:15 PM â?? Palm Canyon
Director, C. Fitz to attend.
**Purchase tickets HERE.**
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## *24 WEEKS*

Germany â?? 2016 â?? 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. â??A wrenchingly affecting pictureâ?¦ Itâ??s an incredible, revealing performance from Jentsch (*Sophie Scholl*).â?• *Screen*

Sun, Jan 8 â?? 1:30 PM â?? Camelot
Wed, Jan 11 â?? 4:30 PM â?? Camelot
Sat, Jan 14 â?? 4:30 PM â?? Camelot
**Purchase tickets HERE.**

## *GUN RUNNERS*

Canada â?? 2016 â?? 89 minutes
Director: Anjali Nayar
TRUE STORIES



Kenyaâ??s Rift Valley produces many of the worldâ??s top marathon runners. Itâ??s also a place of gun-toting cattle rustlers. In this enthralling documentary, Julius Arile and Robert Matanda trade their AK-47s for running shoesâ?¦ and a dream for a better life.

Sun, Jan 8 â?? 1:30 PM â?? Mary Pickford
Sat, Jan 14 â?? 5:15 PM â?? Palm Canyon
Sun, Jan 15 â?? 11:00 AM â?? 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. â?? 2016 â?? 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

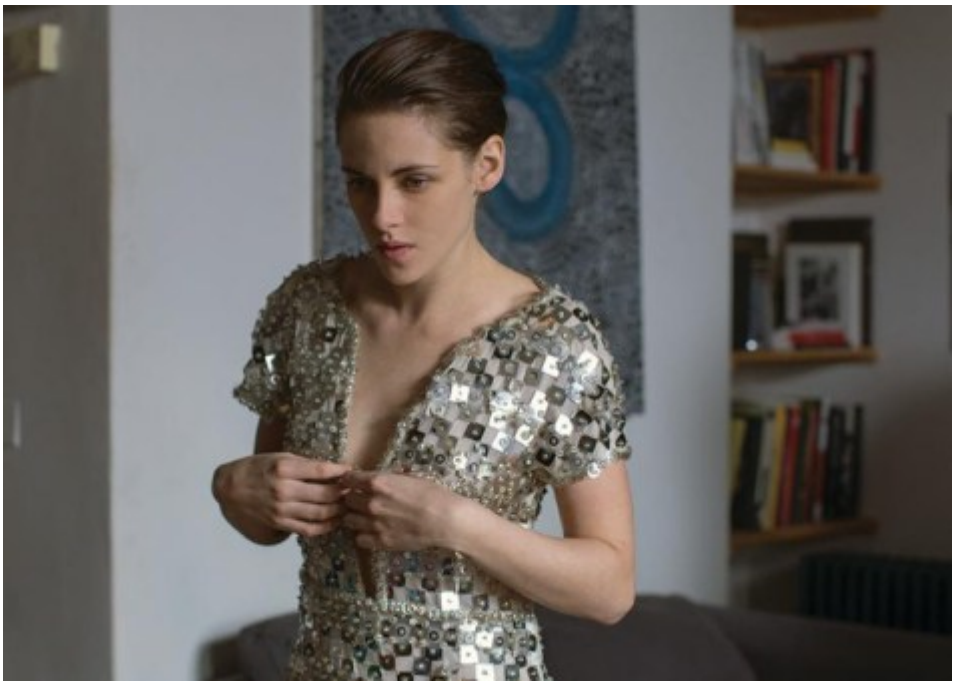
Mon, Jan 9 â?? 6:30 PM â?? Rega

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 â??Bloody Luna,â?• 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 â?? 7:30 PM â?? Camelot
Mon, Jan 9 â?? 7:30 PM â?? Camelot
Wed, Jan 11 â?? 5:00 PM â?? Camelot
Director, Ryszard Bugajski; Actor, Maria Mamona to attend.

**Purchase tickets HERE.**

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