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## **2010 WILD ROSE INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL ADDS FILM *THE EXPERIMENT* AND ANNOUNCES WRIFF INDUSTRY PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOPS**

### **2010 WRIFF announces new additions to the Iowa Film Showcase and Workshops**

AriesWorks Entertainment is excited to announce another addition to the 8<sup>th</sup> annual international *Wild Rose Independent Film Festival*, to be held November 4-11 at the popular Fleur Cinema and Café. This year's Wild Rose will not only screen films from around the globe competing for top awards, it will extend the WRIFF to include a unique non-competitive screening series Showcase of well-known films shot in Iowa. This WRIFF Iowa Film Showcase features Iowa-connected films that are first Iowa public screenings or are rarely seen on the big screen.

The Iowa Film Showcase lineup will include the first Des Moines movie theatre screenings of *The Experiment*, a film about 26 men who are chosen to participate in the roles of prisoners and guards in a psychological study that ultimately spirals out of control. **Shot in Iowa, *The Experiment* features Adrien Brody, Forest Whitaker and many Iowa actors.**

Also in its first Iowa movie theatre screening is the **popular paranormal thriller, *Haunting Villisca***, based on the true story of the Villisca Axe Murders of 1912 and the actual haunting of the house where the crime took place. On **Sunday Nov. 7** following the first scheduled screening, **Darwin and Martha Linn (the Villisca Axe Murder House owners who appear in the film) will attend a Q & A about the infamous haunting.** (<http://www.ariesworks.com/trailer.html>)

Other Showcase films include the zany comedy feature *Splatter: Love, Honor and Paintball*, about a likeable loser who seeks validation playing paintball; the intense psychological crime drama, *ASH*, about an abducted child and the effect the crime has on the former police officer who finds him; *IMPULSE*, a thriller by **Bluebox Limited** and **exclusive Iowa screenings of the exciting and touching RAGBRAI documentary, *A Million Spokes*.** (trailer at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pwf-B0mi\\_4I](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pwf-B0mi_4I) )

As **Wild Rose Workshop Presenters**, the 2010 WRIFF welcomes from **New York** well-known daytime drama star, **Ellen Dolan**, who played “Margo” for 21 years on *As the World Turns* and **Kristina Valada-Viars** who has **Broadway and film credits**; both are originally from Iowa and recently shot the quirky Iowa indie SAG feature, *Molly's Girl* produced by My Town Pictures and AriesWorks Entertainment. Ellen Dolan will be teaching an acting workshop, “**Working in the Moment**” on Sat. Nov. 6th from 9am-11am at the Fleur Cinema and Cafe. Cost is \$45 in advance (\$55 at the door) **Class size is limited.** Kristina Valada-Viars will offer a business workshop “**Finding Acting Opportunities in Larger Markets**” from 11:15am-12:15am on Saturday Nov. 6 at the Fleur. Cost is \$25 (\$35 at the door.) Also teaching is **award-winning LA composer, David James Nielsen**, who will give a **Seminar for musicians and composers: “Breaking into the Indie Film Scoring Biz.”** Cost is \$45 (\$55 at the door.)

Past WRIFF Presenters have included *Troma Pictures'* Lloyd Kaufman; Stu Pollard of *Keep Your Distance*; Emmy Award-winning actor, Greg Alan Williams, of *Remember the Titans*, *The Sopranos*, *Be Cool* and *Haunting Villisca*; actor Ben Easter of *Holiday in the Sun* and *I'll Always Know What You Did Last Summer*; Lew Hunter, author of the best-selling book, *Screenwriting 434*; John Putch, *Route 30 and Mojave Phone Booth*; and LA-based Casting Director/Acting Coach, Jamie Rose of JRose Studio.

The WRIFF, features top international independent features, shorts, documentaries and animated films and hosts informative filmmaking workshops with industry pros. These films compete for awards in over 20 categories including: acting, directing, editing, cinematography, original music and others.

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