



EQUUS Film Festival SANTA FE TOUR STOP

FRIDAY September 2019

6:00 pm – 9:30 pm

VIP OPENING PARTY AND FILM SCREENING

LOCATION:

Santa Fe, NM, 87501 - 505-216-5678

THE HORSE SHELTER <https://thehorseshelter.org> - EQUUS FILM FESTIVAL www.equusfilmfestival.net

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6:30 pm

PATAGONIA BY HORSEBACK (2018) USA

5:00 min / Directed by: Lindsay Blatt

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/289470300>

"Patagonia By Horseback" a short film by Lindsay Blatt, follows a group of women who ventured by horseback into the rugged heart of the Andes on a 7-day pack trip.

This beautiful film captures the connection between horse and rider that results from days being spent moving through the Andes, sleeping on the ground, and cooking over campfire.

6:35 pm

BOY NOMAD (2018) CANADA

21:00 min / Directed by: Niobe Thompson & Dennis Wells

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/283935897>

Short film BOY NOMAD follows a year in the life of 9-year old Janibek, who lives with his family in Mongolia's Altai Mountains. His first love is racing horses, but this winter, his father will bring him on the toughest journey in a nomad's life: the winter migration. When the film crew arrives, they discover the Altai is gripped by a "zhut", a hard winter that blocks the passes and threatens to wipe out the family's only possession: their animals.

7:00 pm

THE GOBI GALLOP A DOCUMENTARY (2018) CANADA

70:00 min / Directed by: Bree Von Bradsky

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/285730970>

A look at the intrepid riders taking on the challenge of the longest annual charity horseback ride on the planet. With 12 riders and their Mongolian ground crew it is an adventure laced with all the unpredictable twists that only Mongolia can throw at you.

Magnificent horses, amazing culture, epic adventurers make this captivating story of undertaking incredible hardship to help some of the most impoverished children on the planet.

8:15 pm

A HORSE, A CONVICT, A CHANCE FOR CHANGE (2018) USA

22:30 min / Directed by: Autumn Payne

Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VHI7uZ_ZwiE

Changed by his love for a wild mustang, a high-risk convict struggles towards a brighter future. His horse, Zephyr, leads a parallel path.



8:45 pm

DESERT FLIGHT (2018) USA

40:00 min / Directed by: Ryan Koral

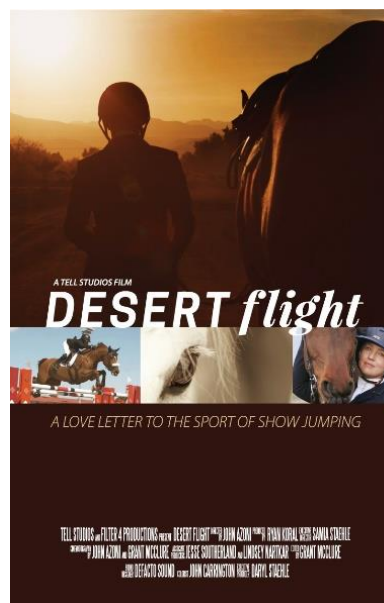
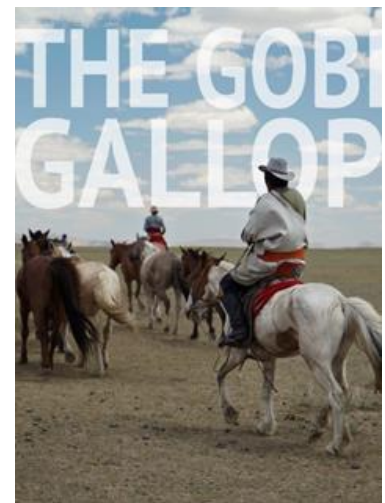
Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/268079001>

A love letter to the sport of show jumping, DESERT FLIGHT is a documentary short film that explores the unique relationship with the horse and why people dedicate so much to the equestrian life.

Filmmaker and show jumper Samia Staehle's goal was to capture the visceral way in which horses enrich our lives and heighten our senses. The film showcases the amazing kind of people that horses always seem to attract: individuals of enormous character, possessed of infinite work ethic, and often a very sharp sense of humor.

Set in Thermal, California the dry beauty of the desert and the horse show's hidden dusty trails are reminiscent of her one-time home in India, a land of adventure and freedom.

DESERT FLIGHT was shot with two-cameras over three-weeks by Tell Studios. Their crew from metropolitan Detroit with nearly zero experience with horses was set loose on the horse world, not without some trepidation from Staehle and her husband Daryl, the picture's Executive Producer. There was no script, only the mandate to go and find out what drives these horse people to do what they do every day. The result was DESERT FLIGHT.





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3:30 pm

BOW WOW FILM FEST (2018) USA

15:00 min / Directed by: Assorted Directors

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6LtFf67-QWs>

Assortment of wonderful short dog tales!

3:45 pm

LIFE IN THE DOGHOUSE (2018) USA

84:00 min / Directed by: Ron Davis (Harry & Snowman)

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQrQChlgV-M>

LIFE IN THE DOG HOUSE tells the inspiring life stories of Danny Robertshaw and Ron Danta and the remarkable work they do at Danny & Ron's Rescue. Ten years and 10,000 dogs later, their unique approach to life and dog rescue will capture hearts and inspire millions to make the right choices when it comes to mans best friend.

5:15 pm

THE LAST RIDE (2018) USA

05:00 min / Directed by: Michael Aku RoDriguez

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/254067715>

5:20 pm

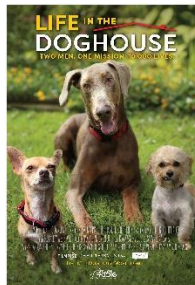
THEIR LAST RIDE (2018) USA

44:31 min / Directed by: Michael Aku RoDriguez

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/140967488>

A "Trail Of Tears" direct descendant Cherokee womans' personal journey that informs & reflects into the world of horse slaughter. Bringing awareness to the issues affecting horses, both Wild & Domestic, and connects people to the spirit of the Horse through multicultural participation and co-creation through all the ARTS.

10:00 min – FILMAKERS IN ATTENDANCE Q & A IN LOBBY





6:30 pm – 9:00 pm BLOCK

6:30 pm

A PONY AND HIS BOY THE STORY OF BERRY & JOSH (2018) USA

25:00 min / Directed by: Julianne Neal

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9EIWdY-0OI4&t=3s>

“A Pony and His Boy: The Story of Berry & Josh” directed by Julianne Neal, shows the power of a pony and the effect that he has had on one small boy. Josh, an 8-year-old with Downs Syndrome, had been afraid of animals, especially horses all his life. One summer afternoon, when walking in the pasture full of horses with his mom and Lisa, Josh was asked “Do you want to ride?” When he surprisingly said yes, they caught him off-guard, swept him up and placed him on Berry. The relationship that started between Berry and Josh that day has been life-changing, not only for Josh, but for everyone who loves him.

Filmed in Illinois, North and South Carolina, plus featuring heartfelt testimonials and informative interviews, “A Pony and His Boy” is a testament to the power of the horse.

WINNIE Award winner in New York City!

6:55 pm

DAUGHTERS OF THE POLO GOD (2018) INDIA

33:00 MIN / Directed by: Roopa Barua

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WbWSgV60A14>

Equestrian International - Documentary

Marjing (25 mins, 2018, documentary) directed by Roopa Barua is a film on the ancient horse-human connect of the people of Manipur (India) that has brought about the game of polo. An intense heritage around benevolent animal spirits converging onto a military tradition around the Manipuri pony brought about the genesis of this game. Roopa Barua's film is a homage to this tradition which has now seen the sport grow to include an international women's polo tournament called PoloYatra where many teams from round the world converge to play the game in Manipur.

The shimmering emerald state of Manipur, India is the birthplace of modern polo with men having played there for several hundred years. Now it's the turn for the young maidens to charge forward. A young polo sisterhood is developing in Manipur that ploughs on in spite of adversity and political turmoil. They are intensely connected to their sacred Manipuri pony and play an international tournament every year. Roopa Barua film is a tribute to these polo players and the modern Manipuri women.

7:30 pm

THE GREAT FLIP OFF (2018) USA

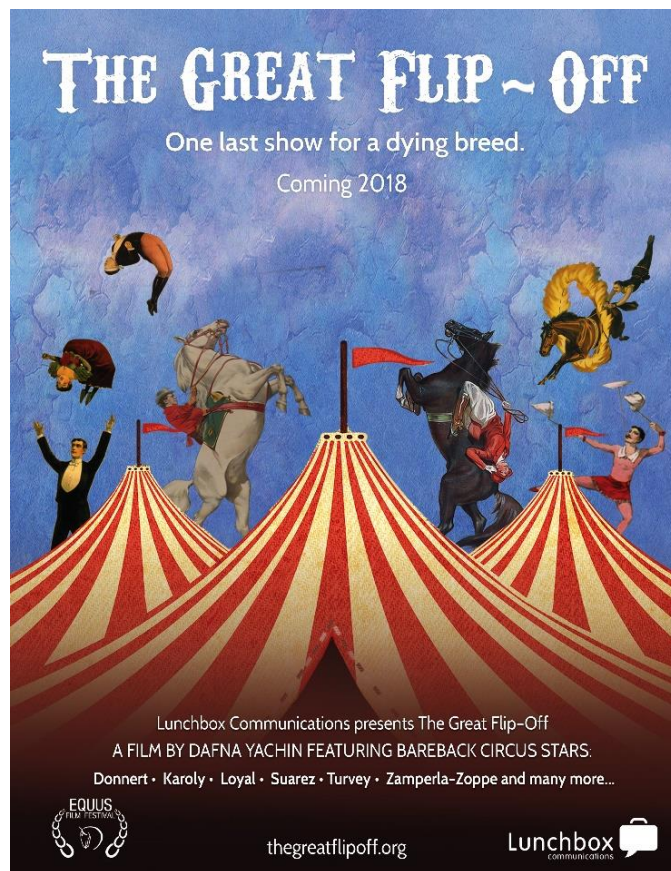
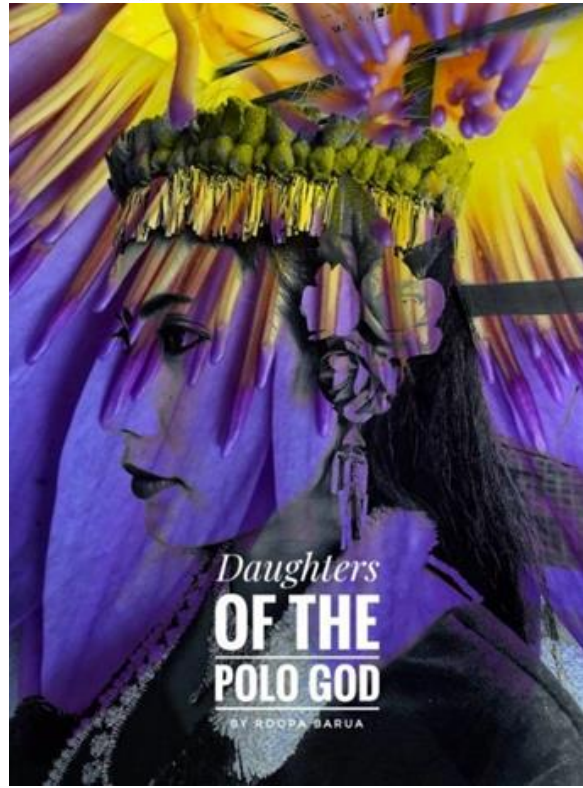
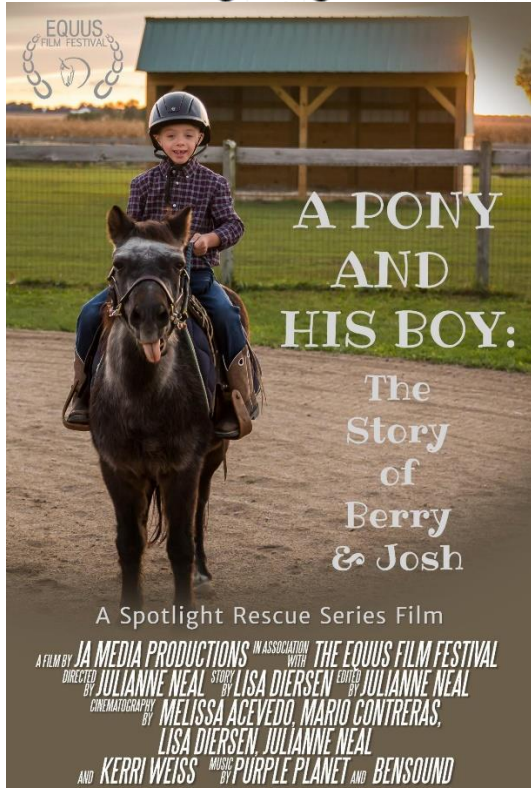
89:00 min / Directed by: Dafna Yachin

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/226467449>

The Great Flip-Off follows extreme circus bareback riding families in what may be their final feat against the loss of their livelihood and the death of their art form. Join these legendary families from Italy, Mexico, Hungary and France as they bring the history, risk and beauty of the original circus act to a multi-generational audience, one last time in Orlando, Florida. Then, return 10 years later to discover how these families have dealt with the passing of time in a range of unusual happy endings and ultimate heartbreak.

In 2006, we meet the best-of-the-best bareback artists past and present — The Donnerts, the Turveys, The Suarezes, the Zamperla-Zoppes, Timi Loyal and Mark Karoly. Each family holds a unique place in American circus riding history. For these families, fear is not felt at the face of their daring stunts, but rather at the pending unknown: their future without a ring.

Fast-forward to 2016. Pushed by the modern climate, elephants are banned from the circus and the Big Top landscape is altered once again. It's a new era when animal rights are in full swing, and the most successful circuses leave behind animal acts, along with the financial burden associated with animal care and travel. We reunite with the bareback riding families 10 years later to find out how they've dealt with these changes, mere months before Ringling announces the closure of the legendary Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus after 146 years. The fate of the American Circus seems almost certain, leaving the future of bareback riding more ambiguous than ever.





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3:30 pm

COWBOYS A DOCUMENTARY PORTRAIT - TRAILER (2018) USA

6:30 min / Directed by: Bud Force & John Langmore

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/202876044>

Told in the cinematic tradition of classic westerns, this feature-length documentary will offer the opportunity to ride alongside modern working cowboys on some of America's largest and most remote cattle ranches. COWBOYS documents the lives of the men and women working on "big outfit" cattle ranches - some of which are over one million acres - and still require a crew of horseback workers to tend large herds of cattle.

Narrated through first-hand accounts from the cowboys themselves, the story is steeped in authenticity and explores the rewards and hardships of a celebrated but misunderstood way of life and the challenges that lie ahead for the cowboys and ranches critical to providing the world's supply of beef. Filmed on locations across the American West, COWBOYS features historic ranches in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Montana, Wyoming and Nevada.

3:40 pm

DEAR WILD ONE (2018) USA

5:10 min / Directed by: Madison Shambaugh

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/270156351>

Explore the impossible as horsewoman, "Mustang Maddy," journeys through the mountains with her herd of previously wild horses and reflects on what it means to reconnect with our inner wildness and freedom.

3:45 pm

WILD (2018) USA

13:27 min / Directed by: Chris Alstrin

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O4zNQv6l2qE>

This is the astonishing story of 26 year old wild stallion Goliath. Rounded up by the Bureau of Land Management to clear public lands for livestock, Goliath was separated from his family never to see them again. Skydog Sanctuary, a 501c3 non profit, became determined to reunite him with the love of his life and set them free once again, where they belonged. Nobody could have dreamed up the journey they were about to embark on, the support they would inspire and the incredible surprise which awaited them all. This is a beautiful story about love and family that reveals the heartbreaking truths behind what could lead to the eventual extinction of wild horses in America.

4:00 pm

HIS NAME IS MIDNIGHT (2018) USA

28:05 min / Directed by: Kelly Colbert

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/143494282>

The true story of a horse, a prince of Big Sky Country, who was bred for strength and rodeo glory but discarded through a chain of events to auction and, ultimately, human cruelty. His name and his lineage were forgotten. But his royal pedigree and his upbringing



in the Badlands of Montana instilled in him the strength and tenacity that allowed him to survive his journey through neglect and starvation, until he was found and his name and heritage rediscovered.

4:30 pm

WILD HEART: THE MUSTANG BOOK PROJECT

10:00 min / Directed by: Ronda Ann Gregorio

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iENFjciuf5c>

A little backstory to why this book is so important to me. This horse, Viggo is my reason. I adopted him from the Lorton adoption in 2014 and my understanding of the horse human partnership changed. I am a life long rider and have never experienced the trust and connection that I have with this boy.

She is traveling the country working on a book that is highlighting the achievements of the American Mustang. This is one video from her travels where she worked with the amazing trick rider; Ginger Duke! Please like and share this video as well as her page, where you will see much more! Also, if anyone has been interested in taking a mustang on, but didn't know what to look for, how to get started, or wanted professional help starting your horse, please contact me and I would be happy to help!

4:40 pm

COBRA THE MUSTANG FROM WILD TO WORLD CHAMPION (2018) USA

06:15 min / Directed by: Ashley Mancuso

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JLxgSCniZbl>

The true story of Marsha Hartford Sapp and her wild Mustang, Cobra, is as magical as any Disney fairytale. It is a tale of second chances, belief, love and redemption. It is what inspired the writing of the song and creation of this heartwarming video

4:50 pm

HORSE – Music Video (5:00 min) JAR

SAVING THE MUSTANG: AMERICA'S HORSE ON THE BRINK (2018) CANADA

52:03 min / Directed by: Albert Botha

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IB2A8dauhK0>

Equestrian Documentary – Full Length (over 30 minutes)

Wild mustangs have long been an icon of native peoples and early settlers of North America. Yet their fate today is uncertain. SAVING THE MUSTANG explores the state of wild horses today through the efforts of three individuals: Canadian horseman Randy Bird who adopted eight mustangs from a crowded facility in Wyoming and brought them 3000 miles to their new home - his ranch near Cobourg Ontario; Endurance rider and song-writer Jean Albert Renaud, "JAR" who works with horses and at-risk teens on his Maryland ranch, helping youth who are often gang members to escape their brutal life; and Roger William, past chief of the First Nation Xenigwet'in, who have created a 200,000 hectare wild horse preserve in the pristine and rugged wilderness of the Nemah Valley deep in the interior of British Columbia. All three stories interweave a compelling tale of perseverance and determination -- one that offers hope for these amazing animals.

5:50 pm

BACK IN THE SADDLE (2018) CANADA

43:54 min / Directed by: Tracy Jacobson

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/279901989>

'Back in the Saddle' chronicles the passion of famed Canadian cowboy David Cowley and his desire to showcase the often mystical bond of trust that can develop between horse and rider by attempting something never accomplished before on horseback. Along the way, David will compete in the Cowboy Up Challenge at the world famous Calgary Stampede, deal with an emotional family tragedy and endure a series of setbacks that will have him questioning his own confidence before rising up to face his greatest challenge as a horseman.

