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**NOVEMBER 17-19, 2017**

**HELEN MILLS Theater New York City**

# EQUUS Film Festival

## 5<sup>TH</sup> Annual

The fifth annual EQUUS Film Festival will take place November 17-19 at the **HELEN MILLS Theater & Event Space**, 137-139 W. 26<sup>th</sup> St., in New York City. The EQUUS Film Festival is the first event of its kind to offer a home to the storytellers of the horse world, with films, documentaries, videos, commercials and shorts from around the world and also cultural elements of fine equestrian art and literature. EQUUS Film Festival highlights and rewards the diverse and creative efforts of those who pay artistic homage to the horse. The 2017 WINNIE awards presentation will take place at **The Wild Horses of Sable Island Gallery**, 64 Grand Street, Sunday, November 19, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** at the Pop-Up Gallery in the **HELEN MILLS Event Space**, 137-139 W. 26<sup>th</sup> St., New York, NY 10001  
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### EQUUS FILM FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Friday November 17 - VIP Welcome Party @HELEN MILLS Event Space - 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Friday November 17 - Films @HELEN MILLS Theater - 12:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday November 17 - Pop Up Gallery @HELEN MILLS Event Space - 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Friday November 17 - EQUUS Directors Panels @HELEN MILLS Theater - Times TBD

Saturday November 18 - Films @HELEN MILLS Theater - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Saturday November 18 - Pop Up Gallery @HELEN MILLS Event Space - 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Saturday November 18 - Li'l Herc FREE Family Fun Fest Morning 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. (see details below)

Saturday November 18 - EQUUS Directors Panels @HELEN MILLS Theater - Times TBD

Sunday November 19 - WINNIE Awards/The Wild Horses of Sable Island Gallery - 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Sunday November 19 - Clinton Park Stables Carriage Horse Tour - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. (618 West 52<sup>nd</sup> Street)

\* The **Li'l Herc FREE Family Fest** will offer a film and fun opportunities for kids and their families. It is being sponsored by Suzanne Kopp-Moscow. Seats are limited. You must reserve your FREE ticket at [www.equusfilmfestival.net](http://www.equusfilmfestival.net).

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**TICKETS:** Go To [www.equusfilmfestival.net](http://www.equusfilmfestival.net) and click on the **Ticket Link** on the top left.

**NOTE THAT YOU MUST RESERVE TICKETS FOR ANY EVENTS YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, EVEN THE COMPLIMENTARY ONES.**

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# EFF17 SCHEDULE – MAIN THEATER - FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2017

START TIME	FILM	SYNOPSIS	7:30 pm	<a href="#">Into The Spotlight Part 2</a> 63:00 min	Into the Spotlight Part 2 feature length documentary also shines the spotlight on horse rescue and unwanted horses in the United States and the unimaginable risk of horses whose lives take the fateful turn that places them on the road to slaughter.
10:00 am	<a href="#">Free Rein</a> 52:00 min	Free Reins is the emotional story of a 63 year-old maverick, Patty McGill, and her "tribe" – a diverse group of kids, families and volunteers who participate in an unconventional brand of equine assisted therapy at Hinchinbrook Farm.			
11:00 am	<a href="#">Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Requiem</a> 70:00 min	An absolute highlight of Salzburg's Mozart Week with "highest art of sound and riding": the French equine artist and theatrical genius Bartabas presents Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Requiem. Horses and riders from the formidable Academie Equestre de Versailles join forces with the Musiciens du Louvre, conducted by Marc Minkowski, the Salzburger Bachchor and "an excellent quartet of soloists".	8:40 pm	<a href="#">The Story Of Totilas</a> 83:00 min	The most-talked about horse in the world, came, saw and conquered the dressage with his rider Edward Gal. Together they won the heart of millions all over the world, winning three titles at the FEI World Equestrian Games and setting multiple record scores in Kentucky in 2010
12:15 pm	<a href="#">AMISH 2.0</a> 53:00 min	A farmer from the Netherlands dreams about moving to the United States with his family. His goal is to live closer to his most satisfied clients: the Amish. This documentary provides a rare peek into the world of the - usually so isolated - Amish Community. Sober and simple, would define the Amish lifestyle, but the temptations are becoming rather great for them.	10:00 pm	<a href="#">JAR – Journey Of A Horseman</a> 51:00 min	Follow the entertainers incredible life from Motown recording artist to his 5 star rated charity working with at risk youth using horses in his programs.
1:15 pm	<a href="#">Dust and Stripes</a> 53:00 min	Dust and Stripes explores the fragility of new life, as well as the strong family ties that help animals survive in one of Africa's most surreal and difficult landscapes, the Makgadikgadi Pans. It's a tale of loyalty and sacrifice, of home and exile, of death and new life, in southern Africa's largest zebra population.			
2:15 pm	<a href="#">TORRINHA: Giving It All</a> 45:00 min	Torrinha , a place out of time, makes us live the passion transmitted by David Ribeiro Telles for the art of bullfighting on horseback. Knowledge, self-giving, risk-taking transport us to these marked lands by the men, the horses, and the bulls that inhabit it.			
3:10 pm	<a href="#">The Great Florida Cattle Drive</a> 57:00 min	The mission of the Great Florida Cattle Drive: Unbroken Circles is to share Florida's unique cow culture and heritage through living history. The goal for Live Oak Production Group was to capture a week of showcasing the lifestyle of the working Florida cowhunters moving cattle across private and public lands from St. Cloud (just south of Orlando) to Kenansville in January 2016. This story is much more than a week of educating people about historical accounts. One important element of the project is to educate the public about the 500 years of cattle and horses in Florida.			
4:15 pm	<a href="#">HORSEPOWER: Land Of The Vikings</a> 60:00 min	Horse Powers has been filming in Norway over 2015 & 2016 to catch all four seasons and to get the broadest depth of the Norwegian people and their horses. The last of the filming is taking place in Sept 2016. Post-production (editing) Oct/Nov 2016 and delivery to partner broadcast stations/outlets sometime in December. Look for it on TV opening with winter scenes from the beautiful white Norwegian landscape Jan/Feb 2017 depending on broadcasters schedules.			
5:30 pm	<a href="#">BASK: The Revelation of America</a> 43:00 min	This documentary film "Bask. The revelation of America", presents the unique and fascinating story of the Arabian horse Bask. It's a beautiful but also tragic story, a remarkable tale of a horse that has survived the very worst due to its proximity and remarkable relationship with man. Bask struggled to achieve success in America by crossing the Atlantic Ocean and surviving a storm and many horrors along the way. In America, he was called the "revelation of America".			
6:15 pm	<a href="#">Riding With thisABILITIES</a> 56:00 min	Disabled children participating in a therapeutic horse program in NYC benefit during program and over time. After their graduation the stable is sold and the program ends Other programs fill the void left but the need outweighs the availability. As a society we need to spend more money on programs like therapeutic riding so that everyone has a chance to "Ride with theirABILITY."			
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## EFF17 SCHEDULE – UPSTAIRS SCREEN - FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2017

START TIME	FILM	SYNOPSIS
12:00 pm	<a href="#">Lucky's Treasure</a> 90:00 min	When college-bound Emily Landis moves from the city to her Grandpa's country home, she is expected to take care of Lucky, her late Grandma's horse, and makes it her mission to show the light of Christ to her grieving Grandpa. Struggling, Emily is befriended by a local named Jake. When the two discover Emily's Grandma died searching for hidden treasure, the pair attempt to find the rare gold coin that has eluded treasure hunters for decades.
1:35 pm	<a href="#">Spotlight Rescue Series</a> 60:00 min	SPOTLIGHT RESCUE SERIES IS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN EQUUS FILM FESTIVAL AND JA MEDIA Working together to shine a light on the issues facing our horses, dogs and cats in need of rescue. The Spotlight Rescue Series features shorts, docs and trailers for films about rescue situations (equine, canine, feline and human), and the individuals that work so tirelessly to save lives.
2:45 pm	<a href="#">Branding, Roping and Stock Handling Techniques</a> 90:00 min	A beautifully photographed, detailed instructional film that teaches the roping and stock handling techniques of the Great Basin Buckaroo and old California Vaquero. Filmed on some of the west's most sprawling and iconic "big outfits," the film takes viewers to the "land of the buckaroo" and affords them an authentic experience in this masterfully assembled production.
4:15 pm	<a href="#">HorseLand - The Movie - A Documentary about a Path of Life-Mastery</a> 94:00 min	Fascinating documentary and overview about work and life of Klaus Ferdinand Hempfling. Klaus Ferdinand Hempfling is considered unique in the horse-scene. This documentary introduces you to one of the world's most unique and successful horseman and life-coach. Since his first bestseller "Dancing with Horses", which literally overnight made Klaus a star inside of the horse-scene, the author established himself around the world through various unique characteristics of his being with horses.
5:50 pm	<a href="#">Many Clouds – The Peoples Horse</a> 14:00 min	After his win in the 2015 Grand National Many Cloud became a peoples favourite and his popularity grew when in 2015 and 2017 he was named the horse of the year by a landslide public vote. His 2017 season was looking like another successful one till he took on the mighty Thistlecrack at Cheltenham. Both horses went to war over the last few fences and although Many Clouds would get the better of the unbeaten youngster, he passed a few minutes after the line. Many Clouds lost his life doing what he loved and we wanted to pay tribute to him, by producing this short film using some of the footage we've taken with and about him over the years.
6:15 pm	VIP PARTY SET-UP	
7:00 pm	VIP PARTY	SCREENING: TRAILERS – <b>Pop-Up Gallery</b> SHORT REELS – <b>Pop-Up Gallery</b> SPOTLIGHT RESCUE SERIES – <b>Pop-Up Gallery</b>  HORSE POWER: Land Of The Vikings – <b>Upstairs Theater Screen</b> ONE DAY – <b>Upstairs Theater Screen</b>
10:00 pm	CLOSE VIP PARTY	



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EFF17 SCHEDULE – POP-UP GALLERY SCREEN - FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2017		
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12:00 pm	<a href="#">Safe, Fun Trail Riding with Michelle Rasmussen</a> 56:00 min	Ready to hit the Trails? Ever have one of “those” rides that ended in frustration and fear? Set your children, friends and yourself up for success with a Plan! Enjoy watching how to "use what you know and progress as you go" on a trail ride. No more letting the horse take you wherever He wants to go. In this fascinating, real-time video, Michelle demonstrates how to easily expand your riding, in an arena or trails, with some creativity! Starting with a warm-up on the farm to ensure safety, learn to turn frustration and fear into FUN on the trails with some simple, effective games.
1:00 pm	<a href="#">Camp Harlow</a> 87:00 min	On the brink of a family crisis, Alex finds herself being sent to the last place she wants to be, summer camp. Knowing that a young admirer from school will be at the camp, Alex reluctantly agrees. Thrown into a group of people she has never met, Alex is determined to shut out the world. However, Alex is brought out of the corners of her own heart by the most unlikely of friends: a horse.
2:40 pm	SHORTS COLLECTION REEL #1	OMEGA FIELDS – 3 shorts – 10:00 min GO WEST FOR CHRISTMAS – TRAILER – 2:00 min DITCH THE BLOCK – REDMOND ROCK – 4:08 min THE PEGASUS FOUNDATION – 3 shorts – 8:00 min HORSE DOCTORS – 10:30 min 11 <sup>th</sup> HOUR FOAL RESCUE – 7:30 min HUMBLE & KIND – 6:00 min AMERICA’S MOST ELIGIBLE STUD – 10:00 min
3:40 pm	<a href="#">Sugarbush Draft</a> 27:00 min	Meet the Sugar Bush Draft Horses and learn about the History of this unique and rare breed.
4:15 pm	<a href="#">Beyond The 9 Points Of Saddle Fitting</a> 48:00 min	A compilation of educational information enlightens equestrians and equine professionals at all levels as to possible causes for symptomatic issues resulting from poor saddle fit, including lameness, muscle atrophy, sore backs and 'bad behavior'.
5:30 pm	<a href="#">A Different Journey Full Circle</a> 20:00 min	Navy SEAL finds healing through horses while managing TBI and PTSD.
6:00 pm	VIP PARTY SET-UP	
7:00 pm To 10:00 pm	VIP PARTY	COMMERCIAL LOOP RUNNING ON ALL UPSTAIRS SCREENS <a href="#">ONE DAY / “ONE DAY”</a> is the winner of the EFF 2015 BEST DIRECTOR award. The film is an awe-inspiring story of a 21-year journey of destiny and love. Jeanne Mirabito discovers the 1977 Eclipse Award-winning filly, OUR MIMS, abandoned in a cattle field, rescues her and thus forms Our Mims Retirement Haven in Paris, KY. It features exclusive interviews with the late, great PENNY CHENERY, famed photographer BARBARA LIVINGSTON and Hall of Fame jockey JORGE VELASQUEZ. Narrated by actor JOSH CHARLES. Written and directed by Victoria Racimo, also author of the just published “All The King’s Horses: The Equestrian Life of Elvis Presley”.



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EFF17 SCHEDULE – MAIN THEATER - SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2017


START TIME	FILM	SYNOPSIS
10:00 am	<a href="#">Li'l Herc</a> – 3:00 min - Trailer <a href="#">Apple Of My Eye</a> 84:00 min	The story of BAILEY, a young girl who defines herself by her equestrian abilities, and her struggles as she loses her eyesight after a traumatic accident. Feeling hopeless and dejected, Bailey's loving parents, CAROLINE and JASON, seek out various options to help her adjust, including enrolling her in a program for seeing-eye dogs, but she is unable to connect to anyone or anything. That is, until CHARLES, the head trainer of Southeastern Guide Dogs, trains Apple, a miniature horse, to be her companion and surrogate eyes.
11:45 am	<a href="#">Croatoan's Memoirs</a> 20:00 min	Croatoan is a real wild Corolla Horse that narrates the story of his life and how he left Sand Horse Beach to live in Smithfield, Virginia. He educates the viewer about his ancestors and the history of this special place. Explore his adventures, friends' struggles and his legacy. Are you willing to help save these horses from extinction.
12:15 pm	<a href="#">Pee Wee Lovell</a> 80:33 min	Parker Lovell, owner of renowned Cash Lovell Stables and Riding Academy in Winston-Salem, NC, thought she had the perfect life — a loving horse trainer husband, a thriving business and a cowgirl daughter, until their entrusted assistant trainer secretly steals their show horse clients during the onset of her husband's fatal dementia.
1:45 pm	<a href="#">Golden Genes</a> 53:00 min	Show jumping horses bred in the Netherlands are some of the best in the world. It is no coincidence that foreign riders won gold and silver medals in the Olympic Games of 2008 on Dutch horses. This is big business and passionate breeders have everything they need available in the Netherlands.
2:45 pm	<a href="#">Dyna Does Dressage</a> 60:00 min	A mule, often mistaken as a donkey, is defined as the offspring of a male donkey and a female horse. Historically, mules have most commonly been known as “working animals” with an attitude problem. Dyna Does Dressage is a documentary about the first mule ever to compete at the national level in the competitive equestrian sport of dressage.
4:00 pm	<a href="#">All The Queen's Horses</a> 71:00 min	As the comptroller and treasurer, Crundwell embezzled \$53.7 million of the city's money and went undetected for over twenty years. All the while, Dixon struggled to meet its debt obligations, forcing the city to make painful service cuts and layoffs, and to forgo raises for its municipal employees for more than a decade. Her crime marked the single largest municipal fraud in United States history.
6:00 pm	<a href="#">On Four Legs</a> 55:00 min	Horses have arguably been providing therapy to humans for thousands of years. ON FOUR LEGS explores the world of therapeutic horseback riding at two centers - GallopNYC in Brooklyn and Pegasus Therapeutic Riding in the Hudson Valley.
7:00 pm	<a href="#">When The Dust Settles</a> 45:00 min	The film shows how the struggles of wild horses mirror those of disadvantaged girls, resulting in an earned trust when they're given an opportunity to prove their worthiness to the world.
8:00 pm	<a href="#">The Wild Ponies Of Chincoteague</a> 59:00 min	A young woman's life is altered for the better when she adopts a wild pony.
9:10 pm	<a href="#">All The Wild Horses</a> 90:00 min	All The Wild Horses follows five international riders from the USA, Canada, South Africa, Ireland and the UK as they compete in the Mongol Derby horse race in Mongolia. This multi-horse, multi-station race over a 1000 kilometers of Mongolian steppe is the longest and toughest horse race on the planet. The riders are out on their own and navigate with GPS from horse station to horse station, where they change their horses every 40 kilometers.

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START TIME	FILM	SYNOPSIS	7:00 pm	<a href="#">Labor Of Love</a> 22:00 min	The 22 minute length video "Labor of Love" dissects the freelance labor conditions of professional horseracing through an endearing series of portraits of 3 German-based international jockeys including champion jockey Andrasch Starke, considered by many as the best German jockey of all time.
10:00 am	<a href="#">From The Ground Up-Body Language</a> 34:00 min	Jerry King is a 5x world champion trainer. In this series he teaches us his techniques for training. Every horse needs a good foundation, so Jerry shows us how From the Ground Up.	7:30 pm	Goodnight Ladies 38:00 min	Goodnight Ladies is a documentary film about the world's most famous Master of Fox Hounds. The legendary Nancy Penn Smith Hannum hunted the Chester County, Pennsylvania countryside for half a century. Directed by her granddaughter, Christianna, Goodnight Ladies.
10:40 am	<a href="#">Carolina Hoofbeats TV</a> 28:00 min	This is a weekly television series featuring all that North Carolina has to offer in the equine industry. We expolore great riders, trainers, events and industry news.			
11:20 am	<a href="#">Karl Mikolka Classical Training Clinic – A Riders Perspective</a> 35:00 min				
12:00 pm	<a href="#">I Want To Be Rompicollo: The true Story Of The Woman of Palio</a> 40:00 min	In 1957 Rosanna Bonelli, the first and only woman in history, participates as a jockey at the Palio of Siena. The palio is a very rude horse race - where jockeys ride without saddle - which takes place in Siena uninterruptedly for five hundred years to celebrate the ancient and proud medieval republic.	8:15 pm	<a href="#">Une Allure Dans La Nuit</a> 52:00 min	The story of a man who become blind and make a new life with his horses. Handicap / hope / happy life ...
12:50 pm	<a href="#">Riding High</a> 20:00 min	Riding High is a documentary on the history of three-day eventing in Australia. Featuring interviews with Australia's leading Olympic equestrians.	9:15 pm	<a href="#">Floating Horses: The Life Of Casey Tibbs</a> 94:00 min	American cowboy Casey Tibbs, a nine-time world champion who left home at the age of 13 in 1942 due to his father's disdain of rodeo, had a rags-to-riches life after his groundbreaking spurring lick was developed and he was launched to stardom.
1:15 pm	<a href="#">WENDY</a> 91:00 min	After a serious riding accident, Wendy, formerly an enthusiastic and successful rider, never got back on a horse. But once arrived, she crosses ways with wounded horse Dixie which escaped from butcher.			
3:00 pm	<a href="#">Leg Up</a> 72:00 min	This documentary film tells the story of a lifelong horseman's journey back into the saddle. The struggles, both physical and emotional, he has endured and his passion and determination to return to his life with Arabian horses. Ernst is an inspiration to all, especially the horse community who understand how almost unfathomable his return to riding is. The bond between horse and human is a powerful and healing energy and this is a journey that must be shared.			
4:30 pm	<a href="#">Freedom Tracks</a> 52:00 min	Humans have long felt a deep connection to the horse. Over the centuries, our natural bond with this amazing animal has been lost. Today, scientists and horse lovers across the world are rediscovering that connection and the liberation it can bring, not just to the horse, but to ourselves.	<div>OFFICIAL 2017 EQUUS Film Festival Winning Artist Clydene Forbush USA  Lone Stallion Photography</div> 		
5:30 pm	<a href="#">The Adventure Of Selika</a> 07:00 min	When Selika flees the comfort and safety of her home in rural France, she sets out for Paris to forge her own independent path in the world. "The Adventures of Selika" is based on an image of Selika Lazevski, about whom little is known. The image was by Felix Nadar, renowned 19th century French photographer of celebrated people (authors, scientists, painters . . .). Curious and puzzling, I was struck by the strength and pride that exude from this image of a beautiful black woman elegantly dressed in a riding habit, believed to be an equestrian of haut dressage in 19th century France			
6:00 pm	<a href="#">Sacred Ground 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Newport International Polo</a> 49:00 min	Sacred Ground is a rare look behind the scenes of Newport International Polo in their 25th anniversary season. We discover a passionate equestrian culture and celebrate the Polo roots of Newport RI			



# EFF17 SCHEDULE – POP-UP GALLERY SCREEN - SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2017

START TIME	FILM	SYNOPSIS	4:00 pm	<a href="#">A Racetrack Somewhere</a> 49:00 min	A Racetrack Somewhere will take you on a journey like never before across Australia and into the heart of some of the country's most iconic and remote events. Destinations include Birdsville, King Island, Warrnambool, Kangaroo Island and Darwin
12:00 pm	SHORTS COLLECTION REEL #2 96:00 min	GO WEST FOR CHRISTMAS – TRAILER – 2:00 min AMERICAN HOOFEATS – 1:00 min FROM THE JUDGES PERSPECTIVE – 1:15 min HORSE DAD – 2:17 min EE RANCHES – 11:00 min LEGEND – 1:30 min PIXIO DRESSAGE – 2:00 min NOT YOUR AVERAGE STORS – 2:30 min GREY HORSE – 2:32 min BITLESS – 3:45 min THE FEATHER FUND – 7:40 min RIDING WIH MERCY – 4:15 min MUSTANG...A MIRROR OF THE SOUL – 5:00 min RIDE IT OUR SONG FOR SLAUGHTER BOUND HORSES – 6:00 min STEVE HALF PENNY – 6:30 min IN-SYNC – 2:32 min CREATING PEACFUL LEADERS – 9:00 min	5:00 pm	<a href="#">I Ride Horses</a> 5:00 min	The music video "I Ride Horses" is the first video produced to promote the music album "I Ride Horses". Talented artists came together to give life to Jean Albert Renaud - JAR diverse equestrian skills, not only as a cowboy or Native American bareback horseman but also as an international marathon rider. "I Ride Horses", music video is a love story. The pain of a love story ending is saved and eased by the love for the horses. The horses never let him down and never stop to bring him peace of mind and happiness. The "I Ride Horses", music video, is convincing, encouraging, moving, and up lifting, A must see!!
1:50 pm	<a href="#">Five Building Blocks Of Bitless</a> 22:15 min	Our educational film encourages and celebrates equestrians who are actively seeking a richer, more rewarding relationship with their equine partner. We offer detailed instruction, tips, encouragement and support for those on the journey to bitless riding and training. Our goal is to demystify and promote the bitless movement.	5:10 pm	<a href="#">HORSEPOWER: Land Of The Vikings</a> 60:00 min	Horse Powers has been filming in Norway over 2015 & 2016 to catch all four seasons and to get the broadest depth of the Norwegian people and their horses. The last of the filming is taking place in Sept 2016. Post-production (editing) Oct/Nov 2016 and delivery to partner broadcast stations/outlets sometime in December. Look for it on TV opening with winter scenes from the beautiful white Norwegian landscape Jan/Feb 2017 depending on broadcasters schedules.
2:15 pm	<a href="#">Horse Packer</a> 14:00 min	Explore the world of horse packing at Rocky Mountain National Park on its 100th anniversary, and discover the love, thrills, and dangers of this dying profession. Horse Packer follows Travis, in his newly appointed position as Lead Packer on the West side of Rocky Mountain National Park. He gives and in-depth look at what the job entails and why horse packing is so important for preserving the wilderness. His assistant Carly is there to help every step of the way as she navigates through her first season on the job. They both teach and share their passions and sacrifices they must make to embrace this labor of love.	<div> <b>OFFICIAL 2017 EQUUS Film Festival Winning Artist</b>  <b>Katarzyna Oktzesik-Mikolajek</b>  <b>CANADA</b>    <b>Photography</b> </div> 		
2:35 pm	<a href="#">SPOTLIGHT Rescue Series Nature' View</a> 14:00 min	Allison Fulmer purchased her horse Buddy from an auction in New Jersey out of the hands of the kill buyers. She came to Bruce for help in getting him adjusted to a purposeful life.			
3:00 pm	<a href="#">Dances With Horses On Tang Poetry</a> 13:00 min	The project involves a film of dancing with horses inspired by Tang poetry on Horses. Tang poetry and art are widely regarded as a pinnacle of classical Chinese culture comparable to the Italian Renaissance. The poet Li Bai's metaphoric vision, the totemic strength of the predator, the speed and elegance will be translated into dance and the relationship with horses.			
3:15 pm	<a href="#">Developing Your Horse's Back: The Biomechanics of Engagement</a> 19:00 min	Learn how to properly ENGAGE YOUR HORSE'S BACK through gymnastic stretches. www.EquitopiaCenter.com presents Art 2 Ride trainer Karen Loshbaugh and Equine Veterinarians Dr. Joanna Robson, Dr. Sarah le Jeune and Dr Sue Dyson as they demonstrate how proper engagement of the horse's core can help avoid painful back issues such as "Kissing Spine"			
3:40 pm	<a href="#">Engaging Your Horse (from the Western Perspective) with John Lyons</a> 07:53 min	Equitopia interviews the legendary Western trainer John Lyons on the fundamentals of engaging a horse's core. Proper engagement benefits a horse by correctly using core muscles to enable the horse to improve balance, better carry the weight of a rider, reduce fatigue and injury to the horse, and enhance longevity and the vitality of a horse's body and mind.			



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Brown Pony  
Upside-down  
Photography



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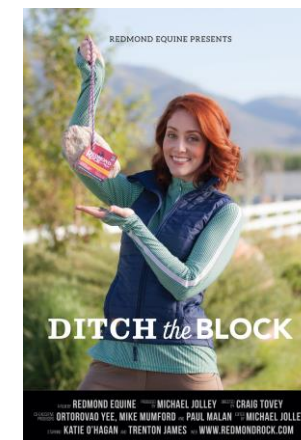


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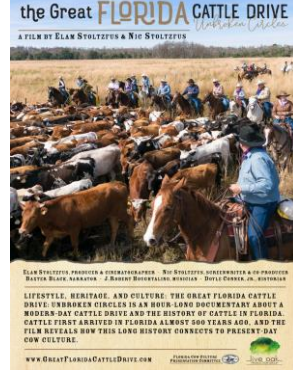
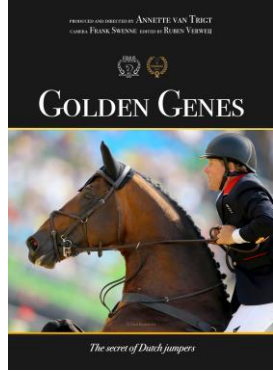
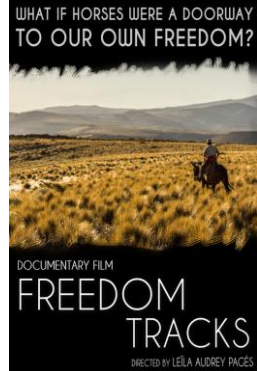
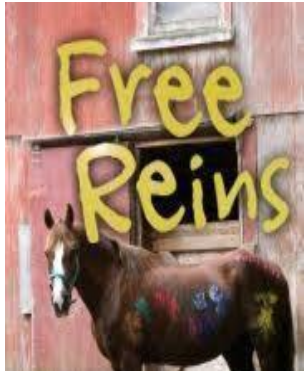
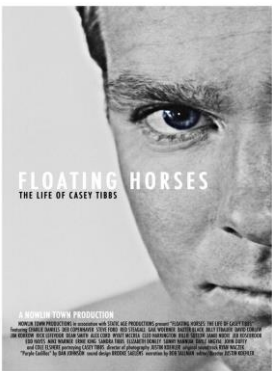
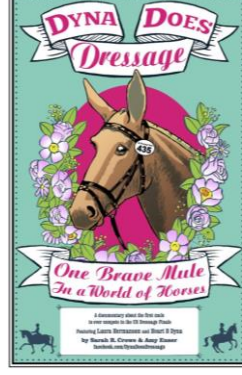
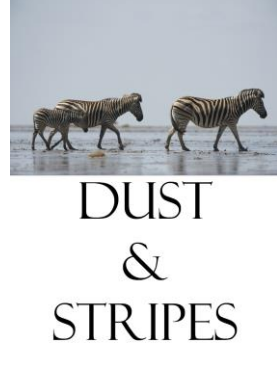
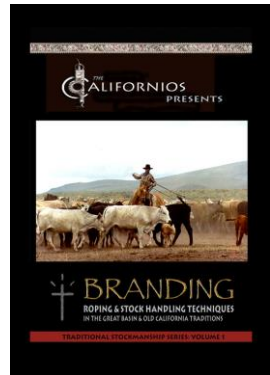
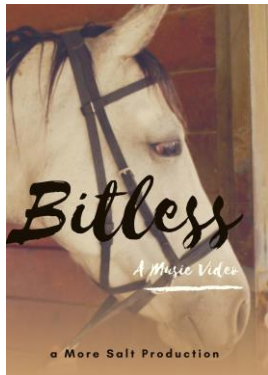
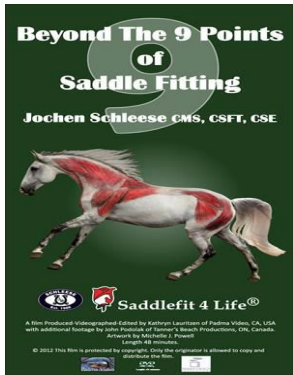
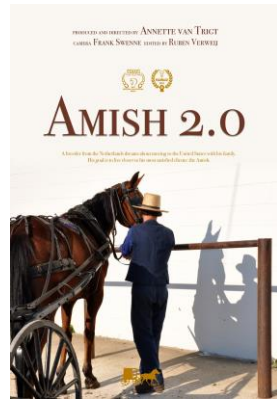
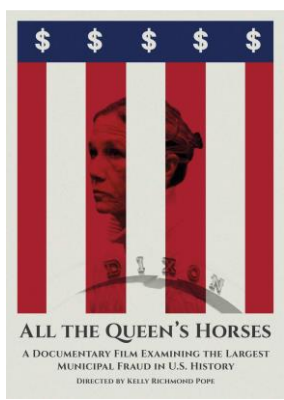
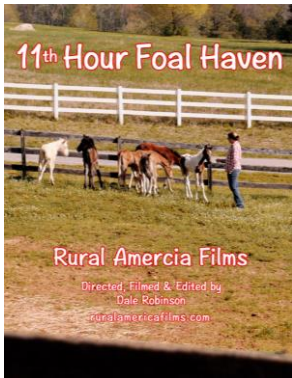


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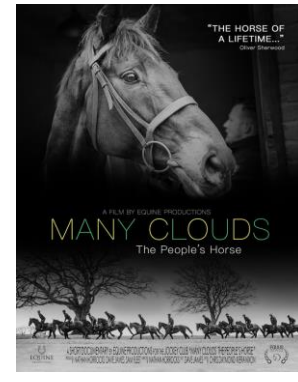
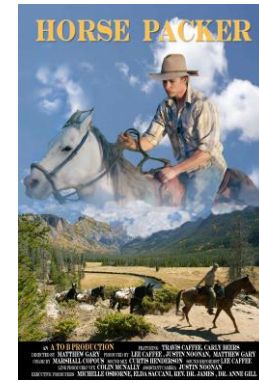
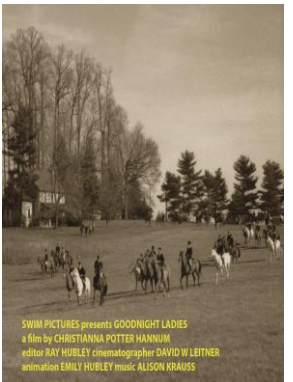
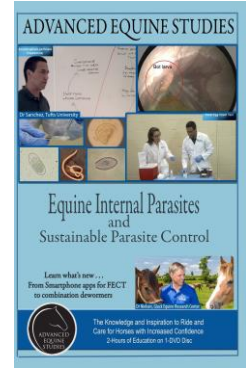
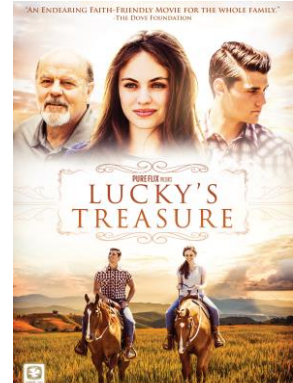
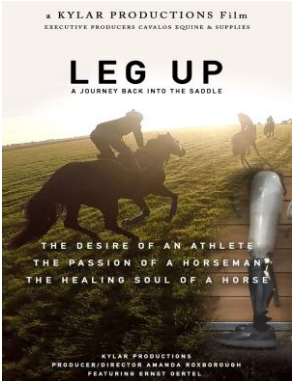
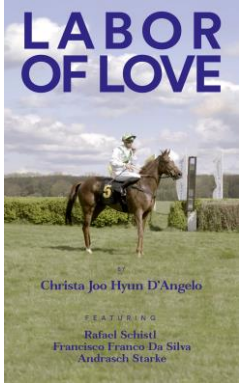
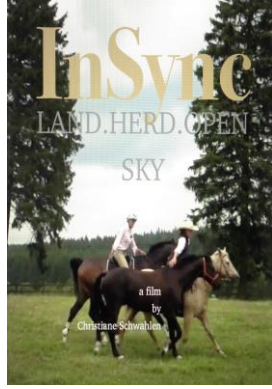
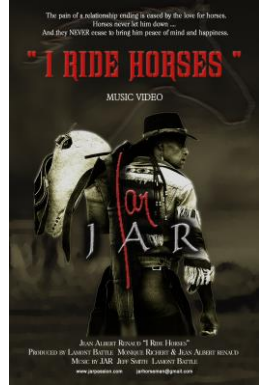
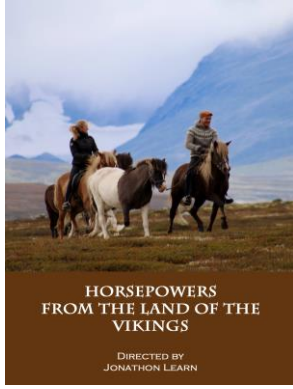
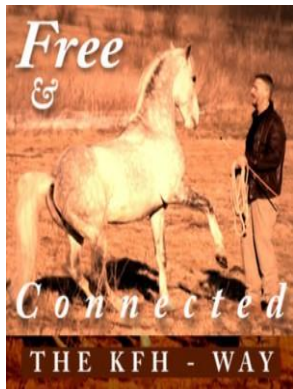
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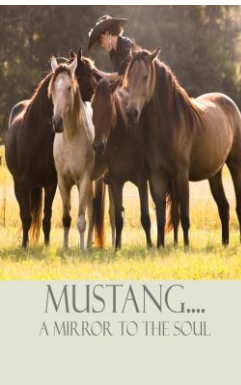
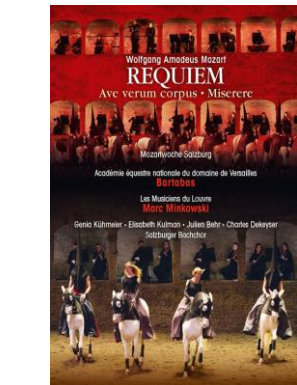
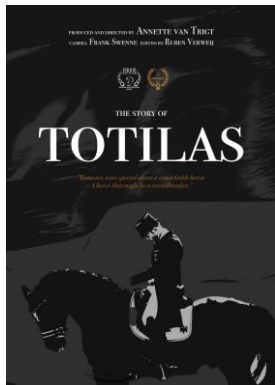
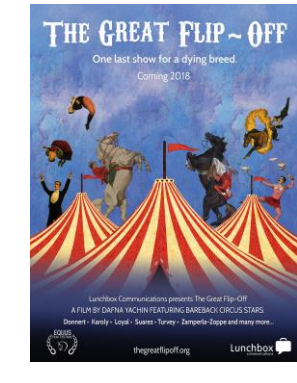
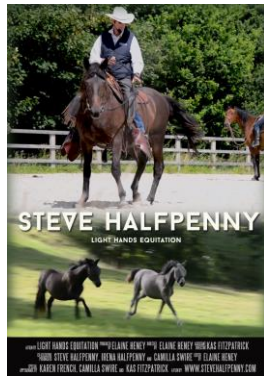
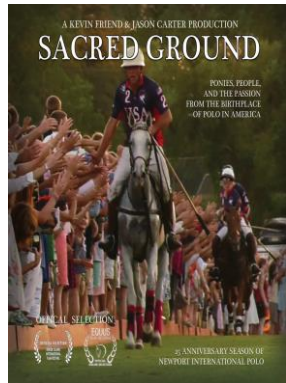
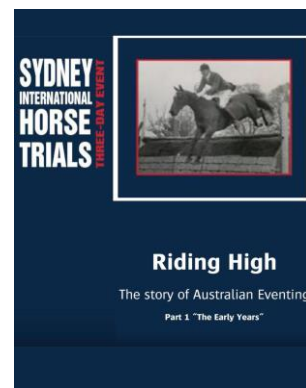
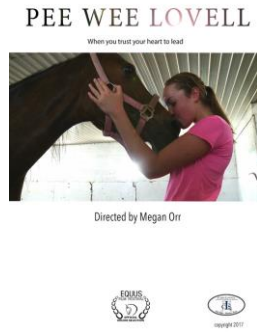














## EQUUS FILM FESTIVAL 2017 FAST FACTS

### EQUUS Film Festival (5<sup>TH</sup> Annual) – [www.equusfilmfestival.net](http://www.equusfilmfestival.net)

The fifth annual EQUUS Film Festival will take place November 17-19 at the **HELEN MILLS Theater & Event Space**, 137-139 W. 26<sup>th</sup> St., in New York City. The EQUUS Film Festival is the first event of its kind to offer a home to the storytellers of the horse world, with films, documentaries, videos, commercials and shorts from around the world and also cultural elements of fine equestrian art and literature. EQUUS Film Festival highlights and rewards the diverse and creative efforts of those who pay artistic homage to the horse. The 2017 WINNIE awards presentation will take place at **The Wild Horses of Sable Island Gallery**, 64 Grand Street, Sunday, November 19, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

### CONTACT:

For more information: Lisa Diersen (Founder/Director) [lisa@equusfilmfestival.net](mailto:lisa@equusfilmfestival.net), 630-272-3077.

For Media: Co-organizer Diana De Rosa, [dderosa1@optonline.net](mailto:dderosa1@optonline.net), 516-848-4867

**HOW:** EFF17 presents a platform to educate and enlighten the world to horse-related issues.

**WHY:** Our goal is to create a better world for horses.

## EQUUS FILM FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

### QUICK OUTLINE

Friday November 17 - VIP Welcome Party @HELEN MILLS Event Space - 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Friday November 17 - Films @HELEN MILLS Theater - 12:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday November 17 - Pop Up Gallery @HELEN MILLS Event Space - 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Friday November 17 - EQUUS Directors Panels @HELEN MILLS Theater - Times TBD

Saturday November 18 - Films @HELEN MILLS Theater - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Saturday November 18 - Pop Up Gallery @HELEN MILLS Event Space - 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Saturday November 18 - Li'I Herc FREE Family Fun Fest Morning 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. (see details below)

Saturday November 18 - EQUUS Directors Panels @HELEN MILLS Theater - Times TBD

Sunday November 19 - WINNIE Awards/The Wild Horses of Sable Island Gallery - 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Sunday November 19 - Clinton Park Stables Carriage Horse Tour - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. (618 West 52<sup>nd</sup> Street)

### MORE DETAILS

#### WHAT: EQUUS FILM FESTIVAL VIP WELCOME PARTY

**WHEN:** Friday, November 17, 2017, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** at the Pop-Up Gallery in the **HELEN MILLS Event Space**, 137-139 W. 26<sup>th</sup> St., New York, NY 10001  
Meet filmmakers, artists, authors and special guests. Please reserve your ticket online. Limited Seating.

#### WHAT: EQUUS FILM FESTIVAL FILMS

**WHEN:** Friday/Saturday, November 17-18, 2017, start 10:00 a.m. last screening starts at 10:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** at the **HELEN MILLS Theater**, 137-139 W. 26<sup>th</sup> St., New York, NY 10001

Tickets can be ordered online. Click on the **TICKET** link on the website at [www.equusfilmfestival.net](http://www.equusfilmfestival.net)

**WHAT: POP-UP GALLERY: EQUESTRIAN ARTISTS, FILMMAKERS, LITERARY WORKS AND VENDORS**

**WHEN:** Friday, November 17, 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, November 18, 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** In the **HELEN MILLS Event Space**, 137-139 W. 26<sup>th</sup> St., New York, NY 10001

Free to get in but please reserve your ticket online as seating is limited.

#### WHAT: EQUUS DIRECTORS PANELS

**WHEN:** November 17-18, TBD

**WHERE:** at the Pop-Up Gallery in the **HELEN MILLS Theater & Event Space**, 137-139 W. 26<sup>th</sup> St., Ny, NY 10001

#### WHAT: Li'I HERC FREE FAMILY FUN FEST

**Sponsored by Suzanne Kopp-Moscow, author of *Li'I Herc® The Power of Kindness***

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 18, 2017, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** at the **HELEN MILLS Theater**, 137-139 W. 26<sup>th</sup> St., New York, NY 10001

**FILM:** A feature film starring Apple the mini horse in "[Apple Of My Eye](#)".

Free to attend but please reserve your ticket online as seating is limited.

#### WHAT: WINNIE AWARDS

**WHEN:** November 19, 2017, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** **The Wild Horses of Sable Island Gallery**, 64 Grand Street, New York, NY 10013

Over 50 Award categories presented at the equestrian equivalent of the Oscars!

Purchase your ticket online. Space is limited.

#### WHAT: CARRIAGE HORSES STABLE TOURS

**WHEN:** Sunday, November 19, 2017, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Clinton Park Stables, 618 West 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, New York, NY 10019 (between 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>)

Free to attend but please reserve your ticket online. Space is limited.

**FOR RESERVING TICKETS** GO TO [www.equusfilmfestival.net](http://www.equusfilmfestival.net) and click on the **Ticket Link** on the top left.

**NOTE THAT YOU MUST RESERVE TICKETS FOR ANY EVENTS YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, EVEN THE COMPLIMENTARY ONES. SPACE IS LIMITED.**

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** <https://www.facebook.com/EquusFilmFestivalNYC>, <https://twitter.com/EQUUSFilmNYC>, <https://www.pinterest.com/EFFNYC/>, <https://www.instagram.com/equusfilmfest/>, #EFF17, #EFFNYC, #EQUUSFILM, #EQUUSART, #EQUUUSLIFE, #EFFTOUR

**LODGING:** Holiday Inn Manhattan 6th Ave – Chelsea, 125 W 26th St, New York, NY 10001 - 212-430-8500  
(just a couple of doors from the theater) Best Rates Guaranteed – ask for [EQUUS Film Festival](#) rates.

Here is your booking link: [Equus Film Festival](#) or <http://bit.ly/2fVRdOr>

**MAP:** <http://bit.ly/2wr4kxc>

**RIDE TV Documentary – January 2017:** <https://vimeo.com/205968794> Password: ridetv

**Dressage Today – Karen Brittle – March 2017:** <http://dressagetoday.com/lifestyle/equus-film-festival-55089>

## About the EQUUS Film Festival

The EQUUS Film Festival is the first film festival oriented around equestrian themed content from all over the world. EFF empowers storytellers to show the rich history and diverse tapestry of horses in human culture through equestrian content. We have feature films, documentaries, shorts, music videos, commercials, training educational materials, art and literary.

EFF has been created to highlight and award the diverse and creative efforts of those who artistically pay homage to the horse. In 2016, the festival hosted over 150 films at the Village East Cinema in New York City. From horse related commercials to wounded warrior films, blind equestrian journeys, feature length documentaries and narrative films, gathered from 17 countries around the globe.

The interest is International. Our films have come from France to New Zealand and everywhere in between.



*Hundreds of films have gained recognition, found international distribution and reached global audiences. We believe that film holds the power to experience a story in the most compelling way.*

*We empower storytellers to share their unique equine stories in the most optimal setting: a movie theater.*

*By placing the EQUUS Film Festival in the capital of the world, New York City, people from all walks of life can enjoy these inspiring stories.*

*We look forward to welcoming you to the 2017 EQUUS Film Festival, where you can enjoy the impressive line-up of films, amazing artists and interesting authors.*

Founder | Lisa Diersen