

Monthly News from the Durango Independent Film Festival



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A vibrant, abstract illustration with a checkered background. It features a green hand holding a film strip, a blue bird-like figure with a red beak, and a red, coral-like structure. The text "See your business name on the silver screen!" is written in white, slanted letters across the illustration.

See your business name
on the silver screen!

A smaller version of the Durango Independent Film Festival logo, featuring the stylized camera lens and film strip graphic.

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film festival
March 4-8, 2009**

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Support the film festival by contacting Joanie about your sponsorship at 970-375-7779.
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Coming to the Abbey Theatre Tuesday, January 13 ~ 6:30pm



A film by Avi Neshet

Naomi, the brilliant and pious daughter of an ultra orthodox rabbi finds herself at a crossroads of life choices when her mother dies and she is expected to immediately marry her father's prodigy. Distressed yet determined, she begs that her father allow her one year to study at a women's religious seminary in Safed, the birthplace of the Kabala, in order to prepare herself for the sacrifices she will make as a wife. Her father relents and Naomi's life begins to take an unexpected turn....

The Secrets presents the complexities of a religious lifestyle in a vibrant environment of youth, rebellion, and desire.

For more information, please visit www.montereymedia.com

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A Message from Mary Jo Rakowski, DIFF Board Chair

"The fourth annual Durango Independent Film Festival WILL be held March 4-8, 2009. Steps have been taken and hard decisions made to ensure that this signature community event takes place as scheduled. Thank you all for your continued dedication and commitment to DIFF. We couldn't do it without you!"

Every Dollar Counts

For three years the Durango Independent Film Festival has showcased films to bring you

Joy

Thanks to our Sponsors who are on board for the 2009 Film Festival event

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**Inspiration
Pleasure
Despair
Encouragement
Knowledge
Awareness
&
Hope**

We need your help in bringing an exceptional 2009 Durango Independent Film Festival to Durango March 4-8, 2009.

Please join us in keeping the spirit of independent film alive in our community by making a donation or becoming a sponsor.

Thanks to all of the filmmakers who submitted their creative works for the 2009 DIFF Trailer Competition!



And the Winners are:

It's That Good

Directed by Jeff Rondlestadt

Jeff Rondlestadt is a part-time filmmaker but spends most of his time installing cable. He is a graduate of Cornell University, where he was a double major in electrical engineering and horticulture. He lives in Farmington, NM with his family and long-time partner, Kelly. His hobbies include filmmaking, golf, and paintball. He intends to, one day, write either a screenplay or a series of short science fiction stories.

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If you have the opportunity, please thank these sponsors for their generous support of our organization.

The March

Co-Produced and Directed by
Tyler Quintano and Ryan Osborne

Ryan Osborne was inspired by the outright selflessness below the poverty line. Ryan is currently working on an oral history project in his native Durango, CO where he lives and runs a fire extinguisher business on the side.

Tyler Quintano was raised in Durango, CO. He enjoys making movies, shoveling snow, and preparing vegetarian lasagna. He also enjoys denim, flip flops, prose on U.S. foreign policy, and good wine (but he won't balk at Carlo Rossi). Tyler owns a video production company called Action House Media Productions, LLC, and he currently "shoots brides for a living".



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DIFF has some fun things in store for our 2009 film festival event!



Wednesday, FEBRUARY 4 ~ DIFF Beer Release Party at SKA Brewing Company's beautiful new Bodo facility at 225 Girard St., 5pm.

Wednesday, March 4 ~ **DIFF Opening Night** ~ FREE movie night at the Abbey and Gaslight Theatres.

Thursday, March 5 ~ **Gallery Night** ~ Enjoy strolling Durango's art galleries in celebration of artistic expression of all kinds, 5pm-8pm.

Friday, March 6 ~ **Filmmaker Party** ~ Henry Strater Theatre, 5pm.

Saturday, March 7 ~ **Celebrate Outdoor Adventure** ~ with Backcountry Experience, 5pm-7pm.

Saturday, March 7 ~ **Late Night VIP Lounge** ~ Mutu's Italian Kitchen, 10pm-1am. Open by invitation only and festival first tier pass holders.

Sunday, March 8 ~ **Awards Dinner and Ceremony** ~ Durango Arts Center Theatre. Open by invitation only and festival first tier pass holders.

Save the Dates!

March 2009						
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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The 2009 Durango Independent Film Festival will be held

March 4-8

The DIFF Mission

We are committed to film literacy and to being a welcoming, intimate, and unique film

WHY VOLUNTEER FOR DIFF?

Volunteers who contribute a minimum of 12 hours receive a 2nd Tier punch pass to see one film per three hours volunteered. Volunteers with more than 60 hours receive a 1st Tier pass for access to all festival films. Other benefits include seeing how the festival works, meeting new people, and contributing to the cultural diversity of Durango!

We have lots of work that needs to be done preparing for the festival and would value your participation. If you would like to volunteer during the festival, we need ushers and ticket-takers at both the Abbey and the Gaslight for all five days of the festival. If you would like to volunteer before the festival, we need help at events, with print projects, in the office, and much more. Some volunteer jobs take a weekly commitment and others can be done on a one-time basis for a few hours.

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A Painless, Convenient Way to Contribute to DIFF...



Just by purchasing groceries at City Market with your value card, you can donate to DIFF! If you don't have a value card, it's easy to get one. Please click below for complete details about the program.

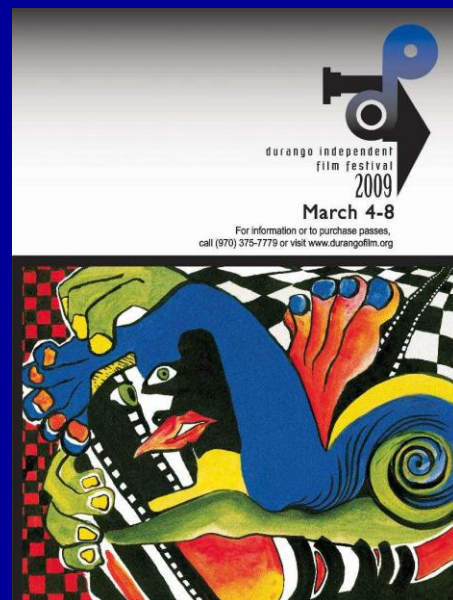
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To register your card, send an e-mail to diffadmin@durangofilm.org or call the DIFF office at 970-375-7779 with your City Market value card information (name, address, phone number, and 10-digit value card number).

When you use your City Market value card, DIFF will receive a portion of the sales every quarter. We hope you will take advantage of this convenient way to contribute to DIFF year-round.

Thanks for your help!

organization that screens global, innovative, and diverse films that connect independent filmmakers, their artistic process, and their vision to the community.



Interested in supporting DIFF?

Many opportunities are available!

Volunteers are needed.
Sponsorships of various types and levels are welcome.
And of course, **cash donations** are always greatly appreciated!

To learn more about supporting DIFF, contact the office at 970-375-7779.



DIFF was excited to host the "Elements Tour" of the *Oil & Water Project*. Thanks to all in our community who attended the activities and screenings.



Thanks to industry sponsors *ProductionHUB* and *Filmmaker Magazine* for their support of the 2009 Durango Independent Film Festival.



Spotlight on DIFF Staff



Kaiya Dewey White, the DIFF administrative coordinator and KDUR Community Radio office manager has been selected as the new co-host of the *Trading Post*, which airs on Friday morning from 11:30-12:00 on KDUR 91.9 and 93.9 FM. Kaiya will join Stu and Dave on KDUR's exclusive public service program.

Do you need to sell something, trade for something, look for something, or give it away? Are you having a garage or yard sale? Then give the Trading Post a call. KDUR's Stu, Dave & Kaiya chat with callers about their "stuff". A list of items and phone numbers is kept in the KDUR studio and on the website for community access at any time. Call the station or check out www.kdur.org and click on *Trading Post*.

Kaiya Dewey White has been working

for DIFF for two years and is looking forward to her third film festival. She has been the office manager at KDUR for 18 months and enjoys being a DJ as well. Tune in every Friday from 11:30-12:00 to listen to all the craziness of the *Trading Post*.

Join Our Mailing List!

Please don't hesitate to call or e-mail us if you have questions about our organization!

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