

2008 Film Festival

Monday, April 14, 2008

8:00 - 9:30pm WORLD PREMIER!

Tomato Sawyer and Huckleberry Larry's Big River Rescue! (Big Idea)

Meet Tomato Sawyer & Huckleberry Larry - two friends homesteading along the banks of the mighty Mississippi River. Tom & Huck look forward to owning their own land, building a home and opening Huck's Jerkey Land and Tom's Tax Service. But everything changes when they meet a mysterious stranger who is on the run and trying to find his mama. Will Huck & Tom risk losing all they've worked for in order to help someone they hardly know? Find out in this all-new adventure!

FIRST LOOK at BIG IDEA'S next movie! Watch this rough cut and fill out comment cards to help shape this movie for its summer release.

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

9:45 - 10:30am Thank You God for...B-O-Zs and 1-2-3s! (Exclaim Entertainment)

Get ready to start counting your blessings ... and spelling out your joy! Exciting adventures in letters and numbers await in the newest DVD from BOZ, The Green Bear Next Door: Thank You God For...B-O-Zs and 1-2-3s!

In the fifth DVD of this hit series for preschoolers, BOZ, Drew, and Gracie discover exciting ways that numbers and letters can help us explore God's world. Preschoolers will find that we can ...

* Spell wonderful things with the special letters in our names

* Count on great adventures with numbers

* Creatively work through our differences

10:45 - 11:45am 3-2-1 Penguins!: The Green-Eyed Monster (Big Idea)

Join everyone's favorite space-traveling Penguins as they visit a small planet divided by a picket fence and populated by two groups of sheep, each of whom want to conquer the other side. Meanwhile, Michelle has her eyes on her brother Jason's room, believing it to be bigger than hers. With all of this envy flying around, green-eyed monsters appear and eat holes in everything they see. Watch what happens when these flightless birds, jealous sheep, and seven year-old twins finally learn a lesson in contentment!

8:00 - 10:00pm Hidden Secrets (Pure Flix Entertainment) - Q&A to follow

What if your deepest secrets were suddenly exposed?

Nine friends discover just how explosive it can be when their past becomes their present.

Reunited at the funeral of hometown hero Chris Hayden, the friends find tensions escalating rapidly as their darkest secrets are revealed. Jeremy, struggling with his calling as a former youth pastor, is caught

in an awkward love triangle between his new fiancée and his old flame Sherry. As the embers of the past relationship reignite, Jeremy's fiancée Rachel, who is determined to solidify their relationship, demands he affirm his commitment to her.

Meanwhile, Gary questions everyone's beliefs as this close-knit group of friends disputes world views, lifestyles, and personal passions. Pastor Wexler encourages them not to give up but to follow the truth that Chris Hayden lived.

Hidden Secrets is a story of love, friendship, redemption and ultimately faith. Humorous, touching and always entertaining.

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

9:45 - 11:45am The Wager (Pure Flix Entertainment) - based on the book from best-selling author, Bill Meyers

Michael Steele (Randy Travis) is ten days from the biggest night of his life - He has been nominated for Best Actor at the Academy Awards. Achieving the height of career success, Michael is cast in the role of a lifetime as the lead character in a struggle between good and evil. When rumors about his morality and faith run rampant will he buckle to temptation or fight to walk the path of purity?

The Wager is a soulful story of conviction and redemption that reminds us that through Christ we have the strength to do what is right.

1:15 - 2:45pm Rebellion of Thought (a film by The Brothers Williamson) - Q&A to follow with Kent Williamson

What is post-modernism? How has it affected our culture? How will it impact our future? What is the role of the church in a post-modern world? Does man truly need God or is God merely a fairytale idea left-over from a past cultural experiment? These questions are the launching point for Rebellion of Thought. Filmmakers, The Brothers Williamson, examine a new generation that refuses to accept authority, code and convention - they probe the impact and consequences of such thinking both for the church and society.

"There are no absolute... what's true for you is not necessarily true for me." Post-modern thought

"So what happens when the group of people who've been reared on this kind of post-modern thinking then become our surgeons, our bankers and accountants, police officers and judges?" David Fletcher, Assoc. Professor of Philosophy/Wheaton College

3:00 - 5:00pm A Man Named Pearl (Tentmakers Entertainment) - Q&A to follow with Cecil Stokes

A bigoted remark dissuades Pearl Fryar from moving into a white neighborhood. Told "Black people don't keep up their yards," Pearl creates an extraordinary topiary garden that conveys his philosophy of Love, Peace and Goodwill.

Crystal Heart Award and the Audience Choice Award at the Heartland Film Festival

Also won the Critics' Choice Award at the Palm Springs International Film Festival.

6:15 - 8:15pm First Landing (Regent University) - Q&A to follow with Lorene Wales

America. Perhaps the greatest nation in all of history. Did you know this country began with a covenant with God to preach the gospel both here on these shores and throughout the world? The sacrifice of Robert Hunt is a largely unknown story -his role in enabling the colonists, to not only reach the shores of North America, but to also survive those early brutal years, cannot be underestimated. In April 1607, as the voyagers finally reach their destination, Hunt prays for God's blessing on the new colony and the people of the land. That covenant that was made 400 years ago, has led to unparalleled blessings and prosperity for our nation.

8:30 - 10:30pm Amazing Grace - Q&A to follow with Ken Wales

Elected to the House of Commons at the age of 21, and on his way to a successful political career, William Wilberforce, over the course of two decades, takes on the English establishment and persuades those in power to end the inhumane trade of slavery.

Best Movie for Mature Audiences - 16th Annual MOVIEGUIDE Faith & Values Award

Epiphany Prize for Most Inspiring Movie of 2007 sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation

Thursday, April 17, 2008

9:45 - 11:45am Hollywood on Fire (Saylor Brothers) - Q&A to follow

Hollywood is the symbol of the media culture for the entire world. The Hollywood On Fire feature documentary chronicles the past, present and future of faith in the entertainment business. If you watch movies or TV, then you're already a part of the entertainment industry. Discover why you are the most important person in Hollywood and how you can make a difference right from your home. Have you dreamed of taking the path to Hollywood filmmaking and want to stay grounded in your faith? Find out if you really have what it takes from those who have done it.

Official selection at the International Family Film Festival in Hollywood

Dove seal of approval for family friendly audiences.

1:30 - 2:30 pm Peter's Denial - Q&A to follow with Aneesh Daniel

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you." Matthew 26:34-35

Directed and produced by Aneesh Daniel for Joyce Meyer Ministries

3:15 - 4:30pm The Cross and the Towers (Jon Erwin) - Q&A to follow

September 11, 2001 - A day that will never be forgotten. A day when ordinary men and women would face the unbelievable, and experience what few ever dreamed or thought possible: A terrorist attack in the heart of New York claiming nearly three thousand lives and leaving a scene of incomprehensible destruction. Follow the lives of seven individuals who's lives were changed forever, not only by the horrific day of September 11, but by the stunning symbol of hope they found buried beneath the rubble of ground zero. Witness though firsthand accounts this stunning story of hope, a story that has never been told.

WINNER - Crystal Heart Award - Heartland Film Festival

WINNER - Audience Choice - Palm Beach International

WINNER - Best Film - Gloria Film Festival

8:00 - 9:00pm All About Us (Faith Filmworks) - Q&A to follow with Christine & Michael Swanson

Acclaimed husband and wife filmmakers, Christine Swanson (writer-director) and Michael Swanson (producer) follow up their celebrated romantic comedy, All About You, with their new romantic drama, All About Us. When a filmmaking couple hits a brick wall in Hollywood, they set off to Mississippi to find Morgan Freeman and persuade him to star in their next movie. Beautifully told with stellar performances by Boris Kodjoe, Academy Award nominee Rudy Dee and special appearance by Academy Award winner Morgan Freeman; All About Us an inspirational and heartwarming story that provides an insightful commentary on the familial rifts that ambition often creates.

Grand Jury Prize Winner - Cine Noir Black Film Festival

Official Selection - Heartland Truly Moving Pictures Film Festival

Official Selection - Chicago International Film Festival

Official Selection - Miami International Film Festival

Official Selection - Memphis International Film Festival

Friday, April 18, 2008

9:30 - 11:15am Inspired Ambition - Q&A to follow with Erica Lane and Kyle Saylor

A SNEAK-PEAK OF AN UNAired TELEVISION EPISODE!

The Christian reality TV series "Inspired Ambition" debuted February 23 on the JCTV channel (TBN). Erica Lane is featured in every episode journeying down the unknown road of trying to break into the music industry and interviewing artists who are already there.