



## 2011 TRIBECA FILM FESTIVAL JURY ANNOUNCED

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***David O. Russell, David Gordon Green, Dianne Wiest, Souleymane Cissé, Whoopi Goldberg, Paul Dano, Zoe Kazan, Rainn Wilson, Anna Kendrick, Michael Cera, Denis Leary, Atom Egoyan and Fran Lebowitz are Among the 38 Festival Jurors***

**New York, NY – April 18, 2010** – The Tribeca Film Festival (TFF), presented by American Express, the Founding Sponsor of the Festival, today announced its jurors – a diverse and talented group of 38 individuals, including award-winning filmmakers and screenwriters, celebrated actors, respected journalists and media pioneers. They will be divided among the six competitive Festival categories and will announce the winning films, filmmakers and actors in those categories at the TFF Awards Night ceremony on April 28 hosted by Gideon Yago, which will be streamed live on TribecaFilm.com. The 2011 Festival runs from April 20 – May 1.

“This year’s jury is made up of a range of accomplished individuals in their respective fields, bringing a fresh and well-rounded perspective,” said Jane Rosenthal, Co-Founder of the Tribeca Film Festival. “It’s an honor to have a jury of such caliber watching and discussing the films in competition this year.”

Following is a list of all 2011 Festival jurors and their respective categories.

### **World Competition Categories:**

The jurors for the 2011 World Narrative Competition are:

- **Souleymane Cissé:** Noted Malian director; films include the 1995 Cannes Palme d’Or nominee *Waati*, 1987 Cannes Jury Prize Winner *Brightness* and *Tell Me Who You Are*.
- **Scott Glenn:** Actor; films include *The Right Stuff*, *The Silence of the Lambs*, *The Virgin Suicides*, *Freedom Writers*, *The Bourne Ultimatum*, *W.*, *Secretariat*, *Sucker Punch* and TFF 2011 selection *Magic Valley*.
- **David Gordon Green:** Independent Spirit Award nominated director/producer; films include *George Washington*, *All the Real Girls*, *Great World of Sound*, *Pineapple Express*, the recently released *Your Highness* and the upcoming film *The Sitter*.
- **Rula Jebreal:** Journalist, author, screenwriter and actress: books include *The Bride From Assuan*, *Rejected* and *Miral*, which was adapted into a film of the same name.
- **Art Linson:** Gotham award winning producer; films include *Singles*, *Fight Club*, *Lords of Dogtown*, *Into the Wild*, *What Just Happened* and *The Runaways*.
- **Jason Sudeikis:** Actor. Best known for roles in *Going the Distance*, *Hall Pass* and 2011 TFF selection *A Good Old Fashioned Orgy*. Also a cast member on television’s *Saturday Night Live*.
- **Dianne Wiest:** Oscar, Golden Globe and SAG award winning actress; films include *Hannah and Her Sisters*, *Edward Scissorhands*, *Bullets Over Broadway*, *Synecdoche, New York* and the upcoming *The Odd Life of Timothy Green*.

The jurors for the 2011 World Documentary Competition are:

- **Amir Bar-Lev:** Documentary filmmaker and producer; films include *Fighter*, *My Kid Could Paint That*, *The Tillman Story* and the upcoming *Garcia*.
- **Michael Cera:** BAFTA and SAG Award nominated actor; films include *Superbad*, *Juno*, *Youth In Revolt*, and *Scott Pilgrim vs. The World*. Currently filming *The Untitled Mark Webber Project*.
- **RJ Cutler:** Oscar nominee and Emmy Award winning director/producer; films include *The War Room*, *Thin*, and *The September Issue*.
- **Abigail Disney:** Film producer and philanthropist; films include 2008 TFF Best Documentary Winner, *Pray the Devil Back to Hell*, *Children of Invention*, *Sons of Perdition* and the upcoming narrative feature *Return*.
- **Whoopi Goldberg:** Moderator on television's *The View*, and actress, comedian, humanitarian with Oscar, Golden Globe, Emmy, Tony and Grammy wins. Recent films include *Toy Story 3*, *For Colored Girls* and the upcoming *A Little Bit of Heaven*.
- **Louie Psihoyos:** Oscar and DGA winning director; films include *The Cove* and the upcoming *The Singing Planet*.
- **Peter Scarlet:** Executive Director of the Abu Dhabi Film Festival, former Artistic Director of TFF and former Director of the Cinematheque Francaise.

### **Emerging Competition Categories:**

The jurors for the 2011 Emerging Narrative Competition are:

- **Paul Dano:** Independent Spirit and SAG award nominated actor; films include *L.I.E.*, *Little Miss Sunshine*, *There Will Be Blood*, the recently released *Meek's Cutoff* and the upcoming *Another Bulls--t Night in Suck City*.
- **Atom Egoyan:** Oscar, Golden Palm and Independent Spirit Award nominated director/producer; films include *Exotica*, *The Sweet Hereafter*, *Felicia's Journey*, *Where the Truth Lies*, *Adoration*, and *Chloe*.
- **Zoe Kazan:** TFF 2009 Best Actress winner for *The Exploding Girl*; other films include *Me and Orson Welles*, *The Private Lives of Pippa Lee*, *It's Complicated* and the recently released films *Happythankyoumoreplease*, and *Meek's Cutoff*.
- **Anna Kendrick:** Oscar, BAFTA, Golden Globe, SAG, Independent Spirit and Tony award nominated actress; films include *Rocket Science*, the *Twilight* series, *Up in the Air*, *Scott Pilgrim vs. the World*, and the upcoming *Live With It*.
- **Rainn Wilson:** Emmy and SAG Award nominee for television's *The Office*; films include *Juno*, *The Rocker*, *Hesher* and the just completed *Few Options*.

The jurors for the 2011 Emerging Documentary Competition are:

- **Margaret Bodde:** Documentary producer and film preservationist; films include *No Direction Home: Bob Dylan*, *Time Piece*, *Public Speaking* and the upcoming *Living in the Material World: George Harrison*.
- **Jared Cohen:** Director of Google Ideas, Adjunct Fellow at the Council for Foreign Relations and Author of *One Hundred Days of Silence: America and the Rwanda Genocide*, and *Children of Jihad: A Young American's Travels Among the Youth of the Middle East*

- **J.D. Heyman:** Executive Editor of *People* and former editor at *Us Weekly*. Held editorial positions at *Cosmopolitan* and the *New York Daily News*. Author of books include *Get a Life: A Guide to Jobs, Money and the Real World*, and *The Singled Out Guide to Dating*.
- **Lauren Hutton:** Fashion icon, actress, television host and beauty industry pioneer. Film roles include *American Gigolo* and, more recently, *The Joneses*. Guest star on television's *Nip/Tuck* and host of several shows, including a late-night talk show.
- **Annie Sundberg:** IFC and Sundance award nominated director; films include *The Trials of Darryl Hunt*, *The Devil Came on Horseback* and *Joan Rivers: A Piece of Work*.

### **Short Film Competition Categories:**

The jurors for the 2011 Narrative Short Film Competition are:

- **David O. Russell:** Oscar, Golden Globe nominee and Independent Spirit Award Winner: films include *Spanking the Monkey*, *Flirting with Disaster*, *Three Kings*, *I Heart Huckabees*, *The Fighter* and the upcoming *Nailed*.
- **Nora Ephron:** Multiple Oscar, Golden Globe nominated and BAFTA winning writer-director; films include *Silkwood*, *When Harry Met Sally ...*, *Sleepless in Seattle* and *Julie and Julia*.
- **Ceci Kurzman:** Founder of Nexus Management Group, whose clients include Shakira, and consultant for the Global Philanthropy Group.
- **Denis Leary:** Golden Globe and Emmy nominate actor/writer/producer; work includes *Rescue Me*, *In Search of Ted Demme* and the *Ice Age* films.
- **Fran Lebowitz:** Author noted for her social commentary, recently the subject of the HBO documentary *Public Speaking*, directed by Martin Scorsese.
- **Paul Schneider:** Actor and screenwriter; films include *All the Real Girls*, *The Family Stone*, *Lars & the Real Girl*, *Bright Star*, *Away We Go* & the upcoming *Water for Elephants*.
- **Jimmy Wales:** Internet entrepreneur and Co-founder of Wikipedia.

The jurors for the 2011 Documentary and Student Short Film Competitions are:

- **Ahmed Ahmed:** Comedian and director; noted for his directorial debut *Just Like Us*, an official selection of the 2010 Tribeca and Doha Tribeca film festivals. Other films include the UAE film *City of Life* and *Iron Man*.
- **Agnes Gund:** President Emerita of MoMA, noted philanthropist, and collector of modern and contemporary art.
- **Zoe Kravitz:** Actress; film roles include *The Brave One*, *Birds of America*, *The Greatest* and the upcoming *Beware the Gonzo* (a 2010 TFF selection and upcoming release by Tribeca Film), *Yelling to the Sky* and *X:Men: First Class*.
- **Nicole Lapin:** Anchor of CNBC's *Worldwide Exchange*, contributor to *Today*, *Morning Joe*, *Daily Rundown*, and *Jansing & Co*, as well as the Huffington Post. Former anchor at CNN.
- **Lisa Shields:** VP of Communications and Marketing, Council on Foreign Relations.
- **Christine Vachon:** Independent Spirit Award winning producer. Films and television projects include *Mildred Pierce*, *Safe*, *I Shot Andy Warhol*, *Boys Don't Cry*, *Far From Heaven*, *I'm Not There*, and *Cairo Time*.
- **Patrick Wilson:** Golden Globe nominated actor; best known for *Little Children*, *Watchmen*, *Hard Candy* and *Angels in America*; upcoming films include *The Ledge*, and *Young Adult*.

Together, the six TFF juries will award \$175,000 in cash and prizes. Festival winners will also receive a piece of original art by an acclaimed artist as part of the Tribeca Film Festival Artists Awards program.

**Tickets for 2011 Festival:**

Tickets for the Festival will be \$16.00 for evening and weekend screenings, and \$8.00 for daytime weekday and late night screenings.

Single ticket and discounted ticket package sales begin for the general public on Monday, April 18, 2011. Single tickets can be purchased online at [www.tribecafilm.com](http://www.tribecafilm.com), or by telephone, toll free, at (866) 941-FEST (3378), or at one of the Ticket Outlets, with locations at Tribeca Cinemas at 54 Varick Street, Chelsea Clearview Cinemas at 260 West 23rd Street, and AMC Village VII at 66 3rd Avenue. The 2011 Festival will continue ticket discounts for evening and weekend screenings for students, seniors and select downtown Manhattan residents. Discounted tickets are available at Ticket Outlet locations only. Discounted ticket packages can only be purchased online and by phone. Additional information and further details on the Festival can be found at [www.tribecafilm.com](http://www.tribecafilm.com).

**About Tribeca Film Festival:**

The Tribeca Film Festival helps filmmakers reach the broadest possible audience, enabling the international film community and general public to experience the power of cinema and promote New York City as a major filmmaking center. It is well known for being a diverse international film festival that supports emerging and established directors.

Founded by Robert De Niro, Jane Rosenthal and Craig Hatkoff in 2001 following the attacks on the World Trade Center, to spur the economic and cultural revitalization of the lower Manhattan district through an annual celebration of film, music and culture, the Festival brings the industry and community together around storytelling.

The Tribeca Film Festival has screened more than 1,100 films from more than 80 countries since its first edition in 2002. Since inception, it has attracted an international audience of more than 3 million attendees and has generated an estimated \$600 million in economic activity for New York City.

**About the 2011 Festival Sponsors:**

As Founding Sponsor of the Tribeca Film Festival, American Express is committed to supporting the Festival and the art of filmmaking, bringing business and energy to New York City and offering Cardmembers and festivalgoers the opportunity to enjoy the best of storytelling through film.

The Festival is pleased to announce the return of its Signature Sponsors: Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, Apple, Bloomberg, Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC), Brookfield, Caesars Atlantic City, Heineken USA, LG Electronics USA, NBC 4 New York, NCM Media Networks, New York Nonstop, RR Donnelley, Stolichnaya Vodka, The New York Times, Time Warner Cable, and Vanity Fair. The Tribeca Film Festival is also honored to welcome the following new Signature Sponsors: Accenture, Bing, Doha Film Institute, JetBlue Airways, and Magnum Ice Cream.

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