

FILM FORWARD: ADVANCING CULTURAL DIALOGUE PUERTO RICO 2012 CALENDAR

FILM FORWARD joins forces for the second year with the esteemed Puerto Rico Film Society, returning to the capital of San Juan and traveling to Caguas in the center of the island for the first time. This is the first FILM FORWARD program for both Alysa Nahmias and Jasmila Zbanic. *Unfinished Spaces* features intimate footage of Fidel Castro, showing his devotion to creating a worldwide showcase for art, and it also documents the struggle and passion of three revolutionary artists whose inspiration and ideals could ultimately destroy them. *Grbavica* removes the veil from the ultimate taboo of the war in Balkans: the use of rape as a weapon of war. It also reveals that the post-war denial of this war crime is as devastating as the crime itself. Alysa Nahmias will travel from New York City and Jasmila Zbanic will travel all the way from Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Both filmmakers will participate in post-screening Q&As as well as workshops and discussion panels.

In addition to *Unfinished Spaces* and *Grbavica*, the program will consist of four additional films from the FILM FORWARD slate: *Somewhere Between*, *On the Ice*, *Bran Nue Dae*, and *The Green Wave*. All events are free and open to the public, with special emphasis on local filmmakers and artists, rural youth, architecture and film students, women's groups, and the retired communities of Puerto Rico.

Wednesday September 19, 2012

Opening Night

Film: *Unfinished Spaces* (86 mins)

Time: 6:00pm

Venue: University of Puerto Rico, School of Architecture

Screening followed by a Q & A with Alysa Nahmias (co-director/producer *Unfinished Spaces*)

Moderator: Francisco Javier Rodríguez, Dean, School of Architecture, University of Puerto Rico

Panelists: Architect, Warren James and Filmmaker and Scholar Carmen Oquendo Villar

Opening Cocktail Reception – University of Puerto Rico's School of Architecture

In collaboration with Colegio de Arquitectos y Arquitectos Paisajistas de Puerto Rico

Thursday September 20, 2012

Film: *Somewhere Between* (94 mins)

Time: 9:00 am

Venue: Library Madre María Teresa Guevara, Sacred Heart University

In collaboration with APPA (Adoptive Parents Association of Puerto Rico)

Film: *Unfinished Spaces* screening (86 mins)

Time: 11:00 am

Venue: School of Fine Arts in Old San Juan

Discussion on Arts Education in the Caribbean

Alysa Nahmias, co-director/producer *Unfinished Spaces*

Moderators: Lilliana Ramos Collado, MAC, Curator, and Professor of Theory and History of Architecture at the UPR.

María Isabel Oliver, Professor of Theory and Design at School of Architecture, Universidad Politécnica.

Film: *Grbavica* screening (90 mins)

Time: 8:00 pm

Venue: Contrafuerte, Old San Juan

Discussion about Anti-war art & cinema

Jasmila Žbanić (writer/director *Grbavica*)

Moderator: Prof. Charles Juhasz-Alvarado.

In collaboration with Mothers Against War

Friday September 21, 2012

Panel: Tell me something!

Storytelling in Fiction and Documentary: Directors Alysa Nahmias and Jasmila Žbanić

Time: 3:00 pm

Venue: Museum of Contemporary Art (MAC), Santurce

Moderators: Alfredo Nieves-Moreno: Associate Dean, Department of Communications at the UMET

Ilyse McKimmie: Associate Director, Feature Film Program, Sundance Institute

Film: *The Green Wave* (80 mins)

Venue: Museum of Contemporary Art (MAC), Santurce

Time: 7:00 pm

In collaboration with Asociación de Documentalistas de Puerto Rico (AdocPR)
(Documentary Filmmakers Association of Puerto Rico)

Saturday September 22, 2012

Roundtable Discussion: Jasmila Žbanić, Alysa Nahmias and local filmmakers.

International Film and Storytelling:

An exchange of stories and film experiences from Puerto Rico, US and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Time: 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

Venue: Universidad del Turabo; Laboratorio de Comunicaciones

Film: *On the Ice* (96 mins)

Time: 5:00 pm

Venue: Universidad del Turabo; Museo y Centro de Estudios Humanísticos, Dra. Josefina Camacho de la Nuez

Closing Night

Film: *Grbavica* (90 mins)

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Universidad del Turabo; Museo y Centro de Estudios Humanísticos, Dra. Josefina Camacho de la Nuez

Screening followed by a Q & A with Jasmila Žbanić, writer/director, *Grbavica*.

Moderator: Ilyse McKimmie, Associate Director, Feature Film Program, Sundance Institute