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I Will Tell International Film Festival Opening at the Victory Theatre, YMCA Fort Lauderdale with Premiere of Mahalia Jackson Film, starring Ledisi

Florida, USA – I Will Tell International Film Festival announced its festival lineup in the South Florida lineup from 27th October-3rd November, 2022, for its 16th edition. The long running festival expands from London to US shores with screenings at venues across three cities: Fort Lauderdale, Deerfield Beach and Delray Beach, including a special outdoor screening as part of Community Day, as well as offering virtual screenings via the Festival’s streaming platform, Iwilltell.tv.

The I Will Tell International Film Festival **Opening Night Red Carpet Gala** will be hosted by the YMCA, Fort Lauderdale with the film **REMEMBER ME: THE MAHALIA JACKSON STORY**, starring Ledisi, a music – driven biopic of the Queen of Gospel chronicling her story from the days of singing in her mother’s front yard to international stardom and her significant influence on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr and the Civil Rights movement. The film was directed by Denise Dowse who passed away a few weeks ago. Executive Producer and writer Ericka Nicole Malone will lead the Q&A after the screening and Tracey Dowse, the sister of Denise will attend to represent her sister and receive the tribute in Denise’s honor.

Festival Director, Jenny Lee, states, “I’m delighted that we have this phenomenal film to open the festival. We had the pleasure of hosting Denise’s last public interview at the London festival and are grateful to host this screening in her honor. To host the Opening Gala at the esteemed Victory Black Box Theater, which is so steeped in history and where many of our heroes once walked, is a double honor.

Another film in the festival is **PURPLE BEATZ** – a coming of age romance set in the 90’s drum ‘n bass scene. The film is led by an ethnically diverse, and predominately female, cast and crew. The faith-based documentary **SEND PROOF**, also screening at the festival, is an exploration of the gap between the intellectual and the spiritual. The Peace Gala and Premiere includes **SLOVO HOUSE: UNFINISHED NOVEL**, a challenging Ukrainian epic on the potency of cultural genocide as a tool of war. A red carpet **The Closing Gala, Dinner, and Awards Ceremony**, with red carpet, will be held in Boca Raton.

Ahead of its 16th edition, Jenny Lee hopes to inspire filmmakers to consider their role not just as creatives but as harbingers of cultural and social change and to take advantage of the significant changes happening within the industry, and especially in South Florida. On October 27, I WILL TELL will host an industry event in Boca Raton, **“The Film Justifies the Means” – Filmmaker Screening, Talkback, and Networking Session.**

Lee concludes, “The main draw of I WILL TELL is that it’s so much more than watching films. At a time when people are searching for more meaning, purpose and authentic connections, the festival provides audiences with insight through cinema and art.”

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The 16th Annual International Film Festival Runs 27 October – November 3, 2022

Interviews about I WILL TELL International Film Festival are available with Jenny Lee, Filmmakers, and Speakers. Please email or call press contacts to schedule.

****Press Passes are available for members of the press (print, photo, radio, TV, film, news agencies and online media) upon request***

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THE FULL FESTIVAL SCHEDULE CAN BE FOUND HERE:

www.iwilltell.com/festival-program

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THE LIST OF SPEAKERS: <https://iwilltell.com/speakers/>

About I WILL TELL International Film Festival

Founded in 2007 by Jenny Lee, the name of the Festival comes from a word spoken in the Senna dialect in Mozambique “Ndinadzawapanga” (pronounced Nah-jah-pang-ga) and means “I Will Tell”. It speaks to the power of storytelling to provoke change at an individual and societal level. The Festival is now a hybrid event that runs in London, Florida and Trinidad and Tobago in person with an enhanced virtual experience available globally online. We support a range of established and emerging filmmakers and have premiered films such as Ava DuVernay’s 13th, hosted high profile talent such as Lashana Lynch (007), global icons such as Raymond Santana (Central Park 5).

Venue locations:

YMCA, Fort Lauderdale
Wyndham Hotel, Deerfield Beach
Movies of Delray, Delray Beach

Tickets and Pricing

Tickets can be purchased in advance online at <https://iwilltell.com/tickets/>
Individual Tickets for both in theater and streaming films & events start at £5

All Access Passes are available as noted below.

An In Person Festival Film Pass (\$74.99)
An Online Streaming Festival Pass is (\$39.99)