

# BERKSHIRE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

**Our Mission** – The Berkshire International Film Festival (BIFF) thoughtfully curates world-class independent films to inspire, educate and entertain the most courageous filmmakers and film audiences. It promises a unique and dynamic experience that encourages rich conversation where accomplished (industry artists) filmmakers, producers, directors, writers and actors come together to collaborate and interact with lovers of film. We honor and pay tribute to international, national and regional artists; and are committed to being an informative voice for the Berkshire community and beyond, by showcasing the most engaging international narrative features and culturally relevant documentaries.

**Our Background** – The BIFF began in May 2006 to be recognized and respected as a world-class, creative, engaged, and lively community-based film festival that offers a unique and enriching experience that inspires and educates its guests— from both the film industry and for those who live and work in the Berkshire community.

The BIFF began with only 40 films on 3 screens, and now presents 75 films on 7 screens in Great Barrington and Pittsfield. We have grown from an attendance of under 1000 patrons, to nearly 4000 annually, and proudly host dozens of filmmakers and industry professionals from NYC to LA.

The BIFF also brings exciting year-round programming that include speakers which will educate audiences, and inspires to be an instrument of change by inviting filmmakers and films about the environment, social, medical and political issues. The BIFF also seeks to entertain our audience with special events such as the ANIMAL HOUSE reunion.

The BIFF enriches the cultural community, its partners and the Berkshire residents.

**Our Blueprint for Success** – The continuation of bringing the best independent films from around the world, and from our own backyard, to the Berkshires and hosting the filmmakers who share those stories.

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