

arts

Oroville-based film fest to screen movies in Osoyoos this fall

The Tumbleweed Film Festival, a not-for-profit international film festival based in Washington state, is gearing up for its second year after successful inaugural events last August.

Last year's festival was so successful that this year, festival co-founders Maureen Fine and Geoff Klein will be bringing the "best of the fest" to Osoyoos.

According to Fine and Klein, the motto of the festival is "watch globally, drink locally" and events pair independent international films not yet commercially released with wine tasting experiences hosted by winemakers at local vineyards.

This September, to make the festival an international event, Fine and Klein will be organizing festival events north of the border in Osoyoos at the Nk'Mip Resort.

Following the annual Oroville-based film festival taking place September 4, 5 and 6, the "best of the fest" will be shown in the movie theatre at the Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre.

"The best-rated films from our annual film



Filmmakers Charles Forsgren (centre left) and Tim Watkins pose with Tumbleweed Film Festival co-founder Maureen Fine (left) and festival staff at the 2010 screening of Watkins' film Dishonesty. According to Fine, Dishonesty is a short comedy about a young married couple who are having trouble being totally honest with each other. Fine said that because Dishonesty won "Best of Fest" as the audience favourite in 2010, it will be shown at the Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre as part of the 2011 festival events in Osoyoos in September. Photo submitted

festival will be coming to Canada, as well as a selection of new films" Klein said.

He said that although details such as show times and pricing are still being negotiated with the Nk'Mip Resort, it has been confirmed that events will take place at Nk'Mip on September 22, 23 and 24 and will include three evening films paired with wines from Nk'Mip Cellars.

At least one matinee event will take place on Saturday, Sept. 24.

Klein said the evening events will feature international films that have been scouted by himself and Fine, ranging in genre from animation to documentary to fictional narrative.

He said festival-goers will also have the option of dining at Nk'Mip Cellars before moving to the theatre where some filmmakers are expected to be in attendance.

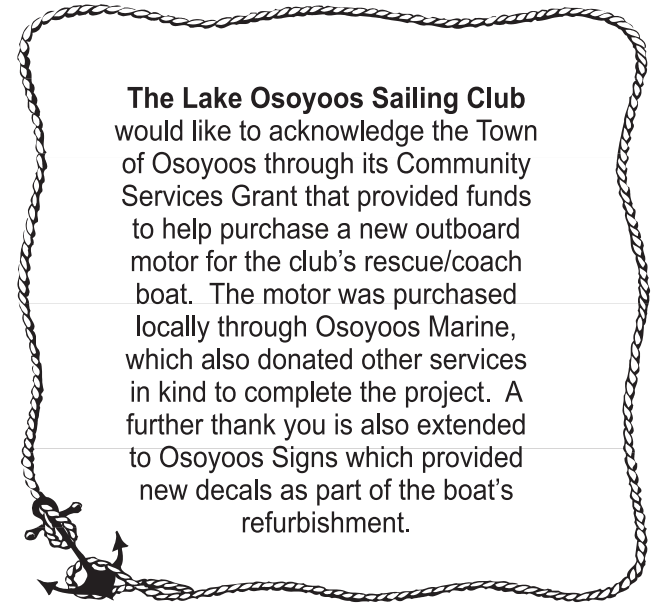
"For the event in Oroville we were actually able to track down a filmmaker from Omak

who will be attending the event," added Fine.

"We've always found that it's really nice for people attending the events during intermission to talk to the filmmakers. It's a great way to increase the education of filmmaking.

"What we're actually looking for for the Osoyoos events are some local filmmakers. We would waive any kind of submission fee for people in the area; if their movie can qualify for one of our events we would be more than happy to invite them."

Fine said that local filmmakers interested in submitting an independent film to the festival should visit the festival website at www.tumbleweedfilmfest.com or email info@tumbleweedfilmfest.com.



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