

Food, Fun and Film Featured at the 2017 Gold Coast International Film Festival

— Festival Spotlights Great Films About Food and Wine, including:
Hummus! The Movie and *Back to Burgundy* —



GREAT NECK, NY — October 5, 2017 — The [2017 Gold Coast International Film Festival](#) recently announced an exciting slate of more than 80 feature-length and short films including two food-focused films, [Hummus! The Movie](#), a documentary about the awesome powers of mashed chickpeas, and the comedy/drama, *Back to Burgundy*, a story of wine, family, and more wine set amid the gorgeous backdrop of the Burgundy region of France. Both films are certain to delight the foodie in all of us.

On **Sunday, November 12 at 4 p.m. at the Great Neck Squire Theater**, the Gold Coast International Film Festival will host the Long Island premiere of *Hummus! The Movie*, an eclectic, touching film about the delicious super-food that some claim has the power to unite Muslims, Christians, and Jews around the world. The documentary includes secret recipes, and a Guinness World Record for the “World’s Largest Serving of Hummus” (currently held by a Lebanese hummus maker — at a whopping 23,042 pounds).

In *Hummus! The Movie* we meet three main characters. Jalil is a young Christian-Arab from Ramla who has taken over his family’s hummus restaurant and struggled with the urge to forge his path. Eliyahu, a former dread-headed vagrant, turned Hasidic Jew, who opens a chain of successful kosher hummus restaurants. And Suheila, the only woman to own her own business in the Arab market, and who has won the Golden Pita Award for Best Hummus, beating ten men for the title. They all have one thing in common — a love of hummus. Weaving together their stories, director Oren Rosenfeld tastefully demonstrates how food can positively affect our culture and has the unique ability to transcend religious and political divides.

Following *Hummus! The Movie*, ticket holders are invited to attend “The Great Gold Coast Hummus Taste-Off,” a fun celebration and tasting of arguably the world’s most famous Mediterranean food. The event will also include wine and bites from local favorites Grill Time, Lederman Caterers, LOLA, Mediterranean Seafood and Grill and The Inn at Great Neck.

Tickets for *Hummus! The Movie*, which includes “The Great Gold Coast Hummus Taste-Off,” can be purchased here: <http://bit.ly/gciffhummus>. The Great Neck Squire Theater is located at 115 Middle Neck Road Great Neck, NY 11021.

On **Tuesday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Soundview Cinemas in Port Washington**, the Gold Coast International Film Festival will host the New York premiere of *Back to Burgundy*, a story of wine, family, family business, and more wine is set amid the gorgeous backdrop of the Burgundy region of France. The film, in French with English subtitles, tells the story of Jean who had left his family and his native Burgundy to tour the world ten year before and returns to his childhood home upon hearing of the death of his father, owner of a successful family-run winery.

Much has changed, both in the family and the wine industry since he left, and he now must reconcile with his siblings as each has his, or her own ideas about the future of the business. Over the course of a year, according to the rhythm of the seasons that follow one after the other, Jean and his siblings rediscover and reinvent their relationships, and strive to re-bond in the face of family obligations, parental pressure, prospective buyers of the business, and grape harvesting season. The breathtaking backdrop of Burgundy helps tell the story with an assured mix of drama, humor, and plenty of wine, *Back to Burgundy* is a story of family strength, which, like the region’s product, goes down quite smoothly.

Tickets for *Back to Burgundy* can be purchased here: <http://bit.ly/gciffburgundy>. The Soundview Cinemas is located at 7 Soundview Market Pl, Port Washington, NY 11050.

Other standout films and events at this year’s festival include more than 40 premieres, including French movie-star **Isabelle Huppert**’s new film *Souvenir*; **Burt Reynold**’s new film *Dog Years*; *Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story*; and the timely *Bill Nye: Science Guy*. The festival is also featuring *Ben-Gurion, Epilogue* about Israel’s founding father, with a live post-screening Q&A with David Ben-Gurion’s grandson Alon Ben-Gurion; and the East Coast premiere of the Iranian film *Gholam*, starring **Shahab Hosseini**, star of the 2016 Oscar-winning film *The Salesman*, which premiered at last year’s festival. On Saturday, November 11, the festival will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Oscar-winning Hollywood musical *Pal Joey*, starring Frank Sinatra, Rita Hayworth and Kim Novak. Sinatra’s granddaughter, Amanda Erlinger will join us for a Q&A following the screening.

A list of all films being screened at the Gold Coast International Film Festival is attached. Images for all films can be found at: <http://bit.ly/2xW9Idu>.

For tickets to all screenings and events visit www.goldcoastfilmfestival.org.

About the Gold Coast International Film Festival

Since 2011, the festival has brought the latest Hollywood hits and Indie favorites to standing room only audiences throughout the fabled Gold Coast of Long Island. Add A-list celebrities and unforgettable events to the mix and it’s easy to see why the Gold Coast International Film Festival has become the “go to” festival for film buffs and the public; (it is also the last major

film festival on the East Coast before Awards season). The Gold Coast International Film Festival is produced by the not-for-profit Gold Coast Arts Center.

Previous honorees and special guests of the festival and the Gold Coast Arts Center include film industry VIPs **Francis Ford Coppola, Hugh Grant, Baz Luhrmann, Brian Dennehy, Paul Sorvino, Ed Burns, Bruce Dern, Isabella Rossellini, Lou Diamond Phillips, Morgan Spurlock, Eli Wallach, Gabriel Byrne, Jacques Pepin, Bill Plympton, Phil Donahue, Phylicia Rashaad, Joan Allen, Jay McInerney and Michael Cuesta**, as well as composer **Morton Gould**, artists **James Rosenquist, Oleg Cassini, Edwina Sandys and Bob Gruen**, comedian **Susie Essman**, Broadway stars **Kelli O'Hara, Melissa Errico and Savion Glover**, and 4-time Oscar winner for production and costume design **Catherine Martin**.

About the Gold Coast Arts Center

The [Gold Coast Arts Center](http://www.goldcoastarts.org) is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to promoting the arts through education, exhibition, performance and outreach. Located on the North Shore of Long Island, it has brought the arts to tens of thousands of people throughout the region for over 20 years. Among the Center's offerings are its School for the Arts, which holds year-round classes in visual and performing arts for students of all ages and abilities; a free public art gallery; a concert and lecture series; film screenings and discussions; the annual Gold Coast International Film Festival; and initiatives that focus on senior citizens and underserved communities. These initiatives include artist residencies, after-school programs, school assemblies, teacher-training workshops and parent-child workshops. The Gold Coast Arts Center is an affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Partners in Education program, and the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. More information can be found at www.goldcoastarts.org.

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