

Much-Anticipated Long Island Premiere of *Dare to Be Different* at the Center of the 2017 Gold Coast International Film Festival

— *Film About WLIR 92.7 the Long Island Station that Changed the Sound of Radio Forever* —



GREAT NECK, NY — <DATE> — One of the hottest tickets at this year's [Gold Coast International Film Festival](#) is the Long Island Premiere of *Dare to Be Different*, the long-awaited film about WLIR, the small suburban Long Island radio station that changed the sound of radio forever and was arguably the nation's hippest radio station throughout the 1980s. *Dare to Be Different* is premiering on **Sunday November 12 at 4:30 p.m. at Soundview Cinemas in Port Washington.**

U2, Talking Heads, Depeche Mode, Blondie, Duran Duran, Tears for Fears, The Clash, and The Cure sold more than a half-billion records, but you may never have heard of these legendary rock groups if not for the visionaries at WLIR, the Long Island radio station that was on the cutting-edge of music in the 1980s.

In a wonderfully nostalgic look back, Program Director Denis McNamara and the LIR crew, with some of the most prominent artists of the era tell the story of how they battled the FCC, big

record labels, mega-radio stations and conventional rules to create a musical movement that brought new wave music to America.

Dare to Be Different features candid interviews and rare archival footage of some of the era's top bands which WLIR helped introduce to a U.S. audience while creating a community centered around the punk and new wave scene. Now, 30 years after it went off the air, this star-studded film tells the story of the unprecedented rise and fall of an independent cultural institution.

The premiere of *Dare to Be Different* will feature a live Q&A with Director/Producer **Ellen Goldfarb** and Executive Producer and former WLIR Program Manager **Denis McNamara**. WLIR alumni scheduled to attend are **Larry "The Duck" Dunn, Donna Donna, Max Leinwand** and "**Malibu**" **Sue McCann**. Also attending will be **Michael "Eppy" Epstein**, the WLIR personality and founder of the iconic My Father's Place in Roslyn that hosted numerous influential artists from 1971 to 1987 including Billy Joel, Bob Marley, The Ramones, U2 and Bruce Springsteen. Past WLIR news personalities on hand will be **Steve North** and News 12 Long Island's **Carol Silva**.

Tickets for *Dare to be Different* can be purchased here: <http://bit.ly/gciffdtbdfilm>.

Other standout films and events at this year's Gold Coast International Film Festival include more than 40 premieres, including French movie-star **Isabelle Huppert**'s new film *Souvenir*; **Burt Reynolds**'s new film *Dog Years*; and the timely *Bill Nye: Science Guy*. The festival is also featuring *Yellow Birds*, starring Jennifer Aniston, Toni Collette, Alden Ehrenreich and Tye Sheridan; *Darkest Hour*, starring Gary Oldman and Kristin Scott Thomas; the delightful documentary *Hummus! The Movie*, followed by "The Great Gold Coast Hummus Taste-Off"; 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.

Sponsors and partners of this year's Gold Coast International Film Festival include: founding partners, the Town of North Hempstead and Douglas Elliman Real Estate; major partners, Hofstra University and the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency; as well as Neiman Marcus Garden City; GEICO; Deluxe Entertainment Services Group; AARP Long Island; A.L. Sarroff Fund; Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP; The Katz Institute for Women's Health at Northwell Health; St. Mary's Kids; , Jet Blue; Biener Audi; LVR Rental; The Inn at Great Neck; The Andrew Hotel; WLIW21; Altice; New York Women in Film & Television; Anton Publications; Blank Slate Media; LI Pulse; Edelman Financial Services, LLC; and LOLA of Great Neck.

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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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