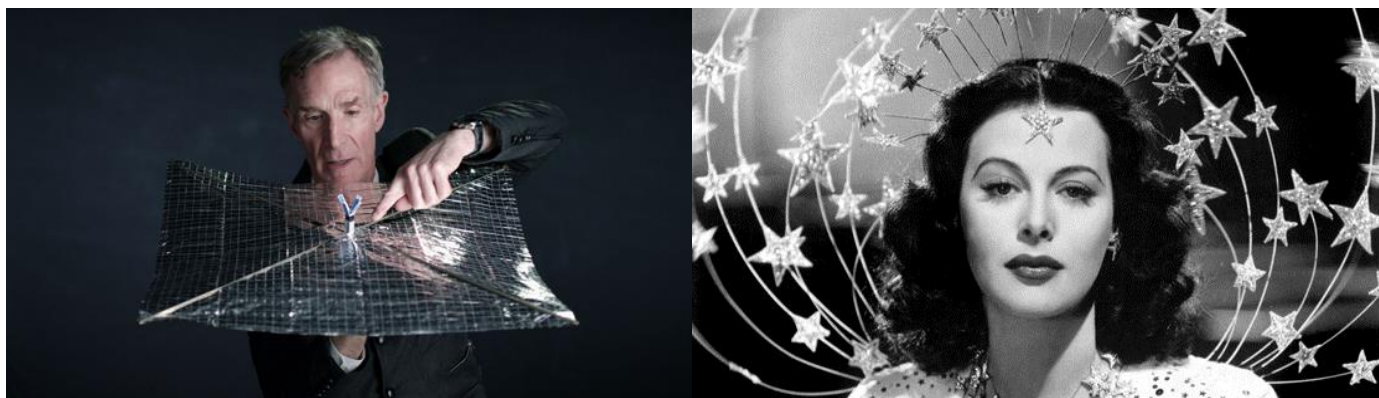


Science on Screen at the 2017 Gold Coast International Film Festival

— *Festival Features Two Great Films that put Science in the Spotlight:
Bill Nye: Science Guy and Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story* —



GREAT NECK, NY — October 19, 2017 — Among the [2017 Gold Coast International Film Festival's](#) lineup of more 80 feature-length and short films are two about inspiring individuals that help put science in the spotlight. [Bill Nye: Science Guy](#) (2017) is an exclusive, behind-the-scenes film that follows the often provocative, bow-tie-sporting “Science Guy” on his journey to change the world with science. *Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story* (2017) is a film about the Hollywood screen legend who, unbeknownst to many, was also a brilliant inventor who developed a secret communication system that helped the Allied forces defeat the Nazis in World War II.

Screening on **Saturday, November 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Soundview Cinemas** is the Long Island premiere of *Bill Nye: Science Guy*. Here, we follow the effortlessly charming, yet thought-provoking Nye, who rationally and analytically advocates on the side of science in an age when climate-change and evolution deniers often have higher profiles, and louder voices. In *Bill Nye: Science Guy*, Nye examines ice cores and rapidly retreating glaciers, tours “troubling” biblical theme parks, and visits a convention of science teachers, where he can barely take two steps without a request for a selfie. Filmmakers David Alvarado and Jason Sussberg capture candid moments with a man who admits that fame has likely changed him, but who unquestionably strives, on a daily basis, to make the world a better place through science advocacy and education. Soundview Cinemas is at 7 Soundview Market Place, Port Washington, NY 11050. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://bit.ly/gciffbillnye>.

On **Thursday, November 9 at 7:30 p.m., at the Great Neck Squire Theater**, the Gold Coast International Film Festival is hosting the Long Island premiere of *Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story*. *Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story* is a fascinating true account about screen legend and Austrian Jewish émigré who many critics, and fans alike, regard as the most beautiful woman ever to appear in films. Lamarr was by night the inventor of a “secret communication system”

that helped the Allied forces defeat the Nazis in World War II, but sadly, her arresting good looks stood in the way of her gaining the proper recognition she deserved — until now.

A Q&A follows the premiere with Director Alexandra Dean and Dr. Christine Metz, Ph.D., past president of Advancing Women in Science and Medicine and professor at the Feinstein Institute for Medical Research and the Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell. Also on the Q&A panel is Fleming Meeks, who served as an advisor and appeared on camera in ***Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story***. Meek's extensive recorded interviews with Miss Lamarr, conducted for a 1990 article in Forbes, served as the backbone of the award-winning documentary and will provide an in-depth insight into this intriguing historical figure.

Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story is a film that will undoubtedly appeal to lovers of history, Hollywood, and science. This screening is sponsored by Edelman Financial Services, LLC and is part of the festival's SCIENCE ON SCREEN® SERIES. ***Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story*** is screening at the Great Neck Squire Theater, 115 Middle Neck Rd, Great Neck, NY 11021, and tickets can be purchased online at <http://bit.ly/gciffbombshell>.

Other standout films and events at this year's Gold Coast International Film Festival include more than 40 premieres, including ***Dare to Be Different***, the story of WLIR, the small suburban Long Island radio station that changed the sound of radio forever. Director/Producer Ellen Goldfarb and Executive Producer Denis McNamara, along with dozens of other DJs and special guests featured in the film will join us at this premiere; ***Yellow Birds***, starring Jennifer Aniston, Toni Collette, Alden Ehrenreich and Tye Sheridan; French movie-star **Isabelle Huppert's** new film ***Souvenir***; and **Burt Reynold's** new film ***Dog Years***. The festival is also 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.

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

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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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