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Lunenburg Doc Fest Announces Full Lineup

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia —Lunenburg Doc Fest proudly presents the full schedule for its second annual festival, taking place September 25th to 27th, with ten screenings, a gala reception, Q&As, a brunch, a panel and more. Featuring guest filmmakers and films from around the world, this year's lineup promises something for everyone and is sure to educate, entertain and inspire.

"After thoroughly sifting through over 900 films I'm confident we have a fantastic offering," says Deb Beers, Festival Co-Chair. "The hardest part is saying no to so many other great documentaries."

Join the festivities on the red carpet at the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic with the **Opening Night Gala**, the **Canadian Premiere** of the powerful and thought-provoking **Requiem for the American Dream**, presented by producer/director **Kelly Nyks**, who has personal ties to the South Shore as a member of the Corkum clan. The gala reception follows, to celebrate opening night and the art of documentary, also at the Museum.

Saturday's feature film lineup at the Pearl Theatre offers a wonderful mix of experiences: the personal uplifting stories of **Lost & Found**, the passion of **Lutah**, the daring and defining movement of **How to Change the World**, and the emotional yet hope-full and striking story of **Omo Child: The River and the Bush**.

New this year, there is a **FREE Filmmakers' Panel** open to all, with artists John Choi (*Lost & Found*), Nicolina Lanni (*Lost & Found*), Kelly Nyks (*Requiem for the American Dream*) and John Rowe (*Omo Child*). Curious about the filmmaking process, the inspiration for a documentary or something specific about the subject of the film? Learn about the behind-the-scenes stories and be a part of the panel and Q&A.

To round out Saturday and **NEW this year**, Lunenburg Doc Fest presents Atlantic Canadian filmmakers in the **From the Edge of the Atlantic: Experimental Films** program, featuring one work at The Peer Gallery throughout the week and a program of eight short films at the Lunenburg School of the Arts followed by a filmmakers' panel and a reception.

On Sunday, **Requiem for the American Dream** re-screens followed by our **Youth Program**, which features the charming **I Am Eleven** along with the films created during The Festival's **FREE Youth Workshop** held on earlier weekends (Sept 12, 13, 19 & 20).

The **Filmmaker's Brunch** is next featuring **John Rowe**, director of **Omo Child: The River and the Bush** and a delicious brunch at Rime Restaurant. This **NEW** special event requires separate tickets which may be purchased online starting Sept 1 or at the Box Office, 139 Montague Street.

To wrap up Sunday, we present **Vanishing Sail** about the vanishing art of wooden boat building in the Grenadines (with mentions of Nova Scotia), and cap the festival with the joy and energy of soulful music legend and civil rights icon Mavis Staples in **Mavis!**

“What enhances the overall festival experience is the participation of the attending filmmakers who will be here with their films,” states Pamela Segger, Festival Co-Chair. “To be able to interact with the creators after watching their films, in an audience packed theatre, strolling our main streets, or at a reception, fosters a stronger connection to the art of documentary as well as a better understanding of the true-to-life stories and the world around us.”

Purchase individual tickets or Festival Passes at <http://www.lunenburgdocfest.com/tickets/> or at the Festival Box Office, 139 Montague Street, Lunenburg, while quantities last.

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

FRI, Sept 25

Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic — Festival Pass holders only

7:00pm ***Canadian Premiere* REQUIEM FOR THE AMERICAN DREAM - Opening Film**
8:30pm **Filmmaker Q&A with Producer/Director Kelly Nyks**
9:00pm **Gala Reception**

SAT, Sept 26

The Pearl Theatre

10:00am **Lost & Found**
12:00pm **Lutah**
2:30pm **How to Change the World**
4:15pm **Filmmakers' Panel — FREE event**
Panel discussion and audience Q&A with John Choi (Lost & Found), Nicolina Lanni (Lost & Found), Kelly Nyks (Requiem for the American Dream) and John Rowe (Omo Child)
6:30pm **Omo Child: The River and the Bush**

Lunenburg School of the Arts

9:00pm **From the Edge of the Atlantic: Experimental Shorts** Details to come.

SUN, Sept 27

The Pearl Theatre

10:00am **Requiem For The American Dream** (re-screening)
10:30am **Filmmaker's Brunch at Rime Restaurant*** John Rowe, Director of Omo Child
1:00pm **I Am Eleven — Youth Program Showcase & Awards**
3:30pm **Vanishing Sail**
7:00pm **Mavis! - Closing Film**

**Subject to change at LDF's discretion*

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Lunenburg Doc Fest showcases documentary films that entertain, educate, and inspire, creating a cultural experience and place of connection between filmmakers and film enthusiasts in the UNESCO World Heritage site of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. The festival is presented with the generous support of the Province of Nova Scotia, the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage, the Town of Lunenburg and Nova Scotia Tourism.

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