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LUNAFEST offers ten "Best of Fest" short films by women filmmakers

Four local film professionals to lead post-film discussions

Cincinnati World Cinema will present the **LunaFest Film Festival**, on **Tuesday January 27** and **Wednesday January 28** at the **Cincinnati Art Museum**. The screenings are at **7:00 pm** each evening, followed by audience discussion facilitated by local film professionals. Tickets are \$8.00 for students and Art Museum members, \$10.00 for the general public and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Breast Cancer Fund, LunaFest's founding partner.

Selected from roughly 600 entries, the ten LunaFest short film winners offer exceptional storytelling, creative delivery, powerful messages and that intangible quality that conveys a bit of magic; with universal themes that deal with love, relationships, family, self-perception, gender, health and aging. This year's entertaining and informative mix of comedy, drama, documentary and animation are the work of ten accomplished women filmmakers with roots in Canada, Hungary, India, Iran, the Philippines, Portugal, the UK and the USA.

Bringing additional value to the screenings, four award-winning area film professionals will talk with the audience about the LunaFest films, offering unique insight from their own filmmaking perspectives. Discussion leaders include producer/cinematographer **Amy Cunningham**, producer/director **Melissa Godoy**, producer/director **Sara Mahle** and producer/director **Andrea Torrice**.

This will be the fourth annual presentation of LunaFest by Cincinnati World Cinema. Over the first three years, CWC's contribution to the Breast Cancer Fund has totaled approximately \$1,500 from event proceeds. More information about LunaFest and the Breast Cancer Fund is available at the website.

Advance tickets are available on-line via the **CWC website**, at the **Cincinnati Art Museum** and at local outlets including **Sitwell's Coffee House** (Clifton), **Lookout Joe Coffee Roasters** (Mt. Lookout Square), **Shake-It Records** (Northside) and the **Coffee Emporium** (Downtown). Tickets will also be offered at the door, subject to availability.

Details and information (trailer, film details, biographies, ticket outlet maps, etc.) are available at the CWC website: <http://www.cincyworldcinema.org> and by calling **859.781.8151**.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES & SUPPORT (contact Tim Swallow):

Local film professionals Amy Cunningham, Melissa Godoy, Sara Mahle and Andrea Torrice are be available for telephone/in-person interviews.

Preview screeners are available for credited reviewers; still photos are available for print publications.

About Cincinnati World Cinema

Now in our eighth year, Cincinnati World Cinema is an all-volunteer organization showcasing outstanding motion pictures not normally shown in Cincinnati, with a focus on high-quality films that explore the human condition and celebrate cultural diversity. International, independent, narrative and documentary films are typically followed by discussions with filmmakers or local experts to enhance the educational experience.

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