

MFAS: Birds, Birdwatchers, Orange Couches and Pangea. I need a drink!

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And share this email chock full of film goodness with your friends. It comes to you every other week courtesy of the Missouri Film Alliance of Springfield,

TONIGHT MAY 6th

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MSU Film Society
Plaster Student Union Theater
7:00 - 9:00 pm

"Why are they doing this? Why are they doing this? They said when you got here the whole thing started. Who are you? What are you? Where did you come from! I think you're evil. EVIL!"

The Birds (USA, 1963), Directed by Alfred Hitchcock, Rated: PG-13

Melanie Daniels (Tippi Hedren) follows a potential suitor to a small Northern California town. Slowly, the town becomes more and more frightened as local birds start attacking townspeople with increasing viciousness. New York Times critic Bosley Crowther calls *The Birds* "a horror film that should raise the hackles of the most courageous and put goose-pimples on the toughest hide." IMDB - <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0056869/>.

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Drury Cinema Club
Hammons School of Architecture Auditorium
5:00 pm

Bamako -- Melé is a bar singer, her husband Chaka is out of work and the couple is on the verge of breaking up... In the courtyard of the house they share with other families, a trial court has been set up. African civil society spokesmen have taken proceedings against the World Bank and the IMF whom they blame for Africa's woes... Amidst the pleas and the testimonies, life goes on in the courtyard. Chaka does not seem to be concerned by this novel Africa's desire to fight for its rights...<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0814666/plotsummary>

Website w/ trailer and informational addendum on African hardships pertaining to International Financial Institutions:
www.bamako-themovie.com

LOT'S OF GOOD FOOD (fresh melon, grapes, veggies, lemonade, cookies, kettle chips and milk)

In addition, **student films** will be screened, including this years D'Addy entry from Charles Yeager - a mockumentary about a Drury "Fight Club", with an exclusive track team membership; a news story by graduating senior Matt Stowe about a Springfieldian superhero; and one of the latest works by the prolific Chris Beckman - see his many projects here:
<http://sweetlordfilms.com>

Facebook Group - <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=9634774132>

WEDNESDAY MAY 7th

Hillcrest TV Awards Reception
Library, Hillcrest High School
10 a.m. Reception

For the third time in five years, the National Television Academy has honored Hillcrest High School's student-produced broadcast "HTV Magazine" with a **National Student Award For Excellence**, often referred to as the "Student Emmy." Hillcrest is the only Missouri school to win the national award since the academy began the Award For Excellence program in 2004, according to a press release from the district.

Seniors Rachel Miles and Kendra Weatherford earned the honor in the news category for an investigative report, "Easy Access." The story revealed how easy it is for teenagers to purchase alcohol online. It aired in January on Mediacom channel 25.

Miles, Weatherford and HTV adviser Dave Davis will travel to Chicago May 9 for an awards ceremony hosted by the academy.

Other HTV staff members earned NTA regional honors in the writing, sports, and technical achievement categories. Regional awards include:

- Writing: Mehleena Edmonds and Alex Tabor for "Whose Video?"
- Sports: Charles McDonald, Julie Wootton, Kendra Weatherford, Jordan Fielding for "Never Give Up."
- Technical Achievement, Editing: Kendra Weatherford and Rachel Miles for "Shayna's Story."

Honorable Mentions include:

- Writing: Fran Olive for "Love the Locks."
- Sports: Lillian Olive, Rachel Miles, Lauren Bishop for "Lessons That Last."

The honored segments will be screened.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, MAY 7th and 8th

A pair of Missouri State student productions will be shown at The Moxie this week.

Fish and Chips by Brandon Allen - A backwoods fisherman gets more than he bargained for when he drives two kids out of his favorite fishing hole. Runtime: 3:30

Signed, Your 8th Avenue Birdwatcher by Jessica Brothers'
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzLcA5THjPY> - the trailer on YouTube

The movies will be screened beginning at 6:00 pm and the Directors will be available for Q & A following the screening. Come out and support local film makers. \$3 admittance.

WEDNESDAYS IN MAY - MOXIE SPECIAL

Speaking of Wednesdays at The Moxie - from the Monday April 28th Moxie email:

"Every 7pm Wednesday showing throughout the month of May will be \$2.50 per person, and popcorn will only be \$1.00! You can come see FOUR new movies, and eat a bag of popcorn on each trip, for the unheard of price of \$14 TOTAL! That's only 2.3% of your economic stimulus refund check! Woo hoo!!! Where better to stimulate the economy than at your local independent movie theater?!"

<http://MissouriFilm.info> - visit our blog and the complete calendar of local film events!

SATURDAY MAY 10th

PANGEA DAY
OTC Theatre Department
3rd Floor of the Gillioz Theatre
1:00 - 4:00 pm

Pangea is the name of the one continent that apparently existed before it split about many years ago. The idea behind Pangea Day is that we are all still ONE HUMAN RACE, and on Saturday, we can be unified with millions our global neighbors in the viewing of 24 short films from all over the world.

The films will be simulcast from 1pm to 4pm, and we will stream them on our big ol' screens in the classrooms. HOWEVER, before and after the films, we will have a P.A. set up for an open mic in the student lounge. Furthermore, we're making this a pot luck. Please feel free to bring a dish, snack, dessert, or non-alcoholic drink to share.

What a great concept, huh? For more info, check out the following website: <http://origin-www.pangeaday.org/index.php>

The OTC Theatre Department, and Jon Herbert, are the hosts of this local incarnation of a worldwide film event.

SUNDAY MAY 11th - HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!!

MONDAY MAY 12th

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Student Film Presentation
Moxie Cinema
7:00 pm

BOX ELDER - At once painfully hilarious and delicately poignant, the film follows four best friends through their last years of college. Dependant on their parents financially, and on each other emotionally, they spend their time sleeping in, hanging out, and eating lots of sandwiches. Using break-ups and re-occurring scholastic failures to impose a quarter-life crisis, they take turns postponing responsibility, avoiding accountability, and looking for someone or something to substantiate their lives, all the while hedging their bets and mastering the art of treading water and getting away with it.

Shot locally in Columbia, MO on a shoe-string budget, Todd Sklar's debut feature is a collegiate love letter that not only paints an honest portrait of it's subject matter, but also evokes the nostalgic yearning the film's character's revel in.

Todd Sklar, the film maker, will be in attendance for Q&A following the film!
<http://www.moxiecinema.com/films/317>

TUESDAY MAY 13th

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Missouri State Student Films
Theater, Plaster Student Union
6:30 - 9:00 pm
Admission is FREE!

The Death of Alfred Bailey
<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=12701763285&ref=nf>

Watch for more information on our blog - <http://missourifilm.info>

WEDNESDAY MAY 14th

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Missouri State Student Films
Electronic Arts Final Projects Screening
Theater, Plaster Student Union
6:30 - 9:00 pm
Admission is FREE!

Apollo -- A man, a woman, and some androids. In the distant future, the sun lost to the pollution of war, Apollo Sylvan, a despondent pianist, struggles to keep his marriage alive. Written and directed by Bryan Manning

<http://www.apolloshortfilm.com>
<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=17345686078>

Nothing Rhymes With Orange -- Sadie has just been released from rehab for a drug addiction and is trying to start a life on her own. Jace is a talented writer who spends more time taking care of her bedridden mother than pursuing her dreams. Charlotte is a free-spirited artist who finds herself in a relationship that is slowly falling apart.

Nothing connects these three women except for an old orange couch.
<http://orangecouch.missouristate.edu/>

One + One: A Human Network -- a documentary directed by Sid McGregor

Music videos from Ray Donat and Joel Elfrink

FRIDAY MAY 16th

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SATO 48 Rising Star Awards
The Keyes Gallery
229 S. Market Avenue
Cost: \$5.00

The top films have been chosen by the Local Selection Committee and final judging is almost complete... Get your tickets (and all information) to The Rising Star Awards Ceremony at the website: www.sato48.com

There will be an Awards Ceremony to start the evening followed by a celebration. Plan on staying for the entire evening!

WEDNESDAY MAY 21st

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HAPPY HOUR with MFAS
at The Moxie Cinema
4:00 - 6:00 pm

Join us for a new networking event at everyone's favorite independent theatre. Completely informal, it will hopefully become a great way for you to meet other film makers and talk film with like minded individuals. Questions? Contact VP Cina Canada at 860-9948 (mobile) or by email - cina@thehpi.org

SATURDAY MAY 24

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First Annual Ozark Film Festival
True Independent Film in the Bible Belt

This is all I know folks, I've requested more information.

<http://ozarkfilmfestival.tripod.com/index.html>
<http://www.myspace.com/ozarkfilmfestival>

Founder: Jack Truman

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Congratulations to Steven Kelly, a regional stunt man. The MFAS recently got a phone call from America's Most Wanted, looking for Mr Kelly. They had a residual check for him for a show he did in 1992. We love residuals :)

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Send me information on your YouTube examples and any events that may be of interest to the community for inclusion in upcoming emails!

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Mark your calendars now for the 2nd Annual Springfield Shakespeare Festival in Jordan Valley Park, May 29 - June 8, 2008. This year's festival will present William Shakespeare's world famous comedy, A Midsummer Nights Dream.

The Springfield Shakespeare Festival would not be possible without the support of our hard working volunteers in the Springfield area. We hope you will consider volunteering your time to be a part of these years Shakespeare Festival.

If you are available to be part of this year's festival, please call, The Skinny Improv at 417-831-5233 or email at info@theskinnyimprov.com.

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Send this to your friends in film and have them contact me to be added to the list. Or friend me on Facebook for additional information (see below) And if you aren't keeping up-to-date with us on the Film Alliance blog you're missing out!

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