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Chelsea Film Festival Announces the 2014 Official Jury

Chelsea, NY – For its Second Edition, the Chelsea Film Festival (CFF) which runs from Thursday, 16th to Sunday 19th of October, is proud to announce its official 2014 Official Jury.

The winning films, filmmakers and actors will be announced at the **CFF Awards Night Ceremony** on October 19th.

The Chelsea Film Festival Juries will award \$70,000 in prizes. The Grand Prix Winner will also receive a work of original art by acclaimed artist, Arturo di Modica.

2014 OFFICIAL JURIES

Jacky Ido - President of the Jury

Jacky is a Burkinabe-born French film actor best known for his role as Lemalian in *The White Massai* by Hermine Huntgeburth and as Marcel, the film projectionist in Quentin Tarantino's film, *Inglourious Basterds*.

Jacky currently stars as cab driver Leo Romba in the television series *Taxi Brooklyn*.

Season Finale of *Taxi Brooklyn* tonight at 10/9c on NBC.

Agnieszka Wójtowicz-Vosloo - Jury Member

An alumna of NYU's Film Department, is a Polish born NY based film director and screenwriter. Her award-winning films premiered at Sundance and AFI Fest and were showcased at MoMA. Her feature debut *After.Life*, starred Liam Neeson and Christina Ricci. *Filmmaker Magazine* named Agnieszka as one of "25 New Faces of Independent Film".

Susan Batson - Jury Member

Actor, writer, director, producer, teacher, and coach Susan Batson has been called an "alchemist" by the New Yorker. She has enjoyed the privilege of working with countless actors searching for truthful connections between themselves and the characters they play, including Nicole Kidman, Juliette Binoche, Zac Efron, Jamie Foxx, Liv Tyler.

Kiki Lambden - Jury Member

Director/Writer/Producer and founder of Mudcat Films. Most recently, Kiki directed the short film Father's Day. She served as an Executive Producer on the short For Spacious Sky which was selected for: Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival (2014), Tribeca Film Festival (2014) and BFI London Film Festival (2014). And served as the Executive Producer on the short Luftmenschen, AFI Women's Directing Workshop class of 2014. Kiki is a Lifetime Member of the Actors Studio, a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin, and The New School MFA.

Tickets for the Closing Event (including Awards Ceremony) presented by the Chelsea Film Institute are now on pre-sale until September 16th.

CFF was founded by actresses Ingrid & Sonia Jean-Baptiste to give voices to the unheard by providing a platform to independent films and discovering new talents.

The **Chelsea Film Festival** Board of Directors consists of renowned industry insiders: Paul Calderon, Elizabeth Kemp, and John Patrick Shanley.

As Ingrid Jean-Baptiste, Founder of **CFF**, stated:

"Making the World a Better Place by Giving a Voice to the unheard"

Our Mission:

The Chelsea Film Institute is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit cultural organization that helps expose the underprivileged youth in Chelsea, NYC to the arts. Throughout the year, CFI offers free Arts classes to these economically disadvantaged children.

Chelsea Film Festival (CFF) is an international film festival, enlightening the work of emerging filmmakers, producers, and actors. It offers a wide range of films, such as shorts, documentaries, and feature-length pieces. It empowers the work of risk-taking storytellers and remains committed to its mission to discover and develop independent artists and audiences around the world.

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