

Asbury Short Film Concert, with World's Best Short Films, Showing at Dante Hall Nov. 20

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Galloway, NJ - The 34th Asbury Short Film Concert, New York City's longest running short film exhibition, will make its Atlantic City debut at historic Dante Hall Theater, located at 14 N. Mississippi Ave. in Atlantic City, NJ on **Friday, Nov. 20** starting at 7:30 p.m. This acclaimed touring program of international award-winning short films is being presented by Stockton University and Asbury Shorts USA.

The Asbury Short Film "Concert" combines classic, world-renowned short films with new international festival honorees, creating a rare opportunity for audiences to see world-class short films in a theater rather than on a computer or iPad. Academy Award-nominated director Jason Reitman (whose credits include JUNO, Up in the Air, Thank You for Smoking and the most recent, Young Adult) calls Asbury Shorts: "The best short film show I've ever seen." The fast-paced, highly entertaining evening features the best in live action, comedy, drama and outstanding animation. Highlights of the show include:

"ASAD" – This remarkable coming of age story about a young Somali boy living precariously day-to-day in his war torn country was nominated for a 2013 Academy Award for Best Live Action Short Film. Director Bryan Buckley's short also won Best Short Film at the 2012 Tribeca Film Festival and the Audience Award at the 2012 the Los Angeles Film Festival.

"A Poet Long Ago" - from acclaimed director Bob Giraldi and written by famed novelist Pete Hamill. Steve Schirripa (HBO's "The Sopranos") and Boris McGiver (Netflix "House of Cards," HBO's "The Wire,") star as two former grammar school classmates who open some old wounds when they meet by chance and reminisce about the old days in Brooklyn.

"Globe Trot" is the latest short film from renowned independent filmmaker Mitchell Rose. Rose created this incredible international crowd-sourced dance film with choreographer Bebe Miller. The film recently won "Audience Award" at World Fest in Houston and Best Editing at the San Francisco International Dance Film Festival.

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The Asbury Short Film Concert has been presented at: the Museum of Fine Arts Boston, The Lake Shore Theatre in Chicago, Visions Cinema in Washington, D.C., the Paramount Theatre in Asbury Park, NJ, Summer Stage in Central Park, the Director's Guild Theater in Manhattan, the AERO Theatre in Santa Monica, CA, Cinema Arts Centre in Huntington, Long Island and the Leminske Theater in Berlin, Germany to name just a few of the prestigious venues where audiences have enjoyed these amazing short films. For general information on this long-running series, visit asburysshortsnyc.com.

General admission tickets for the Asbury Short Film Concert are \$12 and \$10 for Stockton faculty, staff and students. For more information and ticket reservations please visit: stockton.edu/dante.com or call: 609-626-3890.

Located in the heart of the historic "Duck Town" neighborhood of Atlantic City, Dante Hall was originally built in 1926 by St. Michael's Catholic Church. Dante Hall served the community of the neighborhood as a church hall, school gymnasium and community theater until it closed in 1988. In October 2003, Dante Hall reopened after a complete renovation, funded solely by the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA). In 2011, Stockton University acquired the venue, allowing it to continue serving Atlantic City and surrounding communities as a home for the performing arts. By providing quality programming and performances to local communities, Stockton College and Dante Hall Theater aim to strengthen New Jersey's efforts in restoring Atlantic City as a cultural and family destination.



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