

SEPTEMBER 11 – 23, 2018 EQUUS Film Festival

FEI WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES™ FILM PROGRAM


TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 11th – 12 pm – 5 pm

EVENTS - OPENING CEREMONY

NO EVENING FEATURE FILM


WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 12th – 12 pm – 5 pm / 6:30 pm FEATURE FILM

EVENTS - REINING / ENDURANCE / DRESSAGE

START TIME	POSTER	FILM / RUN TIME / DIRECTOR	SYNOPSIS
6:30 PM FEATURE FILM		<u>DOWN THE FENCE</u> 94:00 min MJ ISAKSON LORI ADAMSKI-PEEK - USA	Each year, horse trainers journey to Reno, Nevada to compete for one of the most challenging equestrian championships in the world. For the trainers, winning means putting food on the table and hay in the barn for another year. For the world, it means another year of survival for a culture at risk and the continued refinement of the art of vaquero-style horsemanship that dates back to the first Spanish missions in California.


THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 13th – 12 pm – 5 pm / 6:30 pm FEATURE FILM

EVENTS – REINING / ENDURANCE / DRESSAGE / EVENTING



START TIME	POSTER	FILM / RUN TIME / DIRECTOR	SYNOPSIS
6:30 PM FEATURE FILM		<u>WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART: REQUIEM</u> 70:00 min Bartabas / Marc Minowski GERMANY	The French equine artist and theatrical genius Bartabas presents Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Requiem. Horses and riders from the formidable Academie Equestre de Versailles join forces with the Musiciens du Louvre, conducted by Marc Minkowski, the Salzburger Bachchor and "an excellent quartet of soloists." An absolute highlight of Salzburg's Mozart Week with "highest art of sound and riding."

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 14th – 12 pm – 5 pm / 6:30 pm FEATURE FILM


EVENTS – DRESSAGE / EVENTING

START TIME	POSTER	FILM / RUN TIME / DIRECTOR	SYNOPSIS
6:30 PM FEATURE FILM		<u>THE STORY OF TOTILAS</u> 83:00 min Annette van Trigt NETHERLAND	The most-talked about horse in the world, came, saw and conquered the dressage with his rider Edward Gal. Together they won the heart of millions all over the world, winning three titles at the FEI World Equestrian Games and setting multiple record scores in Kentucky in 2010



**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15th – 12 pm – 5 pm / 6:30 pm FEATURE FILMS
EVENTS – REINING / EVENTING**



START TIME	POSTER	FILM / RUN TIME / DIRECTOR	SYNOPSIS
6:30 PM FEATURE FILMS		<u>HEALING WITH HORSES</u> 17:00 min Jeffrey T. Morgan Amber Elliott USA	Healing with Horses, a documentary about a local mission with a global message, using vaulting horses to help with the healing process.
6:30 PM FEATURE FILMS		<u>WHEN THE DUST SETTLES</u> 45:00 min Glenn Sweitzer USA	The film shows how the struggles of wild horses mirror those of disadvantaged girls, resulting in an earned trust when they're given an opportunity to prove their worthiness to the world.

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16th – 12 pm – 5 pm / 6:30 pm FEATURE FILM
EVENTS – DRESSAGE / EVENTING**



START TIME	POSTER	FILM / RUN TIME / DIRECTOR	SYNOPSIS
6:30 PM FEATURE FILM		<u>ALL THE WILD HORSES</u> 90:00 min Ivo Marloh UK	All The Wild Horses follows five international riders from the USA, Canada, South Africa, Ireland and the UK as they compete in the Mongol Derby horse race in Mongolia. This multi-horse, multi-station race over a 1000 kilometers of Mongolian steppe is the longest and toughest horse race on the planet. The riders are out on their own and navigate with GPS from horse station to horse station, where they change their horses every 40 kilometers.

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 17th – 12 pm – 5 pm / 3:15 pm FEATURE FILMS
EVENTS – OPEN LOCAL DAY / NO SCHEDULED EVENTS
FEATURE FILM STARTS AT 3:15 PM – NORTH CAROLINA FILM**


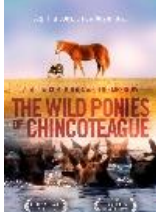
START TIME	POSTER	FILM / RUN TIME / DIRECTOR	SYNOPSIS
3:15 PM		BAND OF REBELS: WHITE HORSES OF CAMARGUE 4:00 min Drew Doggett FRANCE / USA	The Brotherhood of the Camargue Horsemen, also known as guardians or 'cowboys of the Riviera,' have tended to the distinctive white horses of Camargue since the 1500s. Living deep within the Camargue Marshland and far from any metropolitan area, the guardians have earned the trust of these horses, and their lives revolve around the tradition of caring for them. These are wild animals and the symbiotic relationship of the guardians and horses has had a huge impact on shaping both of their identities.
		STRONGHOLD OF RESISTANCE: SABLE ISLAND AND HER LEGENDARY HORSES 4:00 min Drew Doggett CANADA / USA	This short film takes viewers to the shores of Sable Island, a small strip of land less than a mile-wide whose only full-time inhabitants are wild horses; no human attempts at colonization have ever succeeded.

		IN THE REALM OF LEGENDS 2:00 min Drew Doggett USA	In a land filled with waterfalls, volcanic black sand beaches, epic glaciers and other dreamlike & surreal natural features live a breed of horses whose existence you have to see to believe.
		UNBRIDLED 110:00 min John David Ware NORTH CAROLINA USA	"Unbridled" is an emotionally gripping, unforgettable and uplifting story of redemption, healing, and overcoming some of life's greatest obstacles. This captivating feature film tells the tale of an abused girl who teams up with an abused horse and their journey to healing. Inspired by a true story, the movie features actors Eric Roberts (The Dark Knight; The Expendables) and T.C. Stallings (War Room; Courageous). "Unbridled" was created to draw attention to the practice of sexual slavery, which is growing in all parts of the world, particularly in the suburbs of the USA. "Unbridled" is inspired by the Corral Riding Academy in Cary, NC, which since 2008 has been privileged to help over 100 abused girls through one-year long therapy programs. They pair up abused girls with abused horses and through intensive one-on-one training the girls teach the horses to trust. In the process the girls also learn to trust again. These true stories of hope and healing were the inspiration for "Unbridled." A portion of the proceeds from "Unbridled" sales go directly to Corral.

**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 18th – 12 pm – 5 pm / 6:30 pm FEATURE FILMS
EVENTS – VAULTING / PARA-EQUESTRIAN DRESSAGE**

START TIME	POSTER	FILM / RUN TIME / DIRECTOR	SYNOPSIS
6:30 PM FEATURE FILMS		HEALING WITH HORSES 17:00 min Jeffrey T. Morgan Amber Elliott USA	Healing with Horses, a documentary about a local mission with a global message, using vaulting horses to help with the healing process.
		THE HORSE DANCER 114:00 min Joel Paul Reisig USA	When one of America's most promising young gymnasts, Samantha Wick, is cut from the Olympic team, she decides to follow her dreams of horseback riding by joining a girl's horse camp. With financial troubles threatening to shut the camp down, Samantha uses her gymnastic prowess to start an equestrian vaulting ("horse-dancing") team to raise money and save the camp!

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 19th - 12 pm – 5 pm / 6:30 pm FEATURE FILMS
EVENTS – JUMPING / VAULTING / PARA-EQUESTRIAN DRESSAGE**

START TIME	POSTER	FILM / RUN TIME / DIRECTOR	SYNOPSIS
6:30 PM FEATURE FILMS		LI'L HERC A HORSE 7:00 min Suzanne Kopp Moskow Beatrice Bulteau PORTUGAL / USA	Li'l Herc: The Power of Kindness shares how Li'l Herc helps 'Marie' heal from a difficult time in her life due to a lifelong illness. Because she is unable to run and play or even go to school, Marie feels "different" than other kids, and worries things may never change for her. Li'l Herc is based on Hercules, the real-life Lusitano bay colt. Li'l Herc is brought into Marie's life by Frida to help Marie overcome her sadness and frustration.
		THE WILD PONIES OF CHINCOTEAGUE 59:00 min Kurt Kolaja Tod Mesirow USA	the Atlantic coast. The ponies swam free of the sinking ship and reached the New World. Decedents of that lost band live today, wild and free, on the barrier island, Assateague, Virginia. The local fire company owns the herd now. To keep the population in check foals are auctioned each year. Sabrina Dobbins made a winning bid and took a pony home. For Sabrina it was a pivotal moment. "This pony was my light in the darkness. I was in severe depression - I was self-harming. My pony pulled me up. I named her Blessing. A blessing indeed.


**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 20th – 12 pm – 5 pm / 6:30 pm FEATURE FILMS
EVENTS – JUMPING / VAULTING / PARA-EQUESTRIAN DRESSAGE**

START TIME	POSTER	FILM / RUN TIME / DIRECTOR	SYNOPSIS
6:30 PM FEATURE FILMS		<u>GOLDEN GENES</u> 53:00 min Annette van Trigt NETHERLANDS	Show jumping horses bred in the Netherlands are some of the best in the world. It is no coincidence that foreign riders won gold and silver medals in the Olympic Games of 2008 on Dutch horses. This is big business and passionate breeders have everything they need available in the Netherlands.
		<u>BLIND SPOT</u> 48:00 min Stefan Morel CANADA	Blind Spot; Moments Unseen is a hero's journey. Three blind equestrians embark on a life-affirming adventure to defy expectations and search for moments unseen, but not unseeable. The Andes provide a mythical metaphor for everyday blindness in a powerful story of courage, survival and love. Blind Spot; Moments Unseen intersects direct cinema with the visual language of classic American westerns transposed to Argentina, with panoramas forever haunted by tales of the frontier spirit.

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 21st – 12 pm – 5 pm / 6:30 pm FEATURE FILMS
EVENTS – JUMPING / PARA-EQUESTRIAN DRESSAGE / DRIVING**

START TIME	POSTER	FILM / RUN TIME / DIRECTOR	SYNOPSIS
6:30 PM FEATURE FILMS		<u>DESERT FLIGHT</u> 40:00 min John Azoni USA	Desert Flight is a featurette-length documentary about the sport of equestrian show jumping. Described as "a love letter to the sport of show jumping", and with insights from world class Olympic riders as well as amateurs, this film shows why people go to such physical, mental, and financial lengths to compete in this sport.
		<u>HARRY & SNOWMAN</u> 84:00 min Ron Davis USA	Dutch immigrant, Harry deLeyer, journeyed to the United States after World War II and developed a transformative relationship with a broken-down Amish plow horse he rescued off a slaughter truck bound for the glue factory. Harry paid 80 dollars for the horse and named him Snowman. In less than two years, Harry & Snowman went on to win the triple crown of show jumping, beating the nation's blue bloods. They became famous and traveled around the world together. Their chance meeting at a Pennsylvania horse auction saved them both and crafted a friendship that lasted a lifetime. Eighty-six-year-old Harry tells their Cinderella love story firsthand, as he continues to train on today's show jumping circuit.

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22nd – 12 pm – 5pm / 6:30 pm FEATURE FILM
EVENTS – VAULTING / PARA-EQUESTRIAN DRESSAGE / DRIVING**

START TIME	POSTER	FILM / RUN TIME / DIRECTOR	SYNOPSIS
6:30 PM FEATURE FILM		<u>THE CARAVAN</u> 110:00 min Margot McMaster CANADA	An inside look aboard The Caravan where adventurers grapple with route-finding, mother nature & group dynamics in an epic horse-drawn experience across America. The film follows carriage drivers & horse riders who alter their lives for a five-month pilgrimage. Aged from 11 to 80 they travel from California to Florida over 2,500 miles. Gerard Paagman leads the group with his team of Friesian horses.

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23rd – 12 pm – 5 pm
EVENTS – JUMPING / DRIVING**

NO EVENING FEATURE FILM