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**Will you be in the Long Island area this July? Looking for a fun time watching films by new filmmakers from around the globe, mingling with stars and meeting other movie enthusiasts? Well our friends over at the LIIFE have a week of fun planned for you to join in! Here's the scoop.**

The Long Island International Film Expo (LIIFE) will hold its 16<sup>th</sup> annual installment at the historic Bellmore Movies from July 17 – 25, 2013.



**LIIFE**  
**Long Island**  
**International**  
**Film Expo**



Actor William Sadler

Showing 146 films from around the world, LIIFE will showcase movies from 18 countries with 36 of the films having Long Island ties and 35 more hailing from New York in general.

“Nassau County has always been a supporter of independent and studio films, and it’s our pleasure to bring this type of entertainment and cultural opportunity to our constituents,” states Nassau County Executive Edward Mangano. “LIIFE also provides an opportunity for filmmakers to come and see the types of filming locations Nassau County has to offer whether it be our beaches, mansions, suburban areas and, of course, Gold Coast Studios and Grumman Studios, which are all NYS approved movie studios which qualify for the much sought after 30% tax credit.”

“What makes LIIFE such an important film festival,” states Nassau County Film Office Director, Debra Markowitz, “is not only that we bring rare short and feature-length independent films to the public, but that LIIFE has fostered a growing film community. Filmmakers from around the world apply and return year after year meeting old friends and finding new contacts to work with. From local to foreign filmmaker, casting director to actor, producer to director and so on, many lasting connections are made every year.”

“What’s different is that we actually have three Westerns at this year’s LIIFE,” states Markowitz. “We also have a horror block on Saturday, July 20 at 9:15 p.m. That’s becoming a yearly standard.”

The festival begins with a traditional film festival warm-up on Wednesday, July 17, and kicks into high gear on Friday, July 19 with the opening night feature, *Wet Behind the Ears*, by past LIIFE winner Sloan Copeland. The late Friday block is anchored by Fred Carpenter’s *Send No Flowers* starring Sean Young, Tony LoBianco, Robert Clohessy and Gianni Russo. Sean Young, Tony Lo Bianco and Jackie Martling have confirmed attending that screening.

Besides the USA, this year’s films come from France, Belgium, Israel, the Netherlands, Italy, South Korea, Sweden, Poland, Serbia, Spain, the United Kingdom, Germany, Switzerland, Australia, Africa and Canada.

LIIFE also has panels on scriptwriting, film distribution and financing, a filmmakers breakfast panel, and an opening night reception.

The closing night party and awards ceremony celebration complete with a buffet, celebrities, winners clips and filmmakers from all over the world will be held on Thursday, July 25. This year’s honorees include William Sadler (*Iron Man 3*) and Ally Sheedy (*Breakfast Club*). Presenters include Federico Castelluccio (*The Sopranos*) and Robert Clohessy (*Blue Bloods*) with more signing on daily. Celebrities appear schedule permitting, and the line-up could change before the festivities.

For more information on the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Long Island International Film Expo, go to [www.longislandfilm.com](http://www.longislandfilm.com), e-mail [debfilm@aol.com](mailto:debfilm@aol.com) or call 516 571-3168.