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“Sun Valley Film Festival’s The Film Lab to feature new WIP Film Competition” Trevor Groth to Host the SVFF Signature Program

Sun Valley, Idaho... One of the Sun Valley Film Festival’s (SVFF) signature programs, The Film Lab, sponsored by Tito’s Handmade Vodka, will offer up some new twists this year including a special competition for WIP (work in progress) films during the SVFF, March 2-6, 2016.



Trevor Groth, the highly respected Director of Programming for Sundance Film Festival, will serve as host and curator of the two films that will be screened in The Film Lab in their final post-production stage. The creative forces behind the two selected films - the director, producer, and writer – will be on hand, and The Film Lab’s audience will have the opportunity to meet the filmmakers, give feedback, and participate in voting for the top WIP film. The Lab’s winning film will receive \$5000 in finishing funds courtesy of Tito’s Handmade Vodka.

The Film Lab will take place on Friday, March 4, 2016 from 4-8pm at the nextStage Theater in Ketchum. At each respective screening the filmmakers will explain the completion process for their film as well as hold a Q&A with the audience. The winner will be announced at the SVFF/ Tito’s Handmade Vodka’s Awards Bash on March 5th.

Both narrative and documentary films are invited to submit and production should not have begun before 2014. These work-in-progress films do not need to have final elements like sound design, score, FX, color correction, etc., but should be nearing picture lock. The directors, writers, and producers of the two competing films will be provided with travel and lodging to The Film Lab and will receive feedback on their film from distinguished guests.

Deadline for The Film Lab WIP film submissions is February 3, 2016. Films can be submitted at www.sunvalleyfilmfestival.org

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About the 2016 Sun Valley Film Festival

The Fifth Annual Sun Valley Film Festival, presented by Zions Bank, will run March 2-6, 2016, and will feature a curated slate of more than 60 cutting-edge films and TV premieres, engaging Coffee Talks with top industry insiders including legendary filmmaker Oliver Stone, (recipient of the 2016 SVFF Lifetime Vision Award), fabulous parties and panels, a Screenwriters Lab led by award-winning writers Mark Duplass and Nat Faxon, and the spectacular SVFF/Tito's Handmade Vodka Awards Bash. The combination of cutting-edge programming and bona-fide insider access in a fun, relaxed atmosphere is making the Sun Valley Film Festival a rising star in the world of destination festivals. This coming spring, filmmakers from around the world will bring their vision to the Sun Valley Film Festival, and movie lovers are invited to watch it come into focus.

For Sun Valley Film Festival details and tickets, visit: www.sunvalleyfilmfestival.org.

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