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Beau/Derek on the California Independent Film Festival

Derek's two must see films at the upcoming 14th California Independent Film Festival:

It will be a very momentous occasion and history in the making as our Opening Night movie, Monsieur Lazhar, is nominated for the 2012 Oscar Best Foreign Language Film. It will be the first time that Lamorinda area will be able to screen a film that is short listed by the Academy before its theatrical release and before the Oscars on Feb 26th, 2012. Monsieur Lazhar is screening on Feb 10, 2012 at the Rheem and Feb 14, 2012 at the Orinda Theatre.

My other choice is Miss Monoes. It is about children learning lifetime habits at a very young age. I encourage all parents to take their children to see this film and give them a gift of a lifetime by educating them on international cinema and the joys of being in film festivals. This fun-filled family film from Holland will be a treat for all ages. It is screening on Feb 11 at the Rheem, when CAIFF will have a Family Day event.

Beau's thoughts on the 14th Annual CAIFF:

I do not have one favorite film in our upcoming festival. The fibers of our rich fourteen-year history are interwoven in the lineup of our films this year. Everything is a must-see. Come and enjoy the filmic pursuits of our very talented filmmakers from around the globe (February 10-16, 2012).

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