

MOVIE REVIEW

Film Clips

# The California Independent Film Festival Has Something for Everyone

By Derek Zemrak



"The Innocents" will be screened at this year's CAIFF.

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This year's California Independent Film Festival begins on Sept. 8 and runs through Sept. 14. The tagline this year is "Something for Everyone from Around the World."

Over 10 countries are represented including France, Poland, Canada and Australia. There will be a wide array of films from award-winning feature films, shorts, documentaries to an award-winning children's animated film from Russia.

Here is a quick pick from each of the categories.

"The Innocents," a feature-length film, was a 2016 Sundance Film Festival hit from France. It is set in 1945 Poland where a young French Red Cross doctor is sent to assist the survivors of the German camps. During a visit to a nearby convent, he discovers several nuns in advanced stages of pregnancy. "The Innocents" will be screening at the Orinda Theatre at 6:15 p.m. on Sunday Sept. 11.

"The Eve" is a short horror/thriller from Italy that was won over 20 international film festival awards. Simon is an eight-year-old boy who seems to have everything in life but his greatest wish is for Santa Claus to take him away to live in Santa's fairyland toy factory. You can see "The Eve" at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday Sept. 10 with five other short films. The showcase is titled "Crimes and Misde-

meanors."

Looking for something a little on the lighter side with a Bay Area focus? You will not want to miss "Trailhead," a documentary that discovers Oakland's gateway to the redwoods. "Trailhead" will be showing at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 12 as part of the Bay Area Documentary Program at the Rheem Theatre.

It is never too early to expose your children to the learning and joys of attending a film festival. This year CAIFF's Children's Program is at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Rheem Theatre. The program will open with a charming short animated film from Mexico titled "The Treehouse." Not only does the story teach us all about holding on to your dreams, the beautiful animation is breathtaking. Following the award-winning short will be a feature-length animated film from Russia, "Kikoriki: Legend of the Golden Dragon." All ages will enjoy this movie about the lovable residents of the peaceful Island of Kikoriki.

These are my quick picks of the 19th annual California independent Film Festival. I encourage you to pick up a festival guide at the Orinda Theatre or Rheem Theatre or go online at [www.caiff.org](http://www.caiff.org) to discover for yourself the amazing lineup of films that truly has something for everyone.

See you at the festival!

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Lauren Jonas, Artistic Director

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**Saturday Night Fever (1977)** The film that popularized disco dance around the world and made John Travolta a star. The film is rated R.

Diablo Ballet's Artistic Director, Lauren Jonas and PEEK Associate Director, Edward Stegge, introduce the film with fascinating facts about the dance scenes including disco steps. Disco attire is encouraged and light refreshments will be served.

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<b>August 12</b> Edy Schwartz from California Independent Film Festival	<b>August 19</b> Major Leagues Scouting, Oakland A's Style
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*Yes indeed... progress is clear... a teardrop trailer will soon appear!*

**Step in on a Thursday and join us for our lunch meeting.**  
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<b>August 11:</b> Jeff Carman, Confire Chief	<b>August 18:</b> Chief Christensen: Medical Points of Distribution/Crime in Lafayette Officer Valentin: Search & Rescue Canines
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## In Memory

**Robert Burroughs**  
1956 - 2016

Robert Burroughs fulfilled his dream of summiting Mt. Adams on July 17. He fell on decent and after a two-week search, he is coming home.

Robert was born in Guam and spent his early years in Thailand. He grew-up in Lafayette, Calif., and graduated from Del Valle High School, where he had many good, lifelong friends.

Furthering his education, he attended Seattle Community College. He traveled the world; achieved the rank of lieutenant in the Army, was a chef on Amtrak, car salesman and business owner.

He loved the great outdoors; Robert was an avid cyclist, scuba diver and hiker. Robert was a stand-up fellow who would do anything for family and friends. He will always be with us, and we will always think of him with love.

Robert is survived by his wife Lauren Burroughs; sons Duncan Burroughs, Peter Larrabee and Keith Kennedy; daughters Allie Kennedy and Chelsea Burroughs; sisters: Rebecca Harms and family; Lynda Purvis and family; Karen Fossen and family; Mary Burchette and Sharon Zemanek; as well as all of his Kansas and Florida family and friends.

Our thanks go out to each member of the search and rescue teams, their coordinator, the Yakima Army helicopter crew who searched for one of their own, the Navy helicopter crew, the Yakima County sheriff and especially Sgt. Randy Briscoe.

Please join us for a celebration of his life at his home, Stevenson, WA. On August 11.

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