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Opening Night

Thursday September 7, 6:00PM Rheem Theatre

20th Annual California Independent Film Festival

6:00PM Opening Night Mixer
meat and cheese platters from Cine Cuvée and sushi from Sushi Fighter.
Tickets \$30

6:30PM – 2017 Slate Award Announcements

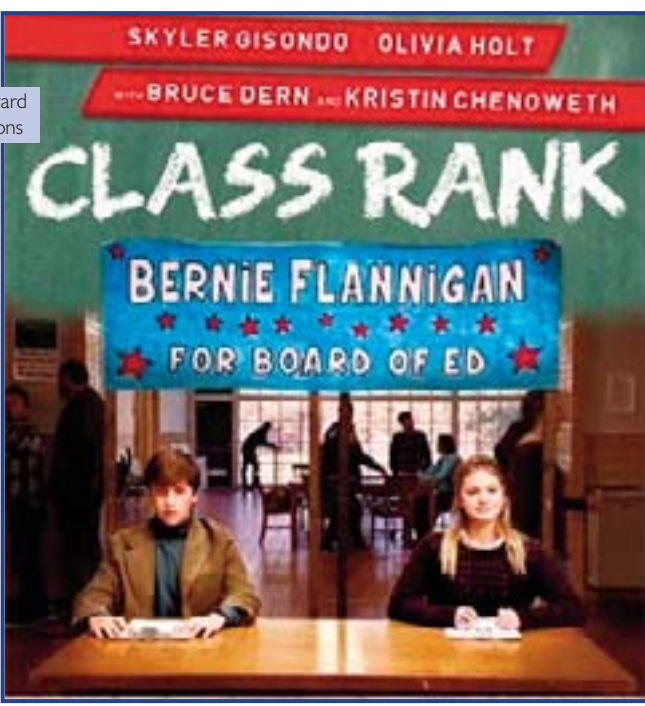
Opening Night Feature Film:

Class Rank

101 min., USA, Comedy/Drama, Northern California Premiere

Director: Eric Stoltz
 Producer: Shaun Sanghani, Sandy Stern
 Director: Nathan Adloff

Bernie is back! Bernard “Bernie” Flannigan that is, in this delicious and supremely satisfying indie comedy / civics lesson / pair of teenagers and grandparents falling in love - in age appropriate ways! The film, starring Bruce Dern, Kristin Chenoweth, Olivia Holt, and Skyler Gisondo, has been compared to the work of Wes Anderson and John Hughes. Directed by Eric Stoltz.



5 Slate Award Nominations

Opening Night Short Film:

Yours Sincerely, Lois Weber

6 min, Drama, USA, Northern California Premiere
 Director: Svetlana Cvetko
 Executive Producer: Elizabeth Banks

“Yours Sincerely, Lois Weber” examines the achievements of the highest paid silent film director at Universal in 1916, a woman by the name of Lois Weber. It is told through the fictionalized character of a young magazine photographer who hopes to impress her.



1 Slate Award Nomination

Ticketing:	Tickets are available at the Lamorinda Theatre's box offices or online at caiff.org
All Access Pass \$250	CAIFF in San Francisco September 15 & 16 see more information online at caiff.org
Opening Night Movie and Mixer \$30	Join CAIFF membership at caiff.org
As Good as It Gets \$30	
General Admission \$12	

All CAIFF movies are **FREE** for Leading Role Members

Most films are not rated and many contain adult material. You are in the best position to make the decision about what is appropriate for your children. We recommend that you research the films before attending the screening with your children.

Some of the 57 Film presented during the Film Festival:

Rheem Theatre, Fri. Sept. 8, 8:30 PM – Feature Film

The Last Poker Game
 85 min. – Comedy/Drama – USA
 Northern California Premiere
 Director: Howard Weiner, Producers: Marshall Johnson, Peter Pastorelli, Eddie Rubin, Howard Weiner
 1st Time Filmmaker
Director Howard Weiner will be in attendance.
 Dr. Abe Mandelbaum (Martin Landau) has just moved into a new manor with his ailing wife. After forming an unlikely friendship with a womanizing gambler (Paul Sorvino), their relationship is tested when they each try to convince a mysterious nurse that they are her long-lost father.



Orinda Theatre, Sat. Sept. 9, 12:00 PM
Rheem Theatre, Mon. Sept. 11, 6:30 PM – Documentary

Mothers in the Middle
 56 min., Documentary, USA
 Director: Lauren Hollingsworth, Producer: Inbal B. Lessner, Lauren Hollingsworth, Jamar Ghalayini
Director Lauren Hollingsworth will be in attendance.
 Four women juggle busy careers and raucous kids in this intimate portrait of middle-class working mothers. Filmmaker Lauren Hollingsworth explores the impossible balance of work and motherhood in today's America, as seen through the eyes of a teacher, a real estate agent, a fashion executive and an actress.



Orinda Theatre, Sat. Sept. 9, 4:00 PM – Feature Film

As Good as It Gets
 Director: James L. Brooks
 Producers: James L. Brooks, Bridget Johnson, Kristi Zea
 A single mother/ waitress, a misanthropic author, and an artist form an unlikely friendship after the artist is assaulted in a robbery.

Oscar Winner, Helen Hunt will be in attendance for a conversation following the movie.

Orinda Theatre, Sat. Sept. 9, 8:00 PM – Feature Film

Bye Bye Germany
 102 min., Comedy/Drama, Germany
 Director: Sam Garbarski, Producers: Roshanak Behesht Nedjad, Sebastien Delloye, Jani Thiltges
 David Berman and his friends, all Holocaust survivors, have only one purpose: to go to America as soon as possible. However, they need money. Close to his aim, David is not only deprived of his savings but is also overtaken by his shady past.



Orinda Theatre, Sun. Sept. 10, 5:00 PM – Feature Film

Jasper Jones
 105 min., Drama, Australia
 Director: Rachel Perkins, Producers: David Jowsey, Vincent Sheehan
 A coming of age story about Charlie Bucktin, a bookish boy of 14. On the night that Jasper Jones, the town's mixed-race outcast shows him the dead body of young Laura Wishart, Charlie's life is changed forever. Cast includes Toni Collette, Angourie Rice, Levi Miller and Hugo Weaving.



Rheem Theatre, Thur. Sept. 14, 7:15 PM – Feature Film

The Congressman
 98 min., Comedy, Drama, USA
 Directors: Jared Martin, Robert Mrazek, Producers: Johanna Giebelhaus, Jared Martin, Robert Mrazek, Fred Roos
 Maine Congressman, Charlie Winship has had a bad day. After being caught on video failing to stand and recite the pledge of allegiance, he knocks out another House member, confronts his angry ex-wife, and faces denunciation by the media for attacking one of the most cherished patriotic symbols in America. As his life spirals out of control, Charlie embarks on a journey to a remote island in the Atlantic.



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