

News for Women

Film Festival Showcases Women's Issues

(NAPSA)—Roll 'em. That's what many women's groups are doing to raise a bundle for charity. They're putting on their very own Hollywood-style film festival. Lunafest™, the national touring film festival of short films by, for and about women, is sponsored by Luna, The Whole Nutrition Bar for Women. The festival lets local do-gooders give local film lovers a taste of what the Sundance and Cannes Film Festivals must be like.

Held as benefits in cities across the nation through the sponsorship of a local woman's organization, Lunafest also raises awareness of, and contributions for, the Breast Cancer Fund. The touring film festival is rapidly becoming the premier national platform for emerging women filmmakers. Each year, it features short films from women filmmakers focusing on a wide array of topics of interest to women. The films are thought-provoking, sparking excellent ideas and discussions, and many of them have garnered awards at other prestigious festivals around the world.

As in previous years, Lunafest's 5th annual touring festival covers a wide range of topics. Among this year's selections are films dealing with senior sex, the battle for perfection, child care and menopause. The 2005 selections include:

"Backseat Bingo," by Liz Blazer:



In "Tahara," an Egyptian housewife in Los Angeles must decide whether to keep or abandon a cruel tradition.

An animated documentary about the romantic lives of senior citizens.

"One Weekend A Month," by Eric Escobar:

Meg, a busy single mom, receives a phone call telling her that her National Guard unit will be activated for duty in Iraq in two weeks. She struggles to figure out who will take care of her children.

"Tahara," by Sara Rashad:

Amina, an Egyptian housewife in Los Angeles under pressure from her mother, must decide whether to circumcise her daughter or abandon the tradition.

To learn more about how you can host Lunafest in your community, visit www.lunabar.com/lunafest.