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Movie's Historic Past Combine with Present and Future to Raise Funds for Local School

Louisvillian to be honored with trailblazing producer/director award

Louisville, KY – Combine a film classic with a bit of movie history. Add a dash of live entertainment and top it off with an award to a notable Louisville producer, and you have created a memorable event that will be served to the public on Sunday, October 13 at the Conrad Bachmann Auditorium at Valley High School.

A special screening of “It’s a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World will be available to audiences as the closing event of Louisville’s International Festival of Film. This madcap comedy stars such legends as Spencer Tracy, Milton Berle, Ethel Merman, Sid Caesar, Buddy Hackett, Mickey Rooney, Phil Silvers, Jonathan Winters, Jim Backus and many more.

The move was directed by another legend – Stanley Kramer – who was a groundbreaking movie artist. Some of his other credits include “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner,” “Justice at Nuremberg,” “The Defiant Ones,” and many others. Kramer was nominated for nine Oscars and directed 14 different actors in Oscar-nominated performances. He died in 2001.

As part of this special event, Kramer’s wife Karen Kramer and Daughter Kat (named after Katharine Hepburn) will be in attendance and Kat will perform a medley of songs from her father’s films.

A highlight of the event will be the presentation of the Stanley Kramer Pioneer Award, to be presented to a local filmmaker in recognition of his contributions to the movie business in Kentucky. This year’s recipient is Gill Holland, Louisville-based producer and director who also is credited with the redevelopment and resurgence of the East market corridor of Louisville.

The special screening of “It’s a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World” and reception will follow where guests can meet the guests and hear the “backlot stories” that accompany movie legends.

Tickets are \$10 and proceeds will benefit Valley High School.

For tickets for this event or for Louisville's International Festival of Film, visit www.louisvillefilmfestival.org. The festival's complete schedule and other special events also are available online. Several ticket packages include admittance to opening night, various parties, mixers, seminars, screenings and other special events.

Celebrating our 5th year, Louisville's International Festival of Film (LIFF) is committed to screening artistic films not usually presented through commercial venues, giving independent filmmakers a place to showcase their work. The proceeds of the Festival will be used by the Louisville Film Arts Institute (LFAII) to help fund education efforts focused on training the filmmakers of tomorrow in Metro Louisville and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. For more information, visit Louisvillefilmfestival.org, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Louisville.Film.Festival or us on Twitter @LouFilmFest #LIFF2013.