

What People are Saying About Movie Monday ...

I think your event really helped get the street entrenched folks out (to the Odeon). Since then we have had a real shift in who is coming to see the film - much younger street people mixing in with the rest of the crowd which is great to see. I figure you earned your copy of FIX in spades. Thanks for all your support Bruce. Dean and I enjoyed the workshop shop immensely. I think it is the best one we have given yet. The spirit of your theatre and your program is terrific.

Nettie Wild about our show of *FIX* and her Director Workshop for filmmakers.

Hi Bruce Saunders, congratulations on your long running series Reel Madness. Angela Pressburger and Bonnie Klein have been urging us to send you our new video, kickstART! A Celebration, a 13 minute video (which I edited). It is about the 2001 festival that brought artists with disabilities from around the world to Vancouver for the first Canadian festival of its kind.

Vancouver filmmaker Lorna R. Boschman

I was attending a Forum on Film Financing and Distribution, and talking with Eric Paulssen about how I loved Protection. He said that the best screening of all was the one you had for it in Victoria....

Filmmaker Lulu Keating

Thanks for putting me on your e-mail list. I feel that you really add to my knowledge of films and that you broaden my horizons.

Darise Manzer - Vancouver's Criterion Pictures

Thanks again for having Ric and me there on Friday. Although apprehensive it turned out to be a great evening. We both enjoyed the whole process, especially the Q&A afterwards. It's not often I get to share with folks, what it's really like. Continued success.

Comedian Nelson Giles (featured in documentary *Standup Samurais*)

Just a note to say how much I enjoyed attending your screening of *Standup Samurais* on Friday. I thought your audience was about as intelligent and receptive as any I've encountered, and, personally, I'd rather attend an event like yours than a dozen Toronto Film Festival receptions. Thanks again,

Ric Beairto Writer/Producer (Vancouver)

I've read about your series, and it sounds phenomenal! I'm forwarding the information about your program to a friend who is going to do a dissertation on the portrayal of mental illness in Hollywood film. He maybe interested in your programming. Let me know if I can help any further.

Mike Price - Graduate Film Studies, Boston University

Your program is interesting and also the fact that you also consider the artist/filmmaker by offering the honorarium. Yes, I will participate.

Filmmaker Linda Ohama

Thanks so much for the wonderful message. I really appreciate what you said, and am excited that MM will screen *Post Concussion*! Thank you! I'd love to do the Q&A! I'm not quite sure what it involves - is it live by phone with an actual audience there listening in on the conversation? That's cool. I've never done that before but it definitely sounds fun. Count me in for sure!

Toronto Filmmaker Daniel Yoon

I have heard rumours of what you've been up too for a few years now and after checking out your website I am both inspired and impressed. What you are doing is constructive and generous. I think Victoria has much

potential to be a rich and progressive city and people like you are pioneers of that hope. What you are doing effects me very personally because I too have had to fashion my own dreams from scratch. I am still working on films with a tiny dedicated group of other like-minded folks. I deliver pizza to pay the bills. The film you requested to show at Movie Monday was actually my first official film and in my opinion quite rough, but if you like it I would be honoured if you showed it.

Victoria filmmaker Jay Rathore.

I heard you yesterday on CBC, visited your website and found a movie that really piques my interest: Life's a Twitch. I work at a community organization in Quebec that offers support and education to those living with mental illness. This video could be great for our High School Education Team to show to teens. How can I order a copy of it? Thank you in advance for your help.

Ayala Conway (Alliance for the mentally ill, Quebec)

Bruce, a student let me know that you are showing the movie FIX on March 3rd. I just wanted to thank you as I saw that it is showing at the Odeon, but wondered if the discussion include only those who could afford to pay the price of admission. Your viewing allows a different type of setting and maybe a more diverse group of movie goers and discussion.

Susan Boyd, Professor, University of Victoria

Hi Bruce, my husband and I heard your interview with Bill Richardson yesterday, Feb.20/03serendipity no doubt as we were spending the day recovering from our son's first attempted suicide. The hidden hand was looking after him and we are relieved and happy he is with us today. I just want to tell you how much we benefit from testimonials like yours and we appreciated the open and candid manner you discussed your illness and your journey. We need all the help we can get in learning about these disorders and as you said knowing how to access resources is key. We have come a long way in the last three years and I feel confident our son will return to being a productive, and hopefully, happy person again. We would be interested in facilitating selected films here in Niagara as I am ready to begin some volunteer work in the Mental Health area. Any advice or guidance you may want to offer would be greatly appreciated. Thanking you for helping mental health issues become more acceptable and less stigmatized.

Hilde, St. Catherines, Ontario

Hi Bruce, Thanks for this! A film fest honouring First Nations--you are so awesome! I'm especially keen to see the film on Cherry Kingsley; I've heard her speak on radio and she is amazing; an incredible advocate against sexual exploitation of youth and an inspiration to anyone. I'll let the folks at NEED know (we had a presentation by MYST-Mobile Youth Services Team- about a month back on sexually exploited youth). Also I can pass on your email to the Boys & Girls Club to pass on to MYST and the other folks there who work with youth at risk.

Manuela. Victoria

As we discussed, Bruce Saunders in Victoria introduced me to West 47th Street This feature was recently shown at the Eric Martin Pavilion and at last year's Vancouver Film Festival and won the Audience Award for Most Popular Doc. It's about the Fountain House and follows the life of four club members. I really enjoyed this film. I'll ask Bruce to advise you how to get a copy. On a separate note, Bruce is doing a fantastic job in operating and managing "Monday Movie Night" and below you find the upcoming events. I don't think there is a service like it in Western Canada. This maybe a model for your area.

Gerrit van der Leer, Manager Mental Health and Addictions, BC Ministry of Health

Congratulations to "Movie Monday" and the whole crew on your 9th Anniversary! The evening of the anniversary was especially enjoyable to me with the showing of the movie "The Living Museum." I found it to be a fascinating movie showing how art can have an impact on people who suffer from mental illness. It also helped me to see how "Movie Monday" is similarly using art to help people with mental illness. As an artist myself and I am familiar with the therapeutic value of creating and admiring art. I can see how "The Living Museum" and "Movie Monday" both use art bring people together and to reach out and educate the community about mental illness.

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