

## Festival News

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### 'The Grand' to open Palm Beach fest

#### Zak Penn's poker comedy tops int'l festival

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Zak Penn's poker comedy, "The Grand," will open the 13th annual Palm Beach International Film Festival, running April 10-17. Among 141 films unspooling are twelve world premieres, including Daniel and David Holechek's "300" spoof, "305" and Michael King's docu "Rapping with Shakespeare." Stephen Walker's doc on a spirited senior citizen chorus group, "Young@Heart," will close the event.

Fest will also put on a black-tie awards gala at the Boca Raton Resort and Club to honor Mickey Rooney and "Juno" director Jason Reitman. "Curb Your Enthusiasm" actress Cheryl Hines and "Bridge to Terabithia" actor Josh Hutcherson will also receive awards.

Other special features include a Family Film Fest, "A Salute to the Middle Eastern Rim," showcasing films from Israel, and "Visions of Morocco." Seminars include topics on emerging technologies, film production and financing.

#### 13TH PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

##### FEATURES LINE-UP

The Grand, USA – Opening Night

Director: Zak Penn

The Little Traitor, Israel

Director: Lynn Roth

Starring: Alfred Molina

The Run, United Kingdom - US Premiere

Director: Tania Meneguzzi

The Stone Angel, Canada – Florida Premiere

Director: Kari Skogland

Young@Heart, USA – Closing Night

Director: Stephen Walker.

**NARRATIVES:**

305, USA – World Premiere

Director: Daniel and David Holechek

All Roads Lead Home, USA - Florida Premiere

Director: Dennis M. Fallon

American East, USA

Director: Hesham Issawi

Animals with the Tollkeeper, USA - World Premiere\*

Director: Michael Di Giacomo

Crazy, USA - East Coast Premiere

Director: Rick Bieber

Doughboys, USA - Florida Premiere

Director: Louis Lombardi

Foreign Devils, USA - World Premiere

Director: Avery Pack

Fugitive Pieces, USA

Director: Jeremy Podeswa

Goodbye Baby, USA – East Coast Premiere

Director: Daniel Schechter

Goodbye Mothers, Morocco - Florida Premiere

Director: Mohamed Ismail

Greetings from the Shore, USA

Director: Greg Chwerchak

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## **DOCUMENTARIES**

A Hebrew Lesson, Israel

Director: David Ofek

A Rock & A Hard Place, USA - World Premiere

Director: Aaron Wells

All of Us, USA - Florida Premiere

Director: Emily Abt

Apology of an Economic Hitman, Greece/USA/UK/Ecuador - World Premiere

Director: Stelios Kouloglou

Begging Naked, USA - Florida Premiere

Director: Karen Gehres

Children of the Sun, Israel - Florida Premiere

Director: Ran Tal

Cracker - The Last Cowboys of Florida, USA - World Premiere

Director: Victor Milt

D'Une Seule Voix (With One Voice), France - World Premiere

Director: De Lauzanne Xavier

Finding Kraftland, USA

Director: Adam Shell, Richard Kraft

JUMP!, USA

Director: Helen Hood Scheer

Kick the Lion- Witchcraft and Football in Africa, Germany – North American Premiere

Director: Oliver G. Becker

La Americana, USA - World Premiere

Director: Nicholas Bruckman