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Writers In Treatment

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Mission:

Writers In Treatment helps individuals suffering from alcoholism, drug addiction and other self-destructive behaviors get treatment for their disease. We produce educational and cultural events that celebrate recovery, reduce the stigma of addiction and the anonymity of recovery.

Vision:

Rebuilding one's life need not be a solitary effort. Our vision is to provide the treatment and support individuals need to take their first step toward recovery. We believe it's important for people in recovery and those on the cusp, to have entertaining and culturally stimulating events that inspire enthusiasm for clean and sober living.

About Us:

Writers In Treatment is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization grounded in recovery and the arts. W.I.T.'s primary purpose is to save lives by providing scholarships for treatment, as the best first-step solution for addiction. We also offer referrals to local and national treatment providers. Our program is funded by individual contributions and sponsored events.

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REEL Recovery Film Festival - 2013

Director: Leonard Buschel

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Skid Row LA, May 3-5, 2013 - LA Poverty Department

Las Vegas, Sept. 4-6, 2013 - Foundation For Recovery

Texas, Sept. 19-21, 2013 - University of North Texas

New York, Sept. 27-Oct.3, 2013 - Writers In Treatment

Los Angeles, Oct. 18-24, 2013 - Writers In Treatment

Vancouver, Nov. 2013 - Orchard Recovery

Delray Beach, Nov. 6-8, 2013 - Floridians For Recovery

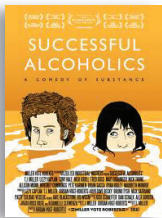
San Francisco, Apr. 24-27, 2014 - Alcohol Justice

Sacramento, May 2-4, 2014 - NCADD

Nashville, May 2014 - Cumberland Heights

October 18

FRIDAY



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IN PERSON: Invited Guests

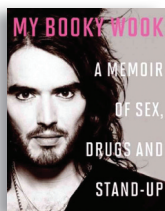


2:30PM RADIOMAN

(2012) The NEW YORK film set mascot who overcame homelessness and alcoholism to become a fixture of the New York film industry, with over 100 small parts to his name. Directed by Mary Kerr. *90 minutes*

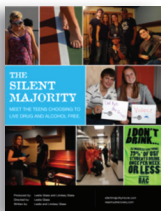
- "SHREWD" The Guardian
- "DEFT AND CLEAR EYED" Sight and Sound
- "ENGAGING AND SWEET" Empire
- "Fascinating" The Observer
- "CHARMING" Mark Kermode
- "STRANGELY COPELLING" The Times

IN PERSON: Mary Kerr



5:30PM Russel Brand: My life without drugs

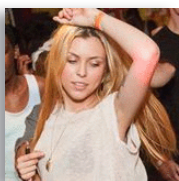
(2013) Russell Brand has not used drugs for 10 years.. But temptation is never far away. He wants to help other addicts, but first he wants us to feel compassion for those affected. With a sad commentary about his friend, Amy Winehouse. Written and starring Russell Brand. *58 minutes*



7:00PM The Silent Majority

(2012) "All teenagers, their parents and teachers need to wake up and watch The Silent Majority. Judges, Prosecutors, Public Defenders, Sheriffs, Police Chiefs, Medical Examiners have been ahead of the teen addiction story on so many tragic levels for years. With this documentary, the public can finally see solution." FELIX VEGA prosecutor, Legal Analyst. Produced/directed/written by Leslie & Lindsey Glass *45 minutes*

IN PERSON: Producers/directors/writers Leslie Glass, Lindsey Glass & Company



8:00PM REEL Recovery Film Festival with STR-8-EDGE presents: Opening Night!

Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club

1210 Fourth Street

Santa Monica, CA 90401

DRESS LIKE YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE CHARACTER – Prizes! The REEL Recovery Film Festival is a multi-day event celebrating film, the arts, writing, and creativity. In 2013 and 2014, the Festival is running in Los Angeles, New York, Las Vegas, San Francisco, Sacramento, Vancouver, BC, Delray Beach, FL, and Denton, TX, showcasing filmmakers who make honest films about addiction, alcoholism, behavioral disorders, treatment and recovery. The Festival's eclectic line-up encompasses contemporary and classic films, documentaries and shorts from American and international first-time filmmakers and industry veterans. Partially sponsored by MILLENNIUM LABORATORIES.

Tickets for sale at: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com>

Tickets: \$20

SATURDAY

October 19

One Admission Fee



Brightwood

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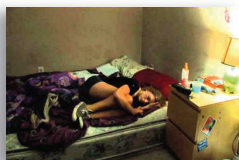
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IN PERSON: Royce Isaac & Alex Lane

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Shorts on a Saturday Afternoon

Saturday Continued



Within

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IN PERSON: Director Alex Lane



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IN PERSON: Director Cody Boesen & Shevaun Kastl



Sober St. Patrick's Day

Sober St. Patrick's Days Mission: "To reclaim the true spirit of the day and to change the perception and experience of what St. Patrick's Day can be, by providing family-friendly, alcohol free events celebrating the best of Irish music, dance and comedy." A celebration of Irish culture sans the Guinness. 5 minutes



3:30PM Bill W.

(2012) Bill W. tells the story of William G. Wilson, co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous with Dr. Bob Smith. Bill W. was included in TIME Magazine's "100 Persons of the 20th Century." Interviews, recreations, and rare archival material reveal how Bill Wilson, a hopeless drunk near death from his alcoholism, found a way out of his own addiction and then forged a path for countless others to follow. Directed by Dan Carracino and Kevin Hanlon. Starring Bill Wilson, Dr. Bob, Lois Wilson, Ebby Thatcher. 104 minutes

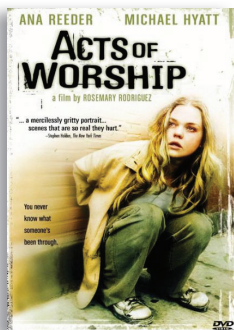
IN PERSON: Director/Producer Dan Carracino



7:00PM Flight

(2012) Flight tells the story of Whip Whitfield, a commuter airline pilot. On a flight from Orlando to Atlanta something goes wrong with the plane and with little choice he is forced to crash. Upon waking in the hospital, he learns of the fatalities and is told he could face criminal charges because his blood tested positive for drugs and alcohol. As he denies impairment of any kind, an investigation emerges, and although he is told to keep his act together, he continues to drink. Starring Denzel Washington and John Goodman. Directed by Robert Zemeckis. 138 minutes

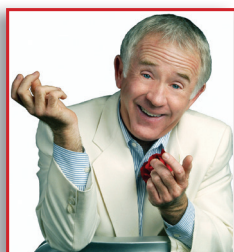
IN PERSON: Pilot Larry Smith



1:00PM **Acts of Worship** 10 Year Anniversary!

(2003) This feels like more than a movie... it's as if there was some sort of peephole into the addict's world of real people living from one fix to the next in New York City. The acting in this movie is impeccable. Not since 1971's *Panic in Needle Park* has there been such an honest and nitty gritty portrayal of a young druggie in Lower Manhattan and her friendship with a photographer, who happens to be a former junkie as well. Well known stage actress Ana Reeder is a revelation. Directed by Rosemary Rodriguez, starring Ana Reeder, Michael Hyatt and Nestor Rodriguez. *94 minutes*

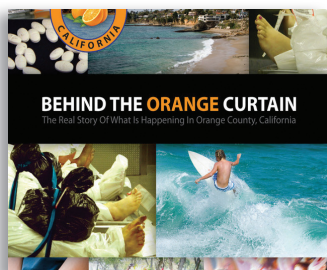
IN PERSON: Rosemary Rodriguez



3:00PM **It Takes All Types**

It Takes All Types (2013) A generous and gentle film made in West Hollywood, California. Stories that explains and illustrates the joys and pitfalls of sobriety. A powerful independent film using the faces and voices of local recovering men and women. Special appearance by Leslie Jordan. Directed and starring, Chuck Coleman. *77 minutes*

IN PERSON: Chuck Coleman & Leslie Jordan



7:00PM **Behind the Orange Curtain**

(2012) Delves into the staggering epidemic of teenage Rx drug abuse deaths in one of the most affluent counties in America. Who is to blame? Doctors? Pharmaceutical Company's? Parents? Or Our Society? Young, privileged teenagers are dying of overdoses at record numbers in Orange County, California. This fearless documentary asks the hard questions and helps educate parents and kids. Directed by Brent Huff. Starring Aisha Armer, Jodi Barber, and Geoff Blaylock. *60 minutes*

IN PERSON: Co-producer, Jamison Monroe Jr. & Natalie Costa



9:00PM **The Man with a Golden Arm**

(1955) Strung-out junkie deals with daily demoralizing drug addiction while crippled wife and card sharks continue to pull him down. Sinatra is superb, especially in a harrowing withdrawal scene. It's his movie...all the way. Starring Frank Sinatra, Kim Novak and Arnold Stang, Directed by Otto Preminger. *119 minutes*

October 21

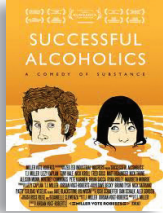
MONDAY



1:00PM It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia: Charlie Rules the World

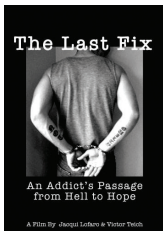
(2012) The gang starts playing an online video game and Charlie becomes obsessed with becoming the best player in the game. Meanwhile, Dennis is upset everyone else is playing the game all the time and not out enjoying the real world. Directed by Matt Shakman. *24 minutes*

Special Invited Guest



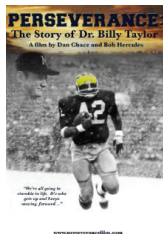
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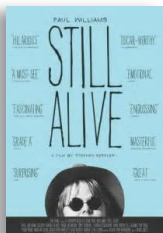
(2010) The audience will be transfixed and touched by the stories of several recovering drug addicts and one young man addicted to alcohol as they moved through the supportive steps of the Drug Court program of the East End, initiated by Southampton Town Justice Deborah Kooperstein. Director Jacqui Lofaro and Victor Telch. *69 minutes*



5:00PM Perseverance: The Story of Dr. Billy Taylor

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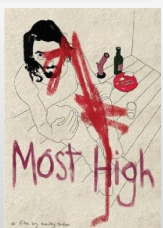
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7:00PM Paul Williams: Still Alive

(2012) Charming, poignant and very funny, this documentary is a wonderful testament to a truly gifted artist for whom the end of fame was not the end of him, thanks to his 12-step lifestyle. Starring Paul Williams, Dustin Hoffman, Robert Blake, Willie Nelson, Warren Beatty, Deborah Harry. Directed by Stephen Kessler. *84 minutes*

IN PERSON: Paul Williams



9:00PM Most High

(2004) Is a painfully intimate examination of a young man in crisis. Nonjudgmental and brutally honest, *Most High* is about the very nature of addiction. It paints an eerily accurate picture of how a Normal Joe can quickly end up in the darkest pits of despair. Phenomenal DiNiro like performance and transformation by actor/director Marty Sader. With stunning and sexually potent Laura Keys. *95 minutes*

TUESDAY

October 22



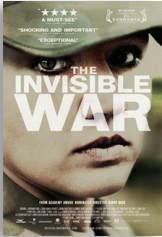
1:00PM **Trip the Movie**

(2011) Is an astounding award winning film that grew out of the blazing theatrical production of, "Delirium Tremens" by actor, playwright, director, screenwriter and film producer, FRAN LEPE. The country of Guatemala has shown this film to over 55,000 students in it's program for prevention of drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence and child abuse. An exhilarating portrait of addiction, denial and redemption. Funny too. Spanish with sub-titles. Directed by Fran Lepe. *80 minutes*



3:00PM **Owning Mahowny** 10th Anniversary Screening

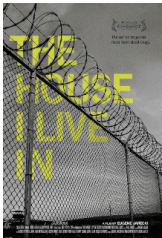
(2003) Casts an unflinching gaze into a window of addiction of a sort not often portrayed honestly in films. Absolutely worth seeing for Hoffman's performance alone, but there's also enough Casino / Heist excitement to keep you entertained. Based on the story of the largest one-man bank fraud in Canadian history. Starring: Philip Seymour Hoffman, Minnie Driver and John Hurt. Directed By: Richard Kwietniowski. *105 minutes*



5:15PM **Invisible War** (special edition)

(2012) Is an engrossing, deeply moving, and disturbing documentary that will leave no viewer untouched. The Invisible War, directed by Kirby Dick, shines a light on one of America's most shocking occurrences—the epidemic of rape and sexual assault in the armed services. And when some victims—men and women—have come forward to report the crimes, the victims often face a second assault: commanding officers who either don't believe them or who refuse to do anything about the crime. Directed by Kirby Dick. Starring Amy Ziering, Kirby Dick and Kori Cioca. *60 minutes*

IN PERSON: Karol Darsa, Psy.D. & Joanne Mednick, MFT, Psy.D



8:00PM **The House I Live In**

(2002) The House I Live In, a compelling investigation into the roots of America's war on drugs, which has massively increased prison numbers whilst failing to reduce drug abuse. Our search for easy answers to the evil of drugs is an addiction we must wean ourselves from. "The House i Live In" leave you shaking your head in deadened wonder at the waste of it all. Directed by: Eugene Jaraki. *138 minutes*

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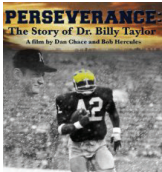
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6:00PM Invisible Young

(2012) Tells the life stories of four young adults who were homeless as teenagers. It looks at their families, their day to-day lives, their possible fates, and follows them as they strive for a hopeful, prosperous future. Set in Seattle, WA, this extremely well made and beautiful documentary shines truth on the intersection of homelessness and drug addiction. Directed by Steve Keller. *74 minutes*

IN PERSON: Director Steve Keller

WEDNESDAY

October 23

8:00PM Ritch Shydner's Comedy Explosion



Hosted by Ritch Shydner

With
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LA's hottest standup
comedians and
Surprise Guest
starting at 8.

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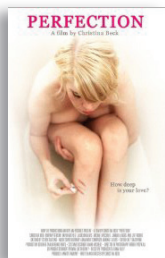


Danielle Stewart

THURSDAY

October 24

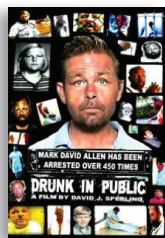
California Trilogy



7:00PM Perfection New York Premiere!

(2012) Kristabelle, still living with her Mother, cuts herself to feel alive. Her Mother, addicted to plastic surgery also cuts herself trying to maintain her youth. Through the help of a pot smoking young lover, a newly sober British stand up comic and Chinese medicine they all find that love and beauty can be more than skin deep. Directed, starring and written by Christina Beck. *85 minutes*

IN PERSON: Director Christina Beck



3:00PM Drunk In Public

(2013) In 1994, custody officer/writer-filmmaker David J. Sperling began to document the life of Mark David Allen, a 33 year old alcoholic in an attempt to help Mark get sober. Over the next 18 years, Sperling put together a cinematic diary of Mark's dark, yet remarkable journey. Final and updated version of the 17 year chronicle of the magical, extraordinary and tragic life of dedicated alcoholic Mark David Allen. Directed by David J. Sperling. *80 minutes*

IN PERSON: Director David J. Sperling

California Dreaming...



5:00PM May I Be Frank

(2011) It is the life of Frank Ferrante himself. Frank is a 54-year-old man who has abused food, alcohol, drugs— including heroin, but in return they have abused him even more. Frank has spent a life giving in to every temptation until he weighs 290 pounds plus, has Hepatitis C, is nearly diabetic, and has alienated his family. Addicted to drugs and morbidly obese, Frank Ferrante hands his life over to the owners of a raw, vegan café, who commit to helping him change his ways over the course of 42 days, and give him a second chance at finding future fulfillment and happiness. *90 minutes*

IN PERSON: Frank Ferrante

7:00PM Closing Night Reception

To Be Announced

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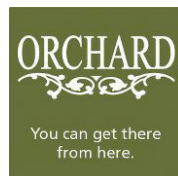
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