

Writers In Treatment Presents

**schedule**

**Sept. 27 - Oct. 3**

**2013**  
**REEL RECOVERY**  
**FILM FESTIVAL**

**ALL FILMS \$5.00**

- FEATURES
- SHORTS
- DOCS
- FELLOWSHIP
- SPECIAL EVENTS

**Quad Cinema**

34 W. 13th St. New York, NY 10011

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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.

### Board of Directors:

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### REEL Recovery Film Festival - 2013

Director: Leonard Buschel  
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## Upcoming REEL Recovery Film Festivals

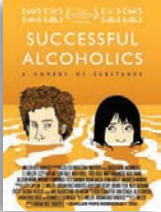
**Los Angeles** Oct. 18-24, 2013 Monica 4-plex - Los Angeles, CA  
**Delray Beach** Nov. 8-10, 2013 Movies of Delray - Delray Beach, FL  
**Sacramento** May 2-4, 2014 Tower Theatre - Sacramento, CA  
**Nashville** May 2014 - Nashville, TN  
**San Francisco** April 24-27, 2013 Delancey Street - San Francisco, CA

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# FRIDAY

September 27



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## **The Beast Within**

(2012) is a riveting presentation by the founder of the 23 year old program, EXPONENTS in Manhattan. A rebel with a cause for many years, Howard Josepher's EXPONENTS has been hailed as one of the best treatment facilities by treatment professionals and politicians, and most importantly by thousands of clients who walk the streets as free men and women thanks to Howard's guidance and love. *30 minutes*

**IN PERSON: Howard Josepher**



## **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: RADIOMAN**



## **4:30PM Opening Reception**

(4:30-6PM) Reception – Rich coffee and gourmet sweets  
GrapeVine Restaurant @ The Jade Hotel

52 W. 13th St. (a few doors down from the QUAD) NYC NY 10011



## **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**



## **9:00PM 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*



# SATURDAY

September 28

**Saturday Shorts  
begin at 1:00PM**



## Brightwood

(2012) Drug addicts can just as easily be your 'perfect' family next door. The disease is a monster, it doesn't care who it picks and the even more important message, the people it effects around you keep moving forward, with or without you. Missing out and feeling left behind is the choice we choose to make all on our own. Directed by L. Gabriel Gonda. *19 minutes*

**IN PERSON: Screenwriter LaDora Sella**



## Hiding Games World Premiere!

(2013) A girl learns to cope with her mother's meth addiction in rural Appalachia. Starring Lexi Herndon, Trey Herndon and Melissa McMeekin. Directed by Michael Wright. *13 minutes*

**IN PERSON: Writer/producer/director Michael Wright  
with the leading cast members**



## Dear Daddy New York Premiere!

(2013) This short follows young Emma Walek and her dog, through a journey of love, passion and heartache. Then the message. Directed by Sandra Capra. *8 minutes*

## Shorts on a Saturday Afternoon



### Sober

(2013) Marta McGonagle is the Los Angeles based director of her own true story. Twelve years ago she caused a drunk driving accident, which put her sister in the hospital, paralyzed, unable to walk again. She developed this short film in hope to prevent others from making the same mistake. She travels around the world speaking in high schools telling her story. She has appeared on Good Morning America and will continue to share her story in hopes of saving lives. Directed by Marta McGonagle. *9 minutes*

### Sober Since

(2010) David, an alcoholic father, struggles to clean up his act after his 13-year-old daughter is molested by a family friend. Directed by Royce Isaac, starring Alex Lane and Madison Lawlor. *5 minutes*



### Within

(2010) A writer follows the same destructive path as his father. Suffering from emotional pain, on the brinks of suicide, he chooses to be guided by a guardian angel who helps him discover the love and strength he needs to survive. Directed by Alex Lane. *20 minutes*

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# Shorts on a Saturday Afternoon

*Saturday Continued*



## The Art Fix

(2013) This poignant piece illustrates the healing power of Creativity in the Recovery process. Shot in a major New York Hospital, this film captures how the power of art, video, and group dynamics facilitates safe self-expression in recovery. The Video Group, created by Lena Friedman documented this process. This group consists of clients, volunteers and additional staff working collaboratively. 12 minutes

**IN PERSON:** Lena Friedman & Friends



## Sober St. Patrick's Day

Sober St. Patrick's Day® 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

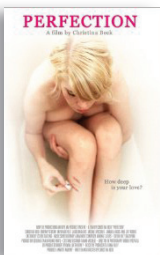
**IN PERSON:** William Reilly



## 3:30PM Bill W.

(2012) 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

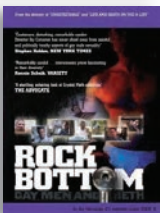
**IN PERSON:** Director/Producers Kevin Hanlon & Dan Carracino



## 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



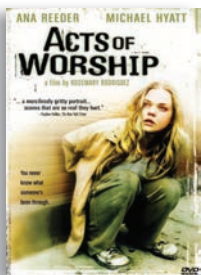
## 9:00PM Rock Bottom

(2006) Groundbreaking documentary that reveals multiple and complex layers of personal and collective trauma which haunts contemporary gay male identity: loss, survival, guilt, fear, depression, and addiction. Rock Bottom needs to be seen, but above it all, it demands to be discussed to support and sustain gay men's health in the 21st Century. Directed by Jay Corcoran. 61 minutes

**IN PERSON:** Jay Corcoran

# SUNDAY

September 29



## **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*

## **3:00PM Heart and Soul**

(2012) The film addresses the fact that individuals with mental health and substance use issues are dying, on average, 25 years younger than the general population.

The film is narrated by Ted "The Golden Voice" Williams, whose recovery story was featured on Dr. Phil and Today after his viral YouTube video showing him homeless on the streets of Columbus, OH reached more than 20 million viewers. Ted also shares his story in *Heart and Soul*. *20 minutes*

**IN PERSON: Director Sean Campbell & friends**



## **4:00PM Artistic Freedom in Recovery**

"Artistic Freedom in Recovery", Donna Chavous of A&E's TV show *INTERVENTION* hosts a panel of New York artists to discuss the creative process of recovery from alcohol and drug addiction and to dispel the myth that creativity flows better while under the influence of addictive substances.

- Graphic artist, Melinda Bush
- Dancer Robert La Fosse
- Actor/Director David Drake
- Poet-Artist Christina Rodriguez

Join this REEL Recovery Film Festival event to hear their own experiences, healing imagination while pursuing artistic journeys in recovery.

*90 minutes* tickets \$15.00



## **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. director of Newport Academy for adolescents.**



## **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*



# MONDAY

September 30



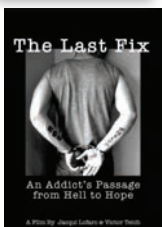
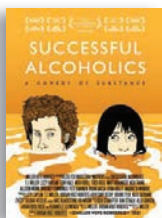
## **1:00PM It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia: Charlie Rules the World**

(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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## **3:00PM The Last Fix**

(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*

**IN PERSON: Jacqui Lofaro & Debra Kooperstein**

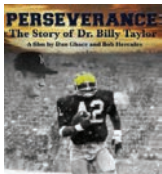
## **4:45PM Bridges**

(2012) Bridges (2013) The journey of life can be strewn with rocks, even boulders, few more difficult to traverse than the walk of addiction. Filmmaker Iman Dammeh Nur has gained the trust of the men of the night, whose dark travels have seen the depths of hell. Yet in recovery they now share from their hearts and souls, the horrors of their sinking and the joy of their rising. This documentary is not to be missed, for to do so is to discount their lives. Directed by Iman Dammeh Nur. *88 minutes*

**IN PERSON: Iman Dammeh Nur & Cast**

## **7:15PM Perseverance: The Story of Dr. Billy Taylor**

(2012) is the inspiring tale of one of college football's great running backs. Taylor was an early soldier in Bo's "10 Year War" with Woody Hayes and experienced greatness on college football's biggest stage. After graduating, a series of personal setbacks brought his world crashing down. A redemptive story for all ages, *PERSEVERANCE* tracks Taylor's rise, and his battles with substance abuse, incarceration and homelessness over the course of 25 years, in a dogged fight to recover his health, regain his faith, and restore his family. Directed by Dan Chase *52 minutes* **IN PERSON: Dr. Billy Taylor**



## **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 1

## 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

## 7:30PM Chasing the Muse... Stone Cold Sober

A Candid conversation about creativity and recovery  
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# WEDNESDAY

October 2



## 1:00PM **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

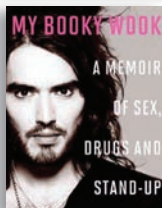
## 3:00PM **Tian Dayton in Person with Dr. Gabor Maté live via Skype**



• **How Does Addiction Change the Brain** (2010) According to Dr. Gabor Maté, it's a difficult struggle for hard core drug addicts to kick their habit because their brains are impaired. In a new book, he looks at the common roots of addictive behaviours and what can be done about them. It's called "In the Realm of Hungry Ghosts: Close Encounters with Addiction" 25 minutes

• **Action Therapy on Addiction** (2011) Psychologist Dr. Tian Dayton's discusses action therapy on addiction. 20 minutes

**Q & A with Dr. Gabor Maté & Tian Dayton**



## 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

## 8:00PM **Pat Dixon's Comedy Intervention** \*Sponsored by Gosnold on Cape Cod

Pat Dixon's Comedy Intervention, "one laugh at a time," benefits the Lenny Bruce Memorial Foundation and Writers In Treatment. Pat Dixon hosts an evening of comedy and mirth. Come laugh your face off with some of the funniest men and women in New York's sensational comedy scene.

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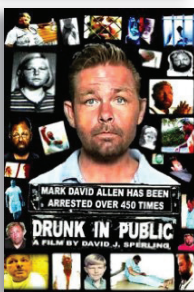
October 3

## California Trilogy



### 1:00PM **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



### 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

## 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 Party**

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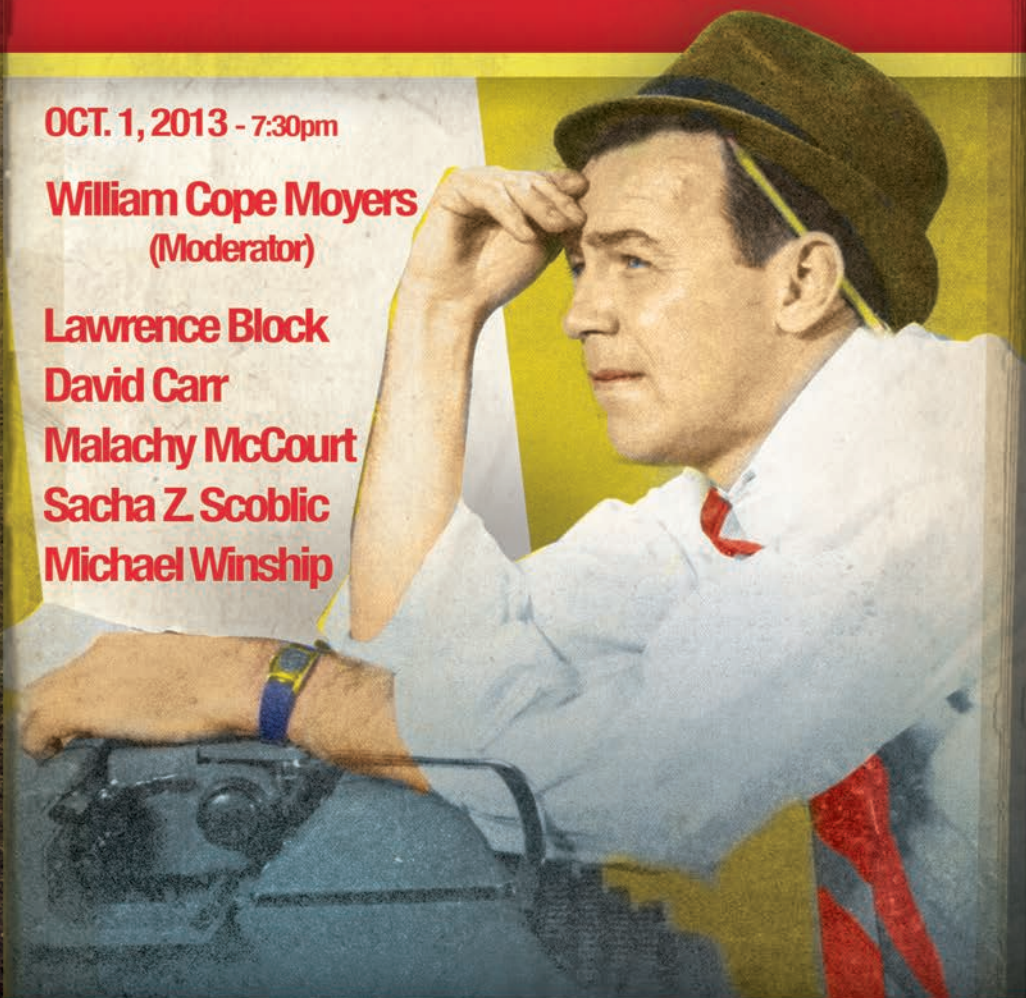
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