



The 4th Annual World Arts Film Festival
Celebrating Film, Culture & Community
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WJCT Studios in Downtown Jacksonville, FL

4th Annual World Arts Film Festival Screening Make A Film Foundation Zombie Film Created with Johnny Depp and Other Notables to Fulfill Wish of Kid with Cancer

Top Hollywood talent including A-list actors, directors, writers and producers all pitched in to help make Anthony Conti's film dream come true.

(Jacksonville) April 15, 2017 -- Make A Film Foundation (MAFF), a non-profit film wish granting organization for children with life-threatening medical conditions, will present a special screening of *The Black Ghiandola*, <https://youtu.be/LGkaCB35pqI> at the World Arts Film Festival to be held on Wednesday May 3rd at the WJCT PBS Television Station, Studio A Theater, in Jacksonville, Florida. The Red Carpet starts at 5:00 p.m. for the Opening Night event, A Celebration of Young Filmmakers, that recognizes short films and young directors.

The Black Ghiandola film <https://youtu.be/LGkaCB35pqI> fulfills the dream of 16-year-old Anthony Conti who suffered from stage four adrenal cortical cancer. He stars in the project along with Johnny Depp, J.K. Simmons, Laura Dern, David Lynch, Chad L. Coleman, Richard Chamberlain, Penelope Ann Miller, Keith Allan, Jade Pettyjohn and Pritesh Shah. The film was directed by Catherine Hardwicke (*Twilight*), Theodore Melfi (*Hidden Figures*) and Sam Raimi (*Spiderman Trilogy*).

The Black Ghiandola is about a boy who risks his life to save a young girl he has grown to love - after his family has been killed in an apocalyptic world of Zombies. Conti's idea went from conception to completion in only one month, with the generous help of top professional talent that donated their time and energy to the project.

This year, World Arts Film Festival will recognize the film's Producer Tamika Lamison with the **World Vision Award** for her work in using her talents in film for the greater good.

According to Lamison, founder and executive director of MAFF, “Make A Film Foundation teams critically ill children with notable actors, directors, producers and writers. We believe that the art of filmmaking not only helps children make a personal statement about what they are going through, but it also offers them a sense of hope, while also building their self-esteem.”

During the evening, there will be a Q&A discussions with the festival audience, and a musical performance, as well as, a VIP pre-reception and a post event after-party at The Volstead.

Make A Film Foundation grants film wishes to children who have serious or life-threatening medical conditions by teaming them with noted actors, writers, producers and directors who help them to create short film legacies. Over 100 documentaries and four short narrative films have been completed so far.

For further information about all of the events at World Arts Film Festival, or to order tickets to the Opening Night (\$20 for Screening with Reception) please visit: www.worldartsfilmfestival.org/tickets, or see our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/worldartsfilmfestival>. Follow us on Instagram: www.instagram.com/worldartsfilmfest and on Twitter: www.twitter.com/worldartsfilm.

We are giving away tickets to film students from AI, DASOTA, LAVILLA, JU, UNF, FSCJ, Flagler and others.

Note to Media: MAFF’s Tamika Lamison is available for interviews, or for additional information.

Contact Karen Douglass Sadler at: 904-568-0372 or Media(at)worldartsfilmfestival.org to make the arrangements.

The WJCT-PBS Television Studio A Theater is located at: 100 Festival Park Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Holly Manuel at: 904-353-7770.