

The 21st Annual
Vancouver Jewish
פסטיבל הסרטים היהודי – וונקובר
Film Festival

August 1, 2009

Dear Festival Fans,

Board of Directors
2009

Thank you for your generous support over the past year. Your participation in our filmmaker salons, Sunday bagel screenings and main festival have helped to grow our audience to over 13,000 Vancouver Jewish Film Festival fans this year alone!

President
David Batist

Our newly introduced Filmmaker Salon series was a huge success and showcased Peter Klein, Emmy award producer of, "60 minutes" as well as David Paperny and Audrey Mehler of Paperny Films, who have produced many well known films and TV productions such as "The Boys of Buchenwald," "Broadcast Tapes of Dr Peters" and more recently "100 mile challenge."

Board
Nathalia Abramovich

Vered Kamer

We also continued with our popular Sunday bagel and a movie series and participated in a number of very successful community shared fundraisers.

Lindsay Nahmiache

Tim Newman

Based on your feedback we elected to move our annual festival from Spring to Fall and as a result we introduced a mini festival in March of this year. Our Mini Festival was a huge hit with over 2,100 attendees. With continued support and enthusiasm we hope to have an even more successful main festival from **October 30th to November 11th**. With more than 40 amazing films to be screened, the extended time frame above allows us to maximize exposure for our donors and sponsors.

Sandy Penn

Ian Penn

Mark Russell

Bridget Sacks

Judy Stern

Eva Szende

As a non-profit we rely heavily on your support to maintain our organization throughout the year and help us put on our widely loved film events. The annual festival continues to grow and is one of the most inclusive Jewish events in the Lower Mainland, however, ticket sales cover less than 40% of our operating costs and we rely upon our members, donors and sponsors to fund the balance of our operating costs and programs. Your financial assistance is invaluable in allowing the Vancouver Jewish Film Festival to remain a prominent cultural force in this community.

Executive Director
Ian Merkel

We are pleased to welcome Videomatica as a new sponsoring partner for member, donor and sponsor benefits. Our membership/donation/sponsorship brochure outlines in more detail benefits that are offered. Festival Cinemas will once again offer membership benefits and VIP Passes to our major sponsors as well as sponsoring The Ridge Theatre for the first week of our festival.

Past President
Tova Kornfeld

Our 2009/2010 Membership/Donation/Sponsorship campaign is now underway (brochure attached). We are a federally registered charitable society and all contributions are tax deductible in accordance with Canadian Income Tax regulations. A contribution also entitles you to vote at our Annual General Meeting to be held in November.

Thank you for your help in keeping Jewish culture alive and thriving through film - We truly appreciate your generosity!



David Batist
President - Board of Directors



Ian Merkel
Executive Director of the Festival