

# The 1st Annual Bel Air Film Festival Is Coming November 14th-November 19th



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This year marks the first annual Bel Air Film Festival, which will be happening in and around the Bel Air area of Southern California starting Friday, November 14th and running through Wednesday, November 19th. There will be plenty of excellent films for you to check out, along with a number of guest speakers that will be presenting their films with a Q&A. We have a full schedule of events and have included where you can buy tickets to each screening. The good news is, some of these are free to the public. So you have no excuse not to support the festival if you live near the area.

Things are scheduled to kick off Friday night, November 14th, with the **Bel Air Film Fashion Night** hosted by Genlux Magazine. And the festival will conclude on Wednesday, November 19th, with **The Jewish Film Night** hosted by the Sigi Ziering Institute. This particular engagement is open to the public free of charge. Special guests throughout the week include fashion stylist Anya Sarre, Producer Orian Williams, documentary subject Carissa Phelps and director David Sauvage, comedic actor [Jamie Kennedy](#), Director Sam Cadman, Producer Marta Kauffman, and Actress Fawnda McMahan, just to name a few. Below is a full schedule of upcoming events for you to peruse:

### Friday, November 14

**What:** Film Fashion Night hosted by Genlux Magazine. A celebration of fashion, film and art. Screenings include [Louise Dahl-Wolfe: Painting with Light](#), a short [documentary](#) about the famed photographer's life and her "discovery" of actress Lauren Bacall, short documentary [James Gill Full Circle](#), an autobiographical look at American [pop artist](#) James Gill that chronicles his meteoric rise and sudden disappearance from the Hollywood scene and art world, and short film **Leo** about an office drone. Honorees for the evening include Anya Sarre, celebrity stylist and head fashion stylist for [Entertainment Tonight](#), [The Insider](#) and ET on MTV; and Orian Williams, producer of the award-winning film [Control](#) and one of Variety's "10 Producers to Watch." DJ Caroline D'Amore will be spinning the tunes that evening.

**When:** 7:00 PM

**Where:** Private Estate in Bel Air

**Details:** Private Event, Invitation only

## **Saturday, November 15**

**What:** Screening of the short documentary **Carissa** sponsored by Virgin Mobile and the Los Angeles Dodgers Dream Foundation. The film has won the Jury Prize in its category and six film festivals and is Executive Produced by Davis Guggenheim, Academy Award winning director of **An Inconvenient Truth** and Jamie McCourt, Owner & President of the Los Angeles Dodgers. The screening will be followed by a Q&A with Carissa Phelps and director David Sauvage. **Carissa** tells the story of a homeless 12-year-old in Fresno, who was forced into prostitution, but strived against all odds to eventually graduate from UCLA last year with a law degree and MBA.

**When:** 7:00 PM

**Where:** Aidikoff Theater - 150 S. [Rodeo Drive](#), Beverly Hills 90212

**Details:** Ticket price is \$10 and can be purchased at [www.belairfilmfestival.com](http://www.belairfilmfestival.com).

## **Sunday, November 16**

**What:** Actor and comedian Jamie Kennedy will be honored following a screening of his film **Heckler**. Produced by Kennedy and directed by Michael Addis, the film explores an uncensored look between critics and those in the spotlight. After starring in a film that was critically bashed, Kennedy asks celebrities such as [George Lucas](#), Bill Maher, Kathy Griffin, Mike Ditka and Rob Zombie about their experiences with hecklers.

**When:** 3:00 PM

**Where:** Linwood Dunn Theater - 1313 Vine Street, Hollywood 90028

**Details:** Ticket price is \$15 and can be purchased at [www.belairfilmfestival.com](http://www.belairfilmfestival.com).

## **Monday, November 17**

**What:** US Premiere of feature-length documentary **The Jill & Tony Curtis Story**. The film, written and directed by Ian Ayres, follows the screen legend and his young wife as they take on the mission of saving horses from slaughter and find something much more rewarding than fame or fortune.

**When:** 9:00 PM

**Where:** Aidikoff Theater - 150 S. Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills 90212

**Details:** Ticket price is \$20 and can be purchased at [www.belairfilmfestival.com](http://www.belairfilmfestival.com).

## **Tuesday, November 18**

**What:** Acclaimed commercial and music **video** director Renita will be hosting a Commercial Panel

for actors and actresses. Panelists include Director Sam Cadman, Co-Owner of LemonLime Agency Chaim Magnum, Acting Coach and Actress Fawnda McMahan, Owner of Reign Agency Laura Soo-Hoo and Actor and Founder of T.A.N. (The Actors' Network) Kevin E. West.

**When:** 7:00-9:00 PM

**Where:** Magicopolis - 1418 4th St. Santa Monica 90401

**Details:** Ticket price is \$20 and can be purchased at [www.belairfilmfestival.com](http://www.belairfilmfestival.com).

## **Tuesday, November 18**

**What:** Screening of short film **Store Front**, a comedy which follows five people struggling to get rich, be famous and find love in a store that isn't quite right.

**When:** 3:00 PM

**Where:** Private Home

**Details:** Private Event, Invitation Only

## **Wednesday, November 19**

**What:** Jewish Film Night, hosted by the Sigi Ziering Institute. Producer Marta Kauffman (Friends) will be honored and present a screening of **Blessed Is The Match: The Life and Death of Hannah Senesh**, which she executive produced, followed by a Q&A with director and producer Roberta Grossman. Narrated by Academy Award nominee Joan Allen, this is the first feature documentary about Hannah Senesh, the World War II-era poet and diarist who became a paratrooper, resistance fighter and modern-day Joan of Arc. In addition, Mark Amin, Vice Chairman, member of the Board of Directors and one of the largest shareholders of Lionsgate **Entertainment**, will be honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

**When:** 7:00 PM

**Where:** American Jewish University - 15600 Mulholland Dr. Bel-Air 90077

**Details:** This event is free for the public. RSVP to Tosha at [tpetronicolos@ajula.edu](mailto:tpetronicolos@ajula.edu).