# FRIDAY HARBOR FILM FESTIVAL – OCT. 11-13 -- IS JUST 3 WEEKS AWAY! It's Time To Buy Your Tickets & Sign Up To Volunteer



#### Tickets:

San Juan County Residents: Ask For Your Locals' Discount by Phone or in Person!

Purchase tickets from the San Juan Community Theatre box office in person (100 Second St.), by telephone at 360-378-3210 or on-line at <u>http://www.sjctheatre.org/</u>. Festival information is available at <u>www.fhff.org</u>.

- **Captain Pass** :3-Day All Access Film Festival Pass with first priority seating, including all special events for \$250 adults, \$200 students
- Mariner Pass: 3-Day All Access Film Festival Pass with second priority seating, including some special events for \$150 adults, \$120 students
- Deck Hand Pass: One Day All Access Film Festival Pass, including all special events on the day chosen, for \$55 adults, \$45 students
- Crew Pass: Single Film Access Pass for \$15 adults, \$12 students

#### **Casting Call for Volunteers!**

*Volunteers are needed for a host of duties during the Festival and will receive perks, including a Film Festival pass for the day of your choice!* <u>Sign Up Today on the FHFF Website!</u> Volunteer Coordinators Patricia or Chris will contact you.

# This Week's Preview Film - A Taste of the Film Festival

On Tuesday, September 24 at 7 pm come view *Visions of Mustang*, the weekly documentary offering from the Friday Harbor Film Festival at the FHFF office (10 First St., next door to The Toy Box. Admission is by donation, including free popcorn. Seating is limited. The film runs 42 minutes.



#### Visions of Mustang (2012)

The Forbidden Kingdom of Mustang lies in a remote region of northwestern Nepal, nestled in the Himalayas at an average altitude of 13,000 feet. It is a last refuge for traditional Tibetan Buddhist and nomadic culture. Due to extreme sun exposure, its people suffer one of the highest rates of cataract blindness in the world, and lack

even the most basic form of medical care. Visions of Mustang follows the first expedition to enter Upper Mustang to provide surgical clinics and restore sight. With a team of 18 monks, 33 ponies, and international doctors, the expedition sets of on an arduous journey to reach the heart of Mustang, the *walled city of Lo Manthang, to provide life-altering care to thousands in need.* 

# At the Film Festival -- A Film You Won't Want to Miss!

# GIRL RISING



Girl Rising is a groundbreaking film, directed by Academy Award nominee Richard Robbins. It tells the stories of nine extraordinary girls from nine different countries; each story was written by a celebrated writer from the girl's own country and is narrated by a renowned actress. Girl Rising showcases the strength of the human spirit and the power of education to change the world.

The featured girls face arranged marriages, child slavery and other heartbreaking injustices. Despite these obstacles, the brave girls offer hope and inspiration. By getting an education, they're able to break down barriers and create change. The girls are unique, but the barriers they are forced to deal with are universal. Sixty-six million girls around the world can only dream of attending school. By sharing their personal journeys, the featured students have also become teachers. Watch Girl Rising, and you will see that one girl with courage is a revolution.

The film spotlights unforgettable girls like Sokha, an orphan who rises from the dumps of Cambodia to become a star student and an accomplished dancer; Suma, who composes music to help her endure forced servitude in Nepal and today crusades to free others; and Ruksana, an Indian "pavement-dweller" whose father sacrifices his own basic needs for his daughter's dreams.

Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway, Liam Neeson, Cate Blanchette, Selena Gomez and other A-list actors contribute voice performances to the film, which features original music from Academy Award winner Rachel Portman, in collaboration with Hans Zimmer. Edwidge Danticat, Sooni Taraporevala, Aminatta Forna and others tell the girls' stories, each in its style, and all with profound resonance.

Running time: 1 hour 41 minutes.

The film is presented by the award-winning Documentary Group, in association with Paul Allen's Vulcan Productions, with support from both Intel Corporation and CNN Films.

Additional detailed information about each of the girls, the writers and the narrators is available at <u>http://girlrising.com/</u>.

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