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TV star, rock idol, free movie, and food truck bazaar among film festival highlights

DATYONA BEACH – A local film festival plans to literally roll out the red carpet to welcome an actor from a well-known television series in November.

Seth Peterson, better known to some as Nate Wetsen, the way-ward little brother to super-spy Michael Westen from the USA network's hit show *Burn Notice*, is scheduled to attend the Daytona Beach Film Festival's opening night screening of his quirky indie film *Sedona*.

Peterson is also well known from his starring role in all five seasons of NBC's Emmy Award-winning series *Providence*. The actor, who is no stranger to Florida after filming six seasons with Miami-based *Burn Notice*, is nominated for the Daytona Beach Film Festival's Indie Spirit Award, in recognition for the work he has done on independent films while also balancing his career in network television.

This is a landmark year for the Daytona Beach Film Festival, celebrating its tenth anniversary. The highly anticipated event will showcase films from a variety of genres at the Cinematique Theater of Daytona, the area's premier art-house cinema, and a second screen of films at the City Island Ballroom.

Pre-festival events begin Friday, October 19, with the annual pre-view party held at the Museum of Arts and Sciences in Daytona Beach. The popular fundraising event includes wine & cheese, a silent auction, the unveiling of the poster and the introduction of the artist Joe Leatherbury. Attendees will get a chance to see clips of the films to be shown at the festival in the museum theater, and T-shirts and advanced Festival tickets will be on sale. Pre-view tickets for the 7pm event are \$20 for the general public and \$15 for Cinematique and museum members and may be purchased by calling the Cinematique Box Office at 386-252-3118.

Festival organizers invite everyone to attend the DBFF Kick Off event on Thursday November 8 at 7:30 pm with a screening of the film *An Affair of the Heart* including a Q&A with the film director Sylvia Caminer and producer Melanie Lentz-Janney. The energetic music-infused documentary about rock icon Rick Springfield and his fans has been creating a stir and selling out screenings at film festivals since April 2012.

The festival officially opens on Friday, November 9, when guests will have the chance to meet Peterson at the Opening Night Gala, which includes dinner, the screening of Sedona, Q&A with Peterson, dessert, live music and dancing!

A variety of additional activities will also round out the weekend. Saturday November 10 will include a Riverfront Market, with live music, food and unique gifts from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday evening will feature a free showing of *Hugo*—sponsored by the Daytona Beach Downtown Development Authority—at 6 p.m. on a giant outdoor screen. And Sunday, November 11 will bring a Food Truck Bazaar, with a picnic and live music in the park from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Come for the movies and stay for the fun!

Cinematique is located at 242 S. Beach Street. The theater is part of the Riverfront Shops of Daytona Beach—the unique new name for the historic Beach Street retail area located between Bay Street and Orange Avenue.

Visit <u>DBFF.org</u> for further information on the film festival, or contact the Cinematique box office at (386) 252-3118. Tickets are on sale now.

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