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Bedford Film Festival brings film variety to town with exclusive screenings at Bedfringe

Bedford Film Festival will be giving film fans a taste of things to come with exclusive screenings of films, never before shown publicly in Bedford, as part of Bedfringe 2013.

The films, being shown on **20 July 2013**, at **Ground Floor Coffee Shop**, include the incredible tale of musician Sixto Rodriguez in the Oscar winning documentary '**Searching for Sugar Man**' and the UK Premier of '**Between Heaven and Earth**' a short film following two brothers from a township in the Ivory Coast, who try and escape an uncertain and terrible future by stowing away in the landing gear of a plane.

Bedford Film Festival organiser Paul Hutchinson says: "We're very excited to be bringing these films to Bedford as part of Bedfringe. Bedford's very own film festival has something even bigger planned for later in the year but this taster, as part of an already well-established and respected performing arts festival, is fantastic.

"Bedford Film Festival was created to help people in Bedford see films that might not be shown publically elsewhere in the town. We're sure these screenings will give people a taste of the variety that Bedford Film Festival will bring."

James Pharaoh director of Bedfringe, which runs between 12 July and 3 August 2013, said: "As a film maker myself I am very pleased to be working with Bedford Film Festival this year.

"The growth of Bedfringe is dependent on other event organisers and venue managers seeing the vision and joining in, so this partnership comes as a great benefit to the town and the festival"

Further details will be released soon, however the screenings will take place at **Ground Floor Coffee Shop in King's House on Ampthill Road**. A venue already synonymous with film screenings as part of their popular monthly vintage film nights.

Isabel Turner from GFC says: "It's always fun to watch a movie on a comfortable sofa with friends, and with delicious coffee, cakes and popcorn thrown into the mix it's even better! We're really excited to be hosting Bedford Film Festival in our unique, vintage space and look forward to welcoming you."



Tickets for the screening are split into two categories.

- Standard: £5 (per person)
- Sofa: £12 (only one ticket needed per person)

They can be purchased in advance by visiting Ground Floor Coffee shop on Ampthill Road or by calling the Bedford Corn Exchange Box Office on 01234 718 112.

More information can be found on Twitter <u>www.twitter.com/BedfordFilmFest</u> or on Facebook <u>www.facebook.com/BedfordFilmFestival</u>

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