

U.Va. Miller Center Partners with Virginia Film Festival to Bring Presidential Films, Woodward and Bernstein to Charlottesville

The University of Virginia's Miller Center is partnering with the Virginia Film Festival on a special "Presidency in Film" series that will showcase two films about U.S. presidents and include a discussion with legendary journalists Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein. The festival will take place in Charlottesville, Va. from Nov. 1–4.

On Friday, Nov. 2, the festival will feature "All the President's Men," the 1976 film starring Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman as Woodward and Bernstein that tells the inside story of how the two Washington Post reporters uncovered the Watergate scandal that led to Richard Nixon's resignation.

Following the film, Woodward and Bernstein will take part in a discussion moderated by Gerald L. Baliles, director and CEO of the Miller Center and former governor of Virginia.

"This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Watergate break-in. How fascinating it will be to relive history with two men who made history, especially after seeing the story of their lives and one of the greatest political films of all time," said Baliles.

"All the President's Men" starts at 7 pm at the Paramount Theater.

On Saturday, Nov. 3, "Hyde Park on Hudson," a new movie starring Bill Murray as Franklin Roosevelt, will be shown. The film depicts the 1939 visit by the King and Queen of England to Roosevelt's country estate in Hyde Park, New York. Following the screening, Miller Center scholar Barbara Perry and former Miller Center fellow Emily Charnock will lead a discussion.

"Hyde Park on Hudson" starts at 6:15 pm at the Newcomb Hall Theater.

On the opening night of the festival, Thursday, Nov.1, Baliles and Patricia Kluge will receive the Founders Awards. They founded the festival in 1988, when Baliles served as governor.

"When Governor Baliles first suggested this series," said Jody Kielbasa, director of the Virginia Film Festival, "we saw immense value in working with one of America's most respected, nonpartisan centers for research and education on the American Presidency. I eagerly look forward to working with the Governor and his team on this series for years to come."

For more information about the festival, including how to purchase tickets, go to http://www.virginiafilmfestival.org/.

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