

Telluride Film Festival

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35th TELLURIDE FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2008 FESTIVAL POSTER ARTIST LAURIE ANDERSON

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BERKELEY, CA - Telluride Film Festival (August 29-September 1, 2008) presented by the National Film Preserve and DELL Inc., today announced its 2008 Festival Poster Artist will be world renowned artist Laurie Anderson.

Writer, director, visual artist and vocalist, Anderson has created groundbreaking works that span the worlds of film, art, theater, and experimental music. Her recording career, launched by "O Superman" in 1981, includes the soundtrack to her feature film "Home of the Brave" and "Life on a String." Anderson has published seven books and her visual work has been presented in major museums around the world. In 2002, she was appointed the first artist-in-residence of NASA which culminated in her touring solo performance "The End of the Moon". Anderson has contributed music to films by Wim Wenders and Jonathan Demme and a score for Robert LePage's theater production, "Far Side of the Moon." She has created pieces for National Public Radio, The BBC, and Expo '92 in Seville.

Recent projects include a series of audio-visual installations and a high definition film, "Hidden Inside Mountains," created for World Expo 2005 in Aichi, Japan. In 2007 she received the prestigious Dorothy and Lillian Gish Prize for her outstanding contribution to the arts. Currently she is recording a new album for Nonesuch Records, "Homeland", and touring internationally with an accompanying performance.

"One of the great pleasures for us is when we can work with an artist in an ongoing relationship," said Co-Director Tom Luddy. "Laurie was our Guest Director in 1991 and then returned to show "Hidden Inside Mountains" and offer a workshop in 2005."

Anderson joins a prestigious list of artists who have lent their talents to the Telluride Film Festival. Past artists include John Mansfield, David Lance Goines, Chuck Jones, David Salle, Dottie Attie, Doug and Mike Starn, Garry Transue, Julian Schnabel, Alexis Smith, Jim Dine, Seymour Chast, Ed Ruscha, Frederic Amat, Francesco Clemente, Dave McKean, Gary Larson, Chip Kidd, John Canemaker and Mark Stock.

“It is a great honor to have been asked to create this year's Festival poster,” said Laurie Anderson. “The chair drawing was featured in my book called "Night Life" which is a book of dream drawings I made a couple of years ago while out on tour. The red chair in the poster was part of a dream drawing I made that happened to be set in a theater at Telluride! So of course it seemed perfect for the Festival poster since it's all about the audience and the dreams that films really are.”

“Laurie had all kinds of ideas, said Co-Director Gary Meyer. “ She showed us photographs and graphics with a wide range of possibilities. When we saw the chair, we knew it was the right image. But we had no idea there was a Telluride connection until long after she designed the actual poster.”

35th Telluride Film Festival posters will be available for purchase throughout the four-day Festival or by calling 510.665.9494.

Image available upon request.

About Telluride Film Festival

The prestigious Telluride Film Festival, presented by DELL, ranks among the world's best film festivals and is an annual gathering for film industry insiders and a major launching ground for the fall season's most talked-about films. Co-founded in 1974 by Tom Luddy, James Card and Bill and Stella Pence, Telluride Film Festival, nestled in the beautiful mountain town of Telluride, Colorado, is a four-day, international educational event celebrating the art of film. The Festival's long-standing commitment is to join filmmakers and film connoisseurs together to experience great cinema. The exciting schedule, kept secret until Opening Day, consists of film debuts, special Guest Director programs, three major Tributes to guest artists and remarkable treasures from the past. Festival headquarters are in Berkeley, California. For more information visit www.telluridefilmfestival.org

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