

## Film News: 5 Perks of Chicago Critics Film Festival, With Closing Night on May 26, 2016

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CHICAGO – One of the greatest film festivals of the year is curated by the Chicago cinema critics you know and love...so the films themselves are spectacular. The 4th Annual Chicago Critics Film Festival (CCFF) is ongoing at the historic Music Box Theatre in Chicago through May 26th, 2016. The closing night film is “Operator.”



The Chicago Critics Film Festival, May 20-26, 2016, at the Music Box Theatre

*Photo credit: CCFF*

Throughout the 2016 festival, audiences can expect amazing cinema from the first quarter major festivals – including Sundance and South X Southwest – and celebrity appearances, special Q&As and opportunities for discussion in the attached lounge at the Music Box Theatre. But what are the six greatest “perks” to expect? Here’s a modest list...



### **CLOSING NIGHT CELEBRATION**

The film “Operator” is a made-in-Chicago film, which is perfect for closing the festival. Joe (Martin Starr), a programmer and obsessive self-quantifier, and Emily (Mae Whitman), a budding comedy performer, are happily married until they decide to use one another in their work. Director Logan Kibens, co-screenwriter Sharon Greene and Martin Starr will introduce the screening and participate in an audience Q&A.

For more information on Closing Night, [click here](#). [15]





Closing Night Film: 'Operator'

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## SPECIAL APPEARANCES

Besides the opening night celebrity bling, there will be appearances throughout the week of the stars, directors and movers/shakers that make up the film line-up at the CCFF – and for the most part, it's a casual meet and greet atmosphere!

For a complete list of special appearances, [click here](#). [16]



Martin Starr will Appear at the 2016 CCFF for 'Operator'

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## CINEMA AWE!

The films that the members of the Chicago Film Critics Association find during their quests through the major festivals of the first quarter of 2016 culminates in the CCFF. This is a Chicago film buff's opportunity to see the BEST of those festivals, without paying through the nose for accommodations and fighting the hoy polloi. It's all at one venue, and it's all available.

Check out the cinema awe line-up by [clicking here](#). [17]



## MUSIC BOX THEATRE

The gem of Chicago lives on, and has evolved to a deserved status of the greatest movie venue in the city. Founded in 1929, the theater maintains its old school integrity, while continuing to challenge the programming tastes of the Windy City's thirsty film lovers. If you've never been to this spectacular movie house, coming to the CCFF to experience is pretty much a feverish film dream. I'll see you in the lounge.

Get the whole story of the Music Box Theatre, by [clicking here](#). [18]



Chicago Film Critics are Just Dying to Meet You!

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## CHICAGO MOVIE CRITICS!

Continuing the tradition of the "Chicago school" of film criticism, best exemplified by the late great Roger Ebert, the Chicago Film Critics Association (CFCA) is not only curating the whole festival, but will be hanging around throughout the week. Approach them if you dare, they won't bite, and are excited to talk about any film that has screened at this seminal (and annual) event.

For some deserved CFCA braggadocio, [click here](#). [19]

*The 4th Annual 2016 Chicago Critics Film Festival runs through May 26th at the Music Box Theatre – 3733 North Southport Avenue, Chicago. As a reminder, for ticket purchase and general information, [click here](#). [17]*



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