

Film News: 2018 Tribeca Film Festival Opens with ‘Love, Gilda’

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NEW YORK CITY – The 17th edition of the Tribeca Film Festival will open with a truly New York-centric celebration. Live from the Beacon Theatre on April 18th, 2018, will be “Love, Gilda.” This documentary on the life of “Saturday Night Live” (SNL) superstar Gilda Radner kicks off the two week festival, April 18th through April 29th.

“Love, Gilda” is directed and produced by Lisa D’Apolito. The film is an autobiography of a pioneering comedian, told in her own voice and through her own words. It weaves together audiotapes, rare home movies, diary entries, and interviews... both with those who were inspired by her – like Bill Hader, Amy Poehler, Maya Rudolph, and Cecily Strong – along with SNL originators Chevy Chase, Laraine Newman, Paul Shaffer, and producer/creator Lorne Michaels.



Opening Night Film for the 17th Tribeca Film Festival

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“‘Love Gilda’ in the right film at the right time and the perfect way to open our Festival,” said Paula Weinstein, Executive Vice President of Tribeca Enterprises. “Gilda is a woman for the ages, an extraordinary talent in film, television, and theater who overcame her personal struggles to make us laugh, to make us cry. She understood the healing power of laughter not simply for her audience but in her own life as she struggled with cancer and lead the way for all of us to make the world a better place.”

The Tribeca Film Festival was founded in 2002 by Jane Rosenthal, Craig Hatkoff and actor Robert De Niro as a reactive strike back at the September 11th attack in 2001 on New York City and the nearby Tribeca neighborhood. The 2018 Festival features screenings and awards for

U.S. Narrative Films, World Narrative Films, Short Film Competition, Best Documentary, the Spotlight Competition and Best New Narrative and Documentary Filmmakers, among it's presentations. It also has TV, Virtual Reality and Gaming presentations, and includes films from 30 countries, 74 World Premieres, nine North American Premieres, three U.S. Premieres and four New York City Premieres.

Patrick McDonald, Editorial Coordinator and Writer for HollywoodChicago.com, is attending and covering the 2018 Tribeca Film Festival. Check in with HollywoodChicago.com daily from April 18th-24th for Tribeca updates.

The 17th Tribeca Film Festival runs from Wednesday, April 18th through Sunday, April 29th, 2018. For more information, including film schedules, [click here](#). [20]



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