

Film News: DAY THREE of 54th Chicago International Film Festival Grooves with ‘United Skates’

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CHICAGO – DAY THREE of the 54th Chicago International Film Festival on Friday, October 12th, 2018, continues with Industry Days from 10am-4pm ([click here](#) [19] for details), the beginnings of the “After Dark” screenings ([click](#) [20]) and the center stage presentation of the amazing documentary “United Skates.”



‘United Skates’ on Day Three of the 54th Chicago International Film Festival

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EVENTS Industry Days is the main focus through its morning/afternoon sessions, and the film categories of Gala Presentations ([click here](#) [21] for a VIP event for “A Private War”), New Directors and the International Competition films are throughout the evening.

FILM OF THE DAY “United Skates” (USA) is a heartfelt testament to the important cultural link that African Americans have to the roller rink. The film floats like the wheels never touch the floor by exploring the history, race relations, music and passion of the expressive rolling in the AA life. Chicago plays a prominent role in the film, with a style that is all of their own. The film, directed by Dyana Winkler and Tina Brown, has both a steady motion and emotion. [Click here](#) [22] for details to the screening and there is a special after party at THE RINK! (1122 East 87th Street, Chicago).

WATCH OUT FOR... “Liverleaf” (Japan) is the first offering of the “After Dark” screenings, naturally after 10pm, where the fringe, horror and

boundary pushing films permeate the theater darkness. The film is about revenge, when some rural town bullies punish the family of Haruka, who has just started high school there. Seeking vengeance, Haruka seeks down the perpetrators and in that pursuit also punishes the town itself.

The 54th Chicago International Film Festival primarily takes place at the AMC River East 21, 322 East Illinois Street, Chicago from October 10th to October 21st, 2018. [Click here](#) [23] for film schedules, information and to purchase tickets.



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