

## Film News: 15th CineYouth Festival in Chicago Opens with ‘Jawline’ on April 26th, 2019

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CHICAGO – The future of filmmaking will be on full display this weekend as Cinema/Chicago – the facilitators of the annual Chicago International Film Festival – presents the 2019 CineYouth Festival. The 15th edition of the Fest will feature 64 films from 18 different countries, all produced by filmmakers who are 22 years old or younger. The Opening Film on Friday, April 26th, is ‘Jawline,’ and director Liza Mandelup will appear on behalf of the film. The screening is FREE and open to the public at the historic Music Box Theatre in Chicago, register for tickets by [clicking here](#). [20] The CineYouth Festival runs through Sunday, April 28th.



‘Jawline’ Opens the CineYouth Festival on Friday, April 26th, at the Music Box Theatre in Chicago

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“Jawline” is the story of Austyn Tester, a 16-year-old rural Tennessee newcomer to the live-broadcast ecosystem, where teen girls all over the world tune into “boy broadcasts” like Tester’s, in a 21st-century version of Tiger Beat. These broadcasts also offer a minute or two of interaction ... or more for the right price. Tester’s earnestness sets him apart, peering wide-eyed into his laptop camera and professing unconditional love and support to his female fans for hours on end, in essence selling male validation. In return, he asks for fame and a better life for his family. Will Tester’s open heart give him celebrity status and a chance to escape from his dead-end town, or is this new ecosystem built for failure?

Created in 2005, Cinema/Chicago’s CineYouth Film Festival is designed to encourage youth filmmakers in their creative endeavors.

CineYouth provides opportunities for young filmmakers to articulate themselves artistically, and have their voices heard. The three-day festival celebrates and fosters the creativity of emerging filmmakers – 22 years old and younger – by screening officially selected work and encouraging their creative endeavors by presenting a filmmaking workshop, discussions and panels. All the events and screenings are FREE and open to the public, click the link below for the selection of the full line up.

*Cinema/Chicago Presents the CineYouth Festival in Chicago from April 26th through April 28th, 2019. The Opening Night film (April 26th, 7pm) is “Jawline” at the Music Box Theatre, 3733 North Southport Avenue, Chicago. Director Liza Mandelup will make an appearances on behalf of the film. [Click here](#) [21] for the full CineYouth Festival line-up, all free and open to the public.*



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