

Black fest picks 48 pix

Second annual HBFF adds World Cinema Program

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The Hollywood Black Film Festival is set to unspool 48 films during its second annual competitish skedded for late February.

This year's unveiling includes 10 feature-length pics, 27 shorts, six docus and five student films. The 48 films to be screened include 24 world and two U.S. preems.

Into the 'mainstream'

"The Hollywood Black Film Festival 2000 will bring the work of accomplished and aspiring black filmmakers to an environment encompassing the mainstream Hollywood community," said HBFF founder and exec director Tanya Kersey-Henley.

An addition to this year's fest is the inclusion of four screenings that fall under the World Cinema Program. Also, a special presentation of helmer Zeinabu Irene Davis' "Compensation" will screen in honor of her IFP Gordon Parks Independent Film Award for directorial achievement.

The fest will take place in Culver City from Feb. 25-28, during which time a number of actors, filmmakers and industry execs will convene for four days of panels and seminars at the adjunct Infotainment Conference.

For festival information and tickets, call (310) 348-3942.

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