



**“The Art of Rebellion”**

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**SAUSALITO FILM FESTIVAL AT CAVALLO POINT  
ANNOUNCES PREMIERE EVENT**

Thirty Films Over Three Days at Marin’s Most Desirable Destination

**Sausalito, CA June 30, 2009** -- The Sausalito Film Festival will premiere August 21-23 at Cavallo Point Lodge, Marin’s enchanting and environmentally sustainable destination. The experiential festival features films and events in five categories - from the art of rebellion to the human condition - and seeks to capture the unique spirit of Sausalito. The festival will present film experiences and parties to spark dialogue and create a vibrant and intellectually provocative event.

Opening Night kicks-off with a sophisticated evening event on Friday, August 21 with the “Sea Gala” presented by the Michelin-starred Murray Circle Restaurant at Cavallo Point Lodge. On Saturday, August 22, John Avildsen, Oscar winning director of “Rocky“ and “The Karate Kid,” will join us for “Lean on Me” in a twentieth anniversary celebration of the film. Other films include: “Food Fight,” featuring Alice Waters, Wolfgang Puck and Michael Pollan, which explores the California food movement’s rebellion against big agribusiness to launch the local organic food movement; and “Witch Hunt,” narrated by Sean Penn, a gripping feature length documentary that chronicles the unraveling of a small town’s justice system. Mick LaSalle, the respected San Francisco Chronicle film critic, will present a favorite French film, which has never been released in the US. The “Sea Wolf Filmmaker’s Cruise” launches Saturday afternoon, and, the festival’s “Final Destination” wrap party will take place at Cavallo Point Lodge on Sunday evening, August 23.

Festival Creator Antonio Capretta said: “I feel that Cavallo Point defines the vision of this festival. It is a magical place, the landscape and atmosphere at Fort Baker seems to change every 30 minutes, it’s like a shifting canvas. Having a film festival here reflects the mercurial flow of Sausalito at its finest.”

Allison Faust, Festival Director said: “At the very least, we want each festival goer to experience a memorable film. At best, they have gained new perspectives and

may be inspired to make a positive change. We want to make this an immersive, thought-provoking experience.”

The film categories featured this year are: The Art of Rebellion, Advanced Global Citizenship, Imagination, The Human Condition and Northern California Filmmakers.

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The full line-up of films and events will be announced, and tickets will go on sale July 15. For more information, visit the festival site at [www.sausalitofilmfestival.com](http://www.sausalitofilmfestival.com).

#### ABOUT THE SAUSALITO FILM FESTIVAL

In the heart of an artist's community, with the Golden Gate Bridge and San Francisco shimmering across the water, lies the ideal backdrop for a premiere film festival experience. People around the world are drawn to Sausalito, certainly for its picturesque beauty, but possibly because it is so uniquely different from anywhere else. Creatives, nonconformists, the famous (and infamous) have felt its gravitational pull. Artists, writers, philosophers, rock legends and film stars have made it their home, rubbing elbows with boat-builders, bootleggers and ex-madams. In this town of characters and contradictions, an idea was born: A Sausalito Film Festival... Experience. Films that speak to our naturally rebellious nature, our creative soul, our passion for cultural understanding. Films of all lengths and genres are presented - shorts, animation, documentaries and features from around the globe. Coupled and tripled with conversations and presentations that will stimulate, provoke, and delight the senses. Because this is no mere picture show.

#### ABOUT CAVALLO POINT – THE LODGE AT THE GOLDEN GATE

Cavallo Point Lodge is San Francisco's new national park lodge, set within Golden Gate National Parks at the foot of the Golden Gate Bridge in Marin County. Opened in the summer of 2008, Cavallo Point Lodge is an enchanting and environmentally sustainable “base camp” where the city's urban edge turns into untamed coastal wildlands. Since opening it has earned much recognition, including Travel + Leisure Magazine naming it one of America's top new national landmarks. The lodge's 68 historic rooms and suites, built between 1901 and 1915, once served as officers' quarters on this former military base, Fort Baker. The lodge also offers 74 newly constructed contemporary rooms and suites set on higher ground, and most offer spectacular views of the Golden Gate Bridge. For more information and special film festival reservations, call (888) 651-2003 or visit [www.cavallopoint.com](http://www.cavallopoint.com). Sausalito Film Festival 2009.

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