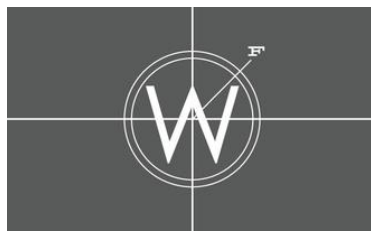




WISCONSIN FILM FESTIVAL: 2016 FILMMAKER PANEL SERIES

Presented by: Film Wisconsin and StoryFirst Media



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This two session panel series in support of filmmaking in Wisconsin will include a variety of filmmakers, producers, writers and actors from this year's Wisconsin Film Festival, and guest filmmakers from Wisconsin and beyond.

Saturday, April 16, 2016 @ 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM

Sundance Cinemas

430 N Midvale Blvd

Madison, WI 53705

Free Event ♦ Public Welcome

THE LIFE OF A WISCONSIN FILMMAKER

What does it mean to be an independent filmmaker living in Wisconsin? What is daily life like? In this panel, audience members will get a glimpse into the lives of the people behind the movies they see at the festival. Do they have day jobs? How do they fund their movies? Is there a community of Wisconsin filmmakers to be a part of, or is it a solitary existence?

Saturday, April 16, 2016 @ 10:30 AM – 11:45 Panel participants TBD

FINDING THE STORIES

Where do filmmakers find the stories they want to tell? In this panel, audience members will get a glimpse of the process of finding and constructing the stories in the films at the festival. Filmmakers will share personal anecdotes about how they had the idea, then grew the idea, polished it, and eventually produced it. When they look at their films now, has the idea changed or is it the same as they originally pictured it?

Saturday, April 16, 2016 @ 12:30 PM – 1:45 Panel participants TBD

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About Panel Moderator:

Michael Neelsen is an independent documentary filmmaker living in Wisconsin, and co-founder of StoryFirst Media. His first feature documentary, *Last Day at Lambeau*, was screened at the 2012 WI Film Festival. He is currently in production on his second feature film set in Green Bay, regarding the Tom Monfils murder investigation.

Michael is a frequent moderator of panels at a variety of film festivals, including the past several years at the Austin Film Festival. He also moderates the weekly film discussion podcast *ReelFanatics.com*

About Panel Presenters:

Film Wisconsin is a non-profit organization dedicated to growing the film, television and electronic game industries in WI. Its goal is to foster these industries in the state, as well as investment here in Wisconsin from outside the state. www.filmwisconsin.net

StoryFirst Media is a 'story first' collective of filmmakers & marketers. As a content production company they produce both brand and entertainment based video and film content for the web, TV and the big screen. <http://www.storyfirstmedia.com>



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Online Film Guide & Purchase Tickets: guide.wifilmfest.org