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Writers In Treatment’s REEL Recovery Film Festival has achieved media coverage in the New York Post, Hollywood Reporter, Variety, Los Angeles Times, Huffington Post, Vancouver Weekly, SEVEN (Las Vegas weekly), Addiction Pro, Counselor Magazine, TheFix.com, Renew Magazine and every other recovery publication.

Entering its sixth year, and now offering CEU’s in California, Writers In Treatment’s REEL Recovery Film Festival has achieved national recognition as the leading (only) producer of recovery film festivals.

REEL Recovery Film Festival could be called the “Sundance Film Festival” of recovery. It is the only multi-city recovery event whose primary agenda is entertaining, inspiring and educating the recovery community (family, friends and treatment professionals) and whose main message is TREATMENT WORKS.

The 5th Annual Experience Strength and Hope Award — held on Feb. 13, 2014. This year’s recipient was author and recovery icon, Carrie White (Upper Cut). Previous recipients include:
• Christopher Lawford
• Lou Gossett Jr.
• Buzz Aldrin
• John Taylor of Duran Duran

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The REEL Recovery Film Festival

Alcohol Justice and Writers In Treatment are proud to present the REEL Recovery Film Festival. This multi-day event is a celebration of film, the arts, writing and creativity. We showcase filmmakers who make honest films about addiction, alcoholism, behavioral disorders, treatment and recovery. Slated for screening is an eclectic lineup of contemporary and classic films, documentaries and shorts from American and international, first-time filmmakers and industry veterans.

The San Francisco Bay Area Edition seeks to:

❖ Raise public awareness in the San Francisco Bay Area about the diseases of alcoholism, drug addiction and opportunities for recovery
❖ Encourage those struggling with addiction to seek treatment as well as encourage those in recovery to sustain their sobriety and celebrate the gifts of recovery
❖ Encourage public policy advocacy for the prevention of alcohol and other drug-related harm by showing their impact, especially on youth
❖ Engage and activate the recovery community as a powerful advocacy constituency
❖ Support of the good work of Alcohol Justice and Writers In Treatment.

REEL Recovery Film Festival - San Francisco Bay Area Edition - 2014

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Reckless In Vegas, the power trio comprised of Michael Shapiro on vocals/guitar, Mario Cipollina on bass/vocals, and Ryan Low on drums/vocals feature edgy, modern yet heartfelt renditions of songs by 1960's Las Vegas golden era acts such as Sinatra, Dean Martin, Elvis, Sonny & Cher, Frankie Valli, Neil Diamond, Johnny Cash, Bobby Darin, and more. Think The Rat Pack meets Green Day.

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Thursday, April 24
Delancey Street Theater

6:00 p.m. Opening Reception

7:00 p.m. Live Music featuring Reckless in Vegas

8:00 p.m. Highlight Reel

8:10 p.m. Duffy’s Napa Valley Rehab Short Films
   The Price of Life (2014) You’re not alone. 2 min.
   Serenity Prayer (2014) To save his relationship with his son, an alcoholic journeys from addiction to sobriety, inspired by the words of the Serenity Prayer. Dirs. Alex Miranda, Mathew Roth. 4 min.

8:30 p.m. Chasing the Muse Stone Cold Sober
SOBER INDIAN
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A Story of Empowerment Through Sobriety

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**ON LIFE’S TERMS**

MOTHERS IN RECOVERY

a documentary film by Sheila Ganz

**April 26, 2014**
10:30am-12:30pm
Smith Rafael Film Center
1118 Fourth Street
San Rafael, CA

**Screening & Panel Discussion**
with the Filmmaker,
a Mom from the film
and Dr. Sushma Taylor, CEO
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Revealing the intimate story of five mothers struggling to keep their children as they battle addiction in a women and children’s residential treatment program in San Rafael, California. Their three year journey is told against the backdrop of drug laws impacting mother and child.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 25th

Delancey Street Theater-San Francisco

4:00 p.m.  Alcohol Justice Shorts

Challenging Alcohol Marketing to Youth (3 min); Alcohol Ads + Sports = Bad ROI for Public Health and Safety (13 min); Free The Bowl / Free Our Sports (24 min); Lower Illegal BAC Limit to .05 (4 min)

5:00 p.m.  Bill W.

(2012) Tells the story of William G. Wilson, co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous with Dr. Bob Smith. Bill W. was included in TIME Magazine's "100 Persons of the 20th Century." Interviews, re-creations, and rare archival material reveal how Bill Wilson, a hopeless drunk near death from his alcoholism, found a way out of his own addiction and then forged a path for countless others to follow. Dir. Dan Carracino and Kevin Hanlon. Starring Bill Wilson, Dr. Bob, Lois Wilson, Ebby Thatcher. 104 min.

7:00 p.m.  Russell Brand: From Addiction to Recovery

(2013) Russell Brand has not used drugs for 10 years. But temptation is never far away. He wants to help other addicts, with compassion for those affected. Includes a sad commentary about his friend, Amy Winehouse. Written by Russell Brand. 58 min.

8:25 p.m.  Last Fast Ride

(2011) An astounding documentary about the infamous Bay Area punk rock superstar, Marian Anderson. Marian survived an abusive childhood and struggled with mental illness and addiction throughout her life. Perhaps “Last Fast Ride” will help spread the word about her talent and her challenges. She died all too young. This is her story. Dir. Lilly Scourtis Ayers. Narrated by Henry Rollins. Starring Marian Anderson, Tim Armstrong and Ginger Coyote. 86 min.
SATURDAY, APRIL 26th

Delancey Street Theater-San Francisco

10:00 a.m.  Trip the Movie  
Dir. Fran Lepe. 80 min.

11:45 a.m.  May I Be Frank  
(2010) Frank Ferrante is 54 years old, weighing 290 lbs, had a life of drug & alcohol abuse and contracted Hepatitis-C. He’s sober now, but on multiple medication (including anti-depressants), is undergoing chemo, and drinks 10 espressos a day to stay awake. One day Frank stumbles into Cafe Gratitude, a raw food cafe in San Francisco and meets Ryland, the cafe’s manager. Ryland asks Frank, “What is one thing you’d like to do before you die?” Frank answers, “I want to fall in love one more time, but with a body like this, no one will love me, because I don’t love myself.” Watch as Ryland’s friends help Frank tackle his weight, health, relationships and loving himself - in just 42 days. Dir. Gregg Marks. Starring Frank Ferrante. 90 min.  
Frank Ferrante will be present for Q & A.

Smith Rafael Film Center-San Rafael

10:30 a.m.  WORLD PREMIERE  
On Life’s Terms: Mothers in Recovery  
(2013) Follows five women struggling to keep their children as they battle addiction in a transformative residential treatment program in San Rafael. Their three-year journey is punctuated with the progression of laws and policies impacting mother and child, sparking debate over treatment vs. incarceration.  
57 min. Filmmaker Sheila Ganz, Lisa R (in the film), and Dr. Sushma D. Taylor, Ph.D., President and CEO of Center Point, will be present for Q & A.
Delancey Street Theater-San Francisco

1:30 - 3:50 p.m.  Brilliant Shorts

**Brightwood**
(2012) Drug addicts can easily be your “perfect” family next door. Dir. L. Gabriel Gonda. 19 min.

**Conversations with Lucifer**
(2011) Recovering addict Darby Quinn goes through the early stages of sobriety. Dir. Cody Boesen. 20 min.

**Dear Daddy**
(2013) Follow young Emma Walek and her dog through a journey of love, passion and heartache. Dir. Sandra Capra. 8 min.

**Hiding Games**

**Sober**
(2013) Marta McGonagle causes a drunk driving crash that paralyzes her sister. She hopes this film will prevent others from making her mistake. Dir. Marta McGonagle. 9 min.

**Sober Since**
(2010) An alcoholic father struggles to clean up his act after his 13-year-old daughter is molested by a family friend. Dir. Royce Issac. 5 min.

**Within**
(2012) A self-destructive writer, guided by a guardian angel, discovers the love and strength to survive. Dir. Alex Lane. 20 min.

**Successful Alcoholics**
(2010) Follows a couple whose "casual drinking" extends to all hours of the day. But unlike most problem drinkers, their professional and personal lives appear to not be harmed by boozing 24/7. Dir. Jordan Vogt-Roberts. 25 min.
SATURDAY, APRIL 26th

Delancey Street Theater-San Francisco

4:00 p.m.  The Honour of All: The Story of Alkali Lake

(1986) A true story of how a few people took control of their lives and generated a new atmosphere of dignity and hope for all. This film recreated the events that took place in the small north B.C. Indian community of Alkali Lake, between 1940 and 1945. With the level of alcoholism at virtually 100%, a few brave individuals transform the community back into a life of sobriety. Dir. Phil Lucas. 100 min.

6:00 p.m.  WORLD PREMIERE

Sober Indian - Dangerous Indian

(2014) Tells the story of four Lakota men who left their homes on the dry Pine Ridge, South Dakota reservation to feed their alcohol addiction across the state line in Whiteclay, Nebraska. It also introduces viewers to several tribal members who have overcome addiction to find empowerment through sobriety. 85 min. Dir. John Maisch, Pine Ridge Native American Activist Frank LaMere, and local AIM members will be present for Q & A.

8:00 p.m.  Perserverance: The Story of Dr. Billy Taylor

(2012) Inspiring tale of one of college football’s great running backs, following his rise and his battles with substance abuse, incarceration, homelessness, and dogged fight to recover health, faith and family. 52 min. Dr. Billy Taylor and Dir. Daniel Chace will be present for Q & A.
9:30 a.m.  **Shut Yer Dirty Little Mouth**  

11:00 a.m.  **Without a Home**  
(2011) A young woman's desire to understand the homeless epidemic in her native city of Los Angeles takes her on an unexpected 4-year journey into the lives of several homeless individuals as they struggle to find homes, get clean, and survive.  74 min. Dir. Rachel Fleischer will be present for Q & A.

12:45 p.m.  **Rock Bottom: Gay Men and Meth**  
(2006) While abuse of crystal meth (a form of homebrewed amphetamines) has been on the rise in all parts of the United States, use of the drug has become especially problematic in a number of large cities with sizable gay populations.  Dir. Jay Corcoran.  60 min.

2:00 p.m.  **Drunk in Public**  
(2012) In 1994, custody officer/writer-filmmaker David J. Sperling began to document the life of Mark David Allen, a 33-year old alcoholic arrested over 500 times, in an attempt to help Mark get sober. Over the next 18 years, Sperling put together a cinematic diary of Mark's dark, yet remarkable journey.  80 min.
3:45 p.m.  **The Anonymous People**

Recovery is OUT – to change the addiction conversation from problems to SOULTIONS. An independent feature documentary about the over 23 million Americans living in long-term recovery from alcohol and other drug addictions.  
Dir. Greg Williams. 88 min.

5:20 p.m.  **Mad Dance - Mental Health Triology**

**Crooked Beauty** - Artist-activist Jacks McNamara’s transformative journey from childhood abuse to psych ward inpatient to pioneering mental health advocacy. 34 min.

**For Shadows** - A contemplative, multi-layered memoir that unravels the tangled roots of self-harm while coming to terms with one’s shadow. 26 min.

**Light, In!** - A haunting, visual essay about the awkward and angry junctures where our culture struggles to manage its emotional distress. 12 min.  
Dir. Ken Rosenthal will be present for Q & A.

6:50 p.m.  **Flight**

Denzel Washington plays an alcoholic commuter airline pilot facing criminal charges for flying under the influence, crashing and causing fatalities. Dir. Robert Zemeckis. 138 min.

Larry Smith, pilot whose life story mirrors this film, will introduce it.

"From The Lost Weekend to The Days of Wine and Roses to Flight, film has the power to help transport us to sobriety, one day at a time.” - Jan Wahl
SUNDAY, APRIL 27th

Smith Rafael Film Center - San Rafael

11:00 a.m.

**Behind the Orange Curtain**

(2012) Delves into the staggering epidemic of teenage prescription drug abuse deaths in one of the most affluent counties in America. Dir. Brent Huff. 52 min.

Opening comments by California State Assembly Member Marc Levine. Film Producer Natalie Costa, Dr. William Hanna, Clinical Director for Reflections, Jennifer Golick, Clinical Director for Muir Wood, Mark Dale, Director Marin County Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force, and Christian O’Donnell, Caron Treatment Centers, and Erin Marie Daly, Author of "Generation Rx," will be present for Q & A.

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