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LIVE PREMIERES AND SCREENINGS

THURSDAY, SEPT. 22

7:00PM | DON'T WORRY DARLING

REGAL FENWAY

(2hr 02min) Warner Bros.

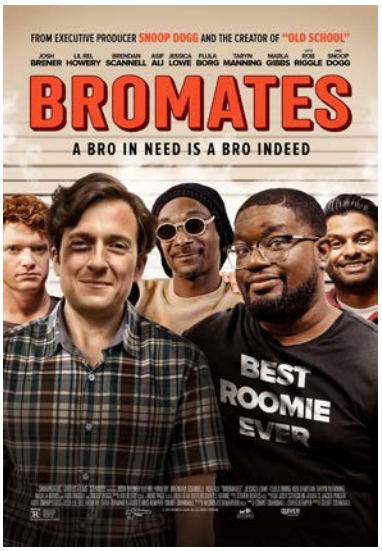
Directed by: Olivia Wilde, Written by- Katie Silberman, Carey Van Dyke, Shane Van Dyke

Produced by: Richard Brener, Daria Cercek, Catherine Hardwicke, Celia Khong, Roy Lee, Alex G. Scott, Katie Silberman, Carey Van Dyke, Shane Van Dyke, Olivia Wilde, Miri Yoon,

Starring: Florence Pugh, Olivia Wilde, Chris Pine, Harry Styles, Gemma Chan, Kate Berlant, Nick Kroll, Timothy Simons

Synopsis: A 1950s housewife living with her husband in a utopian experimental community begins to worry that his glamorous company could be hiding disturbing secrets.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 23



7:30PM | BROMATES

WILBUR THEATER

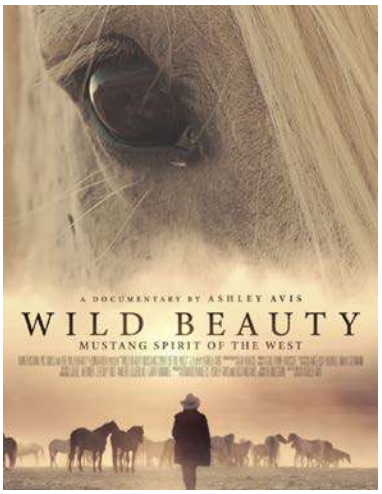
(1hr 38min) World Premiere

Directed by: *Court Crandall, Written by- Court Crandall, *Chris Kemper

Produced by: Court Crandall, Ricky Lloyd George, Chris Kemper, Snoop Dogg, Nicholas Tabarrok, Michael J. Urann

Starring: Josh Brener, Lil Rel Howery, Jesse Luken, *Asif Ali, Taryn Manning, *Jessica Lowe, Flula Borg, Marla Gibbs, *Nelcie Souffrant

Synopsis: Two best friends who break up with their girlfriends at the same time, subsequently deciding to move in with each other.



7:30PM | WILD BEAUTY: MUSTANG SPIRIT OF THE WEST

SHALIN LIU- ROCKPORT, MA

(1 hr 45min) East Coast Premiere

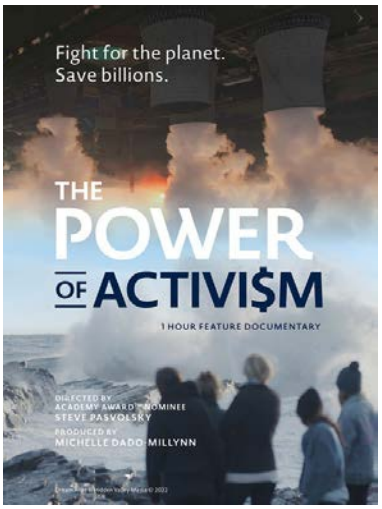
Directed by: *Ashley Avis

Produced by: *Edward Winters, Ashley Avis, Richard Avis, Laurel Werner, Anders Liljeblad, Jeremy Bolt, Larry Hummel, Angélica Fuentes, Mark Germain

Synopsis: A sweeping, immersive journey into the world of wild horses that illuminates both the profound beauty and desperate plight they currently face in the Western United States. Filmmaker Ashley Avis and crew go on a multi-year expedition to uncover the truth before wild horses disappear forever.

Q&A will follow with Director Ashley Avis, Producer Edward Winters, "Wild Beauty" interviewee Erik Molvar (Executive Director, Western Watersheds Project), Scott Beckstead (Animal Attorney and WBF Program Director), Marty Irby (Top Animal Lobbyist, Executive Director of Animal Wellness Action), and Kimerlee Curyl (interviewee and Fine Art Photographer)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24



1:30PM | THE POWER OF ACTIVISM

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, RABB HALL

(53min) U.S. Premiere

Directed by: Steven Pasvolsky

Produced by: Michelle Dado-Millyn, Steven Pasvolsky

Synopsis: This film takes us on an emotional journey from sacred ground above Byron Bay to Antarctica, Indonesia to Pakistan, and is sure to light a fire under the strongest climate change denier. THE POWER OF ACTIVISM focuses on six highly spirited female activists as they are put under the microscope to ascertain the financial impact of their environmental solutions... and the results are astonishing. From shark conservation to indigenous practices, intensive farming to plastic pollution; all their 'causes' fall under the umbrella of "climate change", but they should also fall under the umbrella of "saving tax-payers hundreds of millions of dollars!"

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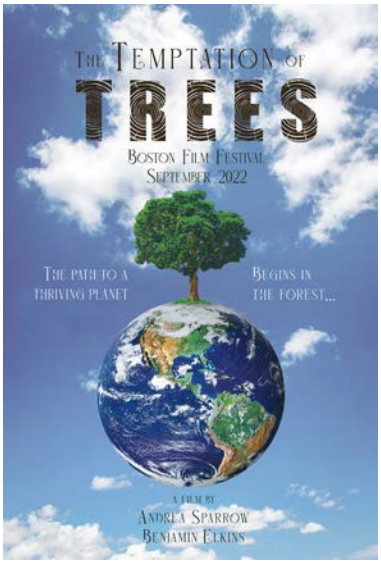

3:00PM | THE TEMPTATION OF TREES

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, RABB HALL

(43min) U.S. Premiere

Directed, Written, and Produced by: *Andrea Sparrow

Synopsis: New studies reveal that growing our existing forested lands to capture carbon, preserve biodiversity and protect water, animals and people is one of our best tools in fighting climate change. Experts on Forests, Carbon and timber share the science and methods we have to to take a step toward a better future.

Q&A will follow with Andrea Sparrow, director of "The Temptation of Trees", William R. Moomaw, Professor Emeritus of International Environmental Policy at the Fletcher School, Tufts University, and Susan A. Masino, Vernon D. Roosa Professor of Applied Science at Trinity College (Hartford, CT)

6:30PM | THE WIND & THE RECKONING

OMNI HOTEL SEAPORT

(1hr 32min) World Premiere

Directed by: *David Cunningham

Written by: *John Fusco

Produced by: Angela Laprete, Wainani Young-Tomich, Erika Hoveland, Dale Armin Johnson

Starring: *Henry Ian Cusick, *Jason Scott Lee, *Lindsay Anuhea Watson, Johnathon Schaech, Ron Yuan, Lance Kerwin, Matt Corboy, Mark Medeiros

Synopsis: As an outbreak of leprosy engulfs 19th-century colonial Hawai'i, a small group of infected Native Hawaiians resist government-mandated exile, taking a courageous stand against the provisional government. Inspired by real-life events.

Q & A to follow with David Cunningham, John Fusco, Dale Armin Johnson, Henry Ian Cusick, Jason Scott Lee, Lindsay Anuhea Watson

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7:00PM | AMERICAN MURDERER

REGAL FENWAY

(1hr 41min) U.S. Premiere

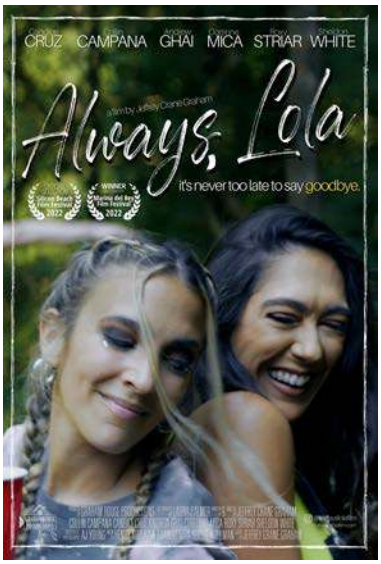
Directed and Written by: *Matthew Gentile

Produced by: Carissa Buffel, Matthew Gentile, Kevin Matusow, Gia Walsh

Starring: Tom Pelphrey, Ryan Phillippe, Idina Menzel, Jacki Weaver, Paul Schneider, Shantel VanSanten, *Moises Arias, Kevin Corrigan

Synopsis: American Murderer is based on the true story of Jason Derek Brown - a charismatic con man turned party king who bankrolls his luxurious lifestyle through a series of scams. When his funds run low and his past catches up with him, he plots his most elaborate scheme yet and, in the process, becomes the FBI's most unlikely - and elusive - top ten fugitive.

Q&A with Matthew Gentile



9:15PM | ALWAYS, LOLA

REGAL FENWAY

(1hr 25min) World Premiere

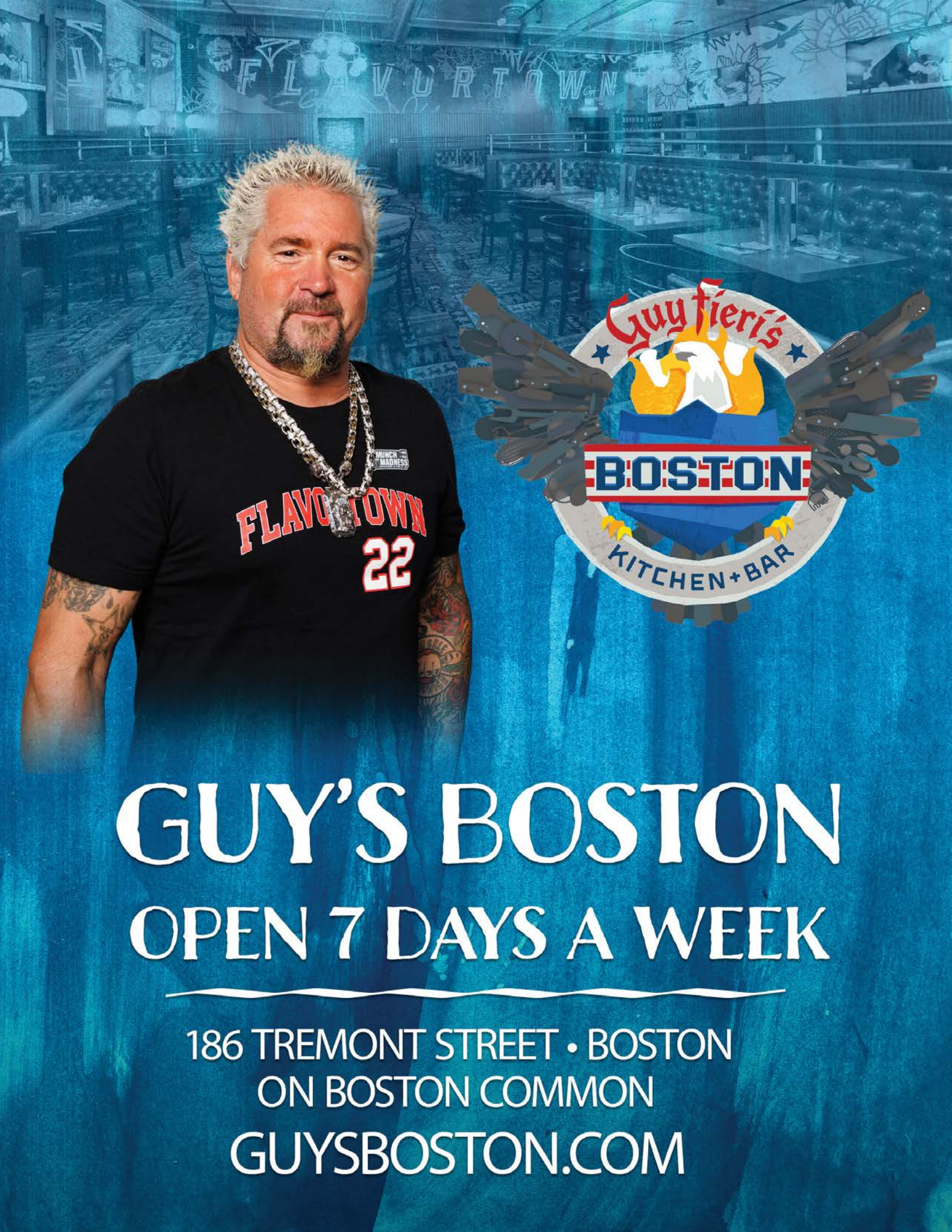
Directed and Written by: *Jeffrey Crane Graham

Produced by: Laura Catherine Palmer

Starring: *Roxy Striar, *Sheldon White, Collin Campana, Candice Cruz, Andrew Ghai, Corinne Mica

Synopsis: After popular high school senior Lola dies, her five best friends, now college aged, reunite on their annual camping trip, only to discover murky secrets around her death that threaten to unhinge both her memory and their friend group.

Q & A with Jeff Graham, Roxy Striar, Sheldon White



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