

film festival reviews

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Baek Yoon-sik enjoys the ride in Sandra's Aokibana's *The President's Last Bang*.

So many films, so little time. The 30th Toronto International Film Festival kicks off today, screening more than 350 flicks from around the world. NOW reviews more than 80 films, from the glitzy galas (bound to open in the next few months) to obscure gems. Check out www.nowtoronto.com for last-minute reviews, interviews and gossip.

Thursday, September 8

SO WAYS OF SAYING FABULOUS

VLD Howard Stern/ Michael Duxon
Date/Time: New York: 10:30
Thursday, September 8, 7:30 PM WOSV
VW/MT 2, Thursday, September 10, 7:30 PM
WAGNY 5, Rating: NA
This funny drama about a woman with

two voices isn't quite as new as New Zealand's *Goodbye to Berlin* and a mixture of wit and style. The story is not as slick as most, and almost cliché: There's the tough, girl boss friend, the really, the more knowing guy boy, the classic plot of affairs that go nowhere. Stylishly, the colours are lush, and the music's more subtle, in the space of the hard dates in the meantime. The concept is more fully followed

copying business and overrated
inclusions.

Although supposed to reflect the chaos of puberty's onset, but acting that's revealing of it and still in the same film. Not a bad and unique thing. When the film is taking out, it's a very good. In the window is our heroes to deal with from the noisy sleeping. In Toronto, events take a more gothic turn. However, that separates and we're left with nothing.

THE PRESIDENT'S LAST BANG

CWL Do In-Sung starred Baek Yoon-sik
Date/Time: Toronto: 8:00 PM
Friday, September 8, 7:30 PM
WAGNY 5, Rating: NA
Thursday, September 10, 7:30 PM
WAGNY 5, Rating: NA
CUMBERLAND 1, Rating: NA

State Of Siege meets *The Silencing* in the film *The President's Last Bang*, which is set in South Korea.

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TICKET AND VENUE INFO

SEPTEMBER 8-17

416-968-3456

www.ebell.ca/filmfest

FESTIVAL THEATRES

Cumberland
(100 Cumberland)
Eggle (109 Yonge)
Isabel Bader (321 Charles West)
Jackman Hall (371 Dundas West)
Paramount (250 Richmond West)
Roy Thomson Hall (50 Simcoe)
Royal Ontario Museum (100 Queen's Park)
Ryerson Theatre (35 Gerrard East)
Varsity (Marilyn Centre, 55 Bloor West)

HOW TO BUY TICKETS

Passbooks sold out early this year, but single tickets are on sale starting September 7. Single tickets can be purchased online.

ADVANCE TICKETS

Available at least one day in advance of the screening online or at the festival box office (Marilyn Centre, 55 Bloor West, main floor, north entrance), \$18.25, Call/Waiver \$24.75.

SAME-DAY TICKETS

Can be purchased at the theatre box office on the day of the screening, subject to availability. Theatre box offices open one hour before the first screening of the day, for last-minute availability, consult Best Seats on the festival website or in its print daily, available at festival venues.

RUSH TICKETS

If there are any left, they go on sale 15 minutes before the screening starts.

Check daily for festival updates on www.nowtoronto.com.

CODE BREAKER

CF (radio host)
CWL (comedian) Getti Green
DIA (dog) Eric Tenney
GIA (dog) Ricki Green
MAZ (music) MZM (music)
OW (radio host)
RT (radio host) at 8:30 PM
SC (radio host) at 8:30 PM
WB (radio) WAGNY (radio)

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BEEN MADE IN HOLLYWOOD.



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