film festival reviews

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Baik Yoon-shik enjoys the ride in sardonic dictatorship 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

50 WAYS OF SAYING FABULOUS

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THE PRESIDENT'S LAST BANG

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TICKET AND VENUE INFO

SEPTEMBER 8-17

416-968-3456

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FESTIVAL THEATRES

Cumberland (159 Cumberland)
Elgin (189 Yonge)
Isabel Bader (93 Charles West)
Jackman Hall (317 Dundas West)
Paramount (259 Richmond West)
Roy Thomson Hall (60 Simcoe)
Royal Ontario Museum (100 Queen's Park)
Ryerson Theatre (43 Gerrard East)
Varsity (Manulife 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 (Manulife Centre, 55 Bloor West, main floor, north entrance). $18.25, Galas/Masterclass $31.78.

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 Bets 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.

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