

A weeklong festival of funny films and other comedy captured on film introduced by some of today's hottest stand-up comedians. If it doesn't make you laugh out loud, it doesn't belong in this festival.

Featured Programs:

- Classic Comedies
- Kids Comedies
- IFC Comedy Showcase
- Foreign Comedy Showcase

Featured Comedians:

- Will Durst
- Lisa Geduldig
- Bob Sarlatte
- Mark Pitta
- Dhaya Lakshminarayanan
- W. Kamau Bell
- Marga Gomez

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AT THE MARKET PAGE AND ALL THE PAGE AND

SOUL KITCHEN (2009)

An exuberant German comedy set in a greasy spoon frequented by immigrants. Winner Special Jury Prize at Venice

Thursday July 8, Opening Night, 7:30 p.m.

IFC Comedy Showcase: MADE IN CHINA (2009)

The first of four independently made comedies from the vaults of the prestigious distributor IFC. A fledgling entrepreneur travels to Shanghai with his novelty invention. Winner of 2009 South by Southwest Grand Jury Prize.

Friday, July 9, 7:00 p.m.

IFC Comedy Showcase: THE OVERBROOK BROTHERS (2009)

A quirky road movie about brothers looking for their biological parents.

Friday, July 9, 9:30 p.m.

CHICKEN RUN (2000)

From the Oscar winning creators of "Wallace and Gromit" came up with this charming British comedy about chickens that are determined to keep their heads by flying the coop. Saturday, July 10, 2 p.m.

Free for kids under 12 with adult!

COMING TO AMERICA (1988) Presented by W. Kamau Bell

Rising comic W. Kamau Bell has been greatly influenced by Eddie Murphy so he naturally chose this hilarious saga of a prince of an African royal family, played by Murphy, who ventures to America in search of a bride.

Saturday, July 10, 5 p.m.

DIVORCE - ITALIAN STYLE (1961) Presented by Don Novello, aka Father Guido Sarducci.

Marcello Mastroianni is perfection as a Sicilian baron who goes to extreme means to get rid of his wife so he can marry his cousin. A loophole in Italian law says he will get off with a light sentence if he murders her in defense of the family honor. Sicily is lusciously photographed.

Saturday, July 10, 8 p.m.

DUCK SOUP (1933)

Children and adults will hoot at this comedy, considered to be the Marx brothers finest hour. Groucho is irresistible as the prime minister of the tiny Freedonia.

Sunday, July 11, 2 p.m.

Why Comedies Aren't Taken Seriously

A panel of film experts look at why comedies don't get the respect they should in Hollywood or on the film festival circuit. Moderator: Gerald Nachman, author of "Seriously Funny" and former Chronicle columnist.

Sunday, July 11, 5 p.m.

GROUNDHOG DAY (1993) Presented by Bob Sarlatte

Bob Sarlatte presents this perennial favorite. You can watch Bill Murray again and again as a reporter who finds himself repeating the same 24 hours. It's déjà vu over and over again. Sunday, July 11, 7:30 p.m.

THE BLUES BROTHERS (1980) Presented by Debi Durst

This comedy serves as an enduring memorial to John Belushi's enormous talent. He and Dan Aykroyd are musicians trying to put their band back together with disastrous results. Monday, July 12, 5 p.m.

THE PINK PANTHER (1963) Presented by Will Durst

It goes without saying that Will Durst has selected the original version-- not the pallid remake. Peter Sellers is at his silliest as the bumbling Inspector Clouseau.

Monday, July 12, 7:30 p.m.

UP IN SMOKE (1978) Presented by Dhaya Lakshminarayanan

Up and coming comedian Dhaya Lakshminarayanan presents Cheech and Chong's quintessential stoner movie about a couple of potheads tracking down the best weed.

Tuesday July 13, 5 p.m.

WOMEN ON THE VERGE OF A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN (1988) Presented by Marga Gomez

Marga Gomez LOVES this film and she's going to tell you why she finds Pedro Almodovar's story of a woman who loses it after her lover leaves her so darn funny.

Tuesday July 13, 7:30 p.m.

SLEEPER (1973) Presented by Lisa Geduldig

This sci-fi comedy is an anomaly in the Woody Allen canon. Woody plays a nebbish working at a health food store who is propelled 200 years into the future to a U.S. that's become a police state. Heralded for its use of slapstick.

Wednesday July 14, 5:00 p.m.

MIDNIGHT RUN (1988) Presented by Mark Pitta

A classic action comedy about a bounty hunter (Robert De Niro) who attempts to reel in a bail jumper (Charles Grodin). As funny as De Niro will ever be.

Wednesday July 14, 7:30 p.m.

IFC Comedy Showcase: MAY THE BEST MAN WIN (2009)

A competition erupts between best friends vying to be best man at a wedding.

Thursday, July 15, 5:00 p.m.

IFC Comedy Showcase: COLIN FITZ LIVES (1997)

Director Robert Bella In Person!

William H. Macy and Martha Plimpton star in this cult favorite about a dead rock'n'roll legend whose tombstone needs to be carefully quarded against avid fans.

Thursday July 15, 7:30 p.m.