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**The Historic Plaza Theatre and Fox Theatre Join Forces to  
Champion Emerging Filmmakers and Preserve Historic Theatre  
Screenings**

*Tickets on sale now at [plazaatlanta.com](http://plazaatlanta.com)*

**ATLANTA, (August 28)** – The historic Plaza Theatre, Atlanta's longest continuously operating independent cinema, the Fox Theatre, a historic movie palace transformed into a world-class entertainment venue, and South Arts, a leading regional arts organization, are thrilled to announce their partnership for the 2023-2024 edition of **The Southern Circuit Tour of Independent Filmmakers**. This collaboration underscores both theaters' dedication to nurturing emerging filmmakers, preserving the vibrant heritage of historic theaters in our community, and amplifying the artistic vision of the South.

South Arts, known for its unwavering commitment to advancing Southern creativity and culture, brings a wealth of experience to The Southern Arts Circuit. As a regional arts organization,

South Arts has supported artists and cultural initiatives across the Southern United States for decades. This collaboration with The Plaza and The Fox represents an exciting intersection of film, culture, and community.

The curated series will commence on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm with Matthew Hashiguchi's "The Only Doctor." The journey continues on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00pm with the screening of "Black Barbie" by Lagueria Davis and extends into 2023 with Aaron Hosé's "One Pint at a Time." The cinematic experience will culminate in February 2024, featuring another set of four groundbreaking films.

Audiences can look forward to more than just screenings; each event promises an intimate evening with the directors, offering a unique opportunity for dialogue and insight into their creative processes.

"We invite everyone to join us for these exceptional cinematic experiences," said Chris Escobar, Owner of The Plaza Theatre. "It's not just about enjoying remarkable films; it's about becoming part of a movement that ensures the vibrancy of filmmaking in our community and the continued operation of historic theaters like The Plaza."

Leigh Burns, Director of the Fox Theatre Institute, expressed the Fox Theatre's enthusiasm for sponsoring this event: "The Fox Theatre is thrilled to support the historic Plaza Theatre in their commitment to fostering emerging talent and preserving the magic of historic cinemas. Our shared dedication to the arts and our community makes this partnership a natural fit, and we can't wait to see the impact it will have for these gifted filmmakers."

For tickets and a complete schedule, please visit [www.plazaatlanta.com](http://www.plazaatlanta.com). Experience a night of artistry, conversation, and cinematic excellence exclusively at The Plaza Theatre.

## **The Plaza Theatre**

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## **About the Plaza Theatre**

The Historic Plaza Theatre is the longest running independently owned and operated theatre servicing its community since 1939. Designed in Art-Deco style by architect George Harwell Bond, it features an iconic marquee. Over its 80-year history, The Plaza has evolved into a hub for arthouse, international films, and community events. Under Christopher Escobar's ownership since 2017, it has seen upgrades and expanded programming. The Plaza's enduring legacy is upheld by dedicated patrons and The Plaza Theatre Foundation (PTF), committed to preserving this historic venue.

## **About the Fox Theatre**

The Fox Theatre is one of Atlanta's premier venues for live entertainment, welcoming more than 250 performances a year in its 4,665-seat theatre. From a diverse array of concerts, ballets, stand-up comedians, and Broadway shows to cinematic experiences, the historic venue attracts more than 500,000 live event visitors annually. Beyond the stage, the Fox Theatre is a sought-after location for over 100

annual private events, including weddings, trade shows, corporate gatherings, and association functions. Guests can also indulge in the Fox's Marquee Club presented by Lexus, a 10,000 sq. ft. three-story luxury bar open to Club Level ticket holders or annual members. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization, the Fox Theatre operates as both a protected landmark and a nationally recognized theatre committed to enriching the cultural vibrancy of Atlanta. The Fox thanks its partners, including Coca-Cola, Lexus, Northside Hospital, Georgia Natural Gas, Regions Bank, and The Georgian Terrace Hotel, for their support. Stay connected with the Fox Theatre by visiting [FoxTheatre.org](http://FoxTheatre.org), or by following @theFoxTheatre on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook. Tickets for all events can be purchased toll-free at 855-285-8499.