

Tribeca Film Festival Week 1

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With a record 6008 submissions this year, the Tribeca Film Festival in Lower Manhattan will again be commemorating everything that's great about the city's film industry. The darling of actor, and hotel owner, Robert De Niro the Tribeca Film Festival is as much a revolt against the decay of Tribeca as it is a counter influence to the devastating September 11's attacks.

With over 380,000 people attending and films with stars like Julianne Moore and Paul Rudd keeping its commercial appeal, the festival has managed to trump other festivals in one very specific way: it's Manhattan. It's the most filmatic city in the world, from iconic "Annie Hall" to ever more iconic and larger than life "King Kong" were all set here, oh let's not forget "Breakfast at Tiffany's" and that endearing love for a place is only synonymous with New York.

The festival is most interesting not from the big celebrity names perspective but from a slightly more artistic, freshly-faced way and so comes with a red carpet heavy with interesting new stars like Kodi Smit-McPhee and Michael J. Willett. Film festivals, more relevant today than ever with budgets that are tight and bad movies that are aplenty, are able to get funding and attention to the right kind of movies as the critics are like hyenas ready for some gore and truly sifts out the less worthy films.

The pre-screening of Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy's "Before Midnight" took the story where "Before Sunrise" (1995) and "Before Sunset" (2004) left off and electrifies the writing, compacts the value and brazenly guts and exposes the real life we so often avoid. A perfect film festival example, where the festival gives critics and film lovers a place to see what great movies, fantastic scripts and the best direction is all about – creative genius.

Because let's just be honest going to the movies is the ultimate luxury. It is the switching off of that iPhone and then spending two hours in the dark watching something that inspires, scars, or even thrills. Ah, it is just the luxury of time.



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