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CHICAGO

MIDWEST

— FILM FESTIVAL —



ABOUT US

The Midwest Film Festival, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, is the only film festival in the country solely dedicated to the Chicago and Midwest filmmaker. Now in its 19th year, our unique festival continues to be a champion of local film, promoter of Midwest talent, and a staple in the artistic community.

*Year-round, we feature **exceptional** Midwest-based films at the acclaimed Gene Siskel Film Center. Our **consistently sold-out festival** attracts a diverse audience of patrons, from film directors to movie buffs to young professionals.*

HOT OFF THE PRESS

"The place to be and be seen" & "Best Of" List,

- Chicago Magazine

"Puts on a hell of an event every month"

- Hank Sartin, Time Out Chicago

"Chicago's Best Bet"

- Metromix/Red Eye

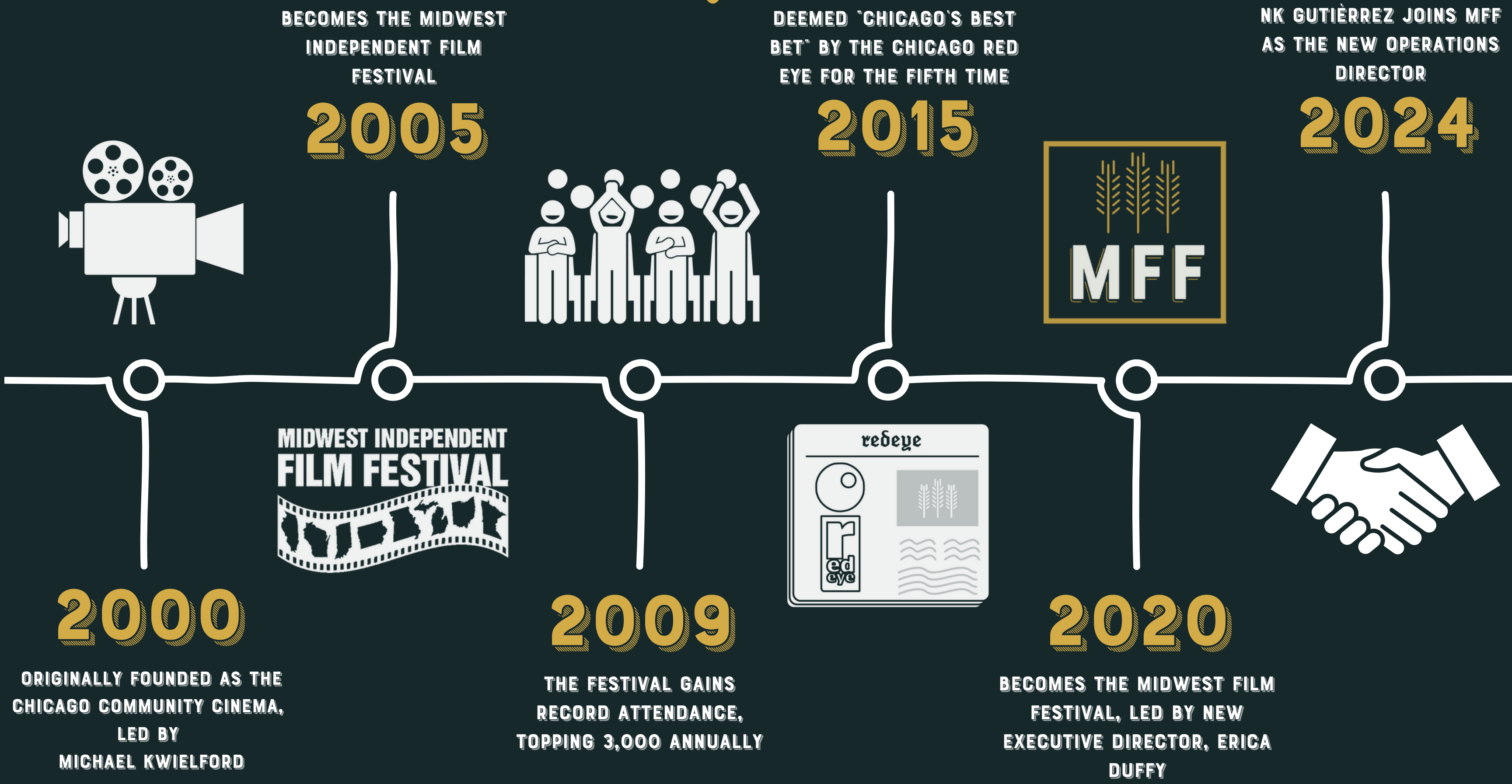
Notable accolades in the Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times, Fox News Chicago, Screen Magazine, and more

THE STATS

- 16,500 FACEBOOK LIKES
- 5,612 INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS
- 1,530 ATTENDEES
- 31,000 SUBSCRIBERS
- 11,274 WEBSITE VISITORS

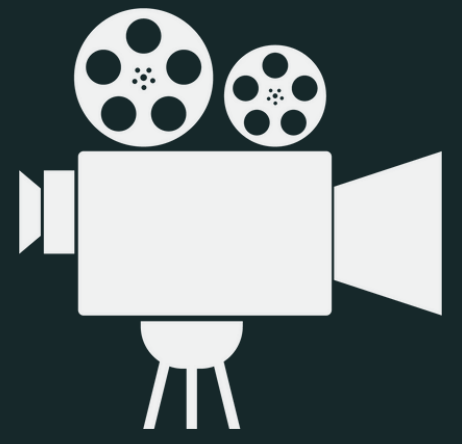


OUR HISTORY



BECOMES THE MIDWEST
INDEPENDENT FILM
FESTIVAL

2005



DEEMED 'CHICAGO'S BEST
BET' BY THE CHICAGO RED
EYE FOR THE FIFTH TIME

2015



NK GUTIÉRREZ JOINS MFF
AS THE NEW OPERATIONS
DIRECTOR

2024



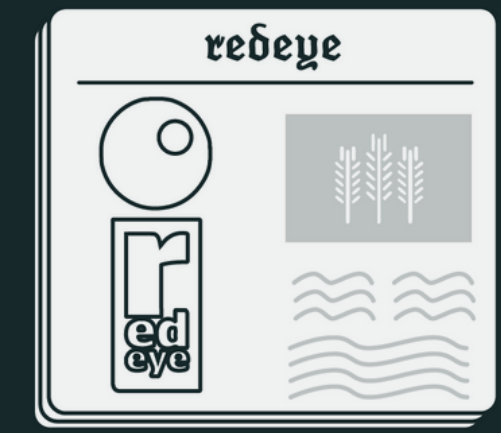
ORIGINALLY FOUNDED AS THE
CHICAGO COMMUNITY CINEMA,
LED BY
MICHAEL KWIELFORD

2000



THE FESTIVAL GAINS
RECORD ATTENDANCE,
TOPPING 3,000 ANNUALLY

2009



BECOMES THE MIDWEST FILM
FESTIVAL, LED BY NEW
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ERICA
DUFFY

2020



2023 IN REVIEW

BEST OF THE MIDWEST
AWARDS WINNERS
SHOWCASE

JANUARY



FEBRUARY



FEATURE FILM:
GOOD GUY WITH A GUN

MARCH



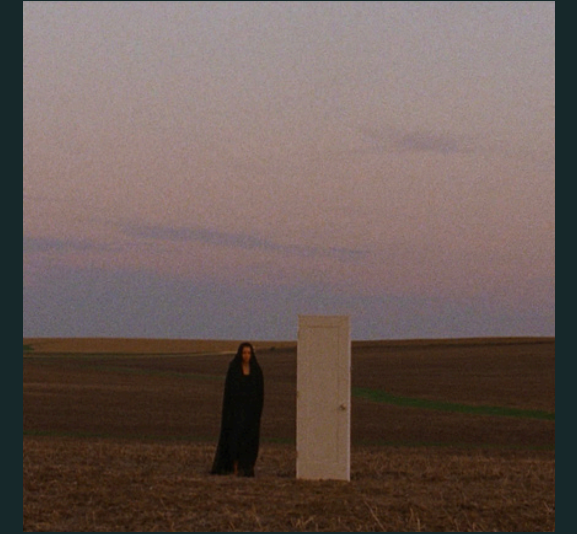
SHORTS SHOWCASE:
EMERGING FILMMAKERS

APRIL



FEATURE FILM:
GREENER PASTURES

JUNE



SHORTS SHOWCASE:
ANALOG NIGHT

FEATURE FILM:
GHOSTS OF THE VOID

JULY



AUGUST



SHORTS SHOWCASE: WOMEN
AND GENDER NON-CONFORMING

SEPTEMBER



SHORTS SHOWCASE:
ADVERTISING COMMUNITY

NOVEMBER



2023 BEST OF THE
MIDWEST AWARDS

“EVERY NEW YEAR HAS PROVIDED OPPURTUNITY FOR GROWTH AS A FESTIVAL AND IT IS WONDERFUL TO SEE SCREENING TURNOUTS AND COMMUNITY RESPONSE GET BIGGER AND BETTER YEAR AFTER YEAR.”

- Carlos Rogelio Diaz
Event Coordinator

REFLECTIONS FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello! I'm Erica Duffy, the Executive Director of The Midwest Film Festival, and it's my pleasure to invite you to join us for our 2024 festival season. As the sole film festival in the United States that focuses solely on presenting the works of Midwest filmmakers, we're dedicated to championing a variety of voices and viewpoints in cinema.

In taking part in our festival, you'll be furthering an essential mission that uplifts and champions our filmmaking communities. We extend a warm welcome to people from all walks of life and are dedicated to fostering a secure, inclusive, and dynamic festival atmosphere that values the art of storytelling and promotes community engagement.

There are a multitude of ways to get involved, whether you're a cinema enthusiast, a local entrepreneur, or someone looking to create a positive change. You can attend our screenings, engage in our events/workshops, offer your skills and time as a volunteer, or even sponsor a screening or event. Your involvement will not only provide you with the opportunity to appreciate outstanding films, but also allow you to make a significant contribution to a vital cause that celebrates diversity, nurtures relationships, and brings the cinematic experience to life.

As a 501c3 non-profit entity, your involvement and support are key to our goal of honoring and showcasing the depth and intricacy of Midwest cinema. We appreciate your consideration to be a part of The Midwest Film Festival!



ERICA DUFFY

REFLECTIONS FROM OUR OPERATIONS DIRECTOR



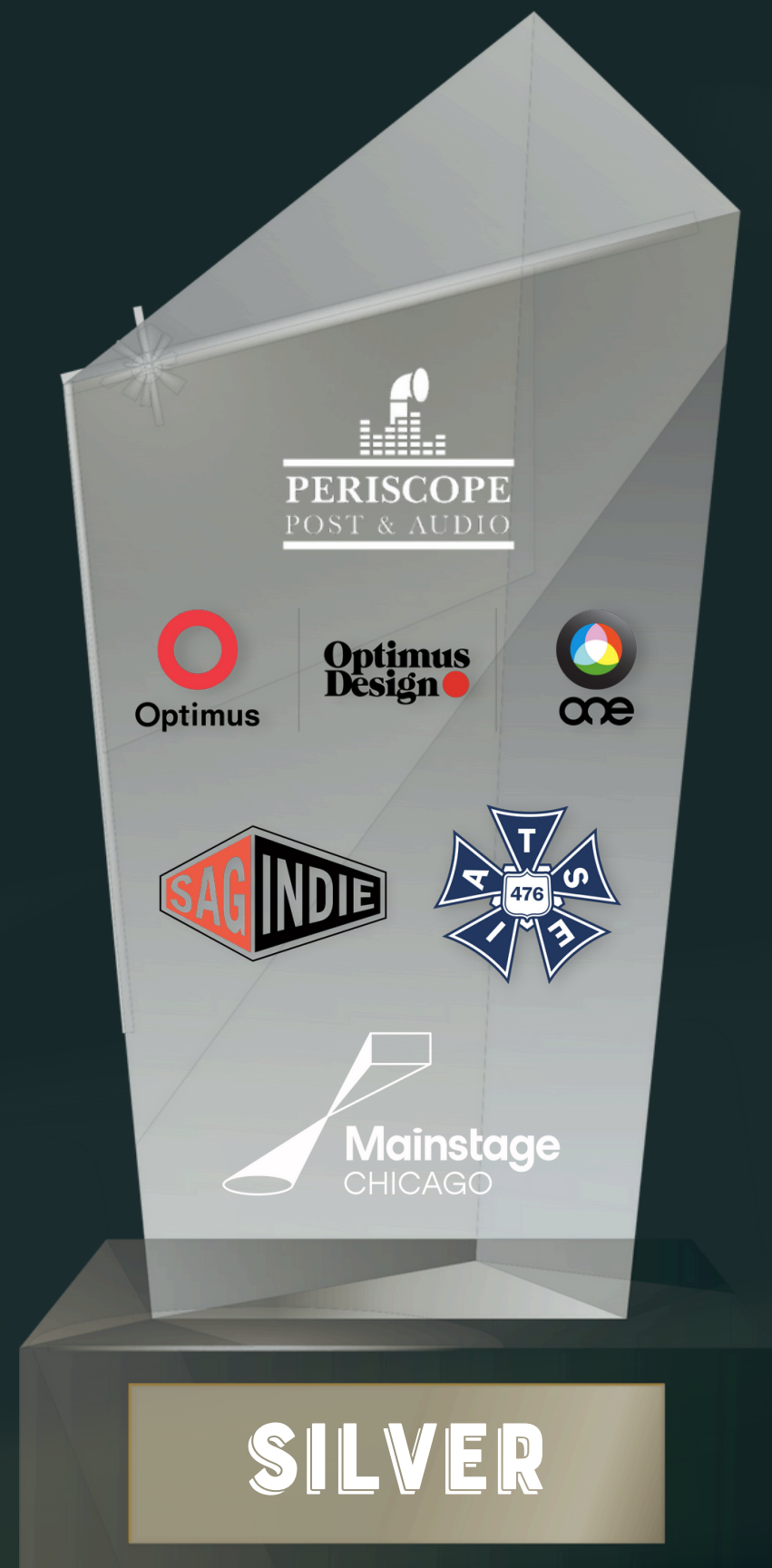
N.K. GUTIÉRREZ

Hailing from Topeka, Kansas, I'm deeply rooted in the Midwestern ethos, and this spirit reverberates through my work. My cinematic journey has spanned across dynamic landscapes such as Los Angeles, New York, London, and Atlanta, ultimately leading me to the artistic sanctuary of Chicago.

In the heart of this vibrant city, I find my purpose intertwined with the Midwest Film Festival, a platform that amplifies the diverse voices and exceptional talent in our local film community. As the festival's Operations Director, it is my honor to facilitate a space where filmmakers of all backgrounds can weave their unique narratives and see their experiences mirrored in the films we present.

My efforts bolster the festival's unwavering dedication to diversity, equity, inclusivity, and accessibility. I hold a steadfast belief in creating opportunities for everyone to partake in our cinematic discourse, immerse themselves in the enchantment of storytelling and see their own realities reflected on the big screen.

Under my stewardship, I eagerly anticipate the multitude of narratives we will unfold, the diverse voices we will amplify, and the lasting relationships we will cultivate within our community. I invite community leaders and supporters to engage with the Midwest Film Festival. Your support, participation, and voices are instrumental in realizing our mission.



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COMP TICKETS TO REGULAR SEASON SCREENINGS

NAME INCLUDED IN ANNUAL SHOW REEL

ON-SCREEN LOGO BEFORE AND AFTER SCREENINGS

SPECIAL THANK YOU ON SOCIAL MEDIA

LOGO AND WEBSITE LINK ON OUR WEBSITE

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2 SOCIAL MEDIA FEATURES PER YEAR

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4 SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUTOUTS PER YEAR

VIP TABLE AT BMAS FOR 8 GUESTS

HIGHLIGHT IN MEMBER ONLY EMAIL BLAST

1 CHAIR ON EVENT PANEL

BOOTH SPACE AT 3 EVENTS PER YEAR

**TO JOIN US, EMAIL ERICA DUFFY
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