



Alexandria Film Festival

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Former SNL Cast Member to Screen New Comedy at 2019 Alexandria Film Festival

Casey Wilson's "Daddio"

Alexandria – Native Alexandrian actress, director, and former Saturday Night Live (SNL) cast member Casey Wilson returns to her roots early next month to screen her new film, “Daddio” at the 13th Annual Alexandria (Virginia) Film Festival. The festival will be held November 7-10.

“**Daddio**” is a comedy about death. A year after the sudden passing of their beloved wife and mother, pee pills, duct-taped goggles, and a misguided selfie play roles in a father and daughter’s struggle with life after loss. Paul (played by Michael McKean “Better Call Saul,” “Spinal Tap”) gets a perm. Abby (played by Casey Wilson “SNL,” “Happy Endings”) is sleeping in her closet. Warning: affects heartstrings and funny bones. A Q&A with Casey Wilson follows the screening.

More of Hollywood’s leading voices tell their story in “**This Changes Everything**” -- a feature-length documentary that uncovers what lies beneath one of the most confounding dilemmas in the entertainment industry -- the under-representation and misrepresentation of women. This eye-opening film features interviews with A-list actors and directors, including Meryl Streep, Taraji P. Henson, Shonda Rhimes, Reese Witherspoon, Cate Blanchett, Natalie Portman, Marisa Tomei, Jessica Chastain, Zoe Saldaña, Tiffany Haddish, Alan Alda, and Maria Giese, among many others. A Q&A with Maria Giese follows the screening.

Lisa Wolfinger, who many Alexandrians will remember as the director of “Mercy Street” is back with her new documentary “**The Kids We Lose**” which offers an unflinching expose of how some educators approach the unique needs and problems of some of society’s most vulnerable and misunderstood kids.

The AFF is proud to partner with Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) to promote **Films by NOVA Students**. To kick off the 2019 AFF, the works of young NOVA filmmakers will be featured during the festival’s cost-free screenings Friday November 8 at the Beatley Library in Alexandria. Student filmmakers will also be on hand for a Q&A session. The 2019 NOVA Student Film Festival can be previewed at <https://blogs.nvcc.edu/nsff/>

A highly praised film produced by **NOVA** will be highlighted at this year's festival. "**Gabriel's Revolt**" takes place in Richmond, Virginia in the summer of 1800. Gabriel Prosser, a literate enslaved blacksmith had planned a large slave rebellion. What happened resulted in laws that changed the lives of free blacks for years to come. This film by NOVA is an inspiration to all Americans.

Filmmakers, including Casey Wilson, are available for advance, day-of or post-event media ops.

The AFF <https://alexfilmfest.com> offers new films in advance of their arrivals at commercial theaters, streaming services, or television. Now in its 13th year, the festival will present independent film screenings at a variety of popular Alexandria venues, including the AMC Hoffman Center 22 Cinema Complex and the Beatley Library. More than 50 free and ticketed films from around the world will be screened this year, inclusive of numerous premieres. The four-day event is open to all area motion picture enthusiasts. A selection of films will be featured for family audiences.

AFF Chair Margaret Wohler notes, "We are very excited to bring the AFF 2019 festival to historic Alexandria. Please join us November 7-10 for thought-provoking, exciting independent film screenings, dialogue with visiting filmmakers and actors from around the world, chances to meet local film artists, parties, awards, and fun! We hope to meet you, too! Our audiences truly participate in the Alexandria Film Festival – a home-grown event with a global reach! We feature a **Family Showcase** sponsored by Burke and Herbert Bank, a late-night package of **film noir**, a program of entertaining **short films**, and a **Veterans' Showcase** with cost-free ticketing for military service members. Come "Celebrate *Independents*" with us"!

About the Alexandria Film Festival (AFF) -- The Alexandria Film Festival (AFF) brings state-of-the-art independent films to eager viewers in the Nation's Capital region. The AFF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization supported by a grant from the Alexandria Commission for the Arts and numerous corporate sponsors including Brandywine Living at Alexandria, Burke and Herbert Bank, The Foundry at Carlyle, Hilton Hotels, Connection Newspapers, Alexandria Hyundai, Ted's Montana Grill, San Antonio Grill, Glory Days Grill, Wilson Grand Communications and Booka Looka, West End Business Association, and Alexandria Living Magazine, Visit Alexandria, Alexandria Times, and Alphagraphics. AlexFilmFest.com



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