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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

Attention: EDITOR / Arts and  
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**Great Films & Gala Events at the Annual**  
**AVENUE OF THE ARTS FILM FESTIVAL**  
**FREE at West End Branch Library, Boston, July 17 - 24**

The Stars shine bright at this year's exciting program of the popular summer event, AVENUE of the ARTS FILM FESTIVAL, which opens with a festive reception on Thursday, July 17th, at 4:30 p.m. at BPL's West End Branch on Cambridge Street, near City Hall.

The reception will kick-off with live musical entertainment, featuring Vocalist Patrice Monahan and her Jazz Trio, and will be followed by a 6:00 p.m. screening of the film BLUE JASMINE. The opening reception will be hosted by Festival Producer/Director, L. B. Gratun, and includes complimentary refreshments.

Recently film editor and critic, Peter Keough, asked L. B. how she was able to choose the films in these Festivals so that they harmonized so well in each program. L. B. replied "Instinct - mainly instinct".

When L. B. first saw BLUE JASMINE last year she was so impressed with the captivating performance of Cate Blanchett that, without any hesitation, she picked Cate as a sure winner for the 2014 BEST ACTRESS Oscar.

The films in this year's program are complete with award-winning performances by many other stars, and were filmed on location across the U.S.A., from East to West coast. They include CAPTAIN PHILLIPS (filmed in part in Gloucester), DALLAS BUYERS CLUB, NEBRASKA, and AMERICAN HUSTLE (filmed in the Boston and surrounding towns), along with Woody Allen's BLUE JASMINE, which begins in the elegant settings of New York City.

The West End Library is located at 151 Cambridge Street in Boston's Government Center area, across from Joy Street and near Staniford Street.

For complete information on the Film Festival, and links to the film websites and past programs, please visit the official site [www.LBGratun.com/avenueartsfilm](http://www.LBGratun.com/avenueartsfilm).

Festival Producer/Director L.B. Gratun can be contacted at [LB@LBGratun.com](mailto:LB@LBGratun.com).

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