MISSION STATEMENT

The Gene Siskel Film Center selects and presents significant world cinema in a non-commercial context that sets aesthetic, critical, and entertainment standards.

To this end, the Gene Siskel Film Center exhibits a range of carefully curated film art in technically excellent facilities, and educates the audience by setting film in an historical and cultural context through courses, lectures, panel discussion, and publications, and through research and collections. As an integral part of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, the Gene Siskel Film Center further enhances the educational mission of the school and promotes a dialogue between disciplines.

ANNUAL BENEFIT

Each year, the Gene Siskel Film Center celebrates the art of film by honoring a filmmaker who advances the art of cinema. Recent honorees include Oscar® winner Jamie Foxx, Golden Globe® winner Robert Downey, Jr., and legendary filmmaker George Lucas. On June 23, 2012, the Gene Siskel Film Center will honor Oscar® winner Reese Witherspoon at its annual benefit.

The Film Center’s annual benefit brings together corporate and civic leaders who support the best in international, classic, and independent film programming and educational initiatives for an intimate evening with a personal glimpse into the minds of some of today's most celebrated and exciting artists.

OSCAR NIGHT® AMERICA

The Gene Siskel Film Center is sanctioned by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences® to host the only official Oscar Night® America party in Chicago. Complete with a red carpet and Klieg lights, this annual event consistently attracts sold out crowds to the Film Center to celebrate the best in cinema.

FILM FESTIVALS

Along with its excellent ongoing programming, each year the Gene Siskel Film Center originates and presents four annual film festivals: European Union Film Festival, Asian American Showcase, Black Harvest Film Festival, and Festival of Films from Iran.

There are many opportunities for corporations to reinforce their commitment to high-quality cultural programming and to reach a desirable audience year-round by sponsoring the Gene Siskel Film Center.

For additional information and to review the program schedule, please visit www.siskelfilmcenter.org

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