

Films with Fairfield Connections— Creative Edge Film Festival, Sept. 25-27

Creative Edge Film Fest “will show uplifting films with connections to Fairfield,” says executive producer Jim Belilove. The feature documentary *The Search for General Tso* and short *World Fair* are screening on Friday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. The feature *Paolo Soleri: Beyond Form* is screened Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m. along with a surprise feel-good animal lover short film.

Each night, a series of shorts will be shown. *Les Mutts* brings to Creative Edge Master Shop the hilarious and loveable puppets of Alex Griffin as they build a world-class granite design using a water-jet. *The Last Man Standing-The Life of Jerry Yellin* is a teaser for the upcoming documentary about Fairfield’s WW II veteran and his lifelong struggles and triumphs.

Firefly Experience, a short by Radim Schreiber takes us into the angelic realm of fireflies and thunderclouds.

Mysteries of Love (featuring a remake of the theme song from David Lynch’s 1986 film *Blue Velvet*) creates an ethereal world of fantasy and art in a music video featuring Kid Moxie, composed by Angelo Badalamenti and with lyrics by David Lynch. Filmed in Fairfield, it’s “TM and coffee fueled,” says co-director Amine Kouider. He calls the video “a tribute to David Lynch and his music.” The film was co-produced by locals Michael Sternfeld and Donald Revolinski and co-directed by Sam Lieb. It debuted in LA at the David Lynch Tribute Concert among performances by Duran Duran and Moby.

The Sundance Select film *The Search for General Tso* began as a search to find the origins of the popular chicken dish and evolved into a slice of Chinese American

culture. The film introduces interesting characters from Asia to Iowa. Some notable facts are that Tso Chicken inspired the creation of chicken nuggets, and that General Tso did not even like chicken.

Paolo Soleri: Beyond Form is a full-length documentary spotlighting a town designed by Soleri [*Italian futuristic architect, 1919-2013*]. His artistic abilities included charcoal drawings that earned him an article in *O, The Oprah Magazine*. It is



A scene from the Sundance Select film *The Search for General Tso*, which explores the origin of the popular Chinese chicken dish.

the desire of Tracy McCormick, the producer of CEFF, to honor his life and work by showing his film in Fairfield. *World Fair*, a short with several audience choice awards from film festivals, is about the 1939 New York World’s Fair.

McCormick calls the festival “Fairfield on display” and hopes to bring attention and even legislation to support the growing Iowa filmmaking community. She makes a reference to the Soleri film: “This festival could be *beyond form* with films that move people to make the world a better place.” The CEFF has programmed spirited and appealing films for the whole family to see.

All films show at the Orpheum Theater: Sept. 25 & 26 at 8 p.m. and Sept. 27 at 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. Doors open 30 minutes prior to show times. Advanced tickets are available. Email: producer@creativeedgefilmfest.com. Updates at CreativeEdgeFilmFest.com.