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**MOVIE**  
*Awards!*

hosted by  
**Ashley Pryor  
& Shaun Scott**

**FESTIVAL  
GUIDE**

**MARCH 21 & 22, 2026**

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# STOP! PLEASE READ EVERYTHING!

To every filmmaker reading this, we want you to know something upfront. Our goal is to give you the best film festival experience we possibly can. That means making it fun, making you feel seen, giving you a real red carpet, a real awards show, and real feedback from judges who actually watched your film.

A lot of festivals do not watch every submission they receive. We do. We believe that if someone takes the time, money, and emotional energy to submit their work, they deserve to be taken seriously. This is not about putting other festivals down. It is about raising the bar and giving filmmakers the respect they deserve.

Every filmmaker matters here. It doesn't matter if this is your first project or your fiftieth. It doesn't matter how big your budget was or whether anyone recognizes your name. Independent film is something we genuinely love, and we want more people to fall in love with it too.

My Assistant Director, Isabella Torregrossa, and our entire team are committed to making this festival something special. We want this to feel welcoming, transparent, AND worth your time. Please take a look through this guide and know that we created it with love! We want you to attend our festival so we can meet you personally. You're not a number to us.

If you have ideas or suggestions for future seasons, tell us. We listen, and we improve because of it. That isn't just a slogan. It's how we run this festival.



Kevin Edwards  
Festival Director



# FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

**POST COMMONS**  
300 Alby St, Alton, IL

**HATHEWAY CULTURAL CENTER**  
@ Lewis & Clark Community College



## KICKOFF EVENT **2pm-4pm**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8** // Join us for the Always Late TV Movie Awards Kickoff Event at Post Commons in Alton, IL, where we'll screen a selection of films in a stylish, laid-back atmosphere. Enjoy an afternoon of great cinema, conversation, and full bar service!

## SCREENINGS / Q&A's **8am-10:30pm**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21** // We will be screening a massive schedule of independent film submissions made locally and from all over the globe. We'll have funny, scary, dramatic, and action packed shorts & features as well as documentaries. We will also have Q&A's where the audience can pick the brains of the filmmakers.

## IMPROV COMEDY SHOW **5pm - 6pm**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22** // The best improv comics in St. Louis hit the stage for a unique brand of improv comedy that only Always Late TV can deliver! Audience participation is encouraged!

## RED CARPET **6pm - 6:55pm**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22** // Step onto the red carpet in your own style! Dress to up or keep it casual - pose for photos, and mingle with fellow guests and industry insiders for an unforgettable night!

## AWARDS PRESENTATION **7pm - 9:30pm**

### *Parental Guidance Suggested*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22** // Hosted by Always Late TV alum, Ashley Pryor and Shaun Scott - our awards show is a thrilling blend of stage performance and award presentations. Each award category features a video nominee package, with winners giving their acceptance speeches from the podium and sharing reactions in exclusive backstage interviews. The entire show is filmed, ensuring that the excitement will be available online for fans and viewers to enjoy after the event. We like you... we really like you!





HATHEWAY CULTURAL CENTER



FREE PARKING

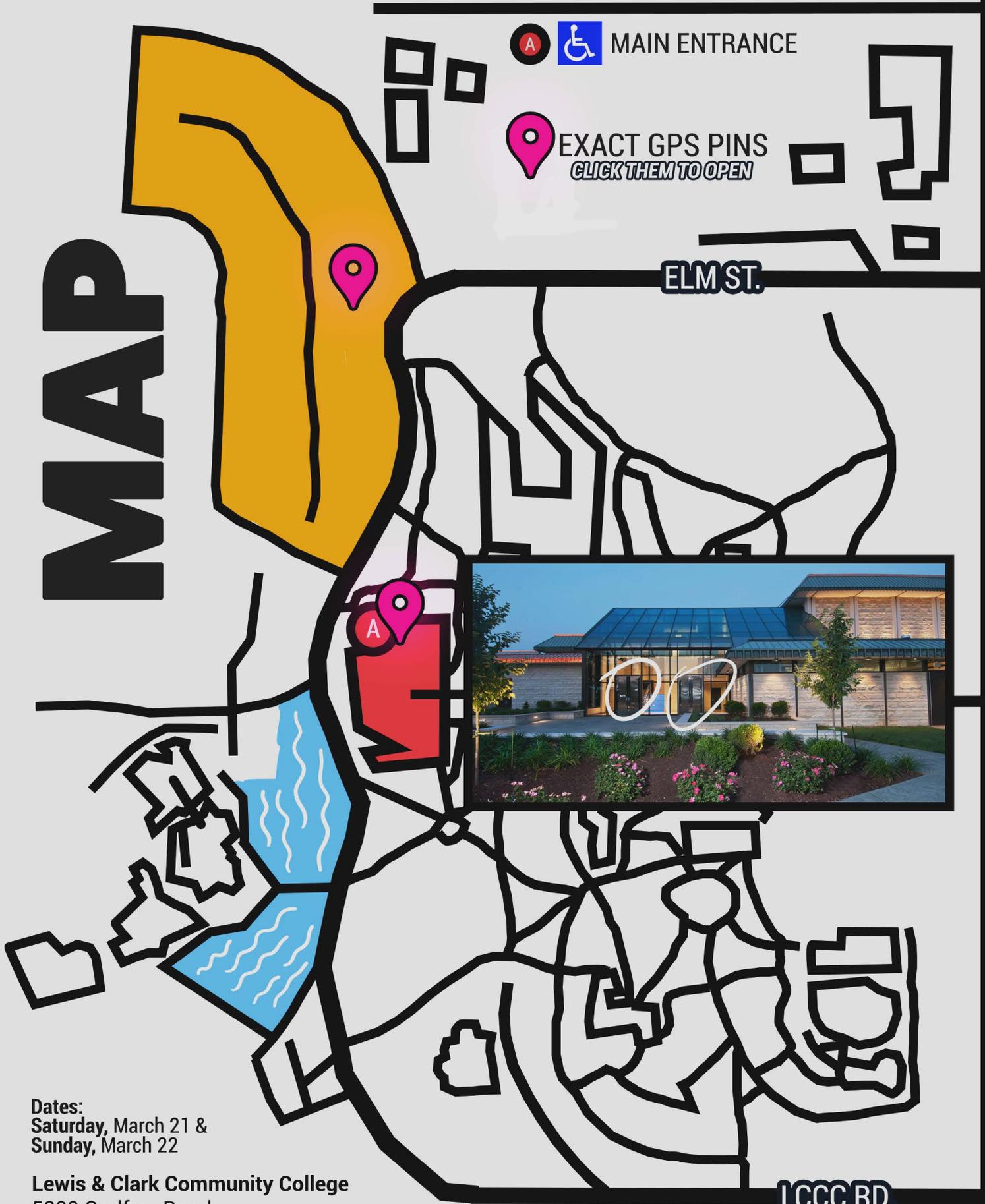


MAIN ENTRANCE



EXACT GPS PINS  
*CLICK THEM TO OPEN*

# MAP



Dates:  
Saturday, March 21 &  
Sunday, March 22

Lewis & Clark Community College  
5800 Godfrey Road  
Godfrey, IL 62035

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# STANDOUT AWARDS

All nominees are listed in alphabetical order by their top line.

## BEST FEATURE FILM



**BEINGS**  
// Sandro Arceo Espinosa



**Don't Let the Cat Out**  
// Tim Cruz



**One Night Only**  
// Avery Maycock



**Raging Midlife**  
// Rob Taylor



**The Daughters of the Domino**  
// Jesse McAnally

## BEST SHORT FILM



**Dog People**  
// Bradley Stryker



**Night Shift at Ned's**  
// Hasen Mattinsly



**Quantum Ride**  
// Peter Koevari



**Royal Retribution**  
// Dustin Hawkins



**The Axe Forgets**  
// John Christopher

# **STANDOUT AWARDS**

## **BEST INTERNATIONAL FILM**

**MEXICO**



**BEINGS**  
// Sandro Arceo Espinosa

**ICELAND**



**Proving Time Travel is Possible Tomorrow**  
// Tommy Duncan

**INDIA**



**Silence of the Womb**  
// Soumodeep Ghosh Chowdhury

**IRELAND**



**The Axe Forgets**  
// John Christopher

**KAZAKHSTAN**



**The Sleep of Reason**  
// Aleksandr Akhmedov

## **BEST DOCUMENTARY**



**Anhanquera, 92**  
// Huli de Paula Balász +  
Ma Gonzaga



**Cartapesta: Carnival of Fano - The Movie**  
// Andrea Lodovichetti



**he-Motions**  
// Melvin Cotton III +  
Treston Mayo



**Souls Not Numbers**  
// Mike Large



**Video Dreams: A UHS Massacre Story**  
// Thomas Seymour

# BEST DIRECTOR OF A FEATURE FILM



Christopher Bickel  
// "Pater Noster & the Mission of the Light"



Jesse McNally  
// "The Daughters of the Domino"



Marcia Kimpton  
// "An American Abroad"



Rob Taylor  
// "Raising Midlife"



Zeph E. Daniel  
// "Transference"

# BEST DIRECTOR OF A SHORT FILM



Ciara Naughton + Kurstin Moser  
// "The Way Things Used 2 B"



Dustin Hawkins  
// "Royal Retribution"



Hagen Mattingly  
// "Night Shift at Ned's"



Ilya Noyabrev  
// "The Last Wish"



John Christopher  
// "The Axe Forgets"

**BEST ACTRESS  
IN A FEATURE FILM** 



Adara Starr as "Max"  
// "Pater Noster &  
the Mission of the Light"



Lucie Gillespie  
as "Laura Sutcliffe"  
// "The Daughters of the Domino"



Mahsa Masoudi  
as "Ayesha"  
// "Force Drift"



Marcia Kimpton as "Marcia"  
// "An American Abroad"



Miranda Moffat  
as "Detective Nina Rose"  
// "The Daughters of the Domino"

**BEST ACTRESS  
IN A SHORT FILM** 



Dee Wallace as "Belinda"  
// "Dog People"



Erin Caitlin Collins as "Kate"  
// "Night Shift at Ned's"



Katherine Connor Duff as "Host"  
// "Oceansiders"



Mikeala Candeanu  
as "Quintain Flack"  
// "Family Relapse"



Mylène Darrason as "Young Woman"  
// "Under a Cloud"

**BEST ACTOR IN A FEATURE FILM** 



Ben Probert as "Eddie Hartwood"  
// "The Caretaker"



Charlie Delatorre as "Dusty the Cowboy"  
// "The Dusty the Cowboy Variety Hour"



Johnny Barden as "Norman"  
// "One Night Only"



Romanni Villicaña as "Lucio"  
// "BEINGS"



Tony Semanik as "Michael Arlan Rose"  
// "The Daughters of the Domino"

**BEST ACTOR IN A SHORT FILM** 



Andrew Hamrick as "Brandon"  
// "Oceansiders"



Christopher Yates as "Oswald"  
// "Better Not Write"



Drew Smith as "Robert"  
// "That's My House"



Harry Butler as "James"  
// "The Axe Forgets"



Kareem Zion as "Father"  
// "The Talk"

# BEST FEATURE COMEDY



An American Abroad  
// Marcia Kimpton



Doubting Tom  
// Vanessa Roman



My Movie Starring Paul Dano  
// Joe Bartone



Raging Midlife  
// Rob Taylor



The Second Diary of Paulina P.  
// Neven Hitrec

# BEST SHORT COMEDY



Action Comedy  
// Nathan Keith Williams



All the King's Horses  
// Kiel Robinson



Don't Do It  
// Nandi Sharma + Vinnie Falcone



The Meme Creators  
// Aodhan Guy



Warheads  
// Lucho Salva

# BEST FEATURE DRAMA



**Due Dating**  
// Daniel Pacquette



**Induced Effect**  
// Rasheed Stephens



**Silence of the Womb**  
// Soumodeep Ghosh Chowdhury



**The Dusty the Cowboy Variety Hour**  
// Jake Mansini



**The Walls We Cannot See**  
// Christian Schoeman

# BEST SHORT DRAMA



**GRIM**  
// Nathaniel Demuth, Ben Scott, +  
Brad Waugh



**Tell Her in the Sunshine**  
// Dan O'Neill



**The Axe Forgets**  
// John Christopher



**The Talk**  
// Hila Caga Coppola



**We Need to Talk**  
// Andrea M Catinella

# BEST FEATURE THRILLER



Don't Let the Cat Out  
// Tim Cruz



Pater Noster &  
the Mission of the Light  
// Christopher Bickel



The Daughters of the Domino  
// Jesse McAnally



The Haunting at  
Jack the Ripper's House  
// Natasha Tosini + Stephen Staley



Transference  
// Zeph E. Daniel

# BEST SHORT THRILLER



Dog People  
// Bradley Stryker



Night Shift at Ned's  
// Hasen Mattingsly



Porcelain Souls  
// Hamid Y. Najafli, Nail Gurbanov, +  
Sevinj Safarova



Ring Ring  
// Adrian León



Town Glitch  
// Sam Toor

# BEST FEATURE ADVENTURE



**BEINGS**  
// Sandro Arceo Espinosa



**Beyond the Wetlands**  
// Arsalan Majid



**Spectre: Shadow Night**  
// Eli Jackson



**The Blue Moon Rising**  
// Vic Quinton



**The Living Tree**  
// Anthony J. James

# BEST SHORT ADVENTURE



**2389: Coming Home**  
// Kateryna Sazonova



**Bonno Eversong &  
The Day the Music Died**  
// Brent Phillips-Watts



**Quantum Ride**  
// Peter Koevari



**Royal Retribution**  
// Dustin Hawkins



**Wake Up, Dolores!**  
// Dan James Rathke

# BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY IN A FEATURE FILM



Daniel Stearns  
// "The Living Tree"



Luke Tedder  
// "The Caretaker"



Nick Green  
// "One Night Only"



Renata Gutierrez  
// "BEINGS"



Sean Snider  
// "The Daughters of the Domino"

# BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY IN A SHORT FILM



Arlin Godwin  
// "Stop Taking Pictures"



Egemen Oktem  
// "The Nemesis"



Eric Hernandez & Isabel Lansdale  
// "Night Shift at Ned's"



Ilya Kuchin  
// "The Sleep of Reason"



Naoise Kettle  
// "The Axe Forgets"

# BEST SOUND DESIGN IN A FEATURE FILM



Andrew Chappell  
// "The Caretaker"



Chuck Fryberger + Drew Levinson  
// "Force Drift"



Jared Anderson  
// "Don't Let the Cat Out"



Julij Zornik  
// "The Second Diary of Paulina P."



Samantha Roman  
// "The Daughters of the Domino"

# BEST SOUND DESIGN IN A SHORT FILM



Ahmet Serhat Ak + Denizhan Ayar  
// "Calligrapher -  
to Die Before Dying"



Jack Buckner  
// "The Fight"



John Christopher  
// "The Axe Forgets"



John Westmoreland  
// "Reverb"



Oleksandr Yermakov, Serhiy Dobrydenko, +  
Yevgeny Muraviov  
// "The Last Wish"

**BEST SCORE IN A FEATURE FILM** 



Christopher Bickel  
// "Pater Noster & the Mission of the Light"



Damián Pérez + Oscar Pereyra  
// "BEINGS"



Darko Hajsek  
// "The Second Diary of Paulina P."



Rasheed Stephens  
// "Induced Effect"



Soumodeep Ghosh Chowdhury  
// "Silence of the Womb"

**BEST SCORE IN A SHORT FILM** 



Angel Castro + Joaquin Camilo  
// "Oceansiders"



Arlin Godwin  
// "Stop Taking Pictures"



Oscar Bornmann  
// "The Gumster"



Sudie Abernathy  
// "A Tale of Gothica"



Walder Martinez  
// "The Nemesis"

# AWARDS SHOW

This event will take place inside Hatheway Cultural Center.

Sunday, March 22 @ 7:00pm / Red Carpet @ 6:00pm

## SEATING

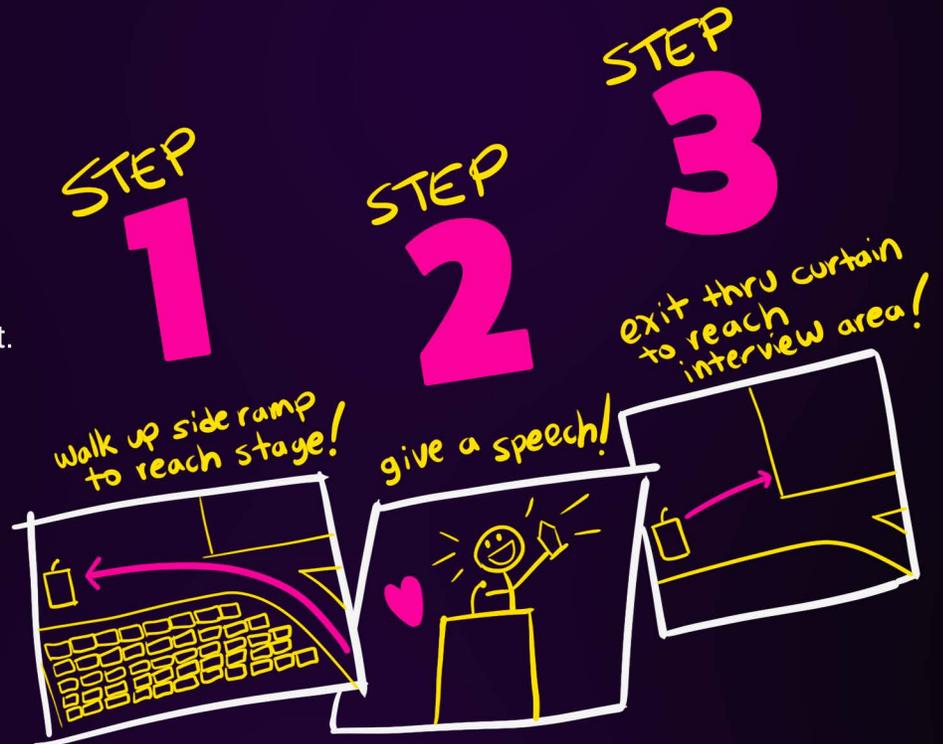
If you are nominated, it's best to sit in the front section to avoid walking a long distance to the stage if you win.

## DRESS

Come as you are! Dress up or don't. Show us YOUR unique style!

## FORMAT

If you are named a winner, you'll approach the stage; give a short speech; and our presenter(s) will take you backstage for an interview.



## SPEECH

Thank your family, friends, followers, or whoever you'd like! Do not use profanity and avoid making any sexual or offensive statements.

## INTERVIEW

After your speech, you'll be taken backstage by our presenter(s) to do a quick reaction video w/ our interviewer.



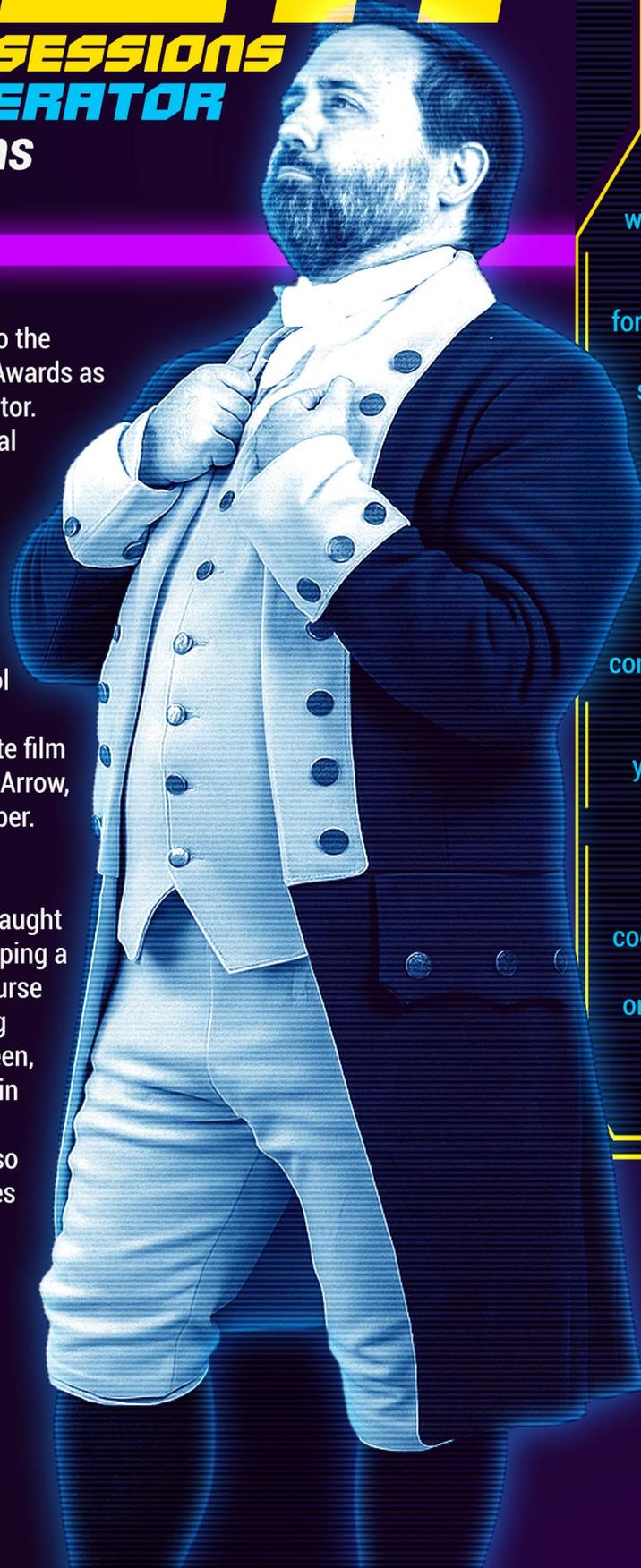


# Q&A

with **SESSIONS**  
**THE MODERATOR**  
Steve Higgins

Steve Higgins returns to the Always Late TV Movie Awards as this year's Q&A Moderator. A familiar face to festival audiences, Steve has previously presented at the awards and has long been involved in the world of independent film. While in graduate school at Southeast Missouri State University, he wrote film reviews for *The Capaha Arrow*, the university's newspaper.

In addition to his film background, Steve has taught Art of Film and is developing a new literature-based course that explores storytelling through cinema. On screen, he's appeared as Chuck in *Drinksgiving* and Rick in *The Jester 2*, and has also worked behind the scenes on *The Peanut Man* and the upcoming *Rio Rules the World*.



## Q&A DISCLAIMER

A limited number of Q&A sessions will be held after select film screenings on Saturday, March 21 in the Hatheway Cultural Center. These sessions will take place on stage with our festival moderator.

Please note that selection for a Q&A does not influence or reflect a filmmaker's standing or success in our awards ceremony on Sunday, March 22.

Filmmakers chosen to participate in a Q&A must check in online Friday, March 20 to confirm their attendance.

If you do not sign in or are unable to attend, your spot may be given to another filmmaker.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we create an engaging and organized experience for all attendees.

# FAQ

## Where can I find photos taken of me at the carpet?

**All photos that we receive** from photographers will be uploaded to a Google Drive folder that we will share in a post event e-mail. This can take some time. Last year, it took a few months to get everyone's photos.

## When do we receive scores / feedback on our film(s)?

A post event e-mail will go out to all submitters a week after the festival has finished. This e-mail will include a PDF with your scores; judge feedback; and festival director's feedback. This date is currently set for March 31, 2026.

## What's the address to the venue? And is it handicap accessible?

5800 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, Illinois, 62035. There's a map on page 5 of this guide that shows exactly where the venue is on campus. Hatheway Cultural Center is marked with a GPS pin you can click on to get the exact location of its front doors. The building is also handicap accessible.

## Can I have DoorDash, or other food deliveries, on campus?

Yes, but please be very specific about where you're at on campus. They will need to know which building you're in and it's a good idea to tell them where you'll be standing.

You can email us at [alwayslatetv@yahoo.com](mailto:alwayslatetv@yahoo.com) if you have any further questions!



# LOGGING



## Hampton Inn & Suites St. Louis/Alton

1904 Homer M Adams Parkway, Alton, IL, 62002  
618-433-8999

Click to view website!

*Indoor pool, dogs & cats allowed, free WiFi, buffet breakfast included, shuttle available*



## Holiday Inn Express and Suites

2008 Homer M Adams Parkway, Alton, IL, 62002  
618-796-6200

Click to view website!

*Buffet breakfast included, free WiFi, 24-hour fitness center, business facilities*



## Best Western Plus Parkway Hotel

1900 Homer Adams Pkwy, Alton, IL, 62002  
(618)555-5555

Click to view website!

*Swimming pool, full breakfast included, restaurant, dog-friendly, free WiFi*



# DINING



## Bakers & Hale

7120 Montclair Ave, Godfrey, IL 62035  
618-433-9748  
www.bakershale.com

*Happy hour food · Fireplace · Private dining room*



## The Old Bakery Beer Company

400 Landmarks Blvd, Alton, IL 62002-2405  
618-463-1470  
www.oldbakerybeer.com

*Casual brewery featuring a spacious bar that serves burgers, sandwiches & other familiar eats alongside organic beer.*



## Riviera Maya Restaurant

2704 Corner Ct, Alton, IL 62002-5328  
618-465-5000

<https://www.facebook.com/restaurantrivieramaya>

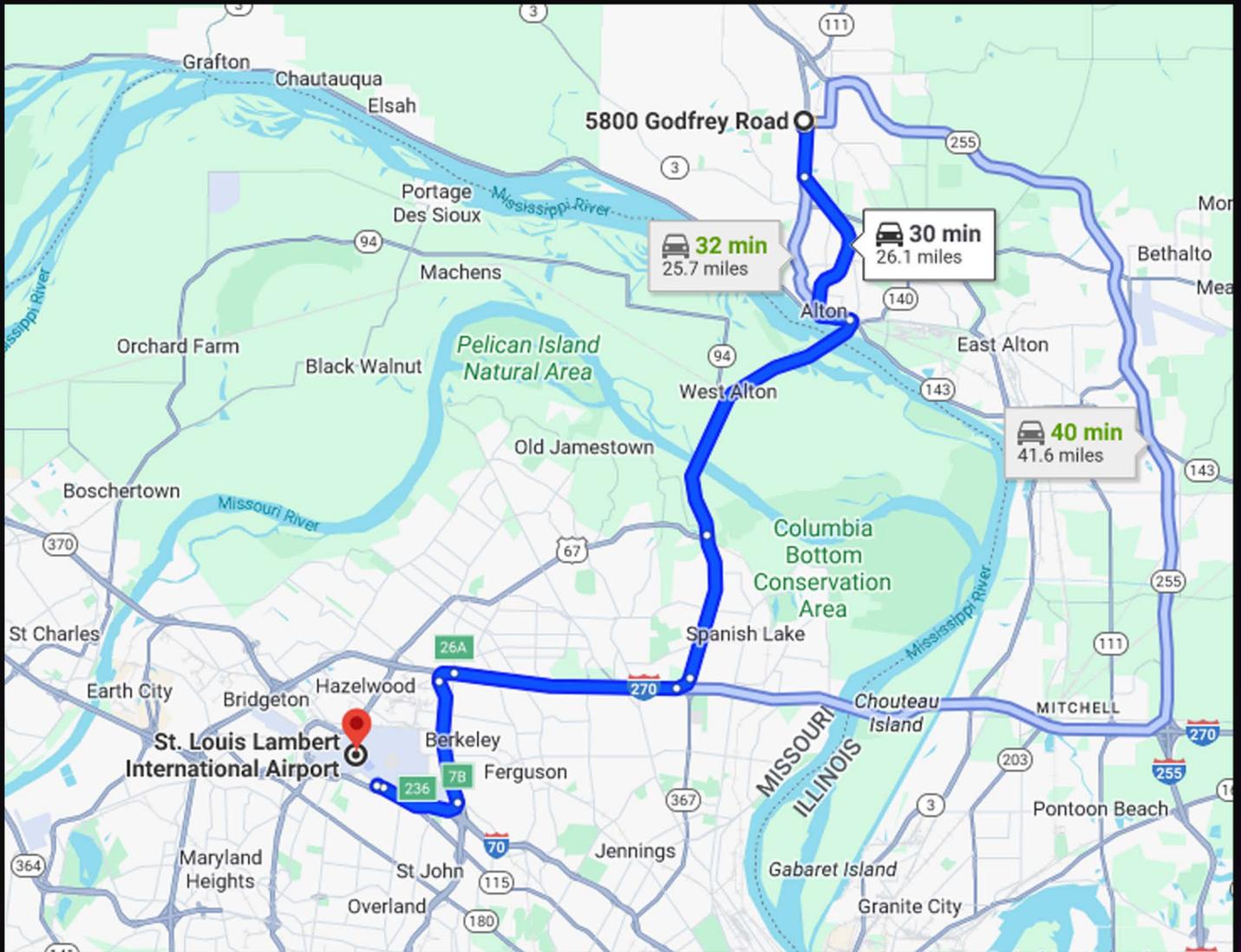
*Casual restaurant serving familiar Mexican fare including fajitas, chimichangas, and margaritas, plus happy-hour specials.*



# FLIGHTS



Flights should arrive @ St. Louis Lambert International Airport  
26.1 miles from Lewis and Clark Community College



**St. Louis Lambert International Airport**  
10701 Lambert International Blvd  
St. Louis, MO 63145  
Code: STL

**Lewis & Clark Community College**  
**Hatheway Cultural Center**  
5800 Godfrey Road  
Godfrey, IL 62035



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See you  
There!

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