


On the big screen



IDA's DocuWeek set for weekend showcase

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The Hot Springs Documentary Film Institute was chosen by the International Documentary Association for the fourth year in a row to host the DocuWeek Theatrical Documentary Showcase.

The showcase, which gives independent films a chance at the running for an Academy Award, will be held Saturday and Sunday at Behind the Mall Cinema.

Hot Springs is the only city east of the Rocky Mountains included in the tour.

To be qualified by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for consideration in the best documentary category, a film must be shown in a commercial theater outside of Los Angeles or New York.

Since its inception 10 years ago, at least 15 films featured in the showcase have gone on to be nominated for an Academy Award, with four films winning Oscars. Last year's tour included "Darwin's Nightmare," which was nominated for Best Documentary.

The winner was "March of the Penguins."
There are 16 films in the tour, but only six will be shown in Hot Springs. Twelve were shown in last year's Hot Springs

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DOCUWEEK: Homer Avila and Andrea Flores rehearse their dance "Pas de Deux" in the short documentary film "Phoenix Dance" from director Karina Epperlein on Avila's dancing comeback after a leg amputation. It is one of six films included in the 10th annual IDA DocuWeek Theatrical Documentary Showcase.

