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**JUNE 11-14**

**2015  
REEL RECOVERY  
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## Writers In Treatment Annually Produces:

- REEL Recovery Film Festivals
- Voice of Recovery Media Award
- Experience, Strength and Hope Award
- Chasing the Muse ... stone cold sober
- Weekly Addiction/Recovery eBulletin

Writers In Treatment's **REEL Recovery Film Festival** has achieved media coverage in the *New York Post*, *Hollywood Reporter*, *Variety*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Huffington Post*, *Vancouver Weekly*, *SEVEN* (Las Vegas weekly), *Addiction Pro*, *Counselor Magazine*, *TheFix.com*, *Renew Magazine* and every other recovery publication.

Entering its seventh year, and now offering CEU's in California, Writers In Treatment's REEL Recovery Film Festival has achieved national recognition as the leading (only) producer of recovery film festivals.

**REEL Recovery Film Festival** could be called the "**Sundance Film Festival**" of recovery. It is the only multi-city recovery event whose primary agenda is entertaining, inspiring and educating the recovery community (family, friends and treatment professionals) and whose main message is **TREATMENT WORKS**.

The weekly **Addiction/Recovery eBulletin** features news and articles from the previous week related to the world of addiction and recovery. The **eBulletin** is sent out every Tuesday and reaches over 17,000 recipients across the country.

**The 6th Annual Experience Strength and Hope Award** — held Feb. 26, 2015. This year's recipient was author and actor, **Joe Pantoliano** (*Asylum*).

Previous recipients include:

- Christopher Lawford
- Lou Gossett Jr.
- Buzz Aldrin
- John Taylor of Duran Duran
- Carrie White



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## Our Mission

Alcohol Justice, the industry watchdog, promotes evidence-based public health policies and organizes campaigns with diverse communities and youth against the alcohol industry's harmful practices.

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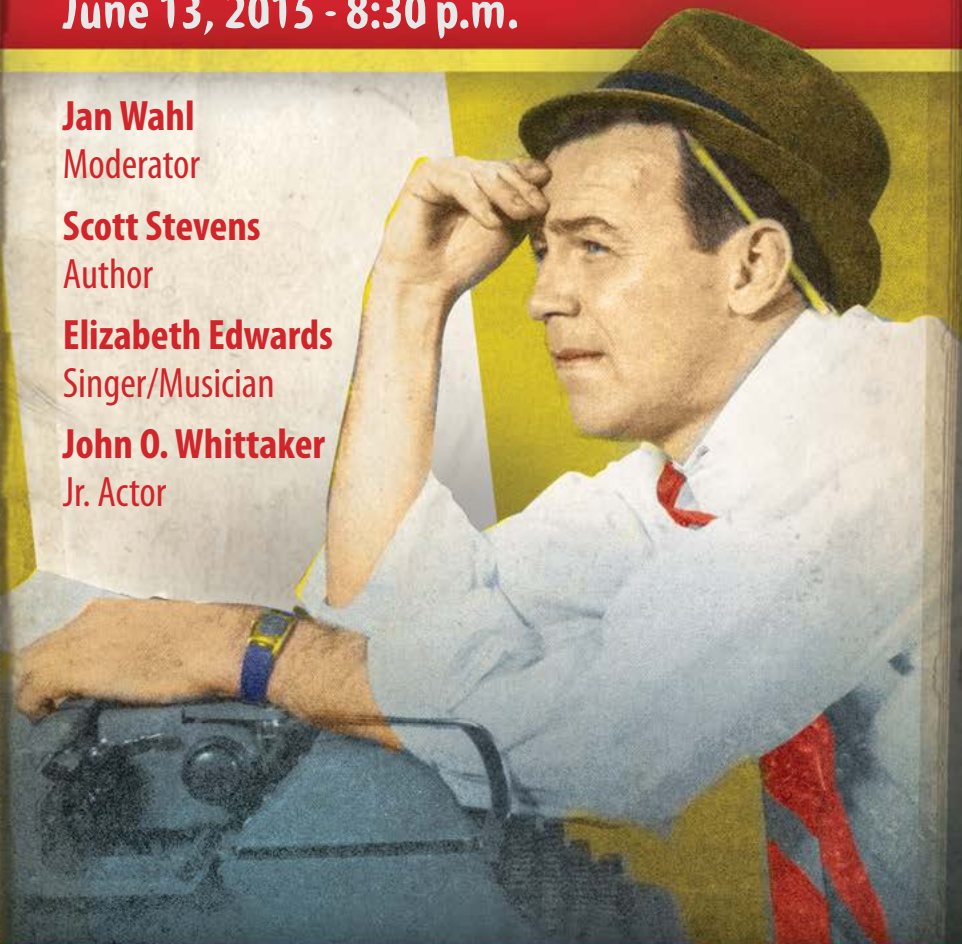
June 13, 2015 - 8:30 p.m.

**Jan Wahl**  
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**Scott Stevens**  
Author

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Singer/Musician

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# The REEL Recovery Film Festival

Alcohol Justice and Writers In Treatment are proud to present the 2nd Annual REEL Recovery Film Festival & Symposium. This multi-day event is a celebration of film, the arts, writing and creativity. We showcase filmmakers who make honest films about addiction, alcoholism, behavioral disorders, treatment and recovery. Slated for screening is an eclectic lineup of contemporary and classic films, documentaries and shorts from American and international, first-time filmmakers and industry veterans.

## The San Francisco Bay Area Edition seeks to:

- ◆ Raise public awareness in the San Francisco Bay Area about the diseases of alcoholism, drug addiction and opportunities for recovery
- ◆ Encourage those struggling with addiction to seek treatment as well as encourage those in recovery to sustain their sobriety and celebrate the gifts of recovery
- ◆ Encourage public policy advocacy for the prevention of alcohol and other drug-related harm by showing their impact, especially on youth
- ◆ Engage and activate the recovery community as a powerful advocacy constituency
- ◆ Support of the good work of Alcohol Justice and Writers In Treatment

## Ticketing

- ◆ Opening Night/VIP Reception (SF) — \$75.00 each or \$100 per couple
- ◆ Closing Night — Comedians Into Recovery (SF) \$25.00
- ◆ All other films and symposiums — \$10.00 each
- ◆ FESTIVAL PASS — \$50.00 (Does not include Opening Night)
- ◆ Complimentary “Day Pass” tickets not valid for Opening Night or Closing Night sessions

## 2015 REEL Recovery Film Festival — San Francisco Bay Area Edition

**Michael Scippa** — Festival Director, Alcohol Justice, [michaels@alcoholjustice.org](mailto:michaels@alcoholjustice.org)

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# OPENING NIGHT

Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

New People Cinema – San Francisco

6:30 p.m. Welcome



7:00 p.m. **Girl On the Edge**

**San Francisco Premiere**

Girl on the Edge, a true story starring Peter Coyote, follows the journey of a young girl struggling with the aftermath of a horrific trauma, the toll that it takes on her family and the last chance she has to overcome it in the most unlikely of places. *105 min.*



8:45 p.m. **Q&A**

Jay Silverman — Director

Mackenzie Phillips — Actress

Hotel Kabuki – San Francisco

9:30 p.m. **VIP Reception**

Live music featuring Elizabeth Edwards

# FRIDAY, JUNE 12<sup>th</sup>

## Smith Rafael Film Center – San Rafael



10:00 a.m. **Kids Are Dying**

(2014) Director's Cut – World Premiere

**Michael DeLeon** — Producer/Director

A documentary about the drug overdose and overdose death epidemic in New Jersey which is worse than it has ever been in history. (47 min.)

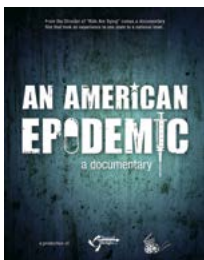
**Panel Discussion**

**Matt Willis, MD, MPH** — Marin County Public Health Officer

**Mark Dale** — Founder, Families 4 Safer Schools

**Jennifer Golick** — Clinical Director, Muir Wood Adolescent and Family Services

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6:00 p.m. **An American Epidemic**

(2015) West Coast Premiere

**Michael DeLeon** — Producer/Director

A national perspective on the public health crisis of drug addiction and overdose in the US. There are REAL solutions to this problem but without REAL collaboration, coming together to work together, we will not solve it. (90 min.)



8:00 p.m. **The Wisdom to Know the Difference**

(2014) San Francisco Premiere

**Daniel Baldwin** — Writer/Producer/Director

WISDOM is a story about a man's journey to bring his sobriety full circle and help a young girl kick a serious drug problem by kidnapping and secluding her in a desolate cabin. (114 min.)



# SATURDAY, JUNE 13<sup>th</sup>



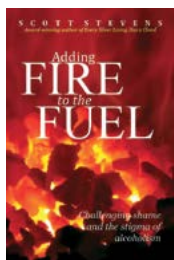
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10:00 a.m. **How I Got Over**

(2014) Nicole Boxer — Producer/Director

Dr. Sushma Taylor, CEO, Center Point, Inc.

In Washington, D.C., 15 formerly homeless women now living in N Street Village — a community for addiction recovery — discover their untapped artistic talents and reckon with their traumatic histories to release the potential in their futures. (87 min.)



## Book Passage – SF Ferry Building

12:30 p.m. **Adding Fire to the Fuel**

Book Launch — Reading/Book Signing

Scott Stevens — Author

This new book examines how families and communities feed the stigma of alcohol use disorders, treatment and recovery even while it holds back many who want help, and what to do about it.

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2:30 p.m.

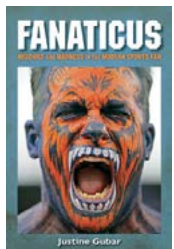
**Stories of Alcohol Justice** — Eason Ramson

Eason Ramson talks about his life and professional football career that ended when he spiraled into substance abuse, crime, and prison. (24 min.)



**Fan Violence** — Alcohol Justice on ESPN's 'Outside the Lines'

The ugly truth about alcohol-related violence at NFL games. (23 min.)



**Free The Bowl® from Alcohol Ads** — Youth Video Contest Winners

**Enough** Jasper Lown — Producer/Director (2 min.)

**Pass It On Youth Link** — Oregon Partnership - Producer (1 min.)

**Stop the Domestic Violence** James Tre Jackson — Producer/Director (1 min.)



**Bruce Lee Livingston** — Executive Director/CEO, Alcohol Justice

**Eason Ramson** — former SF 49er • **Justine Gubar** — Author, "Fanaticus"

# SATURDAY, JUNE 13<sup>th</sup>

## New People Cinema – San Francisco



### 4:00 p.m. **Radical Resistance Tour: Pine Ridge Episode #10, South Dakota**

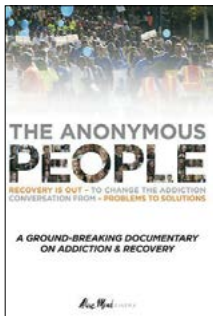
(2012) San Francisco Premiere

**Radical Resistance Tour** — Producer

A riveting and sad documentary on the rampant alcoholism among the Native America tribes in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. (24 min.)

#### **Panel Discussion**

Advocates for change in Pine Ridge, South Dakota — Jorge Castillo, Advocacy Director, Alcohol Justice; Evelyn Nieves, journalist; Sonny Skyhawk, Founder and CEO, American Indians in Film and Television; Judy Drummond, Host, KPOO radio's Connecting the Dots Political Conversation; Shawn Imitates Dog, Director of Human Resources, House of Blues — Panel Moderator.



### 6:00 p.m. **The Anonymous People**

(2013) **Greg Williams** — Producer/Director

A feature documentary film about the 23.5 million Americans living in long-term recovery from addiction to alcohol and other drugs and among them, the courageous who are challenging the deeply entrenched social stigma and discrimination that has kept recovery voices silent and faces hidden for decades. (50 min.)



### 8:30 p.m. **Chasing the Muse — Stone Cold Sober**

**A Candid Conversation About Creativity and Recovery**

**Jan Wahl** — TV Personality/Film Reviewer - Moderator

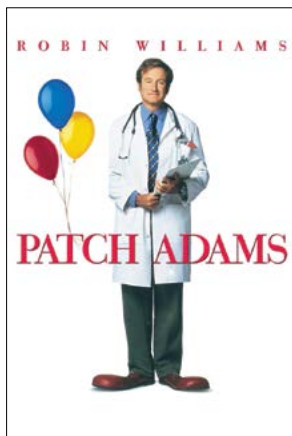
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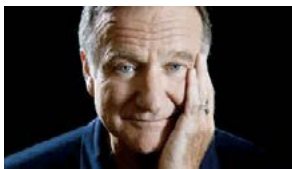
9:30 a.m.

### Patch Adams

(1998)

**Tom Shadyac**— Director

After struggling with depression in a mental hospital, Hunter "Patch" Adams (Robin Williams) decides he wants to become a doctor. With the aid of a wealthy friend, Adams opens his own medical clinic for patients without insurance and treats them, illegally, using humor. Also starring Philip Seymour Hoffman. (115 min.)



11:30 a.m.

### Robin Williams Tribute

(2015)

Clips of Robin Williams talking about alcohol and drug issues. (10 min.)



Introduced by Johnny Steele, comedian and friend of Robin Williams.

# SUNDAY, JUNE 14<sup>th</sup>

## New People Cinema – San Francisco



**12:30 p.m. Brilliant Shorts**

### **The Holding Cell**

(2014) San Francisco Premiere

**KT Curran** — Director

**Lisa Brandy** — Producer (will be present for Q&A)

A story of one teenage girl's free-fall into the harrowing world of prescription drug abuse and addiction. (34 min.)

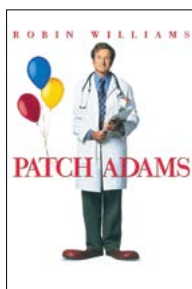


### **Easy Silence (2014)**

(2014) San Francisco Premiere

**Stephen Anthony Bailey** — Director

A young woman faces past addictions and demons when she suddenly finds herself a single mother after the father of her infant son is killed in action. (28 min.)



**2:00 p.m. Patch Adams**

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## 4:30 p.m. **Comedians Into Recovery**

Comedians with superpowers of humorous observation weigh-in on substance misuse, addiction, treatment and recovery.

**Mark Ludholm • Johnny Steele • Barry Diamond • Jan Wahl — MC**



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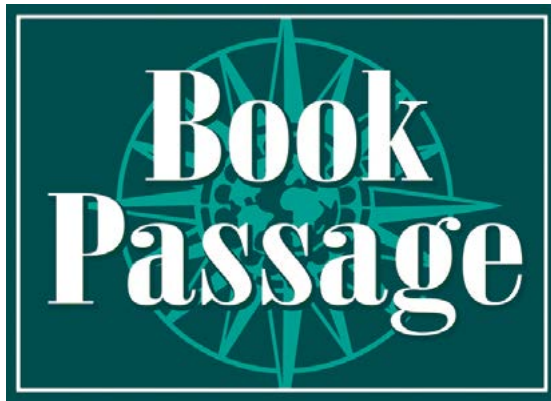
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