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Fest's offerings run the gamut

Highlights include film about Milwaukee's own Lightning & Thunder, Noble brothers

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The 10th annual Wisconsin Film Festival, in Madison Thursday through Sunday, will show 220 films in 11 theaters scattered throughout the city.

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This year's program includes "Song Sung Blue," about Milwaukee-based Neil Diamond/Patsy Cline impersonators Lightning & Thunder. The film by director Greg Kohs, which received the Grand Jury and Audience Award prizes at this year's Slamdance Film Festival, is showing at 10:30 p.m. Friday and 4 p.m. Saturday.

Other highlights include:

- Documentaries about the war in Iraq and Afghanistan "Taxi to the Dark Side," "Operation Filmmaker" and "Postcards From Tora Bora"; "Hollywood Chinese," about how Asian characters are portrayed in Western films; "Chop Shop," from the director of "Man Push Cart"; "My Winnipeg," by art-house director Guy Maddin; "The Super Noble Brothers," about three Milwaukee artists and brothers; "Madison," about an emotionally wounded war correspondent who returns to the city, written and directed by Brent Notbohm, who teaches media studies at the University of Wisconsin-Superior, and featuring actors from the American Players Theatre.

The film festival also has programs with films from and about China and Scandinavia; short films; a Jewish film series; and films about health and the planet.

For a complete list of films, ticket information and a list of theaters - including a map of venues - go to www.wifilmfest.org.

Festival director Meg Hamel said that while a quarter of the films are sold out, tickets are available for more than 120 screenings.

She wrote in an e-mail that tickets "are always available" in the festival's two larger venues, the Wisconsin Union Theater and Orpheum Theatre.

"The question isn't 'what's left,' " she wrote, "but 'how do I make up my mind?'"

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Tickets are \$7 for general admission, \$4 for students.

When available, tickets can be purchased at individual theaters on the day of the show.

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The festival, founded in 1999, is sponsored by the University of Wisconsin-Madison Art Institute.

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Wisconsin Film Festival



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The Wisconsin Film Festival will show "Song Sung Blue," an award-winning documentary about Milwaukee-based Neil Diamond/Patsy Cline impersonators Lightning & Thunder - Mike and Claire Sardina.

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