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MONTCLAIR FILM ANNOUNCES 2018-19 STORYSLAM PROGRAM

Schedule set for the monthly storytelling event, open to all storytellers

JULY 23, 2018, MONTCLAIR, NJ - Montclair Film today announced the complete schedule for the 2018-19 StorySLAM program, the organization's monthly storytelling at Cinema505, located at 505 Bloomfield Avenue in downtown Montclair. Each event will feature live music from our StorySLAM house band The Tall Pines, and will be hosted by our returning emcee Risa Barash.

The season launches on and continues monthly through May, when the organization will host its second annual StorySLAM showcase at the Montclair Film Film Festival. Each event will be adjudicated by 3 local judges, and winners from the monthly slams will be invited back to tell a new story at the annual showcase, alongside special guest storytellers. Tickets are \$15 for the general public, \$12 for Montclair Film Members and the event is open to all storytellers and listeners alike.

The themes for each event are

September 29, 2018 **Back to School**

October 20, 2018 **Spooky Stories**

November 17, 2018 **Home for the Holidays**

December 15, 2018 **The Power of Giving**

January 19, 2019 **Resolutions**

February 9, 2019 **Love Stories**

March 9, 2019 **Great Escapes**

May 2019 Second Annual StorySLAM Showcase at The 2019 Montclair Film Festival.

Writers and storytellers are encouraged to prepare a five-minute story around the evening's theme and to purchase specially designated Storyteller tickets. Tickets for all 2018-19 StorySLAM events are available now at montclairfilm.org for both storytellers and general audience members.

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ABOUT MONTCLAIR FILM

Montclair Film, a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, nurtures, and showcases the talents of filmmakers from around the region and world. Montclair Film unites, empowers, educates, and celebrates our region's diverse cultural heritage and robust artistic community by presenting engaging programs and events all year long. The eighth annual Montclair Film Festival will take place from May 3-12, 2019. Montclair Film's year-round and festival programming is made possible through generous support from Investors Bank; Audible; Hackensack Meridian Health; the Horizon Foundation for New Jersey; Ashenfelter, Slous, Trembulak, McDonough, Golia & Trevenen, LLP; Chubb; Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage; William H. Connolly & Co.; The Nature Conservancy, and others. Our programs are made possible by funds from the New Jersey Department of State, Division of Travel and Tourism, as well as the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. For information about Montclair Film, visit www.montclairfilm.org

ABOUT THE TALL PINES

The Tall Pines are a shack-shakin', foot-stompin' duo featuring Connie Lynn Petruk singing and playing drums on her alligator suitcase, her partner Christmas Davis plays guitar and sings along. "The Tall Pines are equal parts soul and twang, molasses and moonshine, sass and skill. The songs, all written by Christmas Davis evoke the hay-day of the country-soul hybrid without ever sounding unoriginal, a difficult feat." – Meredith Ochs, NPR. "Given the success enjoyed by bands like Alabama Shakes and Shovels and Rope, this deserves to be huge." – *The Soul of a Clown/ UK Blog*. "In a world where we are so often overpowered by all that is around us, The Tall Pines strip things back and bring with them, through their music, a much-needed reminder that sometimes simpler is better – it certainly is here" – *Popwrapped*. "Connie Lynn Petruk and Christmas Davis deliver gritty yet soulful folk music that gets your hands clapping and your feet stomping." - *The Shotgun Seat*. "The Civil Wars are certainly civil compared to The Tall Pines. They do not fear to tread where more tender souls would be burned to a crisp." – Amos Perrine, *No Depression*. Connie & Christmas are at work on a new record for now. Look for it in late Spring, 2018.

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