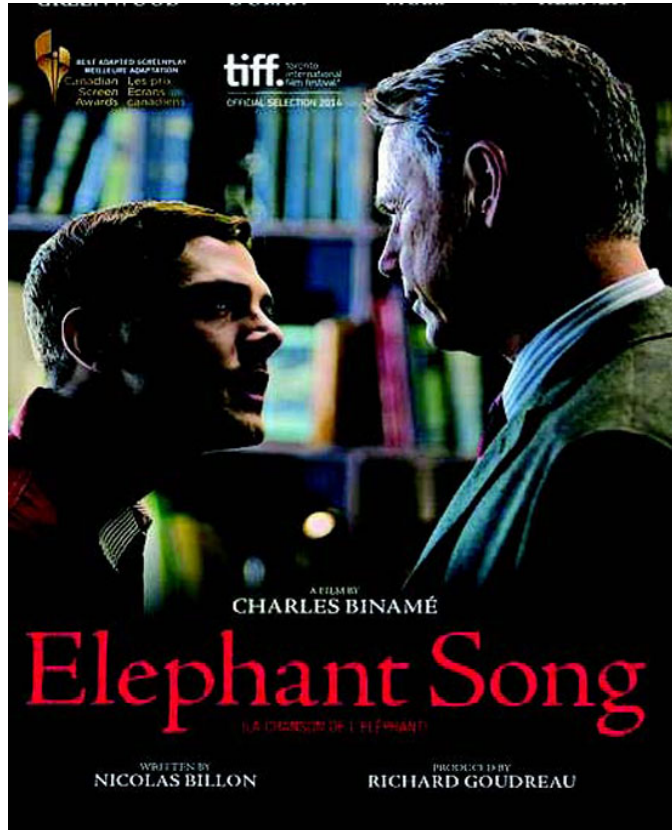


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Two Fantastic Film Festival Picks

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"Elephant Song" - a psychological thriller about a psychiatrist who is drawn into a complex mind game when he questions a disturbed patient about the disappearance of a colleague.

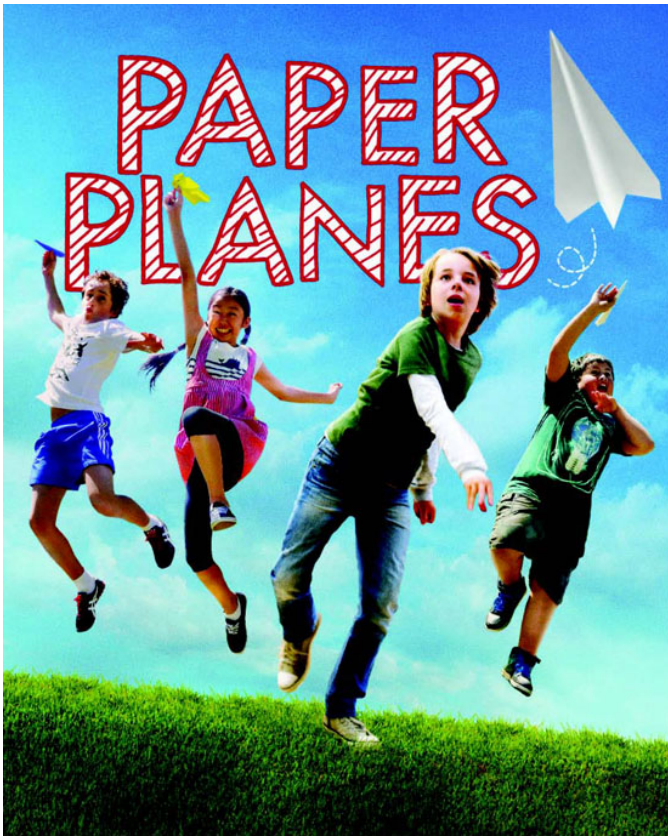
"'Elephant Song' is a twisty and unpredictable film that has poignancy and depth, thanks to a layered story that is executed brilliantly by the two leads," according to Josh Cabrita of We Got This Covered. It is playing at 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 at the Castro and at 9 p.m. that same night at the Rheem.

Enjoy the 18th Annual California Independent Film Festival and experience a truly unique Bay Area event.

People often ask me, "What should I see at the film festival?" Unfortunately, this is an open-ended question. My first response is, "What do you like?" Followed by the statement, "Open your mind and go see that least one film that you normally would not see." Here are two films that represent the California Independent Film Festival's diversity and are highly recommended: "Paper Planes" and "Elephant Song."

"Paper Planes" is an uplifting family film from Australia that will have you cheering about a young boy's passion for flight and his challenge to compete in the World Paper Plane Championships in Japan. The film stars Sam Worthington, best known for the portrayal of Jake Sully in "Avatar." "Paper Planes" is a true crowd pleaser, and will be shown twice during the festival - at the Castro Theater at 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11 and at 7 p.m. that night at the Rheem Theatre. Plus "Paper Planes" is this year's "Founder's Pick" and will have a bonus screening at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14 at the Rheem. CAIFF will have its own paper plane contest that evening prior to the screening, so start folding your planes.

If you are looking for a movie that will keep you on the edge of your seat, do not miss



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