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## Award-Winning Film, 'Losing Her,' Kicks Off The Bay Area Film Series at the Rheem Theatre

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The Rheem Theatre is starting a new monthly film program beginning this Friday, Nov. 6, entitled The Bay Area Film Series. This unique series will showcase Bay Area filmmakers' projects and provide local filmmakers with a venue to screen their films before an audience. The first film will be "Losing Her," the Best Feature winner at the Noor Film Festival in Los Angeles and the Golden Ace Award winner at the Las Vegas International Film Festival. "Losing Her" will show at 2, 4, and 7 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Director Dave Moutray will be at the 2 p.m. showing on Saturday, Nov. 7. Come meet Moutray and learn more about what it takes to write, produce and direct an independent film.

Moutray, an award-winning director and screenwriter has an M.A. in English and an M.F.A. in screenwriting. Originally from the Midwest, he

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fulfilled his love for film in the Bay Area. He is a co-founder of Crux Jinx Productions, LLC in San Francisco, and the founder of the Bay Area Film Mixer, which allows filmmakers from around the Bay to network and create a tighter community of like-minded film professionals.

As a filmmaker, his focus is on character and story driven narratives, regardless of genre. "Losing Her" is the story of a man distraught over the loss of his fiancée. He joins a grief therapy group, and interacts with a group of strangers who are also sharing the loss of a loved one. He finds comfort in their stories of grief, but his own story holds a devastating secret.

More Upcoming Events at the Rheem Theatre

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. for the return of live music at the Rheem. Patti Leidecker, a talented composer, singer and piano player has been in the music business for almost 50 years. She will be singing and playing everyone's favorite holiday songs on the baby grand piano once owned by Hollywood comedic genius, Dom DeLuise. She composes original material and performs standards and show tunes. Leidecker has performed at Clint Eastwood's Mission Ranch Inn in Carmel on Wednesday nights for the past eight years. Come sing along with Leidecker and get into the holiday spirit. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$12 for seniors / children and include holiday cookies and punch. This will be a great event for the youngest and the young at heart.



Patti Leidecker Photo provided

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