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THE PLAZA HOSTS ITS 4TH ANNUAL OSCAR PARTY

PLAZA CINEMA & MEDIA ARTS CENTER'S CAMPBELL DALGLISH and DR. PETER MASCUCH of ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE WILL MC THE EVENING

PATCHOGUE, NY (February 12, 2016) – The Plaza Cinema & Media Arts Center's President, Campbell Dalglish and Peter Mascuch, PhD are once again teaming up to MC The Plaza's 4th Annual Oscar Party on Sunday, February 28 at 7PM. Aside from his role with Patchogue's premier Art House cinema and cultural learning center, Mr. Dalglish is an award-winning filmmaker, a professor of film at City College of New York, a Suffolk County Film Commissioner and a published movie reviewer. Dr. Mascuch is a tenured Associate Professor of English and American Studies and Coordinator of the Cinema Studies Program at St. Joseph's College.

Dalglish: "Every year the number of beautifully crafted independent films increases with the demand of Art House Cinema audiences like those who frequent our little cinema in Patchogue, Plaza MAC. We bring audiences closer and closer to this amazing and challenging craft of story telling. Each year some films make it onto the awards list and some do not, leaving America's diverse audience sometimes baffled, sometimes angry, sometimes thrilled to see their favorite films nominated for the big Oscar. Opinions and judgements about what is Oscar worthy are about as diverse as the films out there in the world."

"Why do some make it into the list and others do not? Is it the high production value of a plot driven vs. a character driven story? Is it originality? Is it an outstanding performance or technical achievement? Is it the box office sales or artistic merit?"

At The Plaza's 4th Annual Oscar Party on February 28th, Professor Dalglish and Dr. Peter Mascuch will share their thoughts with the guests, entertain with trivia contests, raffles, ballots and historical facts about this year's nominees as the winners are torn out of that celebrated envelope and presented with that little but heavy golden statue.

Mascuch: "Most movie buffs have a love-hate relationship with the glorious mess that is the Oscars and are unable to resist revisiting the telecast every year. I for one can't wait to see what Chris Rock will do with the Academy's finally recognized (sort of) diversity crisis. And this is also a year when predictions aren't easy and there's genuine suspense about who the winners will turn out to be. With *The Revenant*, *Spotlight*, and *The Big Short* having split the pre-Oscar awards, it's anyone's guess as to which film will win. That's also true in many of the individual categories. Expect an Oscar night with more fun and surprises than usual."

The Oscar Party starts at 7PM and will be at The Plaza Cinema & Media Arts Center located on 20 Terry Street (one block south of Main Street in Patchogue). Admission is \$55, \$45 for members. Hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer and other beverages are included in the price. Red carpet attire is encouraged. Tickets must be pre-purchased at plazamac.org.

In the weeks leading up to the Academy Awards and the Oscar Party, The Plaza is showing the popular series *Oscar Nominated Short Films* in the categories of Live Action, Animation, and Documentary. Showtimes are posted on plazamac.org

If you are interested in speaking with either Professor/Filmmaker Dalglish or Dr. Peter Mascuch regarding their Oscar predictions, or to get more information about the Plaza MAC Oscar Party, please contact Executive Director Catherine Oberg at obergc@plazamac.org or 631.438.0083.

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[About the Plaza Media Arts Center, a 501 \(c\) \(3\) Organization](#)

The Plaza Cinema and Media Arts Center is a movie theater in Patchogue, NY, located one block south of Main Street at 20 Terry Street. Since its origin in 2010, the 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, has provided current quality films, series, and showcases; ballet, opera, and theater in cinema; classes, workshops, and film discussions; and live events, including stand-up comedy and music. The Plaza's exclusive Blue Velvet Lounge boasts fine wine and local craft beer, as well as fresh popcorn and other concession items. For more information, please visit www.plazamac.org or call 631.438.0083.

[About Campbell Dalglish](#)

Campbell Dalglish is an award-winning director, screenwriter, and playwright. His short narrative, *Dance of the Quantum Cats* was selected by CINE to represent the US at the 12th International Film Festival of Peace, Hiroshima, Japan and won the top award in the PBS/CPTV series on emerging directors. Other films include *Bruises*, *A Hard Way Out*, *The Community Room*, *The Shooting Gallery*, *Sacred Steps*, *Spirit Roads*, *Stateless*, and *Road Kill*. He also directed and produced numerous segments for the *New Morning Show*, including *Apache Womanhood*, *Navajo Runner* and *Havasupai Falls*. Dalglish is a Film Commissioner for Suffolk County, President of The Plaza Cinema and Media Arts Center, and a tenured professor of film at City College of New York. For more information, please visit www.darcproductions.net.

[About Peter Mascuch, PhD](#)

A tenured Associate Professor of English and American Studies and Coordinator of the Cinema Studies Program, Peter Mascuch, Ph.D. has taught at St. Joseph's College since 2003. He specializes in Film Studies, with a particular focus on American cinema since 1945. Prior to working at St. Joseph's College, Professor Mascuch taught at a number of schools, including Iona College, the University of New Hampshire, Marymount Manhattan College, and Queens College. One of the pleasures of his position for the last few years has been the opportunity to collaborate with Plaza MAC on a variety of screening and discussion series.