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***Vancouver, Canada.* The Vancouver Biennale kicks off its new CineFest LIVE program with two public events featuring Academy Award winning director Oliver Stone on Saturday June 14th.**

Often controversial, always stimulating, both events promise to be a rare chance for the public to engage with one of the most provocative documentary filmmakers of our time.

The renowned director, who has dedicated much of his career to questioning the historical narrative surrounding the most powerful people and events of our generation, will lead a Master Class for aspiring and professional filmmakers at SFU Woodward's.

This will be followed by a screening of his groundbreaking *Untold History of the United States* and moderated discussion at the Vogue Theatre. The legendary director will also be presented with the Vancouver Biennale Sorel Etrog Lifetime Achievement Award for using film as a catalyst for learning and social action.

“Oliver Stone personifies what the Biennale is all about, using art as a catalyst for transformative learning, so he was our ideal choice for launching CineFest LIVE”, says Barrie Mowatt, President of the Vancouver Biennale. “His body of work has captivated a global audience with filmmaking that captures our imaginations while questioning the status quo, encouraging critical dialogue and active, socially conscious participation in the world around us”.

In addition to the public events, Mr. Stone will also participate in a private fundraiser in support of the Vancouver Biennale's Emerging Filmmaker Competition, and lead a film screening and discussion with students from Moody Middle School as part of the Biennale BIG IDEAS education program.

Master Class featuring Oliver Stone

Date: Saturday June 14th

Time: 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Place: Djavad Mowafaghian Cinema

Goldcorp Centre for the Arts

Simon Fraser University

149 West Hastings Street, Vancouver BC

Ticket Price: \$30

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- Local filmmakers Marc Stephenson, Taylor Hill and Gary Hawes, the directors and film producers behind last year's Canadian comedy hits *That Burning Feeling*, *The F Word*, and *Leap 4 Your Life*, discuss the challenges and survival tips for making Canadian indie-films.
- Screening of *Last Year in Vietnam*, Oliver Stone's first short film made as a student at NYU, followed by a Master Class discussion on the theme Your First Film.
- Networking reception

An Evening with Oliver Stone

Date: Saturday June 14th

Time: 8:00 PM

Place: Vogue Theater

918 Granville Street, Vancouver BC

Ticket Price: \$25

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- Screening of *The Untold History of the United States - Bush II & Obama: The Age of Terror*.
- Moderated discussion and open question period with Oliver Stone.
- Presentation of the Vancouver Biennale Sorel Etrog Lifetime Achievement Award.
- After party celebration at the Vancouver FanClub.

About the Vancouver Biennale CineFest LIVE Program

The CineFest LIVE program supports the Biennale mission to celebrate the Contemporary “arts” in public space, and will integrate film into the larger Biennale exhibitions via outdoor urban projections, Master Class workshops, film retrospectives and emerging filmmaker competitions. Later this summer, the Biennale will feature films by and about Ai Weiwei, Vik Muniz and Brazilian street artists Os Gemeos alongside their public art installations, giving the artists the opportunity to showcase the multi-dimensional aspects of their artistic practice and giving the audience a layered understanding and appreciation of the artists, their motivations, and their work processes. The Biennale will also launch a national documentary film competition for filmmakers ages 19-30, giving young Canadian filmmakers an unprecedented opportunity for professional development and international exposure through the Biennale network of film festival alliance partners.

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