The CPSI Crime and Justice Virtual Film Festival

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The early reviews are in!

Reviewer #1: I laughed, I cried.
Reviewer #2: There is only one word for this film festival…
Reviewer #3: I cried, I laughed.
Reviewer #4: I watched the whole thing with my virtual friends and we discussed it all night.
21 Jump Street (2012; action/comedy). Follows two police officers who are forced to relive high school when they are assigned to go undercover as high school students to prevent the outbreak of a new synthetic drug and arrest its supplier. Rated R.

A Time to Kill (1996; Drama). Vigilante Justice. Rated R.

American Hustle (2013; Comedy/Drama). Corrupt Politics. Rated R.

Arsenic and Old Lace (1944; Comedy). Insanity runs in the family. Not rated.

The Big Lebowski (1998; Comedy). The Dude seeks restitution for ruined rug with the help of his bowling buddies. Solves kidnapping. Rated R.

Boyz n the Hood (1991; Drama). Story of a group of childhood friends growing up in LA ghetto. Rated R.

Breaking Bad (2008-13; Drama). After being diagnosed with cancer a chemistry teacher begins cooking meth. Goes poorly. TV-MA.

Capturing the Friedmans (2003; Documentary). Father and son in upper-class family charged with child molestation. Not rated.

Casino (1995; Drama). Greed, deception, money, and power over a gambling empire. Rated R.

Central Park Five (2012; Documentary). Investigates the case of five black and Latino teenagers wrongly convicted of raping a white woman in Central Park. Not Rated.

Cool Hand Luke (1967; Drama). Inmate displays failure to communicate and to conform in rural prison. Rated PG.

Dirty Harry (1971; Action). San Francisco Inspector tracks criminals throughout the series. Is a loose cannon. Rated R.

Fargo (1996; Comedy/Drama). Bungling criminal & persistent police chief tangle in a crime gone awry. Rated R.

Freedom Riders (2010; Documentary). Story of civil rights movement interstate busing campaign. Rated G.

Gideon’s Army (2013, HBO Documentary). Public defenders in the South working for suspects with minimal resources. Rated G.

Glengarry Glen Ross (1992; Drama). Wheeling and dealing in a real estate office. Rated R.

The Godfather I, II (1972, 1974; Drama). The activities of an organized crime family. Rated R.

Gone Baby Gone (2007, Drama). Kidnapping turns into a political and personal crisis for Boston detectives. Rated R.

Goodfellas (1990; Drama). Henry Hill and his friends work their way up through the mob hierarchy. Rated R.


Imposter (2012; Documentary). Frenchman claims to be the missing son of a Texas family. Rated R.


July ’64 (2006; Documentary). In July 1964 three nights of rioting occurred in Rochester, NY. Not Rated.

Kids for Cash (2013, Documentary). Two judges were found guilty of accepting kickbacks in exchange for sending thousands of juveniles to detention centers when probation or a lesser penalty would have been appropriate. Not rated.

Kingsman: The Secret Service (2014; Action/Adventure/Comedy). A spy organization recruits an unrefined, but promising street kid into the agency's ultra-competitive training program, just as a global threat emerges from a twisted tech genius. Rated R.

Life and crimes of Doris Payne (2013; Documentary). Find out how a poor, single, African-American mother from segregated 1930s America winds up as one of the world’s most notorious and successful jewel thieves. Not rated.

Manhunter (1986; Mystery). FBI tracks a seemingly random serial killer. Rated R.


Menace II Society (1993; Drama). Street hustler tries to escape ghetto for better life. Rated R.


Murder on a Sunday Morning (2001; Documentary). A criminal case in which a fifteen-year-old boy was wrongfully accused of murder. Not rated.


O Brother, Where Art Thou? (2000; Comedy). In the south during the 1930’s, three escaped convicts search for hidden treasure while being pursued by the law. Rated PG-13.

Out of the Furnace (2013; Drama). Brother searches for missing brother when police don’t act quickly enough. Rated R.

Prisoners of Katrina (2006; Documentary). What happened to the city prisoners left behind during Hurricane Katrina? Not Rated.

Psycho (1960; Suspense/Horror). Secretary who has stolen money from her employer goes on the run and ends up at a remote hotel owned by a man dominated by his mother. Not rated (but come on, it’s called Psycho).

Pulp Fiction (1994; Drama). The lives of two mob hit men, a boxer, a gangster's wife, and a pair of diner bandits intertwine in four tales of violence and redemption. Rated R.

The Raid: Redemption (2011; Action/Foreign). A S.W.A.T. team becomes trapped in a tenement run by a ruthless mobster and his army of killers and thugs. Rated R.

Rear Window (1954; Mystery). Wheelchair-bound photographer looking out his window is convinced one of his neighbors committed murder. Not Rated.

Requiem for a Dream (2000; Drama). Four addicts consumed by their addiction and their lives spin out of control. Incredibly depressing. Rated R.

Reservoir Dogs (1992; Drama). After bungling a crime, criminals suspect one of their own is an informant and cause Stealers Wheel to be linked to ear mutilation. Rated R.

RoboCop (1987; Action/Sci-Fi). In 2028 when a Detroit cop is injured on the job a multinational company sees the opportunity for a part-man, part-robot police officer. Rated R ('87).

Scarface (1983; Drama). In 1980 Miami, a determined Cuban immigrant takes over a drug cartel while succumbing to greed. Rated R.

Se7en (1995; Thriller). Two detectives, a rookie and a veteran, hunt a serial killer who uses the seven deadly sins as his modus operandi. Rated R.

The Shawshank Redemption (1994; Drama). Two long-imprisoned men find redemption through acts of decency. Rated R.

Silence of the Lambs (1991; Drama). FBI agent works with manipulative killer to catch another serial killer who skins his victims. Rated R.
The Square (2013; Documentary). Told through the eyes of six protestors, Egyptian revolutionaries battle leaders to build a new society. Not Rated.

Super Troopers (2001; Comedy). Group of prankster Vermont State Troopers try to salvage their jobs by trying to out-do the local police in solving a crime. Rated R.

Taxi Driver (1976; Drama). Mentally unstable Vietnam veteran working as a taxi driver in NYC tries to save a preadolescent prostitute. Rated R.


To Kill a Mockingbird (1962; Drama). Depression era lawyer in the South defends an innocent man charged with the rape of a white woman. Not Rated.

Twin Peaks (1990-91; Drama). An idiosyncratic FBI Agent investigates the murder of a young woman in the even more idiosyncratic town of Twin Peaks.

The Usual Suspects (1995; Mystery). Boat explosion kills many and the only survivor has a convoluted story involving five career criminals in a seemingly random police lineup. Rated R.


The Wire (2002-08; Drama). Baltimore drug scene, seen through the eyes of drug dealers and law enforcement. TV-MA.