



Hillbilly Anarchist Skateboarders Hit NYC Film Festival

Headlamp Pictures will premiere "Skatopia: 88 Acres of Anarchy" at Acefest on Saturday, July 11th. The long awaited documentary takes viewers inside an infamous and extreme skateboarding scene in rural Appalachia.

Mad max demolition derbies, spontaneous car burnings and all-night skate sessions add to the "anything-goes" culture at Skatopia. A motley crew of traveling skaters and local hillbillies build new skate terrain, many of them living for months at Skatopia in shacks and broken down cars. Skatopia's owner, Brewce Martin, presides over the mayhem like a modern day Jim Jones. The movie follows him through an obstacle strewn year in his struggle to make Skatopia a monument to skateboarding and to freedom.

The movie celebrates the freedom from everyday life that Skatopia offers, but it also takes a hard look at the flip side of Brewce's energy and charisma. Brewce is no story book hero, but his fierce pursuit of his dream will inspire even those who never set foot on a skateboard. Brewce Martin says proudly about the film "It's not an advertisement for Skatopia, they really show it like it is... the bad right along with the good".

The crew from Skatopia will join the filmmakers, the independent film world and NYC skaters for the movie screening and the after party. Director Laurie House says "We're very excited to be premiering at Acefest, which is a young and energetic festival that really fits the feel of our film."

Many of the skaters and Skatopians will be there to pay tribute to Brewce, who was recently seriously injured in a freak accident and is recovering in a hospital in West Virginia. The premiere's after party will feature bands McRad, Black Death All Stars and Shat, along with complimentary Pabst Blue Ribbon donated by Pabst.

The film will play in film festivals throughout early fall, followed by a theatrical premiere and a series of special screenings around the country. Television and DVD release in 2010.

About Headlamp Pictures:

The company is run by Colin Powers and Laurie House, the directors and producers of Skatopia: 88 Acres of Anarchy. The owners have edited, directed, shot and produced television documentaries, fiction, corporate and music videos in Philadelphia and Los Angeles. They relocated to Appalachia for a year to shoot this film.

Trailer: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bTgV44R_loU

Festival: <http://acefest.bside.com/2009>

Film website: <http://www.skatopiathemovie.com/>

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