



## Amsterdam Int'l Film Festival celebrates Appalachia's Hillbilly Skateboarders

Headlamp Pictures will screen **"Skatopia: 88 Acres of Anarchy"** at Amsterdam's International Film Festival on Sunday, October 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 along with the good".

The filmmakers will be traveling to the Netherlands to meet European skaters and independent film-goers at the festival. Director Laurie House says "We're very excited to have our European premiere at the Amsterdam International Fest, which is a young and energetic festival that really fits the feel of our film."

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](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bTgV44R_loU)

Festival: <http://www.iaff.nl/>

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

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