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Crystal Globe recipient Juraj Herz

Schlockmeister Brian **Trenchard-Smith**

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Loving the alien

John Wells on the positive influence of television

Cóilín O'Connor, Veronika Bednářová

Writer, producer and director John Wells has come to KVIFF this week to present his film The Company Men starring Ben Affleck and Tommy Lee Jones. This hard-hitting look at the impact of the economic crisis on the US middle class marks something of a new departure for the affable American, who has previously made a name for himself as the leading creative force behind hit TV shows such as ER and The West Wing.

■ The election of a Hispanic candidate as president at the end of The West Wing was eerily similar to the real-life election of Barack Obama. Was that purely coincidental?

I try very hard to have a lot of research done for the shows we work on. When we were trying to decide who that candidate would be, we asked the question: "If a minority figure were to come through and win the presidency, would it be a woman, character?" Interestingly, all of our consultants said that we were much more likely to get or black elected than a woman in the US – that we were still anothbeing able to happen. And that's why we went in that direction.

■ Do you think you might have helped sow the idea of a minority president in many people's minds?



a black character or a Hispanic TV supremo John Wells is presenting his debut feature The Company Men.

take credit for anything in the a handsome, articulate Hispanic real world, but I think we can make things which seem unlikely or unusual to the viewing er generation away from that audience much more acceptable, because they feel emotionally not frightened by it. In the same way, I think that entertainment in the US in the fifties and sixties was very important to the ulti-One thing we can do in entermate acceptance by the middle tainment and take credit for is class of racial changes in the nary seem more likely and possifilm and television things that ble to people by showing them they weren't able to experience what things would be like in in their lives, and that took some

reasonable people in the middle, who are just afraid because they don't know any different. I think that is a way in which we can be influential, particularly in television, which comes into people's that they have seen it and they're homes every day. There were African-American, Hispanic, and gay characters on TV years before many people saw them in their own lives.

■ For The Company Men,

When I went out and did the finance. The blue collar workers in your cinemas.

advance. I don't ever want to of the fear out of the equation for interviews [for the script] we found that the people who were most damaged, not necessarily economically, but emotionally, were not the blue-collar workers. They had a real sense that they had done something and that they had a skill. They were pissed but they were not unmoored, they weren't lost. The people who were lost were these men whose only way of seeing and Men in Black 3. Very few what they did was how much more serious films have been did you deliberately set out to money they made. Because they made in the US in the last year making the alien and extraordi- country - because they saw in tell it from the point of view of had no connection with what and a half... We haven't been people who would have been they did. They pushed paper, making the American movies quite affluent before the crisis? they were in insurance or in that are going to come and play

would say to me "I put the bumper on that truck," when one drove by, or "I could show you the house that I built." They could show you something they did. But upper middle class workers had no physical sense of what they actually did. The only way they could represent what they did to others was the money they had for the possessions they owned. "This is the car that I drive, this is the clothing that I wear..." All this stuff... And as they lost that, they completely lost their identities.

■ Was it easier to get a stellar cast for your first feature because of vour success with things like ER and The West Wing?

Well that helped. People sort of knew my work and I had the advantage of not being a firsttime director to the actors I was working with... But the cast actually came together to a large degree because of the extraordinarily difficult economic times in the United States. Usually, those actors would have had more options of things for them to do. It was partly down to there being very little work that didn't involve being in a superhero movie. I'm not saying that to be funny - action movies, horror movies, romantic comedies and superhero movies are the only movies that have been made in the US in the last year and a half... To give you an example, Tommy Lee [Jones] was fitting the movie in between offers to do Captain America

THE LOWDOWN

Thursday's crowded Master Class, with Brian Trenchard-Smith, the master director of the films that make up the Ozploitation! section, and producer colleague Richard Brennan, amazed and amused the crowds with stories of sleaze, slashers and the seventies.

Ratings were always an issue in the race to make the most money for the lowest budget, especially when the rules of the genre Trenchard-Smith favored called for car chases, gore and topless women in abundance.

But Brennan recounted that he once found a way to capitalize on one of his film's release dates at school break time, actually managing to score a G rating so as to maximize teen coin. There were "a lot of bullets flying," he said, but "not a drop of blood."

By some amazing coincidence, it seemed that none of the characters in that Ozploitation flick ever managed to hit each other in all their many gun battles. "We performed better than the second King Kong," he recalled with pride.

Not quite so fortunate this year was Prague-based producer Jefe Brown, who, in a bizarre arm wrestling accident, managed to break his right arm shortly after granting a short interview to the Festival Daily. Another Prague-based producer, John Riley, who was on hand to help get Brown to the hospital, said this sort of thing seems to happen to him all too often at film fests. "I'm not spending another festival night at a hospital," he swore. thelowdown.kviff@gmail.com

NOTICE: There will be two unscheduled extra screenings today: Katka (1pm, Congress Hall, Thermal), and Teenage Paparazzo (10:30pm, Karlovy

EXPLAINER

So how did the Pupp become so Grand?

The sumptuous pad that is home to KVIFF's stars during the festival has been over 300 years in the making. This magnificent pile has changed both name and shape as it changed hands. The original structure Burgomaster Deiml's "Saxony Hall" from 1701. Several years later, the new mayor of

"Carlsbad," by the name of Becher (sound famil- ably Germanized his name to Johann Georg Pupp, iar?), built his Lusthaus (pleasure house) next door, married Mitterbach's daughter in 1775. soon known as "Bohemia Hall."

Jan Jiří Pop came to Karlovy Vary. To understand weds bought the rest. the next part of the story, we need to know what it the confectioner was one of the most highly regard- Baroque Grandhotel Pupp.



The Grandhotel Pupp

So, back to Mr. Pop in

1760. Pop came to Karlovy Vary to join the renowned Mitterbach family business, having gained a reputation as Count Chotek's confectioner. Business thrived. and Pop, having fashion-

ed artisans of the 18th

century, commanding

exorbitant prices and con-

siderable social respect.

Burgomaster Becher's widow sold them a third of Then, in 1760, the promising young confectioner Bohemia Hall, and the following year the newly-

The new Pupp family prospered. A century later, meant to be a confectioner in the 18th Century. The in 1890, they bought the original Saxony Hall. Over confectioner's art has one crucial ingredient: sugar. the next decade the Pupps employed prolific Along with cacao, spices, exotic fruits and nuts, Viennese theatre architects Fellner & Helmer to sugar could only be found far from Europe. Hence, remodel the complex, creating the magnificent neo-

SEE YOU THERE

Patrick Demers

Director of Suspicions

I would recommend seeing Of Gods and Men by Xavier Beauvois, one of my favorite French directors. He has made some great films. As a fan, I would encourage people to go see his movies. I'd also recommend My Joy (by Sergei Loznitsa), a Russian film which I've seen already. I liked it because it touched me and the themes it expresses are very clear and effective. You cannot come out of this film without being swept away by the fact that the people in control in Russia have been abusing their power for a long time.

Of Gods and Men screens today at 2pm in the Thermal's Grand Hall. My Joy also screens today at 10am in the Čas Cinema.

You can catch Patrick Demers's Suspicions today at 6:30pm in the Thermal's Small Hall and tomorrow at 4pm in the Espace Dorleans



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Sidebar serves student snacks



Romanian student film Derby screens today as part of the Fresh Selection.

Irena Hejdová

Student films are often blighted with a reputation for betraying a lack of skill and bearing the scars of over-enthusiasm. Never rolling moment when a teenage fear! The Fresh Selection section girl brings her boyfriend home for offers an appetizing range of movies by film students from this vear's Fresh Film Fest program. These five perfect specimens have *Needed* from the Czech Republic been carefully selected to give is a slick piece of work that was you a taste of the best new talent around. Originality and technical collection of five films in the competence are the hallmark of Fresh Selection section features the festival. The charming the best of contemporary student Spanish miniature *Infinite* Memory makes you wonder at programming department of the what goes on in children's minds, Fresh Film Fest was sent 1,172 while the bittersweet comedy *Tidelanders* from Germany takes us to an extraordinary family gram of the festival's seventh miss it! reunion. The claustrophobic year. As in previous years, it will Australian production **Deeper** take place at the end of the sum-

decent to savage and back again. This short won two awards at Cannes, including the Petit Rail d'Or. *Derby* from Romania gives us a glimpse at the universal eyedinner and her dad just won't stop being "dad." And the animated feel-good horror A Tear is three years in the making. This work from around the world. The entries from 60 countries from which they assembled the prosubmarine, looks at the points at 29. What is new is the location – 12:30pm, Cinema B.

which a man crosses the line from the festival valued for its informal, "fresh" atmosphere is moving from Karlovy Vary to Prague, where at six venues it will offer more than 200 films as well as concerts, theater performances and a Master Class by established director Petr Zelenka. Besides student films, successful debuts will be competing as they did last year. One of them, the superhero parody *Defendor*, featuring Woody Harrelson as the main character, refers to the central theme of this year's fest, which is heroes. "Every film has a hero or antihero and all that the Fresh Film Fest does is point its finger at the heroes, push them onto the red carpet and pull up the curtain," says the artistic director of the festival Jan Stehlík. Don't

You can catch these five fresh Than Yesterday, set on a Russian mer holidays, from August 25 to shorts at KVIFF on July 10,

Karlovy Vary embarks on a musical odyssey

Pavel Klusák

How do you recognize a good musical film? When leaving the cinema you should feel you have to start a band immediately. In this sense the undisputed headliner of the 2010: A Musical Odyssey section is Ride, Rise, Roar, a featurelength portrait of the inexhaustible David Byrne. The former Talking Heads frontman has been lucky with filmmakers. Jonathan Demme's Stop Making Sense (1984) about his old band has been repeatedly voted the best concert movie of all time. Music's mad scientist is equally well served by David Hillman Curtis's documentary, which is a lively combination of engrossing concert footage and unique insights into Byrne's creative process.

David Byrne also features in Beyond Ipanema, which takes an in-depth look at the popularity of Brazilian music outside Brazil, starting with the era of bossa nova and The Girl from Ipanema before looking at its influence on rock and electronica. Besides Byrne, it includes interviews with artists such as M.I.A. and Gilberto Gil among others.

Movies screening in KVIFF's music-on-film section are selected according to two criteria: they have to be good movies and they must address something substantial, something that's "in the air" on the

contemporary music scene. In this respect, I have to say that The Media and Other Ghosts was like a dream come true. This series of short films and experimental videos by Julian House engulfs you with a veritable tsunami of childhood memories of television programs, old magazines, textbook designs, family movies and vintage documentaries about aliens. House mixes all of this into a stylish psychedelic collage accompanied by music from bands like Broadcast and The Focus Group. Incidentally, House may already be known to some of you for his graphic design work with Primal Scream and Oasis.

Beats of Freedom (or "How to Bring Down a Totalitarian Regime with the Aid of a Homemade Amplifier") should resonate powerfully with Czech audiences and people from countries of the former Eastern Bloc. Packed with precious archive footage, the film portrays Polish musical insurgents from the 1960s onwards, including hippies, punks and newwave decadents. There are also fascinating stories from the time, such as the amusing anecdote about the band Maanam who wrote a song about marching elephants, which was banned by the authorities because they thought it was a seditious allusion to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. It also gives Western audiences a chance to sample the sound of underground legends like Czesław Niemen, Kult, Republika, Lady Pank, Izrael, 1984 and Siekera.

Whether you're inclined more towards the vibrating Beyond Ipanema or the experimental poetics of The Media and Other Ghosts, 2010: A Musical Odyssey offers music fans a chance to see the best collaborative projects between musicians and filmmakers that have been made in the past year.



Toppling communism with Beats of Freedom.



Herz set on making black comedy

Veronika Bednářová

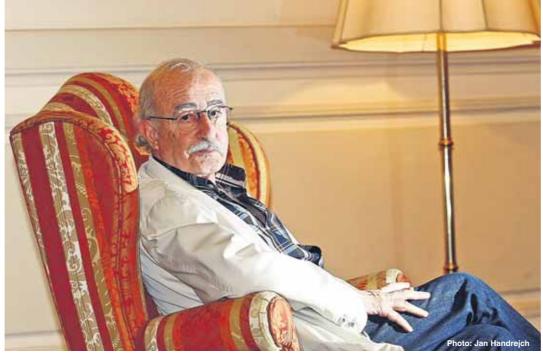
When Juraj Herz, the master director of Gothic horror for over four decades, learned he would be honored with the Crystal Globe for Outstanding Artistic Contribution to World Cinema, his reaction was typical understatement. "I'm not preparing for the grave," he said. "I will make movies, do theater, travel around the world, eat and drink well and have a good time with my girlfriend." His many fans will rejoice to hear that. As is clear from his classic period piece Oil Lamps, which screens tonight after the award ceremony, his vision is a unique and compelling one.

■ Wasn't casting popular Czech actress Iva Janžurová in Oil Lamps in the 1970s quite a risk? Until then she had been regarded mainly as a comedian.

She was a comic actress but I cast her in a serious role in my debut The Sign of Cancer in 1967. The film is interesting in that all the erotic scenes were edited out but then the Italian producer Carlo hat and giving the Nazi salute Ponti bought it and insisted on while a conference on antithem being put back. So I went to Rome to shoot the scenes again with all the actors. But back to he secretly brought me tea with Iva: 90% of comedians are excellent dramatic actors, but it doesn't work the other way round.

■ In your latest movie, said good-bye he wet my shirt – Habermann's Mill, which will he cried so much. premiere in September, you cast the enfant terrible of Have you become friends, too?

He is a very original actor,



Juraj Herz who is to receive a Crystal Globe for his outstanding contribution to cinema.

always in a white tuxedo, or he came to the Intercontinental Hotel in Prague sporting an SS Semitism was held there, causing a scandal. But on the other hand shots of alcohol during the shooting because drinking on the set is prohibited in Germany. When we

■ How did you first cast Václav Havel's wife Dagmar German cinema, Ben Becker. Havlová, who has appeared in several of your movies?

quite extraordinary. He was late, again after a two-year ban but only on condition: that I would make one from a working class environment. That's how The Porcelain Girls was born. I was told that I portrayed working class girls as whores because one of them had an illegitimate child. I was looking for new faces from "a working class environment," so I went to Brno. There among drama students I found Dáša. I invited her for a coffee and she was so great that I didn't know which of the roles in The Porcelain Girls to give her. She then acted in six of my films.

■ Is it true you want to make I was allowed to make movies a film about a ten-year-old boy

who goes to a concentration camp as a black comedy? How would that work?

Do you know why I am here and can receive awards? They put us on the ramp to go to Auschwitz. It was clear to me what it meant... And then - all of a sudden - they gave us a piece of bread and chased us back to the carriage for Ravensbrück. After the war I found out that it only happened once during the whole war that they ran out of gas in Auschwitz so they could not receive any more people. It was that precise week when I was supposed to arrive. So I feel I owe that film to myself.

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name to watch out for today British satirist Christopher

Christopher for

Morris, who's known

unflinchingly

The

dark comedy. Having previously ridiculed such taboos as the British media's pedophile hysteria, the fact that Morris' first feature-length comedy Four Lions takes on the touchy subject of suicide bombings should come as no surprise.

If you haven't seen them yet, keep an eye out for the group representing writer/director Chi **Zhang's** *Diago*, who are here until the end of the festival. The group includes Zhang himself, along actors Carl Ng and Carlos Ernesto Koo Ayala, actress Lan Zhou, producer



Wang Yan, Chi Zhang and a delegation from the Cultural Affairs

Bureau of Macao. Czech production designer Jiří Sternwald returns to KVIFF today, having been here before with films such as Autumn Spring (2001) and Marta (2006).

Lastly, keep an eye out for Relinde de Graaff whose film is part of The Fresh Selection -The Promising Five; the young Dutch filmmaker also tried her hand at editing in her movie Infinite Memory.

CORRECTION: An incorrect caption was included with the photograph accompanying the article entitled Eastern promise beckons in yesterday's Festival Daily. The picture actually depicted a scene from Adis Bakrač's The Abandoned.

PRÁVO Audience Award

Don't forget to take part in this year's Audience Award competition (which runs until 10am, July 10). Pick up your voting cards whenever you see a film, and on the way out, tear the card at your chosen place -1 for **Excellent**, 2 for Good, 3 for Average, and 4 for **Poor**. Then hand the card to a hostess, or drop it into one of the ballot boxes provided.

Current Standings

- 1. The Hedgehog
- 2. Sound of Noise
- 3. Friendship!
- 4. Women in Temptation
- 5. For 80 Days

REVIEWERS RECOMMEND

Ronald Bergan

Film Historian and Critic, *The Guardian* (UK)



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Director: Abbas Kiarostami France, Italy, 2010, 106 min. July 9, 7pm, Pupp

Let's clear up a few things. This is not the first film that Iranian minimalist master has made outside his own country, nor is it his first shot in Europe, as many commentators have stated. Nor has Kiarostami compromised himself by entering European "art cinema" with this

study of an Englishman and a French woman acting at being married. Like most of his films, it is at once simple and complex, intimate and distant, full of insights into the nature of art, reality and fiction, society and human relationships



I Know Where I'm Going

Director: Michael Powell, Emeric Pressburger United Kingdom, 1945, 92 min. July 9, 4pm, Drahomíra Cinema

A modern folktale, without being folksy; an intoxicating blend of reality and mythology. A strong-minded English heroine (Wendy Hiller) who thinks she knows where she's going; an equally willful Scottish hero with the splendid name of Torquil MacNeil, laird of the island of

Kiloran (Roger Livesey). There is a castle, a whirlpool and an ancient curse. And the great set pieces - the wedding dress swaying to the sound of the train speeding towards the Hebrides, the dream sequence, the céilidh (a traditional Gaelic musical gathering), untamed characters silhouetted against the wild landscape...



The Leopard

Director: Luchino Visconti Italy, 1963, 185 min. July 9, 5pm, Grand Hall

The gorgeous evocation of an era, in which the Sicilian Prince of Salina (Burt Lancaster giving a beautifully mellow performance) reflects sadly on the death of the aristocratic world and the rise of the crass bourgeoisie during the Risorgimento. This is reflected in the

remarkable final ball scene, which takes up 40 minutes of screen time and involves 200 people in 14 interconnected rooms. Originally released by 20th Century-Fox in a drastically cut, badly dubbed, reprocessed version, disowned by Visconti, it has now been restored to its full Technirama pristine glory.



Director: Delmer Daves USA, 1956, 100 min. July 9, 10:30am, Lázně III

One of three brooding Westerns which Daves made starring Glenn Ford, Jubal falls within the time period of the golden age of the genre from 1939 to 1956. Like many of the best westerns, it has a psychological complexity that stretches beyond the simplistic "good versus evil"

premise. In this case, it is "Othello Out West," with grim loner Ford as Cassio, Ernest Borgnine, the Moor, and Rod Steiger in the Iago role. Splendidly photographed in CinemaScope, it favors suspense over action, with violence kept in abeyance until the end.







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Director Brian Trenchard-Smith's films Dead-End Drive In and The Man from Hong Kong form part of KVIFF's Midnight Screenings: Ozploitation! section. The films are featured in Mark Hartley's documentary Not Quite Hollywood: The Wild, Untold Story of Ozploitation! which is also screening at KVIFF.

■ Has Mark Hartley's film changed people's perception of Ozploitation movies?

Oh yes it completely opened the eyes of cinema-lovers all over the world to the forgotten treasure-trove of eccentric B-movies. Bmovies have not always had much respect, but Mark Hartley showed that there was professionalism, there was real creative invention that can be achieved within the B-movie budget and formula.

■ B-movies have a reputation for being all about sex and violence. Would you say that your movies pushed that genre in another direction?

Dead-End Drive In has an undercurrent of political comment as well as classic exploitation values. It could have had more nudity. It could have had more violence, but to me that wasn't what it was about. It was a socio-political allegory. You view the drive-in movie theater as society as a whole, where we are fed junk values and we accept them because they're comfortable. I have a little private joke in the film. My film *Turkey Shoot* was censored in the United States in a number of ways, but there was a scene where the villain has his head and shoulder blown off by a hail of bullets and that's a shot where people go "woah!" The MPAA snipped that out. Too graphic. Can't have that. It's bad for people. So I thought, hmmm, I want American audiences to see that. So I put it on the drive-in screen in Dead-End Drive In and they didn't notice.

■ Have there been very different reactions from critics in retrospect? From critics who didn't like your films when they came



Brian Trenchard-Smith gives two fingers to the establishment.

made. The funding bodies did not want this poor decisions. But Mark Hartley did a brilliant job – 6,000 images in 100 minutes. It's blisteringly fast, very coherent, and an incredible compressed analysis of 100 films.

can be appreciated by European audiences

It was great to see Czech audiences watching The Man from Hong Kong, to see them laugh at the jokes and get the satire of James Bond and the kind of thug hero who basically uses violence rather than reason. The satire of that vile! Nobody behaves like that!" Well, actual-They said "Oh, we always liked it. It's so great and less graphic violence, behaves like that. I know how to make a film.

that it's been rediscovered." Hypocrites! It took Charles Bronson behaves like that! But I like to nine years for Not Quite Hollywood to get celebrate and satirize at the same time the conventions of whatever genre I'm working in. film to be made because it showed up their I think my best films happen when my inner child has been let free.

■ Your directing style seems to be very "hands on"...

Well, for me there's no other way. That's the ■ Do you think the humor of your films joy of it. Obviously it is a collaborative process and if you're sensible you plug in to the collective intelligence of your fellow professionals and you include them in the decision-making process. But someone has to lead and you lead by example. I've been hit by a car three times. Went though the windshield once. I've been set on fire seven times. Generally as kind of movie - they just got it. Whereas when a publicity stunt. Introducing the hottest direcit was first released people said, "This is just tor in town! I am circus ringmaster, group therapist, brigade commander. It's a military oper-Oh yes, there was great revisionist thinking. ly, James Bond, with a lot of gloss and budget ation. So yes, "hands on" is the only way

WHAT AM I DOING HERE?

Adis Bakrač (Director) **Mira Furlan (Actor)**

The Abandoned



■ What have the reactions to your film been like?

AB: I've heard lots of good things about my film and I'm happy about that. People have a real feeling for what I wanted to say with my idea and my story. I wanted to tell a story about ordinary people who are victims of the war [in Yugoslavia] 15 years later. They are in great pain and very alone.

■ What are your plans for the future?

MF: My life taught me not to make too many plans. We can make plans but other forces decide on our life. My life is in the US now, but I love coming to Europe and I definitely feel I belong to European roots. Being here in Karlovy Vary reminds me of my grandmother who was a citizen of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Her world is slowly disappearing and I'm so nostalgic for that – the culture and the intellectualism that I can't find in America at all. That's what I crave and that's why being here feels like being at home. My deep, true home.

Bosnian director Adis Bakrač's The Abandoned (which had its world premiere at KVIFF last night) screens today at 1:30pm in the Lázně III cinema.

ON THE TOWN

Promenáda

Tržiště 31 **3**53 225 648 www.hotel-promenada.cz Open daily from 11am till 11pm

John Malkovich thought it pretty fair, as did President Klaus neither of whom are culinary slouches. But the Promenáda doesn't need to name drop; it's been established among foodies for years, thanks in large part to its inspired chef, and list of wines preceded by delectable appetizers there's a pretty authentic range of

(150-250 CZK) such as mushroom soup, are well worth the trouble, to say nothing of the splurge. Service is as impeccable as the cuisine, of course.

U Šveika

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Open daily from 11am to 11pm With a life-size model of Czech icon The Good Soldier culled from the best of family Švejk seated at one of its tables vineyards in Moravia. It's a for- and an interior that looks like mal, old-world place, with white a Disney-take on an old Czech linen table settings and padded pub atmosphere, you might parlor chairs. It's situated in expect an ersatz Bohemian dinusually booked months in there's nothing fake about its But the French and continental you probably shouldn't expect cuisine (350-850 CZK for mains), anything less). As regards food,



a small charmer of a hotel that's ing experience at U Švejka. But The Promenáda restaurant, upstream from the Thermal.

dumplings and red and white a special diet.

advance, so reservations and excellent Pilsner beer (although local cuisine including the ubiq-cabbage with their roast duck dressing for dinner are de rigueur. at a hefty 69 CZK per half-liter, uitous pork, cabbage and (289 CZK). Like all Czech eating dumplings (159 CZK). You will houses, however, there is not a lot also get a hefty portion of here for vegetarians or those on

Lázně III

Lázně III No phone 10am-10pm daily

This inviting little refuge from the pedestrian traffic on the promenade is handy for a coffee and cake (55-70 CZK), with a tempting collection of cheesecakes, sachertorte and fruit pies. Or settle into one of the sofas at the South end of this streetside café (the North end, sponsored by a champagne firm, is a bit spendy) and try a mojito for much less than the same drink costs in the vicinity of the Thermal. Waiters will happily drape you in a blanket if you're there by evening and feel a chill. Light sandwich and panini menus are also on hand and they'll pack it to take away (99 CZK for KVIFF passholders, 119 for civilians). And all literally in the shadow of one of the city's prettiest spas. If only this place were open year-round.

If you're into "hardcore-rap" bands naming themselves things like "Censorshit" (probably not after the Ramones song), or "sweetnoise-funk" bands called "Shoecut," or if you're just curious as to what sweetnoise-funk is, check out the W Club tonight from 9pm (Nákladní 13).

And if you do go, don't worry if you see a crumbling nightclub pop back into shape on your way home. Or change color, or grow spikes. Vodafone's presenting a special animation, projected on the facade of the Aeroport club (Divadelní náměstí 43); a new type of 3D projection in **free space** known as videomapping. Dramatic images cover the bulding in striking detail, repeated every night of KVIFF at 30minute intervals from 10pm to 2am. This truly amazing projection was created by artist collective, The Macula.

DAILIES



Brian Trenchard-Smith (right) at his Master Class.



KVIFF prez Jiří Bartoška joins Adrian Grenier's entourage.



"Statuesque" KVIFFers outside the Thermal.