

# Voiceover Artist Featured At Tallgrass Film Festival

The fifth annual Tallgrass Film Festival is planned for October 19 through 21. Over 20 visiting filmmakers from Kansas and around the country will attend, including Don Lafontaine, the guest of honor.

Lafontaine, who makes a seven-figure income, does voiceovers for everything from Geico commercials to the previews for *Dr. Strangelove*. He voices "the majority of the trailers and previews at movie theatres," according to Tallgrass spokesperson Lela Meadow.

Making the big bucks might not be easy, but at least he doesn't have to get naked like Viggo Mortensen to do it.

The exact screening schedule was unavailable at press time, so check other media closer to the Festival opening. Below are some of the movies, mostly documentaries.

- *Kansas vs. Darwin* is about the 2005 battle between the State Board of Education, the Intelligent Design Network, and the Kansans who opposed them, successfully.

- *Blood on the Flat Tract* is about the rising world of Roller Derby, with real

life characters like Pia Mess, Miss Fortune, and her mother Hot Flash. Burnet Down, and Drew Blood with the Throttle Rockets are heroines, and the Sockit Wenches are the villains. Arena supporters may want to catch this one.

- *Daddy's Love* is about a gay Norwegian who comes to Kansas for the birth, via surrogate mother, of his son, and returns to Norway to raise the boy as a single father.

- *Off the Grid: Life on the Mesa* shows the life of a colony of radicals who live without electricity and with little food or even water.

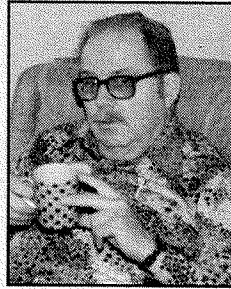
- *Imprint*, the first fiction film, is about a Native American prosecutor who experiences apparitions and visions in a quest for truth about the disappearance of her brother.

- *The Memory Thief*, also fiction, is about a man investigating the Holocaust and discovering things about his own guilt.

- *Twisted: A Balloonamentary Story* is a comic documentary meditation on eight people who find meaning by twisting balloons into, among other things,

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"two 100-foot-tall soccer players," to the narration of Jon Stewart.

### Other Noncommercials:

■ **Cinema Alfresco** is a Tallgrass series at 9 p.m. on the balcony of The Shadow Bistro and Bar, 550 N. Rock Road. Its final two shows are:

- *Unforgiven* - October 3. Clint Eastwood's Oscar winning western with Gene Hackman.

- *Roxanne* - October 10. Steve Martin's excellent updating of *Cyrano de Bergerac*.

■ **At the Murdock**, 536 N. Broadway. At 7:30 p.m. For those of you with left-leaning political views, these are for you.

- *The Dark Side* - October 4 - about Dick Cheney's promotion of the war in Iraq.

- *The Big Buy* - October 11 - "Texas congressman Tom DeLay's unscrupulous efforts to bend democracy to his will."

- *No End in Sight* - October 25 -

about how we got into the Iraq War.

- **"Reel Scary" Night** - October 26 - No details available.

■ **At the Orpheum** at 7 p.m.

- *Dracula* and *Nosferatu* - October 31. The original Bela Lugosi *Dracula* and the silent *Dracula* classic.

■ **The Hangar Series** - Doors open at 6 p.m. and films start at sundown. Bring your lawn chair to 2650 S. Kessler. Sponsored by the Jayhawk Wing of the Commemorative Air Force. Free admission.

- ***Objective, Burma!*** - October 19. An American platoon parachutes into Burma during World War II to take out a strategic Japanese outpost. This above average movie, directed by Raoul Walsh, stars Errol Flynn.

I had all kinds of philosophy and sociology to share with you this month, but felt that this stuff was more urgent at the moment.

Control your disappointment.