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Another Festival for Cinephiles

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For cinephiles aching for more movies in the wake of the Hamptons International Film Festival, there will be a remedy of sorts when the less hectic, less star-driven Long Island Film Festival comes to the Bay Street Theatre in Sag Harbor next week.

The festival, in its 27th season, will show productions from Canada and Ireland and elsewhere in its World Lens series, as well as more local film fare from Tuesday through Oct. 30.

Among a program of short films on opening night, Tuesday at 7 p.m., "The Riddle" will be the evening's highlighted film. Directed by Evan Brenner, an American, the film was shot in Russia and is in Russian. The story is about a boy coming to terms with his mother's sudden death and his father's brutal nature. According to an online review, "This is one of the most heartfelt, charming, and perceptive films about children since Francois Truffaut's masterful 'Small Change.' Every time you think it's going in one direction, it takes another."

The festival will present its Animation Special on Wednesday at 7 p.m. with several animated short films from Long Island, Ireland, Latvia, England, Spain, and Germany. It will also screen the feature "Spook," produced in Canada and directed by Barry Levy. The film tells the story of Canada's covert involvement in the Vietnam War and about the 40,000

Canadians who secretly served there.

"U.S. audiences are very intrigued that in America's most recent war with Iraq, Canada was asked to participate and said they wouldn't. In Vietnam, we said we wouldn't, and we did," said Mr. Levy.

Next Thursday at 7 p.m., Bill King, a sculptor who lives in East Hampton and received the International Sculpture Center's lifetime achievement award, will be the subject of the short documentary "The Artist and His Model," director by Don Lenzer. (Story on C1.)

Among the other films being screened that night will be the full-length documentary "By the People: The Election of Barack Obama," directed by Amy Rice and Alicia Sams with the help of the actor Edward Norton.

Films by college students will be shown on Oct. 30. Also that day, there will be a screening of the documentary "A Long Haul," directed by Nathaniel Kramer, a Tony Award winner and Bridgehampton resident. "A Long Haul" depicts the ongoing struggles of commercial fishermen on the East End through the story of a charter boat captain whose seasonal summer business has fallen prey to a bad economy, high fuel prices, loss of customers, and depleted fish populations. The evening begins at 7. Mr. Kramer will be on hand to discuss his film.

More information is available at lifilm.org.