

## The restored copy of „Heaven’s Gate”, special screening at Transilvania IFF

A restored version of one of the most controversial films in cinema history, **Heaven's Gate**, a documentary about the famous rescue of a climber in the Himalayas, where the Romanian Horia Colibasanu was also present, and **Sound City**, the film directed by Dave Grohl, Foo Fighters' frontman, are some of the highlights of the 12th edition of Transilvania International Film Festival (May 31 to June 9, Cluj-Napoca).

TIFF viewers will have the opportunity to see, for the first time ever, director Michael Cimino's cut of the film that ruined his career, led to the disappearance of a studio and acquired an aura of legend: **Heaven's Gate**. Considered both a "disaster" and a "masterpiece", the film was released in 1980 after a difficult production, punctuated by scandals and huge expectations from the Oscar-winning director of **The Deer Hunter**. **Heaven's Gate** proved to be a massive failure at the box office, one of the greatest in film history: out of the approximately 44 million dollars spent (the equivalent of 122 million today), the producers recovered just a bit over 3 million. The American critics were ruthless. But the Cannes Film Festival included it in the race for the Palme d'Or, and the European critics perceived it as one of the most unorthodox and challenging Westerns ever made.

Last fall, the legendary **Heaven's Gate** was reissued in a digitally restored 216 minute long version, the director's cut, and presented in Venice, in the presence of Michael Cimino. The Festival director, Alberto Barbera, described the film as "an absolute masterpiece," "massacred" by the producers' cut, one of the greatest injustices in the history of cinema. **Heaven's Gate** is a western inspired by the 1890 war in Johnson County, when the Wyoming land owners killed the immigrants who came to settle there. The cast included Kris Kristofferson – whose career was ruined by the movie, Christopher Walken, Isabelle Huppert, Jeff Bridges, John Hurt, Sam Waterston, Brad Dourif, Joseph Cotten, Geoffrey Lewis, David Mansfield, Richard Masur, Terry O'Quinn, Mickey Rourke and Willem Dafoe.

## Climber Horia Colibășanu comes at TIFF with „The Ridge”

A not-to-be-missed special screening at TIFF 2013 will be Pura Vida / The Ridge, by Migueltxo Molina and Pablo Iraburu, a reenactment of one of the most difficult and extensive rescues of a climber in the Himalayas. In 2008, the Spanish Iñaki Ochoa of Olza, one of the most experienced climbers in the world, suffered injuries while at 7400 meters on Mount Annapurna, one of the most

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dangerous peaks in the world – about 41% of those who try to conquer it, are never coming back. His expedition partner, Horia Colibasanu, sought help from the base and tried to keep him alive until the rescue team arrived. For four days, experienced climbers from ten countries, including Alex Glăvan, did everything in their power to help his comrades. The special screening of **The Ridge** will take place in the presence of climber Horia Colibasanu, a special guest of TIFF 2013.

### **Special screening: Dave Grohl's „Sound City”**

Another special event will be the premiere of **Sound City**, the directorial debut of **Dave Grohl**, former Nirvana drummer and Foo Fighters frontman. Very well received at Sundance, **Sound City** revives the glory days of an almost unknown studio in Van Nuys, California - Sound City, where there were recorded some of the greatest rock albums ever, such as Nirvana's "Nevermind" or Fleetwood Mac's "Rumours". Bands like Metallica, Nine Inch Nails, Guns N 'Roses and Rage Against the Machine have also finished writing and recording songs here. Two years ago, when Sound City closed, Grohl bought its sound panel and installed it in his studio. And he got the idea for a film.

Among others, in **Sound City** appear living legends such as Paul McCartney, Mick Fleetwood, Tom Petty, Trent Reznor, John Fogerty, Rick Springfield. The soundtrack „Sound City: Real to Reel” was released this spring.

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