

Looking for films to see at festival? Start with these 5

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There are plenty of movies to choose from at the Phoenix Film Festival, and discovering something new on your own is more than half the fun. But here are five to help get you started. All films are shown at Harkins Scottsdale 101.



T.J. Thyne

Thyne brings a lot of heartfelt emotion to his character, and humor as well.

Screenings: 3:10 p.m. Friday, March 30; 1:35 p.m. Saturday, March 31; 11:55 a.m. Sunday, April 1.

"The Intouchables" — A French film starring François Cluzet as a quadriplegic aristocrat who hires an ex-con (Omar Sy) to help take care of him. Sy won for best actor in the Cesar Awards, the French version of the Oscars; the film got eight other nominations, as well.

Screening: 7 p.m. Sunday, April 1.

"Blue Like Jazz" — Marshall Allman stars as Donald Miller, a Texas college student running away from



Tom (Ethan Hawke) and a mysterious widow (Kristin Scott Thomas) start up an affair in "The Woman in the Fifth."

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his religious upbringing by heading for the Pacific Northwest and "the most godless campus in America." Based on Miller's book; he is also one of the screenwriters. Directed by Steve Taylor (who also helped write it).

Screening: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 5.

"The Woman in the Fifth" — Broke and disgraced, Tom Ricks (Ethan Hawke) moves to Paris to be closer to his daughter and estranged wife. He starts a menial job he hopes will give him the solitude he needs to work on a novel, but things get weird after he starts an affair with a mysterious widow (Kristin Scott Thomas) — like, murder weird.

Screenings: 11:25 a.m. Saturday, March 31; 7:20 p.m. Monday, April 2; 5:20 p.m. Thursday, April 5.

"We Run (Expletive)" — Documentary about five producers who head to Miami for the annual Winter Music Conference, running into not only big-selling artists but the criminal corporate world, as well. With appearances by Flavor Flav, Flo Rida, Will.i.am and others.

Screenings: 7:25 p.m. Friday, March 30; 11:15 a.m. Saturday, March 31; 2:10 p.m. Sunday, April 1.