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In The Loop Screening and exclusive Armando Iannucci Q+A Confirmed For Restless Natives Festival!



A Badge of Friendship will host a screening of critically acclaimed satirical comedy *In The Loop* at **Restless Natives Festival** on **Saturday May 14th 2016** at **Drygate**. Following the screening there will be an exclusive pre-recorded Q+A with director, writer and producer **Armando Iannucci**.

Restless Natives Festival are asking fans to tweet their questions for Armando between **April 18th-23rd** using the hashtag **#AskArmando**. Armando will choose the best five questions and answer them in a pre-recorded Q+A for the festival to be shown after the screening.

In The Loop is a spin-off of the BBC series *The Thick of It*. The film satirises Anglo-American politics and centres around the possible invasion of Iraq. It premiered at the **Sundance Film Festival** to huge acclaim, from the writing to the performances, and was eventually nominated for an **Academy Award** for *Best Adapted Screenplay* in 2010.

Tickets can be purchased from the Restless Natives website.

Restless Natives' heart and soul lies within the DIY scene as the festival not only aims to bring people together in and around the East End of Glasgow, generating income for the local community, bands and charities, but it also aims to promote ethnic diversity and gender equality throughout the program.

Restless Natives is reflective of a truly modern DIY ethic that showcases talent from a broad spectrum, mirroring the diverse talent the creative scene has to offer.

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“Armando is not only one of the country's top TV comedy producers, but his credits also span critically acclaimed features for radio and film. Given he is one of the most influential and prominent writers to emerge from Scotland, it's not only an honour for Restless Natives to be screening *In The Loop*, but also to have the ingenious satirist put his name to the festival.” comments festival co-ordinator **Halina Rifai**.

All events will be individually priced as affordably as possible to ensure accessibility for people from all economic backgrounds and the organisers will also be donating a portion of gate receipts towards specially nominated East End charities to help their community.

A number of film events have already been confirmed including a screening of *Instrument* plus a Q&A via Skype with **Fugazi's Ian MacKaye**, **The Skinny** presents *Couple In A Hole* with live Q&A by **Geoff Barrow** (**BEAK>**, **Portishead**) and **Billy Fuller** (**BEAK>**, **Robert Plant Band**), *The Room* featuring exclusive behind-the-scenes documentary and live Q&A via Skype with **Greg Sestero**, **Song, By Toad** presents *The Ambiguity Of David Thomas Broughton* with exclusive unseen footage and Restless Natives' own national exclusive of *Blood, Sweat & Vinyl : DIY in the 21st Century* starring **Neurosis**, **Godspeed You Black Emperor** and **ISIS** (the band!) with live Q&A via Skype with director **Kenneth Thomas** and *A Page of Madness* with an exclusive live original score by **Adam Stafford**. Plus special guest-curated screens by **Africa in Motion**, the **Scottish Mental Health Arts and Film Festival** and **Radical Film Network Scotland** amongst others.

The festival also boasts a strong music line-up including **Wu-Tang Clan's Ghostface Killah**, **LAW**, Cardiff's alt rockers **Future of the Left**, Sheffield mathcore champions **Rolo Tomassi**, Canadian composer **Tim Hecker**, electronic maverick **Blanck Mass**, Chicago favourites **Into It. Over It**, US cult heroes **The Hotelier** and Glasgow's own **Tuff Love**, **United Fruit**, **Happy Meals**, **Spinning Coin** and **Nightwave**. Full details of further showcases, film nights and talks programmed by **Hotgem Music**, **Nightschool Records**, **No One Knows Records**, **Winning Sperm Party**, **Stretched**, **Fuzzkill Records**, **Nice n' Sleazy**, **Bloc+Music**, **Song, By Toad** and **Struggletown** are also set to be announced very soon.

Restless Natives Festival will take place **May 9th - 15th 2016** and tickets are available via the Restless Natives [website](#).



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