

# Laumeiersculpturepark

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Who: Laumeier Sculpture Park presents  
What: John Waters Double-Feature Film Festival  
When: September 19, 2008, 7 PM/9 PM  
Where: Laumeier Outdoor Music Amphitheatre (LOMA at Laumeier Sculpture Park)  
Details: Free and open to the public; free parking available on-site and adjacent to the park

## Laumeier Presents a Special John Waters Film Festival Under the Stars

**St. Louis, MO (September 8, 2008)** — In conjunction with the October exhibition, *Artistically Incorrect: The Photographs and Sculpture of John Waters*, Laumeier Sculpture Park presents the John Waters Double-Feature Film Festival. Enjoy showings of two of John Waters' classic films under the stars with *Hairspray* (1988: PG) at 7 p.m. and *Polyester* (1981: R) at approximately 9 p.m. These free screenings provide a great introduction to the eccentric filmmaker, artist and showman. Bring your blanket, lawn chair and cooler for an evening that will keep you laughing and scratching your head. While the original *Hairspray* is suitable for most audiences, *Polyester*, however, may not be appropriate for all members of your family. The Laumeier Outdoor Music Amphitheatre offers a beautiful setting for a perfect fall evening in the Park.

The Double-Feature Film Festival offers a peek into the creative mind of John Waters who is most often recognized for his films. He has written, directed, produced and acted in more than a dozen motion pictures. From his early underground cult classics such as *Pink Flamingos* to the latest iteration of *Hairspray*, Waters' films are full of twists and quirks. Those same characteristics permeate his life and artistic career. Since the early 1990s Waters has been making photo-based artwork, sculpture and installations. This work is just as edgy, informed and full of dark humor as his films and has been exhibited in galleries and museums throughout the world.

Born in 1946, John Waters lives and works in Baltimore, Maryland. He has had solo exhibitions across the country and around the globe at institutions including the New Museum of Contemporary Art (New York), Fotomuseum Winterthur (Switzerland), The Warhol Museum (Pittsburgh, PA), The Orange County Museum of Art (Newport Beach, CA), the Wexner Center for the Arts (Columbus, OH), Marianne Boesky Gallery (New York), Albert Merola Gallery (Provincetown, MA), Rena Branston Gallery (San Francisco), and PaceWildensteinMacGill (Los Angeles). His work has also been included in numerous national and international group exhibitions.

On October 11, 2008, Laumeier will present a solo exhibition of over 60 works by Waters in the indoor galleries. With a combination of photographs, montages, and sculptures, the show will challenge, confound and entertain. *Artistically Incorrect: The Photographs and Sculpture of John Waters* opens October 11, 2008 with a free opening reception from 6-8 p.m. at Laumeier Sculpture Park and continues through January 11, 2009.

Additionally, Laumeier is hosting a fundraising cocktail party, *Socially Incorrect: A Night of Contradictions with John Waters* on October 11 at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale starting September 12 with more information at [www.laumeier.org](http://www.laumeier.org). Laumeier is also collaborating with Grand Center for the October 13 performance by John Waters of his "This Filthy World," vaudeville show at the Sheldon at 8 p.m.

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## John Waters Double-Feature Film Festival Facts

- Free and open to the public
- Free parking available across the street from Laumeier
- No pets allowed during special events
- Coolers allowed, but please no glass containers
- Bring your own chairs, blankets, picnic baskets, etc., but please no grills
- A cash bar and concessions will be available
- *Hairspray* (1988: Rated PG) begins at 7 p.m. and *Polyester* (1981: Rated R) begins at approximately 9 p.m.
- In case of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled for Saturday, September 20 at 7 PM

Photo (high resolution version or additional images available upon request):



John Waters, photo by Greg Gorman.

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Laumeier Sculpture Park is located at 12580 Rott Road in St. Louis County, near Interstate 44 and Lindbergh Boulevard. The park is open daily from 8 a.m. until ½ hour past sunset. The museum is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 12 p.m. until 5 p.m. The museum is closed on Mondays and legal holidays. For more information, call 314-821-1209 or visit us at [www.laumeier.org](http://www.laumeier.org).

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