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Fresh Frames: Three nights of local films at the Prince

Prince Music Theater, 1412 Chestnut Street (at Broad)

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All Fresh Frames Programs are \$5.00, Free for Film at the Prince members!

Fresh Frames is a on-going series is dedicated to screening completed films, from docs to dramas, by Philadelphia media artists presented in partnership with the Greater Philadelphia Film Office. This summer Film at the Prince presents several nights to see new films by filmmakers with Philadelphia connections.

Thursday Aug 21 8:00pm

Four Funny Families

Four Funny Families is the first feature film directed and written by V. Ulea, Ph.D, professor at the University of Pennsylvania. The impressive cast includes such well-known Philadelphians such as **Steve Lippe**, known for his appearances in Woody Allen's **Celebrity**, **Birdy** and many others, including the current international film festival award winner, **Don't Ask, Don't Tell**, in which he plays J. Edgar Hoover, in drag. Also appearing are many local theatre actresses and actors, including **Amanda Schoonover**, who recently received a Barrymore nomination for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Play for her portrayal of Flora in the critically acclaimed *The Loyalist*; **Michael Dura**, who has been actively involved in theatre, film, music, dance, and radio for over twenty years in the Philadelphia area and elsewhere; **Mauri Walton**, who has done many performances during the Philadelphia Fringe Festival, including *Tubey or Not to Be, a HAM UhmLET*; and **Josh Brookreson**, who has performed at the past two Fringe Festivals in *Lee* (2001), and *Jersey Boy* (2002);

The film is an attempt to follow Chekhov's definition of his four major plays (*The Seagull*, *Uncle Vanya*, *Three Sisters*, and *Cherry Orchard*) as comedies. This post-modern production combines different filmmaking styles to show Chekhov as a modern writer, and that his works are universal in time. The idea behind the film is that four families from Chekhov's four major plays are living under the same roof in a furniture store that they own. There are four sections in the store that are names after the four major plays. One day all families call for a big party, which erupts in scandals as people drink.

The cast is from Philadelphia, New York, Canada, and Ukraine. Locals might recognize the store in the film as Propper Brother's furniture store, located in Manayunk.

For more information, visit www.fourfunnyfamilies.com.

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