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**FANS** of movie classics can find Geraldine Farrar as Joan of Arc in the Cecil B. De Mille film and Charlie Chaplin at film festivals on the Web.

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**W**hen it comes to vacation, film buffs have a full roster of possible itineraries. That's because several film festivals are unrolling late this month and early next month, both in the United States and abroad.

Of course, it's almost impossible to get the skinny on all of them — unless you happen to be on the inside track, thanks to the multitude of film festival listings online.

Start your search for the perfect film festival at Yahoo, where the index of such gatherings is vast. Whether your taste runs to French independent cinema, African film or grade C crud, you'll find it here.

**Address:**

[http://www.yahoo.com/Entertainment/Movies\\_and\\_Films/](http://www.yahoo.com/Entertainment/Movies_and_Films/)

**Click on: Film Festivals**

For the short list, meanwhile, check out Film.com, where major film festivals worldwide have been invited to post schedules, releases and reports.

**Address:**

<http://www.film.com/film/industry/filmfests/>

If Canada beckons, the Toronto International Film Festival, Sept. 5 to 14, is on the cinema map. The Internet site provides all the stats on accommodations and events. Look here for Planet Africa, including 13 features from Africa and the African Diaspora; a study of Canadian cinema, and a focus on the national cinema of Vietnam.

Also available to attendees: a special spotlight on Portuguese film maker Joao Cesar Monteiro, whose movies include "Recollections of the Yellow House" (winner of the Silver Lion prize at the 1989 Venice Film Festival) and, most recently, "God's Comedy" (winner of the Special Jury Prize in Venice in 1995).

**Address:**

<http://www.bell.ca/toronto/filmfest/>

Alfred Hitchcock said, "The stronger the evil, the stronger the film." That's the overriding sentiment Sept. 20 to 26 at the Ninth Helsinki Film Festival, titled "Love and Anarchy." The target audience for this gathering? The group festival organizers call "the doom generation." Schedule and special appearances will be announced online short-

ly, so if you're interested in a journey to Finland, stay on top of the programing at <http://love&anarchy.cultnet.fi/>.

If movie classics turn you on, book a room at the grand Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood Aug. 29 to Sept. 2 for Cinecon32. Among the many greats you will be viewing:

"Joan the Woman," starring Geraldine Farrar and Wallace Reid, directed by Cecil B. De Mille, 1916; Chaplin shorts; "No Woman Knows," a 1921 gem seen for the first time in 70 years, and the recently rediscovered "For Ladies Only," 1927's feminist comedy about secretaries turning the tables on sexist bosses.

**Address:** <http://www.mdle.com/ClassicFilms/Cinecon32/>

The 50th annual Drambuie Edinburgh Film Festival — which runs through next Sunday — offers nonstop movies, film makers' forums and star appearances at several theaters throughout the great Scottish city, not to mention a spectacular venue on America Online. To make reservations, join a chat group or simply peer in from afar, start your journey with a few tiny clicks.

**Address:** AmericaOnline.

**Keyword:** Edinburgh Festival.

For those who love Westerns, here's a roundup for you. Check out the Cheyenne Western Film Festival, Sept. 13 to 15.

**Address:**

<http://www.wyoming.com/~western/festival.htm>

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION:**

I won't be able to get away for the film festival of my choice this year. Is there any way I can experience at least some of it vicariously online?

Visit Film Scout, a site that sends its reps to the hottest film venues to report back day by day. To interact, participate in Film Scout message boards and chat.

**Address:** <http://www.film-scouts.com/>

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