

It's almost here-- the **Atheist Film Festival** comes to the Roxie Theater this **Sunday August 21!**

Highlighting the festival is **The Ledge**, a new thriller touted as the first drama in Hollywood history to feature an openly atheist hero in a story about religious conflict. **Writer/director Matthew Chapman**, who **will be attending the festival in person**, has impeccable atheist credentials - he is the great-great-grandson of Charles Darwin. The film was nominated for Best US Drama at the 2011 Sundance Film Festival and boasts an impressive cast of A-list stars.

Also featured in this year's festival, **The Nature of Existence**, director Roger Nygard's fascinating documentary that poses the big questions of life, the universe, and everything to a remarkable cross-section of humanity, ranging from scientists like Richard Dawkins, to modern druids, a 24th generation Chinese Taoist Master, and the founder of Ultimate Christian Wrestling. Like Chapman, **director Roger Nygard will be in attendance** at the Festival.

We're also screening Spanish director Alejandro Amenábar's **Agora**, the widely acclaimed 2009 biopic of the 4th century female mathematician and astronomer Hypatia of Alexandria, starring Rachel Weisz. Another special guest, historian **Dr. Richard Carrier**, will be available for Q&A afterward to discuss the real history behind the film.

Award-winning filmmaker **Ondi Timoner** is bringing her powerful documentary film **Join Us**, which tells the story of a family's escape from an abusive church and offers a searing look at cults in America.

Rounding out the program will be the debut of two collections of live and animated shorts entitled **2011: Year of the Rapture** and **The First Atheist Musical**. If that's not enough for you, we're also screening films all day long next door in the Little Roxie.

**Advance sales of discounted tickets and festival passes ends tonight @ midnight.** They will be on sale at the Roxie box office on Sunday-- \$12 for single tickets and \$40 for all-day passes.

Also on sale-- official AFF T-shirts, hoodies & more (just in time for winter solstice shopping).

For details, previews, and more, see the official website at **[www.sfatheistfilmfestival.org](http://www.sfatheistfilmfestival.org)** You can also follow us on Twitter and be our friend on Facebook. Spread the word to your friends and neighbors, too!

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