



## **'THE DUCHESS OF MALFI' COMES TO MAURY YOUNG ARTS CENTRE, MARCH 23**

*The film's showing also celebrates the Whistler Arts Council's new state-of-the art theatre screen generously donated by the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation.*

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**WHISTLER, BC** – On Wednesday, March 23, John Webster's *The Duchess of Malfi* will be shown at the Maury Young Arts Centre, as part of Whistler Arts Council's Performance Series. The Shakespeare's Globe on Screen showing will also mark the inauguration of the new theatre screen which was made possible by a \$6,882 grant from the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation's Technology Fund.

The first film to be shown on the new screen, *The Duchess of Malfi*, starring Hollywood star Gemma Arterton in the title role, tells the story of the widowed Duchess of Malfi who longs to marry her lover, the steward Antonio. Two rancorous brothers, Ferdinand and the Cardinal, are implacably opposed to the match and when their spy, Bosola, discovers that the Duchess has secretly married Antonio and carries his child, they exact a terrible and horrific revenge.

The Guardian says, "Gemma Arterton brings to it beauty, determination and a sense of moral goodness," and Metro calls the film "a dish of delicious horror served up in style."

"The addition of the state-of-the-art equipment enables us to offer the best possible experience for show goers, whether they are attending a film screening or a live performance," said Whistler Arts Council's Managing Consultant Maureen Douglas. "Maury Young Arts Centre is the go-to venue for arts and culture events in Whistler and the new screen adds to the quality of that experience."

"We are both thrilled and grateful for the generosity and on-going support of the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation," said Douglas. "The foundation's funding provides us and numerous community groups with direct access to professional, high-quality presentation space in the heart of Whistler. Enhancements like the new screen for Wilhelmsen Hall Theatre in Maury Young Arts Centre will directly benefit the many individuals, community groups and companies who utilize our venue."

In 2015 the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation also provided funding for a new Panasonic projector with 3-chip DLP technology, one of the most efficient projection systems available, providing a smooth and vivid picture and with 10,000 lumen intensity creating a brighter image.

Whistler Arts Council's Technical Director Dean Feser said, "the new electric roll-down projection screen will provide a superior projection surface that is crease-free and does not bow or curve. The screen is installed mid-stage above the theatre deck in a position that allows additional seating without compromising viewing angles. This is a great benefit to commercial and to arts, culture and heritage renters; giving them a better product and viewing experience."

Arrive from 6pm for a long table celebration with pies and ale. Purchase your tickets now from the Maury Young Arts Centre box office or at [artswhistler.com](http://artswhistler.com). General Admission tickets are \$14; children and WAC members are \$12.

## **EVENT SCHEDULE**

**6:00pm** Freshly baked pies and ales available in The Gallery at the Maury Young Arts Centre  
**6:30pm** Shakespeare's Globe performance of The Duchess of Malfi screens in The Theatre

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## **ABOUT THE WHISTLER BLACKCOMB FOUNDATION**

As of December 2014 The Whistler Blackcomb Foundation has awarded over \$250,000 in charitable grants to Sea to Sky non-profit organizations. Since 1992 the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation has supported hundreds of community charities through cash grants totaling over \$8.5 million dollars. The Presentation Technology Fund was initiated by Maury Young Arts Centre (formerly Maurice young Millennium Place) and The Whistler Blackcomb foundation in 2006 with a generous grant from the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation. Under this program professional-grade technical equipment is acquired, maintained and operated by the Whistler Arts Council and is available to non-profit and community groups for a small maintenance fee to help enhance the acoustic and visual performance experience for artists and audiences.

## **ABOUT THE WHISTLER ARTS COUNCIL**

The Whistler Arts Council has been the premier arts advocacy organization in Whistler since 1982, supporting local artists and organizations to develop arts programs and promoting Whistler as a unique destination for cultural tourism. A respected community stakeholder and non-profit organization, the Whistler arts Council leverages strategic government and business partnerships to increase community engagement and opportunities through year-round festivals, events, and arts programs. Annual signature events include ArtWalk, Whistler Children's Festival, Bizarre Bazaar, Whistler art Workshops on the Lake, Whistler Street Entertainment and the Performance Series. The Whistler arts Council also operates Maury Young Arts Centre (formerly Maurice Young Millennium Place) which boasts a 238-seat theatre, Scotia creek Gallery, meeting space, youth Centre and gift shop featuring local artisans. Maury Young Arts Centre is open to the public year round and is truly Whistler's hub for arts and culture, right in the heart of the village.

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