2013 NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

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LIBERACE CONFIRMED FOR DUNEDIN

The New Zealand International Film Festival today confirmed *Behind the Candelabra* has been secured as a late confirmation for the Dunedin programme.

Behind the Candelabra stars Michael Douglas as Liberace, and Matt Damon as his younger boyfriend. The biopic is directed by Steven Soderbergh and was originally funded for HBO television in the United States.

Behind the Candelabra will screen at the Regent Theatre on Friday 9 August, at 8.45 pm. Tickets are available now from the venue.

"Michael Douglas becomes a glittering colossus of kitsch as Liberace, the most flamboyantly gay, closeted entertainer in the world, while Matt Damon is achingly right as the hunk, 40 years his junior, who became his lover and companion in the late 70s. The film was reputedly turned down by countless movie executives before being funded by HBO for TV, but Steven Soderbergh clearly intended it to be seen on a giant screen. We are delighted to oblige," says NZIFF Director Bill Gosden.

The East, previously scheduled to screen at the Regent in this time slot will now screen at Rialto Dunedin on Friday 9 August 8.50pm.

NZIFF programmes are available now from the cinema venues and around Dunedin. Tickets are on sale from the cinema venue where the film is screening. NZIFF in Dunedin screens from 8 August to 25 August and in Gore from 14 to 25 August.

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http://www.nziff.co.nz/dunedin/film/behind-the-candelabra

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