

Hardacre Film & Cinema Festival

What: The first competitive independent film festival in Iowa. Film entries are being accepted through June 15.

When: Aug. 3-4.

Where: Hardacre Theatre in Tipton.

Information: Call 563-6350 or go to www.hardacrefilmfestival.com.

Hardacre Film & Cinema Festival back in Tipton for 10th year

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After a yearlong hiatus, the Hardacre Film & Cinema Festival is back.

"It is something that needs to happen," said Travis Alden, the new director of the festival.

"It is one of those things that I don't want to say has

been taken for granted in the past, but when it doesn't happen you feel the impact of it."

The Aug. 3-4 event, which takes place at the historic Hardacre Theatre in Tipton, was the first independent film festival in the state.

This summer will mark the 10th year of the festival.

In the past, hundreds have traveled to the small

town of 3,200 to watch local film entries and films from Japan, Italy, Israel, France and England.

"The Hardacre Theatre has been proud to host the film festival for many years, and we are excited about its return in 2007," said Stuart Clark, manager of the Hardacre Theatre.

Tipton's Chamber of

Commerce is taking over the festival.

"You have to admire the chamber board for taking on a project like this," said Alden, who also serves as Tipton's community development director. "They realize that Tipton has a good thing going with the film festival and that it should continue."

Festival founder Troy

Peters chose to shelve the festival last year, citing the main reason as "needing a break."

"Over the years, the festival did not get any easier to produce," he said in a statement. "In fact, it became a lot more work for the handful of volunteers."

Many Tipton residents are thrilled to see the chamber working to bring it back,

Alden said.

Chamber board member Patrick Meyer agreed.

"It's rare to find something like this in a town this size," he said. "That's a major goal for the Chamber, to attract visitors to town and promote our local businesses."

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