



THE CLIBURN

Following screenings at Vail, Dallas and Beverly Hills--where it picked up awards for Best Cinematography and the Audience Choice Award for Best Documentary--*A Surprise in Texas* is coming to **theaters statewide on May 14.**

A Surprise in Texas: The Thirteenth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition (click on image to view trailer) directed by EMMY Award-winning director Peter Rosen brings the viewer backstage during the rigorous three-week competition schedule in May and June 2009, and offers insight into the daily lives of the six Competition finalists while in Fort Worth.



Representatives of the Cliburn Foundation will be at each of the three Dallas/Fort Worth theaters on the evening of May 14 to greet moviegoers and answer questions after the film, including:

- **Van Cliburn and Director Peter Rosen - The Rave Ridgmar Fort Worth**
- **Alann Sampson**, Cliburn Chairman of the Board and Executive Director pro tem at **The Angelika Dallas**
- **Shields-Collins Bray**, Artistic director of special programs for the Cliburn at **The Angelika Plano**

- **Jade Simmons**, 2000 Miss America runner-up, 2009 Cliburn Competition Web cast host, Arts education advocate, and *Musical Awakenings* contributor at **The Angelika Houston**

In addition, pianists from the Cliburn's *Musical Awakenings*® children's education program will be playing in the lobby of each theater on pianos provided by Steinway Hall of Dallas/Fort Worth.

OPENING MAY 14 STATEWIDE

AUSTIN - Regal Arbor Cinemas - [Tickets](#)

DALLAS - Angelika Film Center - [Tickets](#)

FORT WORTH - Rave Ridgmar 13 - [Tickets](#)

HOUSTON - Angelika Film Center - [Tickets](#)

PLANO - Angelika Film Center - [Tickets](#)

SAN ANTONIO - Bijou at Crossroads - [Tickets](#)

Join the film's [Facebook](#) page to get the latest *Surprise* news, such as DVD release dates and additional screenings around Texas.

The pianos provided for the premiere screenings of *A Surprise* in Texas at theaters in Fort Worth, Dallas, and Plano are provided by Steinway Hall. Steinway Hall - Dallas/ Fort Worth/Plano was the exclusive piano provider for the 2009 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition for all competitor practice pianos as well as the on-stage competition pianos. Steinway Hall operates as an independently owned and operated Steinway & Sons piano dealer.

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