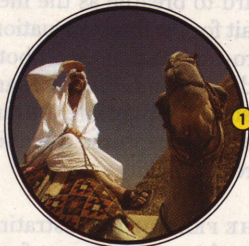


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A selective sampling of the New Yorkers barnstorming the festival this year.

1. The Weinsteins hype **Morgan Spurlock's** latest stunt-doc: *Where in the World Is Osama Bin Laden?*



2. **Peter Sarsgaard**, on a downhill slide since *Kinsey*, could stage a comeback with Michael Chabon's *The Mysteries of Pittsburgh*.



3. It's no *Aquaman*, but *Entourage's* **Adrian Grenier's** air-drummer odyssey, *Adventures of Power* (by an NYU grad named, no joke, **Ari Gold**), is one of the fest's few teen-friendly flicks.



4. **Stanley Tucci** directs himself in the kinky Theo van Gogh remake *Blind Date*, opposite **Patricia Clarkson**.



5. The prime doc contenders are New York bred: **Ellen Kuras's** *Nerakhoon* follows a Laotian-American family for 23 years; **Tanaz Eshaghian's** *Be Like Others* discovers transgendered Iranians; **Nanette Burstein's** *American Teen* spies Indiana kids; **Irena Salina** pulls a Gore with enviro-doc *Flow*; **Margaret Brown's** *The Order of Myths* visits a segregated Mardi Gras in Mobile, Alabama; and **Tia Lessin** and **Carl Deal** reflect on Katrina in *Trouble the Water*.

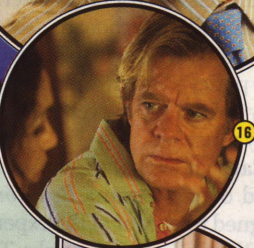
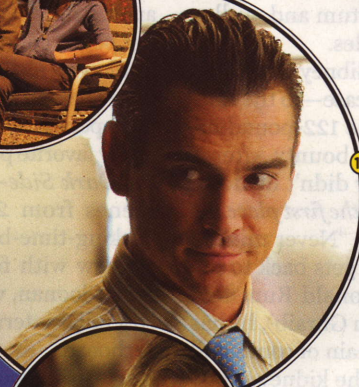
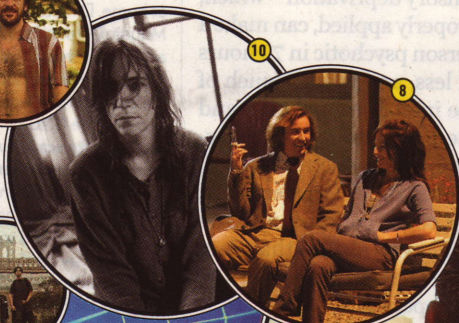


7. *Planet Earth* narrator David Attenborough has nothing on **Isabella Rossellini**, who simulates bug sex in *Green Porno*, a series of shorts.

8. In NYU alum **Andrew Fleming's** *Hamlet 2*, Steve Coogan plays a local high-school teacher determined to stage an unlikely sequel—as a musical.



9. Best Actress is the best revenge: In *Inciendary*, Heath Ledger's ex, **Michelle Williams**, plays an adulterous woman whose husband is killed in a suicide bombing.



10. Cult heroes square off in **Patti Smith's** *Dream of Life* and Alex Gibney's *Gonzo: The Life and Times of Dr. Hunter S. Thompson*.

11. *Little Miss Juno* and *the Whale?* In *The Wackness*, **Josh Peck** plays a New York screwup who pays his shrink (Ben Kingsley) with weed.

12. Paparazzi alert: **Matthew Broderick** is a loony newsman in Terry Kinney's *Diminished Capacity*; **Sarah Jessica Parker** is romanced by her obnoxious old professor (Dennis Quaid) in Noam Murro's *Smart People*.

13. Nepotism works! Robert Redford's Gotham-based daughter **Amy Redford** directs *The Guitar*.



14. Indie Spirit nominee? **Paul Giamatti** and **Billy Crudup** invent a sci-fi rocket belt in Paul Schneider's *Pretty Bird*.



15. Awards bait: *Half Nelson's* directors, **Ryan Fleck** and **Anna Boden**, return with *Sugar*, a drama about a Dominican baseball prospect.

16. *The Producers 2?* In *The Deal*, co-written by Atlantic Theater cronies **Steven Schachter** and **William H. Macy**, a craven movie producer casts LL Cool J as a Jewish action star.

17. Fetish watch: In *Quid Pro Quo*, **Vera Farmiga** seduces a paraplegic New Yorker.

18. Acquisition target: Woody Harrelson and Brooklyn's **Emily Mortimer** play tourists on a bad trip in *Transsiberian*.

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