



Young women from the community explore what it takes to become future filmmakers. Four films created through a series of workshops for local girls, 15-19, will be screened at the 10th annual Portland Oregon Women's Film Festival (POWFest) opening Thursday, March 2 and continuing through Sunday, March 5 at the Hollywood Theater.

## **POWfest** puts spotlight on gender disparities

The Portland Oregon Women's Film Festival (POWFest), the only film festival in Portland exclusively placing a spotlight on women film directors with a goal of eliminating the gender disparities that exist in the film industry, opens its four day run on Thursday, March 2 at the Hollywood Theatre.

Celebrating its 10th year, POWFest seeks to showcase the work of women directors from around the globe while strengthening the community of women making films, and encouraging the next generation of female filmmakers.

This year's guest of honor will be award-winning director Cheryl Dunye, who will be in attendance Cheryl Dunye

throughout the festival. Dunye has made over 15 films including "Mommy is Coming," "The Owls," "My Baby's Daddy," and HBO's "Stranger Inside" which garnered her Independent Spirit **CONTINUED ON PAGE 13** 





Cheryl Dunye with Lisa Gornick in a scene from 'The Owls.' Dunye, an awarding winning director, will be the guest of honor at the 10th annual Portland Oregon Women's Film Festival, taking place Thursday through Sunday, March 2-5, at the Hollywood Theater in northeast Portland.

