

# USA WEEKEND



JEFFERY SECOR/SG: SHOOTING GALLERY

Edie Falco, Aaron Harnick in *Judy Berlin*

## Indie film festival hits the road

What's nirvana for a film buff? The chance to see an artsy film up on the big screen in a cushy theater while munching on a big bucket of real movie popcorn. But because today's trend is to show megamovies at megaplexes and relegate indie films to festivals or video, most movie buffs are out of luck.

Enter independent film studio Shooting Gallery on the proverbial white horse. SG and the Loews Cineplex Entertainment theater chain are teaming up to take a series of six critically acclaimed indie flicks to big screens in 17 metro areas. "We're trying to bring back the '70s art-house theater circuit," explains SG's CEO, Larry Meistrich, 33. "We're at all of these great film festivals seeing all of these great movies that really will never see the light of day outside of Sundance and Cannes. Instead of complaining, we decided to do something about it."

The series starts this weekend with *Judy Berlin*, a satire starring Edie Falco of *The Sopranos*. It also includes *Orphans*, a dark comedy that won four awards in '98 at Cannes, and *Croupier*, a British thriller starring *ER*'s Alex Kingston. Get details at [movies.yahoo.com/sgfilmseries](http://movies.yahoo.com/sgfilmseries).