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# THE 30TH ANNUAL FLORIDA FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES PROGRAM LINEUP

**Orlando, FL** – (March 17, 2021) – Today the Florida Film Festival announced the program lineup for the 30th Annual Festival, April 9-22, 2021, happening online and in Maitland and Winter Park, Florida, with Primary Sponsor Full Sail University and Primary Public Partners Orange County Government and the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs. The Festival will screen 164 films representing 31 countries. Of the films selected, 151 have premiere status, including 23 world premieres. Full lineup listed below. Film descriptions, trailers, stills, and schedule available on our website <u>here</u>.

"We are incredibly proud to have the opportunity to present these artists' extraordinary work on both the big screen at Enzian and virtually as well," commented Matthew Curtis, Florida Film Festival Programming Director. "The highest percentage of films ever (over 92%), will be making their Florida debut at the festival, and we could not be more thrilled about introducing these talented filmmakers and presenting such an entertaining and diverse group of films to our audience. This year's lineup includes 90 women or non-binary filmmakers--the most in our 30-year history and 55% of our total programming--and their voices will be represented throughout every part of the festival. In addition, we have added a third live-action shorts program to the International Showcase for the first time ever, thereby giving our audience another terrific collection of films from abroad to experience. We are also excited that the virtual platform will allow almost all of these official selections to be available to festival-goers across the state of Florida. Some highlights include the Sundance Film Festival awardwinners *Cryptozoo* and "Wiggle Room," as well as international features, *Summer of 85* and *Riders of Justice*, in addition to all of our short films and competition features."

The 18 features and 61 short films in the American Independent Competition will be eligible for up to three awards each: a Grand Jury Award for best film in that category, a Special Jury Award given at the jury's discretion for exceptional achievements, and an Audience Award determined by audience votes for Narrative Feature, Documentary Feature, and Best Short Film. International films are also eligible for Audience Awards for Best International Feature and Best International Short, and an Audience Award will be given for the Best Midnight Short as well.

Individual tickets to the Florida Film Festival at Enzian Theater, and more information on the <u>virtual</u> Florida Film Festival, including the virtual lineup and passes, are now available on our website.

# **2021 OFFICIAL SELECTION:**

# **OPENING NIGHT FILM:**

Because of Charley - Directed by Jon Binkowski, USA, 2021, 113 MIN, World Premiere

# **SPOTLIGHT FILMS:**

**Mandibles** – Directed by Quentin Dupieux, France/Belgium, 2020, 77 MIN, In French with English subtitles, Southeast Premiere

**Mogul Mowgli** – Directed by Bassam Tariq, UK/USA, 2020, 90 MIN, In English and Urdu with English subtitles

**Squish** – Directed by Xavier Seron, Belgium, 2020, 20 MIN, In French with English subtitles, North American Premiere

**Street Gang: How We Got to Sesame Street** – Directed by Marilyn Agrelo, USA, 2020, 107 MIN, Florida Premiere

Together Together – Directed by Nikole Beckwit, USA, 2021, 90 MIN, Florida Premiere

# NARRATIVE FEATURES COMPETITION:

**The Catch** – Directed by Matthew Ya-Hsiung Balzer, USA, 2020, 97 MIN, East Coast Premiere/2<sup>nd</sup> US Screening

**Cryptozoo** – Directed by Dash Shaw, USA, 2021, 95 MIN, East Coast Premiere

**Everything in the End** – Directed by Mylissa Fitzsimmons, USA/Iceland, 2021, 74 MIN, In English, Icelandic, and Portuguese with English subtitles, East Coast Premiere

**I'M FINE (Thanks for Asking)** – Directed by Kelley Kali and Angelique Molina, USA, 2021, 85 MIN, Southeast Premiere

Lorelei – Directed by Sabrina Doyle, USA, 2020, 111 MIN

**Materna** – Directed by David Gutnik, USA, 2020, 106 MIN, In English and Russian with English subtitles, Florida Theatrical Premiere

My Fiona – Directed by Kelly Walker, USA/Australia, 2021, 87 MIN, US Premiere

**The Old Ways** – Directed by Christopher Alender, USA, 2021, 90 MIN, In English and Spanish with English Subtitles, North American Premiere

The Stylist – Directed by Jill Gevargizian, USA, 2020, 104 MIN, Southeast Premiere

# DOCUMENTARY FEATURES COMPETITION:

**Chuck Connelly Into the Light** – Directed by Benjamin Schwartz, USA, 2020, 74 MIN, Florida Premiere

**The Dilemma of Desire** – Directed by Maria Finitzo, USA, 2020, 108 MIN, Florida Premiere **Holy Frit** – Directed by Justin Monroe, USA, 2021, 119 MIN, Southeast Premiere **Jacinta** – Directed by Jessica Earnshaw, USA, 2020, 102 MIN, Florida Premiere

**The Last Out** – Directed by Michael Gassert and Sami Khan, USA, 2020, 84 MIN, In English and Spanish with English subtitles, Florida Theatrical Premiere

**Lily Topples the World** – Directed by Jeremy Workman, USA, 2021, 90 MIN, East Coast Premiere/2<sup>nd</sup> US Screening

**Me to Play** – Directed by Jim Bernfield, USA, 2021, 72 MIN, East Coast Premiere/2<sup>nd</sup> US Screening

**Two Gods** – Directed by Zeshawn Ali, USA, 2020, 82 MIN, Southeast Premiere **Workhorse Queen** – Directed by Angela Washko, USA, 2021, 87 MIN, East Coast Premiere/2<sup>nd</sup> US Screening

# **DOCUMENTARY SHORTS COMPETITION:**

**A Broken House** – Directed by Jimmy Goldblum, USA, 2020, 20 MIN, In English and Arabic with English subtitles, Southeast Premiere

A Concerto is a Conversation – Directed by Ben Proudfoot and Kris Bowers, USA, 2021, 13 MIN, East Coast Premiere/2<sup>nd</sup> US Screening

**death. everything. nothing.** – Directed by LeRhonda Manigault-Bryant, USA, 2020, 6 MIN, Florida Theatrical Premiere

The Fish Don't Care When It Rains – Directed by Jennifer Msumba, USA, 2020, 5 MIN, East Coast Premiere

Last Stop for Lost Property – Directed by Vincent Cueto, USA, 2020, 13 MIN, Southeast Premiere Meltdown in Dixie – Directed by Emily Harrold, USA, 2021, 40 MIN, East Coast Premiere No Man's Land – Directed by Anna Andersen and Gabriella Canal, USA, 2021, 28 MIN, World Premiere

The Rifleman – Directed by Sierra Pettengill, USA, 2021, 19 MIN, Southeast Premiere Shots in the Dark with David Godlis – Directed by Lewie Kloster and Noah Kloster, USA, 2020, 7 MIN, Southeast Premiere

**Snowy** – Directed by Kaitlyn Schwalje and Alexander Lewis, USA, 2021, 13 MIN, Southeast Premiere

**Sophie and the Baron** – Directed by Alexandria Jackson, USA, 2021, 32 MIN, East Coast Premiere/2<sup>nd</sup> US Screening

**Takes Four Years to Grow Coffee** – Directed by Omar Young, USA, 2021, 10 MIN, In Spanish with English subtitles, World Premiere

**This Is the Way We Rise** – Directed by Ciara Lacy, USA, 2020, 12 MIN, Florida Premiere **You and the Thing that You Love** – Directed by Nicholas Maher, USA, 2021, 12 MIN, World Premiere

When We Were Bullies – Directed by Jay Rosenblatt, USA, 2021, 36 MIN, East Coast Premiere

# NARRATIVE SHORTS COMPETITION:

Alone Again (Naturally) – Directed by Diana Mantis, USA, 2021, 17 MIN, World Premiere ASMR for White Liberals – Directed by John Connor Hammond, USA, 2020, 2 MIN East Coast Premiere

Bind – Directed by Inka K. Rusi, USA/Finland, 2020, 13 MIN, US Premiere
Bruiser – Directed by Miles Warren, USA, 2021, 10 MIN, Southeast Premiere
David – Directed by Zachary Woods, USA, 2020, 12 MIN, East Coast Premiere
Five Minutes – Directed by Christine Khalafian, USA, 2021, 5 MIN, World Premiere
Gabriela – Directed by Natalia Kaniasty, USA, 2020, 10 MIN, In English and Spanish with English subtitles, East Coast Premiere/2<sup>nd</sup> US Screening
Hard Work – Directed by Julie Pacino, USA, 2020, 11 MIN, US Premiere
I Love Your Guts – Directed by David Janove, USA, 2020, 16 MIN, Southeast Premiere
I'm Rapper Girlfriend – Directed by Cody Kostro, USA, 2020, 8 MIN, Florida Premiere

Important Police Shit – Directed by Andrew T. Betzer, USA, 2020, 12 MIN, Southeast Premiere

In France Michelle is a Man's Name – Directed by Em A. Weinstein, USA, 2020, 13 MIN, Florida Premiere Joining the Birds – Directed by Carrie Carusone, USA, 2020, 9 MIN, East Coast Premiere/2<sup>nd</sup> US Screening Marie – Directed by Yudi Zhang, USA, 2020, 15 MIN, East Coast Premiere Must Love Pie – Directed by Patrick Clement, USA, 2021, 13 MIN, Southeast Premiere The Other Morgan – Directed by Alison Rich, USA, 2020, 14 MIN, East Coast Premiere Pizza Party – Directed by Tessa Hope Slovis, USA, 2020, 12 MIN Plaisir – Directed by Molly Gillis, USA, 2021, 19 MIN, In English and French with English subtitles, Southeast Premiere Please Hold – Directed by Kristen "KD" Dávila, USA, 2020, 18 MIN, East Coast Premiere Secret Base – Directed by Lin Qiying, USA/China, 2020, 12 MIN, In Mandarin and Chaoshan with English subtitles, East Coast Premiere Single - Directed by Ashley Eakin, USA, 2020, 15 MIN, Florida Premiere Sproutland – Directed by Cynthia Wade, USA, 2021, 26 MIN, World Premiere Swim to Steven - Directed by Amy French, USA, 2020, 15 MIN, Southeast Premiere Swipe - Directed by Anthony Sneed, USA, 2021, 5 MIN, World Premiere Taffy – Directed by Jon Bryant Crawford, USA, 2020, 5 MIN, East Coast Premiere Together – Directed by Brett Cramer, USA, 2021, 6 MIN, World Premiere Wichita – Directed by Sergine Dumai, USA, 2020, 6 MIN, Florida Premiere Wiggle Room – Directed by Sam Guest and Julia Baylis, USA, 2021, 14 MIN, East Coast Premiere Yoruga – Directed by Federico Torrado Tobón, USA/Colombia, 2021, 6 MIN, In English and Spanish with English subtitles, East Coast Premiere/2<sup>nd</sup> US Screening You Wouldn't Understand – Directed by Trish Harnetiaux, USA, 2020, 10 MIN, Southeast Premiere You're Family Now – Directed by Ryan Mack, USA, 2021, 20 MIN, World Premiere

# ANIMATED SHORTS COMPETITION:

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0000E8 – Directed by Yana Pan, USA/China, 2020, 4 MIN, Florida Premiere Apotheke – Directed by Elizabeth Beech and Carla Patullo, USA, 2021, 4 MIN, World Premiere Bare Bones – Directed by Mervem Lahlou, USA, 2021, 9 MIN, East Coast Premiere/2<sup>nd</sup> US Screening Beyond Noh – Directed by Patrick Smith, USA, 2021, 3 MIN, Florida Premiere The Blank Page – Directed by Jake Fried, USA, 2020, 1 MIN, East Coast Premiere/2<sup>nd</sup> US Screening Brontosaurus – Directed by Jack Dunphy, USA, 2021, 8 MIN, Southeast Premiere/2<sup>nd</sup> US Screening Flesh, Milk, & Cigarettes – Directed by Nick Knezevich, USA, 2021, 4 MIN, World Premiere Forever – Directed by Mitch McGlocklin, USA, 2020, 7 MIN, Florida Premiere Ghost Dogs – Directed by Joe Cappa, USA, 2020, 11 MIN, Florida Premiere KKUM – Directed by Kang-min Kim, USA/South Korea, 2020, 9 MIN, In Korean with English subtitles, Southeast Premiere Millennial Prince – Directed by Julie Fliegenspan, USA, 2021, 6 MIN, US Premiere A Night in Camp Heebie Jeebie – Directed by Dylan Chase, USA, 2020, 6 MIN, Florida Premiere Odd Duck – Directed by Bill Plympton, USA, 2020, 3 MIN, Southeast Premiere The Shawl – Directed by Sara Kiener, USA, 2020, 7 MIN, Florida Premiere

Trepanation – Directed by Nick Flaherty, USA, 2020, 7 MIN, East Coast Premiere

## INTERNATIONAL SHOWCASE:

Les Nôtres (Our Own) – Directed by Jeanne Leblanc, Canada, 2020, 103 MIN, In French with English subtitles, Southeast Premiere

**My Wonderful Wanda** – Directed by Bettina Oberli, Switzerland, 2020, 111 MIN, In German with English subtitles, Southeast Premiere

**Riders of Justice** – Directed by Anders Thomas Jensen, Denmark, 2020, 116 MIN, In Danish with English subtitles, East Coast Premiere/2<sup>nd</sup> US Screening

**Summer of 85** – Directed by François Ozon, France/Belgium, 2020, 101 MIN, In French with English subtitles, Florida Theatrical Premiere

## **INTERNATIONAL SHORTS:**

Anita – Directed by Sushma Khadepaun, India/USA, 2020, 18 MIN, In Gujarati with English subtitles, East Coast Premiere

**Before I Die** – Directed by Iker Esteibarlanda, Spain, 2020, 14 MIN, In English and Swahili with English subtitles, Southeast Premiere

**Dustin** – Directed by Naïla Guiguet, France, 2020, 20 MIN, In French with English subtitles, East Coast Premiere

**Each Other** – Directed by Oskar Weimer, Australia, 2020, 5 MIN, East Coast Premiere/2<sup>nd</sup> US Screening

**Flex** – Directed by Josefin Malmen and David Strindberg, Sweden, 2020, 4 MIN, East Coast Premiere

**The Game** – Directed by Roman Hodel, Switzerland, 2020, 17 MIN, In German with English subtitles, Southeast Premiere

**Girl Meets Boy** – Directed by Ferdinand Arthuber, Germany, 2020, 31 MIN, In German with English subtitles, North American Premiere

Handbook for a Privileged European Woman – Directed by Alma Buddecke, Germany, 2021, 9 MIN, North American Premiere

**Incident at School** – Directed by Jacob Thomas Pilgaard, Denmark, 2020, 24 MIN, In Danish with English subtitles, East Coast Premiere/2<sup>nd</sup> US Screening

Last Meal – Directed by Marcus McKenzie and Daniel Principe, Australia, 2020, 18 MIN, East Coast Premiere

**Like the Ones that I Used to Know** – Directed by Annie St-Pierre, Canada, 2021, 18 MIN, In French with English subtitles, East Coast Premiere

**Masel Tov Cocktail** – Directed by Arkadij Khaet and Mickey Paatzsch, Germany, 2020, 30 MIN, In German and Russian with English subtitles, Florida Theatrical Premiere

**Radio Vanille** – Directed by Jack Laurance, UK/Madagascar, 2020, 11 MIN, In Malagasy with English subtitles, World Premiere

Seiva Bruta (Under the Heavens) – Directed by Gustavo Milan, Brazil, 2020, 17 MIN, In Portuguese and Spanish with English subtitles

**Synthetic Love** – Directed by Sarah Heitz De Chabaneix, France, 2020, 24 MIN, In French with English subtitles, East Coast Premiere

**Verdict 30001: The Cookies** – Directed by Henna Välkky and Samuel Häkkinen, Finland, 2020, 9 MIN, In Finnish with English subtitles, North American Premiere

White Eye – Directed by Tomer Shushan, Israel, 2019, 21 MIN, In Hebrew with English subtitles, Florida Premiere

## **INTERNATIONAL ANIMATED SHORTS:**

Any Instant Whatever – Directed by Michelle Brand, UK, 2020, 5 MIN, Florida Premiere Empty Places – Directed by Geoffroy de Crécy, France, 2020, 9 MIN, Florida Premiere Just a Guy – Directed by Shoko Hara, Germany, 2020, 15 MIN, East Coast Premiere The Land of Whim – Directed by Betina Bozek, Poland, 2020, 8 MIN, East Coast Premiere/2<sup>nd</sup> US Screening Love Is Just a Death Away – Directed by Bára Anna Stejskalová, Czech Republic, 2020, 11 MIN,

Florida Premiere Malakout – Directed by Farnoosh Abedi, Iran, 2020, 11 MIN, Florida Premiere

**Push This Button If You Begin to Panic** – Directed by Gabriel Böhmer, UK/Switzerland, 2020, 13 MIN, East Coast Premiere

**Symbiosis** – Directed by Nadja Andrasev, France/Hungary, 2019, 13 MIN, Florida Premiere **Tiger and Ox** – Directed by Seunghee Kim, South Korea, 2020, 8 MIN, In Korean with English subtitles, Florida Premiere

XYU – Directed by Donato Sansone, France, 2019, 2 MIN, Southeast Premiere/2nd US Screening

# SUNSPOTS: NEW VISIONS OF THE AVANT-GARDE:

**Car Ride (Baker Act Version)** – Directed by Dro Watson, USA, 2021, 2 MIN, World Premiere **Exquisite Shorts, Volume 1** – Directed by Ariel Fish, Ben Kutsko, Winnie Cheung, Travis Stevens, Courtney Andujar, Andrew and Elsbeth Mumm, Matt Boman and Tosca Rivola, Hunter Adams, Sarah Lind, Doug Klinger and Machete Bang Bang, Theresa Desautels, Jessica Calleiro, Ben Fee, Emily Andujar and Manuel Taylor-Alcocer, Bossi Dean Baker, June Zandona, Hillary Andujar, Niles Howard and Kayli Stollak, Kevin Kearney and Mary Florence Brown, USA, 2021, 13 MIN, East Coast Premiere/2<sup>nd</sup> US Screening

**The Flaw in the Crystal** – Directed by Ryan Betschart, USA, 2021, 3 MIN, World Premiere **In the Air Tonight** – Directed by Andrew Norman Wilson, USA, 2020, 11 MIN, Southeast Premiere

Lucid Dreams – Directed by Halina Kliem, Germany/USA, 2020, 7 MIN, World Premiere Morning Sickness in the USA – Directed by Cristine Brache, USA, 2021, 3 MIN, In Spanish with English subtitles, East Coast Premiere/2<sup>nd</sup> US Screening

**Mountain Lodge** – Directed by Jordan Wong, USA, 2020, 8 MIN, East Coast Premiere **Something to Treasure** – Directed by Annapurna Kumar, Canada, 2019, 2 MIN, Southeast Premiere

**Ventana** – Directed by Edgar Jorge Baralt, USA, 2021, 11 MIN, In English and Spanish with English subtitles, North American Premiere

Wild Grass – Directed by Shan Wu, US/Taiwan, 2021, 19 MIN, East Coast Premiere/2<sup>nd</sup> US Screening

William Jefferson Wilderness – Directed by Ben Young, UK/USA, 2020, 7 MIN, East Coast Premiere/2<sup>nd</sup> US Screening

## **MIDNIGHT MOVIES:**

Lydia Lunch: The War Is Never Over – Directed by Beth B, USA, 2019, 75 MIN, Florida Premiere Prisoners of the Ghostland – Directed by Sion Sono, USA, 2021, 100 MIN, East Coast Premiere Tik-Tak – Directed by Michael Fleming, UK, 2020, 12 MIN, East Coast Premiere/2<sup>nd</sup> US Screening

# **MIDNIGHT SHORTS:**

Adventures of Very Sad Willy – Directed by Claire Leona Apps, USA, 2021, 1 MIN, World Premiere

**Death Hacks: The 9 Circles of Hell—#9 Will Shock You** – Directed by Aaron Augenblick, USA, 2020, 3 MIN, Southeast Premiere

**Don't Touch Your Face** – Directed by Leah Shore, USA, 2020, 1 MIN, Florida Premiere/2<sup>nd</sup> US Screening

**Everything You Need to Know About Pierogi** – Directed by Jonathan Phillips, USA, 2019, 3 MIN, Florida Premiere

**Heat** – Directed by Thessa Meijer, Netherlands, 2019, 3 MIN, In Dutch with English subtitles, Florida Premiere

Jimi – Directed by Joren Cull, Canada, 2020, 3 MIN, Florida Theatrical Premiere Little Miss Fate – Directed by Joder von Rotz, Switzerland, 2020, 8 MIN, Southeast Premiere Lucky Feet 2000 – Directed by Mary Dauterman, USA, 2021, 4 MIN, World Premiere The Popping – Directed by Shelby Pogue, USA, 2020, 2 MIN

**Progressive Touch** – Directed by Michael Portnoy, Netherlands, 2020, 12 MIN, Southeast Premiere/2<sup>nd</sup> US Screening

Run That Shit! – Directed by Tristan Kim, USA, 2021, 15 MIN, East Coast Premiere

Sharkbaby – Directed by Steven Shea, USA, 2021, 2 MIN, World Premiere

Stuck – Directed by David Mikalson, USA, 2020, 14 MIN, East Coast Premiere

**The Thing That Ate the Birds** – Directed by Sophie Mair and Dan Gitsham UK, 2021, 12 MIN, East Coast Premiere/2<sup>nd</sup> US Screening

With Pleasure – Directed by Maxwell Nalevansky and Carl Fry, USA, 2020, 8 MIN, World Premiere

# SPECIAL SCREENINGS:

# FOOD FILMS:

Sponsored by Killgore, Pearlman, Semanie, Denius & Squires, P.A.,

**The Truffle Hunters** – Directed by Michael Dweck and Gregory Kershaw, USA/Italy/Greece, 2020, 84 MIN, In Italian and Piedmontese with English subtitles **Personal Story of Chef Tawatchai** – Directed by Chanarong Buapim, USA/Thailand, 2020, 8 MIN, US Premiere

## **MUSIC FILMS:**

**No Ordinary Man** – Directed by Aisling Chin-Yee and Chase Joynt, Canada, 2020, 80 MIN, Florida Theatrical Premiere

Jesse Jams – Directed by Trevor Anderson, Canada, 2020, 16 MIN, Florida Premiere Tiny Tim: King for a Day – Directed by Johan von Sydow, Croatia/Norway/Sweden/USA, 2020, 78 MINS, Southeast Premiere

## FLORIDA FILMS:

#### Sponsored by Orlando Film Commission

**Cultivating the Wild** – Directed by Eric Breitenbach, USA, 2020, 57 MIN **Florida Woman** – Directed by Catie Skipp, USA, 2020, 20 MIN, World Premiere **Icon** – Directed by Tony Ahedo, USA, 2021, 110 MIN, East Coast Premiere/2<sup>nd</sup> US Screening

## SUNSHINE & SWAMPLAND: NEW FLORIDA SHORTS:

Hapi Berdey Yusimi in Yur Dey – Directed by Ana A. Alpizar, USA, 2020, 13 MIN, In Spanish with English subtitles
Melted – Directed by Nikki Chapman, USA, 2020, 2 MIN, Florida Theatrical Premiere
Short Shorts – Directed by Karina Dandashi, USA, 2020, 11 MIN, Florida
Premiere
Searching for Ana Veldford – Directed by Ronald Baez, USA, 2021, 6 MIN, In
Spanish with English subtitles, World Premiere
Sitting Still – Directed by Frank Volk, USA, 2021, 4 MIN, World Premiere
Through the Cymbals I Will Watch – Directed by Karlo Corona and Lorène Yavo, USA/Belgium, 2021, 7 MIN, East Coast Premiere
uTransfer – Directed by Giorgio Miraflor, USA, 2020, 10 MIN
The Wild Divide – Directed by Eric Bendick and Danny Schmidt, USA, 2021, 18 MIN
Wound Riders – Directed by Angel Barroeta, USA, 2020, 13 MIN

## **SPECIAL GUESTS:**

## An Evening with Karen Allen, featuring Starman

Sunday, April 11, 7:30-10:45PM Following the film screening, Karen Allen will appear for a live Zoom Q&A.

## An Evening with Isabella Rossellini, featuring Blue Velvet

Sunday, April 18, 7:30-10:45PM Following the film screening, Isabella Rossellini will appear for a live Zoom Q&A.

## EVENTS:

## **Opening Night Party and Film at Enzian**

Friday, April 9 Enzian & Eden Bar 1300 South Orlando Avenue Maitland, FL 32751

5:15PM: Theater doors open for "Film + Party" ticketholders 5:45PM: Welcome and introductions inside theater, followed by opening night short documentary and *Because of Charley* 6PM: Party begins outside for "Party Only" ticket holders 8PM: Party ends for "Party Only" ticket holders
8:30-10:30PM: Party for "Film + Party" ticketholders
9PM: Theater doors open for "Film Only" encore screening ticketholders
9:30PM: Encore screening of opening night short documentary and *Because of Charley*

Celebrate opening night of the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Florida Film Festival with the world premiere of *Because of Charley*, created by and starring members of the Central Florida film community, who will be in attendance along with actor John Amos (*Coming to America*). Sample food and cocktails from your favorite local spots, including our very own Enzian Theater kitchen and Eden Bar. Eat, drink, be merry, and discuss all the films you cannot wait to see at the festival ahead. All guests must be masked, unless actively eating or drinking.

Participating restaurants, bars, and select vendors: Brick & Spoon Cask & Crew Citadel Beverages with Autentico Nativo Rum Dharma Fine Vittles Eden Bar Enzian Theater Ivanhoe Park Brewing Co. Oak Flame Pizza Outback Steakhouse Sierra Nevada Brewing Company Terrapin Beer Co. The New Standard

#### **Sunday Brunch**

Sponsored by Coterie Coffee Co. Sunday, April 11 & 18 11AM-2PM \$18.99 Enzian & Eden Bar 1300 South Orlando Avenue Maitland, FL 32751

Enjoy a pre-movie brunch with friends and compare notes on all things Florida Film Festival each Sunday of the fest. This delicious bottomless brunch—prepared by Enzian's own chef—is sure to leave a good taste in your mouth. Your first mimosa or Bloody Mary is included! No movie ticket necessary.

All guests must be masked, unless actively eating or drinking.

# Wednesday Brew Tastings

Sponsored by Ivanhoe Park Brewing Co. Wednesday, April 14 & 21 6-8PM FREE and open to the public Eden Bar 1300 South Orlando Avenue Maitland, FL 32751

Join us on each Wednesday of the festival for a sampling of some of Orlando's best beer, provided by Ivanhoe Park Brewing. Get a taste of the offerings we keep stocked year-round at Eden Bar and in the theater; then order a pint before kicking back at a table or heading into your next film.

#### Filmmaker Welcome Party

Thursday, April 15 7-10PM Invitation only RSVP required The New Standard 1035 Orlando Avenue, Suite 101 Winter Park, FL 32789

Enzian welcomes filmmakers and festival fans, inviting them to spend the evening at The New Standard in Winter Park. Enjoy the beautiful, outdoor patio atmosphere, hors d'oeuvres, spirits, and live music. This exclusive event will be the highlight of your Thursday and prepare you for more exciting things to come in the final weekend of the festival.

In order to sustain a comfortable and safe environment for everyone, FFF is limiting attendance to 50 guests per time slot (7-8:30PM or 8:30-10PM). This will allow more patrons to enjoy The New Standard experience while practicing safe physical distancing from each other and staff.

All guests must be masked, unless seated at their tables eating and drinking, and are expected to adhere to any additional guidelines set forth by The New Standard.

## 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Awards Celebration

Saturday, April 17 9-10:30PM Invitation only RSVP required Enzian Theater 1300 South Orlando Avenue Maitland, FL 32751

We are celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> birthday of Florida Film Festival while toasting to the programmers and filmmakers involved in its legacy. Festival founders and others will be recognized as we showcase and honor 30 years of film as art in Central Florida. Guests will also get an exclusive first look at this year's awards nominees! Appetizers and drinks will be served throughout the evening. Doors open at 8:30PM.

All guests must be masked, unless actively eating or drinking.

## Live Music at Eden

Sponsored by Dorman Financial Management in collaboration with Performing Arts Matter

Free and open to the public Eden Bar 1300 South Orlando Avenue Maitland, FL 32751

Eden Bar's lush Old Florida atmosphere provides the perfect backdrop to relax, indulge, and reflect on your favorite festival films, as well as enjoy artists of all kinds. There will be live music daily at Eden Bar.

- Saturday, April 10, 6-9PM
- Sunday, April 11, 11AM-2PM and 6-9PM
- Monday, April 12, 6-9PM
- Tuesday, April 13, 6-9PM
- Wednesday, April 14, 6-9PM
- Thursday, April 15, 6-9PM
- Friday, April 16, 6-9PM
- Saturday, April 17, 9PM-Midnight
- Sunday, April 18, 11AM-2PM and 6-9PM
- Monday, April 19, 6-9PM
- Tuesday, April 20, 6-9PM
- Wednesday, April 21, 6-9PM
- Thursday, April 22, 6-9PM

# **FESTIVAL FORUMS:**

# Live Festival Forum: Filming in the Time of COVID-19

Thursday, April 15 1PM FREE and open to the public Enzian Theater 1300 South Orlando Avenue Maitland, FL 32751

Our opening night film *Because of Charley* was the first Screen Actors Guild (SAG) compliant feature film completed in Florida under the new COVID-19 set requirements. Join Director Jon Binkowski and Executive Producer Lisa Enos Smith along with representatives from the Orlando Film Commission to discuss the policies and practices that make filming in this new era as safe as possible.

## **Virtual Filmmaker Forums**

Dates and Times TBA FREE and open to the public

With travel concerns still at the forefront of everyone's minds, the Florida Film Festival is bringing back the wildly popular Virtual Filmmaker Forums that were inaugurated in August 2020. Last year over 50 filmmakers conducted virtual Q&A sessions to not only discuss their work with the programming team, but with their fellow filmmakers as well. This year we expect even more amazing stories from the trenches of the independent filmmaking battlefield. These forums will be announced via social media and will be free for all to stream from the Florida Film Festival's <u>YouTube Channel</u>.

#### **2021 FLORIDA FILM FESTIVAL**

Now in its 30<sup>th</sup> year, the Florida Film Festival is an Oscar<sup>®</sup>-qualifying festival, premiering the best in current, independent, and international cinema. Through 14 days of 160+ films and first-class events, film lovers mingle with filmmakers and celebrities over hand-crafted cocktails and a locally-sourced menu.

"Now having attended several top festivals, I can confidently say Florida has THE best programming of all of them. THANK YOU for what you do and the care and thought you use to make your film fest what it is. Obviously, changed my life!" – Megan Seeley, Filmmaker

"Thank you so much for such an excellent juror experience! It was a great week. The festival was so well programmed and everything was so organized, and people were so friendly. I am so glad that I was able to serve on the jury after all these years. It was worth the wait." – Cynthia Wade, Oscar-winning Filmmaker and Juror

"I'm not blowing smoke! This was really a wonderful festival experience. I loved it and was impressed with all aspects of it. I especially love the energy or spirit with which everything was handled – I felt a genuine passion for film and filmmakers that, of course, should be at every festival, but unfortunately is not." – Alix Lambert, Filmmaker

"The Florida Film Festival has become my favorite festival to attend. The staff is so friendly, personable, and truly enthusiastic about what they do. Their taste in film is the best. I can't get over how organized and knowledgeable the volunteers are. It's a laid back and well-oiled machine." – Brian Lonano, Filmmaker

*"[We] had a great time at the festival. We've been to a few festivals with the film, and Florida is one of our favorites!"* – Academy Award<sup>®</sup> winner Ron Judkins, Filmmaker

"Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU for having me down to the festival. What an absolute treat it was! It was a truly wonderful four days and I can say honestly that I don't think there was single clunker among the 16+ hours of films we screened. That's pretty impressive!" – Andrew Carlin, Juror (Oscilloscope)

"I may be biased (considering the FFF was the first festival I've ever participated in) but I really think it might be the best festival ever. The energy is so great, the venue is fantastic, and I have such an appreciation for how organized and thoughtful you guys were. I came back to Beirut and said 'I need to make another film this year to go back next year." – Amanda Bailly, Filmmaker

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