



FLORIDA FILM FESTIVAL

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2020 FLORIDA FILM FESTIVAL POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19

Orlando, FL – (March 17, 2020) – In light of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently recommended guidelines regarding COVID-19, this year’s Florida Film Festival, scheduled for April 17 – 26, has been postponed. Staff is tentatively aiming to reschedule to August 2020. Exact dates are still to be determined.

To reiterate, the festival is NOT canceled; It is postponed. In doing so, we stand in solidarity with leading cultural institutions and other film festivals, as well as the CDC, by taking proactive steps towards combating the spread of the coronavirus pandemic. The well-being of our guests, partners, and staff is of utmost importance.

“While this postponement is regretful and hard to swallow considering the thousands of hours that the staff and selection committees have devoted to creating an amazing festival, moving it from April is clearly the safest thing for our audiences and filmmakers, and the right thing to do. Every effort will be made to bring as much of the lineup back as possible for the reschedule later in the year. We’re confident that Central Florida film lovers and visiting filmmakers will be just as excited, and have an incredible time a few months from now,” said Matthew Curtis, Florida Film Festival programming director.

The festival extends its appreciation to its selection committees, staff, sponsors, filmmakers, jurors, patrons, venues, vendors, community partners, volunteers and all others who have been so supportive of the decision to postpone given the current situation.

The 2020 Florida Film Festival received 2,845 submissions from 101 countries. The festival intended to screen 195 films, representing 41 countries. Of the films selected, 174 have premiere status, including 29 world premieres. We are also proud to announce that of the films selected, 97 women directors are represented in this year’s lineup.

This year’s official festival selections are currently on our website and can be viewed [here](#). We have published the lineup in an effort to recognize the work of these tremendous filmmakers. We hope to bring the majority of these films back for our rescheduled dates, and support these filmmakers and their projects moving forward.

For up-to-date information regarding the 2020 Florida Film Festival, please follow us on social media at @Floridafilmfest.

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