



FLORIDA FILM FESTIVAL

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THE 2020 FLORIDA FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES RESCHEDULED DATES

Orlando, FL – (June 24, 2020) – The 29th Annual Florida Film Festival, which was originally scheduled for April, was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Having had the opportunity to reopen Enzian Theater with successful, enhanced safety precautions, festival and theater staff members feel confident moving forward with an in-person festival exclusively at Enzian. Staff is pleased to share that the 2020 Florida Film Festival will occur August 7 – 20, 2020. Staff is also exploring the possibility of virtual options to enhance our on-site festival.

“We are excited to announce that we have been able to retain over 90% of the original festival lineup. In addition, we are also able to bring in some outstanding new films that were previously unavailable in April,” says Programming Director Matthew Curtis.

We will be announcing the festival’s full schedule and program on Wednesday, July 15.

Competition categories include short films (both narrative and animation), documentary films (both short and feature length), narrative features, and international films (both short and feature length). Awards are determined by a jury of film professionals and by audience ballot.

The Florida Film Festival is one of only a handful of film festivals in the world, and the only one in the state, to be accredited as a qualifying festival for the Oscars® in **all three** short film categories: Live Action, Animation, and Documentary. The winner of the Grand Jury Award in each of these categories will automatically qualify to enter the following year’s Academy Awards®.

With the current 50% capacity regulation in place, festival seating will be limited. We encourage purchasing individual tickets or packages online in advance to minimize contact. Packages are on sale now and individual tickets will be on sale once the full program is announced on July 15.

Janie Pope, Director of Development and Public Relations says, “We are taking every measure possible to make your return to the theater enjoyable. Our seating has been physically distanced to ensure safety and comfortability. We look forward to showcasing these incredible films at the festival and welcoming you all back to your local art house theater.”

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Now in its 29th year, the Florida Film Festival is an Oscar®-qualifying festival, premiering the best in current, independent, and international cinema. Through ten days of 170+ 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® 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

Enzian

Since 1992, Enzian has been the proud host of the Florida Film Festival. As part of its mission to entertain, inspire, educate, and connect the community through film, Enzian presents innovative and original cinematic programming not just during the Festival, but all year long. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit, community-supported arts organization for which ticket revenue accounts for only 25% of its operating budget, Enzian owes its existence to the generosity of fans of film, food, and fun--like you. [Enzian.org](http://enzian.org)

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Full Sail University is a graduate and undergraduate degree-granting institution offering on-campus and online degree programs in areas related to Art & Design, Business, Film & Television, Games, Media & Communications, Music & Recording, Sports, and Technology. With over 60,000+ graduates worldwide, Full Sail alumni have worked on countless award-winning projects with individual recognition including OSCAR®, Emmy®, GRAMMY®, ADDY®, MTV Video Music Award, and Video Game Award honors.

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