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**26TH ANNUAL FLORIDA FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES CALL FOR ENTRIES  
AND ONLINE SUBMISSIONS**

**Orlando, FL** – (August 15, 2016) - Entries are officially being accepted for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Film Festival sponsored by Full Sail University, April 21-30, 2017. Qualified filmmakers can submit their entries through Florida Film Festival’s online entry form on [FloridaFilmFestival.com](http://FloridaFilmFestival.com) or through [Withoutabox.com](http://Withoutabox.com).

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.

Deadlines to submit are:

<b>SHORTS DEADLINES</b>	<b>FEATURES DEADLINES</b>
Early: October 21, 2016 Late: November 18, 2016	Early: November 11, 2016 Late: December 9, 2016

The Florida Film Festival is now one of only a handful of film festivals in the world 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®.

For additional questions, please visit [FloridaFilmFestival.com](http://FloridaFilmFestival.com), contact the Florida Film Festival’s programming department by calling (407)629-1088 x326, emailing [entries@enzian.org](mailto:entries@enzian.org), or sending U.S. mail to Florida Film Festival, 1300 South Orlando Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751

**2017 FLORIDA FILM FESTIVAL**

Now in its 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

***"[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, FINDING NEIGHBORS

***"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)

***"What a great festival! I had an amazing time and you guys and everybody else did a phenomenal job with everything. Hope to be back again!"*** – Alex Simmons, Filmmaker

***"We had such a phenomenal time at the festival and it really exceeded our expectations in every way. The staff, the screening experience, the A/V, the audiences – everything was exceptional."*** – Dan Berk & Robert Olsen, BODY

***"You have an exceptional festival; it was an honor to be a small part of it."*** – Patrick Bresnan, 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)

### **Full Sail University:**

Full Sail University is an award-winning educational leader for those pursuing careers in the entertainment and media industry. Founded in 1979, Full Sail has been recognized as one of the 2016 "Top 25 Graduate & Undergraduate Schools to Study Game Design" by *The Princeton Review*, one of the Best Music Programs by *Rolling Stone Magazine*, and one of the Best Film Programs by *UNleashed Magazine*. Full Sail was named the 2014 "School/College of the Year" by the Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges, received the "21st Century Best Practices in Distance Learning Award" from the United States Distance Learning Association, and was recognized as one of the Top 100 Social Media Colleges by Studentadvisor.com.

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 Web & Technology. Full Sail graduate credits include work on OSCAR®, Emmy®, GRAMMY®, ADDY®, MTV Video Music Award, and Video Game Award nominated and winning projects.

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