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# THE 2018 FLORIDA FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES CALL FOR ENTRIES AND ONLINE SUBMISSIONS

**Orlando, FL** – (August 14, 2017) - Entries are officially being accepted for the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Film Festival sponsored by Full Sail University, April 6-15, 2018. Qualified filmmakers can submit their entries through Florida Film Festival's online entry form on FloridaFilmFestival.com or through 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:

| SHORTS DEADLINES        | FEATURES DEADLINES       |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Early: October 20, 2017 | Early: November 10, 2017 |
| Late: November 17, 2017 | Late: December 8, 2017   |

The Florida Film Festival is 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 <u>FloridaFilmFestival.com</u>, contact the Florida Film Festival's programming department by calling (407)629-1088 x326, emailing <u>entries@enzian.org</u>, or sending U.S. mail to Florida Film Festival, 1300 South Orlando Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751

## **2018 FLORIDA FILM FESTIVAL**

Now in its 27<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, 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)

"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, Filmmaker

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

"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

### **Full Sail University:**

Full Sail University is an award-winning educational leader for those pursuing careers in entertainment, media, arts and technology. Founded in 1979, Full Sail has received accolades throughout its history, including most recently: One of the 2017 "Top Graduate & Undergraduate Schools to Study Game Design" by The Princeton Review, one of the 2016 "Top 25 Music Schools" by The Hollywood Reporter, and one of the 2016 "Top 50 Film Schools" by The Wrap Magazine. The Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges also named Full Sail the 2016 "School/College of the Year."

Full Sail University is a graduate and undergraduate degree-granting institution offering oncampus 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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