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**ENZIAN THEATER TO CELEBRATE 15 YEARS OF LOCAL FILMMAKER PROGRAMMING
WITH REVAMP TO FILM SLAM PROGRAM**

Orlando, FL – (September 26, 2019) – As this year’s film slam program comes to a close on October 6, Enzian Theater is finalizing plans to enhance the program in the upcoming year. Beginning in January 2020, Enzian staff will put a fresh spin on its ongoing, local independent film showcase by enhancing the brand, streamlining the program’s marketing, and increasing local filmmaker outreach. Staff also plans to incorporate interns into the programming, scheduling, and hosting of the program under the supervision of Tim Anderson, Enzian and Florida Film Festival Programming Coordinator.

“To educate’ is in our mission as an organization, and I can’t think of a better way to initiate students into the organizational side of festival planning. As Orlando’s local art house theater, Enzian and its film slam program is the perfect setting for students to gain experience in the independent film industry,” says Janie Pope, Director of Development and Public Relations for Enzian. “In 2020, Enzian will celebrate 15 years of hosting this ongoing event for local filmmakers. It’s the perfect time to kick things up a notch, and we’re excited for what is to come.”

Please join us on October 6 at 1:00 P.M. at Enzian Theater, 1300 S. Orlando Ave., as we conclude this year’s film slam showcase, and say farewell and thank you to volunteer and host, Jen Vargas. Tickets may be purchased at [Enzian.org](http://enzian.org). In celebration of Jen and her dedication to the program, Enzian will provide each ticket holder with a complimentary mimosa or non-alcoholic drink from Eden Bar during the event.

Enzian’s film slam dates for 2020 are as follows: January 19, March 8, May 17, June 14, August 9, and October 11. All events are on Sundays at 1:00 P.M. Filmmakers may continue to use the existing submission process when entering a film, and can find the submission form at enzian.org/film/filmslam. Follow @enziantheater on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/enziantheater), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/enziantheater), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/enziantheater) for regular updates on the Enzian’s film slam program.

INFO: Originally a project of University of Central Florida’s Downtown Media Arts Center (DMAC), “FilmSlam” found its home at Enzian when DMAC closed in 2006. It has become a popular screening and networking outlet for independent and student filmmakers throughout the State of Florida. Held six times a year, Enzian’s film slam program is an unrated, independent film showcase and competition open to all Florida filmmakers and students. This series empowers audience members to select a winning

film, which then advances to the selections committee for the Enzian's Brouhaha Film & Video Showcase.

Enzian is Central Florida's only full-time, not-for-profit cinema for first-run independent and international film, classic revivals, documentary features, and select family entertainment. Enzian, a member-supported organization serving the community for more than 34 years, is home to the Florida Film Festival and Eden Bar. For additional information, visit Enzian.org or call general information at (407) 629-1088.

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