

# BHERC Joins Local and National Partners in Call For Entries For 2021 Faith-Based & Inspirational Film Festival (FBIFF)

2ND Annual Faith-Based & Inspirational Film Festival Slated for a Two-week Online Schedule Sept. 18 - 26, 2021 Open Now For Entries on www.FilmFreeway.com

LOS ANGELES, CA, USA, July 5, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Black Hollywood Education and Resource Center (BHERC) is now accepting submissions for the 2nd Annual BHERC Faith-Based & Inspirational Film Festival (FBIFF). The Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 18 through Sunday, September 26, 2021, and will be a hybrid in-person and online event following all public health



regulations active. BHERC will share details about the Festival's venue footprint and in-person event structure as they become available, based on BHERC and its ability to produce a safe and accessible film festival that meets COVID safety guidelines. The deadline for submissions is August 15, 2021. Log on to <a href="https://filmfreeway.com/BHERCFaithBasedandInspirational">https://filmfreeway.com/BHERCFaithBasedandInspirational</a> or from the <a href="https://www.BHERC.org">www.BHERC.org</a> website to submit your film.

# About the Festival

BHERC founded the FBIFF in 2019. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Festival had to be postponed until this year. The objective of the FBIFF is to build an audience for and promote and encourage the awareness, appreciation, and understanding of faith-based and inspirational films. BHERC seeks to identify and spotlight the filmmakers of the genre while encouraging others to add their stories to the big screen. Our mandate is to exhibit the most amazing faith-based and inspirational content produced in every part of the world. "There is an important audience out there waiting to support faith-based and inspirational films. BHERC wants to connect that audience with those films and filmmakers," said Sandra Evers-Manly, BHERC president and founder. Films are selected based on quality and originality that promote and or have a "Faith-based inspirational or family" narrative on the Black perspective. The

Festival also encourages partnerships between secular and sacred professionals and institutions to develop cinematic tools for better living for the community.

# About our Partners

What makes the BHERC FBIFF unique is the partnership with sacred and faithbased partners that share a common interest in promoting films to uplift the communities they serve. "We have the opportunity to encourage filmmakers who create and tell stories about faith and family, and that helps us do our



work!" states Rev. William D. Smart, President, SCLC-SC, Los Angeles and Co-Pastor Christ Liberation Ministries. Los Angeles. "This year will be a compelling occasion with the extended dates and the growing need for hope and inspiration of every form." Other partners include Rev. John Cager, Ward AME, Pastor Walter Contreras, National Latino Evangelical Coalitional, Rev.



FBIFF spotlights filmmakers who tell stories of faith and trial, that help us in the ministry to do our work! Film amplifies stories! There is a growing need for hope and inspiration in every form."

Rev. William D. Smart, Pres. SCLC-SC, LA/Christ Liberation Ministries James K. McKnight, Church of Christian Fellowship, Los Angeles, Rev Jonathan Moseley, National Action Network, Western Region, Rev. Kelvin Sauls, Community Organizer/Former Senior Pastor, Holman United Methodist Church, Najuma Smith Pollard, Word of Encouragement Community Church, Rev. Thembekela Smart, Co-Pastor, Christ Liberation Ministries, Los Angeles and Rev. W. K. Tulloss, President, Baptist Ministers Conference. (partial list at the time of release)

How to Submit Your Film
Submit online on Film Freeway:
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or from the www.BHERC.org website.

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# About BHERC

Founded in 1996 by Sandra Evers-Manly, BHERC is a nonprofit, public benefit organization designed to advocate, educate, research, develop, and preserve African Americans' history, images, and future in film and television. BHERC programs include film festivals, mentoring, book signings, script readings, film and animation contests, scholarships, and other programs and

special events. The contributions of African American men and women both in front of and behind the scenes in the entertainment industry are paid unique distinction by BHERC.

# SAVE-THE-DATE

For the 2nd Annual BHERC Faith-Based & Inspirational Film Festival (FBIFF) online at <a href="https://www.bherc.org">www.bherc.org</a>, Saturday, September 18 through Sunday, September 26, 2021. Check online at <a href="https://www.bherc.org">www.bherc.org</a> for ticket and program information. Or call 310-284-3170.

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