

#MyJustice Film Contest 2021 Announces Their Jury

The #MyJustice Festival (presented by Odyssey Impact & sponsored by MTV Entertainment Group) has announced its jury members for the Global Competition.

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(Actress, philanthropist, entrepreneur) Lonnie Murray (MLBPA Sports agent) Melissa Potter Monsanto (Vice President of Social Impact at ViacomCBS) Skip Chaisson (Managing Director of Skip Film, DGA) Susan Margolin (Film Producer and Founder of St. Mark's Productions)

This contest is a unique opportunity for growing activists to "be the change they want to see." Contestants created a short film highlighting a problem in their communities that is deserving of greater public attention with hopes to inspire others and make a difference.

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individuals across platforms and communities to be engaged in the process of detailed understanding into varied social justice causes," says juror Lonnie Murray.

The contest will help empower the next generation of changemakers by providing talented young artists with valuable financial support, mentorship, and exposure. Jurors will have the distinction of awarding the 2021 grand prize award winner from among the top 10 finalists. All finalists will receive \$1,000.00 in cash prizes and a film screening at the Justice Film Festival; the top five finalists will receive a year-long mentorship with a veteran film industry professional; and, the top prize winner will receive an additional \$1,000.00, in matching funds from MTV Entertainment Group, for a total cash prize of \$2,000.00.

"This platform is a game-changer. Throughout recent history it has been the visual demonstration and physical interaction (whether on television, computer or phone) that has helped to elevate awareness of the voices often marginalized, serving as a catalyst for great movements. From the images of Whites and Blacks marching together for Civil Rights, to the world that watched George Floyd take his last breath, Odyssey's use of technology in a way that engages and educates those on our justice system, while also raising awareness on issues of social justice, is pivotal for our universal community," says actress LisaRaye.

The competition will announce its 10 winners in early November before the 9th Annual Justice Film Festival. For more information about the Justice Film Festival visit <u>www.justicefilmfest.com</u>.

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