

Winter Film Awards International Film Festival Returns for 11th Annual Celebration of Indie Film February 16-25 2023

Winter Film Awards showcases films from emerging filmmakers from around the world, with a special emphasis on the work of under-represented filmmakers.

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, February 2, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ --Winter Film Awards International Film Festival (WFA-IFF) is returning bigger than ever for 2023 in celebration of its 11th year. The Festival's lineup includes 73 outstanding films from around the world, a diverse mixture of animated



films, documentaries, comedies, romances, dramas, horror films, music videos and web series of all lengths, including 9 student films and 26 works from first-time filmmakers.

Winter Film Awards is dedicated to showcasing the amazing diversity of voices in indie film and our 2023 lineup is half made by women and half by or about people of color. Filmmakers come from 21 countries and 40% of our films were made in the New York City area.

Tickets are available at <u>https://wfa2023.eventcombo.com/</u>. Screening tickets are \$12.50/In Advance, \$16.50/Door, \$5/Door with Student ID. The Opening Night Kick-Off Bash, Gala Red Carpet Awards Ceremony and all education sessions/workshops are free and open to the public.

WFA2023 Official Artwork was designed by New York City native and recent High School of Art & Design graduate Azailia Pope.

* OPENING NIGHT KICK OFF BASH February 16 from 7-11pm at DOM New York, 287 Park Avenue South. Filmmaker's reception, industry networking and kick-off party. This event is free and open to the public (21+).

* SCREENINGS – February 17-23 all day at Cinema Village, 22 East 12th Street. Screening blocks

are 1 ½ – 2 ½ hours long and include a mix of shorts and feature-length films. All screening blocks include a 20-minute Q&A Session with the filmmakers.

* * Documentary Day – Saturday February 18th 12pm-11pm. All documentaries, all day!
* * Bloody Sunday Horror – Sunday February 19th 4:30pm-11pm. Eleven frightening films from around the world!

* EDUCATION SESSIONS – Evening sessions February 17 from 7:30pm-8:45pm and February 20-23 from 7-8:15PM at Cinema Village, 22 East 12th Street and all day February 24 at NYFA (17 Battery Place). The Festival's eight sessions are free and open to the public and cover topics of interest to emerging filmmakers, including Frugal/Micro-Budget Filmmaking tips, Legal Issues for Filmmakers, Distribution Strategies, TRANS-forming the Film Industry for LGBTQ+ filmmakers, Navigating the Film Festival Circuit and more!

* GALA RED CARPET + AWARD CEREMONY February 24 7pm-2am at Club 230FIFTH, 230 Fifth Avenue. Red Carpet 7pm, Awards Ceremony 9-10pm, After-Party 9pm onwards. With live performances and appearances from NYC local filmmakers and industry veterans. This event is free and open to the public (21+).

About Winter Film Awards

Winter Film Awards is an all-volunteer, minority and women-owned registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 2011 in New York City by a group of filmmakers and enthusiasts. The mission is to promote diversity, bridge the opportunity divide and provide a platform for underrepresented artists and a variety of genres, viewpoints and approaches. The Festival believes that only by seeing others' stories can we understand each other and only via an open door can the underrepresented artist enter the room.

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