

Artis—Naples

*Home of The Baker Museum
and the Naples Philharmonic*

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ARTIS—NAPLES ANNOUNCES CALL FOR ENTRIES FOR 14th ANNUAL NAPLES INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

NIFF to take place October 27-30, 2022

Naples, FL (March 21, 2022) — Call for entries is now open for the 2022 Naples International Film Festival (NIFF), which will take place October 27-30. The 14th iteration of the popular regional film festival, named one of the “Top 25 Coolest Film Festivals in the World” by *MovieMaker* Magazine in 2019, will feature the signature NIFF “fun-under-the-sun” style that has made it a favorite destination for filmmakers, industry vets, influencers and film fans for more than a decade. The deadline for early-bird submissions is May 13, regular deadline is June 16, and the final deadline is July 6, 2022.

For the 2022 festival, NIFF will once again combine the spark and spirit of independent filmmaking with the artistic lineage and resources of the acclaimed multidisciplinary arts organization Artis—Naples. In addition to a weekend full of films screened at the luxurious Silverspot Cinema Naples, the festival will also include select films screened on a 24-foot outdoor screen in the beautiful Norris Garden on the Artis—Naples Kimberly K. Querrey and Louis A. Simpson Cultural Campus. The closing night of the festival will feature a screening of *Jurassic Park* with the powerful John Williams score performed live by the Naples Philharmonic conducted by Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly.

“We are very fortunate to be part of Artis—Naples, whose multidisciplinary mission includes embracing the art of independent film,” said Festival Producer Shannon Franklin. “NIFF is unique in that we not only champion independent film and filmmakers, but we also emphasize their placement next to—and as part of—the visual and performing arts that Artis—Naples presents throughout the year and that keeps audiences coming back for more.”

In 2022, filmmakers will be vying for more than \$10,000 in cash prizes, including \$2,500 each for the two juried competitions for Best Narrative Feature and Best Documentary Feature, and \$1,500 for the Focus on the Arts Award, given to a Narrative or Documentary film with an emphasis on one or more of the visual or performing arts.

“The Naples International Film Festival is known for putting a priority on supporting our filmmakers in every way we can, and we’re proud of that reputation,” says David Filner, Artis–Naples executive vice president, artistic operations. “We feel that NIFF can help provide important encouragement for the art of independent film. The prize money we award to our winning filmmakers is a key part of that, but it extends to other factors as well. We also place a premium on connecting filmmakers with each other, and on exploring different ways to share their films with more people.”

Franklin adds that the relationships filmmakers build at NIFF last long past the festival. “Our hope is that filmmakers will make and cultivate lasting relationships during their time in Naples, and we do everything possible to foster that,” Franklin said. “Whether relaxing in the filmmaker lounge, attending each other’s screenings or sitting on a panel together, filmmakers have the opportunity to really get to know each other and to know the festival.”

NIFF 2022 CATEGORIES/REQUIREMENTS

Narrative Features: Any original work of fiction 41 minutes or longer. Narrative feature films may be foreign or domestic.

Documentary Features: Any nonfiction feature-length film 41 minutes or longer. Documentary feature films may be foreign or domestic.

Short Films: Any Narrative or Documentary film 40 minutes or less. Films may be foreign or domestic. NIFF programs Short films in themed packages. We may also screen a short film before a Narrative or Documentary feature.

Florida Films: The Florida Films category is intended to celebrate, encourage, and support Florida filmmakers and the production of films in the state of Florida. Documentary Feature, Narrative Feature or Short films must either include a filmmaker (director or producer) or cast member (leading actor/actress) from or currently living in Florida and/or have partial or principal photography shot in Florida.

Student Filmmaker Showcase, K-12 Division: Student filmmakers in the United States, currently enrolled in grades K-12 (as of March 21, 2022), are invited to submit a short film with a running time of 10 minutes or less (including credits) completed any time after January 1, 2021. Films of all genres are accepted (documentary, narrative and animation). There is no premiere requirement for this category. Limit one (1) entry per director. Films submitted in the Student Filmmaker Showcase category must be works written, directed and shot by students. Adult participation is limited to an advisory capacity. **APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT PROOF OF AGE WITH THEIR SUBMISSION.** Please indicate the school you are attending and send a photocopy of your current student ID, driver’s license or ID card to naplesfilmfest@artisnaples.org.

Student Filmmaker Showcase, College/University Division: College and university students currently studying in the United States (undergraduate or graduate) are invited to submit narrative, documentary, or animated films with a running time of 40 minutes or less (including credits) completed any time after January 1, 2021. Films of all genres are accepted (documentary, narrative and animation). There is no premiere requirement for this category. Limit 1 entry per director. Films submitted in the Student Filmmaker Showcase category must be works written, directed and shot by students. Adult participation is limited to an advisory capacity. **APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT PROOF OF AGE WITH THEIR SUBMISSION.** Please indicate the school you are attending and send a photocopy of your current student ID, driver’s license or ID card to naplesfilmfest@artisnaples.org.

AWARD CATEGORIES AND PRIZES

Jury Award for Best Narrative Feature - \$2,500

Jury Award for Best Documentary Feature - \$2,500

Audience Award for Best Narrative Feature - \$1,000

Audience Award for Best Documentary Feature - \$1,000

Audience award for Best Short Film - \$500

Focus on the Arts Award - \$1,500

Programmers’ Choice - \$250

AWARD CATEGORIES AND PRIZES, Continued

Best First Feature - \$250

Rising Star Award - \$250

Indie Spirit Award - \$250

Impact Award - \$250

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

- Early Bird: May 13, 2022
- Regular: June 16, 2022
- Late: July 6, 2022

ARTIS—NAPLES

Home of The Baker Museum and the Naples Philharmonic, Artis—Naples is unique among cultural institutions nationwide, equally dedicated to both the visual and performing arts featuring artists of global distinction.

KIMBERLY K. QUERREY and LOUIS A. SIMPSON CULTURAL CAMPUS

Led by CEO and President Kathleen van Bergen and Sharon and Timothy Ubben Music Director Andrey Boreyko, we offer audiences more than 800 paid and free events annually within a variety of venues and settings situated throughout the 8.5-acre Kimberly K. Querrey and Louis A. Simpson Cultural Campus. Artis—Naples welcomes thousands of visitors each year for a broad array of artistic and educational opportunities perfect for audiences of all backgrounds and interests. The cultural campus is home to five buildings, including two performance halls (Frances Pew Hayes Hall and Myra J. Daniels Pavilion), The Baker Museum, the Toni Stabile Education Building and the Kohan Administration Building.

In the 2014-15 season, Andrey Boreyko assumed the title of music director and serves in this capacity for Artis—Naples. Boreyko is internationally recognized as one of the most exciting and dynamic conductors working today. This appointment, which concludes in 2022, is his first American post.

The Wall Street Journal says van Bergen and Boreyko have ushered in “an impressive new phase” for classical music in Southwest Florida.

NAPLES PHILHARMONIC

The Naples Philharmonic has long been recognized as one of the cornerstones of Southwest Florida’s arts community. As part of Artis—Naples, the Naples Philharmonic performs more than 140 orchestral and chamber music concerts, as well as opera and ballet, education, community and special event concerts annually between September and June in the 1,477-seat Hayes Hall, the 283-seat Daniels Pavilion and around the Southwest Florida region.

Jack Everly is Principal Pops Conductor and in the 2021-22 season celebrates 12 years in this role, bringing pops performances that celebrate music in its many forms. In 2017, Romanian conductor Radu Paponiu was named assistant conductor of the Naples Philharmonic and director of the Naples Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, and in 2019, he was promoted to associate conductor.

THE BAKER MUSEUM

The Baker Museum is one of the foremost fine art museums in Southwest Florida. The museum hosts several traveling exhibitions annually to complement installations of works from its permanent collection. Comprising more than 4,000 objects, the museum’s broad holdings of 20th- and 21st-century art reflect the generosity and commitment of area collectors. Of particular strength are The Baker Museum’s collections of American and Mexican modern art and significant gifts from the personal collection of Olga Hirshhorn.

With more than two decades of collecting and exhibiting, the museum is dedicated to stewardship and scholarship from both its growing permanent collection and outside sources. At the same time, The Baker Museum seeks out the best traveling exhibitions from the leading arts institutions in the world—including recently the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art and the Smithsonian Institutions—to enrich the Southwest Florida community.

In fall 2020, Artis—Naples celebrated the opening of an 18,000-square-foot expansion of The Baker Museum, designed by Weiss/Manfredi Architecture/Landscape/Urbanism, that created new spaces for multidisciplinary exploration and social interaction.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY

In addition to creating and presenting visual and performing arts, Artis—Naples provides robust education and community activities for students of all ages. Each season thousands of Collier County Public Schools interact with Artis—Naples education programming both on its cultural campus and in classrooms. The Lifelong Learning program provides engaging lectures and study opportunities for adults seeking to engage more deeply with the arts.

The Friends of Artis—Naples, with more than 4,000 households who give \$75 or more, offers activities, travel experiences and events geared toward creating a deeper relationship between patrons and the arts.

In 2017, Artis—Naples acquired the Naples International Film Festival (NIFF), expanding its film offerings and providing a platform for the festival’s continued excellence and growth. In 2019, NIFF was named one of *MovieMaker* Magazine’s “Top 25 Coolest Film Festivals in the World,” and in 2022 celebrates its 14th year in the community.

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