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OC FILM FESTIVAL NAMED "TOP 100 BEST" BY FILMFREEWAY

July 20 \$5 Film Night to Screen OC Film Challenge Entries

OCEAN CITY, MD — July 5, 2019 — The Ocean City Film Festival has been ranked one of the "Top 100 Best Reviewed Festivals" by FilmFreeway for June. This ranking, according to real FilmFreeway users, places the OC festival in the top 1.5% of more than 8,000 film festivals and creative contests around the word.

FilmFreeway is an online service where independent filmmakers submit their films for potential screenings at film festivals around the world. Regarding the OC Film Festival, they stated, "This ranking is a testament to the countless hours of hard work and care that you and your staff have devoted to creating such a wonderful event. We're especially proud to be partnered with amazing events like yours that help independent films continue to thrive."

The 3^{rd} Annual Ocean City Film Festival was held in the resort on March 8-10, 2019. The 4^{th} annual festival is scheduled for March 5-8, 2020. FilmFreeway is now accepting submissions from filmmakers for the 2020 festival.

Entries from the 2nd Annual Ocean City Film Challenge will be screened during the monthly \$5 Film Night on Saturday, July 20, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the Ocean City Center for the Arts on 94th St. bayside, and the public is invited.

The Film Challenge is open to any artist who produces a short film taking place in Ocean City and is in some way about the resort. The films can be of any genre and must not exceed 20 minutes in length. Films must be made between June 15 and July 15, 2019, and entries are still being accepted through July 15 at www.ocmdfilmfestival.com/ ocean-city-film-challenge.html. Or contact OCFF Co-Director Kristin Helf at kristin@artleagueofoceancity.org.

Film challenge awards will be presented after the screenings on July 20.

"We love seeing all the talent that comes from local artists, but we'd always love to see more films that are shot right here in OC," said Film Festival Director William Strang-Moya. "Ocean City is a beautiful landscape, and there's so much that artists can take advantage of right here in town."

More information and updates on the Festival and the Film Challenge are available online at www.ocmdfilmfestival.com.

The Ocean City Center for the Arts at 502 94th Street is the home of the Art League of Ocean City, a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing the visual arts to the community through education, exhibits, scholarship, programs and community art projects. More information is available at 410-524-9433 or www.artleagueofoceancity.org.

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