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**3RD ANNUAL OCEAN CITY FILM CHALLENGE SEEKS
SHORT MOVIES ABOUT THE RESORT
AND OFFERS FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO FILMMAKERS**

OCEAN CITY, MD — June 25, 2020 — The Ocean City Film Festival in collaboration with the Art League of Ocean City is presenting a third challenge to filmmakers and aspiring filmmakers across Delmarva and beyond: The Ocean City Film Challenge.

The 3rd Annual Ocean City Film Challenge is open to any artist who wishes to make a short film that takes place in Ocean City and tells a story about the resort, preferably suited for viewing by all ages. The film must be made July 1-31, 2020, and filmmakers must register for the challenge by July 10 at <https://forms.gle/BUUpDRHXyXbHnN7Ca6>.

Final cuts are due on July 31, and should be uploaded to Oceancityfilmfest@gmail.com.

Accepted entries will be screened on Tuesday, August 4 at 8 p.m. as part of the Ocean City Drive-In Movie Series in the parking lot of the Ocean City Convention Center. Admission is free, and all attendees view movies from their cars. Chairs are not permitted. Entries will also be screened at the 5th annual Ocean City Film Festival in March 2021.

“Ocean City is a beautiful landscape, and there’s so much that artists can take advantage of right here in town,” said Film Festival Director William Strang-Moya. “In our 2020 Film Challenge, we are faced with the unique challenges of social distancing in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. So what is a filmmaker to do? There are many ways to tell a story through motion picture, and this year we strive to explore these boundaries. We are offering filmmakers monetary assistance with the production of their films and are also allowing the use of archival footage.”

The Ocean City Film Festival is offering financial support to Film Challenge participants this season to enable them to overcome the stresses of adverse conditions. Worcester County and Worcester County-adjacent filmmakers will be eligible for \$100 stipends upon review of their registration forms.

First prize includes all-access passes for the 2021 Film Festival complete with hotel package and \$150 cash prize. Second prize receives \$100 cash prize and passes. Third prize receives \$50 cash prize and passes.

More information and updates on the Festival and the Film Challenge are available online at www.ocmdfilmfestival.com/ocean-city-film-challenge.html. Contact Strang-Moya at Oceancityfilmfest@gmail.com with questions.

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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