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## OCEAN CITY FILM FESTIVAL FEATURES FREE WORKSHOPS INCLUDING BERLIN'S "TUCK EVERLASTING" CREW

OCEAN CITY, MD — FEB. 26, 2021 — Many live workshops and Q&A sessions are available at no charge to the general public as part of the 5th Annual Ocean City Film Festival, streaming March 4-11. Included are free live question-and-answer sessions with the filmmakers as well as a free live workshop with an Eastern Shore connection.

In 2001, the historic town of Berlin, Md. was chosen as the location for a new Hollywood film, "Tuck Everlasting." The movie crew that came to Berlin that year included Steve and Lorrie Walker, current Lewes, De. residents, who were prop masters on the film.

The Walkers will live stream a free workshop during the Film Festival about their Berlin experiences and also their work in the film industry in and around Baltimore for more than 30 years. The free workshop, entitled "Props: The Little Things That Make a Movie Work," is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 4-5 p.m. at https://watch.eventive.org/ocmdfilmfestival2021/live.

Beginning in the early 1980s, the pair designed, constructed, and dressed sets for hundreds of television commercials and small films. In the 1990s, they moved on to work predominantly as property masters on

feature films and television series including "Homicide," the D.C. location filming of "The West Wing," and movies by John Waters, Barry Levinson, and Bruce Beresford. Four of the movies — "Clara's Heart," "Silent Fall," "Swimmers," and "Tuck Everlasting" — were shot mainly on the Eastern Shore.

Steve Walker was also an extra in "Tuck Everlasting," portraying the card dealer, a small role that depended on his props knowledge of how the cards should be played. This year marks the 20th anniversary of filming in the town, according to Ivy Wells, director of Berlin's Chamber of Commerce, where the movie runs in a loop at the Visitor's Center.

The free props workshop and the free live Q&A sessions will stream as part of the Ocean City Film Festival, March 4-11, 2021. To see a full schedule of workshops and to access them live, go to https://watch.eventive.org/ocmdfilmfestival2021/live.

Festival tickets and passes are on sale now at OCMDFilmFestival.com or by calling 410-524-9433. Prices allow customization to create a personal viewing experience. Tickets start at \$10 per feature film or film block. Multi-film passes are also available: 6 features and/or film blocks, \$49; 13 features and/or film blocks, \$99. All-Access Passes are \$149.

The Art League of Ocean City is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing the visual arts to the community through education, exhibits, scholarship, programs and community art projects.

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EDITORS: Head shot of Steve and Lorrie Walker attached plus film still on streets of Berlin from "Tuck Everlasting" showing props.

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