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**OCEAN CITY FILM FESTIVAL 2022 SUBMISSION DEADLINE  
IS NOV. 30  
WITH A SPECIAL DEAL FOR LOCAL FILMMAKERS**

OCEAN CITY, MD — *Nov. 7, 2021* — The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Ocean City Film Festival will return to the resort March 3-6, 2022 and is accepting entries for the 2022 festival from filmmakers. The deadline for late submissions is approaching, and the festival organizers are offering a price break for locals.

“Entries are due by Nov. 30,” B.L Strang-Moya, Film Festival Creative Director, said. “To encourage local participation, filmmakers who live on Delmarva can receive a waiver so they can submit their films at no cost to them. To receive a waiver, e-mail us at [OceanCityFilmFest@gmail.com](mailto:OceanCityFilmFest@gmail.com).”

Complete rules and entry forms are posted at <https://filmfreeway.com/OceanCityFilmFestival>.

Hosted by the Art League of Ocean City, the festival was founded in 2017 and has become a recognized annual event that attracts international, national, and regional artists working in film. In 2021, the festival was named a member of the Sundance Industry Office, a testament to its rapid growth and reach. The festival creates both

community engagement and networking opportunities for filmmakers at all levels in their careers.

The festival is planning to return to a live, in-person event in 2022, screening approximately 100 films from around the world in local venues, with exclusive premieres of locally-produced films, plus receptions, happy hours, morning coffee get-togethers, and an awards ceremony.

“The 2022 program will be a celebration for filmmakers and Ocean City alike,” Strang-Moya continued. “Local and regional content has always been and will continue to be the primary focus of our festival while also giving a platform to artists from all over the world. Our program is consistently diverse and equitable in the array of unique artists we showcase.”

The festival offers eight submission categories: feature films, youth short films, animation, horror/sci-fi, short documentary, funny shorts, dramatic shorts, environmental/aquatic films, and short films feel-good films. Submissions will be judged by a panel of experts, and filmmakers will be notified of acceptance into the festival by Jan. 3, 2022.

Festival organizers are also seeking sponsors for 2022, including venues for festival parties and events. Anyone interested should contact the Art League’s Director of Development, Nancy Dofflemyer, at [nancyd@artleagueofoceancity.org](mailto:nancyd@artleagueofoceancity.org) or 410-524-9433.

General information about the Film Festival is available at [OCMDfilmfestival.com](http://OCMDfilmfestival.com).

Funding for past festivals has come from The Town of Ocean City and the Maryland Film Office as well as private individuals and businesses.

*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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