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**OCEAN CITY FILM FESTIVAL 2023 SUBMISSION DEADLINE  
EXTENDED TO NOV. 30, 2022**

OCEAN CITY, MD — *Nov. 7, 2022* — The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Ocean City Film Festival will return to the resort March 3-6, 2023 and is accepting entries for the festival with an extended deadline as a courtesy to area filmmakers. The extended deadline is Nov. 30, 2022.

“Though we have a comfortable amount of submissions already for next year’s festival, this extension will hopefully accommodate a number of filmmakers,” B.L Strang-Moya, Film Festival Creative Director, said. “The Maryland Film Festival recently announced their 25th season will be postponed until 2024. We hope to inspire filmmakers to turn to smaller festivals like us in the region.”

Final deadline fees apply. However, waiver codes are available for students and where needed by request 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 in 2023 will screen approximately 70 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 festival will accept submissions for narrative short, narrative feature, documentary short, and documentary feature films. From these four categories, the Film Festival jury will specially curate film showcases based on common themes.

Submissions will be judged by a panel of experts, and filmmakers will be notified of acceptance into the festival in January 2023.

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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