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**7TH ANNUAL OCEAN CITY FILM CHALLENGE PRESENTS
ENTRIES ON AUG. 10 AT 94TH St. TENNIS COURTS**

OCEAN CITY, MD — *August 2, 2024* — The Ocean City Film Festival presents “Film Challenge Night,” showing the entries into the 7th Annual Ocean City Film Challenge. The screenings are free to the public and take place on Saturday, Aug. 10 at the tennis courts in Little Salisbury Park, next door to the Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St. bayside.

Gates open at 7 p.m. with films beginning at 8 p.m. All are welcome, and advanced tickets are not required. Guests are encouraged to bring their own chairs. In case of inclement weather, the films will be shown indoors at the Arts Center next door.

Ten entries were received into the 2024 challenge and will be screened on Film Challenge Night with a total run time of approximately 80 minutes.

The 7th Annual Ocean City Film Challenge inspired filmmakers to produce an original short film no longer than 15 minutes and made between July 1 and July 31, 2024. Films must have been shot in Ocean City or outside of Ocean City but with the resort central to the premise of the film.

The ten films being screened are:

"Swedish Fish" directed by Fiona O'Brien

"Why Not" directed by Joan Floyd

"The Lot" directed by Joe Joyce

"Ocean vs. Bay" directed by Marlon Wallace

"Staring Contest" directed by Jackson Dutton

"The Boardwalk" directed by Erik Espinosa

"Ocean City Summer Heat Drones On" directed by Thomas Taylor
"Shoreside News" directed by Myah Stokes
"Dating in 2024" directed by Jesse Bowes
"Thirsty" directed by Josh Vine

B.L. Strang-Moya, creative director of the OC Film Festival, said, "Ocean City is a great place to tell a story, and the entries into this year's challenge are creative and inspiring. On last year's Film Challenge Night, more than 120 audience members gathered under the stars for a magical evening, and we invite everyone to come share the night and see the films with us this year."

The OC Film Festival will announce the winning films on Film Challenge Night and award prizes to the winners. Prizes include an Ocean City hotel stay, swag bag, and two all-access passes during the 2025 OC Film Festival. The films will also be screened at the Film Festival March 6-9, 2025.

The Ocean City Film Festival and the Ocean City Film Challenge are programs of the Art League of Ocean City.

The Art League of Ocean City is a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing the visual arts to the community through education, exhibits, scholarship, programs and community art projects. Financial support comes primarily through membership dues from individuals and corporate sponsors.

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PHOTO attached of crowd at Film Challenge Night on the tennis courts in 2023

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