

# HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

## The Hamptons International Film Festival Open For Film Submissions

### Approved as an Academy Qualifying Festival for the Documentary Short Subject Award

*The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Hamptons International Film Festival takes place from  
October 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2016*

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, New York, NY**— The Hamptons International Film Festival (HIFF) today announced the opening of its annual film submission process. It also announced that it is now an Academy qualifying festival for the Documentary Short Subject Award.

With four competitive categories in narrative feature, documentary feature, narrative short film, documentary short film, and programs in seven non-competitive categories, the Hamptons International Film Festival seeks diverse films made by filmmakers that traverse the globe in order to tell their stories through different cultural styles and experiences.

Already an Academy qualifying festival for Short Live Action Films, the HIFF can now grant the winner of its Documentary Short Film Competition eligibility to enter the Documentary Short Subject category of the Academy Awards® without standard theatrical run. This is provided the film otherwise complies with the Academy rules which can be found at [www.oscars.org/rules](http://www.oscars.org/rules).

In 2015, three of this year's Oscar nominated short documentaries were screened at HIFF (CLAUDE LANZMANN: SPECTRES OF THE SHOAH, BODY TEAM 12, and LAST DAY OF FREEDOM). Last year also saw a record number of submissions for the festival, and 36 Oscar nominations from films that played throughout all categories.

The HIFF's 2015 attendees included Alan Alda, Emily Blunt, Liev Schreiber, Josh Charles, Morgan Freeman, Tom McCarthy, John Slattery, Michael Moore, Dennis Quaid, Jacob Tremblay, Charlie Kaufman, Bel Powley, Keith Stanfield, Chris Abbot, Phyllis Nagy, Alec Baldwin, Todd Haynes, Thomas Mann, Dan Rather, James Vanderbilt, Olivia Wilde, Bobby Flay and many more.

"We are honored to now have two of our award categories recognized by the Academy," said Hamptons International Film Festival Program Director David Nugent. "Each year this festival grows, making it even more exciting to see the wealth of talent and art it attracts."

The 24th Annual Hamptons International Film Festival takes place October 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Interested filmmakers may visit for more information on how to submit their films.

### **ABOUT THE HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**

The Hamptons International Film Festival (HIFF) is a year-round 501(c)3 non-profit organization with events, screenings, film workshops, comprehensive summer programs and an annual film festival each October. The Festival is the premiere film event on New York State's east end, and is an intimate showcase of some of the year's best offerings in contemporary cinema from around the world. With cash and in-kind prizes handed out totaling more than \$225,000, HIFF continues to attract some of the best films of the year. Selections from all of our programs continue to play an important role during awards season. 2014 marked the 6th time in a row a film at the Festival has become the eventual Best Picture winner at the Oscars, making HIFF the only Festival on the East Coast with such a distinction. The Hamptons International Film Festival headquarters are located at the beautiful c/o The Maidstone Hotel on Main Street in East Hampton. The Hamptons International Film Festival greatly appreciates the support from their corporate sponsors, including Delta Air Lines, Altour International, The Wall Street Journal, and WNBC New York. For more information about the 2016 Hamptons International Film Festival, go

to [www.hamptonsfilmfest.org](http://www.hamptonsfilmfest.org).

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