HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

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Join HIFF For The 26th Year! Submissions Begins Friday, February 16, 2018

The Hamptons International Film Festival is now accepting submissions for the 2018 festival (October 4-8, 2018) through the online platform Withoutabox.

For more information and to submit a film please visit: http://hamptonsfilmfest.org/hiff-2018-submissions

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 who traverse the globe in order to tell their stories through different cultural styles and experiences.

HIFF also bestows Audience Awards, with past winners including Academy Award®-winning THE WHITE HELMETS, LA LA LAND, ROOM, THE IMITATION GAME, THE ARTIST, THE KING'S SPEECH and Academy Award®-nominated I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO and PHILOMENA. This year's Audience Awards are sponsored by Out East, a new real estate destination by StreetEasy.

For all the fine print, including awards eligibility—HIFF Awards and many more—prize amounts (HIFF offers over \$180K in cash and in-kind awards), technical specs, full deadline schedule, Festival history, and more, please visit Withoutabox and read carefully. Deadlines for submissions are: March 19th (Early Bird), April 23rd (Regular), May 21st (Late), June 11 (Extended WAB).

The winners of two of HIFF's short film competition programs—**Best Narrative**Short and **Best Documentary Short**—will automatically qualify for the Academy Awards® without a standard theatrical run, provided they meet all other Academy requirements.

Previous films screened at the Hamptons International Film Festival include Academy Award®-winning films 12 YEARS A SLAVE, THE ARTIST, BIRDMAN, BLACK SWAN, THE KING'S SPEECH, LA LA LAND, MOONLIGHT, ROOM, SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK, SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE, and STILL ALICE, along with numerous additional nominated and critically-acclaimed films.

The 2017 festival screened numerous 2018 Academy Award®-nominees including CALL ME BY YOUR NAME, DARKEST HOUR, I, TONYA, THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING, MISSOURI, THE SHAPE OF WATER, A FANTASTIC WOMAN, THE SQUARE, and THE FLORIDA PROJECT. The festival also hosted a special event for GET OUT, featuring a conversation with director Jordan Peele, stars Daniel Kaluuya and Allison Williams, and producers Jason Blum and Sean McKittrick.

The Hamptons International Film Festival is a supporter of local filmmakers and showcases films from nearby artists in the festival's "Views from Long Island" section, most recently including Benjamin and Orson Cummings' KILLER BEES, Academy Award®-nominated Yance Ford's STRONG ISLAND, and Josh Klausner's WANDERLAND. This section is sponsored by the Suffolk County Film Commission.

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 \$180,000, 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. 2017 marked the 7th time in a row that a film in 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. For more information please visit: www.hamptonsfilmfest.org.

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