



DESERTSCAPE

INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

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THE DESERTSCAPE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES THE OFFICIAL 2021 SCHEDULE!

St. George, UT-- The Film and Media Alliance of Southern Utah (FMASU) just announced the official 2021 Desertscape International Film Festival. This 4-day celebration of independent film will feature over 60 films--shorts and features--of multiple genres from over 20 countries.

Highlights will include the closing night road trip comedy "Recovery," the inspirational documentary "Zero Gravity," the opening night urban drama "Take Out Girl," the brilliantly crafted dark comedy "The Danger in Front," the ooey-goey midnight crowd pleaser "Flick," the Made in Utah feature "Weirdos," a handful of student films including "Underdogs," "The Moon and the Hummingbird," and "Sara," and much, much more.

The festival will feature multiple film blocks daily throughout the 4-day independent film showcase with categories including Sights and Sounds, After Dark, Family and Relationship Dynamics, International, Made in Utah, Student Films, Comedy, and Guerilla Shorts. Attendees should keep in mind that each film will only be screened once. Conveniently, the entire festival will take place at the historic Electric Theater meaning attendees won't have to shuttle from one venue to the next.

For the entire 2021 Desertscape International Film Festival schedule, click here;

<https://www.fmasu.com/2021desertscapeprogram>

Adam Mast, Desertscape Festival Director, said; “After months of viewing films and formulating a game plan, the schedule has finally taken shape and quite frankly, we couldn’t be happier with the lineup. It’s going to be a jam packed 4 days to be sure but there’s a little something in the mix for everyone. And it goes beyond films. We’ve got some pretty amazing alternative programming planned as well. And to top it off, there’s the human connection element to all of this. Spending 4 amazing days conversing with filmmakers and like-minded individuals is certainly a highlight at any film festival and Desertscape is no different. Let the magic begin.”

John Pugh, Desertscape Festival Director, said; “I can’t begin to tell you how much goes into the planning and preparations of putting on an international film festival. Receiving so many incredible films this year and having to whittle it down to our favorite 60 was no easy task. With that said the upcoming 4-day festival will be an amazing experience for anyone in attendance. This lineup has some really amazing work and I’d be surprised to not see a few of these films be considered for an academy award!”

While Desertscape International Film Festival: Year Three will pride itself on a wonderfully diverse slate of films of multiple genres, programmers promise a variety of several other noteworthy film-centric activities and events as well. **Included**; Filmmaker Q&A’s, storyteller panels, a live script read, VR stations, a 3D movie alley, a 16mm pop-up theater, live music, food, an opening night party, and a closing night Awards Gala.

But the cinematic greatness doesn’t stop there. Desertscape will have special guests on hand. Actor/filmmaker **Colin Cunningham** (“[Falling Skies](#),” “[Preacher](#),” “[Centigrade](#),” and more) will be joining the festivities as a Desertscape Jury member. He’ll also be part of an informative storytelling panel. Also making a grand appearance; Professional screenwriter **Jeff Robison** (“[The Scent of Rain of Lightning](#),” “[Rudderless](#).”) Robison, too, will serve on the Jury.

Additionally, this veteran writer will open the festival with an optional screenwriting clinic as well as host a special screening of the underrated 2014 music-tinged father/son story, “Rudderless” starring Billy Crudup. Cunningham and Robison have plenty of insight on the business and both will engage Desertscape attendees by way of their own brand of infectious charm.

Desertscape International Film Festival tickets are currently on sale. All-Access Badges are \$75 (includes a swag bag) with single film block tickets at \$10 and special day passes available at \$25. For ticket sales and more info on the festival, log on to www.fmasu.com/desertscape.

DESERTSCAPE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL-- Since 2019, the Desertscape International Film Festival has served as a platform for filmmakers from all over the world to share their work in a theatrical setting. Additionally, Desertscape prides itself on creating a source of grand entertainment and enlightenment for its many attendees. While Desertscape is still very much in its infancy it has grown exponentially over the last few years seeing an increase in both submissions and attendance from 2019 to 2020. The goal is to see Desertscape evolve and emerge as a Southern Utah staple for years to come.

FILM AND MEDIA ALLIANCE OF SOUTHERN UTAH (FMASU)-- Formed in 2017, FMASU is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit designed to encourage, inspire, nurture, and educate filmmaking talent and to preserve film history and the theatrical experience. FMASU does this by way of several film-related events throughout the year, including; Desertscape International Film Festival, HorrorFest International, The Electric Film Series, A Merry Movie Christmas, and the Guerilla Filmmaking Challenges--quick turnaround filmmaking competitions that take place three times per year. While FMASU prides itself on its Southern Utah roots, it is equally interested in championing storytellers from all around the world. Of course, the primary goal is to engage everyone through the culturally expansive nature of the world’s greatest art form: Cinema!

To learn all about FMASU and or to donate, log on to fmasu.com.

