



Sixty-one Entries in Washington Film Festival

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WASHINGTON - A total of 61 independent film makers have submitted films to be exhibited at Farm to Film (F2F), Washington's first international film festival. Farm to Film (F2F) will be held May 20-21, 2023.

Members of the F2F board each viewed one half of the entries and scored each one. The films will be shown at five venues: The Washington City Hall Council Chambers; Patricia's Room Dodici Shop; the Washington Public Library; Art Domestique and the State Theater where local film historian Michael Zahs will kick off the festival with a presentation Saturday morning May 20.

The mission of F2F is to engage and entertain audiences through film and to inspire thought-provoking conversation.

Washington is the home of the historic State Theater, the longest continuously operated movie theater in the world. It is also home to film historian Michael Zahs who is featured in the award-winning film preservation documentary "Saving Brinton". Washington is also the home of the late Frank Brinton who was one of the earliest exhibitors of moving pictures in the country.

F2F hopes to continue this rich heritage with its inaugural festival with films shown at venues within walking distance of the downtown square. Participants will enjoy a diverse array of film genres to choose from throughout the weekend. Film categories includes:

- *Documentary Feature – Over 40 minutes in length

- *Short Documentary

- *Narrative Feature - Over 40 minutes in length

- *Narrative Short Film - Under 40 minutes in length

- *Animated

- *Experimental

- *Student – Any genre and length are accepted in this category. Student must submit proof of enrollment in an accredited high school, college.

- *Women and Minority – Any genre and length are accepted in this category.

- *Iowa Made – Filmed by filmmakers from Iowa or made in Iowa. Any genre and length are accepted in this category.

Laurel awards and certificates will be given in each category.

Lyle Moen and Sarah Grunewaldt are serving as co-president of the of the F2F Board. Other board members include Nancy Rash; Isabella Santoro; Melinda Lord; Lorraine Williams; Millie Youngquist and Bill Monroe. Zahs is serving as an advisor. For more information, go to the F2F website at FarmtoFilmFest.org.