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26TH ANNUAL STONY BROOK FILM FESTIVAL Watch in-person or virtually!

Presented by Island Federal

May 26, 2021, The Staller Center for the Arts will open its doors July 22-31 for the live, in-person screening of the 26th Annual Stony Brook Film Festival, presented by Island Federal. The Stony Brook Film Festival is proud to announce that they will continue their partnership with IndieFlix Festivals and virtually offer this year's Festival as another way to watch. The virtual Festival will stream August 5-30 on the IndieFlix Festivals app.

The Stony Brook Film Festival is a leading Festival with filmmakers and directors alike. Festival attendees return year after year to see new independent films that cannot be seen anywhere else. This year's Festival boasts 35 films, available to watch evenings and weekends from Thursday, July 22 to Saturday, July 31, with the encore option to watch virtually in August. From new American and world premieres to the best foreign-language films from over fifteen countries, we have a thrilling and engaging schedule for this year's Festival. The film schedule will be announced on June 9.

Whether you are eager to return to the theater, prefer to watch from home, or a combination of both, the Stony Brook Film Festival offers a pass option for you. Passes for the Stony Brook Film Festival will be on sale to the public starting May 26, 2021. The Festival is offering a Gold Pass, Festival Pass, or Virtual Pass option for patrons. Early Bird pass discounts are available from March 26-June 8. Purchase your pass before June 8 for a discounted rate.

All passholders will get to hear from filmmakers throughout the Festival and have the opportunity to rate and vote on favorite films to help choose the winners of this year's Festival. Gold Passholders receive a Stony Brook Film Festival swag bag and commemorative gift, discounts at Hospitality Sponsor Restaurants & Businesses, VIP reserved seating, access to the

Closing Night Awards Ceremony and full access to both the Live Festival and the Virtual Festival. Festival Passholders receive entry to all live films and guaranteed seating for sold out shows, access to the Closing Night Awards Ceremony, discounts at Hospitality Sponsor restaurants and businesses, and a Stony Brook Film Festival commemorative gift. Virtual Passholders are guaranteed access to all virtual films for the entire household and recorded filmmaker discussions.

Visit <u>stonybrookfilmfestival.com</u> for more information.

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