



**CALL FOR ENTRIES:
18th Annual Vancouver Island Short Film Festival Opens for Submissions
Deadline: February 1st, 2023**

The Vancouver Island Short Film Festival (VISFF) is accepting submissions beginning on November 1st, 2022 for the 18th annual VISFF to be held in April 2023. Local and international filmmakers are invited to submit short films up to 15 minutes in length, including credits, by February 1st, 2023. The festival welcomes all genres and styles and seeks to promote the work of filmmakers of diverse backgrounds and identities.

The selected short films will be screened for an audience on April 21st and 22nd, 2023, at VIU's Malaspina Theatre in Nanaimo. The two-day screening will also be simultaneously streamed online so viewers can watch from anywhere in the world. The livestream will be available online for 48 hours after the festival.

"After two successful online festivals, we're looking forward to finally returning to a live, in-person event. We've missed the energy and generosity of the theatre audience," says festival co-founder and Board President Johnny Blakeborough, "but we're also excited to continue offering our virtual event for those members of our audience who can't otherwise make it."

In addition to screening two lineups of short films, VISFF 2023 will feature Q&A sessions with the filmmakers and an award ceremony where the festival's coveted Goldies will be presented to the best short films in several categories, including: Best Film, Best Performance, and People's Choice.

In its continued support of local filmmakers, VISFF reserves two spots of its program for Vancouver Island filmmakers and invites local filmmakers to submit their films for free. Entry waivers for Vancouver Island filmmakers may be obtained by emailing submissions@visff.com. For all other filmmakers, the entry fee of \$25 USD per film is in effect until the midnight deadline on February 1st, 2023.

Films can be submitted through FilmFreeway at www.filmfreeway.com/visff. For more information, please visit www.visff.com.

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