

BronzeLens Film Festival 2017 Call for Entries Now Open

8th Annual Festival will take Place August 23-27, 2017 in Atlanta, Georgia

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(Atlanta)--- November 15, 2016 - Now in its 8TH year, **BronzeLens Film Festival** (BronzeLens) will return as a summer experience August 16-20, 2017 in Atlanta, Georgia. "Our official **Call for Entries** is now open and I am honored that FilmFreeway ranks BronzeLens in the top 2.5% of among more than 4,000 film festivals and creative contests around the world", said Kathleen Bertrand, BronzeLens Film Festival Executive Producer.

BronzeLens is seeking film submissions in all categories which include *Feature, Shorts, Documentary, International, Webisode, Student, Best Actor, Best Actress and Music Videos*. Prestigious top honors will be given in each category. Filmmakers whose films were shot in Georgia and films produced by Georgians (Georgia residence) receive a reduced entry fee with verification.

"We are looking forward to screening a diverse mix of films directed and produced by passionate filmmakers who will participate in a phenomenal festival experience", said Deidre McDonald, BronzeLens Artistic Director. "We are taking a hard look at what is most important to filmmakers when they attend high caliber film festivals. Our goal is to grow in a direction that provides opportunities for our participants to engage, interact, make real connections and be rewarded for outstanding filmmaking."

Since its inception BronzeLens has provided a platform to showcase the work of some of the world's most talented independent filmmakers. Ava DuVernay (*Queen Sugar, I Will Follow, Middle of Nowhere, SELMA*), Abderrahmane Sissako (*TIMBUKTU*), Issa Rae (*Insecure, The Misadventures of Awkward Black Girl*), Deborah Riley Draper, (*Olympic Pride American Prejudice, Versailles'73*), Nefertiti Nguvu (*In The Morning*), Russ Parr (*Ringside, 35 and Ticking, Hear No Evil*), S. Epatha Merkerson and Rockell Metcalf (*The Contradictions of Fair Hope*), Chris Eska (*The Retrieval*), Mahmet-Saleh Haroun (*Bye Bye Africa, Grisgris, Screaming Man*), are among distinguished BLFF alumni.

Deadline for Film Submissions

The official deadlines for 2017 film submissions are **December 31, 2016** for *Early bird*, **March 31, 2017** for *Regular* and *Late* submissions must be received by **April 30, 2017**. To submit a film to the 2016 **BronzeLens Film Festival**, please visit www.bronzelens.com for submission procedures and rules, fees and eligibility information.

About BronzeLens Film Festival

The BronzeLens Film Festival of Atlanta, Georgia, is a non-profit organization, founded in 2009, that is dedicated to bringing national and worldwide attention to Atlanta as a center for film and film production for people of color. Its mission is two-fold: to promote Atlanta as the new film mecca for people of color; and to showcase films and provide networking opportunities that will develop the next generation of filmmakers. For more information regarding the BronzeLens Film Festival, please visit www.bronzelens.com

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