



NEWS RELEASE

BronzeLens 2021 Official Film Selections Announced

Festival Returns as a Virtual Experience Tuesday, August 17 – Sunday, August 22

ATLANTA – July 13, 2021 – The 2021 **BronzeLens Film Festival (BronzeLens)** will present over 180 official film selections representing the work of some of the world's brightest and most innovative creators. This year BronzeLens received an unprecedented amount of film submissions from 55 countries. Of the 2021 official film selections, 63 are world premieres, 15 are returning filmmakers, and 31 are from the state of Georgia.

The 2021 official selections categories include Features, Documentaries, Shorts, Short Documentaries, Reel South Southern Documentaries, Webisodes, Students, Music Videos, and Dance Videos. The 2021 festival will showcase a diverse film line-up from Brazil, Burkina Faso, Canada, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Ireland, India, Israel, Ghana, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, the United States, and the Americas. BronzeLens is an Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences approved qualifying festival for the Short Film Awards category. The short film that receives the BronzeLens Best Short Award is eligible to enter the Academy's Short Subject competition for the concurrent season.

In 2020 BronzeLens was presented as a virtual event that exceeded all expectations related to the film screening experience, number of attendees, and the multiple program offerings for filmmakers and audience engagement. This year BronzeLens returns as a "Virtual Experience", and the 2021 juried film collection represents the highest number of films screened during the festival since its inception. Film screenings will be available daily at 10:00 A.M. EDT beginning Tuesday, August 17 and will conclude August 22 with the BronzeLens **Cinema & Social Justice Sunday** screening at 2:00 P.M. EDT.

For the complete list of the 2021 Official Film Selections go to: <https://bronzelens.com/>.

2021 BronzeLens Film Screening Schedule is as follows:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

All Shorts Day and Night.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

Documentaries

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

Short Documentaries

Reel South Southern Documentaries

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

Students

Webisodes

Music & Dance Videos

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

Features

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

Cinema and Social Justice Sunday

The **12th Annual BronzeLens Awards Show** will culminate the festival. Awards will be given to the 'Best of Festival' Feature, Documentary, International Film, Short, Short Documentary, Reel South Southern Documentary, Student, Webisode, Music Video, Dance Video, Best Actress, and Best Actor.

About the BronzeLens Film Festival

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 film mecca for people of color; and to showcase films and provide networking opportunities that will develop the next generation of filmmakers. Since its inception, BronzeLens producers have brought national and worldwide attention to Atlanta, helping to showcase the city as a leader in the thriving film industry.

For more information regarding the BronzeLens Film Festival, please visit <https://bronzelens.com/>.

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Media Access

Approved media will have access to festival programming online and receive written confirmation. This includes media opportunities for the available filmmakers. To request access, please email sommerbronzelens@gmail.com.

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