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Slamdance to Bring Their World-Renowned Film Festival to Miami Beach

-- Making Its Way to the Cultural Destination in May 2020 --

Miami Beach, FL – Following its 26th edition in Park City, Utah, the Slamdance Film Festival will be making its way to Miami Beach from May 28 to May 31, 2020. Continuing its commitment to lifting emerging independent filmmakers, the Miami Beach edition of the esteemed film festival will focus on highlighting the multi-cultural and diverse communities of Florida, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

“We’re proud to have been selected by Slamdance as their next city destination,” shared Mayor Dan Gelber. “By attracting prestigious alumnae and providing resources to produce new work, Slamdance will be instrumental in ensuring our local, talented filmmakers can receive the recognition and reach they deserve.”

As the premiere film festival showcasing new talent, Slamdance Festival has discovered leading individuals in the industry, including Ana Lily Amirpour (*A Girl Walks Home Alone At Night*), Ari Aster (*Hereditary*), Miami Beach resident Sean Baker (*The Florida Project*), Gina Prince Bythewood (*Shots Fired*), Lena Dunham (*Girls*), Marc Forster (*Christopher Robin*, *World War Z*), Seth Gordon (*Horrible Bosses*), Jared Hess (*Napoleon Dynamite*), Matt Johnson (*Operation Avalanche*), Bong Joon-Ho (*Okja*), Francis Lee (*God’s Own Country*), Christopher Nolan (*Dunkirk*, *Interstellar*), Oren Peli (*Paranormal Activity*), Anthony and Joe Russo (*Avengers: Infinity War*), Jeremy Saulnier (*Green Room*), Lynn Shelton (*Outside In*, *Humpday*), and Benh Zeitlin (*Beasts of the Southern Wild*). Alumni who first showcased their work at Slamdance have earned over \$15 billion at the Box Office to date.

“We’re honored to be working with Miami Beach and contributing to its creative community, now and for our cultural future in the Americas,” said Slamdance President and Co-Founder Peter Baxter.

The festival will feature an entirely different lineup of films programmed by Slamdance alumni from Miami, Central and South America in addition to leaders from a collection of Miami-based arts and education organizations. One of the city’s revered cultural institutions, O Cinema will serve as the Official Cinema Venue for the weekend

alongside city partners including Miami Beach Cinematheque, The Colony Theater, The Wolfsonian-FIU and Faena Miami Beach.

“Miami Beach is a hot spot for film and television,” added Miami Beach Director of Tourism and Culture Matt Kenny. “We have had an immense amount of success in films shooting in this tropical paradise, from *Bad Boys 3* to *The Last Resort* and the most recent filming of *Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*. We’re thrilled Slamdance recognizes the strong success of our local film industry and wants to be a part of the thriving scene.”

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