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MEDIA ALERT

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Oolite Arts, City of Miami Beach Encourage Miami-based Filmmakers to Submit Ideas for "Local Love Letters" in Cinematic Shorts Competition, Starting Feb. 14

— 10 Filmmakers to receive \$5,000 each to produce 3-5-minute short films highlighting their favorite Miami Beach spot —

Miami Beach, FL – Love the beaches, palm trees and hustle & bustle of Ocean Drive? **Oolite Arts** and the **City of Miami Beach** invite Miami-based filmmakers to show their affection for Miami Beach by entering this year's "Local Love Letters" film contest, where 10 lucky winners will receive \$5,000 each to develop a 3–5-minute short film featuring Miami Beach as the backdrop.

Filmmakers can submit their ideas for "Local Love Letters" starting today, February 14 through March 7 at <https://oolitearts.org/local-love-letters/>. An independent jury of nationally recognized filmmakers will select the winners who will have up to two months to complete a narrative, documentary, hybrid or experimental-style film. The films will be screened during a community event to be held this summer.

Two information sessions will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 16 and Wednesday, Mar. 2 via Zoom to provide filmmakers with more information about this program and what is being looked for in the applications. Oolite Arts' Cinematic Arts Manager, Danielle Bender, will also offer a series of virtual office hours to answer specific questions from interested applicants.

The Local Love Letters film competition is designed to further support and provide career-advancing opportunities to local filmmakers. It is generously co-funded by the Lynn and Louis Wolfson II Family Foundation.

To learn more, visit <https://oolitearts.org/local-love-letters/>.

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About Oolite Arts

Oolite Arts helps Miami-based artists advance their careers and inspires the cultural community to engage with their work. Established in 1984, Oolite Arts is both a community and a resource, providing visual artists with the studio space, exhibition opportunities and financial support they need to experiment, grow, and enrich the city. Through its educational programming, Oolite Arts helps Miamians learn about contemporary art and develop their own artistic skills.

Exhibitions and programs at Oolite Arts are made possible with the support of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council; the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners; the Miami Beach Mayor and City Commissioners; the State of Florida,

Department of State, Division of Arts and Culture and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture; the National Endowment for the Arts; the Lynn and Louis Wolfson II Family Foundation and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. For more information, visit oolitearts.org. Follow @oolitearts on social media.

About Miami Beach Film Incentive program

Making movies and other film projects in Miami Beach has never been easier. The program includes new guidelines, fewer restrictions and a new incentive program to subsidize productions. Incentives include \$10,000 grants with a \$25,000 local spend and a minimum of three shoot days in Miami Beach. [Click here](#) for more information on the Miami Beach Film & Production Incentive Program.

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