



**NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH FILMMAKERS COLLABORATIVE
KICKS OFF MYSTIC FILM FESTIVAL'S FUNDRAISING
FOR IN-THEATER OCTOBER FESTIVAL**

Mystic, CT – June 3, 2021 – [Mystic Film Festival](#) today kicks off its 2021 fund raising thanks to a partnership with its new fiscal sponsor, the [Filmmakers Collaborative](#), a tax-exempt organization that since 1986 has provided low-cost, fiscal sponsorship to independent media makers.

[Filmmakers Collaborative](#) of Melrose, Mass. allows the Mystic Film Festival to accept [tax-deductible donations from corporations and individuals](#) to finance the annual October 21-24 festival, which is returning to in-theater only screenings for its fourth season.

“We’ve set a modest goal to [raise \\$3,000 in June](#), and we hope film lovers and businesses of our nearby Connecticut and Rhode Island communities will help us bring larger audiences to the local venues that support us,” said Gabriella Radujko, Mystic Film Festival’s development director and executive board member.

“Any size [donation](#) celebrates our efforts to bring 70 new feature and documentary films from local filmmakers and others around the world to our regional film lovers,” Radujko said. “This festival is a super opportunity for local businesses to sponsor the return of live-audience arts, which draw people to downtowns. Who doesn’t like dinner and a new movie?”

Besides many new films, this fall’s festival will include its second screenwriters’ competition with its table read grand prize, discussion panels with filmmakers, and workshops at Mystic Luxury Cinemas, the Velvet Mill, La Grua Center in

Stonington, CT, the newly refurbished United Theater in Westerly, R.I., and other locations.

Until July 19th, the festival will accept new narrative and documentary feature and short-form films submissions, which must have been completed after January 1, 2019, to: <https://filmfreeway.com/MysticFilmFestival>. Films made by students while enrolled in a school or college are welcomed, and student submissions must include an image of the student's school identification. Returning Mystic Film Festival filmmakers and student filmmakers will be offered a discounted submission fee.

[Filmmakers Collaborative](#) is the grantee of record for hundreds of media projects across the country. Its mission is sponsoring and supporting the independent media community and film festivals through fiscal sponsorship and by offering programming opportunities that bring people together monthly for learning and networking. FC also mentors the next-generation of media makers through its filmmaking programming.

Mystic Film Festival awards top films including narrative feature, feature documentary, narrative short, documentary short, New England film, cinematography, directing, screenplay writing, student film, human rights, and conservation.

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