



815HORTS: A 5SHORT FILM FESTIVAL – THE QUICK FACTS

ROCKFORD, Ill., November 29, 2023: The second annual **815HORTS: A 5SHORT Film Festival**, presented by the City of Rockford + Rockford Film Office, returns this Saturday, December 2, with an expanded line-up highlighted by 13 acclaimed short 815HORTS films, an Oscar-nominated featured guest, the Sundance Film Festival Short Film Tour, educational content, and more. To help get prepped for the film festivities, the **815HORTS event week quick facts** are here to help prep for Saturday's show:

- **Great Seats:** General admission tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students with ID (under 17 requires adult supervision). Attendees are encouraged to **purchase tickets online ahead of time** (at-the-door sales will be accepted as available). Re-entry will be allowed for ticketed guests. Visit www.815HORTS.com or <https://filmfreeway.com/815HORTS/tickets> to buy your tickets!
- **13 5SHORT Films:** During **815HORTS**, 13 acclaimed short films will be screened during the 815HORTS Matinees block at 3 p.m. and 815HORTS Prime Time features at 7 p.m.. Genres include suspense, comedy, documentary, thriller, and music video.
- **Bing Liu Returns Home:** Academy Award-nominated filmmaker and Rockford native **Bing Liu** is back home this weekend as a featured guest. Liu's latest short film titled "**What the Hands Do**" will make its Rockford premiere during the 7 p.m. Prime Time block, after which Liu will be interviewed onstage by Illinois Film Office director Peter Hawley during the **5SHORT Talk** interview series. And, yes, we will be taking questions from the audience!
- **Lunch + Learn:** With the purchase of a general admission ticket to 815HORTS, **The 5SHORT Route: Building a Career Through Short Films** is a free lunch and learn session exclusive to the first 50 registrants. The 5SHORT Route will be held from 12-2 p.m. at City Stage Studios (821 First Avenue, Rockford, IL 61104), where attendees will learn about leveraging the art of short filmmaking to help create a successful career arc. **Limited space remains. To reserve your Lunch + Learn spot, purchase your GA 815HORTS ticket and email Nick@PlusSevenCompany.com.**
- **Sundance is Back:** For the second-straight year, 815HORTS welcomes the world's most prestigious film festival brand back to the Forest City with a screening of the 2023 Sundance Film Festival Short Film Tour. This year's Sundance Shorts Tour features seven films from the 2023 Sundance Film Festival, including two Sundance award winners. The Sundance Shorts Tour screening is set for 5 p.m. Saturday (between the 815HORTS Matinees (3 p.m.) and Prime Time (7 p.m.) blocks).
- **Tacos for Dinner:** Guests are encouraged to have dinner onsite, as the Olivo Taco food truck will be on hand from 5-7 p.m. outside the box office entrance of the RPL Nordlof Center.
- **Drinks for Sale:** If you're thirsty, **District Bar & Grill** will have a variety of **drinks for purchase** at the RPL Nordlof Center lobby bar throughout the day and evening.
- **And the Winner Is...: The 5SHORT Awards** will close the evening by recognizing 2023 winners for **Best 5SHORT (Best in Show)** and **Best Local/Regional 5SHORT**. The award show is scheduled to begin at approximately 9:30 p.m. (*Note: Program times may vary.*)
- **Giving Back:** As the **Rockford Public Library (RPL) Foundation** is our nonprofit partner, a portion of the event's net proceeds will benefit the RPL Foundation's film related youth programs!

For more information, visit www.815HORTS.com and follow @p7company / @PlusSevenCompany on social.

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