



815HORTS, Sundance Shorts Tour Returns to Rockford December 2

Call for 5HORTS: Filmmakers Invited to Submit Short Films for 2nd Annual 815HORTS

ROCKFORD, Ill., August 31, 2023: Call for 5HORTS! Local, national and international filmmakers are invited to submit short films to be considered for screening at the second annual **815HORTS**. Scheduled for Saturday, December 2, 2023, at the RPL Nordlof Center, this year's 815HORTS will be expanded to include featured guests, educational content, awards, and acclaimed short films produced by filmmakers near and far.

Filmmakers interested in submitting a short film for review must make submissions through the 815HORTS FilmFreeway page at <https://filmfreeway.com/815HORTS> **by Friday, October 27, 2023**. 815HORTS submission terms and conditions, festival information and ticket information is available at the FilmFreeway page. Filmmakers of selected films will be contacted in November.

In addition to showcasing short films, 2023 815HORTS attendees will experience a workshop (invite only), panel discussion, networking with industry experts, music, food and refreshments, and a screening of the **2023 Sundance Film Festival Short Film Tour**.

"After a terrific debut year, it's an honor to produce 815HORTS and bring the world-renowned Sundance Film Festival brand back to the Rockford region," said **Nick Povalitis**, founder of Plus Seven Company and 815HORTS. "We created this program as a platform to celebrate and uplift the film community and are excited for its continued growth in year two."

Additional information will be released in the coming weeks regarding attendee information, event partners, featured guests, and more. Follow www.815HORTS.com, the [2023 815HORTS Facebook Event Page](#), or Plus Seven Company social channels ([Facebook](#) / [Instagram](#) / [LinkedIn](#)) for updates.

ABOUT 815HORTS

Established in 2022 to amplify the Rockford region's creative and filmmaking community, **815HORTS** (pronounced 815 shorts) celebrates the fine art of short film cinematography by showcasing local, national and international short films amidst a festival format. Attendees of 815HORTS experience educational content, food and beverages, live entertainment, screenings of acclaimed short films, and a screening of the Sundance Film Festival Short Film Tour.

ABOUT SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL SHORT FILM TOUR

The 2023 Sundance Film Festival Short Film Tour is a 90-minute theatrical program of seven short films curated from the 2023 Sundance Film Festival, including two Festival Award-winning titles. Considered the premier showcase for short films and the launchpad for many now-prominent independent filmmakers, the Festival includes fiction, documentary and animation from around the world. Throughout its almost 40 years of history, the Festival has always supported short films, providing a platform for both established and new filmmakers to connect with audiences. The 2023 Short Film Tour program is a sampling of Festival offerings

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and a testament to the unique storytelling potential that the format holds. Audiences who missed the Sundance Film Festival—which took place online and in-person in Park City, Utah January 19 through January 29 this year—can enjoy a mix of fiction, documentary, and animated shorts that are funny, sad, inspirational, and full of strong characters.

The Festival’s Short Film Program has long been established as a place to discover talented directors, such as past alumni Andrea Arnold, Lake Bell, Damien Chazelle, Destin Daniel Cretton, Jay and Mark Duplass, Debra Granik, Rashaad Ernesto Green, Reinaldo Marcus Green, Todd Haynes, Sterlin Harjo, Don Hertzfeldt, Sky Hopinka, Shaka King, Lynne Ramsay, Dee Rees, Joey Soloway, Taika Waititi, and many others.

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