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### EIGHTH ANNUAL DESTINY CITY FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES NEW 2021 DATES AND CALLS FOR FINAL SUBMISSIONS

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TACOMA, WA - The Destiny City Film Festival (DCFF) will present its eighth edition from Feb. 26 to March 7, 2021 in a hybrid format featuring virtual screenings and limited in-person events.

"Though we are transitioning to a hybrid format, the high quality of films and other programming will remain the same. We're thrilled to continue sharing the magic of movies and power of storytelling through this new virtual platform." - Emily Nakada-Alm, DCFF Founder and Executive Director

Film and short screenplay entries will be accepted until Friday, Nov. 6. Submissions are free for Pierce County residents, and discounted rates are available for students and Washington state residents outside of the County. DCFF's screenplay competition, sponsored by Tacoma's own Creative Colloquy, offers a cash prize and two VIP passes to the 2021 festival to its winner.

In addition to 10 days of film screenings, the Festival, funded by Tacoma Creates, will feature informative and entertaining panels and workshops curated by the DCFF Advisory Board.

The 2020 Festival featured a slate of groundbreaking, diverse films, including: 92nd Academy Award Winner for Best Live Action Short "The Neighbors' Window," written and directed by Marshall Curry; DCFF's *Storyteller's Award* first prize winner "Miller & Son," directed by Asher Jelinsky; and *Audience Award* winner "Tree #3," written and directed by Omer Ben-Shachar.

Founded in 2014, the Destiny City Film Festival is a homegrown, true-Tacoma community event, inspired by our city's nickname - The City of Destiny - and built to showcase and celebrate cinematic storytelling from the Pacific Northwest and beyond. DCFF's mission is to use the power of vibrant cinematic storytelling to curate an engaged community audience for independent film. Visit [DestinyCityFilmFestival.com](https://DestinyCityFilmFestival.com) and DCFF's social media pages to stay up-to-date on the Festival's virtual and limited in-person structure. Details will be shared as they become available, based on public health guidelines and Advisory Board recommendations.