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**Destiny City Film Festival to Host Free Panel On Strengthening Relationships Between Filmmakers and Film Festivals**

Tacoma, Wash. - May 25, 2021 - Destiny City Film Festival, recently voted Best Festival in South Sound Magazine's 2021 Best Of issue, is thrilled to announce a panel event that will dissect the relationships between filmmakers and film festivals, how programmers select films and why submitting your film may be crucial to its success. The virtual panel, [The Festival / Filmmaker Connection](#), will be held on Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 11am PDT. It is free to attend and open to the public.

Panelists for the event involve filmmakers and film programmers alike, including:

- **Dorie Barton** - Award-Winning Writer/Director and Actor
- **S.J. Chiro** - Seattle-based Award-Winning Writer/Director
- **Wes Hurley** - Seattle-based Award-Winning Writer/Director
- **Dr. Cara Ogburn** - Artistic Director, [Milwaukee Film](#)

Moderating the conversation will be film programmer and DCFF's Marketing Coordinator, Ambriehl Turrentine. All looking to learn, listen and contribute to the conversation are welcome. To register for *The Festival / Filmmaker Connection* panel, please [click here](#).

**ABOUT DESTINY CITY FILM FESTIVAL:**

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 the best independent films from the Pacific Northwest and beyond. Our mission is to use the power of vibrant cinematic storytelling to curate an engaged community audience for independent film. DCFF's 9th Annual Festival is set to take place in February 2022.

For more information, please visit [destinycityfilmfestival.com](http://destinycityfilmfestival.com).

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