

## **Town of Yucca Valley Film Festival Goes Digital on November 13, 14, 15<sup>th</sup>**

### **Featuring Premier Films, Animated Shorts, Documentaries,**

### **Music Videos and AMA with William Baldwin!**

In 2019, the Town of Yucca Valley offered its first Film Festival, with the objective to add to the heartbeat of the high desert community, establishing a family friendly signature event. Following an outstanding response to the inaugural event, the Town of Yucca Valley is proud to announce the second edition of the Yucca Valley Film Festival on November 13, 14 and 15<sup>th</sup>. The 3-day Festival celebrates filmmaking and will screen the best of short and feature films by emerging filmmakers all over the world. Residents of Yucca Valley and the Morongo Basin will enjoy a movie festival representing the best of contemporary independent movies from local filmmakers, Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties and throughout the United States, as well as Europe and Canada. This year the Festival will go digital and will be presented, free of charge, on XERB.TV for viewing at home and on any smart device. The XERB.TV platform specializes in offering an outstanding digital film festival experience, allowing audiences to attend virtually. Every participating filmmaker will have the opportunity to join the Festival digitally to talk about their film and connect with the audience via video talks, chat, social media, and more! Films will be launched throughout the weekend and will remain available for viewing through November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Event program details are available at [www.yuccavalleyfilmfestival.com](http://www.yuccavalleyfilmfestival.com).

### **3 Days of Festivities**

Get the popcorn! The weekend festival will kick off with a Friday Opening Night that will include a Mayor's Welcome, a Short Film and a Feature Film Yucca Valley Premiere! Saturday and Sunday will feature Screenings, Filmmaker Artist/Audience Talks and Audience Voting. Be a part of it all - screen films and interact with the filmmakers! Discover a director's inspiration or join a script writers roundtable. Participate in an AMA (Ask Me Anything) with William Baldwin! Vote for favorites in a variety of categories. Awards and cash prizes will be presented to the best entries in multiple categories including Short Film, Animated Short Film, Feature Film, Documentary, Script, Visual Art and Music Video. A winner is also chosen for the Audience Award. Community members are encouraged to showcase their creativity and participate in the new Drone Video, Dance Film and Desert Art Photography categories. Local submissions in any category are entirely free! Contact [yuccavalleyfilmfestival@gmail.com](mailto:yuccavalleyfilmfestival@gmail.com) for more

information. On Sunday evening, enjoy the wrap party with introduction by Mayor Jeff Drozd, publication of awards, and a special screening of winning films!

### **How to Watch – On XERB.TV**

Films will screen on a secure platform, XERB.TV, specializing in offering a digital experience for Film Festivals and mainstream audiences to attend virtually. Sign up today at <https://xerb.tv/channel/yvff/> to get free access to the entire Yucca Valley Film Festival program! The 2020 films will be made available online and will remain accessible through November 22, 2020. Talks and discussions will take place on Xerb.tv as well as the Yucca Valley Film Festival Facebook and YouTube pages. Be a part of the event from your own home! Residents and viewers can participate in talks with the Festival Directors who will moderate questions taken from the comments on Xerb.tv, Facebook and/or YouTube. The full Yucca Valley Film Festival event schedule of screenings and programs can be found at [www.yuccavalleyfilmfestival.com](http://www.yuccavalleyfilmfestival.com).

### **Youth Filmmaking Workshop**

In this challenging time, it is more important than ever to express, create, and connect with others. As part of the Yucca Valley Film Festival, the youth of the community are invited to participate in a free Virtual Youth Film Workshop and create their own short film. Participants ages 14 to 21 will have a lot of fun and learn how to bring their ideas to life. Participants will make a short video that responds to the Festival themes of: “Better from Home” or “Interview with a Superhero”. Solo or team submissions are accepted. This program is for all filmmaking abilities with quick reference tutorials for easy learning. So, grab a phone, tablet or camera and follow the guides to create your own video! Selected videos will be shown and promoted during the 2020 Yucca Valley Film Festival and will remain available online as part of the Festival’s catalogue. Workshop details are available on the Festival website at [www.yuccavalleyfilmfestival.com](http://www.yuccavalleyfilmfestival.com).

### **A Winning Film Industry Team**

Returning to execute this extraordinary event are the Town’s Festival Directors, Matt Beurois and Auregan. A multi-award-winning director, scriptwriter and producer, Matt Beurois is credited on more than 50 films including Little Wing, Iron Sky II, Back In Time and Hardcore Henry (Winner Toronto Festival), he released the feature film, The Barn, in 2018. His upcoming feature film, “American Game”, slated for release in 2022, was filmed in Yucca Valley, Joshua Tree, 29 Palms, and Desert Hot Springs.

French performer, singer, songwriter and movie producer, Auregan, is credited on Masterchef and Masters of Illusions. Her recent collaborations include Grammy Award winner Billy Ray Cyrus, Nashville hitmaker and producer Jeff Coplan, and Grammy Award Winner Iggy Pop. As a musician, she has penned more than 250 songs and performed 300 headlining shows, with three published albums. She produced the documentaries Bowie Full Colors and On the Brink of Fame, and most recently produced Beurois' next feature "American Game". Yucca Valley residents, Auregan and Matt also created and produce the annual Paris Art & Movie Awards Festival, the largest independent Film Festival in Paris and now in its tenth year, with screenings on the Champs Elysees.

### **Film Festival Details**

For festival information, event details and film submission information for the Yucca Valley Film Festival, visit the event website at [www.yuccavalleyfilmfestival.com](http://www.yuccavalleyfilmfestival.com). Follow the Festival action on social media!

<https://xerb.tv/channel/yvff/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Yuccavalleyfilmfestival/videos/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCRijOe4ZrKxPvKCdTFV3-w>

<https://www.instagram.com/yuccavalleyfilmfestival/>

The Yucca Valley Film Festival is part of the activities and programs organized by the Town of Yucca Valley's Community Services Department. For more information visit [www.yucca-valley.org](http://www.yucca-valley.org) or contact the Community Services Office, Monday through Thursday from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at (760) 369-7211.