9th Annual Punta Gorda Short Film Festival
Wednesday, March 1, 2023
Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center
Hosted by
The Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce

The Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Visitor & Convention Bureau (@PureFlorida.com), and Asbury Shorts/USA will present the 9th Annual Punta Gorda Short Film Festival on March 1, 2023. This special event, hosted by The Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce starts at 7 pm (doors open at 6 pm) it was announced by Executive Producer, Nanette Leonard.

Tickets are $20 and will go on sale on December 28, 2022:

1. **Online at Brown Paper Tickets: 9pgsff.bpt.me or**
2. **At the Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce (252 West Marion Avenue. 941-639-3720.)**

Eight years ago the Punta Gorda Short Film Festival was born and continually sells out every year! "We are humbled that so many people have embraced this event. If the laughter and non-stop applause are any indication, these shows are a SMASH stated, Nanette Leonard Executive Producer.

We are thrilled John Wright, President of the PGCC will once again serve as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Created by Director Doug LeClaire, Asbury Shorts USA which celebrated its 41st Anniversary last year, embraces Independent short films. Nanette Leonard, a Punta Gorda resident with over 45 years of experience in the entertainment industry, serves as Executive Producer.

Our show combines award-winning films from past years with new international festival honorees, creating a rare opportunity for audiences to see world-class shorts on a real cinema screen rather than You Tube, computers or smart phones. Academy Award nominated director Jason Reitman (*JUNO, Up in the Air, Thank You for Smoking*, *Young Adult*) calls Asbury Shorts: "The best short film show I've ever seen." The fast-paced, highly entertaining showcase features the best in short film comedy, drama and outstanding animation.

The Punta Gorda Short Film Festival is recommended for ages 16 and "way way above" (Some of the films are subtitled.)

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