

FORUM SCHEDULE

We are excited to announce the return of this year's ShortFest Forum, bringing together festival filmmakers and prominent industry members for panels, roundtables, and meetings, covering a wide range of emerging trends and new practices in the global film community.

Panels and events will take place June 22-23 virtually and June 24-26 in person at the Hilton Palm Springs.

Please note that some events require prior registration to secure a spot - registration will open June 6th and close June 14th. For any Forum questions, please reach out to shortfestforum@psfilmfest.org.

Strategizing for Success at Festivals (Virtual)

Wednesday, June 22 | 10:00am - 11:00am

Being accepted into festivals is only the start! How do you select the right ones for your film, and make the most of your experience? Hear from our virtual panel of industry experts about the process of navigating the festival circuit and setting up your film for success and the right exposure from the get-go.

Everywhere All at Once: Distributing Your Short (Virtual)

Thursday, June 23 | 10:00am - 11:00am

What opportunities exist for short films in today's ever-changing content world? How can you ensure you're finding wide audiences and partnering with the right companies to set your film up for success? These industry veterans will guide us through the current shorts distribution landscape and how to help your film go further.

Ask Me Anything: Acquisitions & Distribution (In Person)

Friday, June 24 | 10:00am - 11:00am

Join us for intimate sessions designed to connect industry and filmmakers informally, to allow for candid advice and open dialogue. Our panel of acquisitions and distribution executives will share their own career journeys and answer your questions about how they find and select projects. Limited seating - advance sign-up required.

One on Ones - Filmmaker Mentors (In Person)

Session 1: Friday, June 24 | 11:30am - 12:30pm

Session 2: Friday, June 24 | 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Don't miss the chance to meet in person with an established filmmaker as part of our One on Ones. These general meetings are designed to allow you the opportunity to ask burning questions about their careers, aspects of filmmaking you are interested in learning more about, general advice, or ways to best position yourself and your work as you move forward. Limited seating - advance sign-up required.

From Short to Feature (In Person)

Friday, June 24 | 3:30pm - 4:30pm

It's true that making the leap from short to feature filmmaking can be a challenge, but our panel of filmmakers who have gone through it all before are here to help ease that transition. Hear their perspectives on what worked, what didn't, and how best to prepare yourself as you move into the world of features.

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Roundtable Meet & Greet: Development & Artist Support (In Person)

Saturday, June 25 | 10:00am - 11:00am

Our signature roundtable event returns - hear directly from prominent development executives and organizations involved in artist support to learn about what they look for in projects and how to ensure your work stands out from the crowd. Bring your questions - we'll rotate periodically. Limited seating - advance sign-up required.

One on Ones Session: Industry Executive Mentors (In Person)

Session 3: Saturday, June 25 | 11:30am - 12:30pm

Session 4: Saturday, June 25 | 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Don't miss the chance to meet in person with an industry professional as part of our One on Ones. These general meetings are designed to allow you the opportunity to ask burning questions about areas of the industry you are interested in working in or learning more about, general career advice, or ways to best position yourself and your work as you move forward. Limited seating - advance sign-up required.

Finding Your Collaborators (In Person)

Saturday, June 25 | 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Creative collaborations are the bread and butter of filmmaking - but where do they come from? How do you find the right people to help you craft your best work, and grow those relationships into long-standing connections? Hear from our panel of distinguished guests as they discuss their processes with cast and crew.

Ask Me Anything: Agents & Managers (In Person)

Sunday, June 26 | 10:00am - 11:00am

Join us for intimate sessions designed to connect industry and filmmakers informally, to allow for candid advice and open dialogue. Trailblazing managers and agents will share their own career journeys and answer your questions about representation and what they look for in clients. Limited seating - advance sign-up required.

Pitch Like a Pro: A Masterclass (In Person)

Sunday, June 26 | 11:30am - 12:30pm

The art of pitching takes practice! Join us for a lively conversation with distinguished industry executives on the dos and don'ts of presenting your project and what they look for in a winning idea. Submit your pitch ahead of time for the chance to pitch directly to the panelists and receive feedback live!

Meet the Programmers (In Person)

Sunday, June 26 | 1:30pm - 2:30pm

A Forum favorite! Join us for an open and candid conversation with festival programmers and curators as they reveal their approaches to finding films, how their selection processes work, and give insider perspectives on approaching your next festival submission.