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**21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL NEWPORT BEACH FILM FESTIVAL GOES VIRTUAL**

Newport Beach, CA (September 2020) - The Newport Beach Film Festival (NBFF) announces that the annual event will go virtual **October 1st – 11th, 2020** on [NewportBeachFilmFest.com](http://NewportBeachFilmFest.com).

The virtual Festival will showcase an international slate of 40 feature-length narrative and documentary films and 231 short films. The Festival will host virtual filmmaker conversations and 'Industry Talks'. Originally scheduled for April 2020, the Festival was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The world premiere of ***A Life of Endless Summers: The Bruce Brown Story***, the Festival's Opening Night selection, screened in a drive-in format in mid-August at Fashion Island.

Festival highlights include virtual screenings of ***Fully Realized Humans*** which tells the story of Jackie and Elliot who embark on a madcap odyssey of self-discovery before their first child arrives in attempt to rid themselves of the inherited dysfunction of their own upbringings; ***Little Fish*** (IFC) starring Olivia Cooke (*Ready Player One*) and Jack O'Connell (*Unbroken*), follows a couple who fights to hold their relationship together as a memory loss virus spreads and threatens to erase the history of their love and courtship; the family comedy ***Breaking Them Up*** in which 15 year-old Damien decides that his parents are all wrong for each other, he enlists best friend Erin to help him set them up with other people; and the highly anticipated film ***Stardust*** (IFC) which tells

the story of a young David Bowie's first visit to the US in 1971 - a trip that inspired the invention of his iconic alter ego Ziggy Stardust

The Festival will present 'Industry Talks', a series of virtual conversations with film industry leaders. ***Cinematography From Set to Screen presented by Panavision*** will feature Cinematographer **Don Burgess ASC** (*Forrest Gump, Contact, Cast Away, Spider-Man, Allied, Wonder* and *The Christmas Chronicles* Light Iron) and Light Iron Senior Colorist **Corinne Bogdanowicz** (*Allied, Wonder* and *The Christmas Chronicles*).

***A Conversation with Cinematographer Robert McLachlan, ASC presented by Zeiss*** will feature the Director of Photography who is known for *Lovecraft Country, Game of Thrones, Westworld* and *Ray Donovan*.

Additional 'Industry Talks' will be released prior to the Festival. 'Industry Talks' are free and open to the public. Participants can RSVP on the Festival's website.

Tickets and passes go on sale on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at [NewportBeachFilmFest.com](http://NewportBeachFilmFest.com). All-Access Pass are available for \$75. Tickets to screenings are \$10.

The Newport Beach Film Festival is sponsored by The City of Newport Beach, Visit Newport Beach, Fashion Island, THE LOT and Morgan Stanley. Dates for the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Newport Beach Film Festival will be released at a later time.

### **About the Newport Beach Film Festival**

Celebrated as one of the leading lifestyle film festivals in the United States, the Newport Beach Film Festival seeks to bring to Orange County the best of classic and contemporary filmmaking from around the world. Committed to enlightening the public with a first-class international film program, a forum for cultural understanding and enriching educational opportunities, the NBFF focuses on showcasing a diverse

collection of studio and independent films from around the globe. For more information visit [www.NewportBeachFilmFest.com](http://www.NewportBeachFilmFest.com) or follow @nbff on Twitter and @newportbeachfilmfest on Instagram.

### **About Newport Beach, California**

Nestled among golden stretches of pristine Pacific coastline between Los Angeles and San Diego, Newport Beach epitomizes the casually sophisticated lifestyle of Southern California. This idyllic seaside destination is widely celebrated for its natural beauty and vibrant yachting community alongside stylish accommodations, eclectic coastal cuisine and upscale shopping. Ranked among the “Top 10 Resort Towns in the U.S.,” Newport Beach also is distinguished as one of the country’s “Top 10 Best Family Beaches.” A mild climate and picturesque backdrop minutes from John Wayne Airport, Orange County (SNA) offers year- round appeal. For more information on Newport Beach or for a complimentary visitor guide, visit [www.visitnewportbeach.com](http://www.visitnewportbeach.com), or call (800) 94-COAST.