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Haydenfilms Announces Deadline Extension for 5.0 Film Festival

Breinigsville, Pennsylvania (October 11, 2023) – The Haydenfilms 5.0 Film Festival has announced a deadline extension for the voting period of the festival. Films can now be viewed and voted on through December 31, 2023. The in-person portion of the festival has been moved from January to spring 2024.

Though the previous voting deadline was set for October 30, 2023, Haydenfilms continues to support filmmakers and actors throughout both writer and actor strikes.

“Ultimately, we’re here for the filmmakers,” says founder Hayden Craddolph. “Our greatest goal is to be supportive of them above all else. If that means a slight delay in the competition, we’re happy to do it.”

The top 55 finalists in the Haydenfilms 5.0 Film Festival were announced in August and are contending to win a \$25,000 grand prize. Films will continue to compete in the online film festival until the end of the year. Audiences around the world have been and will continue to view and vote on their favorites. The top four finalists will be invited to UCLA (University of California) in Los Angeles in spring of 2024 where winners will be announced.

To view and vote on the top 55 films, visit haydenfilmsinstitute.org now.

The 5.0 Film Festival will be powered by Cemboo, a new engine for managing, distributing and monetizing video content. For more on Cemboo, visit cemboo.com.

“We’re so proud to continue the tradition of this festival, despite delays,” says founder Hayden Craddolph. “We have believed in independent filmmakers for decades and are happy to keep proving it, both through the festival itself and through our willingness to respect them through these strikes.”

In addition to announcing the winners, the spring 2024 in-person event will include panels, livestreaming events and a feature films competition where films ranging from 60-180 minutes will compete for a \$10,000 prize through the audience choice award.

“With every version of the festival, we try to make it bigger, better and more rewarding for our filmmakers,” says Craddolph. “We can’t wait for the world to see what they’ve created.”

Past Haydenfilms Online Film Festival winners:

- 1.0 Quinn Saunders "Fortunate Son"
- 2.0 John Burgess "The Powder Puff Principle"
- 3.0 Reda Mustafa "The Boot of War"
- 4.0 Johnny Ray Gill "My Turtle's Name is Dudley"

Past Haydenfilms Screenwriting Competition winners:

- 1.0 Quinton Buxton “The Revolving Door”

For full details on awards, prizes and eligibility requirements, please visit:

<https://filmfreeway.com/Haydenfilms>

Since 2001, Haydenfilms has been empowering filmmakers, writers, actors and producers through programs and competitions. In 2004, Haydenfilms hosted the world’s first online film festival and has been known since as a champion of independent filmmakers. Haydenfilms also functions as an institute, bringing educational opportunities to communities near and far. HFI announce details for the 2.0 Screenwriting Competition in January 2024.
