THE LOS ANGELES LATINO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL LAUNCHES LATINX INCLUSION FELLOWSHIP SERIES

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FIVE VISIONARY AFRO LATINO DIRECTORS WILL RECEIVE A PRODUCTION GRANT AND PREMIERE THEIR FILMS AT LALIFF 2021

NETFLIX TO SPONSOR IN THIS INAUGURAL YEAR

LOS ANGELES, CA â?? September 15, 2020 â?? The Los Angeles Latino International Film Festival (LALIFF) announced today the launch of LALIFFâ??s Inclusion Fellowship Series. This newly established program will focus on building a more inclusive and equitable industry for all members of the Latinx community. Each year, the fellowship will champion an underrepresented group from within the Latinx community.

For its inaugural year, Netflix is sponsoring the program for five visionary directors who identify as Afro Latino ill have its world premiere at LALIFF 2021.



Academy AwardÂ®-nominated actor and co-founder of LALIFF and the Latino Film Institute, Edward James Olmos says, â??For Latino representation in

> Hollywood to change, we need to create funding and distribution opportunities for our storytellers. The LALIFF Inclusion Fellowship is exactly that. For our first fellowship, we are proud to highlight Afro Latino voices because Black lives are Latino lives.â?•

Each filmmaker will receive individualized mentorship from an established filmmaker, one-on-one meetings with industry leaders from production to distribution and various networking opportunities. The completed films will premiere as part of a special program during the 2021 version of LALIFF, where the fellows will also have the opportunity to participate in the festivalâ??s Industry Week, to further develop their careers and gain industry access needed to succeed as working artists. Netflix will also offer suppo ellows throughout the development of their films.



â??Neflix is excited to partner with LALIFF in helping to foster

> the next generation of Latino talent,â?• said Pete Corona, Manager of Original Series at Netflix. â??Discovering new voices behind the camera will lead to bringing fresh and diverse perspectives in front of the camera, and we canâ??t wait to see what these new filmmakers will create.â?•

LALIFFâ??s Inclusion Fellowship series will award a $20,000 grant to each of the five selected fellows for the production of a short. For the full requirements, please visit: https://latinofilm.org/fellowship/. The call for submissions is now open and the deadline is October 14, 2020. The selected filmmakers will work with their mentors and partnered organizations from November 16 through April 16, 2021.

About LALIFF

The Los Angeles Latino International Film Festival (LALIFF) is a premiere international event dedicated to showcasing the entirety of human experience from the Latino perspective, whether through film, television, digital, music, art, or any other vehicle, regardless of platform. LALIFF is presented by the Latino Film Institute (LFI), a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission to showcase, strengthen, and celebrate the richness of Latino lives through the audio-visual event. LFI develops, activates, and supports artists, creators, and executives through pathways and platforms for the expression and appreciation of their work.

For more information and updates on LALIFF visit www.latinofilm.org.

For more information on the Youth Cinema Project visit www.youthcinemaproject.org.

About Netflix

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