

Media Contacts:

Marcie Gordon, Director, Community Engagement and Marketing

919-807-7995, marcie.gordon@ncdcr.gov

AK Brinson, Press Release

919-807-7943, ak.brinson@ncdcr.gov

Sally Bloom, Festival Coordinator

919-807-7965, sally.bloom@ncdcr.gov



Longleaf Film Festival at the North Carolina Museum of History

Join us for Fun, Film and Community on Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12

Raleigh, N.C. – Celebrate the **Longleaf Film Festival** at the **North Carolina Museum of History on Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12**. Longleaf 2018 is a FREE-to-attend film festival that explores historic and contemporary stories from the state, the country, and the world through narrative and documentary movies. Workshops, meet-and-greets, and screenings will engage audiences and filmmakers.

This is the acclaimed film festival’s fourth annual event, and organizer Sally Bloom is excited about some of Longleaf newest offerings.

“We’re taking the festival up a notch this year with the addition of Friday events,” said Bloom, “including an outdoor film block called [Movies-N-Moonlight](#), as well as a public [Reception for Filmmakers and Friends](#) with music provided by the North Carolina Film Orchestra. Throw in 73 terrific films, all with North Carolina or Longleaf Festival connections, and our signature free popcorn, and you’ve got an event perfect for any film buff.”

Saturday will feature four film blocks running from 11 a.m-7:30 p.m., as well as morning and afternoon panels on topics of [Women in Film](#) and [Distribution Platforms](#), respectively.

Schedule of Events:

FRIDAY, MAY 11

Reception for Filmmakers and Friends

6:15–8:15 p.m.

Join us for Friday’s opening film block in Daniels Auditorium and stay for our reception to honor Longleaf 2018 Official Selection filmmakers and their supporters—and all friends of Longleaf. Dress is Filmmaker Casual. This year’s bonus: music by the North Carolina Film Orchestra. Meet others and chat one-on-one while enjoying appetizers and drinks.

Movies-N-Moonlight

8:30–10 p.m.

Like all our film blocks, Movies-N-Moonlight is free; but it's also outside, and *hopefully* bathed in moonlight! Longleaf expands to Bicentennial Plaza—just outside the front doors of Longleaf's home base, the North Carolina Museum of History—for this special film block.

**Note: While these independent films are not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA), most would fall within the PG-13 range.*

SATURDAY, MAY 12

Film Block A

11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Morning Panel: Women in Film

11 a.m.–noon

Women in Film, North Carolina Style, a panel discussion on the current environment for women in North Carolina's film community, with filmmakers Kelly Creedon, Lana Garland, Nicolle Jones, and Camden Watts; moderated by Beth Yerxa.

Film Block B

1-3 p.m.

Afternoon Panel: Distribution

2–3 p.m.

Distribution Platforms and How to Get There, a panel discussion on the good, the bad, and the ugly of distribution platforms and getting projects to distribution, with guests Elisabeth Haviland James, Evan Kidd, and Thomas Varnum; moderated by Eric Johnson

Film Block C

3-5 p.m.

Film Block D

5-7:30 p.m.

Awards Ceremony

7:30 p.m.

Longleaf winners will be recognized with cash prizes and our annual North Carolina–designed and handcrafted award tiles in multiple categories.

Longleaf Film Festival Wrap Party

8:30–10 p.m.

That's a wrap! This is a FREE public reception for friends, family members, and other supporters of filmmakers and Longleaf at Oak & Dagger Public House.

For additional information, contact Sally Bloom at 919-807-7965 or sally.bloom@ncdcr.gov, or visit LongleafFilmFestival.com.

About Longleaf Film Festival

Longleaf Film Festival is an annual free-to-attend juried festival that features stories that connect us all—documentary and narrative shorts and features that demonstrate a Tar Heel State connection, through the people involved in making them or through their subject. We believe that making films *is* making history.

Sponsored and administered by the [North Carolina Museum of History](#), this year's festival will take place on Friday, May 11, and Saturday, May 12, 2018. For information about Longleaf 2018, call 919-807-7965, access [LongleafFilmFestival.com](#) or follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or [Instagram](#).

About the NC Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate

The NC Museum of History is located at 5 E. Edenton Street in downtown Raleigh. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The museum collects and preserves artifacts of North Carolina history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. Each year more than 400,000 people visit the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

For information about the NC Museum of History, call 919-807-7900 or access [ncmuseumofhistory.org](#) or follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Google+](#) or [YouTube](#).

About the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state's natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR's mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries and nature in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums and Jennette's Pier, 39 state parks and recreation areas, the NC Zoo, the nation's first state-supported Symphony Orchestra, the State Library, the State Archives, the NC Arts Council, State Preservation Office and the Office of State Archaeology, along with the Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, please call 919-807-7300 or visit [www.ncdcr.gov](#).

###