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Eastern Oregon Film Festival makes changes for 2021

Oct. 21-23 festival will offer in-person and virtual events

EASTERN OREGON FILM FESTIVAL

Oct. 21-23

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LA GRANDE — The 2021 Eastern Oregon Film Festival is slated for a hybrid presentation Oct. 21-23, with in-person and virtual events.

As of now, passes for in-person events will be limited to only official EOFF members

and visiting artists. Membership levels are:

- \$125 — Festival Friend. Includes all-access festival pass, \$5 discount on Liberty Theatre monthly screening tickets, \$2 discount on additional ticket purchases, discount on festival merchandise, exclusive access to several screenings, recognition on programs, plus four virtual screening tickets.
- \$250 — Festival Fan. Includes the above perks, plus 10 virtual screening tickets.

• \$500 — Festival Funder. Includes the above perks, two all-access virtual passes and 10 virtual screening tickets.

Festival passes are now available on the EOFF website, while virtual passes will be available to purchase online starting Sept. 17. Further details on streaming the event will be available at www.eofilmfest.com.

Chris Jennings, EOFF director, said the festival is showing more films than ever this year and received its largest intake of

submissions. Visiting filmmakers contributed 40 short film selections and 13 feature film selections to this year's exhibition. Jennings is already expecting at least 30 visiting filmmakers to present their films in person in La Grande.

The film festival will be held at the Liberty Theatre, McKenzie Theatre and Schwarz Theatre at Eastern Oregon University, the Lodge at Hot Lake Springs, and HQ on Depot Street. The venues have varying capacity limits.

Jennings said the festival will take it one step at a time and determine in-person availability in October depending on the public health situation. Once the total number of member passes and visiting filmmakers can be determined, in-person tickets for non-members may come available.

"We will have an in-person festival," Jennings said. "It will be an artists' festival and a members' festival, but there will be public opportunities depending on capacities."

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