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Orlando Urban Film Festival: Where Imagination Runs Wild Electrifies Florida Residents with International Showcase



Orlando, FL – June 3, 2019 – The Sixth Annual Orlando Urban Film Festival (OUFF), hosted by the University of Central Florida Center for Emerging Media wrapped up its hugely successful “Movie and Music Showcase” May 25-26, 2019.

Opening night premiered with a red-carpet pre-show, hosted by TJ Chatman & Samantha Nicole of the TJ Chatman Show and a private meet and greet with the Jones High Alumni Band. OUFF incoming President Jason Gregory welcomed the crowd and commenced festivities with special viewing of the documentaries, “Marching Forward” by Directors Lisa Mills and Robert Cassanello and “30th Anniversary of Zora! Festival”

by Director Anthony Major. The evening culminated with the unveiling of “Waking Up White,” a heralded film production written and directed by President Gregory.

“It’s been wonderful to attend the Orlando Urban Film Festival which has exceeded every expectation that I had,” notes Director Lisa Mills. “It’s amazing to see so many people come out to support these important films that illustrate a special voice that you can’t hear or see at a lot of other film festivals. I’m very honored to be a part of it and thrilled to have won one of the prestigious awards,” Mills states further.

The second day of the OUFF included a full schedule showcasing more than 20 award-winning cultural film screenings, cutting edge musical introductions, and photography presented by local and international talent. Workshops included: “How to Produce Your Independent Film,” “How to License Music for Film,” and “How to Break into Acting in the Southeast.”

Afrotainment and Comcast talk show host Candice Blake moderated a special panel discussion on mental health awareness. This was followed by the viewing of thematic related films, “Release” by Director Tyler Cornelous Wilcox and “Beyond the Silence” by Director William Michael Barbee. There was also a private screening of the award-winning documentary, “Let My People Vote” by Director Gilda Brasch. The panel was moderated by Star 94.5 FM radio host and producer of the Tom Joyner Morning Show Monica May. The evening concluded with an awards ceremony hosted by Lance Stevens and Sarah Vaughn Perry.

The Florida Department of Health was onsite to speak with attendees about HIV/AIDS prevention in the Black community. This year’s OUFF hosted more than 300 attendees during the weekend’s activities. A listing of this year’s award winners for 2019 can be found online at <https://www.facebook.com/orlandouff/>.

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About the Orlando Urban Film Festival (OUFF)

The Orlando Urban Film Festival is an urban movie and music showcase - Orlando's Black Film Festival. OUFF was created to expose Florida's underserved African American film/music producers and a diverse culture of content creators. For additional information visit <http://www.orlandouff.com/>.

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