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## THE 2016 HARRISBURG-HERSHEY FILM FESTIVAL LINEUP ANNOUNCED

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*Lineup includes Features, Documentaries and Shorts from National and International Filmmakers*

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*Festival will premiere Moving On, an original short film shot and produced in the City of Harrisburg. Film is based on script by Australian screenwriter Lachlan Marks, winner of the 2016 Harrisburg Hershey Film Festival Short Script Contest.*

**HARRISBURG, PA** —The Harrisburg-Hershey Film Festival is proud to announce the selection of titles to be screened at its 2nd Annual Festival. Featuring over 40 feature, short, and documentary films, the Festival runs September 15th through the 18th, 2016 at the Midtown Cinema located at 250 Reily Street, Harrisburg.

“We are working on refining the festival selections to the tastes of our audience,” said Hamza Ahmad, Founder and Director of the Harrisburg-Hershey Film Festival. “Much like last year, we encouraged submissions from filmmakers around the world and have accepted several international films from countries including, Greece, Germany, India, the Republic of Ireland, and more.”

The Midtown Cinema’s focus on independent films is what prompted the Harrisburg-Hershey Film Festival to continue its partnership with the Harrisburg-based, three-screen cinema house that favors independent and foreign films over blockbusters.

“Our mission is to support independent filmmaking, and with that, support indie theaters,” said Ahmad. “The Midtown Cinema was the perfect setting for our first year and received a lot of praise from our audience. We wanted to continue that tradition.”

This year, the festival expanded to include a Short Script Contest. The winner was flown to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania to participate in the production of the film.

“It was a privilege to work with screenwriter Lachlan Marks on his script *Moving On* and to see his vision come to life as a short film produced locally in the city of Harrisburg,” recounted Avary Sassaman, Director of Programming and Development of the Harrisburg-Hershey Film Festival. “We are looking forward to premiering the film on September 15th, the opening night of our festival.”

For a complete list of the 2016 official festival selections, visit:  
[www.harrisburghersheymoviefestival.com](http://www.harrisburghersheymoviefestival.com).

### **Festival Passes and Theater Information**

Festival Pass options are available now. Options include:

Early Bird VIP Pass: \$40, includes full value of VIP All Access Pass if purchased before August 20, 2016.

\*VIP All Access Pass: Includes attendance to all events including Red Carpet, Kickoff Screening Event, mixer, guest speaker sessions, and all individual screenings throughout the 4-day festival

\*3-Day Screening Pass: Includes attendance to all screenings September 16th-18th (does not include access to the Thursday, September 15th Red Carpet/Kickoff Event screening or guest speaker sessions)

\*1 -Day Screening Pass: Includes attendance to all screening sessions on a single day (does not include access to the Thursday, September 15th Red Carpet/Kickoff Event screening or guest speaker sessions)

\* These passes will be made available for sale on August 20th.

Passes can be purchased online at [www.harrisburghersheymoviefestival.com](http://www.harrisburghersheymoviefestival.com)

Alternatively, Midtown Cinema will be offering single block tickets, which will be available for purchase on-site prior to screenings or at [www.midtowncinema.com](http://www.midtowncinema.com) on August 21, 2016.

Festival screenings will be held at the Midtown Cinema located at 250 Reily Street, Harrisburg Pennsylvania. The full schedule of showtimes will be announced at a later date.

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### **ABOUT HARRISBURG-HERSHEY FILM FESTIVAL**

The Harrisburg-Hershey Film Festival (HHFF) was founded in 2014 by filmmakers dedicated to promoting local, national, and international independent cinema in the Central Pennsylvania community. The Harrisburg Hershey area has a rich history of the arts, and organizers of the Festival strive to add to this tradition of promoting arts in the region.