

Tickets Now Available for the Ninth Annual Bonita Springs Short Film Festival
2024 theme "Laugh Out Loud Bonita"

BONITA SPRINGS, Fla. (March 26, 2024) – The excitement is building as the 9th annual Bonita Springs Short Film Festival makes its much-anticipated return. This year's event themed "Laugh Out Loud Bonita," promises an evening of entertainment and celebration of cinematic creativity.

Scheduled to take place on Thursday, April 18th, the red-carpet gala will unfold at Prado Stadium 12 Theatre, in Bonita Springs. Festivities include refreshments, photo opportunities and music starting at 6 p.m. Sean Martinelli, NBC2 news anchor is the evenings Master of Ceremonies.

Tickets can be purchased online at <http://BonitaSpringsFilmFestival.org> or at Prado Stadium 12.

The 2024 competition theme, "Laugh Out Loud Bonita," invites filmmakers of all backgrounds, ages, and experiences to showcase their storytelling prowess on the grand silver screen. Embracing any genre, filmmakers are encouraged to captivate audiences with narratives that evoke laughter and joy. Submissions range from 1 to 10 minutes in duration, ensuring a thrilling story for all attendees to relish.

Diverse award categories include Best Overall, Best Depiction of Bonita Springs, Most Original, Best Film Under 18, and the esteemed People's Choice Award. Antonio Correia, founder of the festival, expresses anticipation and much needed laughter this year.

The Bonita Springs Short Film Festival is grateful for the generous support of its sponsors, Henderson Franklin Attorneys at Law, Bonita Video, Prado Stadium 12, Bonita Print Shop, Chartreuse Cocktail Lounge, Bonita Springs Historical Society, Heaven Scent Flowers & Boutique, Survey Café, and TLC Marketing & Creative Services; Inc. The film festival committee would also like to thank the City of Bonita Springs for their continued support.

The festival also extends its gratitude to the Friends of the Festival, Connie & Steve McIntosh, Gary Price, Mary Hamner, and Amy Quaremba. This year, the festival also unveiled its revamped website offering enhanced accessibility and information. Also new this year is the Best Dressed attendee on the red carpet, sponsored by G's Bridal. One lucky winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate if selected best dressed.

For additional information regarding the Film Festival, visit BonitaSpringsFilmFestival.org or follow updates on the Bonita Springs Festival Facebook page. For direct inquiries, please contact Film Fest Executive Director, Antonio Correia at antonio@bonitavideo.com.

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