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BZN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

BOZEMAN, MT... BZN International Film Festival is pleased to announce a significant partnership with Montana State University. The partnership includes welcoming MSU on board as a Lead Sponsor for the June event, and the establishment of a fund for MSU students of film and photography.

As part of the Partnership, the Bozeman Film Celebration has established a fund for program improvement and facilities to support MSU Film School students' success. The "MSU College of Art and Architecture, School for Film and Photography Fund" will begin supporting students in the MSU Film School in late 2018.

MSU has joined BZN as a Lead Sponsor for the inaugural Festival and will host screenings and events throughout campus during the June 7 – 10 event.

The MSU Film School boasts highly accomplished faculty and alumni, including multiple Oscar™ and Emmy Award-winning writers, directors and producers whose work has been distributed by major studios, PBS, Netflix, National Geographic and others. MSU School of Film and Photography faculty and alumni have screened their work across the festival circuit including Sundance, Slamdance, SXSW and Tribeca Film Festivals.

Theo Lipfert was named the Director of MSU's School of Film and Photography in 2016 after teaching in the department for more than a decade.

"We are excited to partner with Bozeman Film Celebration to help bring this festival to Bozeman," said Lipfert. "This community loves quality film, and we look forward to seeing more world-class cinema in our beautiful mountain town."

"We are thrilled to work with Montana State University to support the new generation of filmmakers," said BZN Artistic Managing Director Beth Ann Kennedy. "Any way that we can bring together the greater Bozeman community to support film is a triumph for us, and is made doubly so by MSU's impressive department and talented alumni. We look forward to following the beneficiaries of this Fund as they and their careers blossom in the years to come."



While BZN is an international festival, the Festival welcomes statewide submissions and is particularly interested in submissions from local filmmakers. Filmmakers are encouraged to visit the BZN FilmFreeway listing, linked below.

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