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50 FILM FESTIVALS WORTH THE ENTRY FEE  
AS FESTIVALS MOUNT A COMEBACK**

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LOS ANGELES – April 26, 2021 – *MovieMaker Magazine* today announced that Albuquerque Film & Music Experience (AFMX) has been named one of *MovieMaker's* 50 Film Festivals Worth the Entry Fee in 2021, a year that nearly everyone expects to be better than the one before.

*MovieMaker* determined the winners of the annual list using festival surveys, filmmaker testimonials and independent research. The full list of festivals is below.

“I expect film festivals to come roaring back in the coming months — but smartly, and safely, balancing our love of film with our top priority, protecting everyone’s health,” said *MovieMaker* editor-in-chief Tim Molloy. “These festivals have supported their communities, audiences and filmmakers with never-give-up innovations to celebrate our love of movies. Some of the things they perfected in 2020, like virtual screenings, are here to stay, even for festivals that return to in-person, indoor showings.

“But we didn’t just choose these festivals based on their handling of the pandemic. They made this list by proving themselves to be of serious value to the next generation of moviemakers, through awards, prizes, distribution deals, and meetings with future collaborators and friends.”

Here are *MovieMaker's* 50 Film Festivals Worth the Entry Fee 2021, which will be posted at noon ET on Monday, April 26 at [MovieMaker.com](http://MovieMaker.com):

Albuquerque Film & Music Experience  
American Film Festival  
Ann Arbor Film Festival  
Ashland Independent Film Festival  
Atlanta Film Festival  
Austin Film Festival  
BendFilm Festival  
Big Sky Documentary Film Festival  
Brooklyn Film Festival  
Calgary Underground Film Festival  
Camden International Film Festival  
Cucalorus

Evolution Mallorca International Film Festival  
Fantasia International Film Festival  
Female Eye Film Festival  
Filmfestival Kitzbühel  
FilmQuest  
FIN Atlantic International Film Festival  
Frameline: The San Francisco International LGBTQ+ Film Festival  
Galway Film Fleadh  
Hamptons International Film Festival  
Heartland International Film Festival  
HollyShorts Film Festival  
Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival  
Indie Memphis Film Festival  
Julien Dubuque International Film Festival  
Kraków Film Festival  
Locarno Film Festival  
Louisiana Film Prize  
Mammoth Lakes Film Festival  
Miami Jewish Film Festival  
Nashville Film Festival  
Nevada City Film Festival  
New Hampshire Film Festival  
New Orleans Film Festival  
Ottawa International Animation Festival  
Oxford Film Festival  
Poppy Jasper International Film Festival  
Portland Film Festival  
Queens World Film Festival  
San Luis Obispo International Film Festival  
SCAD Savannah Film Festival  
Slamdance Film Festival  
Tallgrass Film Festival  
Thessaloniki International Film Festival  
Torino Film Festival  
Vancouver International Film Festival  
Victoria Film Festival  
Warsaw International Film Festival  
WorldFest-Houston Intl Film Festival

*MovieMaker* is dedicated to the art and craft of making movies. The 2021 list of 50 Film Festivals Worth the Entry Fee appears in the Spring 2021 issue, with a cover story on Dasha Nekrasova and her feature directorial debut, *The Scary of Sixty-First*. The issue is available on newsstands on April 27.

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