FESTIVALS & DISTRIBUTION NEWSLETTER

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**Film Independent Doc Lab Fellows 2020**

**Annapolis Short Film Challenge**
- Winner of the Pitching Competition: *Everybody's Watching* by Omar Aldakheel (USC Alum).

**Caucus Foundation Grantees**
- Damon Laguna
- Mel Orpen
- Katherine Boyd-Batstone

**Sundance Ignite 2020**
- Natalie Chao
- Sean Wang

**SXSW 2020**
- *I'll Meet You There* written & directed by Iran Praveen Bilal (Alumni Feature)
- *Nine Days* written & directed by Edson Oda and produced by Jason Berman (Alumni Feature)
- *Charm City King* co-written by Chris Boyd and Kirk Sullivan (Alumni Feature)
- *Miss Juneteenth* directed and written by Channing Godfrey Peoples and produced by Neil Creque Williams (Debut Alumni Feature)
- *Texas Shorts: Just Hold On* directed by Sam Davis & Rayka Zehtabchi (Alumni Doc Short)
- *Episodic Pilot Competition: Everyone Together* Executive Producer and Co-Created by Jessica Kaye (Alumni TV Pilot)
- *Midnighters: Dembanger* Directed and co-written by John Berardo (Alumni Feature)

**Slamdance 2020**
- Audience Award, Best Actor, Grand Jury Honorable Mention, *Residue* directed and written by Alumni Merawi Gerima (Debut Feature)

**Tribeca Film Festival 2020**
- *The Cypher* directed by Letia Solomon (USC Short)
- *Cinema360: Upstander* created by Van Phan
**HBO Access Directing Fellowship 2020**

Top 25 Semi-Finalists:
- Tiffany Kontoyiannis Guillen (USC Alumni).
- Sabina Vajrača (USC Alumni).

**Women's Weekend Film Challenge**

- Camila Prisco Paraiso selected to participate as a gaffer during film challenge event.

**Rotterdam Film Festival 2020**

- Tiger Award Winner 2020 *The Cloud in Her Room* directed by Zheng Lu Xinyuan - (Debut Feature)

**Moebius CAA 2020 Showcase**

- *Milk Teeth* directed by Felipe Vargas (USC Short).
- *Mr. Thisforthat* directed by Thomas Mendolia (USC Short).
- *The Cypher* directed by Letia Solomon (USC Short).

**Student BAFTA 2020**

- Live Action Finalist *Variables* directed by Sabina Vajrača (USC Short)

**Fantasia Film Festival 2020**

- Mr. Thisforthat directed by Thomas Mendolia (USC Short).

**Florida Film Festival 2020**

- *Wyrm* directed by Christopher Winterbauer (Alumni Debut Feature)

**2020 Telly Awards**

- Gold Winner - Social Video: *La Ruta* directed by Star Victoria (USC Short).

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Visit our new channels updated monthly:
- ALTER - Streaming
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• Bronze Winner - Social Video: Lessons Lived directed by Mark Vinzant (USC Thesis Short).

• Silver Winner - Local TV: WHRO TV SPOT (Rhythm Going - Gershwin) directed by Simon Fink, executive produced by Jeff Fine (USC Alumni).

**People’s Voice Webby - Video: Best Editing**

• That's My Jazz! edited by Federico Conforti (Alumni Company Breakwater Studios, Ben Proudfoot).

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FIRST LOOK 2020

First Look is the yearly USC School of Cinematic Arts showcase for advanced projects run by the Industry Relations Office. This year’s edition was a little different due to COVID-19 and took place online. You can click here for more information, press and awards.