



Salem Film Fest Announces Virtual Film Festival - July 10-30, 2020

Festival was postponed in March due to COVID-19

SALEM, MA - June 30, 2020 - [Salem Film Fest](#) (SFF), one of New England's largest all-documentary film festivals, will celebrate its 13th year by presenting more than 80 features and short films online in a virtual film festival - Friday, July 10 - Thursday, July 30. The festival was postponed due to COVID-19 just days before launching this past March.

"It was a real body blow when we had to postpone the fest in March. We took the time to evaluate the situation before deciding a virtual fest really was the best way forward." said Joe Cultrera, Salem Film Fest Co-founder and Festival Director. "We can now offer most of the lineup we had already assembled to our audience in a safe manner. We're also going to split rental profits with our filmmakers. So everybody will benefit from the event."

Salem Film Fest will be partnering with [eventive](#), a leading virtual festival platform for online viewing and video-on-demand and live streaming, as well as content delivery via streaming TV apps. Viewers may access films via [Salemfilmfest.com](#) or directly through the eventive platform <https://salemfilmfest2020.eventive.org>.

Also included in this year's festival is [RETROSPECTIVE: BLACK IN AMERICA](#), a selection of films that have screened at past editions of Salem Film Fest and have shed a light on the African-American struggle in the United States, including SFF 2012 Audience Award winner [ALL ME: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF WINFRED REMBERT](#) by Vivian Ducat and [THE BLOOD IS AT THE DOORSTEP](#) by Erik Ljung, which won the Michael Sullivan FRONTLINE Award for Documentary Journalism at SFF 2018. All festival profits from ticket sales for films included in the retrospective will be donated to organizations and individuals dedicated to combating racism and creating opportunities for African-Americans in the arts.

"COVID-19 has been a disruptive force to this year's Salem Film Fest, but it has also offered an opportunity for introspection and reflection. In these challenging times, we are proud to offer a diverse slate of programming that both celebrates and challenges our notion of the world around us." said Jeff Schmidt, Salem Film Fest Program Director.

A complete line up of films to be shown this year, accompanied by summaries is posted at www.salemfilmfest.com.

To obtain tickets and for more information about Salem Film Fest 2020, visit www.salemfilmfest.com. Also, follow Salem Film Fest on Facebook (www.facebook.com/salemfilmfest), Instagram ([@_SalemFilmFest](https://www.instagram.com/_SalemFilmFest)), and Twitter ([@_SalemFilmFest](https://twitter.com/_SalemFilmFest)).

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