15th Waterford Film Festival

 Friday 12th -Monday 15th November 2021

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**2021 Festival Plans & 2022 New Venue Partnership**

The 15th Waterford Film Festival is now open for submissions for films, scripts and for it’s brand new photography competition.

This year's festival is going ahead however, Covid-19 is still very much part of our daily lives and it will be highly likely that some form of restrictions will be in place for most of the year.

This year it is difficult for venues to be in a position to run multiple events, back to back and on consecutive days, as a festival structure requires.

For these reasons and for the health and safety of everyone involved, all selected films will be presented on a virtual (password protected/subscriber based only) platform for the 2021 Festival.

It is our aim to at least have a physical awards presentation following the festival weekend in The House of Waterford Crystal.

**Waterford Film Festival & Odeon Cinemas Waterford**

The Waterford Film Festival is delighted to announce our new venue partners ODEON CINEMAS.

The ODEON will be hosting next year's festival in 2022 in their venue located in Poleberry, Waterford.

This will be the first time that the festival will be hosted by a commercial cinema.

**Festival Director Stephen Byrne states** ” This is exciting news for the festival and our supporters. By the time this event happens it will be over two years since we had physical screenings with a live audience. All of the festival team are looking forward to returning to a theater setting and for the first time in a cinema. I am excited that we will be presenting a wide range of short films from different cultures and backgrounds from around the world to old and new audiences. It will be a brand new experience for all involved. This will be the start of a new chapter for the festival and we are excited and looking forward to working with the Odeon in producing our 2022 programme of events.”

For the 2021 festival there is a brand new photography competition called Principle Image Photography Competition.

One of the prizes include exhibit space provided by Odeon Cinemas and a revamp of our existing film & screenplay competitions.

The festival also plans to host a series of networking events during the festival weekend and if possible an awards presentation in the House of Waterford Crystal.

Filmmakers, writers and photographers can submit their projects on the festival website or at filmfreeway.com

A full list of prizes, rules and how to enter all 3 competition can be found at at [www.waterfordfilmfestival.net](http://www.waterfordfilmfestival.net) or [www.filmfreeway.com/waterfordfilmfestival](http://www.filmfreeway.com/waterfordfilmfestival)

**Below is a summary of the new photography competition.**

**Principle Image Photography Competition**

The Principle Image Photography Competition is for aspiring,amateur & student photographers and videographers.

The competition's main goal is to support and encourage new and emerging talent in the areas of photography and art.

The Waterford Film Festival will provide a variety of platforms for photographers to promote their work and

have it presented to a new audience.

Our theme for this competition is symbolism in the art of filmmaking & creating an image that screams *CINEMA.*

Prizes include exhibit space in the Odeon Cinema Waterford during the 2022 Waterford Film Festival, a portfolio website and the winning image will be used for our 2022 Programme Booklet and Posters.

The Waterford Film Festival will give our finalists and winners visibility on our website and on social media pages.

Other prizes are listed in our awards section.

The competition is open to photographers and artists worldwide.

## **What are we looking for?**

We are looking for images that represent film or filmmaking. This can be images from the following:

* A project you are currently working on
* A completely once off original concept
* A tribute/ homage/recreation of a well known movie/film production

Each Image entered should have a title and ideally your entry includes a tagline but it's not compulsory.

We are looking for creative, inspired shots that clearly define a moment in cinema. These images can be set interior or exterior, with or without actors/models/props/production shots. The image must be cinematic or symbolic to film and cinema.

The image does not need to include any equipment. For example the image could be an action shot, a dramatic image between characters, a comedic moment or a setting in a cinema itself.

The artist can use programmes such as Illustrator or Photoshop to create their images. We will also consider artistic drawings or paintings as long as they have the ‘look’ of a film image. Images can include a tagline.

Best Cinematic Image

* The winner will have an exhibit of their work displayed in the Odeon Cinema Waterford during the 2022 Festival Weekend. The winner can have up to six images displayed including the winning photo/image of this competition.
* The winning photo/image will be displayed on the front cover of the Festival’s 2022 programme booklet, as well as all posters and promotional material and on our website and various online platforms
* The winner will receive a free portfolio website of your work, which will be built on your behalf. This includes one free year of hosting with domain fees. Total value of the website prize €1,000 **(not a cash prize)**
* The winner will receive a free pass to the Opening Night of the Waterford Film Festival 2022 which takes place in the Odeon Cinema, Waterford and they can also speak at the event if they wish.
* The winner will receive an Official ‘Winner’ Digital Certificate and Laurels.

**Runner Up:** Best Cinematic Image

* The runner ups portfolio will be promoted (with up to five images) on our social media channels and website
* The image will be used in a section of our printed programme booklet
* Cash prize of €50
* The runner up will receive a free pass to the Opening Night of the 2022 Waterford Film Festival which takes place in the Odeon Cinema in Waterford.
* The runner up will receive an Official ‘Runner Up’ Digital Certificate and Laurels

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