

## **Durban International Film Festival opens submissions for**

Presented by the Centre for Creative Arts at the University of Kwazulu-Natal, the Durban International Film Festival (DIFF) invites filmmakers to submit their feature films, documentaries, and shorts for the 43rd edition taking place from 21-30 July, 2022.



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The date of 27 October for DIFF's opening for submissions is no coincidence, as it coincides with Unesco's World Day for Audiovisual Heritage that aims to acknowledge the importance of audiovisual documents. Just like Unesco's aim, DIFF's vision is to underline the increasingly vital role that audiovisual content plays in our lives, as it gives us the ability to understand the world and engage with each other.

The official opening for submissions calls on global filmmakers to speak to the myriad of ways we have all restructured our reality. This year's curatorial theme is 'Adaptation'; DIFF is challenging filmmakers during these times of unprecedented transformation to rise and introduce audiences to fresh perspectives of diversity and inclusion.



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The festival is looking for films that reach back while looking forward, focusing on strengthening the tapestry of indigenous and authentic African stories with a global view to sustainability and inclusion. These could be films that speak to migration, climate adjustment, social isolation, hybrid integration and films that explore other ways in which humanity is expanding.

"The 4th Industrial Revolution engulfs us, forcing adjustment, offering opportunity and benefit. We would like to see how filmmakers moderate these structures, processes, and practices to enhance humanity without compromising it. DIFF would like to see how we can augment and expand on potential growth without cancelling reverence for nature and sustainable practices that will ensure our survival," said festival manager Valma Pfaff.



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DIFF2022 will be presented as a virtual festival, with a small selection of films to be screened live subject to prevailing Covid-19 related restrictions.

The deadline for submissions is 28 February 2022. For more information, and to submit your entries, please visit the DIFF profile on FilmFreeWay.

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