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Experimental Film Virginia Places Virginia on the Map as Film & Culture Destination

Local Award-Winning Film Festival welcomes Hollywood to Virginia

CAPE CHARLES, VA- Experimental Film Virginia, a Virginia Commission of the Arts' award-winning "Exemplary Program and Pinnacle Event" will hold its 7th annual festival from June 16th-June 29th 2019. The local film festival and artist residency takes place in Cape Charles on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

Experimental Film Virginia (EFV) is a two-week artist residency program offered to filmmakers, aspiring visual artists, writers, actors, singers, musicians and dancers with opportunities for local talent as well. The program focuses on the production of short films created on site during the residency with featured weekend events open to the public to attract art lovers and tourists. Over the course of two weeks the 40+ artists involved with the film festival participate in performance events and make their films on location in and around Cape Charles.

EFV models the "Small Town. Big Art" mission of the non-profit Global Exchange Arts Roundtable, otherwise known as GEAR. This mission focuses on making a name for small towns who are often overlooked for their robust and up and coming art scene. Along with the two-week festival, EFV offers an internship program specifically designed for young filmmakers, artists, and event planners. Local and international production artists are invited to help bring the onsite films to life working with the filmmakers. Past guests have included Oscar-winning actor Chris Cooper, up-and-coming Indie filmmaker, Josephine Decker and award-winning Israeli music-video artist, Adi Halfin. 2019 artists include Eddie Steeples from the TV show "My Name is Earl" and podcast host/singer/screenwriter Taryn Carter.

Featured events of Experimental Film Virginia 2019 include:

- June 16: Dance Concert by Italy's Equilibrio Dinamico & Meet the Artists reception
- June 22: Art in a Barn where music, dance, opera, interactive visual arts and film transform an historic barn into a vibrant, pop-up performance space
- June 29: Reel & Raw: world premiere of the freshly exported films, LOVEworks mural reveal, guest premiere of Jim Baugh's "The Milky Way Galaxy, our Home"

Tickets are now on sale through Eventbrite at www.experimentalfilmvirginia.com and local film casting begins June 16 in Cape Charles. Renata Sheppard, Artistic Director, states: "Film is the ideal platform to merge art forms and bring audiences together. High art that is highly accessible and sharable."

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