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“One of the largest free film festivals in America!”



WHO WE ARE

Welcome to The Urban Film Festival (UFF) is a 3-day celebration of culture, creativity, and community. Built by filmmakers and rooted in Miami, we elevate diverse voices and bring real access to the next generation of storytellers.

OUR MISSION

Empower filmmakers. Amplify culture. Provide tools to thrive.

We empower filmmakers by:

Education

Free workshops, masterclasses, and panels

Exposure

Screenings, red carpets, media support

Distribution

Real access to monetization and career pathways



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All events are free, but RSVP is required in person at the registration desk on the day of the event. First come, first served.

WELCOME TO THE 2026 URBAN FILM FESTIVAL

Built by filmmakers, for filmmakers. What started as a local showcase is now a national platform for diverse voices in independent film. Whether you're here to screen, learn, network, or be inspired—this festival is yours.

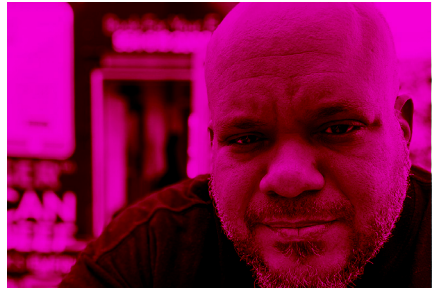
“Over the past decade, UFF has become more than a festival—it’s a movement.”

FESTIVAL VISIONARIES



Marco Mall | Founder & Executive Director

Marco Mall, Founder and Executive Director of the Urban Film Festival, is a visionary leader dedicated to empowering young creators through initiatives like the 1st Take Youth Film Program, building a sustainable pipeline for urban filmmakers and transforming UFF into one of the largest free film festivals in the country



Bla G | Creative Director & Community Liaison

Bla G, Creative Director and Community Liaison, brings a powerful blend of creative vision and cultural insight to the Urban Film Festival, shaping its identity, mentoring emerging talent, and ensuring the festival remains a vital platform for authentic urban storytelling.



Sponsors

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Your support powers education, exposure, and opportunity.

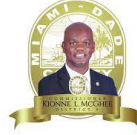
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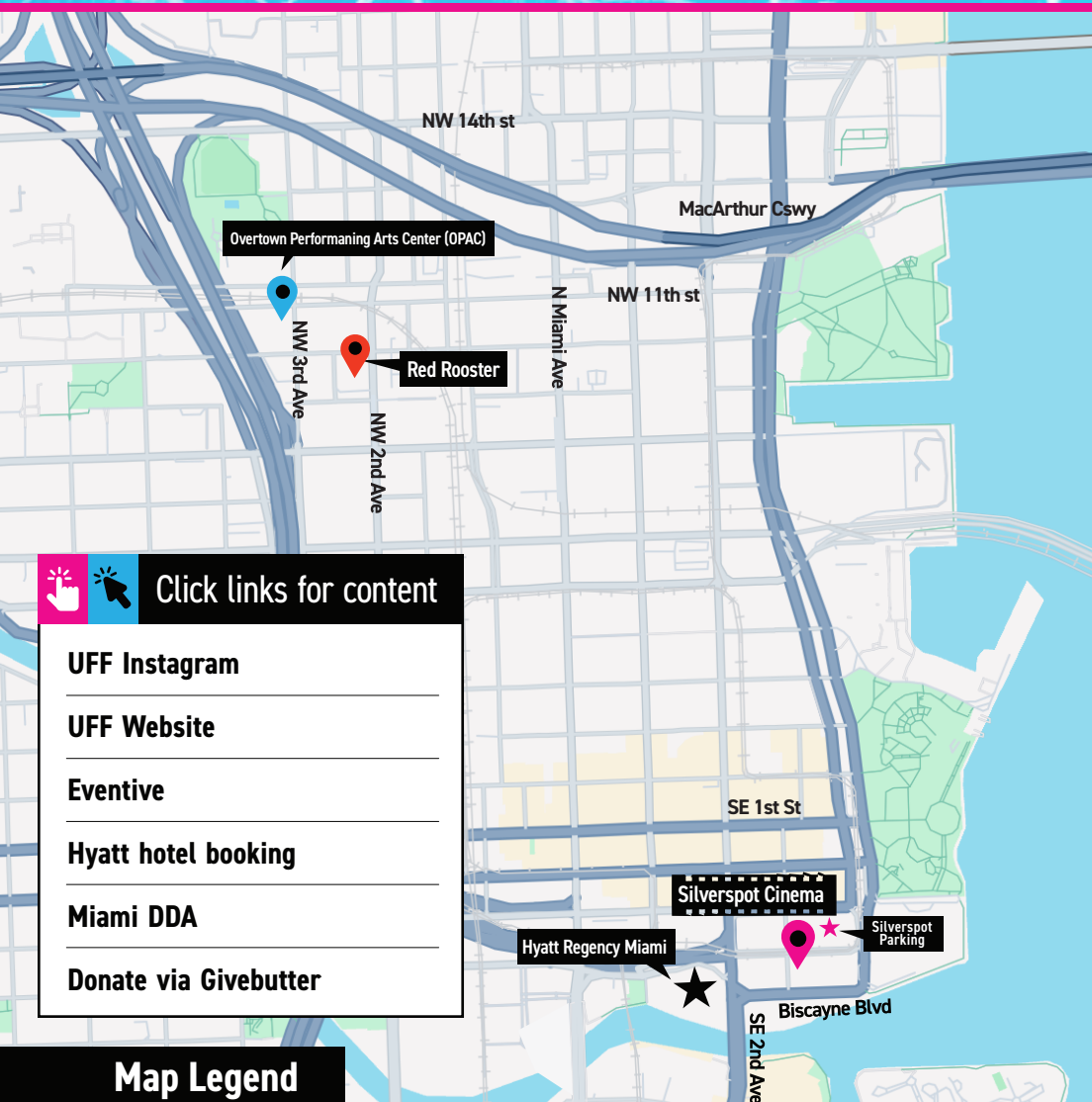
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Community & Youth Partners



This celebration would not be possible without the support of our incredible sponsors and community partners. From providing resources for our youth, to helping us award scholarships, to creating unforgettable experiences for families, your commitment ensures the 1st Take Youth Film Program continues to thrive.



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Map Legend

- Overtown Performing Arts Center**
 1st Take Youth Film Program Screening
 1074 NW 3rd Ave, Miami, FL 33136
- Red Rooster**
 Welcome Party
 920 NW 2nd Ave
- Silverspot Cinema**
 Screenings + Education + Awards
 300 SE 3rd St

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- Silverspot Parking**
 200 S Biscayne Blvd
- Hyatt Regency Miami**
 400 SE 2nd St, Miami, FL 33131



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT CELEBRATION

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FRIDAY

3:00 - 6:00 PM ET

Location:

Overtown Performing Arts Center

HOSTED BY



Romeo Miller



Allen Maldonado

About the Program

Founded by Florida Film House, 1st Take is a year-round youth empowerment initiative that trains students in filmmaking, editing, storytelling, and life skills.



- 300+ students premiere original short films & content created by students
- Awards & Encouragement from Star actors - Romeo Miller & Allen Maldonado
- Red carpet, guests, and community celebration

“...a powerful showcase of young talent, creative storytelling, and community impact.”

WELCOME TO MIAMI INDUSTRY MIXER

Hosted at Red Rooster Overtown

FRIDAY

A high-impact networking event for filmmakers, producers, and cultural leaders.

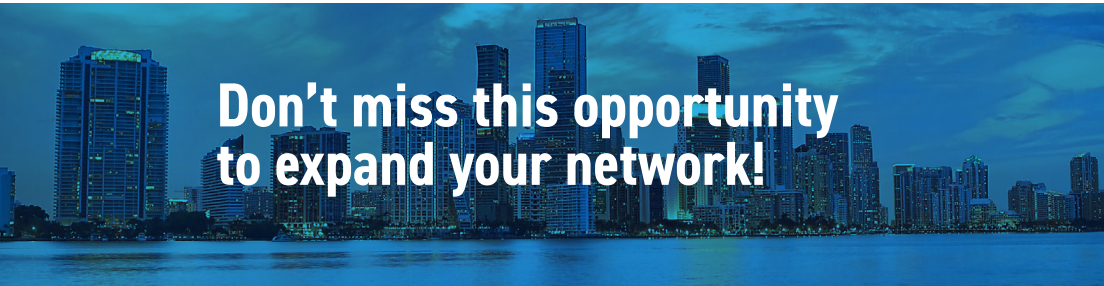


Good Vibes

🎤 **Spotlights on emerging talent**

🎵 **DJ + curated bites**

🍸 **Cocktails & conversation with decision-makers**



Don't miss this opportunity
to expand your network!



Learn. Connect. Elevate.

Free programming to grow
your craft and career.

Film Discussions (Master Classes | Workshops):

Producing · Cinematography · Acting · Directing · Writing

Panels:

Distribution · State of the Industry
Film Making on a Budget · Ai Technology

Networking:

Meet reps, distributors, and peers.



Schedule

Full schedule at check-in & urbanfilmfestivals.com



Screening over 100 Films
Free to watch but must RSVP at location
First come, first served

SCREENING SCHEDULE

Friday – Overtown Performing Arts Center
3 PM: 1st Take Youth Film Program
Screening

Friday – Red Rooster
Welcome to Miami Party

Saturday – Silverspot Cinema (7 screens)
All-day screenings + filmmaker Q&As
[eventive link to screening schedule here]

Sunday - Silverspot Cinema (7 screens)
All-day screenings + filmmaker Q&As



Schedule

Full film list online in August



2025 Award Winners

Best Purpose-Driven Film (In Honor of Jeff Legitime)
CYCLE

Best Experimental Short Film
The Greatest Dance Ever

Best New Filmmaker Award (In Honor of John Singleton)
For Sale & Shelle

Best National Short Film
I LOVE THIS ARRANGEMENT

Best International Narrative Short
Fall

Best Urban Feature Film
Return of the Mack

Best International Documentary Feature
Sgt. Stubby – An Unlikely Hero

Best Feature Film
SR

Best International Film
House of Terror

Best Local Feature Film
Ballin

Best Documentary Short Film
A Film Called Black: King's Speech

Best Family Film
Paw Paw & Dayja

Best Documentary Feature Film
Cycle

Best Local Documentary Film
Cairi Land No Land & Interstate

Best Culture-Driven Documentary
Immigreat

Best Urban Documentary
Miami King Pins

Best Short Film
Return to Office

Best Local Web Series
SoFlo the Series

Best Local Short Film
Project Penelope

Best International Short Film
Fall

Best Local Urban Short Film
Young Kingdom

The Most Screened Filmmaker of the Year
Mark Reed

Best Comedy Short Film
Delusionally, Ari

Best Music Video
80s RAD

Best Drama Short Film
For Sale

Most Creative Music Video
Loteria

Best Thriller Short Film
Dante's Inferno–The Ascension

Best Web Series
Smiling with a Stranger

TOGETHER, WE AMPLIFY STORIES THAT MATTER.



FLORIDA'S FILM FESTIVAL SPOTLIGHT

“UFF is part of a vibrant creative ecosystem.”

FilmGate | Last Wednesday every month

Monthly Silverspot showcase screens boundary-pushing shorts, then hosts filmmaker Q&As and tech-driven networking.

South Florida Film Forum (Broward) | March

Two-day forum hosts panels, showcases and networking that spotlight South Florida's emerging cinematic voices.

Miami Film Festival | April

Presents ten days of world cinema and Ibero-American premieres on Miami screens, celebrating visionary storytellers.

American Black Film Festival (ABFF) | June

Unites Black creators in Miami Beach with screenings, master classes and buzzing industry networking all week.

Miami Media & Film Market (MMFM) | July

Global co-production market convenes producers, financiers and distributors for deal-making, talks and screenings.

Miami 48 Hour Film Project | September

Teams write, shoot and edit a short film in 48 hours, then premiere at Savor Cinema and vie for awards.

OUTshine LGBTQ+ Film Festival | April

Screens 50+ LGBTQ+ features, shorts and docs across Miami/Fort Lauderdale, pairing films with vibrant community events.



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