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10th Annual Taos Shortz Film Fest Returns for its Final Edition

Award-winning festival celebrates 10 years of bringing global cinema to Northern New Mexico

(Taos, NM) The Town of Taos announced today that March 30 will mark the final year and 10th anniversary of its award-winning Taos Shortz Film Fest, and tickets are on sale. This year's festival, which will showcase global, world-class short films, will be held at the Taos Center for the Arts March 30-April 2, and will feature screenings of more than 100 films, as well as retrospectives and highlights from the last ten years. All-inclusive passes can be purchased for \$97, while individual screenings start at \$5. Tickets are available at taosshortz.com.

Voted "One of the 50 top US festivals worthy of the entry fee" by Movie Maker Magazine two years in a row, Taos Shortz is the only film festival in the southwest that screens exclusively short films. Offering films from 22 countries and multiple genres including animation, comedy, documentary, drama, and the crowd favorite, "out of the ordinary", the festival is one of the most diverse of its kind.

"The Taos Shortz Film Fest is an event that the town looks forward to every year. It will be missed," said Karina Armijo, Director of Marketing and Tourism for the Town of Taos. "It is a great opportunity for festival goers to meet and mingle with the filmmakers, and for artists from all over the world to come and experience the vibrant art scene that Taos has long been known for."

The 10th anniversary edition of the festival will include a Native American showcase and a special segment where Executive Director Anna Cosentine, and Program Director Duprelon Mark Tizdale, highlight their favorite moments and films from the last 10 years, followed by a casual Q&A. Visitors can also look forward to mixers, speakers and award shows.

"Taos has long been recognized as having a robust, funky art community which is now drawing even more international attention by bringing a variety of outstanding global films through the Taos Shortz Film Festival, says Anna Cosentine, Founder and Executive Director of TSFF. "It's all about bringing our community in touch with what's going on in the global indie shorts world. Our final year continues to serve our community in this way."

For more information, a full list of films, and a look at the official program, visit taosshortz.com.

More about the Town of Taos... Located just 135 miles from Albuquerque's International Sunport and a short, 90-minute drive from Santa Fe, Taos is home to the country's oldest continuously- inhabited pueblo community, the newest national monument, and the highest peak in New Mexico. World-class skiing, hiking, camping, whitewater rafting, kayaking, fishing, and mountain biking can all be found

nearby. Motorists enjoy the region's celebrated scenic drives, including the Enchanted Circle and the High Road from Santa Fe to Taos. The area also boasts ample four-wheeling and off road trails that crisscross the backcountry. Golf Digest's four-star-rated Taos Country Club championship golf course offers players spectacular scenery and panoramic mountain views. Other hidden Taos travel gems include cultural sites like the San Francisco de Asis Church, the downtown plaza, "El Corazon de Taos," as well as museums and galleries, weekend music and art festivals, and even llama trekking adventures. Finally, most Taos travelers find that their getaways are not complete without indulging in the local New Mexico cuisine and its famous red and green chile options that infiltrate everything from breakfast burritos to pizza. To learn more, go to www.taos.org.

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