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**CALIFORNIA FILM INSTITUTE'S 4th ANNUAL
 DOCLANDS DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL
 ANNOUNCES 2020 DATES, APRIL 30 – MAY 3
 SUBMISSIONS OPEN FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2019**

SAN RAFAEL, CA (October 22, 2019) – Mark Fishkin, Founder/Executive Director of the California Film Institute and Founder/Director of the internationally known Mill Valley Film Festival, announced today that the 4th annual DocLands Documentary Film Festival will be held Thursday, April 30 – Sunday, May 3, 2020 in Marin County, California.

The 2020 Festival will continue to build on the success of its third edition, which featured 54 feature length and short documentary films, from 17 countries, showcasing documentary films in a variety of genres and diversity of content. Two signature programs from previous years will once again be included during the 2020 Festival – DocPitch, designed to connect filmmakers, their ideas, and works in progress to distributors, funders, nonprofit organizations, philanthropists, fellow filmmakers, and future audiences — and DocTalk which provides a platform for local and visiting filmmakers to share their diverse strategies and techniques in an ever-changing industry.

Submissions for the 2020 Festival will open November 1, 2019 for traditional and innovative feature length (40 + minutes) and short documentary films. Filmmakers can submit a film for consideration via upload through FilmFreeway. No DVDs or external links will be considered. Presentation formats accepted are 35mm and DCP only.

- **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2019 – SUBMISSIONS OPEN**
- **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020 – ENTRY DEADLINE**
- **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2020 – LATE ENTRY DEADLINE**

Festival screenings will once again be held in Mill Valley at the CinéArts Sequoia and San Rafael at the Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center.

About DocLands

Presented by the California Film Institute, DocLands Documentary Film Festival brings compelling stories and the provocative insights behind them to Marin County, California April 30 – May 3, 2020. Expanding upon the exchange of ideas and inspiration through public screenings, engaged conversations, and grassroots networking events, DocLands aims to build an active, involved, fully supportive community around documentary film, dedicated to initiating connections and partnerships that will illuminate and invigorate the business and art of non-fiction filmmaking.

DOCLANDS Sections

- **Art of Impact** engages and sparks action by sharing stories that open our eyes to the global community and its disparate cultures, politics, personal narratives, and biographies.
- **The Great Outdoors** transports us outside to truly appreciate, explore, and ultimately compel us to save and conserve our environment and the wilds of our precious planet.
- **WonderLands** lifts our spirits through stories of joy, wonder, and possibility.

About California Film Institute

The California Film Institute (CFI) is a non-profit organization dedicated to celebrating and promoting film and media arts through the presentation of the internationally acclaimed Mill Valley Film Festival celebrating its 43rd year in 2020 and DocLands Documentary Film Festival, the ongoing cultivation of the next generation of filmmakers and film lovers through CFI Education, which features a broad range of activities, including screenings, Q&A sessions and seminars with top international and local filmmakers and industry professionals as well as a rich

program of classes and hands-on-workshops. Additionally, CFI acts as a year-round film-centric town hall with a diverse calendar of programming at the Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center, one of the leading non-profit independent theatres in the country. The art of storytelling through film enables CFI to touch 275,000 guests throughout the year with films and events that entertain as well as address a breadth of social, environmental and cultural issues. CFI relies on the generosity of its community to sustain these core programs. The invaluable support of our sponsors, foundations, and individual donors ensures our continued success. For more information visit cafilm.org

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