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**CALIFORNIA FILM INSTITUTE'S ANNUAL
DOCLANDS DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL
ANNOUNCES 2021 DATES, MAY 5 – 11, 2022**

SUBMISSIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED THROUGH FEBRUARY 11, 2022

(*San Rafael, CA*) November 15, 2021 – Mark Fishkin, Founder/Executive Director of the California Film Institute and Founder/Director of the internationally known Mill Valley Film Festival, is pleased to announce the return of the DocLands Documentary Film Festival. Celebrating its sixth year in 2022, DocLands will run from Thursday, May 5, through Wednesday, May 11, 2022. And will once again be a hybrid event featuring online screenings through the CAFILM Streaming Room and four days (May 5 – 8) at the Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center in San Rafael, California for in-person screenings.

The 2022 Festival will continue to build upon the structure and innovations introduced over the past two years. This flexibility means planning for accessible and inclusive in-theatre screenings while maintaining virtual access to those unable or not ready to return to in-person screenings. CFI will continue to deliver a Festival that engages our members and patrons, supports filmmakers and our valued partners while bolstering the documentary film community.

Submissions for the 2022 Festival opened, Monday, November 1, 2021, for new works in documentary features (60+ minutes), mid length films, and shorts. Filmmakers can submit a film for consideration via upload through FilmFreeway. No DVDs or external links will be considered. Filmmakers are responsible for providing an exhibition-quality file or, if in-theatre screenings are possible, a DCP or 35mm print only.

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

- **NOVEMBER 1, 2021 – SUBMISSIONS OPEN**
- **JANUARY 31, 2022 – EARLY DEADLINE**
- **FEBRUARY 11, 2022 – FINAL DEADLINE**

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. Expanding upon the exchange of ideas and inspiration through public screenings and engaged conversations, DocLands aims to bring diverse communities together for dialogue, and 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 filmmakers.

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 45th year in 2022 and the annual 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, individual donors, and members ensures our continued success. For more information visit cafilm.org.