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**DAVINCI INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES DAVINCI FILM FOUNDATION
AS AN OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED 501(c)3 NONPROFIT.**

Introducing the DaVinci Film Foundation, the next-level for the boutique Showcase Film Festival

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*The team behind DaVinci International Film Festival going from success to success, first, named one of the “**Top 100 Best Reviewed Festivals**” in their inaugural year and now seeing the related DaVinci Film Foundation receiving its official 501(c)3 nonprofit status, which will be a big boost to Creatives and the festivals’ overall mission.*

Becoming a filmmaker can be a difficult path as can producing independent film at the start of a career. Boutique film festival DaVinci International Film Festival (DIFF) understands this well, showing support for the independent filmmaking and screenwriting communities and their artful works for over three years. In exciting news that takes this a step further, DIFF recently announced the DaVinci Film Foundation as an officially recognized 501(c)3 nonprofit, with the aim of supporting creative and divergent works to advance careers in the entertainment industry. The excitement in the indie-film world is bound to be high.

“We are thrilled to see the festivals’ evolution with the addition of the DaVinci Film Foundation, commented Chadwick Pelletier, the Festivals’ Founder and President. “The Foundation will not only help to support Creatives in a greater way from script to screen, it will allow for new opportunities to work with current and new festival stakeholders. We are looking forward to establishing partnerships, collaborations, and strategic alliances for everyone involved in support of DIFF’s mission to honor indie creatives worldwide.”

The Leos (awards) themselves continue to grow in popularity. The recent 2019 Vitruvian Showcase held at the historic Raleigh Studios welcomed major industry brands, Hollywood celebrities, Consulate representatives and Studio Heads, and had everyone buzzing about the quality and production of the festival. Sponsors are already jumping onboard for the 2020 Showcase, including services and prizes from Final Draft, FilmHUB and Backstage, as well as film industry tech new-comer StoryData.IO who is presenting the festivals’ new “IN30” program -- a 30 second film challenge that will give burgeoning filmmakers an opportunity to screen and be seen on a Hollywood Lot.

For more information, please visit davincifilm.org, filmfreeway.com/DaVinciFilmFestival, and [@davincifilmfestival](https://www.instagram.com/davincifilmfestival) on Instagram.

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ABOUT DAVINCI INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

The DaVinci International Film Festival (DIFF) honors Creatives from around the world with quarterly competitions, awarding tomorrows' filmmakers and screenwriters with their prestigious Vitruvian Award™. Winning "*Virtruvians*" move on to the festivals' next-level competition where films are screened at their red carpet event on a Hollywood Studio lot. Here, the selected storytellers compete again for a chance to win the festival's most coveted award, The Leo. A 17-lb. bronze bust statue of the creative luminary himself, Leonardo da Vinci.

The DaVinci Film Foundation is a Federally recognized 501(c)3 nonprofit that seeks to highlight tomorrows' next generation of inspired storytellers by way of a film student grant, creative workshops, and mentorship to support their career in The Arts.

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