



**2020 Chicago Southland  
International Film Festival  
Short Film Competition And  
Feature Film Showcase**

**CHICAGO SOUTHLAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL COVID-19 RESPONSE**

As our global family deals with the COVID-19 crisis, the Chicago Southland International Film Festival (CSIFF) community sends our earnest hopes for strength & courage to those struggling with the disease and extend our deepest gratitude to the worlds' first responders and health professionals.

While we keep the safety of our local communities a top priority by adhering to Illinois Governor Pritzker's Stay-at-Home order and following the CDC's guidelines for social distancing, we are pleased to be accepting film submissions and carrying on with plans for CSIFF 2020 - scheduled for October 23-25, 2020.

We understand that in planning for the festival now, there may be some uncertainty as to "where we'll be" in October so we are exploring our digital and streaming options from which we may deliver a quality film experience to our audiences in the event of a postponement.

For now, our festival committee is working together -from a distance- to create another unique fall film festival experience. In the meantime, feel free to reach out to CSIFF's Fundraising & Community Liaison Kymbria Young at [kyoung6@govst.edu](mailto:kyoung6@govst.edu) to see how your organization or business can connect with our audiences and become a part of our festival community.

The Chicago Southland International Film Festival community stands with you all as we manage through the impact of these unprecedented and challenging times.

Please keep safe, be well and stay tuned!

With our warmest regards,

*Suzanne & Josh*

Suzanne E. Patterson, Joshua E. Young

CSIFF Co-Chairs