



**SCIENCE ART CINEMA FILM FESTIVAL, PRESENTED BY PATRICIA AND PHILLIP FROST MUSEUM OF SCIENCE,
ANNOUNCES CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**

Winning short films will be chosen by esteemed jurors; Screening to take place on April 27, 2017

MIAMI – November 2016 – The Science Art Cinema Film Festival, presented by the Patricia and Phillip Frost Museum of Science, announced the first-ever edition will be held on April 27, 2017 at the museum’s Frost Planetarium in downtown Miami’s Museum Park. The festival is seeking submissions through February 14, 2017 for both short science and science fiction films influenced by art, as well as short art films influenced by science and science fiction. The call is open to both fiction and non-fiction efforts as well as live action and animation. The program is designed to provide emerging, mid-career, and established filmmakers with an opportunity to share their work in a unique environment. In addition, the festival is also inviting high school students in Miami-Dade County to submit their work that will be judged in a separate category.

Submissions will be reviewed by a jury of science and art professionals that include actor, director and producer, **Christian Slater**; Filmgate Miami Executive Director, **Diliana Alexander**; University of Miami Psychology Professor, **Dr. Elizabeth Losin**; Miami Film Festival Executive Director, **Jaie Laplante**; co-founder of Obsolete Media Miami (O.M.M.), **Barron Sherer**; Frost Science Curator of Astronomy and Exhibition Developer, **Dr. Jorge Pérez Gallego**; and Frost Science Art and Collection Manager, **Kevin Arrow**.

“I grew up watching Carl Sagan’s *Cosmos* and movies like *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* while falling both for science and science fiction. Science has always been a deep well for the imaginations of filmmakers, all while technology has advanced the quality of the art of filmmaking. The Science Art Cinema Film Festival mixes science and art in a unique way and allows filmmakers the opportunity to showcase their work in an incredible environment,” said Dr. Jorge Perez-Gallego, Frost Science Curator of Astronomy and Exhibition Developer. “As the first festival of its kind in South Florida and one of the first events to be held in the new Frost Science Planetarium, this is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity.”

A 2014 winner of the South Florida Knight Arts Challenge and presented by Frost Science, Science Art Cinema is a popular event series supported by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. The innovative program was designed to celebrate science and art through the lens of film, specifically 16mm motion pictures along with newly commissioned films. The films are shown in unusual spaces and are then enhanced with performances, guest speakers and multimedia presentations. Now on its fourth chapter, the program’s first season is culminating in the Science Art Cinema Film Festival. The first in the series, *Science Art Cinema #1: Lasers*, took place in August 2015 at the museum’s now-closed Coconut Grove location and focused on the many uses of lasers, from medical technology, to holograms and light shows. *Science Art Cinema #2: Fear* took place in October 2015 at the de la Cruz Collection and focused on fear and how it affects the human brain. *Science Art Cinema #3: Experiment* at the Pérez Art Museum Miami featured a series of short experimental films by Stan Brakhage with musical entr’actes by composer and artist, Gustavo Matamoros. Science Art Cinema has been featured on *Vice’s The Creators Project*, *Miami New Times*, *The Miami Herald*, *Sun-Sentinel* and more.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Submissions Deadline: Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Public Screening: Thursday, April 27, 2017 (details to be announced)

Submissions rules and regulations and complete information regarding eligibility for the 2017 Science Art Cinema Film Festival are now available at frostsscience.org/sacfestival. Questions regarding submissions may be directed to karrow@frostsscience.org or by calling 305-434-9570. The festival only accepts submissions via Withoutabox's Secure Online Screener (SOS) system; no submissions on DVDs will be accepted.

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About the Patricia and Phillip Frost Museum of Science (Frost Science)

Centrally located in downtown Miami's waterfront Museum Park, the Patricia and Phillip Frost Museum of Science is a leading-edge science museum dedicated to sharing the power of science, sparking wonder and investigation, and fueling innovation for the future. Sitting on four acres, the 250,000-square-foot museum divides into four distinct buildings: the Aquarium, the Frost Planetarium, and the North and West Wings. At Frost Science, visitors can explore the science and connections behind living ecosystems, the miraculous human body and mind, the adventure of flight and the wild frontier of innovation and technology. Frost Science is supported by the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council, the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County. This project is supported by the Building Better Communities Bond Program and the City of Miami. Sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. The museum is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and a member of the Association of Science and Technology Centers. Learn more at frostsscience.org.