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## **MEDIA ALERT!**

### **MSP FILM SOCIETY POSTPONES THE 2020 MINNEAPOLIS ST. PAUL INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**

**MINNEAPOLIS – March 17, 2020.** The MSP Film Society announces the postponement of the 2020 Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival - MSPIFF - until further notice. MSP Film Society has also suspended all screenings and events in Screen 3 at St. Anthony Main.

**MSP Film Society** is committed as an arts organization to helping contain COVID-19, in the interest of the safety and health of our community, patrons and staff. In light of new developments, on Friday March 13th the **MSP Film Society made the very difficult decision to postpone the 2020 MSPIFF.** This decision is made to safeguard us all from any possible risk of infection and per recommendations from the office of the Governor of Minnesota.

“We’re of course deeply saddened, not least by the lost opportunity to bring a wealth of extraordinary stories from around the globe to our community at this time when we need them most. We will do our utmost to minimize the impact, are working to put next steps and alternative programming in place, and are doing our very best to remain proactive and optimistic that we can pull an event off later in the year,” said Susan Smoluchowski, Executive Director of the MSP Film Society. “Our tag line for this year’s fest is **Adjust Your View**. We’ll keep that in mind as we power on.”

**We will be posting official announcements and further updates on our webpage - [MSPfilm.org](https://mspfilm.org). Details on future programming and rescheduling will be forthcoming.**

**The Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival is generously supported by many sponsors** including The Star Tribune, Cedarwoods Foundation, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, Minnesota State Arts Board’s Legacy Funding and Arts Access Grant, National Endowment for the Arts’ Art Works Grant, McKnight Foundation, ARRAY Ascend Grant, St. Paul Cultural STAR Grant, US Bank Wealth Management, Best Buy Community Grant, Knock, Inc., MSP Magazine, Jazz 88, Depot Renaissance Minneapolis Hotel, Landmark Center, Revel Spirits, numerous locally owned and based businesses, consulates from around the world, our Masters and Auteurs Member Circles and the 3,000+ Members and Donors of the MSP Film Society.

**MSPIFF is presented by the MSP Film Society**, a dynamic 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to fostering a knowledgeable and vibrant appreciation of the art of film and its power to inform and transform individuals and communities.

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