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NEW DATES August 21-30, 2020

**THE MICHIGAN THEATER FOUNDATION MOVES THE CINETOPIA FILM FESTIVAL
TO AUGUST 2020 DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS OUTBREAK**

Ann Arbor, MI (DATE, 2020) - Like many of our film festival colleagues around the world, we are closely monitoring the growing health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 virus.

Under the guidance of The Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Michigan's Governor Whitmer to limit any mass gatherings in a community-wide effort to limit the spread of COVID-19, we have made the difficult but necessary decision to reschedule the 2020 Cinetopia Film Festival (currently scheduled for May 8-17) to August 21-30, 2020.

The festival is happy to report that our announced special programming will move with us. The Cinetopia-Ann Arbor Jewish Film Festival programming is now scheduled for Sunday August 23 through Thursday August 27. The A2 Tech Film Showcase is now scheduled for Friday August 28. The special screening of Eleven P.M. in collaboration with the Senate Theater in Detroit and the Detroit Historical Society is TBD.

We will also be extending the submission period for our Detroit Voices Short Film Competition through June 15. We encourage and welcome all Michigan filmmakers to submit!

In light of this move, the festival will be extending Advance Pricing for this year's passes through June 30th. All passes and tickets already purchased will be honored for the rescheduled dates. If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at info@cinetopiafestival.org.

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Cinetopia Film Festival Director Sarah Escalante says: “We are very appreciative of all the support we have received from our partners and sponsors as we made this difficult decision, and we understand how lucky we are to be able to reschedule Cinetopia.

Our current concern is for the health and safety of our local communities and we know this is the right decision. We look forward to presenting this year’s festival in August, when we can once again come together to enjoy film and conversation as a community.”

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About the Cinetopia Film Festival

The Cinetopia Film Festival is Southeast Michigan’s regional film festival serving multicultural audiences from Ann Arbor and Metro Detroit. Over the course of 10 days each May, Cinetopia brings over 120 film screenings of 60+ narrative and documentary films from the world’s leading industry and regional film festivals (Sundance, Cannes, Venice, Toronto, Berlin, SXSW, Tribeca, and more) to a growing audience of 40,000+. Started in 2011 by the Michigan Theater Foundation, Cinetopia honors the rich heritage of cinematic culture and Michigan’s proud legacy of outstanding cinema artists through special pre- and post-film events, including presentations, discussion panels, and Q&A sessions with directors, writers, and actors. For more information, visit cinetopiafestival.org.

About the Michigan Theater Foundation

The Michigan Theater Foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission is joyfully serving community, history, public storytelling and the arts through diverse year round programming at the Michigan Theater and State Theatre and the presentation of the annual Cinetopia Film Festival. For more information, visit michtheater.org.

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