

Artis—Naples

*Home of The Baker Museum
and the Naples Philharmonic*

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ARTIS—NAPLES ANNOUNCES OPEN CALL FOR ARTISTS FOR 2024 NAPLES INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL POSTER COMPETITION

Naples, Fla. (April 3, 2024) — Artis—Naples announced today an open call for emerging and established artists currently living and working in Florida to submit designs for the 2024 Naples International Film Festival (NIFF) poster.

This competition is in keeping with the multidisciplinary organization’s commitment to supporting the vibrant arts scene in the state of Florida. Submitted designs for the 2024 NIFF poster should address the theme of film as a multidisciplinary art form. Eligible artists must reside in or have a studio in the state of Florida and be at least 18 years of age. Students currently enrolled (at the time of application) as candidates for undergraduate art or design-related degrees are not eligible to apply.

“Artis—Naples is committed to nurturing Florida’s dynamic arts landscape, and this competition aims to amplify the voices and visions of our state’s talented artists,” said Courtney McNeil, The Baker Museum director and chief curator. “By focusing on film as a multidisciplinary art form in the 2024 NIFF poster, we aim to highlight the powerful impact film can have across various artistic realms.”

The Naples International Film Festival is a popular annual film festival in Southwest Florida that celebrates the art of independent film and presents a carefully curated program of more than 60 domestic and international narrative, documentary and short films throughout the four-day festival.

The three-person jury responsible for selecting the winning submission for the poster design is set to include: The Baker Museum Director and Chief Curator Courtney McNeil, NIFF Festival Producer Shannon Franklin and Naples Philharmonic Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly.

The selected artist’s design will be featured on the 2024 NIFF poster, website, VIP badges and on the cover of the NIFF program book. It may also be featured on NIFF commemorative merchandise. The selected artist will have the opportunity to lead a public educational program at The Baker Museum in collaboration with the Artis—Naples education department. The winner will also be awarded an honorarium and complimentary tickets to the NIFF Preview Party and the NIFF Opening Night Film and Party.

Applicants wishing to participate in the competition can find submission guidelines at <https://artisnaples.org/niffposter>. The deadline for submissions is **Friday, May 31, 2024, at 11:59pm**.

The selected artist will be notified on or before July 31, 2024, and the winning design will be publicly announced at the NIFF Preview Party in mid-September 2024.

ARTIS—NAPLES

Home of The Baker Museum and the Naples Philharmonic, Artis—Naples is unique among cultural institutions nationwide, equally dedicated to both the visual and performing arts featuring artists of global distinction.

KIMBERLY K. QUERREY and LOUIS A. SIMPSON CULTURAL CAMPUS

Led by CEO and President Kathleen van Bergen and, beginning in the 2024-25 season, Sharon and Timothy Ubben Artistic and Music Director Alexander Shelley, Artis—Naples offers more than 800 paid and free events annually across its 8.5-acre Kimberly K. Querrey and Louis A. Simpson Cultural Campus. Artis—Naples welcomes thousands of visitors each year for a broad array of artistic and educational opportunities perfect for audiences of all backgrounds and interests. The cultural campus is home to five buildings, including two performance halls (Frances Pew Hayes Hall and Myra J. Daniels Pavilion), The Baker Museum, the Toni Stabile Education Building and the Kohan Administration Building.

NAPLES PHILHARMONIC

The Naples Philharmonic has long been recognized as one of the cornerstones of Southwest Florida's arts community. As part of Artis—Naples, the Naples Philharmonic performs more than 140 orchestral and chamber music concerts, as well as opera and ballet, education, community and special event concerts annually between September and June in the 1,477-seat Hayes Hall, the 283-seat Daniels Pavilion and around the Southwest Florida region. The Naples Philharmonic has enjoyed a history of working with world-class music directors and recently announced the appointment of Artistic and Music Director Alexander Shelley, who immediately assumes the role of Artistic and Music Director Designate through the 2023-24 season. Renowned violinist James Ehnes continues as artistic partner through the 2023-24 season, working with Naples Philharmonic musicians in a variety of settings with a focus on inspiring and embodying a high level of artistry. Podium leadership includes Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly, celebrating 14 years in this role in the 2023-24 season and bringing pops performances that celebrate music in its many forms. Radu Paponiu serves as associate conductor of the Naples Philharmonic and director of the Naples Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, and Alvin Ho serves as assistant conductor of the Naples Philharmonic.

THE BAKER MUSEUM

The Baker Museum is the foremost fine art museum in Southwest Florida, presenting an ambitious slate of exhibitions annually to complement installations of works from its permanent collection. Comprising more than 4,000 objects, the museum's broad holdings of 20th- and 21st-century art reflect particular strengths in modern art of the United States and Mexico. The Baker Museum's collections reflect the generosity and commitment of area collectors, including significant gifts from the collection of the late Olga Hirshhorn.

With more than two decades of collecting and exhibiting, the museum is committed to the stewardship and scholarship of its collections and to fostering inspiring and transformative experiences with the visual arts. At the same time, The Baker Museum partners with the world's leading arts institutions to make extraordinary exhibitions accessible to the Southwest Florida community—including recently the National Portrait Gallery, London and the Helen Frankenthaler Foundation. In 2020, Artis—Naples celebrated the opening of an 18,000-square-foot expansion of The Baker Museum, designed by Weiss/Manfredi Architecture/Landscape/Urbanism, which created new spaces for multidisciplinary exploration and social interaction.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY

In addition to creating and presenting visual and performing arts, Artis—Naples provides

robust education and community activities for students of all ages in Collier and counties. Each season, thousands of Collier County Public Schools interact with Artis—Naples education programming, both on its cultural campus and in their classrooms. Beyond our commitment to youth education, the Lifelong Learning program provides engaging lectures and study opportunities for adults seeking to engage more deeply with the arts.

The Friends of Artis—Naples, comprised of more than 3,500 donor households, offers activities, travel experiences and events designed to foster a deeper relationship between patrons and the arts.

In 2017, Artis—Naples acquired the Naples International Film Festival (NIFF), expanding its film offerings and providing a platform for the festival’s continued excellence and growth. In 2023, the festival’s 15th anniversary year, NIFF was named one of *MovieMaker* Magazine’s “20 Great Film Festivals in Vacation Destinations.”

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