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**Calling all Canes:**

*University of Miami announces 20<sup>th</sup> annual Canes Film Festival*

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (April 2, 2017) – Once a year cane film students are given the chance to showcase their work on the big screen, and it's time to show our support.

The University of Miami Department of Cinema and Interactive Media is excited to announce its 20<sup>th</sup> annual Canes Film Festival May 4 – 7 at the Bill Cosford Cinema, 5030 Brunson Dr.

Each year, undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in the motion pictures program at UM come together to present their student films. Students submit short films as well as scripts for a chance to see their work displayed on the big screen.

The three-day event consists of student films, panels and parties celebrating the art of filmmaking. Film judges include professionals in the television and film industry and some previous judges have included Barry Waldman, Charles Vignola, David Issacs, Erin Moyer and many more.

In 2016, a select group of motion picture students were given the opportunity to screen in Los Angeles after winning the 2016 Canes Film Festival. Five students of 85 submitted entries went to screen at the Directors Guild of America Theater. The students spent two days touring studios, attending Q&A sessions and were led in a master class taught by producers and directors.

Stephanie Pasternk, producer of the 2016 cane submission "Give Me Trouble", said, "This is a very informative experience. I had no idea I would be learning so much. Now I just want to make sure I hold on to it so I will always remember everything."

The festival is presented by Delta Kappa Alpha Miami a national, gender inclusive, professional cinema fraternity. Founded 81 years ago in March 1936, DKA originally was a group for cinematographers. It hosts events, fosters creativity and is inclusive to all majors.

For more information on events, please visit <http://canesfilmfestival.com> or call 305-284-6902.

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**About the University of Miami Department of Cinema & Interactive Media**

*The Cinema and Interactive Media Department offers a complete curricular experience in critical understanding and effective creation of contemporary moving image media and interactive design. Our programs are designed to prepare a new generation of innovators, storytellers and leaders in the field of cinema, transmedia and interaction design with a mission to explore the creative uses of narrative, documentary, technology, design and human behavior to entertain, impact, augment, and influence how people communicate. For more information, visit: <http://com.miami.edu/cinema-interactive-media>.*