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Creativity required for LAC's SuperShorts movie competition

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The Lamorinda Arts Council has thrown down the gauntlet, challenging participants to relieve pandemic stress by becoming filmmakers. Competitors are asked to make a film up to three minutes long that respects safety protocols. Participants must live, work, or attend school in the Lamorinda area, including the Acalanes Union High School District area.

Creativity is encouraged, and all types of films are welcome - drama, comedy, day-in-the-life, documentary, musical, animation, claymation, etc. Films may be submitted in categories by age. The submission categories are youth (under 18), adults (18 and over), and family (for collaborative efforts including youth and adults in the same household) Participants may submit one film per category. Entries are \$5 per submission, which may be waived upon application. The deadline for entering films is May 14 at midnight on FilmFreeway.

Each of the top three films by category receives a \$20 gift card and winning films will be showcased in a live Virtual Film Festival Awards Show at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 19. In addition, films will be posted to the Lamorinda Arts Council YouTube channel and publicized through the Lamorinda Arts Council website and social media channels.

Under the contest guidelines, competitors must shoot their film on any device, including cell phones, tablet, and cameras. Films must be G-rated and suitable for all audiences, must run three minutes or less and be shot according to national, state, and county protocols for social distancing, and other COVID-19 precautions. In person collaboration outside the household of the primary filmmaker is not permitted, but virtual collaborations are allowed.

More information on the contest may be found at www.LamorindaArts.org/SuperShorts/

Submissions for the Lamorinda Arts Council SuperShorts movie competition may be uploaded at <https://filmfreeway.com/LamorindaSuperShorts>

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