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## **The New Mexico Film Office Announces the Annual Film & Media Industry Conference in Albuquerque November 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**SANTA FE** - The New Mexico Film Office will host its 6<sup>th</sup> annual New Mexico Film & Media Industry Conference on November 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Albuquerque. This year's conference will open on Thursday night with One-on-One sessions with a variety of Industry Professionals. Friday morning will kick-off two days of panels on a wide variety of subjects, ranging from fundraising, pitching and distribution to casting and agents, as well as ever important networking opportunities.

"Last year's conference was a sold-out event and we're seeing greater interest this year," said Nick Maniatis, Director of the New Mexico Film Office. "This is an opportunity that our film community and local businesses should not miss."

Some of the highlights from this year's conference schedule are:

- "Pitching Your Project, in an Elevator and Other Places" panelists include David Rabinowitz (producer/writer) from "BlacKkKlansman"
- "LA to NM Casting from the Coast," meet three Los Angeles casting directors and hear what it's like to cast from LA for New Mexico projects
- "Literary Representation: I Have a Script, Now What?" meet Literary Agents who represent screenwriters and learn about their processes
- "Financing your Project...How Do I Pay for This?" learn how to raise money for your project

In addition, Meow Wolf will talk about how they have become such a phenomenal destination in such a short amount of time. We will also have special guests from productions on the ground for our opening and closing sessions. You can check out the full line up of panels at: <http://www.nmfilm.com/schedule-panelists-2018.aspx>

We will have an open casting call with various background agencies Saturday from 9:30am - 1pm and will be screening the New Mexico Filmmakers Showcase winner's films on Friday at 9am, 12pm and 3pm and Saturday at 9am in the Rio Grande room. Both of these events are open to the public.

Tickets are on sale now; the early bird rate is \$55 now through September 17<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will increase to \$75 until November 15<sup>th</sup> at noon. You can also buy tickets at the door for \$95. Student discounts are available as well with proper documentation.

For attendee registration, sponsorship and vendor opportunities and more information visit: <http://nmfilm.com/film-media-industry-conference.aspx>

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