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The Seattle Film Summit and the Albuquerque Film & Music Experience Join Forces to “Fill the Void” During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond

Albuquerque, NM – April 1, 2020 – The Seattle Film Summit (SFS) and the Albuquerque Film & Music Experience (AFMX) are proud to announce a collaborative partnership to provide a live, interactive platform for hundreds of thousands of filmmakers, actors, musicians and arts industry members.

On March 26, the Seattle Film Summit launched the first episode of *Filling the Void* on Facebook Live and came out of the gates as a voice and virtual green room for ALL storytellers. “AFMX planned to showcase the same type of online program but stands by its philosophy that collaboration with fellow creatives is better than reinventing the wheel,” said Ivan Wiener, AFMX Executive Director.

The two organizations, producers of significant events in Seattle and Albuquerque respectively, will bring resources and contacts together to make *Filling the Void* impactful and entertaining.

“Everyone in film and entertainment has been trying to fill a void since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Ben Andrews, Founder of the Seattle Film Summit. “This partnership, this online forum, is our way of rebuilding a foundation for creatives. The truth is the world has changed forever, and it’s the creative culture that will help us move forward.”

Through *Filling the Void*, viewers have access to industry insiders and professionals – influencers, actors, producers, directors, writers, musicians and funding sources – who provide the most up-to-date information on what’s going on in their chosen fields.

SFS and AFMX invite everyone to subscribe and be part of this entertaining and informative platform. *Filling the Void* is live every Thursday at noon Pacific/1 p.m. Mountain Time at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIGoG3feWAZfYp8AJVjhCvA>

About Seattle Film Summit: Serving digital creatives in the Pacific Northwest and beyond, the Seattle Film Summit is the only workforce development opportunity like it in the region. Writers, directors, producers and actors have the opportunity to meet distributors, acquisition executives, talent agents, attorneys, festival directors and others who provide services to the motion picture industry – to learn from and connect with them. The Seattle Film Summit’s premier event is a 3-day-long series of interactive, educational panels and workshops focused on connecting the local industry to L.A., New York and the world.

The industry professionals who organize the Seattle Film Summit volunteer thousands of combined hours to making it happen, out of the belief that coming together and pooling our resources provides the keys to solving the issues we face. For more information, visit www.seattlefilmsummit.com.

About AFMX: With the mission of enhancing cultural richness by integrating film and music programs that provide entertainment and education for the community, contributing to the creative economy and supporting Albuquerque as an epicenter for film, music and the arts, AFMX brings together award-winning and up-and-coming filmmakers and musicians from around the world to showcase and celebrate film and music, and provide a platform for education, collaboration, discovery and the sharing of impactful stories. For more information, visit www.abqfilmx.com.

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