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**ARTS ORGANIZATION RAW: NATURAL BORN ARTISTS PRESENTS
SHORT FILM FESTIVAL FEATURING LOCAL SOCAL FILMMAKERS
AT THE BOOTLEG THEATER IN ECHO PARK**

SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018, STARTING AT 12PM

Los Angeles (CA) -- Premiere international indie arts organization, **RAW:natural born artists**, returns with its 3rd annual film festival this summer at the warehouse-style venue Bootleg Theater on Sunday, June 3rd, starting at noon. Titled **RAW Film Festival (RAWFF)**, the pop-up short film festival will host a competitive showcase of short films from mainly local Southern Californian filmmakers in three different categories: narrative, experimental/music video, and documentary. In addition, there will be a free international showcase featuring filmmakers beyond the SoCal region. The festival will integrate a curated art exhibition along with music and dance performances by a host of indie artists which directly tie-in with the short films being screened. Film artist **Luisa Betancur Ossa** will premiere her four-channel video installation work entitled "*femininity*". Street artist **Calder Greenwood** will be displaying some of his large format cardboard sculptures. Illustrator and animator Tyler Rice will be showing her prints as well. Artists scheduled to perform during the fest include dancers performing live rendition of the art film "*Hydra*" by **Erin Murray** where a girl is ensnared by a swarm of otherworldly women conjoined by a cloth. The night comes to a head with a lush, vibey music set from rapper **Waju**.

RAWFF will present 45 short films from local filmmakers, many of which were also selected to screen at **Sundance, SXSW, TIFF**, as well as **Vice Shorts** and **Vimeo Staff Picks**. A handful of films will premiere at the event. In addition, RAWFF will feature a Virtual Reality Showcase with select 360° films, including the Sundance premiered piece "*Through You*" by **Lily Baldwin**, and the interactive "*Where Thoughts Go*" by **Lucas Rizzotto**. Described as "art house in Hollywood," the films presented are edgy, conceptual films with high aesthetics and production value. The three local blocks of films presented will be followed by Q&A sessions with the filmmakers moderated by **Gerry Maravilla** - RAWFF alum and crowdfunding manager at Seed & Spark **Gerry Maravilla**. The day will be followed by a brief award ceremony where a cash award and trophy is given to the top film in each program category, as well as audience choice.

Award panel jury members include crowdfunding platform *Seed & Spark* founder **Emily Best**, show runner and executive producer for Robert Rodriguez's *El Rey Network* **Ryan Crow**, and acclaimed comedy filmmaker and RAWFF alumni **Zack Lasry**

Festival goers can also purchase all-access passes where guests will be able to connect with the filmmakers as well as other artists in attendance. Tickets to each programming block are \$15, except for the International block which is free with RSVP. After-party, VR Exhibition, Art Gallery, Performance Stage, and cash bar access is included with the purchase of any program ticket. Buy tickets and RSVP via filmfreeway.com/RAWFF/tickets

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4PM: “Eagle Rockers” – Experimental Shorts + Music Videos

6:30PM: “Beverly Kills” – Narrative Shorts

8:30PM: Music Performance

9: Awards Presentation

For more information please visit:

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RAW: natural born artists is a creative community designed to provide independent artists with the tools, resources and exposure needed to inspire and cultivate creativity. The platforms developed by raw showcase indie talent in visual art, fashion design, film, music, performance art, hair and make-up artistry, and photography. RAW presents artists to their local community, as well as the world stage, through fun, unconventional methods. With a worldwide presence, RAW operates in 60 cities around the world including the United States, Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom.

Bootleg Theater is a year-round inclusive art space for original, boundary-defying live theater, music, and dance performances born from the diverse cultural and artistic landscape of Los Angeles. Bootleg supports and collaborates with the best of established and emerging music, theater, and dance artists to create daring multi-disciplinary live experiences that are striking, contemporary and non-traditional. Based in a former 1930s warehouse, this brick-walled performance space hosts theater, music, dance and film events in a medium-size theater, which is adjoined by a smaller stage and bar.

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