

THE RED SEA LABS OPENS SUBMISSION TO THE 4th EDITION OF THE LODGE

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After three successful editions, Red Sea Lodge returns as part of the Red Sea LABS in 2023. The Red Sea LABS is a platform for filmmakers, writers and industry professionals, offering various programs to help them realize their vision and projects from inception to production. The Lodge, an integral part of the Red Sea LABS, is a 10-months residency intensive creative and professional program in partnership with the TorinoFilmLab and sponsored by Film Al-ula for emerging filmmakers from Saudi Arabia, the Arab world, and Africa. Starting today, The Red Sea LABS opens its doors to feature film project submissions to The Lodge's 4th edition.

The selected projects get access to a network of creative and professional mentors and opportunities in the film industry at large. The winners will be announced at the Red Sea Souk during the third edition of the Red Sea International Film Festival and will share USD 200,000 in award money based on merit. Though aimed at first or second-time feature film directors, the program will also consider applications from more established voices with daring new concepts and approaches.

Red Sea Lodge urges all Saudi/Saudi Residents, Arab, and African filmmakers and producers to apply for the program and hone their ambitions to produce top-notch cinematic masterpieces. The deadline for the submission of applications is January 21, 2023.

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About the Red Sea International Film Festival

Red Sea International Film Festival provides a platform for Arab filmmakers and industry professionals from around the world to connect, host feature and short film competitions, and present a series of events, masterclasses, and workshops to support emerging talent. Running alongside the Festival is the Red Sea Souk, the Festival's industry market, designed for global exchange and partnerships between the international and Saudi film industries. The four-day market will offer a packed program of curated events to foster co-production, international distribution, and new business opportunities. The Souk offers unbeatable access to the new vibrant Saudi scene, as well as the best of the Arab market through pitching sessions, one-on-one meetings, screenings, industry talks, and networking events.

About the Red Sea LABS

The Red Sea LABS is a platform for filmmakers, writers and industry professionals, offering various programs to help them realize their vision and projects from inception to production. The Red Sea Labs with a new vision is aiming to elevate the filmmaking field, by educating the professionals in the industry through programs, workshops and masterclasses.

In 2022 The Red Sea Labs, in cooperation with the Goethe-Institute, and Filmakademie launched the ShortFilm Klinik program, targeting promising filmmakers and scriptwriters from Saudi, Germany and GCC. The program is composed of three scriptwriting workshops, which started in Jeddah during the Red Sea International Festival, and the next one will be in Berlin during the Berlinale.

During the Red Sea International Film Festival, The Labs hosted the Middle East Media Initiative (MEMI), an innovative professional exchange program established at the USC School of Cinematic Arts. Screenwriters were engaged in the television writing and development workshop with USC mentors as MEMI seeks to support and train the current generation of Arab TV screenwriters and content creators.