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NewFilmmakers Los Angeles Screening 'The Equalizer'

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A Los Angeles film festival known for showcasing indie shorts will screen Denzel Washington's "The Equalizer" on Saturday, Sept. 20. Still, having a blockbuster on the program could help the young actors and directors in attendance gain exposure, according to Larry Laboe, executive director of NewFilmmakers Los Angeles (NFMLA).

"It's a nice crossover for the indie filmmakers that we're showcasing," said Laboe. "For the first time we're going to do a studio program. we don't often do that, but Sony's a partner of ours."

NFMLA, which is a monthly festival at the AT&T Center in downtown L.A., prides itself as a networking venue as well as a showcase of new talent. "We constantly have a lot of SAG-AFTRA members in attendance," said Laboe. "They get to identify in the screenings what films they really like and then they have a nice segue to have a discussion in the lounge with the directors."

Organizers are now programming the festival for December. The cost of submitting a film ranges **from \$25-\$40**. Meanwhile, tickets for the Sept. 20 festival, which includes a shorts and documentary program, are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door.