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## Blacknight Pledges Continued Support for Independent Film in Ireland



Blacknight, Ireland's largest web host and domain registrar, is excited to announce its continued support of the IndieCork Film Festival. This year marks the historic 10th anniversary of Ireland's premier festival for independent film and music, which has nurtured a vibrant community of artists in Ireland. Blacknight has long been a headline sponsor of this unique festival that celebrates Irish art.

"I've been a massive cinema fan my whole life," said Blacknight CEO Michele Neylon, "so it's a passion project of mine for Blacknight to support independent film in Ireland via IndieCork. We have so many brilliant filmmakers here. We are honoured to support this festival's fantastic tradition of showcasing unique Irish voices and international films."

This year's IndieCork festival will take place in-person and virtually. The Gate Cinema in Cork will host this year's in-person events from the 2nd to the 9th of October. The online portion of the festival will be held from October 2nd to October 15th. Blacknight also sponsors the online viewing platform for this year's event, allowing the festival to have a broad reach for those who want to attend virtually.

Festival Co-Director, Úna Feely said, "Creating an independent film festival ten years ago, was quite an undertaking, and of course, we were unsure where support would come from. We're extremely appreciative of the support of Blacknight for IndieCork festival. This has enabled the festival to grow in stature as an important festival for independent filmmakers not just from Ireland but internationally - filmmakers from 95 countries have submitted films to IndieCork this year. We are delighted to have Blacknight with us to celebrate this our 10th-anniversary festival".

Blacknight is linked to all the key elements of the festival, including the Creators Programme, which encompasses a range of talks, panel discussions, and networking sessions; all aimed at assisting emerging filmmakers in their careers and nurturing young talent across Ireland. In addition, Blacknight partners on the online festival platform, and the Blacknight Festival Centre, which hosts all ancillary festival events.

Blacknight is proud to be a strategic partner and long-time sponsor of the IndieCork festival. Ireland has always had a rich tradition of sharing Irish art with a global audience; Blacknight is delighted to provide continued support to the IndieCork festival, bringing emerging talent and established Irish artists to a global audience.

*Image Caption: Seen at The Gate Cinema, where IndieCork Festival will celebrate its 10th year from October 2nd to 9th, sponsored by Blacknight. Mick Hannigan of IndieCork Festival pictured with filmmakers all presenting their new films at this year's festival (left to right) Paddy O'Shea, Eddie Noonan, Renata Lima, Emmet O'Brien, and Emma Bowell.*

## **About Blacknight**

Blacknight (<https://www.blacknight.com/>) is an Irish-based leader in the innovative services that businesses need to build an online presence and sell to customers worldwide. With everything from website creation and hosting, data-centres, co-location, and dedicated server space, domain names, and more, every type of client is covered. Now, they're connecting businesses and homes across Ireland with broadband. Complete with award-winning customer service and a rating of Excellent on TrustPilot, Blacknight's easy-to-use solutions are just a click or call away.

## **About IndieCork**

IndieCork (<https://indiecork.com/>) is Ireland's premiere festival for independent film, and the largest festival for short film. Celebrating its 10th birthday this year, IndieCork began in 2013 as the showcase platform for emerging and innovative cinema. Formed as a Co-operative, the festival has gone from strength to strength and supports filmmakers, both Irish and International. In 2021, IndieCork was awarded BAFTA status as a nominating festival in recognition of its importance to the world of short film. 2022 will see the festival creates special programmes to celebrate their anniversary year, with the programme reveal scheduled for early September.

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