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Judd Apatow, Woody Harrelson, Maria Sten, and Others to Judge New Plastic-Free Short Film Contest

A new film contest from Plastic Pollution Coalition, Judd Apatow, and Hollywood Health & Society, offers filmmakers a chance to win \$2,000 by making sustainable 'micro' plastic-free films.

Following the success of their [Plastic Kills! horror short film contest](#), [Plastic Pollution Coalition](#) has launched a new short film contest: [Independence from Plastic: a 'micro' plastic-free film contest](#). This contest is sponsored by director Judd Apatow (*Knocked Up*, *The 40-Year-Old Virgin*), [Hollywood, Health & Society](#), the Mazursky Family Foundation, the Yarkin Family, and the [Johnson Ohana Foundation](#).

The subject of a plastic-free world is critical, as world leaders meet this week in Ottawa, Ontario to negotiate the global plastics treaty at INC-4. Just ahead of the talks, [Actor Jeff Bridges partnered with Plastic Pollution Coalition to launch a video](#) highlighting the importance of the on-going treaty negotiations.

Independence from Plastic asks filmmakers across the globe to show off their positive vision of a plastic-free future in micro films of 60 seconds or less. Filmmakers are also challenged to go plastic-free behind the scenes, submitting a brief report detailing how production worked to eliminate single-use plastics, manage waste and materials, reduce energy and fuel usage, and source sustainable products. Experts from [Earth Angel](#) will review the sustainability reports as part of the judging process.

The winning filmmakers will receive a cash prize of \$2,000, promotion of their film across all partners' sites and social channels, and will have their film screened in front of industry professionals at the annual [Hollywood, Health & Society Sentinel Awards](#).

The contest features a robust panel of notable judges, including: director Judd Apatow (*Knocked Up*, *The 40-Year-Old Virgin*), actors Amy Aquino (*Bosch*, *Working Girl*), Ed Begley Jr. (*Best in Show*, *Young Sheldon*), Woody Harrelson (*True Detective*, *The Hunger Games*), Alysia



Reiner (*Ms. Marvel*, *Orange is the New Black*), and Maria Sten (*Reacher*, *Swamp Thing*), as well as rapper and UN U.S. Youth Ambassador AY Young, Paula Kahumbu CEO of [WildlifeDirect](https://www.wildlifedirect.org/), and artist Ben Von Wong, among others.

Submissions are due Tuesday, June 7, 2024, with the winning film announced on Tuesday, July 2, 2024. Full contest details can be found at [PlasticPollutionCoalition.org](https://www.plasticpollutioncoalition.org/).

About Plastic Pollution Coalition

Plastic Pollution Coalition is a non-profit communications and advocacy organization that collaborates with an extensive global alliance of organizations, businesses, and individuals to create a more just, equitable, regenerative world free of plastic pollution and its toxic impacts.

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