

SANTA MONICA TEEN FILM FESTIVAL  
JUNE 20-21, 2009

**Information and Instructions**

Thank you for your interest in entering the Santa Monica Teen Film Festival. The festival is open to teens ages 12-18 or anyone currently enrolled in High School. We accept films between 30 secs-30 mins in length of any genre. There is no charge to submit your film!

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Winners will be chosen in several categories including “Best of the Fest,” “Best Documentary,” and a special award called “The Santa Monica Budding Filmmaker Award” which will be given to the most promising your filmmaker who lives here in Santa Monica. Prizes will include trophies, monetary awards, gift certificates and private meetings with working industry professionals who can advise you on how to begin your career in film.

The purpose of the Festival is to celebrate the talents of young filmmakers and encourage those teens that are seeking a career in film. The Festival will include a Q & A discussion panel with industry professionals that will give the participants invaluable insight and advice about getting started in the world of film.

1<sup>st</sup> Screening: Saturday night June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM the Miles Memorial Playhouse.

Q & A Panel: Sunday afternoon, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 PM at the Main Public Library.

2<sup>nd</sup> Screening: Sunday afternoon, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 PM at the Main Public Library.

**HOW TO ENTER YOUR FILM IN THE CONTEST:**

1. Ensure that your film meets this criteria:
  - a. Content is suitable for viewing by an audience of all ages.
  - b. Your film is between 30 seconds to 30 minutes in length.
  - c. The principal members of your crew are between 12-18 yrs old.
  - d. Your film is complete and **submitted in DVD format**.  
\* (Please keep a copy of your DVD; submissions will not be returned)
  
2. To submit your film:
  - a. Pick up or download Film Festival “Entry Form”. (Forms can be downloaded at [www.santamonicateenfilmfestival.com](http://www.santamonicateenfilmfestival.com) or in person at the Youth Reference Desk at the Main library during regular business hours or the Teen Center at Virginia Avenue Park M-F between 3:30-8:00 PM.)
  
  - b. Sign and date your “entry form” or if under 18 have your parent or legal guardian sign and date your entry form and submit along with your completed film on DVD on or before the submission deadline below.

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### **HOW TO ENTER YOUR FILM IN THE CONTEST - CONTINUED:**

- c. It is **FREE** to enter your film. Multiple submissions are welcome.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS: FRIDAY, MAY 8<sup>th</sup> 2009.**

- d. You may drop off your completed “entry form” and film at either of the locations listed above in “a” or mail to:

Santa Monica Teen Film Festival  
Santa Monica Public Library c/o Erica Cuyugan  
601 Santa Monica Blvd.  
Santa Monica, CA. 90401

#### 3. How does it work / What happens next?

- a. Not all submissions will be accepted for screening.
- b. If your film is selected for the festival you will be notified on or before Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- c. There will be a jury panel made up of teens and industry professionals who will decide the “winners” in each category.

#### 4. Definition of Categories:

The Santa Monica Teen Film Festival is accepting submissions in all categories. We encourage you to submit whether your film is live action, animation, documentary, music video, or experimental in nature. We also have a new “SuperShort” category for films that are 30-60 seconds. The SMTFF rules committee will decide whether or not to divide entrants into categories depending on the quantity and type of submissions received by the deadline.

#### 5. Mission and Purpose:

The Santa Monica Teen Film Festival is an interdepartmental initiative between the Santa Monica Cultural Affairs Division, The Santa Monica Public Library, The Virginia Avenue Park Teen Center and City TV. Its purpose is to provide an outlet for and to showcase the creative talents of teen filmmakers and to encourage youth to use the art of filmmaking as a form of creative expression and commentary on the world in which they live.

You will be notified upon receipt of your submission. If you have any questions please call Cultural Affairs Supervisor - Justin Yoffe - at (310) 458-8634 or e-mail him at [justin.yoffe@smgov.net](mailto:justin.yoffe@smgov.net)

