

28th ANNUAL THREE RIVERS FILM FESTIVAL NOW ACCEPTING ENTRIES

Pittsburgh Filmmakers, one of the oldest and largest media arts centers in the U.S., is now accepting films for its Three Rivers Film Festival. Short works (under 25 minutes) are entered into a juried competition with prizes. Films and videos of all content types are accepted, including narrative, documentary, experimental and animation.

Entrants should send a DVD copy of the work, postmarked by August 7, 2009. Copies will not be returned. Short works must include a \$25 entry fee. Winning and honorably-mentioned shorts will be screened during the Festival. Prizes are \$500 plus a \$500-certificate for Kodak film stock for first place, \$300 plus a \$300-certificate for Kodak film stock for second, and \$125 plus a \$125-certificate for Kodak film stock for third. For more information, email 3rff@pghfilmmakers.org or call (412) 681-5449.

MISSION & OBJECTIVE

To provide viewers with a diverse selection of films from around the world and to encourage new filmmakers to expose their creative works to a gracious audience.

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

The 28-year-old Three Rivers Film Festival is a program of Pittsburgh Filmmakers, one of the oldest and largest media arts centers in the U.S. We are a 38-year-old non-profit institution that began as a filmmaking-equipment access cooperative. That co-op is still a pillar of our organization, which now also includes an accredited school and three theaters. More at <http://pghfilmmakers.org>

ORGANIZERS

Andrew Swensen (Director of Pittsburgh Filmmakers) ; Gary Kaboly (Director of Exhibition) ; Richard Engel (Director of Marketing and Public Relations) ; Laura Kahl (Theaters Manager)

GENERAL RULES

The competitive section of the 3RFF is open to short films under 25 minutes. Genres considered are narrative, documentary, experimental and animation. There is a limit of three entries per person.

A completed entry form and \$25 (non-refundable) entry fee must accompany each piece submitted. Make checks payable to Pittsburgh Filmmakers.

Work submitted must have a copyright or have been completed no earlier than January 2008.

All entries must be submitted on DVD for prescreening selection Do not send film reels or original materials. Submission disks will not be returned unless requested with an enclosed SASE with the proper amount of postage.

A number of works will be selected to be shown as part of the shorts program of the 3RFF (November 2009).

Of those selected for inclusion in the festival, cash awards will be given for first (\$500), second (\$300) and third (\$125) place. Judging will be done by a festival jury. Staff members of Pittsburgh Filmmakers are welcome to enter, and their works may be selected for Festival inclusion but are not eligible for prize awards.

Selection announcements will be made on October 2, 2009 on the 3RFF website (www.3rff.com) and by mail. Please, do not call.

THREE RIVERS FILM FESTIVAL
short film competition guidelines & entry form
post mark deadline August 7, 2009



A completed entry form and the \$25 entry fee payable to "Pittsburgh Filmmakers" must accompany each work submitted. Entries must be submitted on DVD. Please type or print clearly.

TITLE: _____

DIRECTOR: _____

DATE COMPLETED: _____ RUNNING TIME (25 MIN. OR LESS) _____

SUBMITTED BY/CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

GENRE (CIRCLE ONLY ONE): NARRATIVE DOCUMENTARY EXPERIMENTAL ANIMATION

FORMAT FOR EXHIBITION (CIRCLE ONLY ONE) SUPER 8 16 MM 35 MM VHS DVD MINI DV DVC PRO BETA-SP

BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF WORK (UNDER 50 WORDS): _____

ARTIST BIO AND STATEMENT (OPTIONAL): _____

I have carefully read and understand the complete rules of the festival. I take full responsibility for all content of the submitted work. By entering this work, I attest that I hold all rights to exhibit the given work. Although due care will be exercised, Pittsburgh Filmmakers and the Three Rivers Film Festival cannot accept responsibility for lost or damaged materials.

Signature: _____

MAIL TO: Entry Coordinator, 3 Rivers Film Festival; 477 Melwood Avenue; Pittsburgh, PA 15213

E-mail questions to: 3rff@pghfilmmakers.org

check list:

- ___ Completed entry form
- ___ Preview DVD
- ___ Entry fee to Pittsburgh Filmmakers
- ___ SASE if needed