

Stockton Seeks Entries by High School Students from New Jersey for Film Festival by March 20

Prizes Include Cameras, Cash, Internship Opportunities

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Galloway Township, NJ - The deadline to submit films for New Jersey's first film festival showcasing the work of high school students is **Friday, March 20**, and young artists are encouraged to participate.

The School of Arts and Humanities at Stockton University will hold the first New Jersey High School Film Festival on **Sunday, May 17, 2015** from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Campus Center. The festival is being co-sponsored by the Fort Lee Film Commission.

Film/video showings and workshops will be open to the public. High school students are invited to submit their work as part of a school project or as individuals. Submissions are limited to a total of three per New Jersey high school.

Other sponsors and festival contributors include the New Jersey Motion Picture and Television Commission, Unique Photo of Fairfield, New Jersey, and Academy Award-winning production company, Shine Global.

In an effort to make the film festival accessible to everyone, the sponsors are prepared to waive the submission fees for all three videos for the first 20 schools that demonstrate need. (Please see njhsfilmfest@stockton.edu for links to national service organizations, which may have chapters in the applicant's town or municipality that students may approach for funding.)

Prizes for students include \$500 cash, Nikon and Canon equipment, internship opportunities and career counseling with industry professionals.

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The categories for submissions include:

- **Animation**
- **Experimental/Music Video**
- **Drama**
- **Comedy**
- **Documentary/News**

These five categories have a maximum length of six minutes. The bonus category is **My Town**, which has a maximum length of three minutes for entries.

The Festival Schedule will be:

- 12-2 p.m.: Workshops (two consecutive workshops/presentations)
- 2-3 p.m.: Networking reception
- 3-5 p.m.: Awards ceremony

As a special incentive to arrive early, beginning at 11 a.m., the films in contention for awards will be played on a continuous loop for viewing.

A variety of workshops/presentations will be offered including:

- Susan MacLaury, co-founder and executive director of Shine Global: *Transforming Children's Life's through Film.*
- Nancy O'Mallon, Fort Lee Film Commission, and Steve Gorelick, executive director of the New Jersey Motion Picture and Television Commission: *Making Film in New Jersey.*
- Kent Green, senior audio/visual technician at Stockton University, and Ernie Rockelman, award-winning horror film producer: *Filming Horror.*
- Robert Steele, director of Media Instruction at the Sam Azeez Museum of Woodbine of Stockton University: *Screenwriting.*
- Christi Farina, associate professor of Communications at Stockton: *Composing the Visual Narrative.*
- Tom Meyers, chairman of the Fort Lee Film Commission: *New Jersey: Birthplace of the American Motion Picture Industry* with a special screening of *The Champion: A Story of America's First Film Town.*

Specific times and locations for these workshops and presentations will appear in the final program on the day of the festival.

For more information please contact: njhsfilmfest@stockton.edu or call 609-652-4505.

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