



The 2009 Chicago International Film Festival
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The 2009 Chicago International Film Festival

*******Entry Deadline: June 25, 2009*******

Official Regulations

A) Requirements

1. Films that have previously screened publicly in Chicago, aired on US television prior to the Festival, or are available for online viewing in their entirety are NOT eligible.
2. Films must be completed on or after August 1, 2008.
3. Works in progress are NOT eligible
4. Films previously submitted to The Chicago International Film Festival are NOT eligible.
5. Films may be submitted on DVD (NTSC or PAL). Do not send film prints, master tapes, or other originals. The production's title must be on each case and DVD.
6. Entrant confirms and warrants required legal authority to submit the entry into the Festival and to use all music, images, and content in the entry.
7. Entrant will allow usage of clips from the film for promotional use on television, radio, in print, and at live Festival events.
8. All entries must be either in English or contain English subtitles. Non-English entries submitted without subtitles are not eligible.
9. Only completed entries (including entry form, payment, and preview DVD screener) will be processed.
10. Please submit a typed or clearly printed entry form or a copy of the online form receipt along with the submission. Additional forms may be photocopied. The Chicago International Film Festival is not responsible for incorrect wording in publications or on awards if the entry form is incorrect or illegible.
11. Students must include proof of student status at the time of production (i.e., copy of student ID, transcript, etc.).

12. Productions in the following exhibition formats are eligible for Festival screening: 35mm, Beta SP, Digibeta, and HD Cam video.

B) Deadlines

1. Entries must be postmarked by **June 25, 2009**. Late entries will be accepted until **July 10, 2009**, provided that the entry is accompanied by the late entry fee (see entry fee section)

C) Shipping

The cost of shipping an entry to the Festival must be paid by the entrant. Collect or COD shipments will not be accepted.

All international entries must be sent “free domicile” to the Festival office with all transportation charges, duties, and taxes prepaid by the shipper. Fees charged to the Chicago International Film Festival will be refused. Be sure to include the proper customs documentation required by your shipping service. For films accepted for screening at the 2009 Chicago International Film Festival, the Festival will cover one-way shipping costs only for the public screening video or film print.

D) Judging & Selection

Feature, Documentary, Short Subject, and Student Films are selected for Festival presentation by the Chicago International Film Festival Programming Committee. If a film is selected for screening, the Festival office will contact the entrant by phone or email. Films selected for the International Feature, DOCUFEST and New Directors Competitions are judged during the Festival. All other competitive film categories, including the Chicago Award and Short Film Competition, are judged before the Festival.

For publication purposes, entries selected will be required to supply 3 (three) high resolution stills from the film and at least 1 (one) photograph of the film's director. The Festival also requests publicity press materials and a video trailer (if available). Publicity and press materials will not be returned.

E) Entry Fees

Each entry must be accompanied by the appropriate entry fee. Entry fees are not refundable. Fees cover registration, notification that your entry has been received, and notification of results. These fees may be paid by check or money order, made payable to Cinema/Chicago, or by credit card (VISA, MasterCard, or American Express).

For all entries outside the U.S., international checks or money orders are accepted provided the entry fee is at least \$100.00. The check or money order must be drawn on U.S. correspondent banks only and be in U.S. dollars. If the entry fee is less than \$100.00 for an international entry, you must pay by credit card.

- Feature Film (category 1) \$100.00
- Feature Length Documentary (category 2) \$80.00
- Short Subject - under 30 minutes (category 3) \$50.00
- Short Subject - 30 minutes – 60 minutes (category 4) \$60.00
- Student Productions (categories 1-4) \$30.00

All entries must be postmarked by June 25, 2009. Entries postmarked June 26 - July 10, 2009 must pay the following **late entry fee**:

- Feature Film (category 1) \$200.00
- Feature Length Documentary (category 2) \$150.00
- Short Subject - under 30 minutes (category 3) \$70.00
- Short Subject - 30 minutes – 60 minutes (category 4) \$80.00
- Student Productions (categories 1-4) \$50.00

F) Categories (select one)

1. Feature Film
2. Feature Length Documentary
3. Short Subject (Under 30 min)
4. Short Subject (30-60 min)



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Official Entry Form

*****ENTRY DEADLINE: JUNE 25, 2009*****

- Use one form for each film entry
- Read all regulations before filling out this form
- Type or print in a clearly legible manner.

Original Title:

English Title:

Category Name:

Category #:

Running Time:

Country of Origin:

Language:

Date Completed (month/year):

Producer:

Director:

Screenwriter:

Cinematographer:

Editor:

Music:

Distributor:

Is this a first or second feature film? Yes No

If selected, screening will be a:

World Premiere North American Premiere

U.S. Premiere Chicago Premiere.

Is the filmmaker currently an Illinois resident? Yes No

Please list any other festivals in which this film has appeared or will appear.

Entrant Information

Name:

Company:

Address: (no P.O. Box)

City:

State/Province:

ZIP/Postal Code:

Country:

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

Signature: _____

I have read and accept the rules and regulations of The Chicago International Film Festival.

Entry Fee (Please enter dollar amount): \$ Check or money order (payable to Cinema/Chicago)

—or—

Credit Card: VISA Mastercard American Express

Card Number:

Expiration Date:

V-Code (final 3 digits on back of card):

Name of Cardholder:

Signature of Cardholder:

Entry format

Indicate the format of the entry you are submitting for preview and judging purposes.

DVD NTSC (Region 0 or 1) PAL**Public screening format** Beta SP DigiBeta HD Cam 35mm

Projection Ratio:

Film: 1.66 1.85 ScopeVideo: 4:3 16:9

Soundtrack Format:

 Mono Dolby A Dolby SR No Sound DTS available Other _____**Synopsis**

Please include a 25-30 word summary of the film

DID YOU?

- Fill out entry form completely and include appropriate fee
- Attach a 25-30 word summary
- Submit one entry form and one copy of a DVD screener for each entry
- Include proof of student status (student productions only)

Send to:

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