



2016 Seattle International Film Festival CALL FOR ENTRIES

Recognized as one of the top film festivals in North America, the Seattle International Film Festival is the largest, most highly-attended film festival in the United States reaching more than 150,000 annually. The 25-day festival is renowned for its wide-ranging and eclectic programming presenting over 268 features and 160 short films from over 92 countries in 2015. Consistently cited as one of the best "audience festivals" in the world, SIFF embraces Seattle's love for film, making the city a perfect setting for new films to be seen, tested, and celebrated by everyone, film fan and filmmaker alike. While bringing the best in national and international film and talent to Seattle, SIFF also remains dedicated to fostering and providing a platform for the creative endeavors of those working and creating films in the Pacific Northwest. SIFF also exhibits premiere theatrical engagements, repertory, classic, and revival film showings year-round at three locations on 5 screens at the SIFF Cinema Egyptian, SIFF Cinema Uptown and the SIFF Film Center in addition to offering film educational programs for all audiences. SIFF is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 5, 2015	Early submission deadline
November 2, 2015	Regular submission deadline
January 4, 2016	Final submission deadline
March 1, 2016	FutureWave submission deadline
April 30, 2016	Final notification of acceptance
May 2, 2016	Exhibition Copy due
May 19-June 12, 2016	Festival dates

ELIGIBILITY REGULATIONS

Completion Date:

Films must have been completed no earlier than January 2015.

Presentation:

Filmmakers whose films are selected must deliver their film in the DCP or 35mm presentation format. Failure to provide the film in an acceptable format may result in the film being ineligible for consideration.

Language:

Foreign language films must be made available with the original language soundtrack and English subtitles.

Prior Screenings:

Entries may not publicly screen (theatrically or at a Film Festival) in Washington State, or be televised anywhere in the US before June 30, 2016. Theatrical runs following presentation at SIFF may be excepted from this.

Prior Submissions:

If you wish to resubmit a film previously submitted to SIFF, you must reapply paying the full fee.

FutureWave Submissions:

The FutureWave Youth Shorts competition accepts short films made by youth **18 years of age or younger** at the time of submission. A different entry form is required. For more information about this program, or to download the entry form, please see our website www.siff.net or email futurewave@siff.net.

REQUIRED SUBMISSION MATERIALS

- Entry Fee paid by Visa, Mastercard, American Express, money order, or check payable in US funds to: SIFF. **International entrants who do not pay by credit card must use an international money order paid in US dollars through a US bank.** Entry fees are not refundable. (*Entry fee waiver: The submission fee is waived for films that have 50% or more of the film footage shot in Washington State. No other waivers or exceptions will be granted. Please do not ask.*)

- Secure online link **OR** preview DVD (NTSC preferred, PAL accepted). DVDs must be submitted in plastic safe cases and be formatted in MPEG video. DVDs must not include labels or stickers of any kind. Please test your DVD on several makes and models of players. DVD+RW and DVD-RW are NOT acceptable. **DVDs will not be returned unless accompanied by an addressed and PREPAID return envelope or express service waybill.**

- Film description and synopsis (50-200 words) - please attach on a separate page.
- Complete principal cast and production credits listing, please use space provided on the next page.
- Self-addressed, stamped postcard to verify receipt (optional). Entry materials will not be returned. Incomplete entries will not be considered. Required materials can be submitted digitally on a CD or digitally.

SUBMISSION REGULATIONS

Deadline:

All film submissions must be shipped prepaid and packed in proper containers to arrive at the SIFF offices by the posted deadlines.

Note: Deadlines are date RECEIVED, not postmarked. Late entries will not be accepted.

Format:

All films must be submitted on DVD (NTSC preferred, PAL accepted), or via a secure online link, such as Vimeo. Do not put multiple works on the same DVD.

Premieres:

Please be aware that in all categories, World, North American and US Premieres are preferred. However, a Washington State Premiere is required; films must not have previously screened in Washington State.

DVD Labeling & Shipping:

Preview DVDs must be clearly labeled with the film title, running time, and contact information (including name, address, and phone number). International shipments must be accompanied by a commercial invoice (containing the film's title, running time, format [color or b&w], value of shipment, and sender's name and address).

SIFF will not handle any customs clearances. All preview DVDs shipping from outside the U.S. must be sent with the following declaration:

"Free entry claimed under #724.12 (960.60). U.S. Tariff Act.

No commercial value, for Festival use only."

Receipt Acknowledgment:

To receive acknowledgment of receipt of your entry, you must enclose a self-addressed stamped postcard with your submission.

Notification:

Films selected for screening will be notified no later than April 30, 2016.

Shipping (accepted films):

It will be the filmmaker's responsibility to cover the incoming shipping costs to SIFF. All films will be insured against damage or loss while participating in the Festival. SIFF will cover the return costs to the address designated by the Print Source. Under certain circumstances, SIFF can forward the film to another festival/destination; however, **SIFF will not cover international shipping on US films.**

SCREENINGS

If a film is invited to participate, the Festival will not screen a film more than three times as allowed by international regulations. A screening fee of \$200 will be charged for any technical screenings made at the request of the filmmaker or distributor (see FAQ.)

AWARDS

In addition to our Golden Space Needle Audience Awards, the Seattle International Film Festival offers over \$10,000 in cash prizes for the winners in these internationally-juried categories:

- **New Directors Competition—\$2,500**
(International narrative features of 1st and 2nd time directors)
- **New American Cinema Competition—\$2,500**
- **Documentary Feature Competition—\$2,500**
- **Short Film: Live Action—\$1,000, Short Film: Animation—\$1,000, and Short Film: Documentary—\$1,000**

These awards are given for excellence in filmmaking, form, and content. Additional prizes of goods and services may also be awarded.

Official Entry Form – 2016 Seattle International Film Festival

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FILM INFORMATION

English Title: _____ Original Language Title: _____

Country(ies) of Production: _____ Year of Completion: _____

Original Language: _____ ☐ English Subtitled ☐ English Soundtrack

Premiere Status: ☐ World ☐ North American ☐ US ☐ Seattle Official Film website: _____

**A film is a World Premiere if it has never been shown to a public audience. Market screenings, private industry screenings, and cast/crew screenings are not considered public screenings.*

Film Type: ☐ Narrative Feature ☐ Documentary Feature ☐ Narrative Short ☐ Documentary Short ☐ Experimental

Genre (check all that apply): ☐ Action/Adventure ☐ Animation ☐ Biopic ☐ Black Comedy ☐ Buddy Picture ☐ Comedy ☐ Coming of Age

☐ Crime/Mystery ☐ Cult ☐ Drama ☐ Epic ☐ Experimental ☐ Fantasy ☐ Family Friendly ☐ GLBT ☐ Horror ☐ Jewish

☐ Mockumentary ☐ Music/Musical ☐ Performing Arts/Arts ☐ Road Movie ☐ Romance ☐ Suspense/Thriller ☐ Sci-Fi ☐ Western

☐ Woman Director ☐ Youth Appropriate (Ages 1-6 Ages 7-12 Ages 13-17 – please circle all that apply) ☐ Other _____

PLEASE ATTACH A BRIEF STORY DESCRIPTION (50-200 WORD SYNOPSIS OF THE FILM)

PRODUCTION INFORMATION

Producer(s) _____

Screenwriter(s) _____

Editor _____

Cinematographer _____

Music _____

Principal Cast _____

DIRECTOR CONTACT

Name _____ Gender: M ☐ F ☐

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

PRIMARY CONTACT

☐ Production Company ☐ Co-Production Company

☐ World Sales Company ☐ US Distribution Company

Company _____

Contact Name _____

Relation to film _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Website _____

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Presentation Format - SIFF can only screen the formats below

☐ DCP ☐ 35mm

Exhibition Aspect Ratio

☐ 1.33 ☐ 1.66 ☐ 16x9 (Letterboxed) ☐ 16x9 (Anamorphic)

☐ 1.85 ☐ 2.35 (Cinemascope)

Please confirm aspect ratio with the lab that processed your print.

Sound Format(s)

☐ 5.1 Surround ☐ 2.0 Stereo ☐ Mono ☐ 7.1 Surround ☐ Silent

☐ Dolby/DTS (please specify codec) _____

Color Format

☐ Color ☐ Black & White ☐ Color and Black & White

Running time (minutes): _____ **Use numbers only and round to the nearest minute*

VIMEO / SECURE ONLINE SCREENER LINK

Original Language of Film _____

Is the film subtitled in English? ☐ Yes ☐ No

PRINT SOURCE ☐ Check if same as Primary Contact

This info will appear in the Festival catalog as the contact source for your film and may be published by trade publications.

☐ Production Company ☐ Co-Production Company

☐ World Sales Company ☐ US Distribution Company

Company _____

Contact Name _____

Relation to film _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Website _____

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Company _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Website _____

WORLD SALES COMPANY

☐ Check if same as Primary Contact

Company _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Website _____

US DISTRIBUTION COMPANY

☐ Check if same as Primary Contact

Company _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Website _____

PRESS CONTACT

☐ Check if same as Primary Contact

Company _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

SHIPPING CONTACT INFORMATION

☐ Check if same as Primary Contact

Company _____

Contact Name _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Film will be sent from _____

Shipped via _____

Replacement value of print (**US DOLLARS**) _____

If accepted, this film will be a...

☐ US Premiere ☐ North American Premiere ☐ World Premiere

Note: Any change in Premiere status must be reported to SIFF immediately.

This film has played, or will play, at the following festivals and/or public venues:

Prizes and Awards

Is this film the director's first feature-length effort/directorial debut?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, please provide the director's complete
filmography on a separate sheet of paper.

Will you permit a press screening of this film?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Will you agree to the use of film clips/stills and publicity materials to promote programs of SIFF?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Will the film be available to SIFF between the dates of May 19 and June 12, 2016?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, please provide availability dates: _____ to _____

If eligible, would you like your film to be considered for competition?

☐ Yes ☐ No

ENTRY FEE (please circle one)

Received by...	Oct. 5, 2015	Nov. 2, 2015	Jan. 4, 2016
30 minutes or less	\$35	\$50	\$70
31 minutes or more	\$50	\$75	\$100

or **Waived** (50% or more shot in Washington State)

ENTRY FEE PAYMENT (please check one)

☐ Check/Money Order - US Funds (Payable to SIFF)



Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

Cardholder's Signature _____

Cardholder's Name (please print) _____

Billing Address _____

SHORT FILM ONLINE PRESENTATION

SIFF, in partnership with interactive providers, will be presenting select short films as part of our online festival component. Please check here if you cannot screen your film online as part of SIFF and SIFF.NET. ☐

CERTIFICATE OF ENTRANT

I, the undersigned, acknowledge and agree that to the best of my knowledge, all of the statements in this document are true; I am duly authorized to submit this film to the Seattle International Film Festival (SIFF); I hold SIFF harmless from damage to or loss of the film print en route due to improper containers or otherwise; the film is not subject to nor is threatened by any litigation; I acknowledge that ALL submission materials become the property of SIFF; and that I accept all of the submission regulations stated within the FAQ and on the submission form. SIFF reserves the right to broadcast films, partial or in entirety, in association with its marketing efforts. Please let us know if you do not wish your film to participate.

Signed _____

Print/Type Name _____

Date _____