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FAIRFAX

SHORT DOCUMENTARY

CHALLENGE



THE CHALLENGE If you know the quirky town of Fairfax and you can get your hands on a camera, enter the Film Challenge! Make a 4-minute documentary in 48 hours.

WHO Anyone can enter – from student filmmakers to Academy Award winners to complete novices.

WHAT Your 4 minute documentary must have something to do with the town of Fairfax. The smaller the focus, the better the documentary. Fairfax is home to dozens of famous people, unusual local businesses, uniquely quirky people, and pristine natural areas that surround this “Mayberry on Acid” town. Choose one to focus on, rather than trying to cover everything about Fairfax.

WHEN AND WHERE Meet at the Fairfix Café (33 Broadway, Fairfax, Ca 94930) at 7 PM, Friday, March 27. Organizers will give out three elements that must be in every film. That starts the clock on the 48 hours, which ends at 7 PM, Sunday, March 29.

Please see other side for more information.

WHEN THE FILM IS FINISHED

Come back to the Fairfax Café at 7 pm Sunday, March 29. The final film should be on DVD. Test it to make sure it plays in a DVD player, as well as on your computer. Label the DVD with the following information on a label and physically attached to the disk:

- Fairfax Short Documentary Film Challenge
- Title
- Date
- Names of Filmmaker(s)
- Contact phone number and e-mail

No footage other than your film should be on the DVD or we may mistakenly judge it too long for screening. We will not return submissions.

FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS

Each film must include the following:

10 seconds of OPENING CREDITS, which include the filmmaker(s)' name(s), film title, date, and the statement, "This film was made as part of the Fairfax Short Documentary Film Challenge 2009."

Closing credits should give names of people involved in the film and pertinent information about the making of the film. The final film must play on a DVD player, in addition to playing on computer. Final doc must be no longer than 4 minutes, excluding credits.

GEAR

Fairfax Documentary Festival cannot supply equipment, supplies, or editing facilities.

FILMMAKER(S)

Some participants form groups prior to arriving at the event while others arrive wanting to join a team. While pre-formed teams have the advantage of group familiarity, spontaneous teams can also produce excellent work. Solo filmmakers are also allowed.

Regardless of your status on arrival, please consider participants wanting to join a team. Filmmaking is inherently collaborative, so we encourage you to take chances with your group composition.

THE RULES

The official 48 hour competition period includes, but is not limited to:

- Writing the script
- Shooting
- Editing / Rendering
- Graphics & Visual Effects
- Sound Design & Music

The only work to begin prior to the official competition period is:

- Organizing Crew
- Booking interviewees for the 48 hour shooting period.
- Securing Equipment
- Scouting/securing Locations
- Obtaining archival footage or photographs

All footage must be shot within the 48 hour time period of the project on March 27 to March 29, 2009 except for stock and archival footage, historical photographs.

JUDGING AND PRIZES

Finished films will be screened the weekend after the Challenge, as part of the Fairfax Documentary Film Festival at the Fairfax Movie Theater on Sunday, April 5, 4 PM to 6 PM. Tickets are \$10 each.

Professional Filmmaker Judges will include:

Velvy Appleton, musician, visual effects artist, whose credits include *Sin City* and *Hellboy*

Gloria Borders, head of Dreamworks Animation, Academy Award Winner *Terminator 2*

Mickey Freeman, cinematographer for dramas and documentaries, including Academy Award nominated *Good Night Miss Ann* and Emmy Award winner *Return to Tule Lake*

James Le Brecht, award-winning sound designer *Daughter from Danang*, *Rape of Europa*

Audience will vote for Audience Favorite Award.

PRIZES WILL INCLUDE

- Guided tours of Dreamworks and Lucasfilm
- Valuable software
- Professional consultations

QUESTIONS

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The Fairfax Short Documentary Film Challenge is part of the Fairfax Documentary Film Festival, which runs Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 3, 4, and 5 at the Fairfax Movie Theater. www.fairfaxdocfest.org

The Fairfax Short Documentary Film Challenge Organizers reserve the right to amend these rules up until the beginning of the Challenge.