



New Film Festival for Young Budding Film Makers

This year the International Youth Arts Festival, taking place from the 1st – 18th of July in Kingston-upon-Thames, UK, will be holding – for the first time ever – The Birdies Film Festival. We're looking for young aspiring film makers worldwide to enter their short films as part of the contest. The best entries will be screened at our gala event at the Rotunda Odeon, in Kingston-upon-Thames.

This will be a great opportunity for you as film makers to get your films out there and meet others just like yourselves with the same aspirations. Also, being able to say your film was screened at the International Youth Arts Festival could give you an advantage when you're trying to crack your way into the competitive world of the film industry.

The theme of this year's Festival is Imagination, so we're looking for films which show us your innovation, creativity and film making capability. Your film can be up to 20 minutes long, be copied onto DVD minus R, and the content of the film must be suitable for audiences of 12 and over i.e. no bad language, nudity, offensive content etc. Also, as this is a festival that celebrates youth art, all entrants must be no older than 26 years old. The deadline for film entries is Friday the 10th of June. We aim to inform all applicants as to whether they have been successful by the fourth week of June.

The screening will take place on the 11th of July, and we will be showing approximately 10 of the films entered, depending on the duration of the films that are submitted. Each winning film-maker will be given tickets for themselves and 3 guests at the screening.

Further details are available online at <http://www.iyafestival.org.uk>.

All the best,

The Birdies Film Festival Team.

Sign the Terms & Conditions

The Birdies Film Festival has these Terms & Conditions. We can only accept submissions with the filled in and signed form. We consider a signed form as binding.

Submission Eligibility

- Your film can be up to 20 minutes long, be copied onto DVD minus R, and the content of the film must be suitable for audiences of 12 and over i.e. no bad language, nudity, offensive content etc.
- All foreign language films must be subtitled in English (the costs of which are to be covered by the applicant).
- All rights, permissions and clearances must be obtained prior to submission and applicants must ensure that they have the right to submit the work with regard to third parties connected with the production of the film in question. By entering your work, you agree to this and the responsibilities involved. The Birdies Film Festival assumes no responsibility for violation of copyright law.

Submission Form to the IYAF Office at the following address **by Friday 10th June, 2011**:

**The International Youth Arts Festival
c/o Arts Office
Guildhall 2
Kingston upon Thames
Surrey
KT1 1EU**

Selection

Selection will be carried out by The Birdies Film Festival team and judging panel. No correspondence will be entered into regarding the selection process and the decision of the Festival Director is final.

We aim to inform successful applicants by the fourth week of June. Unfortunately, due to the volume of entries, we may be unable to offer individual feedback or enter into any discussion about your work.

All successful submissions will be listed on our website (www.iyafestival.org.uk) and successful applicants will be notified by email or over the phone. Please therefore make sure that we can reach you in the months of May, June and July so that we can confirm your film's inclusion in the Festival programme.

Please note that only successful applicants will be notified.

Festival Screenings and Scheduling

All screenings during the Festival period will take place at the discretion of the Festival. We reserve the right to make changes to the advertised schedule at any time for any reason and will not accept liability for any costs incurred as a result of such changes.

No film may be withdrawn from The Birdies Film Festival programme after its selection/participation has been confirmed.

Formatting

The film must be available to screen in the following film and video formats (PAL):

Shorts: DVD and Blu-Ray

No formats other than those listed above will be accepted.

The Festival is not able to cover the costs of any format transfers or subtitling.

Screening copies of selected titles must be received by the Festival by 10th June 2011.

The International Youth Arts Festival will accept responsibility for technical damage to screening copies of selected titles while they are in the possession of the Festival and will reimburse the value of the DVD/Blu-Ray (or part thereof) only. Please ensure that you have sufficient insurance to cover your work while in transit to and from the Festival.

I **AGREE** to these Terms & Conditions.

I **DO NOT AGREE**, at risk of disqualification

Name (Printed)

Date/...../..... Signed