

# 2009 ENDLESS MOUNTAINS DIGITAL FILM FESTIVAL

## Festival Rules and Submission Process

Founded by the Bradford County Regional Arts Council and Box of Light Theatre

### Mission:

“To encourage the creative and pioneering spirit of young people working in digital arts”

**FESTIVAL CATEGORIES:** First, Second, Third and Honorable Mention in each category. (judges will have the power to create special awards as well)

- 12 and Under
- Teen / Adult (Ages 13 and over)

**FESTIVAL DATES at Sponsoring Theatres:**

- May 17, 2009 at 2:00pm (Keystone Theatre, Towanda, PA)
- TBA, (Sayre Theatre, Sayre, PA)
- TBA, (Dietrich Theater, Tunkhannock, PA)
- Other theatres/schools possible

**FILM LENGTHS:**

- 12 and Under – 6 minutes or less
- Teen / Adult Festival – 8 minutes or less
- Films over the limits may be submitted, but judges may choose to penalize or not view long films.

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** May 1, 2009 12:00 PM (noon) (This is **not** a postmark deadline. All films must be received by the Bradford County Regional Arts Council, 601 Main St, Towanda, PA 18848 (570-268-2787) by noon (12:00 PM) on May 1, 2009.

**ENTRY FEE:** Thanks to the Festival Sponsor (TBD), there will be no entry fee for submissions to the Endless Mountains Digital Film Festival.

**ENTRY FORM:** Each film must be accompanied by a Submission Form, downloadable from [www.bcrac.org](http://www.bcrac.org) or [www.boxoflight.org](http://www.boxoflight.org) . Call 570-268-2787 with questions.

**ABOUT THE FILMS:**

Films must have a plot or storyline.  
Each film must fit within the time period for each category or risk penalty (see above). Each film must have language and subject matter appropriate for a general audience. Films that incorporate any storyline, video or audio segments that are not originally produced (e.g. licensed music) must note this on the submission form and cite the sources used in the credits of the film.

**JUDGING:**

Each film will be judged by an independent panel. No Box Of Light or Bradford County Regional Arts Council employee will be involved in the judging. The top three films in each category will be awarded prizes and will be shown in their entirety each night. In addition, the festival will have an additional award given each night at sponsoring theatres, based upon votes from the audience. Judges will divide over \$600 in prize money between the winners and the two top winners will have their names engraved on the Festival Trophy.

**CRITERIA:**

Assuming the Entrance Requirements (below) are met, the films will be judged on the level of

- originality and creativity
- the quality of technical elements

**ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:**

- All filmmakers should be residents of the Endless Mountains Region (Wyoming, Susquehanna, Bradford, Tioga, Sullivan, Columbia, Montour or Lycoming Counties)
- Films created in Box Of Light film classes or school district classes are eligible.
- Films submitted in the Festival can have adult assistance. Adults can be consultants or advisors, but not creators or doers. The judges need to believe that the primary work on the film was done by the appropriately aged filmmaker(s).
- All films must be submitted in DVD format.
- All filmmakers must agree that the Endless Mountains Digital Film Festival can sell their film as part of a Festival DVD and retain all earnings from the DVD Sales. Beyond this, all rights to the films remain with the filmmakers.

**Film Festival Presentation:**

The Endless Mountains Film Festival presentation (at regional theatres) will include a quick overview of all of the films but only the winners' films will be shown in their entirety. A \$3.00 admission price will be charged and the audience will vote for their favorite film and the winner of the evening's special prize. After presentation at the Sponsoring Theatres, the Festival presentation will be made available to other venues.

**For more information:**

Call Box of Light Theatre Company at 1-800-722-1978 or  
Bradford County Regional Arts Council at 570-268-2787 (ARTS)

**Sponsors:**

- Entertainment Equipment Corporation
- Troy Area School District
- Pennsylvania Council on the Arts
- Box of Light Theatre
- Bradford County Regional Arts Council
- Wyoming County Cultural Center

**2009 ENDLESS MOUNTAINS DIGITAL FILM FESTIVAL**  
**SUBMISSION FORM**

**Film Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Category:**                    \_\_\_\_\_ 12 and Under  
   \_\_\_\_\_ Teen / Adult (Ages 13 and over)

**Name of person submitting film:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Please note: Each film needs to be submitted by a single person. Any awards earned by this film will be received by the person submitting the film.)

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_                    **State:** \_\_\_\_\_                    **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_                    **Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional credits:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please list names and credits of others involved in film.)

EG: Director:                    Joe Smith,

Starring:                    Joe Smith

Part of Old Woman:    Joe Smith.

Please do not go overboard on this. We will only be able to announce a few names for each film chosen for the festival.)

Be sure to note if you have used video or audio that is not your creation.

**Format of submitted film:**    \_\_\_\_\_ DVD

\*Must have approval from Festival to submit in other format.

Please return **2 PRINTED COPIES OF THIS FORM** along with **TWO COPIES OF THE SUBMITTED FILM** to:

**ENDLESS MOUNTAINS DIGITAL FILM FESTIVAL,**  
**BRADFORD COUNTY REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL,**  
601 Main Street, Towanda, PA 18848

**Questions** regarding Festival Rules, Submission Process, etc. , contact Brooks Eldredge-Martin, Bradford Regional Arts Council 570-268-2787 [brooks@bcrac.org](mailto:brooks@bcrac.org)