



## **Q&A SHEET FOR POTENTIAL ENTRANTS**

### **Updated March 2010**

#### **When will the VSFF take place?**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Vancouver Short Film Festival will take place October 28-29, 2010. We are committed to screening in Fall so that filmmakers can submit and screen at other festivals such as VIFF and TIFF earlier in the year, and still have a chance to screen and gain awards at our festival.

#### **Where does the VSFF take place?**

At the VIFC Vancity Theatre: 1181 Seymour St, Vancouver (Downtown)

#### **When is the submission deadline?**

Sunday, August 1, 2010, 6:00 PM PST

#### **How much is the submission fee?**

Post-Secondary Student entry fee: \$25

Professional Artist entry fee: \$35

#### **Who are eligible to participate?**

**Students:** You must be a current student at a post-secondary institution in British Columbia and have made your film before graduating.

**Professional artists:** You must have graduated from a post-secondary institution at the festival date and/or be currently working in BC with a significant body of work in short film, video, or new media.

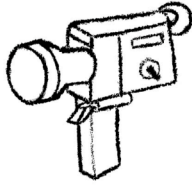
All professional artists will receive an artist fee of \$100 minimum after the festival.

#### **Can I submit stuff I made in 2007 or before?**

Films must have been completed in 2008, 2009 or 2010.

#### **How long should each short film be?**

No more than 15 minutes including credits.



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### **Who are the judges?**

None are confirmed yet, but last year's judges included: *Kate Green, Ryan Catherwood, Kryshan Randel, Amanda Tapping, Julia Kwan, and Sue Biely.*

### **What are the key criteria judges would consider when evaluating a film?**

Judges look for everything in a film including overall production value, direction, camerawork, acting, narrative, use of location, genre, and in the case of animation, use of FX.

### **What were the 2009 awards?**

Please see our 2009 awards page at: [http://www.vdff.com/?page\\_id=97](http://www.vdff.com/?page_id=97)

We hope to have these awards in BOTH student and professional categories again in 2010.

### **What are the prizes this year?**

None are confirmed yet; we hope to have the same or more categories as last year.

### **How do I submit my film?**

Please visit our website at [www.vdff.com](http://www.vdff.com) to fill out a form and follow the instructions for payment and submission requirements.

### **If I submit my film after August 1st, would you still accept my application?**

Any films received after 6 PM on August 1<sup>st</sup> won't be eligible for screening.

### **In what format should I submit my film?**

Preview copies must be submitted in DVD format. We will be accepting electronic format soon, and will update instructions at that time.

We will contact you for a screening copy if your film is selected.

### **Would VSFF consider my application if I am submitting to or screening at other film festivals or online?**

Yes, but be aware that other festivals often require **premiere** screenings. In the event you are accepted into such a festival that screens after VSFF, you may contact us to have your film withdrawn from our screening.

### **How many films can I submit?**

No limit – as many as you want.



### **How many films will be screened this year?**

It depends on the length of each film and our screening time, but we estimate between 10-20 films per student and professional category.

### **When will results be decided?**

Selected filmmakers will be notified by email in mid-September.

### **What rights does VSFF have when I submit my film?**

Submitting your film to VSFF implies that you are offering us a single-screening license for your film. We may use clips or images from your film in trailers, online, or on TV to promote both the festival and your film. If you are one of our top 2 festival films (as deemed by the festival jury), the VSFF may forward copies of your film to other festivals or broadcast media as part of an award or festival partnership. We will always contact you for permission, and you may inform us if you would not like your film to be forwarded on your behalf after screening at our festival.

### **Where can I learn more about VSFF?**

[www.vdff.com](http://www.vdff.com)

### **If I have further questions regarding your festival, who should I contact?**

Please go to [www.vdff.com](http://www.vdff.com), and go to the Contact section to email the VSFF staff.

For any inquires about the submission process, please email [submissions@vsff.com](mailto:submissions@vsff.com).