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2017 Underexposed Film Festival yc

Call for Filmmakers

ROCK HILL, SC – The 2016 *Underexposed Film Festival yc* (UFFyc) is upon us, and it’s turning around in 2017! For the past five years, the UFFyc has been held in November. Beginning in 2017, the festival will be held in March in York County, SC. The UFFyc focuses its attention on encouraging, nurturing, and supporting the creativity and vision of independent filmmakers, and providing a forum where their work can be viewed. The UFFyc sets itself apart by actively looking for “the undiscovered talent” waiting to be exposed. We seek diversity in storytelling and provide an opportunity for both emerging and seasoned filmmakers to screen in the same forum while encouraging dialogue between the two.

Since its inception in 2012, the Festival has showcased the best in indie filmmaking from across the world. Never wavering in its mission, the UFFyc continues its focus on strength in storytelling, screening films that feature characters who come to life, breaking down the fourth wall, and enveloping the audience in each story. Independent filmmakers across the world are invited to submit professionally presented short films, with a runtime of 45 minutes or less to participate in this juried competition in one of the following categories:

* Narrative | Fictional filmmaking that includes comedy, drama, action, thriller, adventure, fantasy, mystery, sci-fi, western, horror, film-noir, romance, sports, family-friendly, and more.
* Animation | Animated filmmaking - including but not limited to traditional, hand drawn animation, flip book animation, stop motion animation, computer animation, mechanical animation, puppetry, mixed media, and special effects animation.
* Experimental | Experimental films may be avant-garde, non-linear, and non-narrative. They may include the utilization of abstracting techniques, asynchronous sound, and are not limited by the constraints of traditional filmmaking. But, don’t let us define it for you…
* Documentary | Non-fictional filmmaking that includes cultural, topical and historical subjects.

Awards totaling $1,500 will be presented at the Festival. Awards given to the best of show, as well as the best of each category, with special awards given to the following:

* Cinema Carolina | Best independent film made in North or South Carolina, regardless of category, content, or subject. 75% of the principal photography must take place in North or South Carolina to be eligible for this award. Only one award will be given.
* Woman to Watch | Best Female Director Award. All female directed films in each category are eligible for this award. Only one award will be given.
* Best Student Film | K-12 | Student films are eligible when created by a student filmmaker enrolled in a K-12 program while in production. All student films from each category are eligible for this award. Only one award will be given per category.
* Best Student Film | Collegiate | Student films are eligible when created by a student filmmaker enrolled in a collegiate program while in production. All student films from each category are eligible for this award. Only one award will be given per category.
* Terry Roueche Audience Choice | All films submitted for competition are eligible for the Terry Roueche Audience Choice. The audience at each of the blocks that feature juried films is invited to vote for their favorite juried film. Director’s Choice films are not eligible for this award. Only one award will be given.

Entries will only be accepted through FilmFreeway.com for the 2017 UFFyc. For guidelines and entry information, visit https://filmfreeway.com/festival/UnderexposedFilmFestivalyc or underexposedfilmfestivalyc.org.

Entry deadlines and entry fees for the 2017 Underexposed Film Festival yc are as follows:

Sunday, November 6, 2016 – Standard - $20 | Student Rate - $15

Sunday, December 4, 2016 – Standard - $30 | Student Rate - $25

Sunday, January 8, 2017 – Standard - $40 | Student Rate - $35

The films selected for screening will be screened at the Underexposed Film Festival yc, to be held in Rock Hill, SC, March 2-5, 2017. Visit underexposedfilmfestivalyc.org for more information on all UFFyc events and screenings.

For more information on Arts Council events, contact the Arts Council of York County at 803-328-2787, by email at arts@yorkcountyarts.org, or visit our webpage at http://www.yorkcountyarts.org.

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