

# 6th Annual Central Wisconsin Film Festival

## November 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 2011

### OPEN SUBMISSIONS – ENTRY INFORMATION

**DEADLINE: Wednesday, September 1, 2011, 4:30 pm.**

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#### **Eligibility:**

Open Submissions are for filmmakers who would like their film to be considered for programming in the 6th Annual Central Wisconsin Film Festival (*cwfilmfest*), November 2011, and who will not be submitting films via the Student Submissions. See [www.cwfilmfest.org](http://www.cwfilmfest.org) for detailed description of OPEN and STUDENT SUBMISSIONS.

#### **OPEN Submissions Rules:**

- **Short Film category:** Films 2 - 60 minutes in length. No trailers with credits no longer than 1 minute.
- **Full length category:** Films 1 – 2 hours in length. No trailers.
- **Types of Films Accepted:** Narrative, documentary, experimental, or animated films. Films in or with prior limited commercial release, theatrical exhibition, commercial TV broadcast or webcast, or limited commercial video distribution will be considered. *Cwfilmfest* will NOT consider commercials or advertisements, educational, industrial, medical or informational films, video games or new media games.
- Because *cwfilmfest* is being promoted to the general public, the Arts Alliance of Portage County, Inc. anticipates families with children will attend. **Submissions should address controversial topics in a professional manner. Submissions cannot be sexually explicit, portray images that demean or are violent toward any person, gender, race, ethnic group or animals, or use extreme levels of profanity.**
- **Other Festival Exhibition:** Entries that have been shown in other festivals or in limited non-commercial exhibitions are eligible. Preference is given to films without significant exposure in Wisconsin markets prior to the *cwfilmfest*.
- **Entries previously submitted** to the *cwfilmfest* **will not** be considered.
- **Film Completion Date:** Film entries submitted must have been completed within a year of submission deadline.
- **Formats Accepted:** All submission must be High Quality DVDs with no trailers. You will be contacted if a second DVD is required upon acceptance to the *cwfilmfest*. Materials will not be returned.
- **Screening Rights:** All submitted materials become the property of *cwfilmfest* and Arts Alliance of Portage County, Inc., with exclusive Central Wisconsin showing rights from date of receipt through December 2011. In addition, *cwfilmfest* reserves rights for ONE additional educational screening in early 2012 of selected films to expand our rural outreach mission. Filmmakers can opt out of this by checking the appropriate box on the entry form.
- **Copyrights:** For each submitted work, entrants are responsible for providing in writing all necessary rights and permission documents for the legal *cwfilmfest* exhibition of their entry. For example: music, graphics, copyright materials... Usual protocol is to contact the publisher of copyright material for release permission.
- **Number of Submissions:** More than one entry is acceptable, but **each entry must have** a separate entry form and fee.
- **Award Recognition:** All submissions are entered in the Central Wisconsin Film Festival Audience Choice Awards.
- **Final Decisions:** By submitting their film, entrants agree to abide by the final decisions of *cwfilmfest* programmers.

QUESTIONS? Please visit [www.cwfilmfest.org](http://www.cwfilmfest.org)

## ADDITIONAL GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Entrant/Contact** is the point person for information and tickets (we can only work with one person per film).
- **Schedule**  
Submission Deadline: Sept. 1, 2011.  
6th Annual *cwfilmfest* takes place Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

The final *cwfilmfest* schedule will be announced October 15, 2011 on our website at [www.cwfilmfest.org](http://www.cwfilmfest.org). The full schedule will also be printed in the Stevens Point Journal and Amherst's Community Spirit. Until the screening schedule is set by mid October, we will be unable to answer questions about the date and time of your specific screening.

- **Promotion**

All *cwfilmfest* publicity is handled through the Arts Alliance of Portage County offices. We hope you will be available for media interviews if requested; you will be contacted by us or the media directly if the opportunity arises.

- **Attending the Festival**

Filmmakers (director, producers, writers, etc.) are invited to attend the *cwfilmfest*. There may be the possibility to participate in a post-film Q&A. **Please be sure to list your preferred contact information on the *Submission Entry Form*** and whether you would be willing to participate in a Q&A. Unfortunately, funds are not available to sponsor your attendance.

- **Tickets**

We are excited about having your film in the *cwfilmfest*, and that you may want to attend along with crew, family, and friends. Each film maker will receive **TWO** complimentary Weekend Pass Tickets for the festival. These will be sent with your acceptance letter. Additional tickets are available for purchase at the start of each screening. Tickets are required.

- **Communicating with *cwfilmfest***

We ask that all communications with *cwfilmfest* about your film be made through the designated Entrant/contact. For general information about the *cwfilmfest*, please go to [www.cwfilmfest.org](http://www.cwfilmfest.org). For specific questions, please email [info@cwfilmfest.org](mailto:info@cwfilmfest.org). When emailing please be sure to include the title of your film, your name, and entrant information.

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Thank you for your participation and interest...see you at the movies!

# OPEN SUBMISSIONS ENTRY FORM

Each entry must have a signed, completed form with entry fee (check or money order), original DVD, film synopsis, principal cast and crew list, and brief filmmaker bios.

**TITLE OF WORK:** \_\_\_\_\_

Director/Filmmaker: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Entrant/Contact person (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE: The entrant is the point person for information and tickets (we can only work with one person per film).

Production Company (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Entrant/Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred contact:

email

Entrant/Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

phone Best time: \_\_\_\_\_

Web: \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in participating in Q &A \_\_\_\_\_

Genre:  Narrative  Documentary  Experimental  Animation

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Running Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Black&White \_\_\_\_\_

Country if not USA \_\_\_\_\_ Language: \_\_\_\_\_ Subtitled in English \_\_\_\_\_

### PREMIERE STATUS

Will the 2011 Central Wisconsin Film Festival November 4-6, 2011 screening of your film be a:

\_\_\_\_ World Premiere (never shown publicly before)

\_\_\_\_ Midwest Premiere (not shown before in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, or Wisconsin)

\_\_\_\_ Wisconsin Premiere (not shown anywhere in Wisconsin)

### OTHER FESTIVALS / EXHIBITION

List exhibition history for this entry, including names, dates and locations of other festivals, commercial or non-commercial exhibition, and television broadcast, and awards. Attach separate sheet if needed.

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Film name

## CERTIFICATION OF ENTRANT:

I, the undersigned, acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. I have read, understood and complied with all eligibility requirements of the Open Submissions process for which I would like this film to be considered;
2. To the best of my knowledge, all of the statements in this document are true;
3. This film entry is not subject to litigation nor is threatened by any litigation;
4. I am duly authorized to submit this film/entry to *cwfilmfest*;
5. I have secured all necessary copyrights and permissions for the film/entry to be exhibited at *cwfilmfest*, and for any photographs/images provided to *cwfilmfest* to be used for publicity purposes;
6. I hold the Central Wisconsin Film Festival, the Arts Alliance of Portage County, Inc. and its agents harmless from damage or loss that may result from my failure to secure such necessary copyrights and permissions;
7. I hold the Central Wisconsin Film Festival, the Arts Alliance of Portage County, Inc. and its agents harmless from damage to or loss of the print/entry en route or otherwise during the course of the *cwfilmfest*'s possession of the film;
8. Should this film/entry win an award at the Central Wisconsin Film Festival, I am authorized and/or empowered by all parties legally representing this film/entry to designate the following individual(s) to receive the award.
9. I give my permission for exclusive Central Wisconsin showing rights from date of receipt through December 2011 and ONE additional educational screening in early 2012 of selected films to expand *cwfilmfest*'s rural outreach mission.

**\*Please check box if...**

- I do not want my film included in the ONE additional educational screening in early 2012 of selected films to expand *cwfilmfest*'s rural outreach mission.

**I AGREE UPON THE TERMS OF THIS ENTRY AS CERTIFIED ABOVE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

<b>ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY: 4:30 p.m. September 1, 2011</b>
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**SEND TO:**  
 Central Wisconsin Film Festival  
 c/o Business Consultants  
 1709 Clark Street  
 Stevens Point, WI 54481  
 ATTN: Open Submissions

## OPEN SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

### ENTRIES MUST INCLUDE:

- Completed and signed *Entry Form* for each entry submitted.
- Certification of Entrant/Contact* for each entry submitted.
- Entry fee of \$10 (check or money order ONLY) for each entry submitted. Made payable to **Arts Alliance of Portage County, Inc.**
- A high quality DVD, no trailers. Only one entry per DVD. Mark name of film/filmmaker clearly on the case and the DVD.
- Word document of film synopsis (no more than 7 sentences), principal cast and crew list, and brief filmmaker bios.
- At least one still photo from the film for publicity purposes. High resolution (minimum 300 dpi) TIFF (preferred), or JPG files, size at least 3 x 5 at 300 dpi.
- Copyright release documentation.

### ENTRY FEES:

Open Submissions: \$10

Check or money order only, payable to: **Arts Alliance of Portage County, Inc.**

*A \$25 fee is charged for any check returned by your bank as unpaid/insufficient funds*

## INCOMPLETE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

We will send notification of receipt of entry. DVDs and all other materials will NOT be returned.

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