

**YOUTHTOWN** *Filmworks*  
**REEL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL 2008**  
**INFORMATION SHEET**

Film Requirements

Submissions may be fiction, documentary or animation but must be appropriate for an audience under the age of 19.

If you are specifically making a film to submit into our Festival please keep your film between 2 and 10 minutes long including credits.

Films made in 2007, and not for Reel Short can be submitted into the Festival i.e. short films made for other competitions / festivals or as school projects. Films entered in this category over 10 minutes in length will be considered

Works submitted in languages other than English must be subtitled in English.

Movies with a Message

This year we have created a special category with a global flavour. Have you got something to say about something important? This category covers films or documentaries that deal with themes such as the environment, discrimination or war and peace. You don't need to travel overseas to make a film with a global message, the same issues are right here in Aotearoa New Zealand.

For more information on global issues check out [www.justfocus.org.nz](http://www.justfocus.org.nz)

If you would like your film included in this category then make sure you tick the box on the registration form. You can discuss the issue portrayed in your short film in your background statement.

Films entered into this category will be judged by a representative from The Global Education Centre and will be eligible for a prize pack including movie tickets, fair trade chocolate and a year's subscription to New Internationalist Magazine.

Format

All entries must be submitted on Mini DV format or on a DVD. Your DVD must be PAL, any DVDs received as NTSC may be disqualified.

Please make sure your DVD plays on a domestic DVD player before sending it in.

If you have any queries about other formats please email Jewelz [jewelz@youthtown.org.nz](mailto:jewelz@youthtown.org.nz)

Supporting Material

Films must be submitted with signed Conditions of Entry form, Registration form, and a one page background statement detailing the purpose, message or motivations of the film and Director.

Acceptance into Festival

Films must meet the minimum quality standards outlined below.

Films will not be accepted without all completed forms and the \$15 submission fee.

Film makers must be aged 13 - 18 years old while making their film and must not be studying filmmaking or other related subjects full time at a tertiary institution in 2007.

Every effort will be made to include all eligible submissions into the festival. However if many submissions to the festival are received entries will be evaluated on their technical and artistic merit before being shown on Festival night.

#### Minimum Quality Standards

Films will be played on a large screen. The picture and audio quality of your film must be of an acceptable viewing standard. Generally this means movies filmed using cell phones and still digital cameras will not be acceptable.

#### Festival Night

Bring your friends, family and other film lovers to the Festival Night, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March at South Seas Film, Television and Animation School in Birkenhead on the North Shore. We will have nibbles and a guest speaker from the film industry.

Tickets will be limited and people will be required to RSVP to the Film Festival Co-ordinator on 379 5430 ext 806 or email [jewelz@youthtown.org.nz](mailto:jewelz@youthtown.org.nz). If we receive a high number of film submissions then the Festival will show over 2 nights.

#### Parental/guardian permission

All film participants aged 13 and under must have consent from parents/legal guardians.

#### Closing date for submissions

Films must be submitted before 6pm Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

#### Contact People

For any enquires about the Reel Short Film Festival contact Jewelz at Youthtown on 379 5430 ext 806 or [jewelz@youthtown.org.nz](mailto:jewelz@youthtown.org.nz)

Special thanks to:



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