



CALL FOR ENTRIES 2008

The Toronto Palestine Film Festival (TPFF) is now accepting entries for the first annual festival to be held in October 2008.

Conceived by Palestine House, the Festival is an important component of the year-long activities commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Nakba. Cinema represents a powerful means for visually interpreting the collective identity and historic struggle of the Palestinian people. The Festival will present in film the extraordinary narrative of a dispossessed people living in exile or under Israeli occupation and will introduce Canadian audiences to the rich variety of Palestinian cinema.

While highlighting the work of Palestinian filmmakers the festival will showcase the diverse and creative work of all filmmakers (any nationality) exploring both historic and contemporary themes related to Palestinian culture, experience, and narrative.

Eligibility

TPFF will showcase the diverse and creative work of all Palestinian filmmakers where ever they live exploring both historic and contemporary themes related to Palestinian culture, experience, and narrative.

The TPFF Selection Committee accepts films, videos and digital media in the following categories:

- Feature Films
- Documentaries
- Shorts (including animated or experimental works)
- Youth Work (created by filmmakers under the age of 18)

Entries can be of any length. All foreign language entries must be subtitled in English. Entries should be produced between 2003 and 2008. Any works currently in production may be submitted as rough cuts but, if selected, must be provided in final form with English subtitles by August 30th, 2008.

Formats accepted for Submission (for the selection process only): DVD/VHS (PAL or NTSC) or QuickTime movies on CD (for shorts or youth work only)

Formats accepted for Exhibition (for presentation at the festival):

Film: 35mm and 16mm

Video: DigiBeta or BetaSP (NTSC preferred)

Digital: DV and Mini DV

(DVDs are NOT ACCEPTABLE unless they are for short films of under 15 minutes.)

Deadlines

Early submission deadline:

March 30th, 2008

Extended submission deadline:

April 30th, 2008

Filmmakers will be notified of selections via email by July 30th, 2008. This will be followed by letters of acceptance mailed to all filmmakers whose works have been selected for inclusion in the festival. Film selections will be publicly announced on the TPFF website by August 30th, 2008.



Instructions for Submission

Entries submitted for screening must include the following:

1. Completed entry
2. Two copies of each entry in DVD/VHS format (PAL or NTSC) or CD (QuickTime movie)
3. Brief description or synopsis of entry (40-50 words) in English or Arabic
4. Brief biography of filmmaker and any previous screenings, awards or promotional materials on the entry submitted
5. Two or more digital still photos from your film (300 dpi) for use in promotional materials

Entries must be postmarked by the submission deadline date. The entry form may be submitted by mail or fax prior to media and other materials being shipped.

All other documents (in Microsoft Word, RTF or plain ASCII text format) or photos (in JPEG or TIFF format) may be submitted via email (if overall file size is less than 5 MB). For larger file sizes submit via CD mailed to the address below.

To avoid damage to any materials shipped, please use bubble wrap mailers or boxes when mailing submissions. Please label all media with the title and date of the work.

Preview copies of all entries submitted will not be returned; they will be retained by TPFf and added to our library of submissions for future review.

Note: The shipping cost is the sole responsibility of the owner/distributor. TPFf is only responsible for the return shipping of the exhibited film/video to its owner/distributor. Our staff will take every precaution in handling all films and videos. However, TPFf cannot accept or assume responsibility for damage to, or loss of, materials submitted.

TPFf will consider paying for the cost of shipping materials for **international or youth entries**. Please contact us via email to make your request.

Submit Entries To:

TPFf Selection Committee
Toronto Palestine Film Festival
102A-1075 Bay Street
Suite 148
Toronto, Ontario M5S 2B2
Canada

Fax : 905-270-3628
Email : submissions@tpff.ca
Web : <http://www.tpff.ca>



TPFF Submission Form 2008

Film Details

Original Title: _____

Title in English: _____

Director: _____

Producer: _____

Duration (in minutes): _____ Date completed: _____

Category: Feature Film Documentary Short Animation Experimental

Submission Format: VHS NTSC/PAL DVD (NTSC/PAL) QuickTime CD

Exhibition Format: 35mm 16mm DigiBeta BetaSP DV Mini-DV
(NTSC/PAL) (NTSC/PAL) (NTSC/PAL) (NTSC/PAL)

Youth Work Age of youth filmmaker(s) at the time of completion _____

Brief description or synopsis (40-50 words) and Biography of filmmakers (on separate page)

Language(s): _____ English Subtitles (Required): Yes / No

Previous Screenings? If yes, provide details. _____

How did you hear about TPFF? _____

Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____



Terms and Conditions

By signing, I acknowledge and agree to the following: To the best of my knowledge, all statements in this document are true.

- I am duly authorized, on my behalf and on behalf of any person or entity that has ownership rights in the work, to submit it to the Festival and I represent that this submission is not in violation of any law nor violates any right of said person or entity.
- I hold the Toronto Palestine Film Festival, its officers, as well as any of its fiscal sponsors and affiliated entities, harmless from any damage to, or loss of, any materials submitted by me, whether that damage/loss occurs en route to or from the Festival or during the course of the Festival's possession of said materials.
- I grant the Festival permission to keep the preview video, CD or DVD in the Festival library that is available for research, education, and/or noncommercial screenings.

Signature

Date

Please print out and mail or fax this completed entry form (both pages) by the deadlines indicated to TPFf staff at the address below. Separate forms must be completed for each entry submitted.

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