



Imperial County Film Commission

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5th Annual IV Film Festival & Artist Showcase, 2015 Film Entry Submission Form

Deadline For Entries:

\$20 Early Bird Submission (Deadline: May 27, 4pm)

\$40 Regular Submission (Deadline: July 15, 4pm)

\$70 Late Entry (Deadline: August 12, 4pm)

**Festival Screening Date: Saturday, October 24, 2015
@ The Barbara Worth Country Club**

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Imperial Valley Film Festival 2015

Call for Entries- Entry Application Form

OVERVIEW: This is the 5th Annual Imperial Valley Film Festival, a juried exhibition of student and independent filmmakers' work. The Festival will showcase a wide range of film projects created by students and independent filmmakers, with special emphasis given to those who live/lived, attend school, have local ties to, or work in Imperial County, Yuma County and the Mexicali Valley.

OBJECTIVE: The objective of the Film Festival is to support students and independent filmmakers by providing a public forum in which to showcase their work.

FILM AND VIDEO ENTRY CRITERIA: All entries must be the sole creative and technical effort of the individual submitting the work.

Film entries will be accepted in the following categories: 1. General Short Film; 2. Documentary/Historical Film; 3. Music Video; 4. Animation; 5. Short Shorts (60 seconds or less); 6. Feature Length (30+ Minutes).

Entries are open to the general public. Special recognition will be given to entries from individuals who live/lived, attend school, have local ties to, or work in Imperial County, Yuma County and Mexicali Valley. All entries, even if rejected for competition, **will not** be returned.

Please note that the Festival will accept films that adhere to the Motion Picture Association of America Ratings Board, Rating System for the following ratings: **General Audience, Parental Guidance Suggested and PG-13 Parents Strongly Cautioned. Some Material May be Inappropriate for Children under 13 & Rated R. Please note the attached description of these three ratings.** Any film or video containing R-rated material, nudity, graphic violence, or in the exclusive opinion of the Imperial County Film Commission glamorizes drug use or drug references, or alcohol or cigarette consumption **may not be accepted** for screening.

Submission to the film festival does not guarantee acceptance.

FILM FESTIVAL SUBMISSION FEE & DEADLINES:— \$20 PER ENTRY for Early Bird (non-Refundable), \$40 PER ENTRY for Regular Submission (non-refundable), \$70 PER ENTRY (non-refundable) for Late entries
DEADLINES FOR ENTRIES: May 27 (Early Bird), July 15 (Regular) & August 12 (Late)
FESTIVAL SCREENING DATE: October 24, 2015 at the Barbara Worth Country Club in Holtville.

Imperial County Film Festival Acceptable Rating System for All Films

G: GENERAL AUDIENCES – All Ages Admitted. A G-rated motion picture contains nothing in theme, language, nudity, sex, violence or other matters that, in the view of the Film Commissioners, would offend parents whose younger children view the motion picture. Some snippets of language may go beyond polite conversation but they are common everyday expressions. No stronger words are present in G-rated motion pictures. Depictions of violence are minimal. No nudity, sex scene or drug use is present in the motion picture.

PG: PARENTAL GUIDANCE SUGGESTED – Some Material May Not Be Suitable for Children. The PG rating indicates, in the view of the Film Commissioners, that parents may consider some material unsuitable for their children. The more mature themes in some PG-rated motion pictures may call for parental guidance. There may be some profanity and some depictions of violence or brief nudity. But these elements are not deemed so intense as to require that parents be strongly cautioned beyond the suggestion of parental guidance. There is no drug use content in a PG-rated motion picture.

PG-13 – Parents Strongly Cautioned. Some Material May Be Inappropriate for Children Under 13. A PG-13 motion picture may go beyond the PG rating in theme, violence, nudity, sensuality, language, adult activities or other elements, but does not reach the restricted R category. Any drug use will initially require at least a PG-13 rating. More than brief nudity will require at least a PG-13 rating, but such nudity in a PG-13 rated motion picture generally will not be sexually oriented. There may be depictions of violence in a PG-13 movie, but generally not both realistic and extreme or persistent violence. A motion picture's single use of one of the harsher sexually derived words, though only as an expletive, initially requires at least a PG-13 rating. More than one such expletive requires an R rating, as must even one of those words used in a sexual context. The Film Commissioners may rate a motion picture PG –13 if the context or manner in which the words are used, or because the use of those words in the motion picture, is inconspicuous.

RATED R—Films are accepted at the sole discretion of the Imperial County Film Commission.

METHOD OF EVALUATION:

All entries will be screened and evaluated by the members of the Imperial Valley Film Festival Committee. The following film categories apply- **1. General Short Film; 2. Documentary/Historical Film; 3. Music Video; 4. Animation; 5. Short Shorts (60 seconds or less); 6. Feature Length (30+ Minutes).** A minimum of 5 films must be received per category in order to be judged within that category. If less than 5 films per category are received, the films will be judged within the General Short Films category.

ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS:

Please forward all entries with an accompanying completed and **SIGNED ENTRY FORM** to:

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Or via
Dropbox.com (filmhere@sbcglobal.com)

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM: 1 of 4

****ONE FORM PER ENTRY****

Film Information

Title _____

Date of Completion _____ Total Run Time _____

Imperial Valley Connection (film and/or filmmaker) _____

CATEGORY (check one)

1. **General Short Film (30 minutes or less)** _____
2. **Documentary/Historical Film (30 minutes or less)** _____
3. **Music Video** _____
4. **Animation** _____
5. **Short Shorts (60 seconds or less)** _____
6. **Feature Film (30+ Minutes)** _____

Director(s) Name _____

Crew (up to 5 names)

Cast (up to 5 names)

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM: 3 of 4

ONE FORM PER ENTRY

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Film Website: _____

Contact Person: _____

Title: _____

Production Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

Main E-mail Address _____

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

Shooting format (circle one)

35MM 16mm Beta Digital Other _____

Submission Format:

This year we encourage you to please submit your entry via DROPBOX. Dropbox is a FREE service and anyone can sign up to use it. Please visit DROPBOX.com to sign up and submit your films to filmhere@sbcglobal.net.

We will accept DVD's if you cannot make Dropbox work for you, but we DO NOT guarantee the quality of transfer or playback.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM: 4 of 4

****ONE FORM PER ENTRY****

Submitter Name _____

Date Submitted _____

By signing & submitting this form the submitter states that she or he is authorized to submit the film as the Maker or an Agent of the Maker.

Has accepted the rules and regulations of the Imperial County Film Festival

Agrees that the submitted copy will not be returned and no refund will be given for rejected films.

Allows the Imperial County Film Commission the right to promote, through all media types and outlets, the film submitted and to allow the film to be screened at the Imperial Valley Film Festival event.

I have read and filled out this form (as required) and I understand the Imperial Valley Film Festival is not responsible for damages or losses resulting from the festival review, exhibition or any other possible or unforeseen circumstance.

Submitter's Signature

Date

Return completed forms and Payment:

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