



Yorkton Film Festival receives 400 submissions

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Yorkton, SK – The Yorkton Film Festival is pleased to announce that 400 submissions have been received for the 2009 Golden Sheaf Awards competition.

The 2009 Golden Sheaf Awards competition, open to all Canadian Short Films, has received 400 submissions.

Along with the 21 category and 3 craft awards, the Festival is pleased to once again offer a number of special awards including the newly announced “Global Issues Award” sponsored by the Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation and the “Ruth Shaw Award”, formerly the Best of Saskatchewan Award. Included in the 21 categories, are 2 new awards for Community Cable Productions and Student Productions.

Submissions were accepted at the Festival’s website at www.goldensheafawards.com until the closing date of January 31, 2009 in the following categories:

- Aboriginal - 15
- Animation - 14
- Children’s Productions - 10
- Comedy - 21
- Community Cable Productions - 11
- Drama - 30
- Experimental - 8
- Lifestyle - 21
- Multicultural - 6
- Performing Arts & Entertainment - 12
- Student Productions - 32
- Youth Productions - 5
- Documentary Arts & Culture - 15
- Documentary Biography - 14
- Documentary History - 7
- Documentary Nature/Environment - 10
- Documentary POV (Point of View) - 16
- Documentary Science/Medicine - 11
- Documentary Short Subject - 24
- Documentary Social/Political - 33
- Documentary Series - 7

Submissions were also received for the following Special Awards:

- The Ruth Shaw Award (Best of Saskatchewan) - 41
- Emerging Filmmaker Award – 36

Along with the Ruth Shaw and Emerging Filmmaker awards, the Festival also offers these additional Special Awards:

- The Founders' Award
- The National Film Board Kathleen Shannon Award
- The Global Issues Award sponsored by Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation
- Best of the Festival

The Category award adjudications will take place from February 12 to March 2 and the nominees will be announced March 16. The Craft and Special award winners will be determined March 20-31, with the Craft award nominees announced April 8.

“We are extremely pleased with the number of submissions received this year, which is up substantially from 2008. 400 submissions is a testament to the impressive number of quality films being produced in Canada by large production companies, independent filmmakers and students. We look forward to awarding the winners during the 62nd Annual Yorkton Short Film & Video Festival May 21-24, 2009”, said Executive Director Randy Goulden.

About the Yorkton Film Festival

The Yorkton Film Festival is the longest running film festival in North America. In the 62 years of its existence the Festival has developed a tradition of recognizing excellent films and providing great professional development and learning opportunities. The Festival recognizes outstanding Canadian short films and rewards the very best with the annual Golden Sheaf Awards. Join us May 21-24, 2009.

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