

"Five Minute Film Festival"

Announcing the 2006/7 SalemCinema and Film North Student Short Video Competition.

Film North, Inc. is a non profit film and video collaborative developed to educate and grow the creative communications industry on the North Shore. As part of our commitment and SalemCinema to the local community, we're introducing a video competition for all public and private high schools and college students within Essex county.

The rules are simple, make a video five minute or less. It can be on any subject. Projects will be judged on a number of criteria ranging from creativity, script, acting, originality etc.... Creativity points will count the most, since not all schools have the same video facilities. Competitors will be working with their high school advisors, but we encourage students to contact the MediaNorth membership for help with ideas, problems or advice.

All entries will be judged by an expert independent panel. There will be number of prizes teams can win.

To find out more, go to www.filmnorth.org or you can also email questions to mleibov@filmnorth.org.

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All entries to the competition should be made between November 1, 2007 and March 31, 2008. Unauthorized reproduction is strictly forbidden. Questions may be directed to Film North leadership.

RULES/JUDGING for the 2007/8 Five Minute Film Festival

1. HAVE FUN! Learn, and be creative.
2. The competition is open to any high school student(s) within Essex County (This covers grades 9 – 12) and any college student within the county.
3. Programs may be shorter but no longer than 5 minutes (Including credits and titles, not 1 second longer!)
4. The production must be a new work produced between November 1, 2007 and March 31, 2008.
5. The production should be an original piece of work. It is essential that all the content is COPYRIGHT FREE. We want to students to learn about respecting artistic rights and challenge participants to be creative. We hope students will involve others in their schools and community to get involved and be creative. Whether it's getting the school band to write and perform some original music or art students making hand drawn or computer graphics. We also encourage teams/students to contact MediaNorth members and get their advice on technical problems, creative approaches, whatever. We are here to help where we can.
6. All parties involved with "Five Minute Film Festival" assign their rights over to the competition for screening, cablecasts and webcasts.
7. The production has to be submitted as either a Mini DV tape, DVD-r disc. Productions will be viewable on public web sites and cable stations wherever possible and without restriction. The project, therefore, cannot contain material that is judged to be offensive or obscene.
8. All projects must be received by 5:00 PM on March 31, 2008.

Material should be sent or dropped off to:
BevCam, ATTN: Film North, Inc., 100 Sohier Road, Beverly, MA 01960.
accompanied with the entry and video submission form.

9. The projects will be judged by an independent panel and their decision is final. CREATIVITY, not technical ability is the most important criteria for judging.

10. Judges may not be involved in the creation of any of the productions.

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