



February 17-26, 2017

2017 YOUTH FILMMAKER (YFS) APPLICATION

ABOUT PROVIDENCE CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL (PCFF)

PCFF presents the best of independent and international children's cinema to inspire, delight, educate, and connect a diverse community of children and families from Rhode Island and throughout New England. PCFF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2009.

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

The annual Providence Children's Film Festival takes place in February at multiple venues within walking distance of downtown Providence, with over ten days of screenings, film-making workshops, and free activities, along with post-film conversations that help deepen the film-watching experience and foster critical thinking skills. During the festival, PCFF screens an average of 16 feature-length and over 100 short films—including live-action, documentary, and animation—made by filmmakers from around the world. PCFF believes in providing enriching film opportunities for youth from an early age and inspiring and cultivating a new generation of filmmakers and storytellers.

BEYOND THE FESTIVAL

In addition to the annual festival, the organization partners and/or collaborates with a growing number community youth organizations to offer year-round educational opportunities, where children and families can learn about the history of the medium and its critical context, as well as the craft of film making, through after-school programs, hands-on workshops, and film-related presentations.

YOUTH FILMMAKER SHOWCASE (YFS)

As part of our annual Festival, PCFF is committed to nurturing the work of young "amateur" filmmakers and so is proud to present a juried program of films all made by youth—from here in Rhode Island and around the world—and to provide an opportunity for young filmmakers to talk about both the fun and the challenges they face during the creative process. This exciting screening is designed to encourage talented and committed up-and-coming young filmmakers, and to inspire those who are just thinking about it.

At the 2014 Providence Children's Film Festival we hosted the first Youth Filmmaker Showcase (YFS). The response exceeded EVERYONE'S expectations. Filmmakers from Rhode Island and New England submitted dozens of films with topics and narratives as diverse as the festival itself. Exhibiting young filmmaker projects on a large screen was just part of this wonderful experience. Getting to meet other aspiring, young filmmakers and participating in the post-show Q&A convinced us all to make this an annual tradition and integral part of our annual festival. Now we receive youth made films from all over the USA and the world!

2017 YOUTH FILMMAKER SHOWCASE (YFS) GUIDELINES (Please read carefully.):

- Films created / produced by youths, age 6 to 17, are considered to be “youth-produced”. An adult supervisor is allowed; however, the entire film MUST be conceived and created by the youth(s) submitting with minimal adult input.
- Youth-made films within a school setting and/or with a community organization are eligible. Please specify submitting school or organization on application form.
- Proof of student status is required. Youth applicants(s) must include a photocopy of valid, current student identification card OR provide a letter from the school’s administrator confirming current student status.
- Maximum film length is 15 minutes. PCFF accepts films of all genres.
- Films submitted to the YFS are not eligible for Festival Awards. The YFS is designed to be a non-competitive category of the festival.
- Full payment fee must be submitted with film entry (payment information below).
- All “accepted” youth filmmakers will receive a 2017 filmmaker pass that allows them entrance into ALL films being screened during the 2017 film festival. (* Space permitting. Opening and Closing Night events excluded.)
- All accepted short films are to be shown on a digital file. Any film that is not supplied in HD may be kept in the film’s original resolution. (*Our preferred format is Quicktime: h.264 codec, 1920x1080 frame size at 30fps.*)
- PCFF will email all entrants no later than **January 7, 2017** on whether films have been selected for the festival or not.

DEADLINES AND FEES:

- **“Early Bird” Submission Deadline: September 15, 2016**
YFS Fee: \$15.00
- **Regular Submission Deadline: November 15, 2016**
YFS Fee: \$20.00
- **Late Submission Deadline: November 25, 2016**
YFS Fee: \$25.00

PAYMENT

Please pay your submission fee by:

- Send Check/Money order made out to “Providence Children’s Film Festival”
Mail to: Providence Children’s Film Festival, 24 Corliss Street, P.O. Box #6724 Providence, RI 02940
- Visit our website submission page and use the PayPal button. Indicate film title in Memo Line when paying.
Website: <http://providencechildrensfilmfestival.org/submit-films/>

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INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

Student Name: _____ Gender: Male Female

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Date of Birth: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____

Email: _____ Primary Phone: _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Primary phone: _____

Parent / Guardian email: _____

Are you submitting film with a school / youth organization? YES NO

If yes, name of school / organization: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Mentor / Teacher Name: _____

Mentor / Teacher Email: _____

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR FILM

Title (in English): _____

Title (in original language): _____

Where (in what city, state, country) did you make the film? _____

What language is spoken in the film?
(If your film is in a language other than English, it must be subtitled.)

How long is the film? (In minutes.) _____ What year did you make this film? _____

How old were you when you made it? _____ If you have made films before, how many? _____

Director's name: _____ Producer's name/relation: _____

How did you hear about PCFF? _____

What film format will you be submitting in? (DVD or website/password) _____

What type of film are you entering? (You can circle more than one.)

LIVE ACTION ANIMATION DOCUMENTARY DRAMA COMEDY PSA MUSIC VIDEO OTHER DESCRIPTION:

PLEASE WRITE A PARAGRAPH TELLING US WHAT YOUR FILM IS ABOUT:

(Important: This must be completed. You may attach a paragraph on a separate piece of paper if preferred.)

2017 PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT: February 11-21, 2017

- All the information you provided on this entry form is true and accurate.
- The film you are submitting is truly the work of someone 17 years old or younger.
- There was minimal to no adult input in creating this film.
- I give PCFF permission to use an image of me and my film in its publicity and on its website.
- The individual submitting this film (1) warrants that they hold all necessary rights for submission of this film for exhibition in the Providence Children's Film Festival ("PCFF") and use in related promotional and educational events prior to the festival and up to 30 months thereafter and (2) shall indemnify and hold harmless PCFF from and against any and all claims, costs, suits, liabilities, losses, damages, and expenses (including but not limited to attorney's fees, and court costs) by reason of any claim involving copyright, trademark, credits, royalties, publicity and/or screening related to the film. In addition, the individual understands that PCFF will handle the film, film media and any related materials with a maximum of care but shall not be held liable for any damage or loss during the shipping, preview or screening of the same.
- Final acceptance decisions are made by the PCFF Director of Programming with assistance from the festival film jury. These decisions are final and are not subject to appeal. Submission fees are non-refundable.
- Final film format decisions of accepted films are solely decided by the PCFF Director of Programming. We will make every effort to show on the best format, with the best resolution and sound quality but there are no guarantees. Exhibition formats and level of screening quality may change based on equipment availability and venue changes.
- PCFF shall use best efforts to ensure correct title and credits are listed on festival materials but shall not be held liable for inadvertent errors and omissions. PCFF reserves the right to adjust dates and times of film screenings/festival and shall not be responsible for delays or cancellations due to equipment failure, shipping delays, inclement weather, the condition of the prints delivered, or for any reason outside the control of PCFF.
- PCFF reserves the right to decide all questions not specifically provided for herein.

I accept all of the rules and regulations (stated above in Participation Agreement and Guidelines) of the Providence Children's Film Festival (PCFF).

Youth Submitter Signature

Date

Please print name of youth

This form must ALSO be signed by a parent or legal guardian:

(The parent or legal guardian gives you permission to enter this festival and assumes all risk associated with your entry. Furthermore, the parent/guardian acknowledges and agrees to the information outlined in the participation agreement and all PCFF guidelines.)

Parent / Guardian Signature

Print name of parent or guardian

Date

Please mail this COMPLETED application, a DVD or website/password, proof of student status/age, and submission fee to:

- **If using United States Postal Service**, please send to:
Providence Children's Film Festival, 24 Corliss Street, P.O. Box #6724 Providence, RI 02940
(Note: FedEx and UPS will not be accepted at this address. See below.)
- **If using FedEx or UPS**, please send to:
Providence Children's Film Festival, 1005 Main St. (#1211), Pawtucket, RI 02860 voice: (401) 209-7585
FINAL DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 25, 2016. Email eric@providencechildrensfilmfestival.org with any questions.