



2010 Submission Guidelines

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About the Black Earth Film Festival: From September 17th – 19th, 2010 the Black Earth Film Festival will feature films by independent filmmakers. The festival is held in Galesburg, IL, a scenic community of 33,000 people with a strong tradition of supporting the arts, which is located between Davenport, IA and Peoria, IL.

Eligibility and Rules

- The competition is open to any film or video completed after January 1, 2008.
- Categories include: Feature (Over 55 minutes), Short (under 55 minutes), Documentary, and Animation
- The festival will accept DVD, VHS and Mini DV formats for pre-view screening. Accepted films must be made available on DVD for festival presentation.
- Productions that are not in English must be subtitled or dubbed in English.
- Each entry must be submitted with completed entry form and entry fee.
- A press kit must accompany each entry, (Cast and Crew Lists, Bio Sheets & 1 production still).
- All cash awards will be given to the primary applicant.
- Recycled or scratched discs will be disqualified. Please send new disc.

Release

- Submission of an entry allows the festival permission to use the work submitted in whole or part (including stills for promotion and publicity purposes).
- BEFF accepts no responsibility for breaches in copyright and the entrant releases BEFF for any and all claims and liabilities with respect to screening the entry before, during and after the festival.
- The entrant grants BEFF the rights to reproduce the work submitted to include it as part of a compilation for the purposes of promoting the festival and to exhibit the work by any means of communication to the public.
- The entrant warrants that all rights of the submitted work are cleared for festival usage by the festival submission deadline.

Acknowledgement of Receipt and Film Return Policy

When your entry is processed we shall notify you via e-mail. The festival will not be held responsible for loss or damage through post or handling. Unfortunately, due to high volume, all materials submitted cannot be returned.

Deadlines and Entry Fees

Early Bird Deadline: March 1, 2010

Regular Deadline: April 1, 2010

Late Deadline: June 1, 2010

Fees	Regular	Student
Early	\$30.00	\$25.00
Regular	\$40.00	\$35.00
Late	\$50.00	\$45.00

Student Discount Available with Student ID

All fees are to be submitted in US currency.

Checks/Money Orders made out to:

Galesburg Civic Art Center

Late Entries Postmarked by June 15, 2010 will be accepted for an additional \$5.00 fee.

Notification

Films selected for screening at the 2010 festival will be notified via e-mail no later than August 10, 2010. If no e-mail is available then notification will be mailed by the above date. Notifications of non-accepted entries will be e-mailed or mailed on the same date.

Mailing your Entry

Please send your completed entry form, pre-view copy of film and supporting materials to:

Galesburg Civic Art Center
114 East Main Street
Galesburg, IL 61401

If you have questions please call (309) 342-7415 or e-mail info@galesburgarts.org