

## **HAMMOND HORROR FESTIVAL 48-HOUR FILM CONTEST**

ENTRY DEADLINE IS Friday, August 25, 2017.

The Seventh Annual Hammond Horror Festival presents our second annual 48-HOUR SHORT FILM contest.

This event is open to anyone around the world.

Each Participant (or team) will write, shoot and edit a film no less than 1 minute and no more than 5 minutes long in exactly 48 hours.

Dates: September 8, 2017 (Friday) to September 10, 2017 (Sunday).

Filmmakers will be sent the following at 7:00pm (CST) – SHARP on September 8, 2017 (Friday):

Each contestant (or team) will be given: a genre for the film, a character, a prop and a line of dialogue that must appear in each film. Contestants (or teams) must post finished films to his/her free YouTube account and send a link to the posted film (and a password if needed) to chad.winters@selu.edu by 7:00pm (CST) Sunday, September 10, 2017.

**Entry Fee is \$40**

**Entry deadline: August 25, 2017**

**For fee payment and instructions for submitting your Entry Form visit**

**<http://www.hammondhorrorfest.org> and follow the link to the 48-HOUR SHORT FILM CONTEST.**

Your signature on the entry form constitutes your acceptance and agreement, on behalf of yourself, and the members of your cast and crew, to the Contest Rules posted on the website. Any cast or crew that you use must review, and agree to, the Contest Rules.

For Rules & Regulations see: HHF 48-HOUR SHORT FILM CONTEST below.

Deadline: Entry form must be received by Friday, August 25, 2017.

### **HHF 48-HOUR FILM CONTEST 2017 RULES**

#### **Overview, Fees and Deadlines**

The Seventh Annual Hammond Horror Festival (HHF) is hosting the 2nd Annual **48-HOUR SHORT FILM CONTEST**. All participants must sign and submit the official entry form and submit the required entry fee of \$40. All entries must be received no later than August 25, 2017. For payment details please see the Entry Form at <http://www.hammondhorrorfest.org>

The signed entry form constitutes the agreement of the participant to be bound by these CONTEST RULES and any other rules posted on the website or announced at the start of the contest. Failure to abide by these rules may result in disqualification from the contest at the discretion of the HHF Board. Entry fees are non-refundable whether or not a film is submitted. Participants under the age of 18 are required to obtain the signature of a parent or guardian on the application. Participants must immediately inform the contest director if the participant, or any cast or crewmember, is related to any of the judges.

### **Format of Competition**

The contest will begin on Friday, September 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. (CST). At this date and time participants will receive an email containing the following:

At 7:00 p.m (CST), participants will receive a genre, character, a prop, and a line of dialogue. The objective of the contest is to then create the best short film of no less than one (1) minute, and no more than five (5) minutes in duration, solely within a 48-hour period, which will include writing a script, casting, filming (at any legal location), editing and scoring (subject to copyright restrictions), based generally on, but not limited to, the materials provided. The film must be an original work created entirely in this 48-hour period, except that participants may, and should, record their original music, or obtain permission to use the copyrighted music of others, in advance of the contest.

The film must then be uploaded to your free YouTube account (you'll have to create one if you don't already have a YouTube account) and an email containing a link to your video and a password (if needed) must be sent to [hammondhorrorfest@gmail.com](mailto:hammondhorrorfest@gmail.com) by no later than 7 p.m. (CST) on Sunday, September 10, 2017. All submitted films must include a title, name of participant, reference the HHF 48-Hour Film Contest, and have appropriate credits.

### **Selection of Winning Entries, Screening and Awards Ceremony**

Following the submission of film entries on Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. (CST) sharp, there will be a screening of the films for a panel of experts selected by the HHF Board. These experts will then judge the films.

On Friday, October 20, 2017 from 6-10 p.m. (CST) at a TBA location there will be a screening of all entries\* followed by an awards ceremony. The decision of the judges is final. There will also be one audience's choice award which will be decided immediately following the screenings.

\*If the running time of the total number of entries exceeds two hours, the HHF Board reserves the right to omit certain entries from the screening. The Board will not omit any award winners.

Entry into the screening and awards ceremony on October 20, 2017 is \$5.00 per person. The director(s) of every film entered will receive two complimentary tickets to this event.

If participants have any question as to whether the subject matter or content of their film is appropriate for an all-ages public screening, participants must notify us via email at [hammondhorrorfest@gmail.com](mailto:hammondhorrorfest@gmail.com) at the time the film is submitted, and arrangements will be

made regarding any awards garnered and whether or not the film will be screened at the awards ceremony.

### **Use of Film and Intellectual Property Rights**

Participants are solely responsible for protecting any intellectual property rights the participants may have in their contest entry, and are further solely responsible for obtaining permission, or otherwise complying with intellectual property laws pertaining to the film's content (such as use of music, literary and other artistic expression of others). Participants, on behalf of themselves and their cast and crew, agree that the Hammond Horror Festival is given non-exclusive express permission to make and maintain copies of films and to use the films, along with names of participants and winners, as part of advertising of the competition, and for other instructional, educational and historical purposes without any compensation to participants or their cast and crew.

### **Legal Issues**

Contest is void where prohibited by law. All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply. All Participants, including cast and crew, assume liability for all costs, damages and injuries related in any way to participation in this contest, and agree to indemnify the contest directors, the Hammond Horror Festival Board, and the Hammond Horror Festival from any and all such costs, damages and injuries, including any claims of violation of copyright law. HHF will not be providing insurance for the Participants, or their cast and crew, and Participants are encouraged to obtain insurance on their own behalf. Participants, on behalf of themselves and their cast and crew, release the contest directors, the Hammond Horror Festival Board, and the Hammond Horror Festival and their respective employees, officers and agents, as well as the judges, from any and all liability from injury, cost and damage resulting from participation in the contest.

Participants agree that they will not use any cast and crewmembers unless the cast and crewmembers have reviewed these Contest Rules and agreed to their terms.