



MICHIGAN FILM FESTIVAL

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MICHIGAN FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE MITTEN MAP FILM COMPETITION

Festival is Scheduled for August 28 & 29, 2009 in Downtown Grand Rapids

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., May 15, 2009 – Michigan Film Festival (MFF), organized by Pider Enterprises and West Michigan Film Video Alliance with partner organizations Grand Rapids Art Museum, Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts and GRNow, announced today a call for submissions for the Mitten Map Film Competition (MMFC). The Michigan Film Festival campus will include locations at both GRAM and UICA and will feature screenings, lectures, receptions and workshops on Saturday, August 29. A kick-off party is scheduled for Friday evening, August 28. Screenings consist of selected works from a variety of Michigan based festivals and organizations by invitation. New submissions will be accepted only in the MMFC.

New submissions to MFF are accepted in the Mitten Map Film Competition until July 15, 2009.

The Mitten Map Film Competition encourages filmmakers to produce new short films with a Michigan perspective. An MFF committee will jury the submitted films and a selection of entries will be exhibited at the festival. Prizes for best film will be awarded in two categories:

General/College Student:	\$1000 Cash prize
Student K-12	\$200 Cash prize

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Films must be no longer than ten minutes and include required elements that refer to Michigan: a geographical location indicated by using a hand as the map of Michigan and reference to one of several state symbols. A complete description of the submission guidelines, as well as a submission form, can be found at www.michiganfilmfest.org.

About the Michigan Film Festival

The mission of the Michigan Film Festival (MFF) is to promote the Michigan perspective in film by creating an event that includes an exhibition venue to display recently crafted works by Michigan filmmakers, offers workshops and lectures under a common theme and builds partnerships between local entities currently involved in supporting the Michigan film industry.

MFF is organized by Pider Enterprises and West Michigan Film Video Alliance, with participating partners Grand Rapids Art Museum, Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts and GRNow.

In 2009, MFF will be held on August 28 & 29, 2009 in downtown Grand Rapids, hosted at the partner locations of Grand Rapids Art Museum and Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts. The Friday Night Opening Party will include an outdoor film screening on Wege Plaza/Rosa Parks Circle. Further schedule details and sponsorship opportunities will be announced soon.

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