

# **2011 Diamond Bar High School Film Festival**

## **Official Rules - Please Read**

### **ENTRIES:**

There are no fees to enter films in the **DIAMOND BAR HIGH SCHOOL FILM FESTIVAL** competition.

### **RULES**

- 1) No laws may be broken while filming. This is very important.
- 2) Entries should clearly state the category for which they are entered.
- 3) Entries must have been created within the last 12 months
- 4) Each entry may be for one category only. You may enter as many other entries as you wish.
- 5) If you wish to enter different film in more than one category, you will need to submit a separate copy.
- 6) Entries can only be accepted in DVD format.
- 7) Entries must include an official entry form and a signed statement of authorship.

### **Film/Video Content Restrictions (very important)**

Audience members for the Diamond Bar High School Film Festival will include parents and children. All entries should fit comfortably into a G or PG rating. Judges will not place entries that do not meet this requirement.

NO USE OF PROFANITY, REAL GUNS OR REAL KNIVES, DRUG USE or DRUG PARAPHERNALIA, EXCESSIVE VIOLENCE, SEX, NUDITY, or MATERIAL DEEMED TO BE OFFENSIVE TO CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS BASED ON THEIR RELIGION, ETHNICITY, RACE, SEX, OR SEXUALITY WILL BE ALLOWED.

You may direct specific inquiries about content to DBHS teacher  
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## Official Categories

There are 4 categories in the DBHS Film Festival. Students may enter as many of the 4 student categories as they wish, but a separate entry must be made for each. All titles and credits must fit within the stated time limits.

### Short Film

Short films must have a length that is *no more than 8 minutes*. There is no minimum length. They will be judged on the following criteria:

- \* Originality of concept and content
- \* Technical proficiency of cinematography
- \* Editing
- \* Application of conventions of chosen genre
- \* Presentation and audience appeal

### Theatrical Trailer / Movie Trailer

Trailers must have a length that is *no more than 3 minutes*. There is no minimum length. They will be judged on the following criteria:

- \* Originality of concept and content
- \* Technical proficiency of cinematography
- \* Editing
- \* Application of conventions of chosen genre
- \* Presentation and audience appeal

## **Commercial / Public Service Announcement**

This category has a *maximum length of 2 minutes*. Depending on the number and quality of entries, these categories may be split, and multiple awards may be given. These videos will be judged on the following criteria:

- \* Originality of concept
- \* Technical proficiency in codes and conventions
- \* Audience impact
- \* Presentation

## **Music Video**

Music Videos must have a length that is *no more than 4 minutes*. They will be judged on the following criteria:

- \* Originality of concept and content
- \* Technical proficiency of cinematography
- \* Editing
- \* Application of conventions of chosen genre
- \* Presentation and audience appeal

## **WINNERS**

- 1) Only the top films in each category will be shown on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 2) You will receive a letter recognizing your status for the film festival by April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) If you place in the top of your category you will receive 2 free tickets to the Film Festival Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm.
- 3) First place winners will be awarded a trophy and a prize as well as a chance to thank anybody in front of the audience the night of the festival.
- 4) First place winners will also be featured on the DBHS website and possibly other community events.