



CALL FOR ENTRIES 2007

The Boston Palestine Film Festival (BPFF) is now accepting entries for its first annual festival to be held in September-October 2007.

BPFF seeks to present the extraordinary narrative of a dispossessed people living in exile or under Occupation. Palestinian cinema represents a powerful means for visually interpreting the collective identity, historic struggle and emotional expression of Palestinians today.

ELIGIBILITY

BPFF will showcase the diverse and creative work of all filmmakers (any nationality) exploring both historic and contemporary themes related to Palestinian culture, experience, and narrative.

The BPFF Selection Committee accepts films, videos and digital media in the following categories:

- Feature Films
- Documentaries
- Shorts (including animated or experimental works)
- Youth Work (created by filmmakers under the age of 16)

Entries can be of any length. All foreign language entries must be subtitled in English. Entries should be produced between 2000 and 2007. Any works currently in production may be submitted as rough cuts, but if selected, must be provided in final form with English subtitles by August 1st, 2007.

Formats accepted for Submission (for selection committee only):

DVD/VHS (PAL or NTSC) or QuickTime movies on CD (for shorts or youth work only)

Formats accepted for Exhibition (for presentation at the festival):

Film: 35mm and 16mm

Video: Beta SP (PAL or NTSC)

Digital: DV and Mini DV

DEADLINES AND ENTRY FEES

Early submission deadline: May 5th, 2007

\$15 entry fee for each submission

Extended submission deadline: June 1st, 2007

\$25 entry fee for each submission

There is no entry fee for International Entries or Youth Work.

Filmmakers will be notified of selections via email by July 1st, 2007. This will be followed by letters of acceptance mailed to all filmmakers whose works have been selected for inclusion in the festival.

Film selections will be publicly announced on the BPFF website by August 15th, 2007.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

Entries submitted for screening must include the following:

1. Completed entry form with applicable entry fee
2. Two copies of each entry in DVD/VHS format (PAL or NTSC) or CD (QuickTime movie)
3. Brief description or synopsis of entry (40-50 words) in English or Arabic
4. Biography of filmmaker (or other key personnel involved) and any previous screenings, awards or promotional materials on the entry submitted
5. One or more still photos from your film (300 dpi if submitted electronically)

Entries must be postmarked by the submission deadline date. The entry form may be submitted by mail or fax prior to media and other materials being shipped.

All other documents (in Microsoft Word, RTF or plain ASCII text format) or photos (in JPEG or TIFF format) may be submitted via email (if overall file size less than 2MB). For larger file sizes submit via CD mailed to the address below or FTP (contact us for instructions).

When applicable, payment must be made by check or money order, payable to *MECCS/Tawassul* marked with "Boston Palestine Film Festival", sent along with the video tape, CD or DVD to the mailing address below. To avoid damage to any materials shipped, please use bubble wrap mailers or boxes (not envelopes) when mailing submissions. Please label all media with the title and date of the work.

All entry fees are nonrefundable. Preview copies of all entries submitted will not be returned; they will be retained by BPPFF and added to our library of submissions for future review.

Note: The shipping cost is the sole responsibility of the owner/distributor. BPPFF is responsible for the return shipping of the exhibited film/video to its owner/distributor. Our staff will take every precaution in handling all films and videos. However, BPPFF cannot accept or assume responsibility for damage to, or loss of, materials submitted.

BPPFF may consider paying for the cost of shipping materials for international or youth entries. Please contact us via email/phone to make your request.

Submit Entries To:

BPPFF Selection Committee
Boston Palestine Film Festival
955 Massachusetts Ave. #333
Cambridge, MA 02139, USA

Phone : 617-642-9640
Fax : 617-661-4405
Email : submissions@bostonpalestinefilmfest.org
Web : www.bostonpalestinefilmfest.org



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Original Title: _____

Title in English: _____

Director: _____

Producer: _____

Duration (in minutes): _____ Date Completed: _____

Category: Feature Film ____ Documentary ____ Short ____ Animation ____ Experimental ____

Youth Work ____ If so, indicate age of filmmaker(s) at the time of completion _____

Brief description or synopsis (40-50 words) and Biography of filmmakers (on separate page)

Submission Format: VHS NTSC ____ VHS PAL ____ DVD ____ QuickTime CD ____

Exhibition Format: 35mm ____ 16mm ____ Beta SP NTSC ____ Beta SP PAL ____

DV ____ Mini-DV ____ Other Formats _____

Language(s): _____ English Subtitles: Yes / No

Previous Screenings in the US or abroad: _____

How did you hear about our festival? _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By signing, I acknowledge and agree to the following: To the best of my knowledge, all statements in this document are true.

- I am duly authorized, on my behalf and on behalf of any person or entity who has ownership rights in the work, to submit it to the Festival and I represent that this submission will not violate any law or any right of the person.
- I hold the Boston Palestine Film Festival, their fiscal sponsor, their officers, and their affiliated entities, harmless from any damage to, or loss of the work or any other materials submitted by me en route to or from the Festival or during the course of the Festival's possession of the work.
- I grant the Festival permission to keep the preview video, CD or DVD in the Festival library which is available for research, education, and/or noncommercial screenings.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please print out and mail or fax this completed entry form (both pages) by the deadlines indicated to BPFF staff at the address below. Separate forms must be completed for each entry submitted.

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