



Stockton Seeks Entries by High School Students from New Jersey for Film Festival, Workshops

Prizes Include Video Cameras, Cash, Internship Opportunities

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Galloway Township, NJ - The School of Arts and Humanities at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will hold the First Annual New Jersey High School Film Festival on Stockton's main campus on **Sunday, May 17, 2015** from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Campus Center. The festival is being co-sponsored by the Fort Lee Film Commission.

The festival will include film/video showings and workshops, which are open to the public. High school students are invited to submit their work as part of a school project or as individuals. Submissions are limited to a total of three per New Jersey high school.

Other sponsors and festival contributors include the New Jersey Motion Picture and Television Commission, Unique Photo of Fairfield, New Jersey, and Academy Award-winning production company, Shine Global.

In an effort to make the film festival accessible to everyone, the sponsors are prepared to waive the submission fees for all three videos for the first 20 schools that demonstrate need. (Please see njhsfilmfest@stockton.edu for links to national service organizations, which may have chapters in the applicant's town or municipality that students may approach for funding.)

Unique Photo has provided the following prizes for winners in each category:

- **First Place:** Video Capable Nikon D5200 DSLR Camera Kit.
- **Second Place:** Video Capable Nikon D3200 DSLR Camera Kit.
- **Third Place:** Canon PIXMA MG5520 Wireless Inkjet Photo All-In-One Printer.

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Best of the Fest Award (donated by **Shine Global**):

1. A one-hour in-person Skype "Career Talk" with either of Shine Globals co-founders, Susan MacLaury or Albie Hecht.
2. A one-month online internship with Shine Global.
3. An in-person internship opportunity with Shine Global or one of its partners.

Audience Choice Award: \$500

The categories for submissions include:

- **Animation**
- **Experimental/Music Video**
- **Drama**
- **Comedy**
- **Documentary/News**

These five categories have a maximum length of six minutes. The bonus category is **My Town**, which has a maximum length of three minutes for entries.

The Festival Schedule will be:

- 12-2 p.m.: Workshops (two consecutive workshops/presentations)
- 2-3 p.m.: Networking reception
- 3-5 p.m.: Awards ceremony

As a special incentive to arrive early, beginning at 11 a.m., the films in contention for awards will be played on a continuous loop for viewing.

A variety of workshops/presentations will be offered including:

- Susan MacLaury, co-founder and executive director of Shine Global: *Transforming Children's Life's through Film.*
- Nancy O'Mallon, Fort Lee Film Commission, and Steve Gorelick, executive director of the New Jersey Motion Picture and Television Commission: *Making Film in New Jersey.*
- Kent Green, senior audio/visual technician at The Richard Stockton College of NJ, and Ernie Rockelman, award-winning horror film producer: *Filming Horror.*

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- Robert Steele, director of Media Instruction at the Sam Azeez Museum of Woodbine of The Richard Stockton College of NJ: *Screenwriting*.
- Christi Farina, associate professor of Communications at The Richard Stockton College of NJ: *Composing the Visual Narrative*.
- Tom Meyers, chairman of the Fort Lee Film Commission: *New Jersey: Birthplace of the American Motion Picture Industry* with a special screening of *The Champion: A Story of America's First Film Town*.

Specific times and locations for these workshops and presentations will appear in the final program on the day of the festival.

The Film Festival will be judged by:

- Christi Farina, and Kent Green, of Stockton
- Matt Lawrence, specialist professor of Communications, Monmouth University
- Joe'l Ludovich, associate professor of Communications, The Richard Stockton College of NJ
- Nancy O'Mallon, Fort Lee Film Commission
- Alec Pangia, Stockton Student Television Productions

For more information please contact: njhsfilmfest@stockton.edu or call 609-652-4505.

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