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## Keep It Short, Keep it Reel

### Sixth Annual DC Shorts Film Festival Announces Lineup

September 10-17, 2009

WASHINGTON—The [DC Shorts Film Festival](http://www.dcsHORTS.com) is back for a sixth year and is now expanding to two venues – Landmark’s E Street Cinema and the U.S. Navy Memorial’s Burke Theater. There will be ten different showcases, each featuring approximately two hours of films lasting from one minute – 27 minutes. There is something for everyone, including dramas, comedies, animation, sci-fi, documentaries, and creative, experimental films. During the week, 100 films will be screened from 15 countries. There will also be many free events throughout the week of the festival.

Filmmakers from all over the world are attending the DC Shorts Film Festival. They are not only coming to Washington to see films, but also to learn from each other. *Moviemaker Magazine* included DC Shorts as one of the “25 Festivals Worth the Entry Fee,” because of the direct feedback and overall experience given to filmmakers. And, this year, *The Washington City Paper* readers voted DC Shorts the best festival in D.C.

**Credentials:** Members of the media should e-mail Laura Gross at [media@dcsHORTS.com](mailto:media@dcsHORTS.com) with your name, e-mail address, phone number and which show(s) you would like to attend.

#### **Festival Schedule**

##### **Film Screenings**

**September 10 – 17, 2009**

**Landmark’s E Street Cinema, 555 1<sup>st</sup> Street, NW (Metro Center Station)**

**U.S. Navy Memorial Burke Theater, 701 Pennsylvania Ave., NW (Archives/Navy Memorial)**

The festival is open to the public. Tickets can be purchased, starting in mid-August, online for \$12.00 at [DCShorts.com](http://DCShorts.com). (Note: many shows last year sold-out, so it is recommended that tickets are bought online ahead of time).

#### **Seminars – FREE Events**

##### **Friday September 11**

**Landmark’s E Street Cinema, 555 1<sup>st</sup> Street, NW (Metro Center Station)**

1:00 p.m.: Making the Extremely Low Budget Feature

3:00 p.m.: Guerilla Marketing and Self-Distribution of Your Film

Kelley Baker (a.k.a. “The Angry Filmmaker”) will be leading these workshops geared toward independent filmmakers.

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**Grand Bash – FREE Event with ticket to 7:00 screening from Friday, Sept. 11  
Friday, September 11 at 9:00 p.m.**

**U.S. Navy Memorial Plaza, 701 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20004**

This event will allow film enthusiasts to meet the visiting filmmakers in a relaxed atmosphere. Clips of the films will be projected onto the walls, and one of the bands selected from our online contest will entertain. Attendees must possess a valid ticket for either of the 7:00 screenings for Friday, September 12 – no exceptions. Beverages courtesy of Stella Artois, Ketel One and Barefoot Wines. Food courtesy of Whole Foods.

**DC Shorts Booth at Penn Quarter’s Arts on Foot Festival – FREE Event  
Saturday, September 12**

DC Shorts will present selections from past year’s competitions. This complimentary event will feature films with genres ranging from animation to sci-fi to comedy to experimental.

**Family Films – FREE Event**

**Saturday, September 12 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Landmark’s E Street Cinema, 555 1<sup>st</sup> Street, NW (Metro Center Station)**

**U.S. Navy Memorial Burke Theater, 701 Pennsylvania Ave., NW (Archives/Navy Memorial)**

There will be a free screening of “family friendly films” on Saturday, September 12 at 11:00 a.m. at Landmark’s E Street Cinema and the U.S. Navy Memorial’s Burke Theater. Free tickets may be picked up at the DC Shorts booth at the Arts on Foot. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. These films are appropriate for children 8 years and older.

**Greenbelt Doggie Drill Team – FREE Event**

**Saturday, September 12 at 12:30 p.m. (after the FREE Family Film Screening)**

**U.S. Navy Memorial Plaza**

The award-winning Greenbelt Dog Marching Drill Team has won trophies and awards in many parades around Washington, DC. They participate in an average of six parades each year. This group of owners and their dogs also perform in obedience demonstrations in community events and schools.

**Midnight Madness – FREE Event**

**Saturday, September 12 at 11:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.**

**Bar Louie, 701 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW**

An open party for everyone, in a relaxed atmosphere. Drink specials and delicious nibbles – and some great post-screening discussions.

**Awards Ceremony**

**Sunday, September 13 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Clyde’s of Gallery Place**

The premiere weekend is concluded with the awards ceremony. At this ceremony, there will be eleven awards given. Prizes vary for each category, but include a cash rewards, free FujiColor film, software packages, a Gibson Guitar and glass trophies designed by the Washington Glass School. This event is for filmmakers and press only.

**Three for Free at 12:00 p.m. – FREE Events**

**Monday, September 14 – Thursday, September 17, 2009**

**Landmark’s E Street Cinema, 555 1<sup>st</sup> Street, NW (Metro Center Station)**

Four days during the festival, three short movies will be shown, during lunchtime (12:00 p.m.). The schedule is:

Monday, September 14 – comedy films

Tuesday, September 15 – drama films

Wednesday, September 16 – documentary films

Thursday, September 17 – local films

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**Animated and Experimental Shorts**

**Monday, September 14 at 4:30 p.m.**

**Landmark's E Street Cinema, 555 1<sup>st</sup> Street, NW (Metro Center Station)**

**News Views: Arabs, Muslims and Jews**

**Tuesday, September 15 at 4:30 p.m.**

**Landmark's E Street Cinema, 555 1<sup>st</sup> Street, NW (Metro Center Station)**

**World Showcase: European Shorts**

**Wednesday, September 16 at 4:30 p.m.**

**Landmark's E Street Cinema, 555 1<sup>st</sup> Street, NW (Metro Center Station)**

**True View: Documentary Shorts**

**Thursday, September 17 at 4:30 p.m.**

**Landmark's E Street Cinema, 555 1<sup>st</sup> Street, NW (Metro Center Station)**

**More about the DC Shorts Film Festival**

DC Shorts encourages filmmakers to attend the festival by providing housing, meals, city tours, and passes to all events at no cost to the visiting filmmakers. For this reason, filmmakers from around the world thrive to compete in this festival, not only for prestige and for the hope of winning, but for the true sense of community that is created each year. The DC Shorts Film Festival turns the spotlight on truly independent short films, creating a dynamic mix of new and established filmmakers.

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