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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](#) 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@dshorts.com with your name, e-mail address, phone number and which show(s) you would like to attend.

Festival Schedule

Thursday, August 6, 12:00 p.m.

Location - TBD

Press Luncheon: Press will be treated to lunch and preview of some of the films that will be shown in this year’s festival. RSVP to Laura Gross at media@dshorts.com.

Film Screenings

September 10 – 17, 2009

Landmark’s E Street Cinema, 555 11th 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. (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 11th 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.

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 11th 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.

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 11th 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

Animated and Experimental Shorts

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

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News Views: Arabs, Muslims and Jews

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

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World Showcase: European Shorts

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

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True View: Documentary Shorts

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

Landmark's E Street Cinema, 555 11th 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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