

News from the Durango Independent Film Festival



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DIFF Board of Directors Names Festival Director



The DIFF Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Joanie Fraughton has been hired as the DIFF Festival Director effective July 1, 2008.

Carla Finlay, Board Chair, said "the board is thrilled to have the resources to hire Joanie full-time and give her executive director responsibilities. Because Joanie has been with DIFF since the beginning and has worked in several central positions, she can step into this new role easily. The board and staff are extremely pleased with DIFF's growth over the last three years, and look forward to working with Joanie to bring the festival to a new and exciting level."

Fraughton has worked as the festival's coordinator and was instrumental in building DIFF's sponsorship program and representing DIFF locally and at other film festivals. She is excited about her new role and is already making plans for the 4th annual event. Fraughton says, "we're shaking things up this year in an effort to better involve the local artistic community. We recently finalized a poster contest giving artists a chance to design the DIFF 2009 festival poster. A festival trailer competition is now under way giving local and other filmmakers a chance to create a film festival trailer that will be seen in rotation prior to festival programs.

Fraughton also noted that DIFF has just opened their call for entries for the 2009 festival. Filmmakers from all over the world can now submit their films for a chance to be selected for screening during the festival. "We're proud of the Durango community and the warm welcome that is extended to our local and visiting filmmakers. We are very appreciative of the incredible support we receive from community sponsors, donors, and volunteers, and we look forward to continuing this relationship for many years to come."

Congratulations Joanie!

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**Save the
Dates!**

The 2009 Durango
Independent Film
Festival will be held

March 4-8

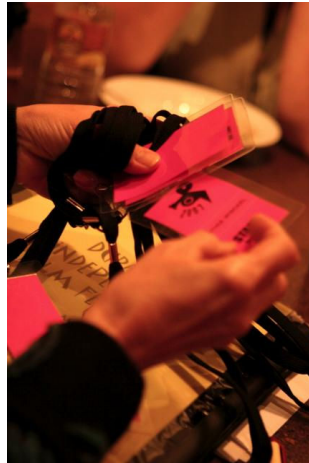


2009 Poster UNVEILED!

The Henry Strater
Theatre, aka "The Hank"
will host a party to unveil
the 2009 Durango
Independent Film Festival
poster.

We hope you will join DIFF
at "The Hank", 699 Main
Ave. on Monday, August 11
from 5-7pm. Meet the artist
and enjoy hors d'oeuvres

2009 Passes Now Available! Early Bird Pricing!



DIFF Pass: **\$175** (\$220 after 12/31/08)

10 Punch DIFF Pass: **\$70** (\$85 after 12/31/08)

NEW 5 Punch DIFF Pass: **\$45** throughout

DIFF passes make great gifts, and gift certificates are available through the DIFF office. Call 970-375-7779.

and a cash bar.

DIFF will have vintage merchandise available for sale as well as 2009 festival passes at early bird pricing.

Enter the 2009 DIFF Trailer Competition!

Deadline: October 20, 2008



DIFF is now accepting submissions for original video or film trailers to promote its 4th annual festival event. The winner will receive a Film Guest Pass for the 2009 Durango Independent Film Festival.

For official rules and more information, please click below.

[DIFF Trailer Competition](#)

DIFF Seeks Programming Chair

DIFF is seeking the right person to head up the film programming team. For position details, please call the DIFF office at 970-375-7779.



It's Summertime at the Movies!

Join DIFF and the Discovery Museum every Saturday at 8pm beginning August 9th for Movies Under the Stars at the Powerhouse, featuring selected DIFF sci-fi shorts!

August 9th - *The Incredibles* (preceded by *One Rat Short*)
 August 16th - *2001: A Space Odyssey* (preceded by *EPICAC*)
 August 23rd - *Dr. Seuss Night*
 August 30th - *Back to the Future* (preceded by *Adam & Evelyn*)
 September 6th - *Star Wars* (preceded by *Pivot*)
 September 13th - *E.T.* (preceded by *One Rat Short*)

2009 Call for Entries Now Open



The Durango Independent Film Festival (DIFF) welcomes film submissions for its 2009 festival, scheduled for March 4-8, 2009. This competitive film festival accepts entries for short, documentary, and feature films on all subject matter. DIFF is committed to bringing challenging, entertaining, and diverse independent film into our community with the goal of providing a platform for filmmakers to express their unique viewpoints and creative ideas in an ever-changing world. In

Volunteer Coordinator Position Filled

DIFF wishes to welcome **Victoria Schmitt** to our volunteer staff. She will be coordinating all things related to DIFF volunteers.

If you wish to volunteer in some capacity, please visit www.durangofilm.org to fill out an application.

Interested in supporting DIFF?

Many opportunities are available! Volunteers are needed. Sponsorships of various types and levels are welcome. And of course, cash donations are always greatly appreciated! To learn more about supporting DIFF, contact the office at 970-375-7779.



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order to be considered for selection, all entries must be postmarked no later than November 15, 2008. Discounts are offered for early film submissions. Please go to www.withoutabox.com for more information and to submit a film.

If you have the opportunity, please thank Glacier Club and other DIFF sponsors for supporting our organization.

Every Dollar Counts

You can help us bring an exceptional 2009 Durango Independent Film Festival to town March 4-8, 2009.

Income from pass, ticket, and merchandise sales is not enough to cover all the expenses of the film festival, and so we also rely on donations from generous supporters of DIFF.

If you dream of having the Red Carpet rolled out for you or of taking part in an Epic way, call the DIFF office at 970-375-7779 to learn about our new donor program levels.

And remember, every dollar counts -- every donation, at any level, helps keep DIFF vibrant and growing. We love supporting the independent spirit of filmmakers everywhere - please help bring their independent voices to our community in March 2009.



Thanks to industry sponsor ProductionHUB for their continued support.

Another way to contribute to DIFF...



Just by purchasing groceries at City Market, you can donate to DIFF year-round. Please consider becoming a part of the **City Market Cares** program.

You can **ACT NOW** by e-mailing diffadmin@durango.net or calling the DIFF office at 970-375-7779 with your City Market Value Card information (name, address, phone number, and 10-digit City Market Value Card number).

Please click below for complete details on this program:

[DIFF "City Market Cares" Program](#)

Please don't hesitate to call or e-mail us if you have questions about our organization!

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The DIFF Mission

We are committed to film literacy and to being a welcoming, intimate, and unique film organization that screens global, innovative, and diverse films that connect independent filmmakers, their artistic process, and their vision to the community.

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Durango Independent Film Festival

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