

News from the Durango Independent Film Festival



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Save the Dates!

The 2009 Durango Independent Film Festival will be held

March 4-8

DIFF Needs Your Help!



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.

Time is of the essence! Please **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](#)

2009 Call for Entries Now Open

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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 Listens

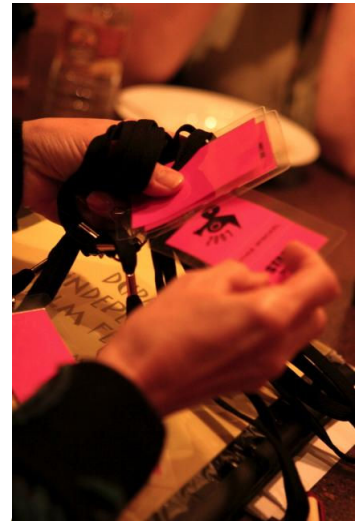
DIFF hosted its first Filmmaker Forum on June 7th. The burning question: How can DIFF support local filmmakers while maintaining a balanced festival that follows the mission of DIFF?



Beginning July 1, 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 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.

Thanks to all who attended. The forum was a great opportunity to share thoughts, ideas, and concerns. DIFF will plan to host another forum in the near future.

And the winner is...



Audience

members help DIFF each year by providing survey responses through gofilmfest.com. This year Pattie Adler's survey was drawn as the winning entry for a festival pass to the 2009 DIFF event, plus two festival passes to the Boulder International Film Festival.

Congratulations, Pattie!

2009 Poster UNVEILED!

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

Please join DIFF at "The Hank", 699 Main Ave., on August 11 at 5pm as the winner of the 2009 Festival poster design is



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*)



Thanks to industry sponsor ProductionHUB for their continued support.

What's happening with filmmakers outside the world of DIFF?



- 2008 DIFF film, *Zoologic*, directed by Nicole Mitchell, California Institute of the Arts, won a gold medal at the student academy awards in the animation category.
- 2008 DIFF film, *Simulacra*, directed by Tatchapon Lertwirojkul, The School of Visual Arts, New York, won a silver medal at the student academy awards in the animation category.
- 2007 DIFF filmmakers of *In Times of War: Ray Parker*, Mark & Christine Bonn, have gone on to win five Best Documentary Short awards!

Congratulations ALL!

Please e-mail newsletter@durangofilm.org if you have filmmaker news to share.

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Interested in supporting DIFF?

Year-round volunteer opportunities are available. 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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Music in the Mountains and DIFF are partnering this season and inviting all DIFF supporters to join the festivities during the 22nd season of Music in the Mountains, July 11 - August 3, 2008.

Era of Cinema, on Tuesday, July 29 is focused on film, featuring selections from ***The Godfather, Platoon, and Elephant Man***.

Call the Music in the Mountains office at 970-385-6820 to purchase your tickets. Mention this coupon and save \$5 on ***Era of Cinema***, Tuesday, July 29!

Music in the Mountains and DIFF are excited to begin our collaborative efforts to continue bringing the arts to our community!

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

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