

News from the Durango Independent Film Festival



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DIFF Board of Directors Announces 2009 Poster Winner!

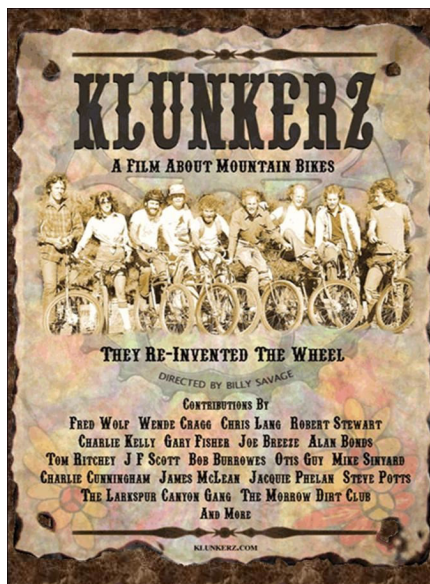


The DIFF Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Connie Mason-Bennett is the winner of the 2009 DIFF Poster competition. Her design was chosen based on its originality and distinctive design concept. Ms. Mason-Bennett used her experience with watercolors to create an image showcasing film. There were numerous outstanding entries this year as the Durango community is home to many top creative designers. The DIFF poster unveiling was held August 11, 2008, at the new Henry Strater Theatre.

Congratulations Connie!

DIFF Smiley Series
Saturday, October 11 ~ 6:30pm

Featuring *Klunkerz* and *Mallethead!*



DIFF is happy to announce its new movie series at the Smiley Building, kicking off with ***Klunkerz*** and ***Mallethead***, both of which were shown in past Durango Independent Film Festivals.

Klunkerz, a film by Billy Savage, is a fond look back at the mountain-biking movement in Marin County, CA, primarily focusing on the late 1960s through the 1970s. The pioneers' bikes were scavenged from dumpsters, junkyards, and even adapted from old motorcycle parts. These hefty steeds were affectionately known as Klunkerz. From these humble beginnings, a multi-billion dollar industry, a new form of recreation for the masses, and an Olympic event were born. USA 2006, William Savage, Pumelo Pictures. 88 minutes. All ages. For more information, please visit www.klunkerz.com or www.vasentertainment.com.

Mallethead follows seven bike polo enthusiasts who take their passion to the road and challenge an out-of-town squad for the first time. It's time to check out the talent in this "mockumentary" starring local cycling legends Jon Bailey, Chad Cheney, and others. USA 2007, Jon Bailey, Chad Cheney. 30 minutes. All ages.

Films will be shown at the Smiley Building located at 1309 E. Third Ave. in Durango. Doors open at 5:30 pm, and the show starts at 6:30pm. A cash bar will feature beer and wine. Tickets are \$10 each and are available at Animas Trading Company and Durango Cyclery.

Every Sponsor Counts

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

Income from pass, ticket, and merchandise sales is not enough to cover all the expenses of the film festival, so we also rely on local, regional, and national businesses to sponsor DIFF at various levels.

And remember, every sponsor counts -- every contribution, 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.

And here's our 2009 sponsor appreciation offer:

5% Savings Countdown

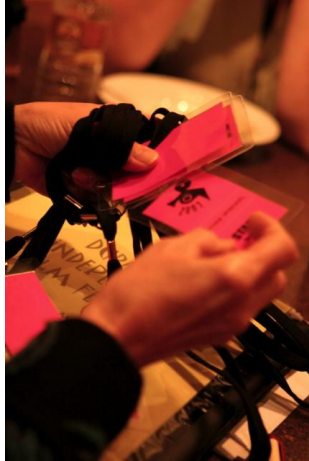
Who: 2008 cash sponsors who renew their sponsorship at the same level or above for 2009.

How: Pay your sponsorship investment (less 5%) to DIFF on or before October 15, 2008.

Why: It's our way of thanking you for your continued support of the Durango Independent Film Festival.

It's that simple. Please call the DIFF office at 970-375-7779 for details.

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.

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 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

The Abbey Theatre & DIFF
are proud to present



The Manhattan Short Film Festival...screening at the Abbey Theatre on Thursday, September 25 at 6:30 and 9:30 pm.

Please join DIFF for some really great short films!

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](#)

information and to submit a film.

DIFF Announces New Programming Chair

DIFF welcomes Kathleen Costello to our volunteer staff as head of the programming department. Kathleen comes to us with many years of film experience, including 12 years on the volunteer staff of the Telluride Film Festival, 10 years on the volunteer staff at Telluride Mountain Film, and former general manager of the Abbey Theatre. Kathleen is currently a bookseller at Maria's bookshop. We're happy you're here, Kathleen!

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@durangofilm.org or calling the DIFF office at 970-375-7779 with your City Market Value Card information (name, address, phone number, and 10-digit value card number).

Please click below for complete details on this program:

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

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.



Thanks to our 2008 Presenting Sponsor

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

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



It's Summertime at the Movies!

...And there's only one Saturday left!

Join DIFF and the Discovery Museum this Saturday, September 13th at 8pm for *E.T.*, preceded by the DIFF short film *Automoto*.

Bike, Walk, Run, Skip, Cartwheel...but don't DRIVE to the pedal powered projector!!!!

We hope to see you there!



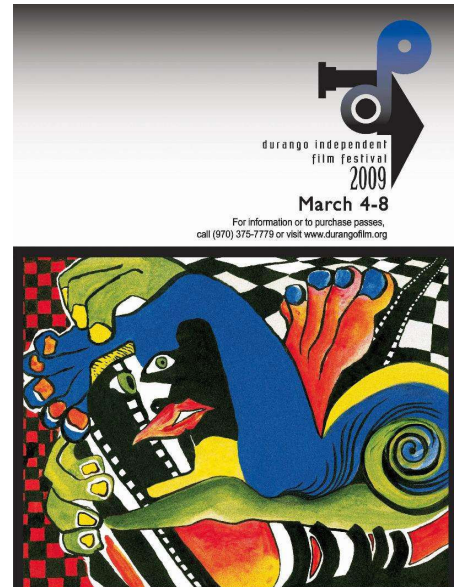
Thanks to industry sponsor ProductionHUB for their continued support.

Save the Dates!

The 2009 Durango Independent Film Festival will be held

March 4-8

to the community.



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