

## Monthly News from the Durango Independent Film Festival



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# Save the Dates!

## Don't Miss the 4th Annual Durango Independent Film Festival

### March 4-8

**VOLUNTEER DURING THE FILM FESTIVAL!  
EARN FREE MOVIES!  
ENJOY THE APPRECIATION PARTY AFTER THE FESTIVAL!**

#### Help is needed in the following areas:

- Taking tickets and assisting guests at the venues.
- Helping out with events before and during the festival.
- Help with gathering items for and preparing gift baskets for filmmakers.
- Transporting filmmakers during the festival.
- We especially need volunteers for Sunday at the venues.
- For volunteers interested in helping at the office during the festival, you can get some extra hours in ahead of time by working at the office a few hours each week leading up to the festival to get familiar

with office operations.

To learn more about volunteering during the film festival, click this link: [DIFF Volunteer Opportunities](#)

For those of you interested in working at the venues, it is important that you attend one of the following two-hour training sessions held at the Durango Recreation Center at 2700 North Main Ave.:

Wednesday, February 11 ~ 5:30-7:30pm

Thursday, February 12 ~ 5:30-7:30pm

Saturday, February 21 ~ 9:30-11:30am

For those of you interested in working at Will Call/Information Booth, it is important that you attend one of the following training sessions held at the Durango Arts Center conference room/library (upstairs), located at the corner of 8th St. and 2nd Ave.:

Monday, February 23 ~ 10am OR 2pm OR 5:30pm

Proper training is essential! If you are interested in working at the venues or at Will Call, please e-mail [volunteer@durangofilm.org](mailto:volunteer@durangofilm.org) to sign up for one of the above training sessions.

**ALL VOLUNTEERS SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND THE VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION AT THE ABBEY THEATRE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3rd @ 6pm.**

DIFF will host a volunteer appreciation party after the festival to thank all of the wonderful people who helped make it happen. The party will be on Sunday, March 15th at Zia Taqueria. Details to follow.

## DIFF has some fun things in store for our 2009 film festival event!



Wednesday, March 4 ~ **DIFF Opening Night** ~ FREE movie night at the Abbey and Gaslight Theatres. Priority seating for first tier pass holders.

Thursday, March 5 ~ **Gallery Night** ~ Enjoy strolling Durango's art galleries in celebration of artistic expression of all kinds, 5pm-8pm.

Friday, March 6 ~ **Filmmaker Party** ~ Henry Strater Theatre, 5pm.

Saturday, March 7 ~ **Celebrate Outdoor Adventure** ~ with Backcountry Experience, 5pm-7pm.

Saturday, March 7 ~ **Late Night VIP Lounge** ~ Mutu's Italian Kitchen, 10pm-1am. Open by invitation only and festival first tier pass holders.

Sunday, March 8 ~ **Awards Dinner and Ceremony** ~ Durango Arts Center Theatre. Open by invitation only and festival first tier pass holders.

## Openings for Two Volunteer Staff Positions

Chris and Barb are moving on. DIFF will greatly miss their smiling faces. Their retirement provides two fun opportunities to work for the film festival. They would like to mentor their replacements during the 2009 festival to prepare the new staff member(s) to take the Pass Department to the next level for DIFF's 5th anniversary year in 2010.

1. **Will Call Team Leader** ~ This is a really fun job that only requires about 2-3 weeks of work around the festival time. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the job description for Will Call Team Leader.
2. **Pass Management Team Leader** ~ This is a detail-oriented year-round staff position. The primary emphasis is September through March. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the job description for Pass Management Team Leader.

If you are interested, please e-mail Chris or Barb.

Chris Warren can be reached at [wjwcjw@frontier.net](mailto:wjwcjw@frontier.net)

Barb Gysel can be reached at [barb@durangofilm.org](mailto:barb@durangofilm.org)

## Every Participant Counts

For three years the Durango Independent Film Festival has showcased films to bring you

**Joy  
Inspiration  
Pleasure  
Despair  
Encouragement  
Knowledge  
Awareness  
&  
Hope**

Thanks to our Sponsors who are on board for the 2009 Film Festival event

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We look forward to bringing an exceptional 2009 Durango Independent Film Festival to Durango in just a few short weeks ~ March 4-8.

Please join us in keeping the spirit of independent film alive in our community!

## Spotlight on DIFF Sponsor



The DIFF staff would like to give a big THANK YOU to Kirk Komick and the rest of the staff at The Rochester Hotel for hosting Oil & Water Project director Seth Warren and friends while they were in town last month. They rode into Durango with "Baby" their bio-diesel truck, the subject of their 2008 independent film. Seth and his crew visited area schools so the students could see "Baby" up close and talked about the new film on which they are currently working.

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Kirk is always generous and quick to offer a room whenever our filmmakers make it back to Durango. Thanks to Kirk and all of the Leland House/Rochester team.

Pictured from left to right: Laurie Herrick, Kirk Komick, "Stitch", and Carly Felton.

## A Painless, Convenient Way to Contribute to DIFF...



Just by purchasing groceries at City Market with your value card, you can donate to DIFF! If you don't have a value card, it's easy to get one. Please click below for complete details about the program.

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

To register your card, send an e-mail to [diffadmin@durangofilm.org](mailto:diffadmin@durangofilm.org) or call the DIFF office at 970-375-7779 with your City Market value card information (name, address, phone number, and 10-digit value card number).

When you use your City Market value card, DIFF will receive a portion of the sales every quarter. We hope you will take advantage of this convenient way to contribute to DIFF year-round.

***Thanks for your help!***



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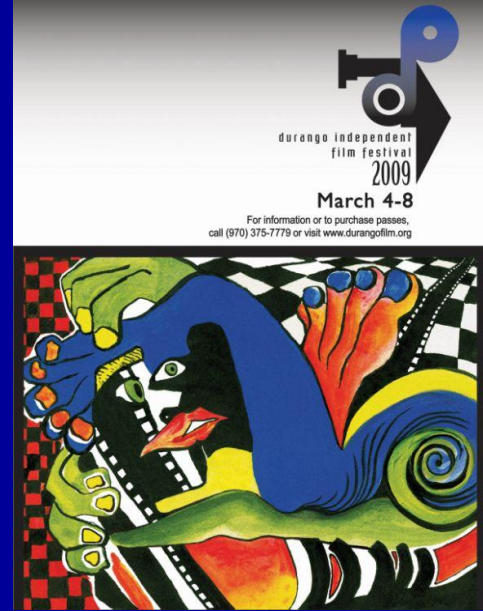
We are committed to film literacy and to being a welcoming, intimate, and unique film organization that screens global, innovative, and diverse films that connect independent filmmakers, their artistic process, and their vision to the community.

Durango Independent Film Festival.

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

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