

News from the Durango Independent Film Festival



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FILMMAKER SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Deadline: November 15, 2008

2009 Call for Entries



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.

Please go to www.withoutabox.com for more information and to submit a film.

Need Another Reason to Submit Your Film?

Some *VERY SPECIAL* people will be attending the 2009 Durango Independent Film Festival....

Mike Katchman is the owner of Rivercoast Film Distribution, as well as the popular new online independent film outlet, ReelClick.com. A former vice-president of sales for Orion, Katchman is responsible for the purchases of such films as *Silence of the Lambs* and *Dances with Wolves*. He was responsible for all sales in the United States and Canada, before Orion was sold to MGM. He then left, joining First Look Studios, raising their sales by 500% between 2004 and 2007. Mike believes in the independent filmmaker and is dedicated to a fair deal for both distributor and filmmaker. He will be sitting on a panel at the DIFF, but is also coming to Durango with the intent of signing a number of movies, with worldwide distribution in mind. The first film signed by his Rivercoast

company, *American Meth*, was produced and directed by DIFF's own Justin Hunt, and has been seen in dozens of countries around the globe. It can also be found in such outlets as Wal Mart, Blockbuster, MTV, VH1, Netflix, Hollywood Video, and Movie Gallery.

Stephen Rubin is a filmmaker and the Deputy Director of the Santa Fe Film Festival. He is also the director of the Award Winning short, *Lives of Angels*, which stars such actors as Raoul Trujillo of *Apocalypto* and George Adelo of *No Country for Old Men*. Stephen is one of the most connected people in New Mexico film, and has a deep well of knowledge on both the creative side, as well as the production side, of filmmaking.

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A special thanks to Kirk Komick
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Saturday, November 8 • 11:30am - 4:30pm
Rochester Hotel Breakfast Room

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.

WHY VOLUNTEER FOR DIFF?

Volunteers who contribute a minimum of 12 hours receive a 2nd Tier punch pass to see one film per three hours volunteered. Volunteers with more than 60 hours receive a 1st Tier pass for access to all festival films. Other benefits include seeing how the festival works,

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meeting new people, and contributing to the cultural diversity of Durango!

We have lots of work that needs to be done preparing for the festival and would value your participation. If you would like to volunteer during the festival, we need ushers and ticket-takers at both the Abbey and the Gaslight for all five days of the festival. If you would like to volunteer before the festival, we need help at events, with print projects, in the office, and much more. Some volunteer jobs take a weekly commitment and others can be done on a one-time basis for a few hours.

[CLICK HERE TO GET STARTED](#)

DIFF is currently in need of a graphics wrangler and a videographer. Please call the office or visit our website if you are interested in learning more about one of these positions.

Need a gift idea for that **FILM FANATIC** in your life?

**2009 Passes Now Available!
Early Bird Pricing!**



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

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

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

DIFF passes make great gifts, and are available through the DIFF office by calling 970-375-7779 and on our website at www.durangofilm.org.

**Here's a Great Reason to be a DIFF Pass Holder--
VIP Treatment!**

**ProductionHUB
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If you have the opportunity, please thank these sponsors for their generous support of our organization.



Enter the 2009 DIFF Trailer Competition!

Deadline: November 21, 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](#)



All DIFF Pass Holders are invited to the **Awards Dinner and Ceremony** on Sunday, March 8th to wrap up the 2009 film festival event. This year's Awards banquet will be hosted by the **Durango Arts Center** and held in the newly renovated DAC Theatre!

...And don't forget about the **Late Night VIP Lounge** hosted by **Mutu's Italian Kitchen** on Saturday, March 7th from 10pm-1am.

...And those are just a couple of the many reasons to invest in a DIFF Pass, only \$175 early bird pricing before 12/31/08!

Spotlight on DIFF Staff

Justin Hunt, DIFF's Filmmaker Panel Coordinator, is honored to join an elite team from New Mexico heading to Washington, DC later this month for "Methamphetamine: A National Summit". Each state was given an opportunity to submit an application to the summit, and only 20 were selected. Once New Mexico had been chosen, Governor Bill Richardson handpicked a team of 12 people who he felt were best suited in making a national difference in the fight against meth. Of the 12, Justin is the only 'non-governmental official'.

Justin is the writer, producer, and director of the award-winning documentary, **American Meth**, which has been seen in dozens of countries around the world, and is being used by treatment centers, schools, churches, businesses and other entities as an educational and training tool to combat methamphetamine use.

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 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

Welcome to the DIFF Board of Directors, Arnold!

Arnold Santistevan graduated from Fort Lewis College, and went on to the College of Santa Fe for his Masters in education. He is a 23-year employee of the Southern Ute Tribe, including 10 years as the Director of Public Relations. He is now the Director of Public/Private Education for the Southern Ute Tribe. His most recent local board positions include Mercy Regional Medical Center Board of Directors, El Pomar Regional Council, and Fort Lewis College American Indian Studies Board.

DIFF appreciates the vast and varied experience you bring to our organization, Arnold.

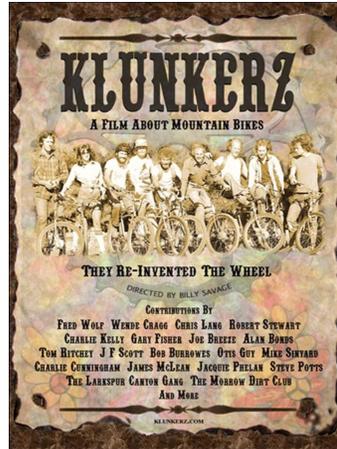
The DIFF Mission

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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Thanks for your help!

Not Even a Storm and Power Outage Can Eclipse the Success of Klunkerz....



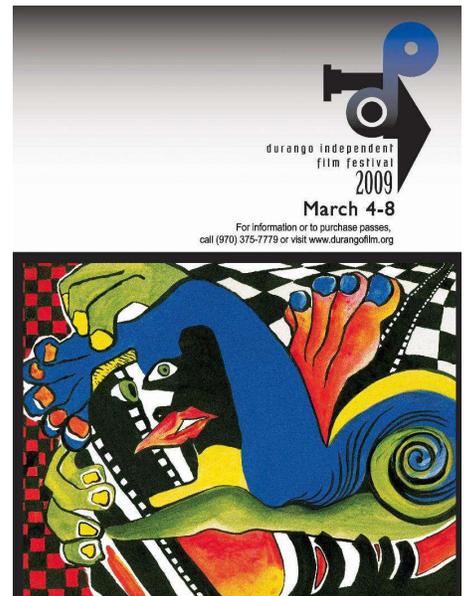
Klunkerz & Mallethead were not lacking for extra "drama" on that stormy, windy evening. When the Smiley Building lost power, filmgoers were patient as DIFF staffers worked under flashlights and candles to figure out a way to get electricity. Coordinator Jan Sallinger made table-top announcements to keep the crowd informed, and Ryan Phelps of Hood Mortuary came to the rescue and helped run extension cords across the street. The lobby and hallways remained dark, but the show went on and was enjoyed by all. Ryan received a DIFF pint glass and t-shirt in gratitude for his assistance, and the crowd went away with a great Durango story to tell.

We had a little film and a little drama that night. Thanks to all who attended, supported, and assisted DIFF, and for making it fun despite the circumstances.



Thanks to industry sponsors **ProductionHUB** and **Filmmaker Magazine** for their support of the 2009 Durango Independent Film Festival.

Join Our Mailing List!



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.



Save the Dates!

March 2009						
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The 2009 Durango
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