

News from the Durango Independent Film Festival

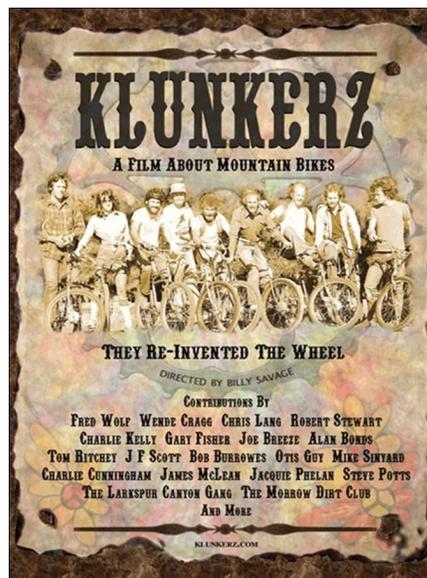


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DIFF Smiley Series
Saturday, October 11 ~ 6:30pm

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.

Don't miss Alan Bonds from *Klunkerz* and
Jon Bailey and Chad Cheeney from *Mallethead!*

DON'T MISS THE "ART OF FRIENDS"

HOLIDAY SHOPPING BOUTIQUE!



Please join the *Art of Friends* on Saturday, November 8th as they present their second annual holiday shopping boutique. Enjoy the spirit of the season while doing some early shopping!

Five local artists have come together to offer their beautiful and varied creations, including handcrafted necklaces, bracelets, earrings, and beaded items, "spirit women", handmade paper picture frames, and original photography including matted prints and notecards. There is something unique for every person on your shopping list, from stocking stuffers to fine art.

Deahna Geehan, Barb Gysel, Anna Lefebvre, Lisa Mackey, Mary Jo Rakowski, and Chris Warren present the *Art of Friends Holiday Shopping Boutique*.

Please drop in to browse, say hello, and do some early shopping on Saturday, November 8th from 11:30am - 4:30pm at the Rochester Hotel breakfast room.

A portion of sales will be donated to DIFF.

A special thanks to Kirk Komick for providing the location for the *Art of Friends* boutique.

WHY VOLUNTEER FOR DIFF?

Volunteers who contribute a minimum of 12 hours receive a 2nd Tier punch pass to see one film per 12 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, 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

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,

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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.

DIFF Announces Filmmaker Salon Coordinator

The DIFF Board of Directors is excited to welcome Justin Hunt as a new DIFF staff member. Hunt has accepted the position of Filmmaker Salon Coordinator. The Salons are an important part of the film festival and provide valuable information to the budding independent filmmakers.

Hunt's main goal is to provide industry knowledge to new filmmakers with panelists who are active in the filmmaking industry.

"I want filmmakers to leave Durango feeling more confident in what they're doing and having a better understanding of how things work."

Hunt said. Hunt's background makes him ideally suited to this position. The Farmington, New Mexico native produced and directed the highly acclaimed, award-winning film, *American Meth*, a film focusing on the tragedy and triumph associated with the methamphetamine epidemic. Hunt's knowledge and contacts will help further the success of the Durango Independent Film Festival. DIFF is excited to have Justin Hunt as one of its newest team members.

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

**Filmmaker Magazine
Henry Strater Theatre
The Irish Embassy Pub
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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



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. Call 970-375-7779.

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



All DIFF Pass Holders are invited to the latenight VIP lounge during the festival hosted by ***Mutu's Italian Kitchen*** on Saturday, March 7th, 2009 from 10pm-1am.

...And that's just one of the many reasons to invest in a DIFF Pass, only \$175 early bird pricing before 12/31/08!

2009 Call for Entries 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

Film Guest Pass for the 2009 Durango Independent Film Festival.

For official rules and more information, please click below.

[DIFF Trailer Competition](#)

DIFF is pleased to welcome two MORE new people to our team!

Arnold Santistevan is the newest member of the DIFF Board of Directors

Brandon Donahue is the head of the Features Programming Committee

Watch for featured bios on our two newest DIFF members in next month's newsletter!

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.

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.

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](#)



Thanks to industry sponsor ProductionHUB for their continued support.



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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Save the Dates!

The 2009 Durango Independent Film Festival will be held

March 4-8

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