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## **Film Streams announces second annual Local Filmmakers Showcase**

The nonprofit cinema is now accepting submissions from artists in Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota for August 2011 program.

Omaha, Nebraska (4/14/11) – Film Streams, Omaha's nonprofit cinema, is thrilled to announce the return of its Local Filmmakers Showcase — a curated film program featuring work by area artists. From now through May 20, Film Streams will be accepting submissions for the program from filmmakers residing in Nebraska, Iowa or South Dakota (students who are either residents of or attending schools full-time in one of those three states are welcome to submit).

Submissions will be reviewed by a jury of artists and arts supporters whose objective is to create an entertaining, artistically interesting program for audiences while celebrating and providing a new forum for the work of area filmmakers. Film Streams will announce the final program in June. The Local Filmmakers Showcase will then screen for one week in August at Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof, located at 1340 Mike Fahey Street within the Saddle Creek Records complex in North Downtown Omaha.

Directors whose films are selected for the showcase (as well as their families and friends) will be invited to an opening night celebration and screening. All filmmakers chosen will also receive a percentage of the box office for the week-long run at Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater.

The showcase will provide an opportunity for local filmmakers and artists to have a theatrical run and present their work for a full week at an arthouse cinema devoted to celebrating quality filmmaking. Films of all types and running times will be considered for the program, which will be approximately 2 to 3 hours in length in its entirety. Aside from time constraints, the program's format will be determined by the quality and diversity of films under consideration. The finished showcase could be a single feature, entirely short films, or some combination thereof.

More details about submission requirements and eligibility can be found on the following pages.

Film Streams presented its first Local Filmmakers Showcase in August 2010. Featuring 14 works by 13 area filmmakers (or filmmaking teams), the Local Filmmakers Showcase presented a tremendous diversity of style and form, including

music video, drama, comedy, documentary, animation, and experimental short. The overall program was two hours in length, with individual films ranging from 2 to 35 minutes.

“It was fascinating and fun to see the range of subject matter and style of the filmmakers who submitted their work for the Local Filmmakers Showcase,” said Maggie and Bob Mundy, two of the eight jurors who curated the 2010 program. “This venue for area filmmakers is one more example of how important Film Streams has become in the cultural landscape of Omaha.”

Said juror Sara Adkisson Joyner: “Film Streams is giving the Omaha community a chance to engage in a dialogue that previously did not exist. I'm not saying that there weren't any film buffs out there exploring the humane realm of great cinema, but now we all have a common jumping off point. This showcase includes people in the conversation. It invites them to be playful and explore their own ideas through film. I believe that by highlighting the work that is being done in the region, it will only encourage and expand the scope of what is possible.”

Film Streams is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the cultural environment of the Omaha-Council Bluffs area through the presentation and discussion of film as an art form.

For more information or requests, please contact Casey Logan at (402) 933-0259 or [casey@filmstreams.org](mailto:casey@filmstreams.org).

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**Submission Info**

Filmmakers who would like to submit a work for consideration are invited to send a DVD along with the attached form (also available for download at <http://bit.ly/gJuGSk>) to: Film Streams, Attn: Rachel Jacobson, P.O. Box 8485, Omaha, NE 68108. E-mail questions to [rachel@filmstreams.org](mailto:rachel@filmstreams.org).

To be eligible, the director of the film must be a resident of Nebraska, Iowa or South Dakota. Students who are either residents of or attending schools full-time in one of those three states are welcome to submit. The idea is to provide a theatrical premiere for local filmmakers, so work that has previously screened publicly for a paying audience (outside of film festivals) will not be considered for this program. Films must be completed at the time of submission and received by Film Streams no later than May 20. A maximum of three submissions are allowed.

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## Local Filmmakers Showcase · Film Submission Form

Film Streams' Local Filmmakers Showcase is a curated program of films by residents of Nebraska, Iowa, and South Dakota. Films of all types and running times will be considered for the program, which will be approximately 2 to 3 hours in length in its entirety. Aside from time constraints, the program's format will be determined by the quality and diversity of films under consideration. Our goal is to create an entertaining, artistically interesting program for audiences while celebrating the work of area filmmakers. To submit your film for consideration: 1) Please read our rules of eligibility (next page/reverse side); 2) Complete the form below; 3) Send form and a DVD to Film Streams, Attn: Rachel Jacobson, PO Box 8485, Omaha, NE 68108.

Film Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Director's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Production Company (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Running Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Budget: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Film Streams Member? (*Answer will not impact jury's selections*):                      Yes                      No

Has your film screened at any festivals? (if so please list them below):

Director/Artist Statement (please limit to 150 words):

Director Bio (please limit to 150 words):



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By submitting the film, you acknowledge that you are the sole author and owner of the film, or if you are not the sole author, you have secured all necessary and appropriate rights, written permissions, and releases in connection with submitting the film. Film Streams expects all applicants to secure music and talent rights to their films for exhibition. It is the sole responsibility of the filmmaker submitting the project to secure permission from the copyright holder of the material in question.

Announcement: Film Streams will announce the program in June and notify all filmmakers who have submitted films for consideration prior to that announcement. Because we are a small staff, we respectfully request that you do not inquire in the meantime about the status of your film or the selection process.

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