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**(Scottsbluff, NE- June 4, 2007 )**



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Scottsbluff, Nebraska 69361  
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Midwest Theater Film Festival announces the opening of the "call for submission" for the: "Spotlight on Shorts Film Fest"

Now in its 3rd festival, Midwest Theater Film Festival has proven to be a great venue for viewing interesting feature length & short films for the North Platte Valley. Last year we screened 17 Feature & Shots Films in front of Filmmakers & locals. A few films were picked up for distribution in the US. The festival takes place at The Historic Midwest Theater in downtown Scottsbluff, Nebraska during one of the most beautiful times of year, Oct 12 & 13 2007.

Both professional filmmakers and students are encouraged to take advantage of the **LOW SUBMISSION FEES**

Once again we will "Spotlight" Nebraska artists and film makers, including presentations from people associated with the film industry. We will broaden our scope to include other projects from rural areas around the world. The festival will be an opportunity to celebrate "Nebraska" in film, as well as learn from Hollywood insiders and industry professionals.

We are only accepting & showing "shorts" in 2007, i.e. 60 minutes or less.

Early Bird Deadline – Aug 11, 2007 \$5.00

Regular Deadline – Sept 10, 2007 \$25.00

All filmmakers requesting their submission back – must send SASE for return.  
Filmmakers will be notified of the final selection on or Before Sept 24 2007

**Requirements:**

Midwest Theater “Spotlight of Shorts” Film Festival accepts all films and videos that can lay claim to a “rural” theme. This can be anything from a camping trip gone wrong comedy to a documentary about a Nebraska farming family. Works can be completed in any year, in any country, at 60 min or less in length

All submissions must be accompanied by 4 items:

1. A completed entry form.
2. A DVD (which will only be returned if accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope).
3. A short description of how the term “rural” is defined in your work.
4. A submission fee. Publicity materials are welcome but not necessary at time of submission.—if selected, entrants must provide stills in digital JPEG format (size requirements: 4x6”, 300 dpi minimum), along with a synopsis, cast/crew list, and filmmaker bio.

**Permissions:**

By submitting to the Midwest Theater “Spotlight of Shorts” Film Festival, the filmmaker (or their representative) agrees that:

1. The Midwest Theater “Spotlight of Shorts” Film Festival is permitted to use the submitted video and any and all press materials of all selected entries for publicity and promotional purposes;
2. Midwest Theater “Spotlight of Shorts” Film Festival is permitted to retain the submitted video for inclusion in our non circulating library;
3. The Midwest Theater “Spotlight of Shorts” Film Festival is not responsible for any materials submitted in any way;
4. The person signing the entry form is legally authorized to enter this film in the Midwest Theater “Spotlight of Shorts” Film Festival 2007.

**Screening Requirements:**

Films can be shot in any medium. If selected, a final print in composite 35mm, DVD or mini-DV must be available by September 24th, 2007 at the filmmaker’s expense.

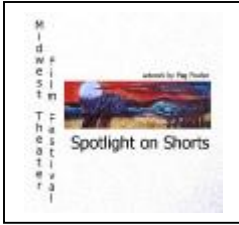
**Selection:**

All submissions will be reviewed by the Midwest Theater “Spotlight of Shorts” Film Festival 2007 Selection Committee. All selections are at the sole discretion of Midwest Theater “Spotlight of Shorts” Film Festival 2007 Selection Committee.

If you have any questions please call or email us 308.632.4311 or [Midwest@nebraskarts.com](mailto:Midwest@nebraskarts.com)

Go to [midwesttheaterfilmfestival.com](http://midwesttheaterfilmfestival.com) or [www.myspace.com/midwesttheater](http://www.myspace.com/midwesttheater)

**Official Entry Form on Next Page**



Midwest Theater "Spotlight of Shorts" Film Festival Entry Form  
Oct 12-13 2007

Questions should be addressed to: [Midwest@nebraskarts.com](mailto:Midwest@nebraskarts.com)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Primary contact \_\_\_\_\_  
Relation to film \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone/Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
Email/website \_\_\_\_\_

FILM INFORMATION

Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Director \_\_\_\_\_  
Running Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Date completed \_\_\_\_\_  
Projection Medium (circle one): 35mm DVD mini-DV  
Production Medium \_\_\_\_\_  
Production Location (City, State/Province, Country) \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you plan to attend the festival if selected? Yes No  
How did you learn about the Midwest Theater "Spotlight of Shorts" Film Festival?  
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Brief Synopsis (attach additional page if necessary)  
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Premiere Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Screenings to date and planned prior to festival \_\_\_\_\_  
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Prizes/awards \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY CHECKLIST

- \_\_\_ Completed / Signed Entry Form    \_\_\_ Entry fee / amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Short description of how your piece defines "rural"    \_\_\_ DVD copy of your film

Please type or print legibly and return (postmarked no later than Aug 11, 2007 EARLY, or Sept 10, 2007 LATE) along with a short "rural" definition, submission fee and a DVD copy of your film.

<b>For staff use:</b> Date received: _____ Logged in by: _____ Entry # _____ Fee Received _____ Confirmation Letter _____ Acceptance or Non-Acceptance Letter _____
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Submission of this form implies acceptance of “Spotlight on Shorts” rules and regulations and does not guarantee inclusion in the “Spotlight on Shorts” Film Festival. By signing below you agree that the “Spotlight on Shorts” Film Festival is permitted to use the submitted video and any and all press materials of all selected entries for publicity and promotional purposes and that the “Spotlight on Shorts” Film Festival is permitted to Retain the submitted video if selected to be shown for inclusion in our non-circulating library. By signing below, you agree that the “Spotlight on Shorts” Film Festival is not responsible for any costs, expenses, loss, or damages to materials submitted and materials provided for festival screening.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail Completed submissions to:**

**US Postal Service**  
Friends of the Midwest Theater  
“Spotlight of Shorts”  
Po Box 276  
Scottsbluff Neb 69361

**UPS – Fedex – DHL**  
Friends of the Midwest Theater  
“Spotlight of Shorts”  
1707 Broadway  
Scottsbluff Neb 69361

**- Failure to mail to the to correct address may result in entry being returned to you -**

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