**2013 MergingArts Short Short Story Film Festival**

**Visit** [**http://www.mergingartsproductions.com/Film/SSS/Submissions.aspx**](http://www.mergingartsproductions.com/Film/SSS/Submissions.aspx) **for up-to-date rules.**

**Submission Guidelines**

To submit a film, use online form [HERE](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dDhEWUdlaUtuazg1MUQ4dGxQemlCSmc6MA#gid=0). Contact us with any questions.

First, as a courtesy to filmmakers, we do not charge a submission fee!

Films must be longer than 1 minute and shorter than 6 minutes (5:59:xx), including all credits.

All films must tell a story; this ***excludes*** public service announcements, trailers, music videos, non-narrative experimental pieces, etc.

Whether a piece is truly narrative is at the discretion of the submission review panel.

All genres and styles are accepted, including live action, documentaries, animation, drama, comedy, children’s films, science fiction, horror, GLBT, etc.

It is possible for more than one film by a filmmaker to be accepted. This would typically happen if the films are under two minutes and/or have significantly differing styles.

For 2013, we prefer films completed in 2012 or 2013. Films completed in 2011 may also be considered. Earlier films are ineligible.

Filmmakers accepted into the festival are encouraged to prepare a brief video introduction (30-60 seconds) of themselves and their film.

**Deadline**

The final deadline for film submissions is **15th October, 2013**.

We must have a screenable version of the film (see below) and a completed form by that date.

**Technical Guidelines**

We will be screening in SD-DVD (MPEG-2) format. We strongly prefer NTSC DVD format made first generation from an uncompressed source.

You may submit other formats, for example PAL DVD or H264, but these will need to be reconverted and may lose quality in the process.

We are happy to accept uncompressed or less-compressed formats such as Apple ProRes, but they can be large.

We prefer electronic submission as it is quicker and cheaper.

To submit electronically, follow the steps below.

**FTP Instructions (DVD)**

* Insert the DVD into a computer and view it as files/folders (don't play the DVD).
* Send us the VIDEO\_TS folder via [YouSendIt](http://dropbox.yousendit.com/MergingArts) or your own FTP service (wetransfer, dropbox, etc.).
* If you know the correct VOB file to send, you may send that instead of the VIDEO\_TS folder.
* If you have an .M2V and .AIFF/.AC3 file-pair as output from Final Cut Pro or similar tool, you may send those instead.

**FTP Instructions (Other)**

* For any other file type (MOV, MP4, etc.), use our [YouSendIt](http://dropbox.yousendit.com/MergingArts) account or your own alternative to send us the file.

**Mailing DVDs**

If you are mailing a physical DVD, please send two copies for backup. Send DVDs to:

Toni Pennacchia

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*Note: Please* ***do not*** *require a signature as this causes delivery delays.*