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SEEKING SHORT FILM ENTRIES

The Ballston Spa International Film Festival (BSFF) is now seeking short film entries for the 5th annual festival presented on August 3rd & 4th, 2012. All genres will be accepted for independent films ranging from 5-15 minutes (or 3-10 minutes for the student division).

Awards will be presented in 11 categories (with separate categories for High School/College students), including prizes in animation, documentary, local interest and narrative. Previous years' entries have been received from all around the world, the Capital District, and Hollywood by both amateurs and professionals.

Films are judged by a panel of Hollywood professionals. Past judges include the people behind such films as *Silence of the Lambs, Manchurian Candidate, Doc Hollywood, Any Given Sunday,*

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True Lies, *Rudy*, and *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. Previous winners have gone on to receive many other honors including 2009's best animated short winner, "French Roast," by Fabrice Joubert, nominated for a 2009 Academy Award.

Film entries must be submitted on DVD and play in a standard DVD player. DVDs must be mailed in with a completed application and the entry fee (\$5 for students, \$25 for non-students) by 4/30/12. To download the application or to learn more about the BSFF, go to http://www.bspafilm.org. For exclusive details and updates on the festival as well as other BSFF events, sign up for the email list and "Like" the Facebook page.

The BSFF is presented by the Ballston Spa Business and Professional Association, a non-profit community organization committed to making the Village of Ballston Spa a better place to live and work, and to bringing quality arts and entertainment events for all ages to the community. Funded in part by the Saratoga Program for Arts Funding (SPAF), part of the Decentralization Program, a regional Program of the NYS Council on the Arts administered by Saratoga Arts. All proceeds go toward future festivals and other community events presented by the Ballston Spa Business & Professional Association. For more information on events, the 2012 film festival, or sponsorship, go to http://www.bspafilm.org.

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