

WORLD'S LARGEST FILM FESTIVAL FOR YOUNG FILMMAKERS ANNOUNCES CALL FOR FILMS FOR 11TH FESTIVAL

“NFFTY is like Sundance for young filmmakers.” – Bune Tomlinson, NFFTY Filmmaker

SEATTLE, WA – The largest film festival for emerging directors, NFFTY (National Film Festival for Talented Youth), is now accepting entries for its upcoming 2017 festival, looking for the best films from filmmakers under 25 years of age. NFFTY 2017 will take place April 27 - 30 in Seattle, Washington and marks the organization's 11th festival

NFFTY provides a one of a kind first class venue for the world's best young directors to come together for four days of films, networking events, panels, virtual reality screenings and parties and has been compared to the Sundance and Cannes Festival for emerging filmmakers. NFFTY 2016 featured 227 awe-inspiring films that represented 33 states and 24 countries with attendance surpassing 12,000. Over the last decade, NFFTY has supported over 2,000 emerging filmmakers – many having gone on to make great contributions in the global filmmaking community.

With the 11th year, NFFTY plans on creating an experience that supports and promotes our young, talented filmmakers. NFFTY will continue to support its Young Women in Film initiative for the fourth straight year, as NFFTY makes strides to empower female filmmakers to embrace their craft in an industry where only 9% of films are directed by women. For three years in a row, over 40% of NFFTY films have been directed by female directors.

NFFTY not only showcases great entertainment, it creates it too. NFFTY Creative, the original content production arm of the organization, is producing original material for brand name clients and sponsors and giving NFFTY alumni real world opportunities to work on paid projects. Any filmmaker selected for NFFTY 2017 will be eligible for consideration on these projects. One of the most recent projects completed earlier this summer was a [15 part series for Expedia](#) called Sight UnScene, that asked NFFTY filmmakers to explore unexpected destinations in their hometowns.

“NFFTY is the voice of the next generation of storytellers. It's an opportunity to meet tomorrow's Martin Scorsese or Kathryn Bigelow. I'm excited to kick off our 11th year and share their creativity with the world,” said Stefanie Malone, Executive Director of NFFTY.

NFFTY is accepting submissions for the 2017 film festival until January 30, 2017. Entries can be submitted online via FilmFreeway. More information including deadlines, entry fees and eligibility can be found at: www.nffty.org/submit.

For updates and news on NFFTY 2017, visit: www.facebook.com/nffty or www.nffty.org.

About NFFTY

NFFTY is the largest and most influential youth film festival in the world for emerging directors (age 24 and under). NFFTY occurs each spring in Seattle, Washington and includes over 200 films, filmmaking panels, contests, parties and opportunities for young filmmakers to network with industry professionals and each other. Young filmmakers from around the world submit feature-length and short films in narrative, documentary, animation, music video, and experimental. More than 12,000 film fans are expected to attend NFFTY 2017.

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