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2017 GREENWICH YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL (GYFF)

RULES & RATING FORM

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- 1) The Greenwich Youth Film Festival (GYFF) contest, co-sponsored by The Fairchild Challenge at the Garden Education Center of Greenwich, the Greenwich Arts Council, the Avon Theatre Film Center, and the Greenwich Library, is open to all current freshman, sophomore, junior and senior high school students who either (i) reside in Fairfield County, Connecticut or Westchester County, or (ii) attend a high school in Fairfield County, Connecticut, or Westchester County, New York, or Connecticut, New Jersey, or New York.
- 2) There is an entry fee of \$10 per film submission (for all but the Social Action category, which are accepted free of charge); scholarships are available as needed for submission fees if necessary: please contact **youth.director@gecgreenwich.org**.
- 3) Films entered must be student directed, produced and edited and appropriate for family viewing, approximating a 'G', 'PG', or 'PG-13' rating. If a filmmaker has a question about content, please refer to the GYFF Entry Rating Standards below or email **youth.director@gecgreenwich.org**.
- 4) All entries are due in completed form (with entry form, signed releases and the film itself) no later than 8 p.m. on April 7, 2017.
- 5) Entries will be accepted in five categories: **Documentary** (up to 7 minutes in length), **Creative** (up to 5 minutes in length), **Social Action** (up to 5 minutes in length), **Animation** (up to 3 minutes in length) & **Experimental** (up to 5 minutes in length).
- 6) Entrants may submit multiple films to the GYFF Film Challenge, but each film submitted may only be entered in one category.
- 7) All actors who appear in your film must sign an Actor Release Form. Each actor that is under the age of 18 must also have the Actor Release Form signed by a parent or legal guardian in order for your submission to be accepted for showing at the GYFF.
- 8) Films must be the original work/creation of the entrant using an original concept or idea. Original film works created by the entrant that have been entered in other contests may be entered in the GYFF.
- 9) All entrants must sign and return the Entry Form. Each entrant that is under the age of 18 must also have the Entry Form signed by a parent or legal guardian in order for your submission to be accepted for showing at the GYFF.
- 10) Groups may work together to create and enter an original film in the contest; but all group participants must split the prize/acknowledgement if they win. All group participants of each film entry must also sign and submit the Entry Form (in accordance with the foregoing terms) and the Student Creative Works Release together with all other required paperwork for each submission.
- 11) All works (including musical score) must have the necessary copyright clearances, waivers, rights and permissions in order to be shown at the festival.

GYFF ENTRY RATING STANDARDS

Family (“G” Rating):

A Family standard means that there is generally no language, outside of everyday expressions, that goes beyond polite conversations and there is no nudity, violence, sex scenes or drug use that are present or depicted therein.

Young Adult (“PG” Rating):

A Young Adult standard means that the entry may contain some profanity and some depictions of violence or brief nudity but not drug use. An entry that falls within this standard should be examined by parents before permitting their children to view it because the content may be deemed unsuitable for children. This decision should be made by the parents.

Accompanied by an Adult (“PG-13” Rating):

An Accompanied by an Adult standard means that the entry may contain profanity, violence, brief nudity or drug use. An entry that falls within this category represents a clear warning that parents should determine whether their children under the age of 13 should view the entry.

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The Greenwich Youth Film Festival ("GYFF") originated by The Junior League of Greenwich, Connecticut, Incorporated and now sponsored jointly by The Fairchild Challenge at the Garden Education Center of Greenwich ("GEC"), the Greenwich Arts Council, the Avon Theatre and the Greenwich Library, will be held on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the Cole Auditorium of Greenwich Library.

Please fill out this form and email to **youth.director@gecgreenwich.org** along with the actor release forms and the creative release form. You may also choose to drop off or mail all forms to the GEC (address given on next page).

ENTRANT INFORMATION:

Name: __

Age: __

School: __

Grade: __

Permanent Address: __

Phone: __

Email: __

This Submission is a Group Submission [check if applicable]: __ Yes__ No

If a Group Submission, List all other Group Participants / Entrants: __

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 8 pm on April 7, 2017

SUBMISSION INFORMATION:

Title of Submission: __

Withoutabox.com Tracking Number: __

Rating: __

Names of all Actors: __

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GENRE OF SUBMISSION (Check only one)*:

*Each film entered needs its own entry form and can only be entered in one category.

Animation (up to 3 minutes in length) – The rapid display of a sequence of 2-D or 3-D artwork in order to create the illusion of movement.

Documentary (up to 7 minutes in length) – A non-fictional film that documents a real person or event or topic.

Social Action (up to 5 minutes in length) – Public service announcements, exposés, and videos created with the purpose of bringing attention to or solving contemporary social and global issues.

Creative (up to 5 minutes in length) – An original story.

Experimental (up to 5 minutes in length) – Films that do not fit into any other genre and strive to embody indefinable creativity.

FORMAT: Please submit your film/video via Vimeo.com and then email your Vimeo link to GEC at youth.director@gecgreenwich.org.

To officially enter the 2017 Greenwich Youth Film Festival, please submit all of the following:

1. Film/video online via **Vimeo.com**
2. Email youth.director@gecgreenwich.org or drop off the following forms (address below):
 - a. A fully signed entry form (for each entrant /group entrant);
 - b. A fully signed Student Creative Works Release Form (for each entrant /group entrant);
 - c. A cast/production list;
 - d. A fully signed Actor/Crew Member Release Form for each person identified in the cast/production list;
 - e. Your Vimeo link to your film submission/s.

**GYFF Fairchild Challenge at
Garden Education Center of
Greenwich,
130 Bible Street
Cos Cob, CT 06807**

Judges will select one winner for each of the five genres. One of those films will also be selected as the winner of the 2017 Greenwich Youth Film Festival. A Best First Year Film Award winner will be selected from all of the first time student entrant films and videos submitted; this winner may be selected from any of the five genres.

Visit www.FairchildatGEC.org for more information. You will receive an email by end of day April 22nd confirming whether or not your film will be screened in the Greenwich Youth Film Festival on Sunday, April 23, 2017.

Please include credits at the end of your film.

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I represent that the work being submitted is my/my group's original creation, that I/we am/are the sole author(s)/creator(s) and that there are no other authors/creators other than the entrants listed herein. I / we have not reproduced, copied or otherwise utilized all or any portion of any work created by another.

I have read the rules, criteria, guidelines and the release for the GYFF prior to this submission, I agree and consent to the terms and conditions thereof, and I accept and take full responsibility for the work submitted herewith. I understand that any work may be rejected from this film festival by GEC, in its sole discretion, for any reason including, without limitation, for failure to follow any of the rules, criteria and/or guidelines or if any of the information provided herein is untrue, incorrect or is otherwise not complete.

The undersigned hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and hold GEC and its officers, directors, members, partners, shareholders, employees, agents, representatives, attorneys, consultants, designees, successors and assigns (collectively "Indemnified Parties") harmless from and against all demands, claims, actions or causes of action, assessments, losses, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, including, without limitation, legal fees and expenses (collectively, "Damages") asserted against, resulting to, imposed upon or incurred by any of the Indemnified Parties and arising out of or in connection with any failure to follow the guidelines for the GYFF and/or any untrue, incorrect or incomplete information provided herein by the entrant or in any other documentation submitted by the entrant in connection with the GYFF.

Entrant's Signature:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

2017 GREENWICH YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL (GYFF) STUDENT CREATIVE WORKS RELEASE

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As of the Effective Date set forth below, the undersigned Student and Parent/Guardian hereby release to The Garden Education Center of Greenwich, Connecticut, Incorporated ("GEC") the student's name and Creative Work(s) identified, below, and further expressly authorize and grant their consent and their permission to GEC to use, reproduce, arrange, adapt and/or distribute in all media, for all times, the student's name and the Creative Work(s), or any part thereof, for any and all purposes and activities related to the 2017 Greenwich Youth Film Festival ("GYFF") as well as any events and activities now or hereafter related thereto including, without limitation, public relations, public information, event advertising and promotion, film screening and viewing, film judging and commentary, student recognition or awards, student competitions entered into by the student, and/or instruction, all of which may occur before, on and/or after the day of the GYFF event. The term Creative Work(s) includes film, videos, and DVDs; still photographs; artwork in any medium; voice recordings; written work; pictures in any medium; and any other original work as identified below in this Agreement and Release:

Description of Creative Work Released (including title of work, medium and brief description):__

Student and Parent/Guardian understand and agree that:

- 1) No monetary consideration shall be paid by GEC other than the submission administration fee; provided, however, GEC reserves the right to award prizes for select entries (but with no obligation to do so) and, if any such prizes are awarded, any and all such awards shall be made at the sole discretion of GEC based on criteria selected and established by GEC, in its sole and absolute discretion;
- 2) This Agreement and Release is given without coercion or duress and is made freely and voluntarily by the Student and each Parent/Guardian;
- 3) The Student and Parent/Guardian attest that the Creative Work is the student's original concept, work, design and idea;
- 4) Each of the Student and Parent/Guardian acknowledge receipt of good and adequate consideration in exchange for the terms and conditions contained herein and the other documents submitted in connection with the GYFF;
- 5) This Agreement and Release is binding upon the heirs, successors, assigns and/or future legal representatives of the Student and each Parent/Guardian and shall inure to the benefit of GEC, its designee(s) and its successors and assigns;
- 6) The Creative Work(s) may be used in subsequent years for the purposes stated above and for purposes of promoting future youth film festivals sponsored or coordinated by GEC without the further consent or permission of any party.

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If the Student and/or Parent/Guardian wish to rescind this Agreement and Release they may do so with prior written notice to GEC made by hand-delivery to the following address:

Attn: Greenwich Youth Film Festival
Fairchild Challenge at GEC
131 Bible Street
Cos Cob, Connecticut 06807

Any such rescission shall be effective three (3) business days following the receipted hand-delivery of such notice to GEC at the address set forth above; provided, however, GEC shall not be liable or responsible for the use of any information authorized herein at any time prior to the effective date of any such rescission notice.

Effective Date of this Agreement and Release: __ , 20 .

Student's Name (Please Print)

(Age)

Student's Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

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ACTOR/CREW MEMBER RELEASE FORM

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I (the undersigned Actor/Crew Member) do hereby confirm the consent given by me to
__ (Author/Creator) with respect to the Author/Creator's photographing me in connection with the motion
picture/video work identified below or to otherwise
participate as a crew member in such work:

Title: __

Production Number: __

Author/Creator: __

Name of Actor/Crew Member: __

Age: __

[Please print]

I acknowledge that my participation in the above work is being made on a volunteer basis. I further acknowledge the Author/Creator's artistic control with respect to the content of the work identified above and that I shall not have any right of approval or consultation with respect to the final content of such work. I further grant to the Author/Creator and its successors, assigns, licensees and its authorized users, the right to use, publish, reproduce, exhibit, arrange, adapt and/or distribute, all video, still and motion pictures and sound track recordings and records which Author/Creator may make of me or of my voice, and the right to use my name or likeness (but with no obligation to identify me) in or in connection with the exhibition, advertising, exploitation or any other use of the work identified above that the Author/Creator desires and specifically including, without limitation, the use, reproduction, arrangement, adaptation and/or distribution of such work in or at the 2017 Greenwich Youth Film Festival and all activities related thereto, which activities may include, without limitation, public relations, public information, event advertising and promotion, screenings and viewings, judging and commentary, all of which may occur before, on and/or after the day of the event.

I understand and agree that the authorization provided herein may include, without limitation, the posting of all or any portion of the work identified above on the internet using such internet providers as YouTube ©, Vimeo, or similar hosts, and that any such posting is specifically included and authorized within the terms specified above. I further understand that it takes a considerable amount of time to complete a film or other original work and in some cases student films or creative works are abandoned or not completed at all.

Actor/Crew Member Signature: __

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18): __

Parent/Guardian Name (print): __

Permanent Address: __

Phone Number: __