



MARGARET MEAD



FILM & VIDEO FESTIVAL

CALL FOR ENTRIES 2010

Festival dates: November 11-14, 2010

GUIDELINES and ELIGIBILITY INFO

The American Museum of Natural History's **Margaret Mead Film & Video Festival** is the longest-running showcase for international documentaries in the United States. The Festival screens documentaries that increase our understanding of the complexity and diversity of the peoples and cultures that populate our planet. The Festival has evolved with the times while maintaining its important history and has grown steadily to reflect the ever-evolving incarnations of storytelling, technology and growing access to communities near and far which are steeped in the documentary tradition. Encompassing a broad spectrum of non-narrative work the Mead presents the best in documentary, experimental films, animation, hybrid works, and more.

The Mead was founded by the American Museum of Natural History in 1977, in honor of pioneering anthropologist Margaret Mead on her seventy-fifth birthday and her fiftieth year at the Museum. A film festival represented an especially apt form with which to celebrate Mead's life, as she was one of the first anthropologists to recognize the significance of film for fieldwork. To this day, the Festival continues to extend Mead's vision of bringing important topics and viewpoints to a general public.

Organized by the Museum's Public Programs Division in the Department of Education, the Festival is held each November and a Traveling Festival, which includes a selection of titles from the Festival, travels to museums, universities and theaters around the United States and abroad.

Please disregard this form if you plan to submit via Without-A-Box.

ELIGIBILITY:

- The Mead Festival considers documentary films and videos (including shorts, experimental films, essay films, animation, and new media) only.
- Productions must have been completed within the last three years.
- Works in any language other than English must have English subtitles or English voiceover narration.
- The Mead Festival does not accept resubmissions.

Please note that submissions will not be returned.

ENTRY FEE: \$10-\$35 US dollars, pay what you can afford.

- Make checks payable to American Museum of Natural History or pay online with a credit card (www.amnh.org/programs/mead/submit/).
- For questions regarding this fee see the Mead Entry Fee FAQ.

PREVIEW FORMATS:

- DVD (Multi-zone or Zone 1, North American only)
- 1/2" VHS (Clearly mark NTSC or PAL on the tape)

Label your tape or DVD with your name, email address and the title of your submission.

PRESENTATION FORMATS:

- HDCam (59.94 or 29.97 only), DigiBeta (NTSC), Beta SP (NTSC), 35mm, 16mm.



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DEADLINE:

- Extended Deadline: June 1, 2010

Entries must be postmarked by above date.

TRAVELING FESTIVAL: Select titles are invited to participate in the Margaret Mead Traveling Festival, featured at independent film and community centers, museums, and universities throughout the United States and abroad. An honorarium is provided.

NOTIFICATION:

- All entrants will be notified in September 2010 via email. Please be sure the Margaret Mead Film & Video Festival email address (meadfest@amnh.org) does not get caught in your spam filter.
- The Mead Festival does not confirm receipt of submissions. We suggest using a traceable method, such as FedEx, if you would like confirmation of delivery. Due to the high volume of submissions the Mead Festival cannot confirm receipt of entries without a self addressed stamped postcard.

Please do not call or write to check on your submission.

Check Mead's complete FAQ sheet before submitting your work.

ENTRY PROCEDURE:

- Download and complete the **Mead Entry Form** (www.amnh.org/mead) or enter through withoutabox.com (WAB). If you submit through WAB do not send a paper entry form and do not email your entry information.
- Fill out a separate form for each entry
- Email meadfest@amnh.org with the director's name, film title, email address, and street address upon mailing your submission and entry form. (Not applicable to WAB entrants.)
- Pay entry fee through WAB, send a check along with your entry or go to the Mead web site to pay your fee (www.amnh.org/programs/mead/submit/)
- Please mail a copy with your preview tape or DVD to:

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