

Judging & Prizes

All films will be featured on the Tallahassee Democrat Web site: www.tallahassee.com.

Family and friends will be able to watch and vote for films to win the coveted Tallahassee.com Viewer's Choice Award. Online voting will start in late March, 2010. Like American Idol, The Tallahassee.com Viewer's Choice Award is based on popularity, therefore any team which accumulate the highest number of votes will be selected the winner.

A judge's panel will score each film in 10 categories:

- Story (10 points)
- Clarity of narrative (10 points)
- Character development (10 points)
- Dialogue (10 points)
- Pacing (10 points)
- Cinematography (10 points)
- Sound design (10 points)
- Performance (10 points)
- Editing (10 points)
- Lighting (10 points)

Our judges will select from the two categories: Amateur and Professional one winner on each. The films with the highest total score in each category will be named Best of the 48 HR Film Contest in that category. If two or more films tie within a category, a tie-breaker will be decided by the judges. The judges are not required to explain their scores or answer questions. All decisions are final.

Cash awards and trophies will be presented to the filmmakers at the Tallahassee Film Festival closing award ceremony. Winning filmmakers will be notified via e-mail or via phone prior to the ceremony date.

The winning films will be featured on the official festival programming schedule under a Shorts category to be determined. Please check for time and location screening in the official TFF program when it becomes available.

Disclaimer:

The views expressed in the videos submitted to this contest, or in the winning video, are not necessarily those of the contest sponsors, administrator, the judge, or the members of this Web site. "Audience Choice" is a popularity voting online contest sponsored by The Tallahassee Democrat and powered by www.tallahassee.com. The Tallahassee Film Festival and/or The Tallahassee Democrat reserves the right, in their sole discretion, to cancel any votes, for any reason deemed appropriate. Teams must not use or encourage the use of automated voting methods. A person or team who attempts to deliberately undermine the legitimate operation of the contest may be disqualified, at the sponsor's sole discretion.



Team Entry Form

Team Name			
Category of film entry (circle only one)	Student	Amateur	Professional
List Team Member Names	Phone Number	Circle Level of Experience	
		2 years or less	Professional
		2 years or less	Professional
		2 years or less	Professional
		2 years or less	Professional
		2 years or less	Professional
Primary Email Address			
Secondary Email Address			
Primary Phone Number		Secondary Phone Number	
Team Biography (300 characters maximum) <i>*Bios will appear as is on the Tallahassee Democrat Web site</i>			

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Film Entry Form

Film Name		
Length of Film	Editing Software	
Film Compression Codex (example: .mov or .wmv)		
Team Name		
Team Member Names	Zip Code	Film Production Role
Cast Member Names	Zip Code	Phone Number

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Indemnification for Unauthorized Use of Copyright Materials

As a condition of participation in the Tallahassee Film Festival 48 HR Film Contest, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the rules of participation, including specifically the prohibition contained in those rules against the unauthorized use of copyrighted materials in any contest submittal. I affirm that my entry to the 48 HR Film Contest will not contain any unauthorized copyrighted material. In the event that the entry is found to contain unauthorized copyrighted material, and in consideration of being allowed to participate in the 48 HR Film Contest by the Tallahassee Film Festival, I agree to indemnify, defend, discharge, release, save and hold harmless the Tallahassee Film Festival, its officers, agents, employees, and representatives ("Indemnified Parties"), from and against all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, costs and expenses of any nature, including attorneys' fees, asserted against any of the Indemnified Parties entity based on my unauthorized use of copyright material in the submittal.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2010.

Participant's Signature (I certify that I am 18 years of age or older)

Parent or Guardian's Signature if Participant is under 18 years of age



Release of Liability for Participation in Tallahassee Film Festival 48 Hour Film Contest

THIS AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING BELOW.

In exchange for the Tallahassee Film Festival allowing me to participate in the 48 HR Film Contest I agree to the following:

- (1) In exchange for the Tallahassee Film Festival making arrangements for, permitting me to, and assisting me in participating in the 48 HR Film Contest, I hereby assume all risks of participation in the 48 HR Film Contest. Risks include, but are not limited to, transportation risks, risks of participation in the various components of the 48 HR Film Contest, and all risks related to any physical or other condition from which I might suffer. I acknowledge that the Tallahassee Film Festival or The Tallahassee Democrat does not provide personal accident/health insurance for me, and I assume personal and financial responsibility for any medical care and treatment that I may require as a result of participating in the 48 HR Film Contest.

- (2) In exchange for the Tallahassee Film Festival allowing me to participate in the 48 HR Film Contest, I, on behalf of spouse, family, heirs, beneficiaries, personal representatives, and myself agree to assume all the risks and responsibilities of participating in the 48 HR Film Contest. I release and forever discharge, and covenant not to sue, the Tallahassee Film Festival, its officers, agents, employees, and representatives or The Tallahassee Democrat its officers, agents, employees, and representatives ("Releases"), from and against any and all liability for any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action of whatever kind or nature, costs or expenses of any nature, including attorney fees ("Claims") that I may have or that may hereafter accrue to me, arising out of or related to any harm, loss, damage or injury, including but not limited to suffering, death or property loss that may be sustained by me, whether caused by my action or negligence or the action or negligence of Releases or third parties in connection with the 48 HR Film Contest. I also agree not to sue Releases in connection with any such harm, loss, damage or injury.

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